

# NEWS FLASH



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PORT Moresby Port Business Manager, Kui Kinnen (center) in this picture looks to be pointing out something amusing to some of PNGPCL's support staff at the POM main wharf during the visit by the tourist cruise ship "Rhapsody of the Seas" on Saturday, October 24th this year.

## PNGPCL plans for Cop-shop

**P**NG Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL) has donated a cheque of K2,000.00 to the Royal Papua New Guinea Police Constabulary (RPNGPC) to help facilitate the reopening of the Port Moresby police station.

The donation will go a long way in forging a relationship between PNGPCL and the Royal Papua New Guinea Police Constabulary.

"We are progressing a strategic alliance with the police at the moment, with a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the idea to establish a Cop-Shop with PNGPCL's facilities that will service our staff and port users," PNGPCL general manager corporate services, Jerome Peniasi when presenting the cheque said.

This will be 100 percent funded by PNGPCL and manned by the

RPNGPC.

Mr Peniasi said that PNGPCL was concerned about the state of the police station and its duties in community policing due to the lack of equipment and stationery for its police station.

"We are happy to provide this sponsorship of K2,000.00 to help host the re-opening of the renovated Port Moresby police station," Mr Peniasi said.

The Company wishes the Port Moresby police all the best in their future endeavors as they carry out effective community policing duties.

PNGPCL believes the money will be used for its rightful purpose.

Mr Peniasi said that PNGPCL can also help out with used stationery and other office facilities to fast track the reopening of the police station.

The police in down-town Port Moresby are on a fundraising drive to furnish its police station after recently undergoing renovations.

The police station is one of the oldest in the country and was condemned twice by the National Capital District Commission (NCDC) for its poor state of the prison cells.

Constable Paul Palik in thanking PNGPCL said that the police station and facilities were needed urgently so that police would carry out "effective community policing" which is not currently being done.

He said due to funding problems; they are doing the fundraising drive to raise money for the police station.

Mr Palik said PNGPCL is the first organisation apart from other organisations to come forward with a donation.



**FAREWELL:** Joe Konaka (center) was farewelled recently by the Finance Dep't. He is pictured here after receiving his farewell gift from Mr Jerome Peniasi (right) and Mr Max Suwary (left).



**NEVER SAY NEVER:** This yacht (pictured, insert) was berthed at the POM main wharf recently. It is on a trip around the world and was here taking its owner for a cruise in PNG.



**P**ORT Facility Security Officers (PFSOs) of PNG Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL) have successfully completed a four days training course to help them implement port security surveillance at each of the Company's ports in Papua New Guinea. The training commenced on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> of October at the PNGPCL's training room at the Company head office and ended on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> this year. Participants (pictured above) of the course, known as *Basic Port Security Familiarisation*, on completion will be able to

also mitigate (ease) and identify port security threats and respond appropriately to different levels of security measures in accordance with a port facility security plan (PFSP). This course will also guide the trainees to implement a port facility security plan for PNGPCL. Facilitator of the training program, Captain Hakaumotu Fakapelea of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) said that the "trainees will be able to have the required knowledge and understanding to perform their assigned security duties at the port facility. Mr Fakapelea said trainees will also be able to collectively

contribute to the enhancement of maritime security and "implement preventive measures to prevent the breach of port security." He said this security related training module is for those who will be or are employed as port security guards. The course covers the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code familiarisation training. Mr Fakapelea said this is required for those employed as port security guards in ports who need to comply with the requirements of the ISPS Code. He said the training can be done in conjunction with emergency preparedness and occupa-

tional health and safety. A PFSO's duties and responsibilities is to report to the relevant authorities and maintain records of occurrences that threaten the security of the port facility, coordinate implementation of the PFSP with the appropriate security officer and coordinate with security services, as appropriate. Other duties are to ensure that the standards for personnel responsible for security of the facility are met, that security equipment is properly operated, tested, calibrated and maintained, if any and assist ship security officers in confirming the identity of those seeking to board a ship when requested.

PICTORIAL OF THE VISIT BY TOURIST SHIP RHAPSODY OF THE SEAS



# IEA deputy Chairman congratulates PNG Ports

**T**HE management of PNG Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL) has been congratulated for the initiative to provide accommodation for its traveling staff.

Deputy Chairman of the International Education Agency (IEA), Stanis Tao in an email recently to PNGPCL Chief Executive Officer, Brian Riches said that it was a "very encouraging staff incentive and costs saving strategy."

Mr Tao also acknowledged the partnership between PNGPCL and IEA's TAFE College.

"Congratulations for the initiative to provide accommodation for your traveling staff and partnering with IEA-TAFE College to

provide support service to your staff in POM, very encouraging staff incentive and costs saving strategy. Well done!" he told Mr Riches in his email.

PNGPCL is one of the few statutory organisations in Papua New Guinea that provide accommodation for its travelling staff.

This concept has been very successful and a big step forward for the organisation which aims to minimize and save costs for more training needs for the Company staff.

PNG Ports currently has a relationship with the TAFE College where the catering and house keeping of the guest house is done by the hotel and tourism students.

There are two guest houses; one at Paga

Hill which is located at Section 27 Allotment 18, overlooking the Fairfax Harbour and out as far as the Hanuabada and Tatana villages.

It is a beautiful colonial house built on the side of the hill which gives itself beautiful scenery below it.

Since the guest house opened its doors on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June this year, a total of 51 guests, including 3 international guests have been accommodated while in Port Moresby for various training programs and meetings.

PNGPCL is now progressing into setting up its second staff guest house at Lae Port which should be ready to start accommodating travelling staff to Lae Port before the end of this year.

## PNG Ports looking forward for more visiting tourist cruise ships



PNGPCL support staff pose for a group photograph after a hard day's work during the visit of the tourist cruise ship m.v. Rhapsody of the Seas recently. Picture By FRANK ASaeli

**P**NG Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL), the port authority for Port Moresby (POM) port, is now looking at facilitating more visiting tourist cruise ships in its aim to help promote tourism in Papua New Guinea.

PNGPCL, with the government of PNG as the sole shareholder, is more than willing to assist in promoting and enhancing marine tourism.

PNGPCL successfully facilitated the latest cruise ship visit by m.v. Rhapsody of the Seas.

The cruise ship arrived and berthed at the POM port main wharf at 6am on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> this year and left on the same day at 6pm.

This is the second visit by Rhapsody of the Seas which is owned by Royal Caribbean International with Bahamas as its port of registry.

The ship was built by Chantiers de l'Atlantique of Saint-Nazaire and went into service in 1997 after it was launched on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, 1996.

Rhapsody of the Seas weighs 78,491 tons, is 915 feet in length, its beam is 105.6 feet, has 11 decks, speed of 22

knots and capacity of carrying 2,435 passengers plus 765 crew.

The wharves at Port Moresby include total berth space of about 545 metres with alongside depths from three to 7.5 metres.

Berths 1 and 2, at the Port Moresby main wharf, are 106 and 107 metres long with alongside depth of 7.5 metres.

The coastal wharf contains berths 3A and 3B at 67 and 113 metres long with alongside depth of 3.8 and 4.5 metres, respectively.

Berth 4A is the container berth and

it is 125 metres long with alongside depth of 10.6 metres.

Port Moresby also contains two barge ramps of 6 and 9 metres width and Berth 4B (25 metres long with alongside depth of 5 metres).

Port Moresby contains 11.7 thousand square metres of storage with Port Moresby's main wharf (sheds 1, 2 and 3) covering a total of 4.7 thousand square metres.

The coastal shed covers 650 square metres and Port Moresby also has 6.4 thousand square metres of open storage space.