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Kolombangara Festival Prepares for Official Ceremony

Kolombangara Island Biodiversity and Cultural Festival is proceeding well and now preparing for the Official Ceremony on Wednesday where VIPs arrive to dedicated the conservation area.

“The program is highly successful”, said Ferguson Vaghi, KIBCA Coordinator.

“Everybody is excited about the program. It has attracted many young people and there is a sense of celebration and support in the large crowd.”

“The population of Ringgi is already swelling with the expected arrival of the VIP party and invited guests for Wednesday’s official conservation area launch,” said Mr Vaghi.

“There will be a final meeting tonight about a name for the conservation area.”

“There are 600 soccer players and 200 netball players in 80 teams. The soccer and netball program is completing its round robins tomorrow and has final knockouts and the grand final on Thursday, playing for first prizes of \$4,000 for soccer and \$2,000 for netball.”

“There is expected to be at least 3,000 people in Ringgi on Wednesday.

“The speech contest was especially moving. High school students gave a speech about why it is important to conserve biodiversity on Kolombangara Island and what is the best way to do this.

Thursday also sees a short Protected Areas Conference and a singing and music contest and a field trip to the newly dedicated conservation area on Friday,” concluded Mr Vaghi.

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