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PNG Ports focuses in promoting tourism in PNG

PNG Ports Corporation Limited (PNGPCL) is focused and committed in promoting tourism in Papua New Guinea particularly the cruise shipping industry.

PNGPCL Chief Executive Officer, Brian Riches made this remark recently when outlining the Company's role in the facilitation of cruise shipping.

As part of the PNGPCL's plans to tap into the tourism and cruise shipping industry, the Company is geared up and ready to welcome the tourist ships visiting the country this year.

According to statistics report, during 2007 to 2009, there were a total of 155 cruise ships visits to PNG.

Mr Riches said PNG must realize the potential flow-on benefits this industry can make to improve the economy of this country.

Mr Riches said: "PNGPCL is a changed organization and as such is seriously focused in promoting tourism in PNG, more particularly in the facilitation of cruise shipping which is a growing industry."

He said the cruise shipping industry is profitable for both the cruise shipping companies and destination cities/towns at our ports.

"Papua New Guinea can optimize on its existing resources and work together and in partnership to successfully attract many cruise ships. PNG Ports need to be seen as promoting and taking the lead in cruise shipping and tourism," he said.

Mr Riches said PNGPCL as a provider of pilotage services is available to provide support for berthing and unberthing of the cruise ships.

He urged PNGPCL employees to ensure that this Company objective of promoting tourism is achieved.

Mr Riches is calling on relevant stakeholders and agencies in this industry to work in partnership with PNGPCL in exploiting the benefits of tourism in the country.

Meanwhile, PNGPCL is advising shipping agencies and tour operators who have used access to port facilities to contact the Port Moresby Port Office three (3) weeks in advance for the allocation of safety gear and security passes for the visiting of cruise ships.

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