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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
Celebrating Papua New Guinea
50th Independence
1975 - 2025



(Picture: Secretary Oaeko unveiling the Department of Treasury's 50th Anniversary Commemorative banner)

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TRANSITION TO BUDGET PROPER: REVENUE WING HOSTS WORKSHOP ON NON-TAX REVENUE REFORM

The Revenue Wing under its Non Tax Revenue Agencies Secretariat hosted a high level stakeholder workshop at the APEC Haus on the 19th May 2025 to communicate to the Non-Tax Revenue (NTR) Agencies on the Government's 2025 Budget announcement to cease the current interim arrangement by 31st December 2025 and bring all the agencies into the budget proper in 2026.

This means 100.0 per cent of the non-tax revenue collected by the NTR Agencies will be swept into the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF) from 01st January 2026 and onwards.

Any form of expenditure by the NTR Agencies will be appropriated in the annual budget and warranted as per Section 29 of Public Finance Management Act 1995 before any money is expended.

Secretary Andrew Oaeke opened the implementation of Non Tax Revenue Workshop at the APEC haus. In His opening remarks Secretary Oaeke said, "It gives me great pleasure to give the welcome and opening remarks on this workshop regarding the implementation of the Non-Tax Revenue Administration Act 2022."



Picture: Secretary Oaeke Opens Implementation of Non Tax Revenue Workshop

He further added, "It is both an honour and a privilege to have you here with us today. I would like to take this moment to sincerely thank you for taking the time to join us in this workshop. Government's core responsibility is to improve the quality of life for its current generation and plan to deliver a better, safer and secure future for generations thereafter:

The people need better health services, quality education and improved infrastructure to have a better living standard. However, the Government's capacity to deliver more for its citizens is constrained by a limited and insufficient internal revenue base.

To adequately meet the growing needs of our population, the Government requires a significantly higher level of internal revenue. Hence, the Government introduced the Non-Tax Revenue Administration Act as part of the 2023 Budget to broaden its revenue base rather than depending too much on tax revenue.

The Interim Revenue Sharing Arrangement mechanism as per the Non-Tax Revenue Administration Act 2022 has been in operation for three years now. We acknowledge and appreciate those agencies that have complied with the Act and contributed a fair share of non-tax

revenue to support the national budget.

As part of the 2025 Budget, the Government announced that the interim arrangement will cease to operate by 31st December 2025. This means 100 per cent of the non-tax revenue collected by the statutory and public bodies will be remitted into the Consolidated Revenue Fund from 01st January 2026 and onwards.

To conclude, the journey towards better public finance management is continuous. The step we are now about to take is an essential one. By consolidating our revenue systems and eliminating parallel structures, we reinforce our commitment to transparency, efficiency, and responsible governance. Essentially, the Government needs a significantly higher level of internal revenue, to meet the growing needs of our population.

I wish you all a productive workshop outcome during this main workshop and one-on-one agency consultations starting tomorrow. Thank you, once again, for your presence and your cooperation.



Picture: A presentation during the workshop

SOMARE INSTITUTE OF LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE (SILAG) & DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY (DOT) STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MEETING



Picture: Acting HR Manager Emily Gonapa (left); Acting Assistant Secretary Organizational Strategy Branch Wendy Tom with the team.

The Somare Institute of Leadership and Governance (SILAG) and the Department of Treasury (DoT) had a crucial stakeholder engagement meeting on Thursday 15th of May 2025.

The meeting, attended by key representatives from both organizations, discussed the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) or Training Implementation Agreement (TIA) on the Department of Treasury's Graduate Development Program (GDP) delivery scheduled for mid-year 2025.

This collaboration aims to enhance public service capacity and foster effective leadership through course design, delivery, technical and financial resource sharing, as well as other learning and development interventions that are to be undertaken by SILAG and DOT to promote good governance within the public service of this country.

DOT is the first government Department or organisation to have its graduates trained under the existing MoU which was signed with SILAG in January 2025, as part of its Graduate Development Program (GDP) which is an important step towards bringing in those enthusiastic young graduates to be part of the Team Treasury, thus contribute to the Vision and Mission of DOT.

The intention of the GDP is to transition graduates into proficient public servants in DoT and become future leaders of the organization immediately after the 2-years GDP program ends.

On the GDP specifically, DoT since its inception, has been recruiting graduates directly from the universities to beef up its manpower and capacity.

The last GDP implemented was in 2016, with the recruitment of 28 graduates, 80% of whom are currently serving the Department.

The Department has encountered challenges when implementing its previous GDPs. Challenges in terms of transferring of DOT specific skills and knowledge and transitioning the graduates into the Department as permanent officers of DoT in a timely manner.

Based on the thorough assessments of past GDP, the MOU/MOA with SILAG will assist to address the challenges.

The Department of Treasury will work in collaboration with SILAG in implementing its GDP 2025, as well as utilizing its services for capacity building, career and succession plans into the future.



Picture: Team DoT & SILAG representatives.

SENIOR PNG DELEGATION VISITS AUSTRALIAN TREASURY

Senior economic officials from Papua New Guinea's (PNG) Treasury and Central Bank discussed a range of issues with Treasury during a recent visit.

The delegation met with the Australian Office of Financial Management along with Treasury's Macroeconomic Conditions and Population and Foreign Investment divisions to discuss debt management, the global outlook and foreign investment screening.

Treasury has close links to PNG and this was a valuable opportunity to exchange perspectives on the challenges and opportunities we face. Thanks to Treasury's posted officer in Port Moresby, Dougal Robinson, and the Pacific Unit who supported the delegation.



Photos: Top, Treasury officials at a welcome reception with the PNG delegation. Below: PNG delegation pictured with Treasury's posted officer Dougal Robinson.

TREASURY HOSTS NON TAX REVENUE (NTRA) ACT 2022 IMPLEMENTATION CONSULTATION MEETINGS



Picture: Acting Deputy Secretary Nancy Lelang and one of the attendee.

The NTRA Secretariat together with the Department of Treasury's Budgets Coordination & Analysis Division, conducted one-on-one consultation with all the twenty-three (23) NTR Agencies from 20th-27th May and 02nd June 2025. Also present during the consultation period to assist Department of Treasury were Non-Tax Revenue Division from the Department of Finance, Officers from the Department of National Planning and Monitoring and officers from the Office of State Solicitor. During the consultation, agencies were informed of the revised revenue-sharing ratio, in line with the recently signed determinations by the Treasurer. They

were also briefed on the budget process and the requirements for submitting budget bids for the 2026 Budget.

Additionally, agencies were given the opportunity to express their views on the revised revenue-sharing ratio and the Government's policy decision to end the Interim Revenue Sharing Arrangement by the end of 2025.

During the one-on-one consultation, two main agendas were discussed with each of the twenty-three (23) NTR Agencies.

First agenda was to inform the agencies of the revenue sharing ratios approved by the NTRA Committee and the Treasurer



Picture: Members of Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce during the Consultation meeting.

that will take effect in 2025.

The second agenda focused on transitioning the agencies into the normal budget process starting 2026.

THE IMPORTANCE OF NON-TAX REVENUE TO THE GOVERNMENT.

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SHIFT IN GOVERNMENT POLICY

The Government of Papua New Guinea is implementing a landmark fiscal reform by terminating the three-year **Interim Revenue Sharing Arrangement** and moving toward total revenue centralization. As established under the **Non-Tax Revenue Administration (NTRA) Act 2022**, the previous system allowed statutory and public bodies to retain portions of their earnings. However, effective **January 1, 2026**, this "parallel" financial structure will be eliminated. In its place, 100% of all non-tax revenue collected by state agencies must be remitted directly into the Consolidated Revenue Fund, effectively bringing every toea of public wealth under the direct oversight of the National Parliament.

This transition marks a return to the "budget proper" framework, where agency financial independence is replaced by strict centralized accountability. Under the new policy, agencies no longer have the authority to spend "at the source." Instead, all operational and capital requirements must be formally requested through annual budget bids and justified against the targets of the Medium-Term Development Plan IV (MTDP IV).

No expenditure will be permitted without a formal warrant issued under **Section 29 of the Public Finance Management Act 1995**, ensuring that every Kina is tracked, audited, and aligned with national priorities rather than individual agency preferences.

According to Treasury Secretary Andrew Oaeko, this consolidation is an essential step in PNG's Budget Repair Plan, aimed at achieving a balanced budget by 2027.

By broadening the internal revenue base and reducing the nation's reliance on volatile commodity taxes, the Government is creating the fiscal space needed to fund critical infrastructure and

social services. This strategic shift ensures that the benefits of national revenue are distributed equitably across the population, reinforcing the state's commitment to transparency, efficiency, and a secure future as the nation celebrates its 50th year of independence. By end of 2025, this shift in Government Policy was delayed to take effect on January 1st 2027.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA TARIFF REDUCTION PROGRAM REVIEW NEED FOR A STRUCTURED, EVIDENCE-BASED REASSESSMENT

Papua New Guinea stands at a critical juncture where trade and tariff policy must evolve to meet contemporary economic challenges and opportunities. The current global economic landscape, shifting trade patterns, and PNG's growing integration into regional and international markets demand a comprehensive review of existing tariff structures to ensure they remain fit for purpose. This was highlighted at the Department of Treasury's stakeholder's consultations review on the Tariff Reduction Program.

The Tariff Reduction Program (TRP), introduced in 1999, involved a timetabled program of tariff reductions over the years from 1999 to 2006. During this period tariff policy in Papua New Guinea essentially followed the framework set out in the TRP.

Although there were a small number of ad hoc deviations from the program, the last of the tariff changes scheduled under the TRP having been implemented in 2006.

The government clearly has decisions to make regarding the future direction of tariff policy and a review of the TRP became a conduit as part of the decision making

process.

The Department of Treasury then led this TRP program to see analysis that can best impact PNG's situation.

The main objective of the TRP Review is to:

- Assess costs and benefits of the TRP.
- Evaluate the impact of the TRP on Papua New Guinea's economy and provide forward-looking recommendations on its tariff policy.

Whilst other specific review/objective was to evaluate the impact of tariff changes on the private sector and analyse the benefits and costs of tariff changes on different stakeholders, it has to determine the impact of tariff changes supporting downstream processing and value addition.

This review will examine how external global trends influenced the economy, identify any unplanned consequences of the tariff cuts, and use these findings to suggest new trade reforms.

The week long Government Stakeholder consultation gauged important and vital views from stakeholders for the Department of Treasury's TRP review process.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION WORKSHOP – BACHELOR OF GOVERNMENT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION



Picture: Attendees of Consultation Workshop. DoT attendees; Theresa Solomon (seated, front-left), Robroy Chicki (standing 3rd far right) and Kotuwari Onofima (standing 4th far left).

The Department of Treasury through its Strategy and Corporate Services Wing joined SILAG on a one-day Stakeholder Consultation Workshop on Friday 30th May 2025, at the SILAG Waigani Campus.

The workshop was aimed at introducing its Public Service Degree Program – Bachelor of Government (Public Administration).

This significant event is a milestone for the Institute in its preparatory transition stage to Somare Public Service University as directed by the Medium-Term Development Plan (2023 – 2027).

As part of this transition, the Institute is developing its first-degree program in Public Administration and the Department of Treasury was invited as one its key stakeholders and partners.

The DoT participated in the development of this program; as a key organisation in gauging stakeholders' views on the training and educational needs of public servants for inclusion in the SILAG curriculum.

SILAG is currently developing the Bachelor of Government (Public Administration). This will be one of the two degree programs to be offered initially under Somare Public Service University come 2027. The Bachelor of Government (Public Finance) will be designed in the second half of this year, 2025.

PNG'S 50TH GOLDEN JUBILEE. (A SPECIAL PIECE) BY ROBROY CHICKI

A land of a thousand tribes, mountainous and rugged yet naturally designed and untouched, with refreshing waterfalls, flora and fauna, white sandy beaches and crystal clear waters, a land of different colours of people, diverse, yet one in unity. This is my land and yours. Together we have come thus far.

From the head of the Fly river to the middle and the mouth, long lived the Gogodala tribe and the famous barramundi fish in the South. Cutting across the Coral Sea, you see the "YU YET KAM NA LUKIM"....a place called Kerema, those mountain waters mixing with the salt water. A dusty route 600 way taking you through Mekeo Land into POM City Lights, a city where expectations and ambitions clash with each other....nevertheless....em city blo yumi.

the Musa river mouth and Oro Bay awaiting you....Oro! Oro....Welcome to the land of the Golden butterfly, a rich fertile land lying innocently under the quiet foot of the sleeping Mt. Lamington, this is Oro Province. The land that become part of World War 2 which still holds the toughest Kokoda Track where tourists frequent every year.



Picture: DoT's Trobriand Island dancers celebrating PNG's 50th anniversary.



Picture: DoT's Central Province dancers representing Southern region.

Taking a road trip along the new Port Moresby – Alotau highway, you pass through Rigo and Abau and into size 28 land, right through to the tip of your country's map or should we say Escape to Eastcape....That Wan How! The tip where oceans never meet the sky. Getting on a small boat you arrive in Dogura Plateau onto Rabaraba, past Wanigela and Tufi,

Looking for betelnut to Morobe Patrol Post and a dinghy takes you through the quiet waters of the night, all the way to Voco Point....Lae em asples blo yu.....a gateway to the hinterlands, our Highlands and Momase regions. Join Hausboi....hit the Markham Highway where the imperial indica (Kunai Grass) waves and smiles at you, shift the gear to a hundred and forty kilometres per hour na over take nabaut....you are on the Highway to Paradise. Seeing the Kassam Pass road going up, switch left and there you go....our one and only Ramu SWEET SUGAR....I need a cup of tea with ten spoons of ramu sugar please. Passing by Usino and into Mogoi land and there you go, the cold mountain water of Tapo and Gogol bridge take you into Beautiful

Madang, where the flying fox roams freely during the day. Kalibobo Light Haus looks beautiful and a sense of peace grips your mind.

Away you go, getting on MV Momase, you taste the Mighty Sepik river meeting the ocean early hours of the morning, and the bright morning sunlight takes you into Wewak wharf. Ples na taun bilong Late Papa Sir Michael Thomas Somare, for his determination we are celebrating this 50th Golden Jubilee. Thankyou tru!



Picture: DoT's Team Momase making their grand entry in celebrating PNG's 50th Anniversary.

The Sepik Highway cuts into the mighty Sepik to Yougoru, Maprik and Angoram and you take a ride along the West Coast Highway, Aitape and Lumi tucked between the two might and greater Sepiks. The night dawns and you cruise smoothly into Vanimo town. One of the most peaceful towns you ever find in PNG. Saturday spin to Batas and back, the next day your bird of paradise (the PX) flies you through the clear skies of Momase into Kange Land where all the bus and taxi owners are found.

The cold mystic mountains of Hagen and snow makes you add another cold shirt and a warm wool cap sends you into a sound and peaceful sleep till morning breaks. Termed as the gateway to the

Highlands, buses take you to Southern Highlands where muruk no sawe suruk or should we say Souths Pawa where the road has breathtaking views with cold water streams running through the valleys. And all the way you go to the land of Huli tribesmen (Hela Province). The scenic view of Mt. Ambua Lodge just puts PNG's Highlands into perspective.

Also take a ride up North and welcome to Enga province, where the whole province has one single language, the majestic town of Wabag rests peacefully under the foot of mountains where the weather is cool and people minding their own activities. This is the land of the Miok. Where people smile at you when they see you are new. The night falls as you make your way into Mt. Hagen.

Wake up in the morning and take a highway bus ride up the Kuli gap and into the Whagi valley plains and yes onto Kudjip, home of PNG's Nambawan Tea plantation and factory, pass by the mighty Whagi river bridge and into Banz town, passing the dirty road leading into my home sweet home, into flora and fauna, my Jimi valley tucked away in the blue mountain ranges of the Bismarck. A word of goodbye from Jiwaka Free Country takes me into Barawagi, passing by Kerowagi junction, up Kondiu, waving at people at Mingendi Duks market and onto Kundiawa town on the side of a mountain....Welcome to Simbu province. The Gembolg road takes you up the mountain side zigzagging like a snake up, up, up you go to the highest peak at 4400 metres above sea level, everywhere else in PNG is right under, welcome Mt. Wilhelm.



Picture: DoT's team Highlands celebrating independence.

Keep on moving pass the fresh coolness of wara Simbu heading into Simbu limestone Elimbari up to the top of Daulo pass and the view from cold peles Goroka lies beneath the beauty of the Nokondi skies with an amazing view. The plains and grassland and savannah view with pine trees between Goroka and Kainantu makes you think you are in Colorado. Anyways pass by Kainantu town and looking down into the biggest hydro system in the country. The mighty Yonki power hydro system at Arona valley. A nice smooth ride takes you to the top of Kassam Pass with a scenic view of the Ramu Valley.



Picture: DoT's very own Asaro mudmen.

Arriving in Lae again, a passenger boat MV Kondor takes you through the very famous yet deadliest sea called Bobongara across the Solomon sea while

the coastline and mountains of Finschhafen overshadows you across the sea to the Siassi Islands and into the coastlines of West New Britain as the Bali and Vitu islands sleep calmly across the sea and the point from Talasea guides your way into Kimbe Town known as little Papua New Guinea and commonly known people of their style of friendship which they say welcome to "pasin West". An hour's drive into Biella town and the New Britain Highway breaks through some toughest terrains and fast following rivers that takes you into the Baining land, a unique group of people who can walk on red hot mumu stones and can eat fire.....welcome to East New Britain, the home of Vulcan and Tavurvur mountain paia na guria where the famous Rabaul Gurias rugby league team got its name.



Picture: DoT's NGL boys performing at the celebrations.

Cutting across the beautiful Solomon sea is our beautiful North Solomons now AROB. A thriving region where social and political issue has shaped and destined their purpose. Nonetheless beautiful Bougainville still lingers in the heart of PNG.

The road networks around Gazelle Peninsula are just too good as you head into Kokopo boat stop. A dinghy from the



Picture: DoT's team New Guinea Islands at the 50th Independence celebrations.

Kokopo beachfront is loaded with your bags and you take your phone out to take pictures and make one last call to families, the crystal clear waters of New Britain takes you past the Duke of York Islands as you head towards the tip of New Ireland Province, then a PMV takes you through the Boluminski Highway as you head into bilas peles (Kavieng town). A peaceful and beautiful town with very friendly people. Spend some time there and off

you go to the very last province but not the least, where the drums beat and people dancing in style and greeting you into Lorengau town.

Welcome to Manus Province.....as the national broadcaster NBC radio claims, radio Manus em nek bilong chauka. Manus with its islands tucked away up north, one would be mistaken to think they are part of Micronesia. Manus is the last frontier yet the entry point of the international coastlines.

This is our home, this is Papua New Guinea. This is the land of a thousand tribes.

God bless our Home.



Picture: Staff participating at the DoT's PNG Traditional Attire Competition, proudly showcasing their traditional "bilas" (attire).

THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY'S THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION SERVICE FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE 2026 BUDGET PREPARATION

The story of a national independence thanksgiving service and preparation of the country's budget for the following year 2026 and a monthly fellowship program is about a Department that revolves around a community gathering to express gratitude for freedom and blessings, especially after overcoming national challenges like the pandemic and natural disasters and many achievements in its past fifty (50) years of survival as a nation.

On the 4th of August 2025, the Department of Treasury came together to give thanks to God in a thanksgiving service. The 50th anniversary thanksgiving service coincided with the blessing of the budget preparation for the 2026 national budget as well as part of the Department's monthly fellowship program. The thanksgiving and dedication service was to Honor God as the Source and Foundation of our country and Department. The interfaith service gathering led by staff and invited clergy was to give thanks for 50 years of progress; reflection on national unity and future hopes.

collective gratitude. The thanksgiving and dedication service saw the blessing of all staff involved in the 2026 budget preparation and giving thanks to God for the past fifty (50) years. Many long serving staff who were invited to speak expressed gratitude to God for blessings, leadership, and the extraordinary talents of its people. The key message was of unity and commitment to perseverance in godliness. The service is a chance for the Department to recommit itself to these values, fostering a sense of shared purpose.

And the least we can say is that the Department of Treasury's monthly fellowship is not just about prayer, but also about national celebration, joy, and the collective expression of national identity. It highlights a moment when an organisation pauses to reflect on its journey and give thanks together.

The service coincided with the cutting of the cake to celebrate the old and mark a new era for the Department of Treasury.



Picture: Staff of the DoT attending PNG's 50th Anniversary thanksgiving service at the Treasury building level 5.

This is a time for expressing thanks to God and for a nation to come together in unity, celebrating resilience and looking forward to a future of perseverance and godly commitment. The Department's story is one of communal worship, national pride, and



Picture-left; Acting Deputy Secretary Mr. John Uware leading the Praise and Worship and picture-right; Pastor William Otio leading the sermon to celebrate Papua New Guinea's 50th anniversary thanksgiving and 2026 Budget dedication service.

The key message the preacher stressed was;

- Unity
- Commitment
- Perseverance

INDEPENDENCE LAUNCHING AND FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

As Papua New Guinea celebrated its 50th anniversary of independence, the Papua New Guinea Department of Treasury celebrated another milestone for its country with a significant flag-raising ceremony coincided with the launching of the Department of Treasury's lead up independence activities at its Waigani office. The event was attended by the

Secretary of Treasury Mr. Andrew Oaeke as the keynote speaker and joining in the 50th anniversary flag raising ceremony were the Executive Management team of Treasury, and the office of the Treasurer, including Pacific Labour Mobility Unit, Papua New Guinea Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and all the staff of Department of Treasury.



Picture: Department of Treasury Secretary Mr. Andrew Oaeke (middle) flanked by Deputy Secretary (Budgets & Financial Management Wing) Ms. Napae Hurim (on the right) and Acting Deputy Secretary (Strategy & Corporate Services Wing) Mrs. Nancy Lelang on the left. Acting Deputy Secretary (Economic Policy Wing) Mr. John Uware is standing second from far right and Minister's Office Representative Professor Dr Misty Baloiloi is standing second from far left and staff of the Department of Treasury at the flag raising ceremony for the Department's 50 years Flag raising program.



Picture: Secretary Mr. Andrew Oaeko (middle) flanked by from left to right Ms. Cunera Kumuna, Acting FAS Strategy Ms. Kwari Augerea, FAS FMD Mr. Jeffery Walua, Mrs Margaret Tobul, Acting Deputy Secretary S&CS Mrs. Nancy Lelang and Acting Deputy Secretary Economic Policy Wing Mr. John Uware on the onset of 50 years celebration.

The event featured a colourful flag raising by staff dressed in the colours of the four regions of Papua New Guinea and the cutting of the ribbon to launch the Department's lead up events to independence.

The Secretary's speech centered on the theme of national pride, "Celebrate our History, Inspire our Future." Mr. Oaeko emphasized that past mistakes should be viewed as stepping stones and urged staff to use honesty and integrity in decision-making to direct the economy and improve livelihoods. In his speech, he also highlighted the history of PNG's financial

independence, and the future responsibilities of the Department of Treasury.

A significant part of the speech highlighted the monetary history and achievement of monetary independence. The Kina and Toea were introduced on April 19, 1975, initially co-circulating with the Australian dollar until January 1, 1976, when Kina and Toea became the sole legal tender. Traditional forms of payment, such as *tabu* shell monies, kina shells, and pig tusks, were also noted as part of the country's economic history pre-independence.

The Secretary's speech traced the history of the Department of Treasury from its origins within the Australian colonial administration and the post-independence Department of Finance.

The key reforms mentioned included:

- The establishment of the Bank of Papua New Guinea (BPNG) and the Department of Finance in 1975.
- The separation of the Department of National Planning around 2008.
- The formal separation of the Department of Treasury from the Department of Finance during the 2002 economic reforms, to focus on economic advice, the national budget, and government development plans.

In his speech, Secretary Oaeke called for continued collaboration, mentioning the upcoming 2026 budget process and the Department's restructure. He also stressed the importance of Melanesian values of giving and sharing, and building a prosperous and inclusive future through God's wisdom and guidance.

Secretary Oaeke said the theme "Celebrate our Past, Inspire our Future" highlighted the symbolic significance of Department of Treasury's contributions to nation building through the economy. He reflected on the nation's journey and the dream of unity among diverse tribes, while also acknowledging the challenges the country faces, and most importantly the growth of the Kina and Toea and significance of our currency since gaining

Independence in 1975. The Secretary's speech focused on the nation's journey since 1975, emphasizing on the monetary forms of exchange during our traditional era up through colonialism and independence and the introduction of the legal tender (our Kina and Toea).

The key highlight of the ceremony was the colourful flag raising with the national anthem and national pledge including an eloquent and powerful speech from the Secretary Mr. Andrew Oaeke.

A wave of National pride electrified the atmosphere as all staff proudly wore the national colours, red, black, and gold, and waved PNG flags.

The ceremony was a solemn, yet celebratory, occasion to commemorate half a century of independence and the legacy of the nation's founding fathers.

The Secretary in his speech, honoured the legacies of the foresight and dreams of a nation from our forefathers or the founding fathers including the late Grand Chief Sir Michael Thomas Somare and looking into the challenges of our future. Secretary Oaeke said despite the challenges, the ceremony underscored the nation's determination to look towards the future with hope and to build a better PNG for the next generation.

***"Honouring the Past,
Shaping the Future"***



Picture: FAS Roddie Wada and team MPD.



Picture: Secretary Oaëke unveiling the DoT's 50th Anniversary Commemorative banner.



Picture Top-Bottom: Staff posing with the DoT's 50th Anniversary Commemorative banner.





Picture: Ms. Maryanne Maspok FAS BCAD with her Division's staff fully geared and ready to carry the work of the Department of Treasury Fifty (50) years and beyond.



Picture: Acting Deputy Secretary Economy Policy, John Uware and Deputy Secretary, Budgets & Financial Management, Napae Hurim with Team Executive Branch, .

TREASURY VISITS CHILDREN'S CANCER WARD

Staff of the Department of Treasury visited the Children's cancer ward as part of the Department of Treasury's lead up activities to commemorate Papua New Guinea's 50th Independence anniversary celebrations.

Organized by the Department of Treasury's Independence Committee, the Department's staff visited the children's cancer ward 12C, 2B, 2C and TB and Malnutrition ward 3B at the Port Moresby General Hospital.

With the theme **"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others"** by Mahatma Gandhi, the visitation to Port Moresby General Hospital's

Paediatric Cancer Wards was a success through DoT Community Service Engagement:

Management and staff of Department of Treasury with their families donated items ranging from clothes, toiletries, beddings, toys, food stuff, and other items to this worthy cause. The staff visited the hospital on the 1st of September, 2025 and donated these items.

Representative of the Port Moresby General Hospital Management Ms. Pauline Ivagi thanked the Department of Treasury's staff for the kind donations, through the DoT's Independence Community Engagement initiative.



Picture: Department of Treasury staff that visited the Port Moresby General Hospital Children's wards.

THE TOANA WEAR COMPETITION

The Department of Treasury hosted a Divisional "Toana Wear" competition on the 29th August, 2025 at The Treasury Building as part of the lead-up to the country's 50th Independence anniversary celebrations.

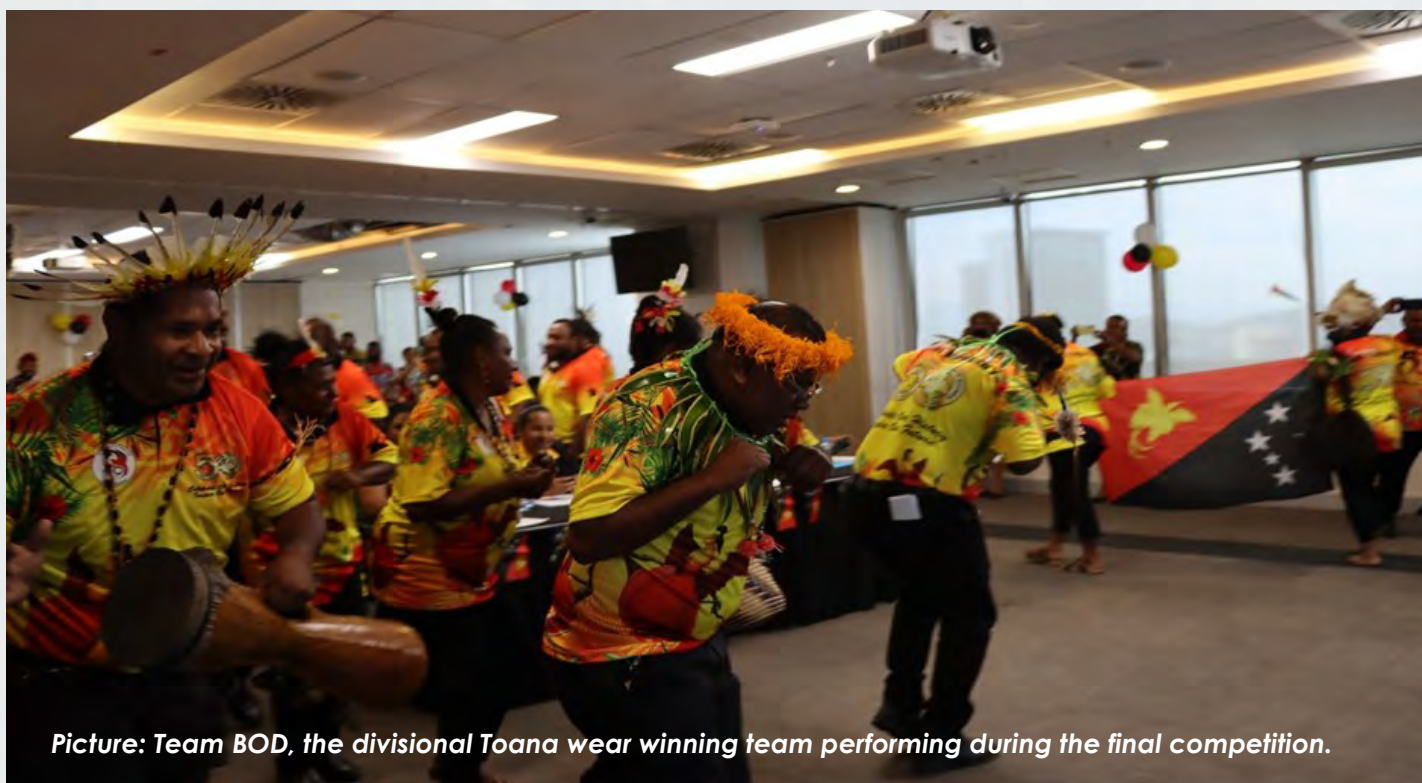
The competition was an internal event for the Department of Treasury staff, aiming to showcase their creativity and celebrate PNG's diverse culture and traditions through a Divisional Toana wear competition. The event featured all staff from all Divisions. The Divisions were asked to come as a team in their Toana wear and describe the significance of their choice of wear.

As a diverse Melanesian society, the significance of Toana wear signifies our diverse cultural designs and messages in paintings to others and also to the identity of oneself and nationhood. During the

event, Divisions also made mention and honoured our founding fathers through portraits and storytelling.

Four (4) external judges were brought into judge the Divisional Toana wear competition. The winners of the Department of Treasury Toana Wear competition were announced on the 12th of September, 2025 during the 50th Golden Jubilee celebrations. The winners were the Budget Operations Division winning a prize money of K2500 and the runner-up were from the Corporate Services division with a prize money of K1500.

The event successfully brought the divisional teams and the department together, fostering unity and celebrating national pride in anticipation of the nation's golden jubilee.



Picture: Team BOD, the divisional Toana wear winning team performing the final competition.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S 50TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY – A CULTURAL EXHIBITION BY DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

The Department of Treasury through the Independence committee organised a cultural exhibition to celebrate PNG's fifty (50) years of Independence.

These cultural exhibitions was the highlight of celebrating our cultural heritage and celebrating our Golden Jubilee celebrations.

HIGHLANDS REGION CULTURAL BOOTH



The Highlands Region of Papua New Guinea covers the higher altitude and mountainous areas of Papua New Guinea with rugged terrains and fast flowing rivers. Highlands region has a cold climate and covers a total of seven (7) provinces that are rich in culture. Known as the last frontier, this region is key to supplying agricultural commodities in terms of coffee, tea and fresh farm vegetables. The Highlands also has the biggest electricity supply system (The Yonki Power Hydro) that supplies a total of nine (9) provinces in Highlands and Momase regions with electricity. Their highlight artefact is the bilum. One would not miss the local mumu cuisine. The provinces include: Hela, Southern Highlands, Enga, Western Highlands, Jiwaka, Simbu and Eastern Highlands.

The Cafeteria area of the Treasury building was turned into a mini culture and art gallery inviting visitors, stakeholders and partners and the Department of treasury staff and management to visit and see the different cultural artefacts, traditional bilas and styles and recipes of traditional cooked food and art paintings.

SOUTHERN REGION CULTURAL BOOTH



The Southern Region of Papua New Guinea stands as the one of the first contact point for early missionaries and government officials, where modernisation begun. The Southern region holds the first territorial capital of PNG on Samarai Island in Milne Bay Province and later to Sabama/Kaugere in NCD/Central and later known today as Port Moresby for the rest of PNG. Southern region is mainly the coastline provinces: fish, sago, banana, taro and shells and other sea food make up their staple food and supply sea produces to Port Moresby. Their main artefact is the Bagi necklace and colourful styles of body tattoos. The provinces include: Oro, Milne Bay, Central, Gulf and Western.

MOMASE REGION CULTURAL BOOTH



The Momase region is one of the biggest regions in Papua New Guinea covering 80% of the northern coast of PNG mainland. It also covers the hinterlands of mainland New Guinea and it is also the region that is the only supplier of Ramu Sugar (the biggest sugar farmer and producer) in the country. The main artefacts that defines this region is the different styles of bilums made of tree barks and the designs and colour separating each of these provinces, from Morobe to Madang and the Sepiks. The Momase region is also the biggest agricultural producer of major cash crops and it is also the biggest Industrial region in Papua New Guinea. Momase region functions as a key industrial and logistical hub. The provinces include: Sandaun, East Sepik, Madang and Morobe.

NEW GUINEA ISLANDS REGION CULTURAL BOOTH



The New Guinea Islands region is one of the four regions of Papua New Guinea located northeast of the mainland and comprises mainly of Island provinces and most of them seafarers. It comprises the Bismarck Archipelago and the north-western Solomon Islands archipelago . The New Guinea Islands is known for its Austronesian history. Common artefacts are different styles of baskets woven out of coconut palms. The region is characterized by lush tropical rainforests, volcanic landscapes and some active volcanoes. The Islands region is considered a distinct scenic area of PNG offering a mix of rich cultural traditions and natural resources.

A SPEECH BY PRIME MINISTER TO THE NATION



My Fellow Papua New Guineans,

As the sun rises on 2025, we stand at a monumental juncture in our history—our Golden Jubilee. This year, we celebrate 50 years of independence, a journey that began in 1975 when Papua New Guinea became a sovereign nation. It is a time to honor our past, recognise our achievements, and recommit ourselves to the ideals that our founding fathers envisioned: unity, progress, and prosperity for all.

Reflecting on 50 Years of Nationhood

In 1975, a dream was realised as Papua New Guinea claimed its rightful place among the community of nations. Under the leadership of the visionary Sir Michael Somare and other courageous patriots, our country declared its independence, not through conflict, but with dignity, peace, and unity.

Ours has been a journey marked by trials and triumphs. From the challenges of nation-building and the Bougainville Crisis to the global economic shifts of recent decades, we have risen to each challenge with resilience. Today, we stand

united as a people of immense cultural diversity, with over 800 languages and traditions woven together into a rich tapestry of shared identity.

This diversity is not a source of division—it is our greatest strength. It is the essence of who we are as Papua New Guineans and will continue to guide us as we move forward into the next chapter of our history.

Acknowledging the Role of the Church

As we commemorate this historic milestone, we must also acknowledge the pivotal role that the Church has played in shaping Papua New Guinea's moral and social fabric over the past five decades. From education to healthcare, from fostering unity to providing spiritual guidance, the Church has been a cornerstone of our nation's development.

In 2025, the Church will lead key aspects of our Golden Jubilee celebrations. In August, churches across the country will host a Month of Prayer, Repentance, and Healing, culminating in the National Repentance Day on August 26. This will bring our people together in a spirit of humility and renewal.

Furthermore, on August 30, 2025, Papua New Guinea and Bougainville will observe a Day of Reconciliation—a profound moment of healing and unity as we strengthen bonds and honor our shared commitment to peace and prosperity.

Achievements of the Last Five Years

As we reflect on our journey, we must also celebrate the significant progress made in the last five years under the Marape-Rosso Government. These achievements reflect the strength of our collective efforts and our commitment to building a better Papua New Guinea:

- **Economic Growth:** The national economy grew from K79.6 billion in 2019 to K122 billion in 2024, supported by resource projects like PNG LNG and reforms in agriculture, fisheries, and SMEs.
- **Infrastructure Development:** Through the Connect PNG Programme, over 2,400 kilometres of highways and 93 bridges have been completed, linking rural communities to essential services and markets.
- **Education:** We have made significant strides in transforming our education system to ensure no child is left behind. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programmes and the establishment of Schools of Excellence are equipping our youth with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in a modern world. The expansion of Flexible Open Distance Education (FODE) has brought learning opportunities to students in remote areas, while the

Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP) has made tertiary education accessible for thousands of young Papua New Guineans. These initiatives reaffirm our commitment to leaving no child behind and empowering the next generation to build a prosperous Papua New Guinea.

- **Health:** As we celebrate 50 years of independence, our state-of-the-art facilities for heart and cancer treatment will be operational in Papua New Guinea for the first time, eliminating the need for our people to seek these critical services overseas.

At the same time, we continue to expand access to modern basic healthcare by upgrading rural health centres and hospitals nationwide. These efforts underscore our dedication to providing quality healthcare for every Papua New Guinean, ensuring that no one is left behind.

- **Climate Leadership:** Papua New Guinea has emerged as a global leader in sustainability, pioneering initiatives in carbon trading, renewable energy, and environmental conservation.

These achievements demonstrate what we can accomplish when we unite around a shared vision and purpose.

Celebrating Our Golden Jubilee

2025 will be a year of reflection, celebration, and forward planning. To ensure that all Papua New Guineans feel included in this historic milestone, a range of events and initiatives will take place:

- 1) **National Celebrations:** Port Moresby will host the largest celebration in our history—a week-long festival featuring a Golden Jubilee parade, cultural show-cases from every province, musical performances by our finest talents, and grand fireworks display to symbolise hope and unity.
- 2) **Provincial and District Events:** Celebrations will be held in every province and district, showcasing traditional dances, sports competitions, and community programmes. These events will reflect our regional identities while emphasising our unity as a nation.
- 3) **Legacy Projects:** Major infrastructure projects—including new schools, hospitals, and roads—will be commissioned. These investments in education, health, and connectivity will serve as lasting symbols of our progress.
- 4) **Youth Engagement:** Our young people will play a central role, with national competitions in art, writing, and innovation inspiring them to reflect on our past and envision our future.
- 5) **International Recognition:** The Golden Jubilee will draw global attention, with international leaders, organisations, and development partners joining us in celebrating Papua New Guinea's achievements.

By catching up on missed opportunities from the first 15 years of Vision 2050, we will propel our nation from its 50th to its 70th

anniversary with a visible, actionable blueprint for progress.

A Call to Unity and Patriotism

Fellow Papua New Guineans, this Golden Jubilee is not just a celebration—it is a call to action. It reminds us of the sacrifices of our ancestors and challenges us to honor their legacy by building a nation that is strong, inclusive, and prosperous.

Let us unite as one people, one nation, with a shared vision for the future. Let the drumbeats of our *kundu* resonate across the land, and let the vibrant colors of our *bilums* reflect our pride and hope.

Together, we will write the next chapter of Papua New Guinea's history—a chapter of progress, unity, and opportunity for all. May God bless you all, and may God bless our beloved Papua New Guinea.

Happy New Year and Happy Golden Jubilee!

James Marape
Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

HONORING THE PAST, CHARTING THE FUTURE: KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY.

On Friday, September 12, 2025, the Department of Treasury (DoT) marked a monumental milestone in the nation's history, gathering to celebrate Papua New Guinea's **50th Independence Golden Jubilee**.

The event, held at the lush Nature Park in Port Moresby, brought together a vibrant crowd of over a thousand DoT staff members and their families in a spirit of national unity and reflection.

A Visionary Keynote Address

The highlight of the celebration was a stirring keynote address by the Secretary of the Department of Treasury, **Mr. Andrew Oaeke**. Grounded in the anniversary's official theme, "*Celebrate our History, Inspire our Future*," Mr. Oaeke's speech served as both a retrospective of the nation's journey and a roadmap for the road ahead.

Mr. Oaeke spoke candidly about the challenges the nation has faced over the last five decades. He urged the DoT staff to view past mistakes not as failures, but as



Picture: Secretary Oaeke unveiling the Department of Treasury's 50th Anniversary Commemorative banner.

essential stepping stones for growth. He emphasized that the department's role in steering the national economy is a sacred trust, calling for **honesty and integrity** in every decision made to improve the livelihoods of all Papua New Guineans.

The Evolution of Financial Independence

A significant portion of the Secretary's address was dedicated to the fascinating history of PNG's monetary sovereignty. He reminded the audience of the transition from traditional bartering and colonial currency to a modernized financial system:

- **Pre-Independence Era:** Before 1975, the economy relied on traditional forms of payment, including **tabu shell money, kina shells, and pig tusks**, which remain culturally significant to this day.

- **The Birth of the Kina:** On April 19, 1975, the Kina and Toea were officially introduced.
- **Monetary Sovereignty:** For a brief period, the new currency co-circulated with the Australian dollar. However, on January 1, 1976, the Kina and Toea became the sole legal tender, marking a definitive step in the country's financial autonomy.

Institutional Growth and Reform

Tracing the lineage of the Department of Treasury, Mr. Oaeke detailed its transformation from a colonial administrative body into a pillar of the modern state. He highlighted several pivotal institutional reforms:

1. **Foundational Beginnings (1975):** The establishment of the **Bank of Papua New Guinea (BPNG)** and the



Picture: Treasury staff at the Launching of the 50th Anniversary Commemorative Banner and lead up activities of Papua New Guinea's Golden Jubilee Independence

Department of Finance immediately following independence.

2. **Structural Refinement (2002):** The formal separation of the Department of Treasury from the Department of Finance during a period of major economic reform. This allowed the Department to specialize in high-level economic advice, national budget management, and long-term development planning.
3. **Modern Autonomy (2008):** The further streamlining of duties through the separation from the Department of National Planning.

Looking Toward the Next 50 Years

Turning his gaze toward the future, Secretary Oaeke outlined a vision built on collaboration and modernization. He

specifically noted the importance of the upcoming **2026 budget process** and the ongoing **departmental restructure** designed to make the DoT more agile and responsive to global economic shifts.

Beyond technical goals, the Secretary touched upon the cultural and spiritual fabric of the nation. He invoked the **Melanesian values of giving and sharing**, urging staff to build a prosperous, inclusive future guided by wisdom and faith.

The ceremony reached its crescendo when Mr. Oaeke issued the formal declaration, officially launching the Department of Treasury's Golden Jubilee celebrations. The event stood as a powerful reminder that while the Department manages the nation's wealth, its true value lies in its commitment to the people of Papua New Guinea.

“...the Department's role in steering the national economy is a sacred trust.... I call for **honesty and integrity** in every decision made to improve the livelihoods of all Papua New Guineans”

Mr. Andrew Oaeke

Secretary of the Department of Treasury,



United we stand in DoT.

Department Treasury Papua New Guinea celebrated its 50th Golden Jubilee with a wide range of activities and festivities, with the main event at Nature Park, Port Moresby on September 12th, 2025, featured cultural displays from PNG's twenty-one (21) provinces. The official theme was "Celebrate our History, Inspire our Future". Highlights included cultural dances, singing groups and a big "bung kaikai" (feasting). The main highlights are as follows;

- Cultural dances and singing performances from the four (4) regions of Papua New Guinea.
- Individual traditional attire competition
- Honouring our founding fathers in the likes of late Grand Chief Sir Michael Thomas Somare and late Sir Julius Chan
- Staff recognition awards for long serving staff
- Kids play house and games
- Craft displays and traditional rituals

The main theme for Papua New Guinea's 50th anniversary is "Celebrate Our History, Inspire Our Future," which was officially launched by the Honourable Prime Minister James Marape. This theme emphasized reflecting on the nation's journey and using that knowledge to build

a stronger future. Some organizations also used a variation, "Stronger Together, Growing the Future".

Official theme:

"Celebrate Our History, Inspire Our Future"

Key message:

To honor the past, celebrate the present, and use the lessons learned to build for the future.

Alternative theme:

"Stronger Together, Growing the Future".

Additional themes:

Other organizations and communities in PNG and the Pacific adopted specific themes like "Peace is Our Future, Unity is Our Power" for regional celebrations, reflecting on core values.

AUSTRALIAN TREASURY SECRETARY EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS ON PNG'S 50TH GOLDEN JUBILEE



CANBERRA, 10 September 2025 – In a formal letter marking Papua New Guinea's (PNG) upcoming 50th Independence Anniversary, Australian Treasury Secretary Ms. Jenny Wilkinson, PSM conveyed her best wishes to her counterpart, PNG Treasury Secretary Mr. Andrew Oaeko. The letter highlighted the "special relationship" and deep economic ties shared by the two nations as PNG celebrates a significant milestone on September 16, 2025.

Ms. Wilkinson praised the hard work of public servants over the last five decades, which has contributed to PNG's growing and dynamic economy and its emergence as a leading economic voice in the Pacific.

"Ours is a special relationship strengthened by a shared history, geographic location, deep community links and a close economic relationship," the letter stated.

The Australian Treasury and the PNG Treasury have collaborated as "trusted partners" for decades, exchanging personnel to work together on shared economic challenges and achieve better policy outcomes for both citizens. Ms. Wilkinson expressed confidence that this strong commitment to exchange will continue.

The Australian government is participating extensively in PNG's Golden Jubilee celebrations, with the Prime Minister James Marape having invited Australian leadership to join the festivities. The celebrations across PNG have included national events in Port Moresby, cultural performances, and military displays involving international partners.

"As you celebrate your golden jubilee, I look forward to the next 50 years of working together," Ms. Wilkinson concluded. The anniversary theme is

"Stronger Together, Growing the Future".

Cultural Pride Shines at the Department of Treasury's PNG Traditional Attire Competition



Picture: Chapman Mogerema left winner of DoT's best male traditional attire category with DoT's Simbu staff representing the Highlands region.

Performers from across Papua New Guinea's diverse provinces, current employees of the Department, on the 12th of September, 2025 showcased their rich cultural heritage in the highly anticipated Traditional Attire Competition, an event aimed at preserving and promoting the nation's unique indigenous traditions during its 50th Golden Jubilee celebrations of Papua New Guinea's Independence at the Nature Park.

Four male and 6 female participants representing the four (4) regions of PNG beautifully showcased their traditional attire for authenticity, craftsmanship and cultural significance. This was a very closely contested individual event for our staff in both the male and female traditional event that stole the show by

displaying a sense of pride, identity and belonging.

The winner of the male category Chapman Mogerema brought to the stage what a real highlander, a Simbu warrior, would look like trying to attract the attention of the chief in his village. He won the competition with a prize money of K350. The runner up was none other than his close neighbour and rival Stanley Brown from Daulo with his famous Asaro mudman stunts of the beautiful Nokondi Valley, Eastern Highlands with a K150 prize money. Regardless of the prize, no amount of money can replace the value of our forefathers through our traditional bilas (attire).

Maryqueenie Waiker, a beautiful lady from the greater Sepik plains, won the

category. She stole the show, the traditional emblems coloured and tailored into her traditional wear of the all six (6) districts of East Sepik Province.

The runner up prize money went to Ms. Yalin Yano of Southern Highlands wearing a colourfully and brightly dressed attire rich in flora and fauna, from the Mendi area. Each participant described the cultural significance and meaning behind their attire for the judges asses and score. PNG traditional attire uses natural materials like bark cloth, feathers, shells, and specific body paint, with each element symbolizing tribal identity, social status, or particular ceremonies. The judges made their assessment and scoring on those elements. The judges representative Dr. John Kaminiel said, "These garments remind us that our

ancestors understood the importance of visible heritage," and added. "When our youth wear this attire, they connect with their roots".

The traditional attire competition brought excitement and a vibrant atmosphere, the variety of colours and textures, and the enthusiasm of the participants and audience made the day and celebration a meaningful one, a true case of "Unity in diversity".

In a broader context, such an event contributes to the preservation of traditional skills for future generations. The competition ended successfully.



Picture: Maryqueenie Waiker (right) representing the Momase region and East Sepik wins the female category traditional attire competition.

Long serving staff of the Department of Treasury were recognised and were rewarded with Diamond Acrylics and certificates for their services to DoT.



Picture: Deputy Secretary Ms. Napae Hurim (left) and Deputy Secretary Mr. John Uware (right) both receiving their long service awards from the Secretary.

Another highlight of the Department's main celebration at the Nature Park was the awarding and honoring of the long serving staff members.

The staff awards presentation celebrated about __ staff members who reached career milestones ranging from 15 to 40 years of service. Secretary of the Department Mr. Andrew Oaeko praised these staff for their commitment to safeguarding the nation's financial systems, supporting economic policy, and delivering essential services to the nation.

Secretary Oaeko highlighted the critical role career employees play in maintaining stability during times of economic uncertainty especially recently of the global pandemic COVID19. "The strength of this Department lies in the expertise, integrity, and perseverance of our workforce," Secretary Oaeko said during the ceremony. "Today we recognize individuals whose careers reflect a deep commitment to public service and

excellence."

Acrylic Awards were presented to staff who served over 20 years, while employees who worked over 15 years received certificates marking their years of contribution.

Family members and co-workers attended the event, applauding recipients as their names were called and sharing in a reception following the formal presentations.

The Department of Treasury, established in 1975, is responsible for promoting economic prosperity and ensuring the financial security of Papua New Guinea. Those awards ceremony serves as a reminder that behind every policy initiative and financial safeguard is a dedicated team of public servants.

Department of Treasury 50th Flag Raising in Pictures

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Picture: Department of Treasury Colour Party



Picture: Department of Treasury staff standing in unity.

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The Toana Wear Competition



Luke McKenzie representing BCAD presenting during the competition.



FAS Kapi Wam (centre) and team General Economics Policy Division



Team Macro Economics Policy Division



Team Sectoral Policy Division



FAS Maryanne Maspok (centre) and Team Budget Coordination & Analysis Division



FAS Jeffery Walua (back row middle) and Team Financial Management Division



Acting FAS Kwari Augerea (middle) and Team Strategy.



Team Corporate Services Division

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The Toana Wear Competition



The Independence Committee: 2025 PNG's 50th Anniversary Celebrations



Our Judges for the Toana Wear & Traditional Attire Competitions:

Ms. Zora Laka (Labor Mobility Unit), Mr. Dennis Kitchnoge (Department of Finance), Mr. Robroy Chicki (Department of Treasury), Ms. Rhonda Gwaibo (Department of Finance) and Lt. Col Dr. Peter Kaminiel (PNGDF).

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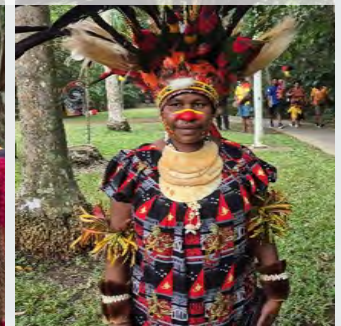
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Treasury celebrates PNG's Independence on the 12th of September 2025

Momase staff and families



Highlands staff and families



Southern staff and families



Team Milne Bay and families



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Team NGI and families



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DoT Individual Traditional Attire competition in Pictures.



Yurete Bomanu in traditional attire representing Kabwum District, Morobe and Momase.



Assistant Secretary Ila Mea presenting betelnut and neckless as a gift to Secretary Oaeko

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Ms Yalin Yano left, runner up of female category best traditional attire.



Team CSD: Assistant Jack Imbu and officers Mr. Peter Keket and Mr. Kenneth Kiwi and their family attending independence celebrations.

Staff Awards ceremony in pictures.



One of the longest serving staff Ms. Theresa Solomon (left) dancing the Manus way to receive her award. And Assistant Secretary Ms. Fridah Tsivele receives her award the NGI way.



Ms. Miriam Arifeae receives her long service award from the Secretary.



Acting First Assistant Secretary Mr. Peter Mondoro escorted by his officer and highlands leader Mr. Chapman Mogerema to receive his award.



Assistant Secretary Mr. Moses Zazon walking up to receive his award from Deputy Secretary Mr. Uware.



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Treasury celebrates PNG's Independence on the 12th of September 2025

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Mr. Peter Nukunts receives his award.



Mr. Nicholas Lepilepi receives his award.

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First Assistant Secretary Mr. Kapi Wam and lovely daughter walking to receive her dad's long service award.



Mr. Gabriel Kaku walking up to receive his award.

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Principal Legal Officer Ms. Aimo Sanawe receives her award from Deputy Secretary.



Mr. Peter Kalain Corporate Services Division., receives his award.



Assistant Secretaries Mr. Sioni Lowa (left) and Mr. Anix



Virobo (right) receiving their awards respectively.

Staff Awards ceremony in pictures.

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Acting First Assistant Secretary Strategy Ms Kwari Augerea receiving her award.



Acting First Assistant Secretary Corporate Services Mr. Kirara Rema receiving his award.



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