

# Foreword

It is a pleasure for me to have the opportunity to write this foreword of the second edition of the Primary Head Teachers Handbook after ten years of its existence.

It has been necessary and of great importance to revise it in order to address specific needs of frontline services to schools with the additional topics and policy guidelines of the Ministry of Education. These are to assist Head Teachers to properly manage their schools and take significant steps to upgrade education standards in our primary schools.

This new edition is issued at a suitable time, while our country is experiencing a global reform programme in the public sector in order to provide good service delivery to our communities. As for school management, this handbook will be very useful to properly carry administrative roles and responsibilities.

You might have come across some difficulties in past years in exercising your duties as Head Teacher; these constraints are now addressed, to guide you with confidence to deliver pedagogical assistance to teachers and to monitor their professional development.

Many people in the education sector with good knowledge and experience have contributed to create this handbook. How rich is this handbook, compiled within our country's context of social environment within the Vanuatu education system, in line with the Ministry's guidelines.

I invite you to use the handbook for the sake of our children and better development of schools. The Provincial Education Officers, school inspectors and zone curriculum advisers will assist you and advise on its use. Consequently I wish all of you success in your work in your schools throughout Vanuatu.

The Honorable Jacques SESE  
Minister of Education.