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NATIONAL FISHERIES AUTHORITY BOOSTS WESTERN PACIFIC UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTRE WITH BRAND-NEW AMBULANCE

Ialibu, Southern Highlands: The National Fisheries Authority (NFA) today presented a brand-new ambulance to the Western Pacific University (WPU) Health Centre, in a small ceremony witnessed by staff, students, and surrounding communities in Ialibu, Southern Highlands Province.

The ambulance, costing K300,000, was presented by Mr. Steven Poning, Corporate Social Responsibility Manager, on behalf of Mr. Justin Ilakini, NFA's Managing Director, to Dr. Janet Rangou, President of Western Pacific University.

Mr. Poning emphasized: “The critical role the brand-new ambulance plays in rural communities, empowering individuals and communities to access necessary medical support, thereby potentially saving lives.”

He highlighted the significance of the government's ongoing development initiatives in rural areas, which aim to provide essential resources such as medical support to ensure lives can be saved during emergencies.

Dr. Rangou expressed gratitude on behalf of the University for the government's donation through NFA. She stressed: “The importance of the ambulance in serving not only the university community but also the nearby communities in Ialibu, Southern Highlands and providing support to the Ialibu and Mendi Hospitals.”

Dr. Rangou urged the communities to take care of this valuable resource, emphasizing its role in transporting the sick, injured, and those in need of medical assistance to main hospitals in Mendi or neighboring provinces such as Western Highlands, Jiwaka, and Simbu.

The ambulance donation reflects NFA's corporate social responsibility on behalf of the government to support healthcare services across the country.

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