

Mike Moore's Washington Sign-Off

Mike Moore New Zealand's Ambassador to the United States has signalled his intention to retire from the post in December

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- In the history of work nobody traveled quite so far as the retiring New Zealand ambassador to the United States, Mike Moore. His working life began as a Northland labourer and it reached its pinnacle when he was the titular head of the Planet's business. As head of the World Trade Organisation. In his typically tell-it-as-it-is style Mike Moore sent this letter, to a wide circle of friends and associates in the United States.....



Mike Moore pictured with Miss Lawn and Mrs Yvonne Moore on the right

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To All Staff and Agencies Washington DC; US Posts and Hon Cons

Yvonne and I are giving notice to MFAT that we will be leaving the Post just before Christmas on the 16th December.

Minister Murray McCully and MFAT have been very generous and kind to us.

We have lost a couple of weeks because of tests and surgery that I have had and we will not be able to have the kind of thank you's that are normal so we will combine the Staff Christmas Party with our farewell to you.

Yvonne and I have made a lot of very special and lasting good friends here and their support and compassion has been wonderful.

I am now the longest serving continuous Ambassador to the US. I didn't seek this job but felt I should do it because great issues were at stake. The time was ripe for it.

On a security level things have moved up several notches. You are aware of the many exercises we do together and the important contribution we are making in the struggle against ISIS. TPP was the second part of the job and we have worked to getting acceptance for this by Congress. I believe it will be forthcoming. It will be a question of time.

I hope to get around most of you in the next 2 weeks to thank you personally. In my political life I have always been in the wrong place at the wrong time but the mission I was given here was correct and the timing was right.

I want to thank you and your families for your commitment and to apologise for walking past you in the building full of ideas and full of hope.

If I forgot to say hello or thank you that was my mistake.

We will go home content that we did our best. Pity the old body gave up.

With love and affection always

Mike and Yvonne

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