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# Catholic students embark on major building project

Project to include building of chapel, 400-bed accommodation, computer lab, conference facilities and mini library

BY KAIRU LAHO

CATHOLIC students have embarked on a major infrastructure project which when completed should relieve the University of its accommodation problems and boost much-needed learning facilities.

The building of a chapel, 400-bed residential hall, computer laboratory, conference facilities and a mini library will collectively form the Blessed Peter ToRot Catholic College on the Waigani Campus.

The first phase of the project will involve the building of the chapel and the second phase will be the residential hall and other learning facilities.

The initiative was first mooted by Catholic students in 2007 and this year is being pursued further by the 2009

executive led by president and third year Law student Douglas Siminji.

Project coordinator and third year journalism student Jessy Pendene said the University administration has in principle identified land for the project and is supportive of the concept.

He said Catholic students realised that such facilities would help them in their integral human development as many are exposed to other influences as soon as they enter tertiary institutions such as the University.

"We are of the view that having our own facilities will encourage and develop a God-fearing work force of tomorrow; that our students can be inspired to possess Christian values and principles that are currently

lacking in the Government systems," Mr Pendene said.

He said these are qualities the human resource of the country should possess to move the country forward.

"We also realise space is a problem at this University, so in a way we are helping to ease this situation," Mr Pendene said.

The project however, is at the conceptual stage and needs the support of the wider Catholic community for the students to realise their dream.

"We realise the enormity of the project and cannot do it on our own. We are appealing to professionals, especially Catholics, and the corporate sector to come together with us to get this project moving.

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**NEWS**

# New contraceptive pill introduced to students

By **LUTHER SCAT LAMANG**,  
*Journalism Student*

TWO Social Works students currently on internship with Marie Stopes PNG recently introduced to Peer Educators a new contraceptive pill as an alternative for reproductive health care.

Third year students Israel Hukula and Rahab Kuihaha in a seminar described the newly introduced Emergency Contraceptive Pill (ECP) and its uses to females to avoid unplanned pregnancies.

Their presentation was part of their assessment and training.

The seminar was told that unlike other contraceptive pills, the ECP was used only in emergency cases; in instances where unprotected sex (whether planned or accidental) had occurred or when the normal contraceptive method was forgotten or used incorrectly.

They said the ECP must be taken within the first 72 hours after having unprotected sex and acts to prevent pregnancy by averting ovulation by temporarily altering the uterine lining and by reducing the chances of fertilization in the fallopian tube.

Marie Stopes Training Coordinator Nelly Jerry said the seminar was conducted in a bid to further the UPNG Peer Educators' social advocacy on fellow students on campus, and to provide sound alternatives to females in their reproductive health care.

"Now that ECP is available in the country, no women should give an excuse of regretting pregnancy," Ms Jerry said.

She urged all UPNG female students to take the pills should they fall into unprotected sex as a means to

controlling unplanned pregnancies on campus.

The Peer Educators welcomed the exposure to the pill and congratulated the two students for taking the initiative to introduce the new contraceptive concept to them.

The Peer Educators are now looking forward to further educating their fellow female students on the importance of having the pills for emergency purposes.

ECP is currently marketed and distributed by Marie Stopes PNG at a price of K2 per packet.

# MIAC and PNGLJSS renew partnership

By **JESSY PENDENE**,  
*Journalism Student*

STUDENTS studying Creative Arts and Journalism will continue to advocate for the PNG Law and Justice Sector Secretariat (PNGLJSS) through an on-going partnership.

The Secretariat recently presented a cheque of K15,000 to the Melanesian Institute of Art and Communication of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, where students are taught Theatre Art, Music, Art & Design and Journalism.

The money will support the students'

programs through song, dance, drama, writing skills, photography and design to continue to advocate the law and order programs of the secretariat.

Director for LJSS Joe Kanekane handed over the cheque to Director of MIAC Daniel Waswas in the presence of the acting Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Dr. Mathew Leavesley and Theatre Art Tutor David Motsy.

Mr Kanekane said the gesture was a continuous commitment and a mutual initiative that would enable students to expose their talents and at the same time



**Director of PNGLJSS Joe Kanekane hands over the cheque to Mr Waswas in the presence of the Acting Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences Dr. Mathew Leavesley and Tutor David Motsy.**

impart LJSS programs to promote a safe and secure society for all.

The secretariat last year donated computers to the institute.

Mr Kanekane who is also the PNG Media Council President expressed his appreciation to UPNG

and Divine Word University for their interest and enthusiasm in effectively executing the secretariat's complex programs into workable concepts.

Mr Motsy reaffirmed the students' commitment, saying through the various programs, their talent

would be identified and exposed in many such activities.

He said student talent had been overlooked in the past.

"Such initiatives can change the perception of a youth and help them to discover and develop their potential," he added.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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## NEWS

# SBA to host conference in India

BY KAIRU LAHO

THE School of Business Administration in partnership with two Indian universities will host its first international conference overseas this July.

The conference will be held at the Gahndi Institute of Management (GITAM) in the second largest city of Andhra Pradesh state – Visakhapatnam, east coast India.

GITAM is a privately run university and is one of two co-hosts from India. The other is SK Institute of Management (Sri Krishna Devarya University).

GITAM University has been producing top class management graduates, whilst SK Institute of Management has been providing quality education in business management. Both are placed among the top business schools in India.

The conference from July 12th to 14th will discuss the global economic crisis.



Left: GITAM Uni's library; Below: Visakhapatnam seaport and harbour fly-by road.



Professor of Human Resource Management, Pulapa Subba Rao is one of three principal convenors and leads the UPNG team of conference conveners and chairpersons in the organising committee.

The conference theme is “*Global Economic Turbulences: Shifts in Business Structures and Systems*” and is aimed at creating a platform for the academicians and practitioners to exchange research-based and experience

based insights on issues addressing the radiant transitions in business management.

Prof. Subba Rao said the conference will allow the PNG team of academics to collaborate with Indian scholars, researchers and practitioners and as well see first hand the various industries from small to large scale, and particularly those which are relevant to the country.

“They will also experience the cottage industry and Indian

informal markets,” Prof. Subba Rao said.

Vice Chancellor Professor Ross Hynes who is one of three patrons of the conference will deliver the keynote address. He will lead the UPNG delegation of ten, including the Executive Dean of SBA Professor Albert Mellam and other academics and presenters of papers.

It is expected UPNG will cement a sister relationship with the two host universities and Prof. Hynes will sign a MOU during the conference.

“We hope to develop long-term collaboration with Indian universities, industry, businesses and government agencies out of this conference,” Prof. Subba Rao said.

He said from this conference UPNG may set a new direction in establishing links with other developing countries.

It is expected participants for the conference will come from the Middle East, Asia and Africa.

## CAMPUS BUZZ

The School of Business Administration is set to host its first international conference overseas. And to be precise, in India, in Andhra Pradesh State. Commendations to the team of organisers led by Prof. Subba Rao and Prof. Mellam. We wish you success!

**International Dance Day last month brought out a lot of talent in especially the young. The international flavour did not go unnoticed with the Bali dancer and the**



**group from Africa who were enthusiastically supported by our students.**

The semester is nearing its end. Students talking of being overloaded with work. Now is the time to show how well you can manage your time. Besides the assignments, is your semester exams. Dig into your books.

**VC's Lecture Series on Thursday 6pm. Interesting topic. See you.**

People interested in the conference can get full information from the following url:  
<http://www.allconferences.com/conferences/2009/20090423225802/>

## Visakhapatnam - primarily an industrial city

VISAKHAPATNAM is the second largest city of Andhra Pradesh with an area of 550 km<sup>2</sup>. It is primarily an industrial city, apart from being a tourist destination.

The city is home to several state owned heavy industries; one of the most advanced steel plants and has one of the country's largest ports and its oldest shipyard. It has the only natural harbour on the eastern coast of India.

The city is said to have derived its name

Visakhapatnam from the deity Visakha (the God of Valour); Patnam is the Telugu word for city.

Due to the presence of the Eastern Naval Command, Steel Plant and H.P.C.L., the city has been the home to people from different parts of the country and due to this the city has a cosmopolitan nature.

Visakhapatnam is considered a centre for education in the state of Andhra Pradesh. There are

several primary, high school and college level institutions in the city. Apart from state-run schools for the poor, there are many private institutions, missionary schools and colleges.

From being a tiny hamlet of local fishing communities during the early days of the Indian Independence Struggle and for a few decades later, the city exploded economically, in fact the rise has been so dramatic that the city was identified as one of the ten fastest growing cities in the

world economically and demographically. Various factors contributed to the city's growth economically, including the natural harbor, its location between Madras and Calcutta, access to the NH5 (a major National Expressway) and the developed network of railways which metamorphosed the village into a burgeoning industrial city.

The city has developed into a hub for many heavy industries.

## NEWS

# MIRC to facilitate mangrove-planting campaign

ENVIRONMENTAL and Conservation groups under the PNG Eco-Forestry Forum network are embarking on a massive tree planting drive with a target of 10,000 mangrove seedlings to be planted to commemorate World Environment Day on June 5.

The Motupore Island Research Centre Marine Biologist and mangrove expert Thomas Manuwawie is heading the re-vegetation exercise to take place in three coastal villages of Gabagaba, Tubusereia and Tahira on June 5 and 6.

The campaign will also raise funds for MIRC's mangrove rehabilitation program through the sponsoring of a mangrove for K2.

The theme for this year's event 'Your Planet Needs You! UNite to Combat Climate Change' reflects the urgency

for nations to agree on a new deal at the crucial climate convention meeting in Copenhagen in Denmark in December and the links with overcoming poverty and improved management of forests, according to a press statement from the PNG Eco-Forestry Forum.

The Forum with various sponsors is taking the lead to promote this day amongst schools and local communities at various centres through the distribution of information kits on climate change issues and to highlight the importance of environmental protection.

The statement said the theme called for community participation and action for local communities and citizens to take ownership of the fight against climate change.

It said climate change has become a primary concern



MIRC's Thomas Manuwawie and participants of last year's mangrove-planting exercise at Tahira.

with Papua New Guinea's food, economic, cultural and biodiversity security at stake and coupled with the absence of government policies to deal with these impacts, people needed to be proactive.

The Forum is

calling all corporate entities, business houses, groups, communities and individuals to be part of this campaign either by purchasing or sponsoring a mangrove plant to support the campaign.

Call the PNGEFF for more information on ph: 323 9050 or Thomas Manuwawie (MIRC) on mobile: 7236 9823.



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**TERRY MICHAEL** is founder and executive director of the Washington Center for Politics and Journalism, which sponsors "The Politics & Journalism Semester," to teach future political reporters about politics. Since 1989, the program has served 13 students each semester from over 50 affiliated universities.

Michael was a reporter and political press secretary from 1969-88. He is former press secretary for the Democratic National Committee (1985-87), and is a former press secretary for Congressman (and later Senator) Paul Simon (D-IL), Congressman Robert Matsui (D-CA), and the Democratic Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives. He has been a presidential primary campaign

Thursday 28th May 2009

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Main Lecture Theatre

spokesman, including service as director of communication for the Paul Simon for President committee, 1987-88. Michael began his career in 1969 as a reporter for the Mt. Vernon (IL) Register-News and then wrote for the Champaign (IL) News-Gazette before beginning work in politics in 1973.

Michael is the recipient of the "Distinguished Service Award" for 2001 of the Washington, DC Professional Chapter, Society of Professional Journalists, and the "Presidential Award" for 2002 of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. He was named a "Rising Star in Democratic Politics" by Campaigns & Elections magazine in 1988. He was founder and first president, in 1977, of the Assn. of House Democratic Press Assistants.

Michael has served as a guest lecturer on media and politics, in both the U.S. and other countries, for the U.S. Dept. of State. He is a former adjunct lecturer at The George Washington Univ., where he taught (1998 to 2002) "Journalism 100: Theory and Practice." Born in Mt. Vernon, Illinois on June 9, 1947, he has a B.S. in journalism from the University of Illinois (1969.) He lives on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC.

The Vice Chancellor's Public Lecture Series is a public forum, discussing a wide range of issues by the academia, invited guests, and members of the community. Topics of discussion are based on Politics, Governance and Security, Economics, Environment, Population and Health, Developmental issues, Education, Science and Technology, and Arts and Culture

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## City has largest port in country



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The Visakhapatnam Port, the largest in the country, was the ideal gateway contributing to the development of petroleum, steel and fertilizer industries. The Visakhapatnam Steel Plant and the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. were the two multi-billion dollar investments which put Vizag on the country's industrial map. The city also has two N.T.P.C. power plants to satisfy the huge power needs of the industries. Visakhapatnam also houses the headquarters of the Dredging corporation of India.

The city also owes its economic growth to the availability of an educated English-speaking workforce. English is the first language in many places of higher education in the city.

**PICTORIAL**  
**AROUND THE CAMPUS...**



**HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STUDENTS**



**FEAST FOR ADDUP WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS**



**DISCUSSING PONG UPDATE**



**ACTION FROM INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY**



**DANCING AT INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY**

## NEWS

# Study looks into barriers affecting work performance

By LUTHER SCAT LAMANG,  
Journalism Student

DATA collected from a psychological survey in the country on work motivation and poverty reduction was revealed to relevant stakeholders early this month through a joint presentation.

Professor Stuart Carr of Massey University, New Zealand, who heads the ADDUP Project together with Leo Marai, PNG Coordinator and Psychology Lecturer jointly made the presentation on the survey called "Are Development Discrepancies Undermining Performance (ADDUP)?"

The PNG survey component was carried out by Mr Marai. The research is a three-year project which started in 2007 and will end in 2010.

Mr Marai said the project is one of the first major ones undertaken internationally for studies in psychological analysis on development resonating on job factors such as justice, fairness, motivation and de-motivation at workplace mainly attached with pay discrepancies in the overall theme of poverty reduction.



**Survey coordinators Prof. Carr and Mr Marai in discussion with PNGTUC general secretary John Paska and Lecturer Dr. Laufa.**

"Many times development is focused on the measure of material things such as scarcity of food, shelter, money, etc in the economic domain leading to policy formulation based on this formula, which in no way has had a greater impact on poverty reduction. Hence, poverty is still on the rise," Mr Marai said.

He said this study however, argues that the psychological aspects of workers in development work that underpins motivation in terms of performance has not been

explored.

"The central focus is on the human resources that actually deliver services to those who are poor, whether directly or indirectly and is built on the argument that psychological effects surrounding these workers serve as barriers to effective delivery of services in poverty reduction work."

"We are now focusing on the interplay between pay diversity that exist between workers doing the same work, especially between expatriates and locals in development work and the motivational

effects it has on these workers," he said.

Professor Carr and Mr Marai mentioned that the workshop is the start of the process for poverty reduction work and data presented belonged to the stake holders where they must decide what to do with it.

"We are just facilitating the process for the benefit of everyone involved in the survey having interest in poverty reduction work," he said.

The survey is funded jointly by the International Ministry for International Development (DFID) and Economic Social Research Council (ESRC) of United Kingdom and is conducted in six countries - Solomon Islands, Malawi, Uganda, China and India and PNG.

Deputy Speaker and Member for Talasea Francis Marus, and General secretary of the PNG Trade Union Congress John Paska were two of the participants. Others came from Investment Promotion Authority, BSP, Education, National Planning, UPNG and World Bank.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**WHAT IS SWINE FLU?** Despite the name ("swine influenza"), this is a disease that is spread from person to person, like regular flu.

**WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?** The infection causes a flu-like severe respiratory disease, with sudden onset of high fever, plus a cough or sore throat. The symptoms can vary from mild to very severe. Other symptoms may include sneezing, body aches, and tiredness. In some cases in Mexico, nausea and vomiting was also reported. In severe cases, swine flu may lead to difficulty breathing and even death. Most severe illness and deaths have been reported from Mexico; in other countries the illness has generally been mild.

**HOW IS THE DISEASE SPREAD?** Like most respiratory infections, swine influenza is spread from person to person only through close contact: e.g. touching, shaking hands, or kissing. It can also be spread by a sick person through coughing, sneezing, or talking, but only at close distance (< 2 meters).

**HOW CAN THE DISEASE BE TREATED?** There are medicines that can help fight this

infection, but they only work if given quickly and are only available from a doctor, so you must seek care RIGHT AWAY.

**IS THERE A VACCINE FOR THIS DISEASE?** Not yet. Authorities are working to develop a vaccine but it will likely take several months before a vaccine is available.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS:**

- Wash your hands frequently with soap
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze
- Wear a mask if you are sick, and wear it in crowded places if you are in an affected area
- Avoid close contact with sick people (standing closer than 6 feet, touching, kissing, hugging)
- Visit a health practitioner immediately if you think you may have swine flu, i.e. if you develop flu symptoms within 7 days after visiting an affected area. Make sure to tell them about your travel history
- Stay home if you feel ill (except to get medical attention)

**IS IT SAFE TO EAT PORK?** Yes. This disease is spread from person to person. It is not spread by pork meat. Pork that is handled properly and cooked thoroughly is safe to eat.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The World Health Organization is coordinating the global response to the swine influenza A (H1N1) outbreak and is monitoring the corresponding threat of an influenza pandemic.

The Pacific Regional Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Project (PRIPPP) has been designed to build the capacity of PICTs to deal with the potential threat of emerging infectious diseases, in particular avian influenza and pandemic influenza. Swine influenza is one such threat. The project is implemented by SPC in collaboration with WHO, the World Animal Health Organisation (OIE) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), and with financial assistance from AusAID and NZAID. It covers 22 Pacific Island countries and territories. PRIPPP is completed by a project funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on strengthening influenza surveillance in PICTs.

**PUBLIC NOTICES****SMHS RESEARCH WORKSHOP**

The first SMHS research workshop on "Designing and Conducting Research" has been scheduled as follows:

Date: Thursday 4th June 2009 and Friday 5th June 2009

Venue: School of Medicine and Health Sciences

All staff members in the SMHS are invited to attend this workshop. Final year students doing research projects and Staff members from other Schools in the UPNG are invited to attend.

To ensure effective planning of the workshop, members are hereby requested to pre-register by filling in the information requested below. All others who wish to attend should also pre-register.

Certificate of participation will be awarded to all those that attend participate in the two days' research workshop.

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**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM:** (Please submit before close of business on Wednesday 27th May 2009)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Discipline / Strand: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please put a tick as appropriate:

I will attend the Thursday and Friday sessions:

I will attend the Thursday session only:

I will attend the Friday session only:

PLEASE SUBMIT THE COMPLETED PRE-REGISTRATION FORM TO THE SECRETARY IN THE DIVISION OF BASIC MEDICAL SCIENCES, SMHS, UPNG OR SEND IT BY EMAIL TO: templevj@upng.ac.pg

**VJ TEMPLE**

**WELFARE WORKER**

The Leditami Foundation is a not-for-profit Papua New Guinean organisation which has been in operation for one year.

The organisation is in search of a Welfare worker.

The program aims at:

- Empowering the vulnerable with life skills;
- Encouraging self-sufficiency; and
- Enabling independence.

The welfare worker will undertake training to counsel and advise victims of domestic violence of their legal rights.

If you know a female with welfare background or a mature female with good communication skills, please contact:

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**SECURITY ALERT**

UPNG staff shopping at Rainbow Stop N Shop who take security of the enclosed face for granted are advised to take extra precaution.

I was held up by a man armed with a pistol in front of the Stop N Shop just as I was getting into my car at about 10.15 a.m. Monday 18/5, having purchased a Rait Prepaid card for my phone. I refused to hand the keys over and ended up wrestling the man instead. My bravery did not help when I noticed that the security personnel were too slow to react to the public commotion to shut the gate. The lone personnel at the gate was also held up as he moved to shut the gate. I surrendered the keys fearing for the possible loss of lives including mine and the criminals drove out of the gate slowly.

The security gave chase few minutes later after the gang had got away.

The vehicle was abandoned few metres before the Gerehu roundabout due to a Police road block.

While I suffered minor injuries and the vehicle is back in my possession again, the shock and the accompanying trauma of actually having a pistol pointed at me has been disturbing my peace of mind since the incident.

Whether driving or walking, just take extra precaution.

**ALFRED VAHAU**

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**CALL FOR PAPERS****INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:**

The University of Papua New Guinea School of Business Administration jointly with GITAM Institute of Management (GITAM University) and SK Institute of Management (Sri Krishnadevaraya University)

Proudly an initiative of the School of Business Administration.

Staff are encourage to consider presenting papers at this conference.

Additional information can be obtained from Professor Subba Rao, Professor of Business Administration on phone extension 590 or email Pulapa.Rao@upng.ac.pg or from the following url:

<http://www.allconferences.com/conferences/2009/20090423225802/>

**PROF A.MELLAM**

Executive Dean, SBA

**SPONSOR A MANGROVE**

The PNG Eco-Forestry Forum and its members are launching a massive mangrove planting exercise with a target of 10,000 to be planted by June 5 to commemorate World Environment Day.

Be part of this campaign by sponsoring a mangrove for K2. Proceeds from this event will go towards the Motupore Island Research Centre's mangrove rehabilitation project.

Call the PNGEFF for more information on ph: 323 9050 or Thomas Manuawie (MIRC) on ph: .723 69823.

**FIXED ASSETS ACQUISITION PROCESS**

This is a reminder to the general staff and especially the Secretaries of the process when raising a requisition to order goods. Please comply with the following:

1. The Users of the Asset **MUST** be identified.

Reason: An asset must be allocated to a user and during the physical checks, we will trace the assets direct to the Users.

2. The Location must be identified.

Reason: Assets **MUST** be in a physical location for verification purposes.

**The Asset Management Process:**

Fixed assets are managed through an asset management process. The process in summary:

1. Order Requisition raised by Cost Centers  
2. Requisitions sent to Purchasing Division to obtain quotations from suppliers

3. Orders comes to Asset Management for verification of Users/Updating. If staff already has the requested asset than orders will be rejected. [NOTE! This is the area where Fixed Asset Management will need to confirm with users that we are not issuing assets as duplicates etc.] and finally,

4. Verified Orders will be sent to Bursar/Deputy Bursars for approval and payments.

Orders/Requisitions without users being identified will be sent back to the Cost Centers to identify the Users. To speed up the process of acquisition, please comply to these requirements.

**Asset Replacement:**

For new issue of assets, they must be clearly identified as New Issues. And new issues shall be obviously for new staff and that must be clearly communicated to Asset Management. For replacement of assets, the Old Assets **MUST** be returned to Asset Management Unit for proper condemnation. Once the old assets are returned, than the new order will be released.

University continue to purchase asset while not properly accounted for over a long time. This is part of the Asset Management Unit's plans to improve Fixed Assets Management. Its a mammoth task and we need everyone's understanding and cooperation that University and State assets are managed effectively.

Should you require further information with regard to Asset Management, please contact the following:

1. Mr. Danny Mora - Ext.146
2. Mr. Paul Muingnepe - Ext.151
3. Mr. Walter Korukanjin - Ext.151

We will be more than happy to talk to you.

**PAUL MUINGNEPE**

Fixed Assets Management Unit

**NEWS****Getting to know more about the workforce****By KAIRU LAHO**

DO you have the qualities an employer seeks? Do you know your career path? These are questions students are faced with as they near the end of any undergraduate program.

Come June 3 at the Waigani Campus, students will have the opportunity to meet with the workforce, be they in the corporate, private or government sector.

The University through its internship program is staging a Career Fair giving opportunity to the workforce to meet students and identify promising students for recruitment and for students to familiarise with the workforce and find out employment opportunities available to them.

The internship program is under the directorship of UPNG Fellow for Student Internship Ted Dieffenbacher.

Since coming on the program, he has been assessing the existing internship programs for effectiveness from the student and host organizations' perspective and from the Professor and the academic programs in which they work.

Mr Dieffenbacher is also encouraging schools and strands that do not have formal internship programs to consider developing one.

He has been conducting workshops and working directly with students on resume and CV writing, interviewing skills and job hunting strategies - qualities which are essential in the search for employment.

Mr Dieffenbacher has been running a very successful

'speaker series' to educate students to be career aware weekly on Wednesdays.

Each series has a theme and so far career talks have been given from NGO's and Foundations, Media and the Arts, Insurance, public sector, international organisations, corporate entities and multi-national organisations.

Students have been exposed to the likes of Ian Rosen, Managing Director of

UNHCR; Paul Fruh, Head of Mission for the International Committee of the Red Cross; and Freddy Austli, Assistant Resident Representative of UNDP.

The NGOs who play a significant role in social and developmental issues of the country have had their say with Fredah Talao, Chairperson of ICRAF; Nayer Kaviani, Country Director of Family Health International;

available in the workforce and helps students to be more decisive in choosing their career paths.

Through the Career Fair to be staged in the corridors of the Sciences building, UPNG hopes to strengthen its partnership with the workforce in the training and professional formation of the next generation of the country's workforce.

The Career Fair will be

**Are you equipped with the essential qualities needed to job search?**

Mobil Oil New Guinea and Mikael Ruben, General Manager of AkzoNobel PNG, both representing multi-national organisations.

They've heard from Richard Kassman, General Manager of Inspac, on strategies for success in the job market, especially in the insurance industry.

A career in an international organisation is a possibility and students have been given insights by Walpurga Englbrecht, representing

and Salmah Eva-Lina Lawrence, founder and president of Leditami Foundation.

The internship program besides its core focus equips the student with sound knowledge of various career opportunities that are

staged from 9am to 12pm.

If you are in the workforce and would like to be part of this program, contact Mr Dieffenbacher on: Tel. 326 7627 or 7176 7895 or on Fax 326 0230 or email: Ted.Dieffenbacher@upng.ac.pg

**Students appeal for public support****From page 1**

"We need technical support and advise in terms of schematic designs for the project, the cost analysis and of course funding," Mr Pendene said.

He said the students have made their intentions known to stakeholders such as the Catholic Bishops Conference, and the Archdiocese of Port Moresby and a number of individuals.

They recently met with the Pro Vice Chancellor (Academic and Student Affairs) Professor Alan Easton who advised them to have proper documentation ready to be presented before the University Council at its July meeting.

Mr Pendene said the students' priority now is to go on an awareness drive to solicit public support for the project which they anticipate will take ten years to complete.

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH PROJECT, YOUR ACHIEVEMENT, AN UPCOMING EVENT, ANNOUNCEMENT, ETC. CALL US AT PUBLIC RELATIONS & MARKETING ON EXT. (3267) 257 OR (3267) 182 OR VIA EMAIL: PR&M@upng.ac.pg**