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National Fisheries Authority Announces JICA's Partnership to Improve the National Fisheries College (NFC) Waterfront Facilities

PORT MORESBY: The National Fisheries Authority (NFA), and the Department of the National Planning and Monitoring (DNPM) this week, signed the Minutes of Discussions with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to announce the beginning of the NFC Waterfront Facilities Redevelopment project. The Minutes of Discussions basically highlights the respective Governments roles and responsibilities through the Implementation of the Project from the preparatory survey studies to the actual construction once the project is approved by the Government of Japan.

NFA's Managing Director Mr Justin Ilakini thanked JICA during the signing ceremony, and said: "The preparatory survey studies is timely for the much-needed redevelopment and refurbishment of the fisheries and marine college infrastructure that provides a range of training services to stakeholders across branches of the government, and the Pacific Islands' fisheries administration."

"The college, under the aegis of the NFA, is Papua New Guinea's leading fisheries and marine resources training and education institution, providing technical and applied training in Coastal Fisheries Operations, Post-Harvest, Fisheries Governance, Aquaculture and Fisheries Business," emphasized Mr. Ilakini. "This Project will boost the College to offer new courses such as Trap Net Operations, Value-Adding, Refrigerator Mechanics and Onboard Training (OBT) in partnership with Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan (OFCF) in the near future."

Meanwhile, JICA's Preparatory Survey Study Team Leader, Mr Masayuki HAYASHI said: "The JICA headquarter is grateful and appreciates NFA's undivided support in assisting the JICA Mission Team to compile the Minutes of Discussion, as the NFC project is not only important for the fisheries sector in the country but also for the Pacific Region." He added: "JICA is adamant to advance the project upon approval in Tokyo."

JICA PNG Office Chief Representative, Mr Hideaki MATSUOKA said: "JICA treasures the long history of cooperation in the fisheries sector in PNG, and looks forward to working cohesively with NFA for the successful implementation of the proposed NFC project."

Mr MATSUOKA further stated, that JICA's first aid project implemented in PNG was the National Fisheries College Auditorium in 1974, which coincides as Japan celebrates its 50-years of Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Papua New Guinea this year, from 1974 to 2024.

The Department of National Planning and Monitoring Acting First Assistant Secretary, Mr Reichert Thanda was present at the signing ceremony, and also counter-signed the Minutes of Discussions on the preparatory survey studies as the Coordinating Agency for Donor Funded Projects and Programs.

The National Fisheries College is responsible for delivering the Key Result Area 8 of the Fisheries Sector Strategic Plan which is 'to strengthen research, development, extension and capacity building' to promote equitable, inclusive and sustainable fisheries in the country and the region'.

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