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December 2010 Edition

Merry X-mas & a Happy 2011

X-mas message from the Chief Ombudsman...

Many good things have happened during the 2010 period for OCPNG. Most notable is that we have taken stock of the business and working calendar for the organisation and are ready to take on 2011 with vigour and determination and look forward to it.

the officers and staff and their families a joyous festive season.

Thank you for standing by me and walking with me in 2010 in the work of OCPNG. I greatly appreciate your assistance and look forward to a prosperous 2011 working year.

On the occasion that reminds us of the birth of our Greatest Saviour I take this time to wish the two Members of the Commission and their families and all

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a happy 2011.

VISION
The Ombudsman Commission's vision is to promote good leadership, good governance and good leaders.

MISSION
The Constitution clearly states the purposes of establishing the Ombudsman Commission:

- To ensure that all governmental bodies are responsive to the needs and aspirations of the people; and
- To help in the improvement of the work of governmental bodies and the elimination of unfairness and discrimination by them; and
- To help in the elimination of unfair or otherwise defective legislation and practices affecting or administered by governmental bodies; and
- To supervise the enforcement of the Leadership Code.

This constitutional mandate provides the Ombudsman Commission with its mission.

[Ombudsman Commission Strategic Plan 2005 – 2010]



Pictured above are some staff listening attentively to Betty Gali from the Policy & Planning Unit as she gives a presentation on the Planning Process during the 4th Quarter Performance Review which was held in L5 Training Room on 15– 16 December 2010.

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New Officers Onboard

Ombudsman Commission saw a good number of officers joining the organisation towards the end of year 2010. Most officers were recruited as permanent staff while a few were here on attachment basis.

As is a requirement of law that any new person that is attached with the Commission whether it be for a minute or years, the officer has to go through the process of signing the Oath of Secrecy before a member of the Commission.

The signing of oath witnessed by Secretary or Counsel or their delegates.



Ricky Nelson as a driver swearing the oath of secrecy.

Before signing of the oath, Chief Ombudsman Chronox Manek stressed that this country has trust and confidence in the Commission hence any confidential information that is brought forthwith has to stay within the commission and not to be disclosed as this would be a breach of law.

Chief Ombudsman warmly welcomed each officer on board and congratulated them for standing out amongst other applicants. He said he is looking forward to working with each of them.

Some of the new officer include Ricky Nelson – Driver, Olto Thomas – Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, Barbara Sakaiya - Public Relations Officer and Joycelyn Wasas – Publications Officer.

Meanwhile, while there were new officers coming onboard, the commission also had a few of its employees resigned.

Former Media Manager Bonner Tito left for FM100 and Francis Koaba, T/Leader unit 9 CAID left OC for PSC.

IT officer successfully completes course



IT helpdesk officer, Julie E Menei has successfully completed her course at the International Training Institute (ITI).

Ms Menei graduated with a Certificate in Computing on 26 November 2010.

She scored four Distinctions and a Credit in all subjects and has been offered a place to advance into Diploma in Information Systems next year starting 17 January 2011.

Ms Menei's success has come about due to her commitment in her studies which has shown in her achievement.

editorial

Season's Greetings ... Welcome to December edition of the Wasdok Newsletter

Once again I hope you have enjoyed the last edition covering the October and November edition of the Wasdok.

In this edition we bring events and highlights of the World Aids Day.

In other stories, you can read about OCPNG and CO Twinning Review Program Meeting and other events captured within this month in the commission.

Also in this edition, you can see picture stories of OCPNG staff winding down the year with a picnic at Manubada Island.

Have a trouble-free festive season and will see you next year 2011.

Happy Reading!

Editor.



OCPNG and CO Twinning Review Program Meeting

The Ombudsman Commission of Papua New Guinea and the Commonwealth Ombudsman held its Twinning Review Meeting Program from the 6th – 9th December 2010 at OCPNG head office in Port Moresby.

Chief Ombudsman Chronox Manek in his welcome and opening remarks said OCPNG has a very special relationship with CO. He said this replica is a positive indication because of the kind of job both Ombudsman Commissions do.

Ombudsman Sangetari also added that OCPNG values very much the relationship they have with CO. Through this placement program they can learn from each other and have exposure in dialogue from the placements on both offices.

Chief Ombudsman stressed that one thing the people lack here in Papua New Guinea is the understanding of their rights. They think rights are a privilege when they can actually demand on them. He said people's rights are en-



From right Deputy Ombudsman of the Commonwealth Ombudsman, Adam Stankevicius making his response remarks during the Twinning Program Meeting.

grained in the constitution which is a good thing.

Acting Deputy Ombudsman of the Commonwealth Ombudsman, Adam Stankevicius in his response said he is grateful to have a close relationship with OCPNG among a broad family in the world for the ongoing sharing of information with each other.

Placement Exit Reports Presented

Placements from Ombudsman PNG presented their Exit Reports on the first day of the Twinning Review Meeting at Head Office.



Some of the officers that attended the Twinning Review Program Meeting.

In the report they shared their experiences and the challenges they encountered on their placements with Commonwealth Ombudsman or the other state offices in Australia.

They also identified skills and knowledge acquired through the twinning program and came up with recommendations on areas that needs improvement at OCPNG office.

The placements were given Terms of References as a guide to help them achieve what was expected of them through their assessments and learning.

The officers were given the opportunity to critically assess different approaches used by CO officers to perform their duties. They had to adapt to the new working environment and be able to respond to clients in a manner suitable for them.

The officers were so grateful for the opportunity given to them by the Commission to participate in the twinning program. They have learnt a lot and are keen to put into practice their achievements and whatever skills acquired.

WORLD AIDS DAY HIGHLIGHTS...

Hundreds of people flocked to the Somare Foundation as early as 6 o'clock for a walk to commemorate the World Aids Day on 1 December 2010.

The theme of this year's walk was "Testim Na Tritim. Em Rait Bilong yu."

The walk started at around 7 o'clock from the Somare Foundation to the Sir John Guise stadium. It was a sea of red as people braved the morning heat walking up the Sir John Guise stadium and along the Wai-gani drive down the Cameron road towards the stadium.

The participants were from various organisations including government, private sectors,

NGO groups and the general public.

The Ombudsman Commission was among the crowd that took part in the walk. They were led by Chief Ombudsman Manek and Ombudsman Sangetari.

The second part of the program was held at the stadium where the march ended. Sir Peter Barter Chairman of the National Aids Council addressed the crowd that took part in the walk.



There were also a couple of activities held to mark the event. The students of Coronation Primary School made a formation of the red ribbon and the PNG Junior cricket team made a demonstration of playing cricket.



CO and OS leading the OCPNG team in the march



Some of the participants that took part in the march



← OCPNG team queuing up with the other organisation to start the march.



OCPNG visits POM General Hospital

Officers from the Ombudsman Commission led by Ombudsman Phoebe Sangetari ended the World Aids day with a short visit to Ward 4A at the Port Moresby General Hospital on 1 December 2010.

They presented gifts donated through the 'Red Box' appeal that was launched in the office on November 4. The two boxes were filled with clothing, food and toiletries by the OCPNG staff.

When presenting the gifts Ombudsman Sangetari said the 'Red Box' was a token from the office of the Ombudsman to the hospital. She said apart from the office's role of dealing with constitutional matters, it also looks at human rights issues.

She said as the theme of the World Aids day stated *Universal access and human right*, the patients have the right to access basic needs such as food and clothing.

This was the first time for OCPNG to pay such visit and Ombudsman Sangetari has pledged to make this an annual event.

Dr. Lloyd Ipai and Sister in Charge Sr. Novete were so grateful of the donations. Dr. Ipai when thanking OCPNG staff said it was a timely visit as patients were very much in need of those basic needs.



Left, OCPNG staff presenting the 'Red Box' to Dr Ipai to be later distributed to the patients..



Above, Ombudsman Sangetari accompanied by SIC Sr Novete visiting the patients.



OCPNG Staff winding down Year 2010 with a picnic at Manubada Island just outside Port Moresby...



Alice and Mrs Gari



Chief and Theresa at the picnic



Three senior investigators renewed their contracts with the Commission on 21 December 2010.

Senior Investigator Unit 9 Complaints Nerol Ilarupa , Senior Investigator Unit 6 CAID Royanna Minape and David Hanaromo Acting Regional Manager – NGI have committed to work for the Commission for another three years.

Pictured left is Senior Investigator Royanna Minape signing her contract.

New officer Barbara Sakaiya has started work with the Commission on 23 December 2010.

Barbara joins the Commission as the Media and PR Officer and will be attached to the Media unit.

She was formerly with Nambawan Super Ltd and had previous work experiences with the Dept of Prime Minister & NEC, Westpac Bank and Post – Courier. She has a Bachelors (Degree) in Communication Arts (Journalism) from the Divine Word University.

Right: Barbara signing the Oath of Secrecy.



Recreation and Leave Updates

NAME OF OFFICER	NO. OF DAYS	DATE OF LEAVE START	DATE OF LEAVE ENDS	DATE OF RESUMPTION	Remarks
Vahoita Raka	33	30.12.10	14.02.11	15.02.11	Furlough and Rec/Leave
Samuel Moang	25	13.12.10	14.01.11	17.01.11	Rec/Leave
Cecilia Masuin	33	20.12.10	02.02.11	03.02.11	Rec/Leave
Catherine Mamui	33	20.12.10	02.02.11	03.02.11	Compassionate Leave
Mary T Singin	31	11.11.10	23.12.10	03.01.11	Rec/Leave
Dorothy Tamo	15	01.12.10	21.12.10	22.12.10	Rec/Leave
Helai Lohia	29	06.12.10	13.01.11	14.01.11	Rec/Leave
Roslyn Pochelep	35	20.12.10	04.02.11	07.02.11	Rec/Leave
Laniet Tokiala	5	24.01.11	28.01.11	31.01.11	Rec/Leave
Antoinette Auo	34	14.12.10	28.01.11	31.01.11	Rec/Leave
Vergil Narokobi	23	15.12.10	14.01.11	17.01.11	Rec/Leave
Willie Gawi	21	20.12.10	17.01.11	18.01.11	Rec/Leave
Albert Sambre	47	20.12.10	22.02.11	23.02.11	Rec/Leave
Julie Menei	15	03.01.11	21.01.11	24.01.11	Rec/Leave
Diho Doriga	30	14.01.11	24.02.11	25.02.11	Rec/Leave
Other Leaves					
Vahoita Raka	138	21.06.10	29.12.10	30.12.10	Furlough and Rec/Leave
Alexia Luke	7	13.12.10	21.12.10	22.12.10	DRLC
Omb. Sangetari	11	21.12.10	04.01.11	05.01.11	DRLC
Aroai Alu	9	20.12.10	07.01.11	10.01.11	DRLC

Food for Thought

ANTS

One day I stood alongside an anthill and watched all the activity down there.

Everyone was moving, running in this or that direction. Everyone seem to know exactly where to go, and it was clear that everyone was busy about something.

Ants are, after all, not the kind of insects we associate with relaxation or taking it easy. Each one had his own job and knew exactly what to do.

I wondered who bossed them. I have heard they have a queen, like the bees.

I noticed that some ants were carrying eggs around, moving them to another place. Some were carrying bits of food much larger than themselves. Some seem to be soldiers guarding the anthill.

They must have quite a government... I wondered how they communicate and talk.

I wondered how I could find all this out... I came to the conclusion that there was only one way: descend to their level and become an ant.

God wanted to know about earth, so he became man.

That is the story of Christmas and of the babyhood and boyhood of Jesus...

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