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Thirty New Peace Corps Volunteers in Vanuatu



Peace Corp volunteers pose with U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission Bryan Hunt after their swearing-in ceremony in Port Vila.

Port Vila, Vanuatu: United States Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Bryan Hunt presided over the swearing-in ceremony for the 25th Group of Vanuatu Peace Corps volunteers in Port Vila, Vanuatu on Thursday, December 6, 2012.

The new group of 30 Volunteers will be working in rural health centers and teaching English and information technology throughout the islands of Vanuatu. The Secretary General for Shefa Province Michel Kalworai accepted the new group of Peace Corps Volunteers on behalf of the government.

Peace Corps Volunteers contribute in very important ways to Vanuatu's national goal of increasing opportunities for Ni Vanuatu, particularly those living in rural areas. They support the work of development partners that include government departments, non-governmental organizations, local institutions and communities. Ni Vanuatu counterparts

work with Volunteers to build capacity and to make projects sustainable beyond the service of the Volunteer.

President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961, by executive order. Throughout 2011, Peace Corps is commemorating 51 years of promoting peace and friendship around the world. Historically, more than 200,000 Americans have served with the Peace Corps to promote a better understanding between Americans and the people of 139 host countries. Today, 9,065 volunteers are working with local communities in 75 host countries. Peace Corps volunteers must be U.S. citizens and at least 18 years of age. Peace Corps service is a 27-month commitment. Visit www.peacecorps.gov for more information.

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