



KGF workers from PNG meet Treasurer Ling-Stuckey, dressed to inspect the modern meat processing plant with Mobilization & Community Engagement Director-Mathew Robinson yesterday.280823

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## TREASURER INSPECTS KILCOY GLOBAL FOODS (KGF) IN QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA.

Improved worker preparation for employment within the meat processing industry in Australia will generate increased demand, as well as provide higher wages, for PNG workers in Australia.

The announcement was made after a visit to the Kilcoy Global Foods modern meat pro-

cessing operations outside of Brisbane in Australia yesterday, who earlier this year, mobilized 41 workers from PNG under the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) scheme.

"The PNG Labour Mobility Unit (LMU), are keen to introduce the appropriate curriculum adopted in Australia for PNG, for the accreditation of our meat workers wishing to work in Australia, to give them the very best opportunity to both, gaining employment and maximizing their wages." said Treasurer Ian Ling-Stuckey.

He said in this regard, he would seek an audience with the relevant oversight Minister from both the Australian and Queensland Governments, to determine how this can best be achieved

including meeting with the Australian meat processors corporation who are R&D specialists for the industry including training.

"I was pleased to have met several workers from NCD, Central, Manus and Chimbu provinces, who whilst expressing that working in such clean and modern facilities was hard work, it was never the less, a privileged opportunity to gain employment and experience to further their careers and work opportunities."

All 41 workers, who are nearing their 5-6 months on site, have signed long term contracts of three (3) years and are employed as meat processors under entry level one (1) job classification. The job duties include cleaning, grinding, packaging meat all the way to sorting meat and labeling packages.

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2022 NGE nomination day in Kavieng witnessed the largest public gathering in New Ireland history, supporting Pangu Pati candidate Ian Ling-Stuckey in a landslide victory.230522

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#### **LOSING CANDIDATES MUST RESPECT THE MANDATE OF THE PEOPLE.**

Candidates who lose in a general election and fail to receive the mandate of the people, should recontest the NGE in 2027, instead of abusing the court of disputed returns provisions.

This was the announcement by the Minister for Treasury and Member for Kavieng, after the Supreme Court of Papua New Guinea dismissed Glen Kiso's foolish and farcical application for leave to review Judge Manahu's ruling that originally dismissed Kiso's application.

" Its all over for Kiso and those faceless losing

candidates that colluded to fund Kiso's Court costs" said the Kavieng MP.

He said Kiso would now have to reimburse his court costs which may be over K450,000, failing which, Kiso would be declared bankrupt.

The Kavieng MP said his legal team were also exploring appropriate civil actions, that can be taken against Kiso for defamatory, fabricating false allegations and malicious intent against him.

" The NGE 2022 was a free and fair election in New Ireland and especially, in peaceful Kavieng electorate. The Pangu Pati platform was comprehensively supported by the majority of the Kavieng voters resulting in 50.1% of all votes cast for myself and winning on just the primary or No.1 vote only" said the Kavieng MP.

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Treasurer Ling-Stuckey meets USTDA Director, Enoch Ebong and Regional Director Indo Pacific, Verinda Fike, in Washington DC, on wednesday.260923

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The United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) has announced plans last year to expand its work in the Pacific region, with a particular focus on Papua New Guinea, and on "the development of sustainable, resilient, and high-quality infrastructure", as highlighted by USTDA Director Enoch T. Ebong at the time.

The USTDA restarted its assistance to Papua New Guinea in 2020, in a move that was welcomed by the Marape Government, which has been seeking to expand project investment in the country.

"USTDA provides an invaluable opportunity for us to bring in new sources of grant investment into the country, expanding the Marape-Rosso Government's efforts to build up key infrastructure in a sustainable, affordable way", said Treasurer Ling-Stuckey.

The USTDA has funded assistance to develop

specifications for deploying a smart metering system and communications network components, which will lead to improved service and reduced electricity losses.

USTDA's grant also supports the Papua New Guinea Electrification Partnership with Australia, Japan, New Zealand and the United States, to achieve enhanced connectivity and connect 70 percent of the country's population to electricity by 2030.

"The meeting yesterday with USTDA is the first in what will be an ongoing engagement. USTDA provides grant funding for feasibility studies for vital infrastructure, building up both our country and our relationship with the United States. We will be working to develop a pipeline of key projects that can be considered

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Treasurer Ian Ling-Stuckey meets with MCC CEO, Alison Allbright. She is also the daughter of the late Madeleine Allbright, former US Secretary of State, who visited Port Moresby in 1998, on a brief stopover and held a bilateral meeting at Jacksons airport, where I and several Ministers of state had the privilege of meeting her.260923

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#### **LINKING REFORMS TO PRODUCTIVE ECONOMIC GRANTS.**

“The Millenium Challenge Corporation (MCC) can provide PNG with hundreds of millions of US dollars in grants (over a billion Kina), but only after going through a stringent pre-qualification process.

I was pleased to meet with the head of the MCC, Alison Allbright, during my recent visit to Washington.

There was then a follow-up meeting with members of her team including Managing Director Daniel Blarney, on the details of accessing the program. This is all part of the innovative Marape-Rosso Targeted Grants Strategy (TGS), where we are seeking to move from loans to more and more grants to support PNG's own economic reform program" stated Treasurer Ian Ling-Stuckey.

"The MCC pre-qualification process is a demanding one. Currently, PNG is a long way from qualifying. It will take several years to improve on enough indicators to get access to the potentially large grants available. If we do qualify for a "compact" program, there will be a PNG committee formed to administer the grants under MCC guidelines. Projects will be based on an assessment of how best to support PNG's economic growth. Any funded projects must go through a

rigorous cost-benefit analysis. Competitive international procurement will be required. All tough, but all elements of good governance.

"While it may be several years away, it is important to fully understand the options and begin the journey now. Development is a long and hard process for better jobs and incomes. Partners such as MCC could assist. PNG also wants to move more towards grants and away from loans. This is especially the case as we start repaying our debt from 2027 when our budget is planned to return to a budget surplus" stated the Treasurer.

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