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TIPNG Internship for Law Students Resumes

Port Moresby, 10th November 2018 - Transparency International Papua New Guinea (TIPNG) is giving three Law students from the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) the opportunity to gain valuable work experience through its Legal Internship Programme (LIP).

Final year students Hezron Wangi Jr and Salome Bamler, and third year student Eroni Lili will be working in the areas of Policy Research and Legal Advocacy, through the Advocacy and Legal Advice Center (ALAC). They began their 13 week internship this week and will continue until February next year.

The LIP aims to give the students a broader understanding of issues of national concern through conducting interviews for witnesses and victims of corruption and giving them legal advice, doing media briefs and participating in TIPNG community outreach programs. The internship also equips the students with the knowledge and tools to fight corruption and contributes positively to their career development.

The three interns will be assisting citizens who report cases of corruption to TIPNG's free legal service the (ALAC). The ALAC is confidential and accessible by calling the toll-free hotline 180 6000 or walking in to the TIPNG Office at Lokua Avenue, Boroko.

"This partnership between TIPNG and the UPNG School of Law is beneficial for both organisations and will broaden the understanding of students on issues of access to Justice encountered by ordinary Papua New Guineans taking the courageous decision to oppose corruption", said Chairman of TIPNG Lawrence Stephens.

"The LIP has been a success with previous interns contributing to key advocacy decisions by TIPNG, and guiding corruption complainants on avenues to report corruption and stop impunity in our country" Mr. Stephens stated.

This is the second batch of interns to go through the TIPNG LIP. The first internship lasted for eight weeks, and the success of the programme has led to it being increased to 13 weeks for the second intake. In addition to assisting victims and witnesses of corruption, the interns will also be providing research in key policy areas of governance.

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Picture Caption: left to right- Hezron Wangi Jr, Salome Bamler, TIPNG Executive Director Arienne Kassman and Eroni Lili.

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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.