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Online submission launched

SUBMISSIONS for Parliamentary Committee inquiries can now be uploaded to the National Parliament's official website via the link <https://committees.parliament.gov.pg/>. This initiative is part of Parliamentary Service's efforts towards becoming a "modern efficient and engaging" Service that is adapting modern tools and technology to maximise public outreach and audience engagement for the work of Parliament. Pictured are Director of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Division Pomat Pouru (right) and ICT officer Richard Masere who have been working on this project. *Photo by Parliamentary Media Services*

Parliament first to benefit from MS365 technology

THE NATIONAL Parliament is currently undergoing a modernisation program and as part of this, the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Division has teamed up with Microsoft's channel partner, Data#3, and the Department of Information and Communication Technology's (DICT) Digital Government Delivery Division to introduce Microsoft's MS365 technology to the Parliamentary Service. This move is in line with the department's shared services program of the Digital

Government Act 2022, and the Service has become the first public entity to benefit from it. The decision for ICT to participate in the program was strategic, as the use of MS365 would significantly enhance the National Parliament's modernisation agenda. The ICT Division negotiated a total of 178 licenses from DICT, which were then delivered by Data#3 on December 22nd, 2022. With MS365 now in hand, the ICT Division is laying the ground work for a hybrid

network system that will utilise both cloud and on-premise technologies. The ultimate goal is to develop the National Parliament's intranet system and digitise the documentation and processes used by the Service. This will create a sharing and interactive environment that allows for greater collaboration and engagements. The ICT Division is currently developing technical documentation, implementation plans, and undergoing internal technical training in preparation for the rollout of the system to all divisions.

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PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES

WELCOME to the January-February edition of our bi-monthly internal newsletter, Tambaran Update.

We bring to you updates of the Parliamentary Service (PS) news and events, with the regulars, "TechTalk" with the ITC Team, "Profiles" featuring staff and "Engagement" which highlights the participation of the Service in events and activities with external stakeholders.

Our must-reads are the Clerk's Message on Page 3, Human Resource Management (HRM) Update on Page 10, the photospreads on Pages 6 and Page 7 featuring events and programs happening at Parliament House and Voxpops on Page 9 regarding views from staff on their views on the recent State visits by the Australian Prime Minister Hon. Anthony Albanese.

Your participation and contribution to our publication is always encouraged and welcomed; and we would like to thank those staff who take the time to respond to questionnaires and share their stories and photos.

We trust that you will enjoy this edition, as much as we did, putting it together and look forward to your continued support. Cheers, the Media Team.

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TAMBARAN FRONT

PICTURED is the mosaic art piece that dominates the entrance of Parliament House which stands at 19.1m high and 9.7m wide at the base – a total of 115 square metres. This majestic feature is dominated by the sun, with the moon in close attendance. Two warriors, one male and one female guard the entrance and are surrounded by symbolic images representing the spectrum of life in Papua New Guinea. This work, along with much of the other artwork was undertaken by a team of artists and craftsmen brought together from all regions of PNG under the supervision of the National Arts School from the University of Papua New Guinea. - *Information courtesy of Parliament House Papua New Guinea by Mike Briggs*

Orotapa in the Chamber... a feature of our Parliament



ON THE wall facing the Speaker's Chair, high above the entrance to the Chamber is a panel that features a tapa cloth design from the Oro Province. Tapa is widely used in the traditional attire of the Oro people, as well as in other provinces including the Sepik provinces. Decorations on the tapa cloth also vary according to the area of origin, but it is usually an abstract portrayal of a legend or an event. Traditionally, the tapa cloth is the product of the inner bark of several species of the Mulberry tree. - *Information courtesy of Parliament House Papua New Guinea by Mike Briggs*

'Selfie Contest'

DO YOU have a favourite feature or view of the Parliament House? Why not take a selfie with this feature or view in the background, write in 25 words or less why you say so and submit for a chance to win a "surprise prize" and have your photo published in a future edition of the Tambaran Update.

Send your entry to:
mediadivision.parliament@gmail.com



Entry Submitted by:

LEONARD BADIRA

Student Trainee

THIS audio (PA) system because although it is basic, it is a vital tool within Parliament House that enables occupants listen in on Parliament sessions.

INTEGRITY: "The greatest of man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability affect those around him positively" - BOB MARLEY

NOTICE BOARD


CLERK'S Message

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Condolence Message

The Clerk of Parliament Kala Aufa, on behalf of the management and staff of Parliamentary Service, announce with great sadness the untimely passing of their colleague and friend the Late Harry Momos on January 20th 2023, after 26 years of dedicated service.



Late Harry Momos
14/08/1961 - 20/01/23

The Late Harry at the time of his passing, was serving as the Principal Reporter attached with the Reporting Division. He commenced employment with the Service on September 23rd, 1996.

His distinguished contribution to the Service is greatly appreciated and his pleasant camaraderie will be sorely missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Jane, their three children, Alexandra, Mary Alison, Joanna and immediate family members as well as relatives and friends, during this difficult time of bereavement.

May His Soul Rest in Eternal Peace


"For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep" - 1 Thessalonians 4:14

Authorised by:
KALAAUFA
Clerk of Parliament

Walking in the spirit of Nationalism

Condolence Message

It is with great sadness that the Clerk of Parliament Kala Aufa on behalf of the management and staff of the Parliamentary Service announce the untimely passing of their colleague and friend, the Late Peter Vincent on December 23rd 2022.



Late Peter Vincent
06/01/1957 - 23/12/22

The Late Peter was serving as a Security Officer attached with Parliamentary Security Services at the time of his passing. He commenced his career with the Service since November 5th, 1996, 26 years ago.

His dedicated service and contribution to the Parliamentary Service is appreciated and will be greatly missed.

Deepest condolences to his immediate family, relatives and friends during this difficult time of mourning and loss.

May His Soul Rest in Eternal Peace

"Blessed are those who mourn, they shall be comforted" - Matthew 5:4

Authorised by:
KALAAUFA
Clerk of Parliament

WELCOME one and all to the first edition of our bi-monthly Tambaran Update for 2023 and a Happy New Year to you all.

This year has taken off on a sprint as we went from holiday mode to full swing work mode in January with the State visit by Australian Prime Minister Hon. Anthony Albanese, who addressed Parliament during the first sitting for 2023. This was followed by the election of the Governor General the next week, which saw His Excellency Grand Chief Sir Bob Dadae, re-elected by Parliament for another term as Papua New Guinea's Vice Regal.

We have also had numerous visits by parliamentary delegations from the Republic of Indonesia, the recent one being the Deputy Speaker of the People's Representative Council of Indonesia, Rachmal Gobel, which portrays the prominent engagement opportunities Papua New Guinea Parliament is harnessing with other parliaments in the region.

Additionally, the work of Parliamentary Committees has commenced for the year, inquiring into issues of national interests, with the first public hearings conducted for Special Parliamentary Committee on 2022 General Elections whilst inquiries into Communications, Education and Health Matters are ongoing.

As usual, they are being supported by the Parliamentary Committee Secretariat team, who coordinates the activities through advisory and research support, and providing administrative and secretarial assistance.

I am pleased to announce that the efforts of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Division to roll out the ICT infrastructure upgrade and integrate digitalisation of systems and processes is finally coming together with the Service



KALAAUFA
Clerk of Parliament

being selected as the first public entity to introduce and implement Microsoft's MS365 technology.

I take this time to encourage you all to ensure to make smart goals, have desired outcomes and work plans as custodians of positions and heads of divisions, and work diligently towards achieving something tangible that realistically reflects your level of service and your commitment to the Parliamentary Service,s at the end of each day, week, month, quarter and year, going forward.

Only with our combined efforts, will we achieve the overall vision of becoming the most modern, efficient and engaging parliamentary service in the region.

All the best for an exciting, productive and successful year ahead.

Musings of Mace the Mascot

GET INVOLVED!
HAVE YOUR SAY!

RETURN

Online Submission

Full Name *

Media attends workshop on Committees

THE PARLIAMENTARY Service, facilitated a "Media Q&A Workshop on the Work of Parliamentary Committees" for about 15 media personnel from various media organisations in the State Function Room at Parliament House.

Clerk of Parliament Kala Aufa in his opening remarks said the workshop was an initiative to equip participants with important information on the oversight function of Parliament.

The workshop involved a presentation on the Work of Parliamentary Committees made by Executive-Director, Parliamentary Committee Secretariat Werner Cohill followed by a question and answer session with the participants.

Topics covered included the role and powers of Parliamentary Committees,

how they are appointed, who can submit submissions, what happens at public hearings as well as Parliamentary privilege and funding challenges, amongst others. The media was also encouraged to become partners in promoting, educating and creating awareness on the Work of Parliamentary Committees for their respective audiences and readers via their publications and programs or bulletins.

Photo by Parliamentary Media Service



Parliament elects Sir Bob Dadae as Governor-General for second term



SPEAKER of Parliament Hon. Job Pomat, CMG, MP announced His Excellency Grand Chief Sir Bob Dadae as the 11th Governor-General for Papua New Guinea in Parliament in January.

He received 71 votes and diplomat and former High Commissioner to the United Kingdom Winnie Kiap, 33 in the second round of voting. The third candidate Stephen Pokawin was eliminated in the first round with only three votes.

Sir Bob first assumed office as the 10th Governor-General of Papua New Guinea in 2017, succeeding Michael Ogio.

Photo by Parliamentary Media Service

Communication Committee to inquire into media and ICT issues



THE SPECIAL Parliamentary Committee on Communication which conducted its first meeting for the year, in January, will hold a series of Public Hearings, focusing on Media issues for 2023 and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in 2024 and onwards.

The Committee Chairman is Hon. Marsh Narewec, MP and the deputy, Hon. Sam Basil Jr, MP. Other Committee members include Hon. Sasindran Muthuvel, MP, Hon. Alexander Orme, MP, Hon. Ricky Morris, MP, Hon. Eremam ToBaining Jr, MP, and Hon. Simon Dumarinu, MP.

The inquiry will look into fake news and negative and misreporting on social media and the mainstream media.

Stakeholders including relevant government stakeholders such as Department of Information Communication and Technology (DICT), NICTA as well as the Media Council of PNG, NBC and other media organisations will be invited to provide necessary submissions during these meetings with the Committee.

The information and data collated by the Committee will go towards collating a report with recommendations to be tabled in Parliament.

Pictured here are the members of the Committee during their swearing-in ceremony and briefing session.

Photo by Parliamentary Media Service

Student trainees farewelled

CLERK of Parliament Kala Aufa hosted a farewell luncheon in January for student trainees who have been working with the Parliamentary Service for the past three months.

The 11 students who are studying at various tertiary institutions around the country are pictured here on the last

day of the Student Vacation Engagement program.

They were attached with different divisions within the Service including the Parliamentary Legal Service, Information and Communication Technology and Parliamentary Media Service. - *Photo by Parliamentary Media Service*



COLLABORATION: "Great things in business are never done by one person"- STEVE JOBS

Reporting team visits New Zealand Parliament



NEW ZEALAND Parliament hosted the Australasian and Pacific Hansard Editors Association Conference, where Hansard Editors from the Australian State Parliaments, Parliament of the Republic of Fiji, Niue, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Australian Parliament, Tonga, Vanuatu, Parliament of the Cook Islands,

Bougainville, Papua New Guinea Parliament and New Zealand gathered to discuss their work. Principal Reporter Kenneth Sebeprin (pictured left) from the Reporting Division and deputy Principal Reporter Joel Tukana attended the conference. **Photos supplied.**

Notice

A post card from...

PARLIAMENTARY Service staff who have gone on duty travel abroad or in the provinces are invited to submit a photo taken in or outside the respective parliament or assembly buildings, they have visited. The photos must include a brief description of the people, the location, the event/occasion and the time captured, as well as mention the photographer. A selection of photos will be chosen each edition to be featured on this page.



Walo Ravu visits Australia

PICTURED (bottom right is Walo Ravu, Purchasing and Inventory Officer with the Building Maintenance and Technical Service Division who represented National Parliament in netball in the Pan Pacific Masters Games (PPMG), in Gold Coast, Australia from November 3rd to 12th, 2022.

Ms Ravu's team (40 Hospawa) was in the Under 40s category which came 5th in the competition.

THE PPMG included 41 sports with over 13,500 participants who came from every corner of Australia and 25 countries including teams from the UK, Canada, Sri Lanka and Papua New Guinea in the region.

The games are held bi-annually.

Photos by Walo Ravu.

Australian PM visits Papua New Guinea Parliament



AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Hon. Anthony Albanese addressed Members of the Papua New Guinea Parliament (MPs) in the Chamber of Parliament House in January following a brief courtesy visit to the Speaker of Parliament Hon. Job Pomat, CMG, MP.

PM Albanese was in PNG on a two-day visit to strengthen bilateral relationships between the two countries.

A State dinner was hosted by Prime Minister Hon. James Marape in his honour in the evening at the State Function Room at Parliament House.

MP Albanese departed the country the next day after a scheduled visit to Wewak, East Sepik Province where he paid his respects at the burial site of the late Grand Chief Sir Michael Somare, at Kreer Heights.

Pictured are some sights and scenes captured during the visit to Parliament House. *Photos by Parliamentary Media Service*



ACCOUNTABILITY “Hire character. Train Skill” — PETER SCHULTZ



GG NOMINATIONS

PICTURED (right) is nominee Stephen Pokawin returning his nomination form to the Clerk of Parliament for the elections of the Governor-General held in January this year. - **Photo by Parliamentary Media Service**



AUST PM VISIT

PARLIAMENTARY Services (PS) officers are captured here working together with the Department of Foreign Affairs Protocol and Foreign Affairs Minister's teams to assist Australian High Commission staff in Papua New Guinea and the Advance Party from Canberra in January this year, to prepare for PM Albanese's two-day visit in PNG. - **Photo by Parliamentary Media Service**



AUST AUDITOR-GENERAL VISIT

PICTURED is the Australia's Auditor-General Grant Hehir and his delegation during an excursion to Parliament House in February, while on duty travel to Port Moresby. - **Photo by Parliamentary Media Service**



GETTING THE HOUSE READY

PARLIAMENTARY Service staff Ezekiel Simon from Building Maintenance and Technology Service Division mowing the lawns in preparation for the first Parliament Sitting in January this year. - **Photo by Parliamentary Media Service**



COMMITTEES INDUCTION

PARLIAMENTARY Committees Secretariat staff facilitating the induction and swearing-in ceremonies of Committee chairs and members earlier this year. - **Photo by Parliamentary Media Service**



STAFF FAREWELL COLLEAGUE

PICTURED is the casket of the late Peter Vincent carried by Parliamentary Security Service officers during his funeral service held at Reverend Sione Kami Memorial Church in January this year. - **Photo by Parliamentary Media Service**



HOT OFF THE PRESS

DEPUTY Clerk - Chambers Basil Kambuliagen and his staff Betty Terupu and Mako John are pictured receiving their printed copies of "Tambaran Update", Parliamentary Service's bi-monthly internal newsletter distributed by the Media Team. - **Photo by Parliamentary Media Service**



WORK OF COMMITTEES

THE SPECIAL Parliamentary Committee on General Elections (SPC22GE) captured during its first day of public hearings in February with key stakeholders making submissions on their findings and observations of the 2022 National General Elections. - **Photo by Parliamentary Media Service**

Come visit my **WORKSPACE**

& Movers & Shakers

Meet Stephanie Hauro...
a Civics and Education staff for 10 years



Stephanie Hauro
Administrative Assistant
Civics and Education Division

STEPHANIE Hauro is an administrative assistant within the Civics and Education and will graduate in March with a Diploma in Public Administration from the Pacific Institute of Leadership and Governance (PILAG).

She joined the Parliamentary Service on January 6th, 2013 as an administrative assistant within the Catering Division; she later moved over to the Civics and Education Division and has been there since 2014.

With the accomplishment of a diploma, she endeavors to complete a degree in Public Administration in her career journey.

"I worked for some years before going

back to school, as time didn't allow me to take up studies at the time," she said. "I love my job in Civics and Education because I get to meet a lot of new people." Ms Hauro said the division engages in doing public awareness on the work of Parliament.

She said there have been highlights in her career including the Speaker's Summit in 2019, the Women's Mock Parliament in 2017 working with the United Nations Development program (UNDP) and attending the Goroka Show in 2014.

Since the COVID pandemic in 2019 most of the division's activities were scaled down to school visits until 2021 when restrictions were lifted.

Ms Hauro looks forward to more outreach programs this year.

Congratulations to the following staff for continuing to achieve milestones in their careers;



CLEANER at the Office of the Speaker Tika Robert clocks in 11 years of service. She is pictured with printer David Mata at the T-Front of Parliament House. - **Photo: David Mata.**



Deputy Clerk - Chambers Basil Kambuliagen and Serjeant-At-Arms Lalai Vali get an opportunity to take a photo with visiting Australian Prime Minister Hon. Anthony Albanese in the Grand Hall at Parliament House. **Photo supplied.**

Veronica: A long service cleaner



Veronica Frank
Cleaner
Building Maintenance and Technical Service Division

VERONICA Frank from Kikori in Gulf Province is among many of the long serving staff at the Parliamentary Service, starting her career in February 1991 as a casual staff (cleaner) with the Building Maintenance and Technical Service Division.

Ms Frank previously worked with the Catholic missionary nuns doing cooking, sewing and cleaning jobs before joining the Service.

She worked as a cleaner for the past 19 years until the appointment to her current position as Supervisor Cleaner in 2010. Her typical day at work involves scheduling and coordinating female staff cleaners and ensuring all areas in the building and offices are clean.

Her team also works closely with the gardeners to clean outside the Parliament precincts during big occasions such as Parliament Sessions.

"My favourite part of the job is working in the Chamber, where our national leaders sit during Parliament sessions," she said. "We make sure the area is well sanitised before and after every meeting."

Ms. Frank reminisces of the good old times when the work environment was more welcoming and friendly.

Now aged 64, Ms Frank said the Service is like home to her for the past 30 years and when she retires, she says she will surely miss the place but she will leave as a proud officer, serving in one of the highest institutions in the country.

RESPECT: "Knowledge will give you power, but character respect." BRUCE LEE

FLASH BACK

A GIFT FOR A SPEAKER FROM THE 1960s



THIS PEN holder was given as a gift to the then Speaker of the Papua New Guinea's House of Assembly the late Sir John Guise by the Australian Speaker of the House of Representative at that time, Hon. Joan Child on June 12th, 1968, more than 50 years ago.

Sir John was PNG's first national Speaker of Assembly and Hon. Child was Australia's first female Speaker of the House of Representative.

What are your views on the visit by Australian Prime Minister Hon. Anthony Albanese to Parliament House?



Pinahimei Papi
Administrative Assistant,
Building Maintenance and Technical Service Division

I THINK the Australian Prime Minister Hon. Anthony Albanese's visit was good for our country in ways such as strengthening relations with our closest neighbour. The Australian government is assisting us with providing employment opportunities for Papua New Guinean youths such as fruit picking (seasonal work/labour mobility program) in Australia.



Judith Ponea
Waitress
Parliamentary Catering Division

I WAS impressed by the Australian Prime Minister Hon. Anthony Albanese's great interest in our traditional culture and artifacts displayed in the Grand Hall, Chamber and throughout Parliament House. It was also an exciting time, as singing groups representing the four regions of our country got an opportunity to showcase cultural songs and dances to the VIPs. It's a good thing that we have an ongoing relationship with Australia.



Dellapas J Glio
MPs Staff Records Management Officer
Emoluments Division

IT WAS an exciting day when the Australian Prime Minister Hon. Anthony Albanese visited Parliament House, even though I wasn't directly involved in the program. I thought it was good for such a visit to strengthen bilateral relations between Papua New Guinea and Australia. He is a very expressive speaker and I am sure a lot of our staff at Parliamentary Service and those present, including Members of Parliament were inspired during his address to Parliament.



James Sinari
Attendant
Parliamentary Catering Division

IT WAS the first of its kind for an Australian Prime Minister to visit the country and address Parliament and it was a great experience for Parliamentary Service staff and everyone else in Papua New Guinea to witness. I think it's good to continue a close relationship with Australia, as they help us with aid. As a coastal villager, I have also seen the assistance with our people travelling to Australia for fruit picking (seasonal work/labour mobility program).



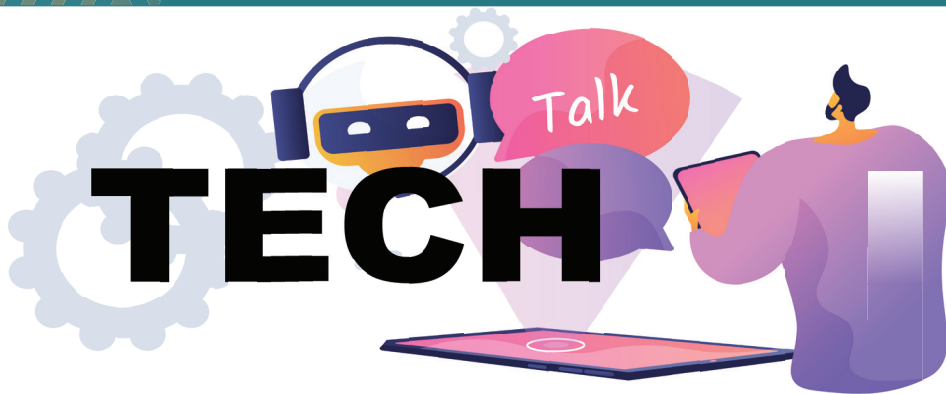
Robert Tambua
Secretary
Parliamentary Committee Secretariat

I SEE the Australian Prime Minister Hon. Anthony Albanese's visit was a strengthening of bilateral relations and commitment to a mutual understanding for the two countries to work together as partners in development, going forward. Australia has been our greatest friend in terms of donor funding to Papua New Guinea for a long time. PM Albanese's visit reinforces the understanding that both countries not only share a history but a border in the region as well as a keen interest in developing side by side as sovereign nations.



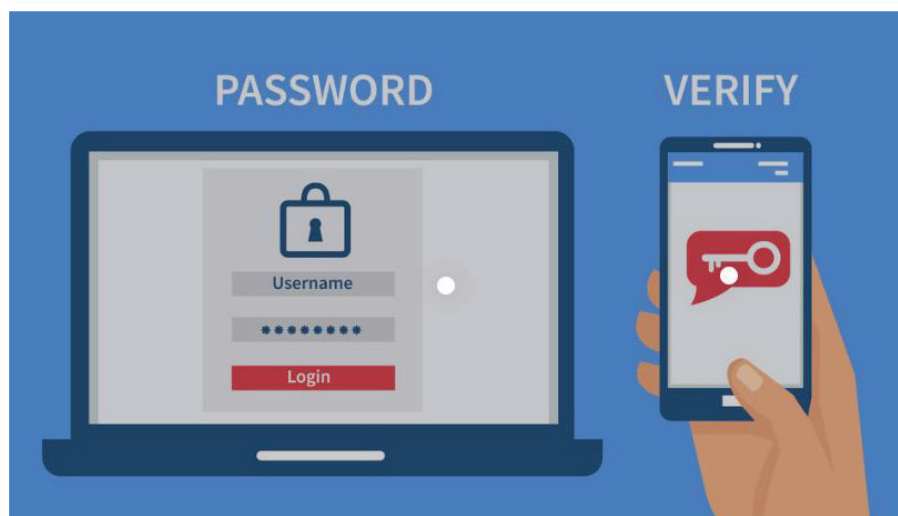
Ruth Sam
Cleaner
Building Maintenance and Technical Service Division

I WAS happy to see the Australian Prime Minister Hon. Anthony Albanese come to see our country Papua New Guinea and our Parliament House. Australia is our closest neighbour and I see they have a heart for our people; that's why they continue to help us.



Online Security Tip

Use two-factor authentication (2FA) whenever possible.



TWO-FACTOR authentication adds an extra layer of security to your online accounts by requiring a second form of verification, such as a code sent to your phone, in addition to your password. This makes it much harder for a hacker or unauthorised person to gain access to your accounts, even if they have your password.

Be sure to enable two-factor authentication on all of your important accounts, such as your email, banking, and social media accounts. This will significantly improve your overall online security. Contact ICT team on email ithelpdesk@parliament.gov.pg or drop by to the ICT office if you need assistance setting up yours.

ICT Director attends virtual LegisTech Commonwealth Conference

ON JANUARY, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Division Director Pomat Poursu, was invited by Bussola Tech CEO Luis Kimaid to participate in the "LegisTech: The Commonwealth 2023" virtual conference. The virtual event took place on January 23rd and 24th, during which representatives from other Commonwealth legislatures responsible to lead institutional ICT modernisation programs congregate together to share and debate ideas on Digital Transformation in the legislative

space. Speakers presented projects related to digital transformation, challenges faced, technologies used, methodologies and strategies implemented to institute modernisation and Digital Transformation in their respective parliaments. The ICT Division has learnt and gathered useful information during the event and plans to utilise and integrate some of these ideas in its plans towards its efforts to modernise our very own parliament.



PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

- HUMAN Resource Management continues to assess and process various leaves applications.
- TAX ADMINISTRATION and Superannuation matters for Parliamentary Service staff.

TRAINING

- THIRD and Fourth Batch of HRM staff and ICT attended the Basic Ascender Payroll Training to familiarise themselves with the new payroll system.

ORGANISATION AND CHANGE MANAGEMENT

- COMPILATION and assessment of Staff Performance Appraisal for Year 2022.
- DRAFTING of HR Payroll Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

National Finance showcases products & services



THE TEAM from National Finance Limited showcased their products and services during an information session with the Parliamentary Service staff in February at the State Function Room, Parliament House. The session was organised by the HRM.

EXCELLENCE: "Excellence is habit" — ARISTOTLE

Indonesian Deputy Speaker visits Parliament



DEPUTY Speaker of the Indonesian House of Representative Hon. Rachmad Gobel led a seven-member delegation of parliamentarians who paid a courtesy visit to Parliament House recently to strengthen bilateral ties between the two parliaments.

The delegation was received by Deputy

Speaker of Parliament Hon. Koni Iguan, MP, Assistant Speaker Johnson Wapunai, MP and Deputy Clerk - Chamber Services, Basil Kambuliagen.

“My visit today is to strengthen people to people contact,” said Hon. Gobel. “It is my mission (in the spirit of Parliament to Parliament cooperation) to build a relationship between the two countries.”

Deputy Speaker Hon. Iguan acknowledged the visitors and said continued talks between the two parliaments have been ongoing, and this visit only strengthens further, the ties that have been established. He requested through Hon. Gobel for the Indonesian Speaker of Parliament to revisit a previous Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which was drafted and initiated by the former Papua New

Guinea Parliament Speaker to enhance further learning and exchanges between the two parliaments.

“The signing of a MOU was supposed to take place however, it has been delayed,” he said. “We would like this MOU to be signed.”

Photo by Parliamentary Media Service

Pacific Adventist University (PAU) visits Parliament



ABOUT 400 students from Pacific Adventist University (PAU) visited Parliament House recently, as part of their New Student Orientation Program. This is the first visit with a such a huge number of students recorded. **Photo by Parliamentary Media Services**

Members sworn in for Education Committee



MEMBERS for the Permanent Parliamentary Committee on Education were sworn in by Parliamentary Counsel David Yuwa at Parliament House in January. Hon. Patrick Basa, MP, Hon. Johnson Wapunai, MP and Hon. Michael Marum, MP, while Hon. Benjamin Mul, MP was sworn in as Chairman for the Committee. **Photo by Parliamentary Media Services**

Health Committee to inquire into PHAs and health care facilities

CHAIRMAN Hon. Elias Kapavore, MP has initiated the work of the Special Parliamentary Committee on Health Matters recently with site visits to Provincial Health Authorities (PHAs).

A visit was made to two of NCD's largest health facilities, Gerehu Health Centre and the Port Moresby General Hospital (POMGH) in January.

The purpose of the visits was to establish the issues affecting the function and performances of the PHAs starting with NCD and Central.

This action comes after the Committee's Terms of Reference were officially announced. Chairman Hon. Kapavore was accompanied by the rest of the Committee members, Hon. Lohia Boe Samuel, MP Port Moresby North-West, Hon Ricky Morris MP Alotau and Hon. Simon Dumarinu MP, Central Bougainville.

“The Committee has also written to the Secretary of the Department of Health to initiate the necessary processes to conduct a compliance check through the National Health Service Standard (NHSS),” he said.

The Committee needs to see adherence and compliances via the NHSS as there were standards set in place and many hospitals were not complying with these standards.

“These standards indicate that the Provincial Health facilities are providing adequate services or whether planning is in place to improve these services,” he said.

Chairman Hon. Kapavore said by February, the Health Department and the NCD/Central PHA will initiate a complete survey team to the Gerehu Health Centre to ensure accreditation to service standards.

The Committee also visited the POMGH to see newly renovated areas such as the Cardiac Facilities, Intensive Care Unit in Ward Seven, doctor's offices and the Research and Chemotherapy Laboratory which is under construction.



SPORTS



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Netballers come in 2nd in grand final



CONGRATULATIONS to the National Parliament netball team competing in the Private Companies Netball Competition (PCNC) for making it to the Grand final held last Sunday February 26th, 2023 (2pm) at the Rita Flynn Netball Courts, Bisini - Boroko. The team lost by five points in a close match against Bank of Papua New Guinea (BPNG), going down 14-9, in favour of the bankers.

Well done to the team for their efforts in taking out the second spot in their division of the competition, for displaying great sportsmanship and being good ambassadors of the Parliamentary Service. Pictured are some sights and scenes at the event.

Photos by Parliamentary Media Service

Parliament cricket teams in the finals



CONGRATULATIONS to the two National Parliament teams competing in the 2022-2023 Corporate Indoor Cricket competition for making it to the play-offs for the grand finals.

The Mixed Team won against Tisa, completing the round matches and confirming top spot and minor premiership for their division in February at the Amini

Park, Bisini, Boroko.

The Men's Team also completed their round matches with a win against NBC, finishing 2nd on the points ladder for their division.

Both teams have done exceptionally well and are now celebrating the results of their hard work and commitment. **Photos by Parliamentary Media Services**

Parliament gym opens



PARLIAMENTARY Service has a fully equipped Gym which is now open for use. It is currently being used by the Service's cricket teams who are vying for the top spot in the grandfinals of the Corporate Indoor Cricket competition. **Photo by Parliamentary Media Service**