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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CORPORATES HONOURED FOR COMMITMENT TO FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IN PNG

Thursday, February 06, 2020, Port Moresby - As the PNG chapter of Transparency International Incorporated (TIPNG) celebrated their twenty-third anniversary last week, the anti-corruption agency has now honoured four local companies who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to TIPNG and the fight against corruption in PNG.

Founding members of the TIPNG board, Richard Kassman and Dame Meg Taylor were on hand at the short ceremony last Thursday, in an event which was co-hosted by TIPNG and NASFUND PNG Limited, to commemorate over two decades of the anti-corruption movement in PNG.

The awardees on the night were Johnston's Pharmacy, Kenmore Limited, ExxonMobil PNG, and, the Bank of PNG who were honoured in two categories for, dedicated commitment and exceptional contribution respectively.

In her remarks during the presentation of the awards, TIPNG Executive Director Arianne Kassman congratulated Johnston's Pharmacy and the Kenmore Group for over thirteen consecutive years of dedicated financial support to the work of TIPNG.

Ms Kassman also congratulated recipients of the exceptional contribution award, Bank of PNG which has contributed over K139,000 to TIPNG programs since 2007 and ExxonMobil PNG Limited whose contributions have amounted to over K106,000 over the past decade. ExxonMobil PNG's contribution towards the annual Mike Manning Youth Democracy Camp, which has become a trademark project of TIPNG for over a decade.

Lady Mina Siaguru, spouse of the founding Chairman of TIPNG, late Sir Anthony Siaguru, was also present during the ceremony last week which gave corporate supporters of the anti-corruption organisation the opportunity to learn more about TIPNG and their work.

Now positioning themselves to take on the challenges of the new year 2020, TIPNG is looking to build on a number of ongoing and new initiatives, including their flagship Mike Manning Youth Democracy Camp, the Open Government Program, the Promoting Anti-Corruption and Integrity Strategies (PAIS) program and the push to have civic education materials included in the national curriculum to name a few.

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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.