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## **Media Release**

### **PNGPCL timely sponsorship of K10,000 to MAT**

PNG Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL) gave a timely sponsorship of K10,000 to the Moresby Arts Theatre (MAT) to assist in staging this month's PNG Arts Extravaganza.

The Art Extravaganza running from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> of September, 2010 will mark PNG's 35 years of Independent creativity. The program consists of various activities ranging from exhibiting of traditional artifacts and wear, to cultural performance.

This sentiment was expressed by the Secretary of MAT Executive Committee, Lady Judith Bona during the cheque presentation ceremony last week.

Lady Bona on behalf of the Committee thanked PNG Ports for its sponsorship.

"PNG Ports sponsorship plays a significant role in the staging of this event and we would like to formally recognised your contribution," she said.

PNGPCL Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Brian Riches said an initial sponsorship of K1,000.00 was given to MAT and this K9,000.00 cheque brings the total to K10,000 as a gold sponsorship.

Mr Riches said this sponsorship will build a long term relationship in establishing training assistance needed from MAT to our Volunteer Youth Ambassadors (VYA).

"MAT's contribution in providing training through learning of history, arts and crafts to our VYA will be significant. MAT will also require our VYA to assist in bringing the tourists to the centre where various cultural activities will be arranged and displayed to the tourists," he said.

Mr Riches said PNGPCL's assistance builds relationships within the community through its Community Engagement Initiative.



**Picture Caption:**

PNGPCL Team Leader Marketing, Mr. Judah Waffi presenting a K9,000 cheque to Lady Bona recently at the Moresby Arts Theatre.

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