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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Law Students Successfully Complete TIPNG Internship

Tuesday 11th February 2020, Port Moresby – Three students from the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) School of Law have completed their eight-week internship with local anti-corruption organisation, Transparency International Papua New Guinea (TIPNG), on Monday 10th February, 2020.

The interns; Alois Sinen, Rhonda Tevlone and Melvia Lyandenge, began their internship on 2nd December, 2019 within TIPNG's Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre (ALAC), which provides information to assist witnesses & victims of corruption in PNG.

"Since 2017, there have been 2 cohorts of interns. The 2019-2020 TIPNG Interns are the third cohort to have completed the program. We are proud to have these budding legal professionals gain experience of TIPNG's activities and programs which empower citizens to address corruption," said Mr Samson Kandata, coordinator of the TIPNG Legal Internship Program (LIP).

"The 2-month internship involved attending to complainants through phone calls and face-to-face meetings with clients. TIPNG is a non-government organisation so does not investigate, arrest or prosecute perpetrators of corruption. The LIP Interns while with TIPNG compiled case briefs and followed up referral of cases with responsible agencies on behalf of complainants."

In addition to their duties under ALAC, the Interns also contributed to research & policy work on outstanding national cases of corruption and assisted with advocacy & outreach events by TIPNG. Meeting with TIPNG stakeholders and partners in the Public & Private Sectors was also a part of the LIP. The Legal Internship, now in its 3rd year, is an arrangement between the UPNG Law School and TIPNG, with funding support from ExxonMobilPNG (EMPNG).

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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.