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PNGPCL graduate employee encourages other graduates to set goal in life

MEET this year's new graduate Commercial Officer, Rosemary Tao who has been engaged by PNG Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL) under its Graduate Development Program (GDP).

The 22-year-old lass from West New Britain will graduate from the Divine Word University in Madang with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management on Sunday. (7th March 2010)

Asked what would be about her advice to other graduates, she replies: "Set your goals, envision of what you want to be and work towards achieving it."

"Nothing is impossible if you put your mind to it and never let negative comments of others put you down. Also ask God to be your partner and provide his assistance in whatever you do," Ms Tao said.

Ms Tao commenced her education at Jack & Jill Preschool in 1992 then another year later she continued on to doing Prep to Grade 8 at the Gordons International School and then to Port Moresby International High School doing grades 9 and 12 before going to Divine Word University.

She started work with PNGPCL on the 26th of October 2009 under the 12 weeks vacation employment program and was attached with the Economics & Statistics division under the Commercial & New Business Department which her tasks involved filing correspondence, drafting letters/memos, doing calculations for revenue and demand analysis and researching when required.

Ms Tao has now embarked onto the PNGPCL's GDP following the end of her vacation employment with the Company on the 3rd of February, 2010. This program will take 18 months of intensive on-the-job training that is aimed at her professional development.

Ms Tao said being a graduate employee is very challenging as there are many things to learn and grasp about Commercial and New Business Department as well as PNGPCL as a whole.

"The tasks I am given are more difficult at times as I am given only a limited time to complete tasks so I have to strive to perform to the best of my ability in order to meet the expectations of my manager and colleagues," she said.

The determined young lady believes she has what it takes to become a permanent employee (commercial officer) of PNGPCL and said will continue to work and improve on carrying out delegated tasks each day.

Ms Tao said: "Under the GDP, I am still employed under the Commercial & New Business Department but now attached to the Commercial division. So being a graduate commercial officer, I am given such tasks as drafting Business cases for the department, drafting letters/memos, calculating rentals as required for lease agreements and other related activities."

"By the end of this 18 months program, I aim to acquire skills and knowledge required to be a commercial officer of PNG Ports," she said.

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