

## **Important meetings happening February 2019**

As business owners we encourage you to participate in dialogue with decision makers on matters that affect you directly. Please note two (2) important upcoming meetings facilitated by the Chamber of Commerce to assist you in raising your voices as active members of Vanuatu's private sector.

### **Labour Work Permits Amendment Act No. 24 of 2018**

As business owners, if you would like an opportunity to feedback on the Labour Work Permits Amendment Act No. 24 2018, you are invited to attend the Consultation Meeting between the Department of Labour, VCCI and business members on **Labour Work Permits Amendment Act No. 24 2018** on **Monday 4 February 2019 at 3.30pm**. At the Ramada Hotel Conference Room.

In the best interest of key stakeholders, VCCI has invited the Officers of the Department of Labour and a Ministry of Internal Affairs representative to come to explain to business members these changes and the rationale of these amendments.

It is an important matter which will affect many businesses in 2019 and into the following years.

You will be able to raise your concerns on the impact of changes to the Act and how will affect your business and the development and growth of the private sector as a whole.

To confirm your attendance, you can email VCCI Reception at [reception@vcci.com.vu](mailto:reception@vcci.com.vu) or phone 27543 or 7123967.

### **Small Business Development Bill**

As business owners we would like to make you aware of a proposed new Small Business Development Bill, drafted by the Cooperatives Department, to establish a Small Business Development Department under the Ministry of Trade, Commerce, Industry and Tourism.

VCCI is currently in the process of arranging a Consultation Meeting between the Cooperatives Department, VCCI and business members on **Friday 15 February 2019 at 9am**. A venue is yet to be confirmed by the Cooperatives Department.

In the best interests of key stakeholders, VCCI is inviting the Officers of Cooperatives Department to come to present and explain to business members this new Bill, and how it will affect small to medium business licence holders, and also the work of the VCCI current.

You will be able to raise your questions, concerns and issues on this matter and learn more about the Small Business Development Bill.

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