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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TIPNG Signs 5-year MoU with UPNG for Legal Interns

Monday 12th October 2020, Port Moresby – Sharing of resources between partners is a vital strategy in the fight against corruption as stated by Transparency International Papua New Guinea (TIPNG) at the signing of a 5-year Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) School of Law on Monday 12th October in Port Moresby.

The MoU between the two organisations will enable the continuation of TIPNG’s annual Legal Internship Program (LIP) which started in 2018 and is now currently recruiting its 4th batch of students from the UPNG School of Law to be interns at TIPNG under the Anti-Corruption Help Desk (AnCoHD) Program.

“TIPNG has been fortunate over the last 3 years to have 11 students from the UPNG School of Law learn on the job with us as we seek to empower Papua New Guineans to take action against corruption,” said TIPNG Chief Executive Officer Arianne Kassman.

“This partnership enables Law Students at UPNG to receive workplace experience with the country’s leading anti-corruption CSO and offers those few that are selected the unique opportunity to apply their legal skills to ensure justice for victims and witnesses of corruption in PNG.”

TIPNG’s AnCoHD Program offers free legal advice to Papua New Guineans that wish to report cases of corruption, specifically where a person in a position of authority, abuses their position for personal gain. The AnCoHD has a **toll-free number 180 6000** that can be called from Digicel, Bmobile & Telikom all across the country by those who want assistance with an issue of corruption. The LIP interns will also assist with TIPNG’s other Policy, Advocacy, Communications, Events and Administrative duties.

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IMG_3109 – CEO of TIPNG, Ms Arianne Kassman (Center) signing the MoU as Acting Dean of the UPNG Law Faculty, Professor John Luluaki (left) and Mr Samson Kandata (right) of TIPNG look on.

IMG_3129 – CEO of TIPNG, Ms Arianne Kassman and Acting Dean of the UPNG Law Faculty, Professor John Luluaki with the signed MoU.

IMG_3135 – (From left to right) Members of UPNG Staff, Stephen Pokawin, Canute Nidue and Dr Luluaki and Officers from TIPNG – Mr Samson Kandata, Ms Arianne Kassman and former Legal intern Rhonda Tevlone.

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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.