

## KIRIBATI TO HOST NEXT PCPA



Group photo: All PCPA delegates; associated members and invited paper presenters outside the Loloata Island Resort. Picture by Ethel Namuri

Kiribati Port Authority will host the 34th session of the Pacific Countries Ports Association (PCPA) Conference next year.

The announcement was made official during the closing dinner hosted by PNG Ports Corp. Limited's CEO and PCPA President Mr. Brian Riches at the Holiday Inn on the 23rd of May, 2008.

The 33rd session of this Conference brought about vital and common issues that affect the operation of port facilities within the region as discussed by participants.

Common issues that were openly discussed related to landownership; social obligation; lack of financial support to fund either new port developments or maintain existing port facilities; institutional strengthening; the need for legislation; the issue on Public Private Partnership; International Shipping Ports & Security (ISPS) Code Compliance; port management; service delivery; the need to re-strategies; social issues like HIV/AIDS, global warming, training, the need to insure properties; risk assessment; proper valuation of assets; and so on.

Vital information on these issues which have had a greater impact on the operation of port facilities within the Pacific region were shared openly.

New friendships were the outcome of the conference which should further create a continuous networking on information sharing to prepare for the next PCPA conference. For others, it was an opportunity to catch up with old friends. The conference further created opportunities on the awareness of each others capacity within the industry, the challenge for each participant on get into partnership with one another for a common goal.

"And a united approach in working together in developing a regional strength to sail a path to prosperity connecting to the world...in a **Journey Beyond the Pacific** region", Mr. Riches said in his closing speech.

He added that the PCPA delegates attendance to the 33rd session proved that they all had the confidence in regional ability and strength.

"Let this be the beginning of valuable exchange of experiences, knowledge, networking and fun. May the friendships renewed and new ones formed be lasting and beneficial to each of us as we look forward for a bright future in our industry as we Journey Beyond the Pacific".

One of the 33rd PCPAC session's resolutions included the need to look into problems faced by those member countries who do not attend these conferences.

Meanwhile, the 33rd session of the conference ended on a high note with a cultural extravaganza which witnessed performances from the Solomon Islands panpipes; Fijian Community dance group; Huli Duna cultural group; Kevori Baurana, Kairuku group; Tiare tamure & XEbeat string band from Tubuseria village and the Freelancers live band.

PCPA delegates departed our shores with fond memories of the hospitality and the new friendships created.

The closing event was also an opportunity for the PCPA Organising Committee to acknowledge all our major sponsors, airport stakeholders, the media, PNGPCL Board, Management and Support Staff for making the conference a success.

Congratulations all, and once again, **Thank you.**

### Cheap Imported Vehicles

There has been concerns raised to the general public and especially motor vehicle importers on the unclaimed vehicles sitting at the storage shed 4 of the Port Moresby Main Container wharf.

These vehicles in the storage sheds are usually charged storage fees that can accumulate as long as the vehicles are stored in the shed.

PNG Ports Chief Executive Officer Mr. Brian Riches raised these concerns when he learnt of the number of unclaimed vehicles that have been stored there for sometime now since their arrival here.

Mr. Riches appealed to the general public in his press 'public notices' which stated that "if you wish to order a vehicle from overseas, you need to know the cost implications you will face when your vehicle arrives in PNG".

He stated that most possible vehicle owners have experienced that when their order of vehicles come in, they have to pay IRC duty tax, NAQIA, shipping and clearance fees.

But when they fail to provide the necessary fees, their vehicles are stored in the PNGPCL storage shed which then incurs storage fees that can accumulate over time.

However, it is advisable to be considerate and be financially prepared when ordering vehicles from overseas or when using a reputable importer because "what may seem to be a cheap vehicle order may not be cheap for you at all".

## RAWALI KILA'S MEDICAL APPEAL

Rawali Kila is suffering from three blockages in his arteries. Two are minor but the third one is severe and life threatening, it is 90 percent blocked.

According to the Doctors, he urgently needs to under-go an urgent coronary by-pass surgery to correct the disorders at the Cairns Base Hospital in Australia.

This news was revealed to Rawali after he underwent angiography at the Cairns Cardiology Unit late last month.

For Rawali to undergo this surgery to correct the disorders, he will need at least A\$50,000.

As an average Papua New Guinean, he does not have this money readily available.

Therefore, his family is making an appeal towards the good people out there for financial assistance for a worthy cause towards saving a life.

Rawali is the sole breadwinner for his family of six. He is employed as an OIC of the main Port Moresby wharf with PNG Ports Corporation Limited and is currently on sick leave.

In mid January this year, upon his return from Oro Bay as a relieving Port Manager, he suffered chest pains and was rushed to Dr. Mola's hospital.

He was then transferred to the POM General Hospital Emergency Ward. Subsequently, Rawali was hospitalized in Ward 7 where further tests were conducted at the Sir Buri Kidu Heart Institute by Professor Sir Isi Kevau, the chief cardiologist. It was then revealed by Professor Kevau that Rawali's coronary arteries may be blocked, and due to the lack of facilities and equipment at the hospital, he recommended Rawali to undergo

further checks to confirm his condition at the Cairns Base Hospital in Australia. Shocked by this news; Rawali's immediate and extended family in an effort to get him to Cairns raised a total of K13,000 for a period of 4 months. This money was enough for Rawali and his wife to travel to Cairns last month where further tests confirmed Professor Kevau's revelation. Meanwhile, in order for Rawali to undergo the actual surgery to correct his condition at the cost of A\$50,000, his family is making an appeal for donations towards his surgery. Donations can be deposited directly to the following account:

**Rawali Kila Heart Appeal  
Bank of South Pacific  
Waigani Drive Branch No. 8968  
Account No. 1001427555.**

## PNG Ports provides Training Assistance for Unemployed Youth at the City Mission

PNG Ports Corporation Limited under its community service obligations and humanitarian endeavour will come to assist the City Mission in providing training for the disadvantaged youth including those who have had trouble with the law and or live on the streets.

This exercise should be able to empower these youth to live as responsible citizens and further give them the second chance to contributing meaningfully towards their communities.

This was announced during the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between PNG Ports Corporation Limited and the City Mission PNG Limited at the Melanesian Hotel in Lae, on Thursday (12/06/08).

The program initiated by the City Mission PNG Limited under its Training & Skills Development through its Lae office is a Certificate Level 2 course in the Workplace Cleaning.

The objective of this training program will enable the participant to develop sound, safe, practical and hygienic general workplace cleaning practices. The course comes in 3 main core modules; *Introduction to Occupational Health & Safety, Introduction to Personal Health & Hygiene and General Workplace Cleaning.*

City Mission General Manager Pastor Mike Field said that after covering theory and practical part of the course, it was now time for the 'on the job training' which will involve the youth to providing cleaning services

at the PNGPCL's premises particularly at the Lae Port's Passenger Terminal. Under this arrangement, PNGPCL will sponsor the financial component of the Training Program at a total cost of K36,000 for 12 months.

PNGPCL will also ensure that the youth are provided with port facilities access identification passes to carryout their tasks. City Mission on the other hand, will engage six of its participants which will include a team leader/trainer under this program and ensure that the youth adhere to PNGPCL's port usage rules and regulations.

These youth will be fully attired in their work uniforms so as to identify themselves as City Mission cleaning workers at the relevant premises in Lae. They will be also required to Wear vests and helmets within the port ...pg.3

## PNG Ports Corporation Assists MSC Seminary Brothers



**Finance Manager Mr. Joe Konaka, Br. John Sela and Br. Francis Ulalom during the cheque presentation.**

PNG Ports Corporation Limited presented a cheque of K1,000 to the MSC Brothers of the Bomana Seminary College to assist them in purchasing a generator worth K70,000 from Brian Bell & Company Limited.

Living just 10 minutes outside the city, constant

power 'blackouts' has been a problem which led to the MSC congregation opting to fundraise for the purchase of the generator.

Meanwhile, Finance Manager Mr. Joe Konaka in presenting the cheque said that the company was very much supportive of the work the MSC Brothers are involved in, spiritual development which continues to bond people together within their communities to living a positive life. He added that this gesture should also be looked at as the company's support to their work and a beginning of this great partnership.

In receiving the cheque, Chairman of the Fundraising Committee Br. John Sela acknowledged the Board,

Management and Staff of PNG Ports Corporation Limited for their support adding that the money will be utilized in purchasing the generator which will be very useful for the congregation during power 'blackouts'.

Br. Sela said that so far, they have raised K50,000 from holding mini fetes at the Seminary College every Saturday mornings and also kind donations from individuals and other business houses.

Br. Sela said with the contributions from Ports Corporation Limited and others, they should be able to meet their targeted amount to purchase the generator soon.

**The Publisher's Wisdom Nuggets  
"A leader who produces  
leaders multiplies his  
influence"**

**A Sneak Peak** into the organizing, preparation, reception and hospitality accorded to the visiting delegates to the Pacific Countries Ports Association Conference by the Organising Committee, Support Staff, Board and Management of PNG Ports Corporation Limited.

It was a job well done from everyone who took part and all should get a tap on the shoulder for upholding the image of the company. Well done team. Congratulations!!

The Organising Committee, Board, Management and Staff would like to also extend their appreciation to the Sponsors who also contributed to support this conference. The response from these sponsors was overwhelming. These sponsors were; *Telikom PNG, Paradise Drilling Co., Steamships Shipping & Stevedoring, Department of Transport, Savcor ART Pty Ltd, Maunsell, Transport Sector Support Program (TSSP), Nawae Construction, South Pacific Insurance Advisors, Shorncliff, SMEC, Independent Public Business Corporation (IPBC), National Fisheries Authority (NFA), Pest Care Limited, Tourism Promotion Authority, Hebou Construction, Bank South Pacific Limited, National AIDS Council Secretariat, M&E Partnership, Remington, Caveman Construction and NCD Governor Ho. Powes Parkop LLB, MP.*



Leis ladies awaiting the arrival of the visiting PCPA delegates



HRD Manager Mr. Jerome Peniasi, Business Assurance Manager Mr. Richard Korai, Madang Port Manager Mr. Casper Petrus, Jui Fiji Ports Authority, Company Secretary Mr. Tau Vini & General Manager Finance & Administration Mr. Avosa Oeri. Pic. by Vele Nonoga



Some members of the Organising Committee and Support Staff posing for a group photo just outside the Head Office before heading to the Jacksons International Airport to greet the arriving delegates.



Fijian Mokosoi Women's dance group. Pic. by Vele Nonoga

Look out for more pictures in the next issue of News Flash & AHOY newsletter coming out in August.



PCPA Conference delegates on Day 1



Some of the sponsors reps. & PCPA delegates sightseeing on Loloata Island. Other scenic tours included visits to the Palm Grove, National Parliament, NCC Gift shop and the Boroko Open craft market.

...pg.2... premises at all times as part of PNGPCL's strict control on safety measures at the workplace. However, a cleaning/work schedule will be agreed upon by both parties based upon the commercial realities of the Passenger Terminal. The training program will run for 12 months.

Pictures taken by Ethel Namuri & Vele Nonoga

## PNG PORTS DONATES FUN RUN T'SHIRTS TO TAURAMA PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Mr. Tulo handing Fun - Run T'shirts to the Deputy Head Teacher Mrs. Mays. Picture taken by Margaret Manzin**

Taurama Primary School received a surprise visit from officials of PNG Ports Corporation Ltd on Thursday 05<sup>th</sup> June with Fun-Run T'shirts to be delivered to the school. This also coincided with the World Environment Day in which students were cleaning around the school and had to be called up for an urgent assembly to receive the Fun-Run T'shirts from PNG Ports Marketing Coordinator, Andrew Tulo.

In presenting the Fun-Run T'shirts, Mr. Tulo said that this was part of PNG Ports Corporation Ltd's ongoing Community Service obligations towards the community and especially those around the shores of Port Moresby.

A total of 500 T'shirts were presented to the school and was gladly received by the Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs. Annette Mays. Mrs. Mays expressed great appreciation for the T'shirts and said that they have never received such a large quantity of T'shirts in the past and this was a historic moment for them. The highest number of T'shirts they received in the past was 200.

Mrs. Mays thanked the Board, Management and staff of PNG Ports Corporation for being thoughtful and said that the T'shirts will be sold at a reasonable price to the students, staff and parents of the school to wear during the walk which is being scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2008.

Each year PNG Ports Corporation Limited sponsors Fun-Run T'shirts for schools around the vicinity of its ports and the shores of Port Moresby. Last year Fun-Run T'shirts were donated to Hagara Primary School and St. Michael Primary School. The Fun-Run T'shirts proudly carries the PNG Ports Corporation Ltd logo printed at the back.



*Pictured above is the Large Mother's Day Cake that was shared by all the Finance and Corporate Planning Mothers. 'Na ol papa bilong haus i baim mother's day cake bilong yupela tu o nogat?'*

## A Healthy Treat After The Walk



**Finance Department ladies (l-r): Ikanau Ogai, Jonetha Sela and Susuve Simon helping themselves to the fruits after their walk.**

All staff who took part in last fortnight's walk organized by the Finance Department enjoyed a fruit each after the walk thanks to the Finance Department who added fruits to a container of water for the usual company walks every fortnight Fridays.

Almost the whole office took that afternoon walk which took the route up along the Stanley Esplanade to the Poreporena Freeway and back through the tunnel, back of the Sir Hubert Murray Stadium, up the Ports Road and back to the PNGPCL Head Office. Last week's walk was organized by the POM Port.

## Belated Mother's Day Celebrations!



**Jonetha Sela, Ikanau Ogai, Margaret Manzin, Leka Bogana, Mr. Joe Konaka, Ethel Namuri, Kathy Huramari and Susuve Simon. Picture taken by Roslyn Rul.**

Finance, Business Development and Marketing Departments' female staff had a quite belated Mothers' Day celebrations at the Head Office thanks to the Finance Manager Mr. Joe Konaka who took the initiative to organize for that.

The small gathering happened on a Monday after the Mothers' Day weekend.

Before the cake cutting, Mr. Konaka acknowledged the female staff for their continuous service to the company and wished them all, a Belated Mothers' Day.

The ladies in return thanked Mr. Konaka for the kind gesture. They enjoyed the black forest cake ordered from the Gateway Hotel.