



WASDOK

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WALK AGAINST GRAFT



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Ombudsman Phoebe Sangetari (middle) and Secretary Gabe Hekoi (left holding flag) lead the OC team.

Pinch and punch! Welcome to the June edition of the Wasdok and we hope you have enjoyed the May edition.

In this edition, we feature the anti-corruption walk-a-thon initiated by the Transparency International PNG Chapter (TIPNG), thanks to the OCPNG walkers led by Ombudsman Phoebe Sangetari and Secretary Gabe Hekoi. Our team of walkers raised about K200.00. Great effort!

We also bring to you story and pictorial highlights of OCPNG delegation to Stockholm, Sweden for the International Ombudsman Institute conference.

Sheila O'Donovan of the New South Wales Ombudsman and Carolyn Langley of the Commonwealth Ombudsman paid a brief visit to OCPNG to put together a training package for the Pacific Ombudsman Alliance. They found OCPNG establishment useful and would include it in their recommendation.

Happy reading—Editorial.

The Sir Anthony Siaguru walk against corruption attracted hundreds of people throughout the city on Sunday 14 June, 2009. The participants in all walks of life took to the streets of Port Moresby waving anti-corruption banners to show their support for anti-corruption institutions fighting the graft that is already endemic in Papua New Guinea.

A leading proponent of anti-corruption being the Ombudsman Commission, officers joined the hundreds of participants to give strength to the cause.

The Commission's overwhelming support could not have been possible,

thanks to Ombudsman Phoebe Sangetari and Secretary Gabe Hekoi, who took the reins in the procession.

The 2 kilometre walk started at the Murray Barracks oval, through Hubert Murray Highway to Malaoro, down Angau drive and back to the Murray Barracks oval.

The anti-corruption walk was initiated by the PNG Chapter of Transparency International (TIPNG) in honour of anti-graft protagonist, Sir Anthony Siaguru, one of the founders of the TIPNG and pioneering Chairman.



OCPNG OFFICIALS ATTEND ANTI-GRAFT CONFERENCE IN SWEDEN

Anti-graft advocates around the globe gathered at Stockholm, Sweden for the IXth International Ombudsman Institute World Conference from 12 June to 16 June, 2009.

The event, which coincided with the anniversary of the Swedish Parliamentary Ombudsman, renowned for its pioneering status, attracted anti-graft protagonists from over 100 countries.

World leaders whose parliamentary ombudsman model is derived from the Swedish model attended the conference to show allegiance and consolidate the ombudsman tradition.

Papua New Guinea was represented by a team of

senior officials from the Ombudsman Commission of Papua New Guinea, led by the Chief Ombudsman, Chronox Manek.

Mr. Manek was accompanied by Ombudsman John Nero, Counsel to the Commission, Vergil Narokobi and Senior Investigator, Robert Hondi.

The head of the delegation and Chief Ombudsman, Chronox Manek said the significance of the conference evolved around the way in which different countries of the world manage laws relating to the work of the Ombudsman.

Mr. Manek said judging from a variety of papers presented, there were

similarities identified in the work of the ombudsman and the models used from many countries whose origins are traced back to the host country's model.

He said Papua New Guinea's situation was unique in that apart from the traditional role of handling complaints, it also has the role of scrutinising public policy and institutions which comes in the form of a parliamentary enactment giving it exclusive powers to investigate leaders.

The Chief Ombudsman alluded this privilege to constitutional provisions that allow for the creation of the *Organic Law on the Leadership Code*,

which gives it dual constitutional responsibility to the Ombudsman Commission of Papua New Guinea.

He added that many world leaders and academics expressed appreciation for the multiple functions the Ombudsman Commission of Papua New Guinea is dealing with in relation to the work of the Ombudsman.

Despite graft being an endemic problem in Papua New Guinea's political, administrative and legal system, there is an open end to eradication and world attention was needed to collectively address this problem.



New Zealand Chief Ombudsman, Bev Wakem (middle left) and a friend pose with Chief Ombudsman, Chronox Manek and Ombudsman, John Nero.



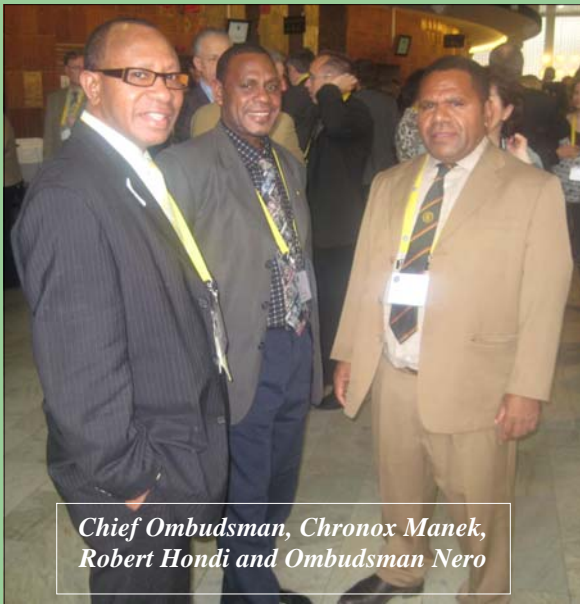
Sweden pictorial supplement



Ombudsman Nero (middle left) with IOI participants



The OC Team



Chief Ombudsman, Chronox Manek, Robert Hondi and Ombudsman Nero



Chief Ombudsman, Chronox Manek and Prof. McMillan of the Commonwealth Ombudsman after signing a Twinning agreement



Ombudsman Nero with Mr. William Angrick, President of IOI



Robert Hondi and the Cayman Island Ombudsman

OC Staff attend problem solving and decision making course



The Ombudsman Commission staff (pictured above) with colleagues from other institutions successfully completed a two day training workshop on problem solving and decision making at the PNG Institute of Banking and Business Management Inc, also known as the ToRobert Business Training Centre.

On completion of the training workshop, the officers were awarded certificates in recognition

for their participation and attendance at this important training workshop.

The tailor-made workshop was intended to make the participants, mostly from the private sector and semi-government institutions, understand the techniques in managing time effectively and understanding the benefits of delegation.

The first day of the workshop was devoted to

time management where different techniques were appraised and applied in case studies.

On the second day the participants went through various delegation processes and their application in real life situations.

Participants interviewed commended course facilitators for progressively keeping them aligned with the main theme of the course with the application of their professional

teaching methodologies.

They said the course has helped them enhance their understanding of best working practices and were looking forward to applying these knowledge in their respective working environments.

The Ombudsman Commission staff who have already undertaken this course are Bonner Tito, Geita Doura, Nerol Ila-rupa, Laniet Tokiala and Philip Morris.

NOTICE—New Law Hand Books promoting basic understanding of the laws that govern and regulate our lives, work and business are now available in the Library. See Catherine for assistance.

Pacific Ombudsman Alliance comes to PNG



Sheila O'Donovan (L) New South Wales Ombudsman and Carolyn Langley, Commonwealth Ombudsman Office, Canberra.

Two senior female officers from Australia visited the Ombudsman Commission office at Deloitte Tower, Port Moresby to look at the Commission's training establishment.

The two officers, Sheila

O'Donovan and Carolyn Langley, from the Commonwealth Ombudsman Office in Canberra and New South Wales Ombudsman Office respectively, were in the coun-

try conducting training needs analysis and looking at the Commission's training establishment.

The officers were engaged by the Pacific Om-

budsman Alliance to develop a generic training package for the smaller island nations in the Pacific.

They left for Australia on Sunday 28 June, 2009.



June OC Comic strip

I'VE COME A LONG WAY FROM HOME.. I WANT TO SEE MY MEMBER. IS HE IN?
 SORRY THE MEMBER IS OUT FOR A MEETING AT THE HOTEL..
 SECRETARY

POST CORRUPTION
 CORRUPTION

Snippets



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