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### **National Parliament presents Bougainville House Of Representatives with two vehicles**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** Authorised by Kala Aufa, Acting Clerk of Parliament

**THU 25.02.2021** | Clerk of Parliament Kala Aufa presented a cheque worth more than K350,000 for the purchase of two vehicles to the Clerk of the Bougainville House of Representatives (BHOR) Robert Tapi in Buka, in the Autonomous Region of Bougainville (AROB) this week.

Mr Aufa said the presentation was a legacy initiative of the Office of the Speaker of Parliament and an outstanding commitment which has now been honoured, following the signing of the Parliamentary Partnership (Twinning) Agreement between the two parliaments in Arawa, earlier this month.

"We are committed towards further enhancing and strengthening cooperation between the two parliaments," he said. "This presentation is the parliamentary partnership at work."

Mr Aufa who has been an official observer at BHOR's first parliamentary session for the year was invited by the Speaker Hon. Simon Pentanu.

"This is the first for a Clerk of Parliament to sit in on a BHOR sitting," Mr Aufa said. "I am impressed with the engaging and passionate debate by the representatives on matters of public importance."

Apart from this, Mr Aufa has also met with Clerk Tapi during the week, discussing ways to foster capacity building, legislative excellence and exploring modern technology to encourage communication amongst other key agendas.

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Accompanied by a team of Parliamentary Service officers, Mr Aufa also had an opportunity to visit the various sections and divisions of the BHOR to get acquainted with the role, function and systems of the institution and offer any consultative support where needed.

Meanwhile, the work programme for 2021-2026 for both parliaments under the agreement is continuing with plans to hold a ratification workshop at the end of next month.

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Captions:

1. Clerk of Parliament Kala Aufa presenting the cheque to purchase two vehicles to Clerk of the Bougainville House of Representatives Robert Tapi.
2. Clerk of the Bougainville House of Representatives Robert Tapi presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Clerk of Parliament Kala Aufa.
3. From left to right; Clerk of the Bougainville House of Representatives Robert Tapi, Clerk of Parliament Kala Aufa, President of AROB Hon. Ishmael Toroama, Speaker of BHOR Simon Pentanu captured after the presentation.

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