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## **Supreme Court Building and Restored High Court Building**

On behalf of the Ministry of Justice I would like to thank you and or your organisation for your contribution to the successful completion of the new Supreme Court building and the restored High Court building. They are both superbly constructed and crafted buildings and your contribution to that is acknowledged by the Ministry.

There has been a wide variety of organisations and trades people involved with project. Some have contributed new cutting edge technology and skills to the buildings while others have contributed skills from yester year to ensure the integrity of the heritage building was maintained.

At the official opening on 18 January 2010, Chief Justice Dame Sian Elias summed up the project:

"All who have worked to bring the project about must be congratulated on the result. They include the Secretary for Justice and the managers of the Ministry of Justice, the engineers, the specialist tradesmen, and the construction workers. Their enthusiasm for the job has been infectious. And no wonder. The old High Court building is meticulously restored and reclaimed for the enjoyment of future generations. The new courtroom we sit in is stunning. The imagery it invokes speaks of our country. The working spaces beyond the courtroom are beautiful and calm."

Enclosed is a booklet that was produced to commemorate the opening of the buildings, which I hope you will enjoy reading and sharing with those who had worked on the project.

Thank you again for your contribution in creating an exciting new building of national importance and the restoration of one of New Zealand's key heritage buildings.

General Manager Higher Courts

Attachment