

# Udmo Kirik

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## New Partners

### KING KIRA II AND QUEEN SARAMDI VISITED GUELPHIA

**Kingsbury** - The royal couple accompanied by a delegation of ministers returned to Purikali yesterday after a 3-day state visit to the Kingdom of Guelphia. The purpose of the visit was to broaden the diplomatic and trade relations with that country in Oceania. The delegation was received by HM The King James II and his government staff. King Kira highlighted the importance of the visit, considering that Guelphia “can become the most important partner of Kaupelan among the FICT countries, not only in the commerce but also in the fields of culture, politics and diplomacy”.

According to Minister Singa Belo, of Economic Development, “considering the profile of both economies, there is a significant potential for trade”. The minister mentioned that our country could import agricultural products that we don’t have, such as timber, dairies, meat, fruits and vegetables. Vehicle parts and appliances could also be imported. On the other hand, we could export fuel, electronic components and manufactured goods such as sport shoes, toys and bikes. Analysts see this trade as a possible encouragement after the low performance of Kaupelanese economy in the last year.

But other areas can also benefit of the broadening in the relations of the two kingdoms. The entourage was particularly interested in knowing more about the health and educational systems as a model for Kaupelan.

The possibility of sending students to Guelphia was also discussed.

As proposed by the hosts, interlinks between like-minded political parties of both countries could be another benefit of the partnership.

During the visit, the Minister of Foreign Affairs Wasahi Aramduhun announced the intention of opening a Kaupelanese embassy in Kingsbury, although the final approval depends on the new government to be formed after the legislative elections of next month. The Guelphian government stated that it would probably like to open an embassy in Purikali.

#### The Absence of the Prime Minister

Prime Minister Aswini Ruikawahi decided not to travel with the delegation in order to work in her political campaign for the Party of Liberty-Green (PMR). The electoral researches of the last weeks indicated the growth of the opposition parties and the risk of losing the majority in the Parliament. The major reason for this loss of popularity is attributed to the poor economic performance of the country and the weak political attitude of the government coalition, ranging between liberal and socialist ideas. The major opposition party, the Party of Progress, seems to have capitalized this popular dissatisfaction to its favour.



## Short Notes

**Masar** - The national football team started the preparation for the first FICT Games to be played in Yutyrama in November, although most teams are still competing on the K-Cup. Kaupelan will face Guelphia, Adzhatia and Yutyrama in the group 2. The coach Henrique Rotil is confident in the performance of team. “We will not disappoint our fans”, Rotil said to the press after the training yesterday.



**Purikali** - Aryanto Nuhusedim, which is in the charge of Secretary General of FICT since last Monday, with Pēneupē Vavauzic from Voskia as Vice Secretary, said that his intention is to fight for a better use of the FESD funds. Asked about the pressure of the opposition parties, led by Party of Progress, to have Kaupelan proposing a reduction in the annual contribution to the organisation, he was evasive: “Let’s have a thorough discussion in the Parliament after the election of October before proposing any change”.

**Bandajaya** – Darapali, the brand of Watera dedicated to light taxis and commercial vehicles, has launched Trixi recently, a motor-tricycle that is a success exported to several Asian countries, helping to improve the economic situation of Watera in comparison to last year. Nevertheless, the balance is far from being positive and the company considers closing its CKD plant in Yutyrama where Watera mini-cars are manufactured for South American markets.