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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

ELECTIONS

2012 National Election - Program

Polling Starts	Saturday 23 rd June 2012
Polling Ends	Saturday 6 th July 2012
Return of Writs on or before	Friday 27 th July 2012

The calculations of days are as follows:

Polling Period	over (14) days from 23 rd June - 06 th July, 2012
Counting Period	over (21) days from 06 th July - 27 th July, 2012

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LAE POLLING - Tuesday 26th June 2012 between 8 AM to 6 PM.

Whilst polling starts throughout the nation on Saturday 23rd June 2012, the actual Polling day for the Lae Urban elections is on the Tuesday only.

The Lae Urban areas include voting for the three open electorates:

1. Lae
2. Nawae - Malahang and Bumayong areas
3. Huon – extends as far as 11 mile and Awilunga Estate

The Electoral Commission has requested that Companies allow staff time off to perform their voting duties on the polling day of Tuesday June 26th, and suggest either the full morning or afternoon be allowed for this.

Our website at www.lcci.org.pg has details of important information for the 2012 elections. You may wish to download this information to place on your notice board.

1. Polling Schedule for Morobe Province
2. Polling Dates for all electorates in the whole of Papua New Guinea
3. Candidates list for the whole of the Nation

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- To further the economic development in Lae;
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- To provide a representative body for business people, which government can consult;
- To promote support or oppose legislation; or take any other measures to improve the business community;
- To provide a forum for discussion of private sector goals;
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LAE PORT TIDAL BASIN PROJECT LAUNCHED

As reported in the daily newspapers on Tuesday this week, the official ground breaking ceremony for this vital project was performed on Monday 18th June by the Minister for State Enterprises Sir. Mekere Morauta, by using an excavator to dig some of the swampy ground and load it onto a waiting truck.

The Tidal Basin Phase 1 Project has been awarded to China Harbour Engineering Company Limited (CHEC) for K734 million. The consultancy contract was awarded to Korean Engineering Consultants Corporation for US\$ 5 million.

The Ground breaking ceremony was very high profile being attended by both the Chinese and Korean Ambassadors to PNG, the Vice President of CHEC, the Asian Development Bank Country Director and our Governor, who witnessed Sir. Mekere operate the excavator. Representatives of land owner groups and members of the business community also witnessed the event.

We published part of a view of the finished tidal basin project in our newsletter last month. If you want the full view then please go to our website www.lcci.org.pg where you can download it.

Tuesday's Post Courier published the following statement, "Lae Port is the most important port in the country, accounting for 60 percent of the nation's trade and has become one of the busiest in the south-western Pacific.

"Lae needed this new port yesterday. It cannot meet the current demand. It is congested, inefficient, and as an impediment to national development.

"As major resource projects start producing and construction of new ones, such as the Wafi Gold mine begins, the port would have become an even greater obstacle to regional development without this project.

"The new facility will also spur other development in the region, including agriculture, by helping to lower the cost of taking goods to local and international markets as well as reducing costs of inputs," Sir. Mekere said in his opening address.

He added, "we believe at least 600 extra jobs can be created during the construction phase. In the medium term, once this project is completed, it will help create more employment opportunities for the local people including seafarers, port labourers, drivers and equipment operators and office staff in port agencies and in local stevedoring and transport companies.

"In the longer term I believe flow on industrial and commercial development resulting from the project can add several hundred more jobs.

"It gives me great satisfaction to see our Government's efforts to ensure the local participation have borne fruit already – local contractors and landowners have been employed to help prepare the site. This includes the hire of local equipment. I trust this is a good start and sets the standard for the rest of the project."

The Chinese Ambassador to PNG Mr. Qui Bohua said the Lae Port Project was the biggest infrastructural development project undertaken by his country in PNG, adding that it will contribute enormously to the economic well being of PNG and bring more changes and development to the local people.

The LCCI in recognition of the importance of the tidal basin project assisted the ADB right from the outset.

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LAE PORT TIDAL BASIN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

THE LAE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WERE THERE FROM THE START

The Lae Chamber of Commerce was asked to organise meetings with Landowner groups and the Morobe Provincial Administration in 2007 by the Asian Development Bank, when the project was being reconsidered. We arranged and participated in meetings with the respective Labu and Ahi clans and the Provincial Administration as part of a pre-feasibility process which the ADB insisted on after the same project fell through some 25 years ago. When it was established that the project was to proceed, we took part in many subsequent meetings. Eventually we were included in the resettlement committee, which oversaw the successful relocation of people from the Maus Markham, Sodas and Wara Tais settlements.

The LCCI was eventually approached by the ADB to head the HIV and AIDS project in the realisation that a larger port will expose more people, especially Port workers, to HIV and AIDS. This project has been operating since 2009 and is ongoing.

We are delighted that the main contract has been awarded and the major dredging and infrastructural development project has commenced. We are also delighted to welcome the China Harbour Engineering Company limited as our newest member of the LCCI

The LCCI has recently been appointed to the Grievances Redress Committee.



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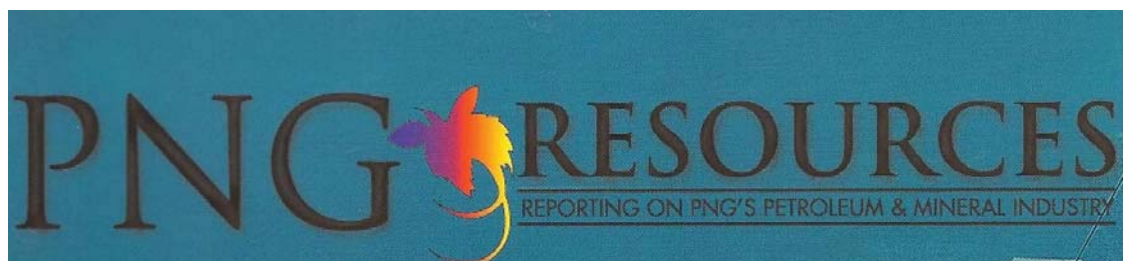
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LCCI WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

The LCCI newly re-vamped WEBSITE is up and running.

It is located at www.lcci.org.pg

The website is easier to use with more useful information and provides some easy to use tools that you will find very handy for your business.

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LCCI WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

The new LCCI website is functioning well and we have taken notice of the many suggestions on changes. We believe it is looking good.

Kuakawa Solutions a Sydney based company with strong PNG links has provided a most helpful service to develop this site.

The **LCCI MEMBERS SECTION** provides a list of member companies with links to their own website. We are finalising a spreadsheet with full details of members that will be posted to the website.

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ICC urges world leaders to scale up action towards a green and inclusive economy

Rio de Janeiro, 20 June 2012

The International Chamber of Commerce said that the transition towards a "green and inclusive economy" must be scaled up and that the back-to-back meetings of two intergovernmental forums, the G20 and Rio+20, should build momentum to pave the way to a more sustainable future.

<http://www.iccwbo.org/wcf/index.html?id=48612>

World Business and Development Awards announce winners at Rio+20: Fighting poverty can benefit businesses

London, Paris, New York, Rio de Janeiro; 20 June 2012

Eleven companies received the 2012 World Business and Development Awards (WBDA) for their efforts to improve living standards in some of the world's most disadvantaged communities.

<http://www.iccwbo.org/policy/environment/index.html?id=48652>

A dangerous rise in protectionist measures threatens to derail G20 efforts to stimulate growth and create jobs

Los Cabos, Mexico, 19 June 2012

"The world economy is experiencing the worst crisis of the last 60 years, with growth falling in many regions, unemployment rising, multilateral talks stalled and protectionist measures proliferating", said Jean-Guy Carrier, Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), the world business organization.

<http://www.iccwbo.org/index.html?id=48630>

ICC delivers global business priorities to G20, rates progress as incomplete

Los Cabos, Mexico, 18 June 2012

The International Chamber of Commerce presented policy priorities on behalf of global business on the eve of this year's Summit of G20 leaders in Los Cabos, Mexico.

<http://www.iccwbo.org/index.html?id=48630>

Still on hand are a few PNG REPORT April/May edition.

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The latest edition for April/May 2012 of this magazine is now on display at the Lae Chamber of Commerce. Read the reports on the HIDDEN GOLD TRADE, JUDICIAL BILL CONTROVERSY, BIG BAD AND UGLY FREIGHT and FREEDOM'S LAST STAND, when you get your free copy of this April/May edition, which can be reserved by contacting Wendie on 472 2340 or by emailing us at lcci@global.net.pg. or just come into the chambers and pick up your copy.

Phishing scam

PHISHING SCAM – GLOBAL INTERNET

A Phishing scam started this morning with an email stating that "...an attempt has been made to login from a new computer" and asking "for the security of your account, Click the link below (stated link) or copy and paste on your web browser for good security practice."

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AusAID helps PNG elections

AUSAID HELPS PNG PREPARE FOR THE ELECTIONS



A master trainer instructing election staff on how to use the new plastic ballot boxes. Photo: ADF

Australia has achieved another milestone in its efforts to support the PNG Government with the 2012 national elections. More than 55 tonnes of election material has been delivered to 17 locations in 11 days, in time for polling which opens Saturday, June 23. Election materials include: ballot boxes, ballot papers, election rolls and candidate posters.

A key component for the successful delivery of elections is the distribution of election material to every electorate so that people can cast their vote. Australian Civilian Corps (ACC) specialists are working closely with the Papua New Guinea Electoral Commission, with logistical support from the Australian Defence Force, to enable transport and distribution to PNG's major areas.

This job is made even more challenging by the fact that some airstrips in PNG are inaccessible requiring materials to be transported by four-wheel drive or even by canoe in order to reach their final destination. Australia currently has 22 ACC specialists in PNG helping to support this massive task—the largest single deployment of ACC members since its inception.

This is also the first year that clear plastic ballot boxes have been used in the national elections. They were introduced as part of the GoPNG led work supported by AusAID's Electoral Support Program (ESP). The ESP has been working with the GoPNG for more than 10 years. In previous elections ballot boxes were made from metal and were sealed with a padlock. Although seemingly more sturdy it is almost impossible to detect tampering.

The new lighter and see-through plastic ballot boxes are individually numbered with five plastic seals, which are also numbered, making tampering much easier to detect. The details of each ballot box are recorded in a central register before being distributed.

Polling for the 2012 PNG national elections opens June 23 and will run until 6 July