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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Democracy camp aims to empower young people

Port Moresby, 5 September 2018 - Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) is set to host its 11th Mike Manning Youth Democracy Camp from the 13th - 23rd of September 2018.

Sixty young people from schools, churches and communities nationwide will be attending the camp at Bomana, Port Moresby.

The annual Mike Manning Youth Democracy Camp was inceptioned in 2007. The event takes participants through simulations, presentations and hands-on activities on how to conduct fair elections, draft, debate and pass laws and learn more about the role of the media and other principles of democracy.

TIPNG Youth Integrity Program (YIP) Coordinator Elizabeth Aribi said that it is TIPNG's goal to raise a generation of well-informed young Papua New Guineans through the Mike Manning Youth Democracy Camp.

“The theme for this year's camp is *'I am empowered and ready to take action'*. We hope to inform, educate, inspire and empower the young participants to realize their roles and responsibilities in creating a better country,” said Ms Aribi.

TIPNG is grateful for the support from Exxon Mobil PNG Ltd and the US Embassy of Port Moresby. .

The camp is named after the late Michael (Mike) Manning, OBE (1943-2008), a former chairman of TI PNG who was an Anti-Corruption activist and Economist.

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What is TIPNG?

TIPNG is a member of Transparency International a global anti corruption movement committed to fighting corruption. TIPNG is an independent organization in PNG known as a Chapter of the international movement. The PNG chapter advocates against corruption and promotes transparency, good governance, honesty and accountability both in private and public sector dealings. TIPNG tries to assist strengthen the integrity systems of our country such as the police, the parliament, the public services and the judiciary.