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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TIPNG Hosts Democracy Camp for Bougainville Youth

Monday, December 16, 2019, Port Moresby – As Bougainville begins a new chapter of peace post-referendum, Transparency International Papua New Guinea (TIPNG) has brought together 45 youths from across the autonomous region for the first-ever Bougainville Youth Democracy Camp (BYDC).

The 7-day event was facilitated in partnership with the Bougainville Youth Federation (BYF), which requested TIPNG to modify its national flagship youth-event, the Mike Manning Youth Democracy Camp (MMYDC), to meet the needs of the young Bougainvilleans.

“Through the Bougainville Youth Democracy Camp, participants will learn about the basic principles behind democracy and good governance. They were put through simulations where they carried out governance through doing things such as passing laws and conducting elections. They also learnt many advocacy skills and met and interacted with prominent leaders,” said TIPNG Deputy Director (Communications) Yvonne Ngutlick.

“The Camp provided hands-on activities, capacity and skill building exercises, simulations and inspirational guest speakers to give participants a wide range of learning experiences. The BYDC covered topics on types of government, law-making process, integrity institutions, what is corruption, the proper role of a member of parliament, role of the opposition and speaker, local and provincial government, district support grants, elections integrity and forestry governance.” she said.

“These are all important areas to which the Young Leaders that have attended the BYDC can assist with to ensure the future development of Bougainville for all Bougainvilleans,” Ms. Ngutlick added.

The objectives of the program are that the participants are able to:

- Effectively participate in activities supporting integrity institutions
- Explain and teach others about how governments should work
- Better understand how the commercial sector works in a strong rule of law environment
- Use and teach others the skill of advocacy as it relates to democracy and good governance in both rural and urban environments so as to press for change
- Demonstrate leadership and effective self-management skills

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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.