



# Pacific-LEADS

# NEWS LETTER



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My future carrier plan is to work for an organization that will ensure Vanuatu citizens have access to affordable, reliable, and timely government services through ICT. Although I have a technical background ICT, the public management, policy, and administration programs that I acquired during my 2 years program in Japan has enabled me to use the skills in my work and career.

**Message:** Learn from our many hard-won achievements—and from where we have fallen short. Be bold, be creative, be disruptive. The future that you will leave for future PLEADS participants depends upon it.

Halo and greetings from Vanuatu. I hope everyone is doing well despite the challenges that 2020 has brought about especially the COVID 19 pandemic.

I was fortunate to be selected to be part of a great Pasifika family of P-LEADS Batch 2. All the fun and support by my fellow batch 2 families has given me lasting memories of the wonderful 2 years spent in Japan. The PLEADS program through IUJ has allowed me to gain new knowledge and skills through my studies and also expand my knowledge beyond my cultural norms to experience many beautiful cultures from Japan and other countries. One thing that I achieved from IUJ, apart from graduating with a Masters in Public Management, Policy Process with a concentration in Information Systems Management, was being able to learn how to snowboard and this allowed me to enjoy the long winters in Japan.

I currently work for the Office of the Government CIO, the ICT agency for the Government of Vanuatu advising the government on ICT Policy matters.

