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### *TIPNG strengthening relationships in the Pacific*

Port Moresby, 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 –Transparency International PNG (TIPNG) is hosting a staff of TI Vanuatu who is in Port Moresby for a two week visit.

Mr Douglas Tamara, an advocacy officer of TI Vanuatu is visiting TI in Port Moresby to participate in various facilitated meetings, including the Mike Manning Youth Democracy Camp (MMYDC).

“I have learned a lot from the youth camp and seen first-hand why it is important for youths to participate in camps such as the MMYDC. In Vanuatu, youths are very shy to express themselves, but here in PNG I’ve seen that secondary school students are eager to learn new things and express themselves”, said Mr Tamara.

The purpose of this visit is to strengthen ties between the PNG and Vanuatu Chapters of Transparency International through sharing of ideas and learning from each other’s experience to aid in capacity building. One of the main reasons for Mr Tamara attending the MMYDC is so that he can return home to Vanuatu and replicate the camp and its concepts.

“I have also learned so much on how to organize such an event as the camp and found out that a lot of credit for its success over the years goes to the network and relationship that TIPNG has with other organizations in both the government and private sectors”, added Mr Tamara.

During his visit Mr Tamara had the opportunity to visit parliament with the MMYDC campers, attend a civic education teachers training and participate in amongst other activities.

Apart from TI PNG and TI Vanuatu, TI has chapters or offices in Solomon Islands, Australia and New Zealand.

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*Caption pix: Douglas Tamara of TI Vanuatu(center) with campers Lordan Titley of the Lae International School (Left) and Joshua Waine of Seigu High School Goroka (right) at the Parliament house during a camp session and tour of the PNG Parliament House.*

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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.