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PNG University of Natural Resources and Environment signed a contract with Tirlua Investment Ltd last Friday to provide hospitality training to the University's Tourism students and to improve the University Guest House.

The Contract was signed two weeks ago at Kairak Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (KCfSRD) and was witnessed by students and staff of the University.

Fourth year Tourism students were thankful that the training which covers an induction, grooming and deportment, customer service, food and beverage procedures, housekeeping, reservations (guest check-in/check-out), conferences, basic kitchen operations, support services (port services, drivers, security, etc), first aid and emergency procedures is vital to their learning and will prepare them well for the tourism and hospitality sector after they graduate from UNRE.

They said they were fortunate to be trained by experts who have vast experience in tourism and hospitality.

Three members of the Consultant team were long serving international flight attendant trainers with Air Niugini.

The agreement stated that the University is engaging the consultants to provide professional expert advice on the upgrading of the KCfSRD Guest Wing from a Guest House into a modern-day lodge and to provide hands on training of tourism and hospitality management students from PNG UNRE.

The contract also stated that the consultants will also help to formulate and facilitate extension programs with KCfSRD for the Tourism and Hospitality industry



▲ UNRE VC Prof. Aisak Pue and Tirlua Investment Ltd's Gordon Joseph (centre) flanked by staff and students of the University and other members of Tirlua Investment after the signing of the contract.

together with the PNG UNRE International Tourism Program on an agreed consultative basis.

The contract is for two years unless terminated earlier by mutual consent of the parties. Under the agreement, the University shall pay to the Consultant a consultancy fee of K50,000 in the first instance for the first semester which will be reviewed and appraised thereafter based on performance.

- 40% of the fees will be paid as commencement fees.
- 20% of the fees will be paid upon submission of the draft report.
- 40% of the fees will be paid as final payment upon submission of the final draft.
- Following Semesters will be paid based on reviews and adjustments to the contract.
- Other payments can be made outside of this arrangement for other services provided such as conducting professional training to other clients than the university. Payments shall be a component of the fees paid by clients undertaking a training at KCfSRD. This is to fulfill the University's Social Responsibility obligation to the industry.

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To develop into a sustainable University through delivery of innovative research, quality teaching and learning, developing staff and students as alumni agents for positive change.

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Zero tolerance on alcohol and drugs

PNG University of Natural Resources and Environment will strictly impose the Zero Tolerance on Alcohol and Drug Policy on campus.

The University Management led by the two Pro Vice Chancellors and the University Registrar recently held an awareness session to inform staff and students of the policy.

Pro Vice Chancellor Planning and Development Dr Livingston Tavul said the University Management will not tolerate any students or staff drinking on campus, the Management is prepared to terminate students and disciplined staff who fail to comply with the policy.

He stressed that this is the directive from the University Council and the management will ensure that this policy is strictly imposed.

Dr Tavul explained that as agreed in an emergency meeting, students

implicated in alcohol related cases between February 2023 and April 27, 2023, have been pardoned but from April 28, 2023 going forward there is no appeal for students.

He said students signed an agreement with the University during registration that if caught abusing alcohol and drug on campus they will be suspended or terminated without appeal.

Dr Tavul urged the newly elected SRC executives led by President Israel Yafau to work collaboratively with the University management to address students' issues.

He said there are procedures in place that SRC should follow.

Registrar Mrs Jennifer Popat urged students to behave like university students.

She said those who were abusing alcohol and drugs were demonstrating that they have no respect for

their parents, sponsors and their community.

"They have invested so much and expect to see you perform well. Those of you who continue to break rules, I am very sorry, I don't know what the future holds for you so please respect yourself," she said.

The SRC President said this is a chronic issue and the SRC will support the initiative taken by the University Management.

He said the SRC will appoint a Security Coordinator who will work closely with Guard Dog Security Services and the University Security Service to ensure that correct and reliable information is provided to avoid termination of innocent students.

The President also called on the University Management to address Academic and Administrative issues raised by students.

POMIS students visit UNRE Vudal, donate wheelchair

MORE than 30 students from Port Moresby International School visited Vudal Campus last Thursday to learn more about agriculture farming systems.

Head of Public Relations Lythia Suitawa welcomed

the 37 students on behalf of the University Management.

She said Port Moresby International School (POMIS) is a school that visits UNRE every year, however due to COVID-19, their last visit was in 2019.

Ms Suitawa said it is the management's hope that the regular visits have helped POMIS students understand the important work UNRE does in training young students to sustainably manage the country's natural resources and environment.

The students had the opportunity to attend four presentations delivered by Academic



staff of the University - Mr Judah Brandi, Mr Brendon Navus, Mr Daniel Waldi and Mr Alex Nugui.

Mr Brandy spoke on Agricultural Science in the Farming Systems Crops, Mr Navus presented Agriculture Science in the Farming System Livestock, Mr Waldi delivered on Agriculture Systems in Light of Climate Change and Mr Nugui talked about how UNRE programs contribute to the overall socio-economic development of PNG.

The students also heard from Ms Roselyn

Waste management team conducts awareness

PNG UNRE advocates for the sustainable use of natural resources and protection of the environment so it is important that its staff and students take lead to make UNRE a better place.



A Waste Management Team was established by the University's Senior Management Team to lead this initiative. The team of staff from the Grounds, Security and Planning sections is led by Planning Director Mr Erick Kuk, and supported by the student advocate group Green Change Initiative and Farm Operations Manager Mr Alex Nugi.

An awareness to campus residents on waste management and segregation was held last Tuesday (May 9).

Speaking at the gathering, Mr Nugi said this is an initiative of the University Management and urged administrative and academic staff to support this project.

He said many people only know of two types of wastes - Biodegradable waste and non-biodegradable waste,

so he hoped the awareness would help them understand how wastes can be classified into different categories.

Mr Nugi said UNRE preaches about managing and sustaining our natural resources and environment but practically there is a need for improvement.

He said we should not pretend that we know everything and participate in the important awareness program as it needs every effort to ensure that a system is in place that everyone including the visitors abide by.

Mr Nugi said waste segregation is important as it reduces waste volume, pollution and disposal costs and also make it easier to apply recycling and composting.

Mr Kuk said this is an important exercise that educates us on how we should dispose the different types of rubbish we have.

He said, "We start on a small scale and then we can replicate to our towns

and cities."

Meanwhile the University sewerage system also needs close attention according to a report submitted by Jark Engineering Services Ltd in October 2021.

The University signed a contract with Jark Engineering Services Ltd for a preliminary site investigation and feasibility studies for the water supply and sewerage system.

The 66-page report on the existing sewerage system indicated that the system is unable to cater for the university's daily waste flow generation due to increase in population. The current system was designed and constructed around 1965 to cater for a small Vudal Agriculture College population and requires urgent upgrading of the entire system and system components to service the entire PNG University of Natural Resources and Environment (UNRE) service area in conformity with technical standards and mandatory compliance standards and settings.

A conventional gravity sewerage scheme and centralized waste treatment system is recommended for the new upgrade scheme. On-site treatment facilities are not recommended for UNRE.

Green Change Initiative marks World Labour Day

Green Change Initiative is a student advocate group at PNG UNRE with an objective to raise awareness and promote sustainable practices in all aspects of planned projects.

Green Change Initiative (GCI), which was formed in 2021 by a group of 4th Year students, has helped many students be more creative and confident. Since its establishment, the group has come up with programs focused on sustaining and managing the environment.

GCI celebrated the



World Labour Day by providing volunteer service to different sections of the University. They helped

with cocoa harvesting, weeding of rice fields, farm nursery, library, Estate Services and participated in a general clean up of the campus.

They also carried out awareness to inform interested students of the GCI focus, Vision, Mission and Values.

Female representative Dorothea Teke said GCI has

helped to address the lack of exposure for students to create initiatives outside of classrooms by executing

eco-friendly projects on campus and inspiring fellow students.

She said GCI has helped change the mindset of the students and has given them the ability and confidence in their various fields of study. The group also helps them to be more responsible in sustaining and managing the natural resources of this country.

Miss Teke thanked GCI Patron Mr Alex Nugi for his continuous support and initiative in planning six projects the group will implement this year.

"After recruiting more volunteers, we will have mini orientation and then we will let everyone know what our projects are," said Miss Teke.

ACIAR purchases vehicle for teak research project

PNG UNRE continues to play an important role in the development of Teak in PNG and the new vehicle funded by ACIAR will assist UNRE Forestry Department in the Teak research.

University Vice Chancellor Professor Aisak Pue thanked the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) for recognising UNRE as an important partner to the ACIAR Teak Project.

He said the vehicle is an important asset that will enhance the Teak research carried out by the University and is also a great help for students' learning.

Encouraging students that they made the right decision to study Sustainable Forestry, the VC said the world is now focusing on countries like PNG to sustain and preserve natural forests.

He added that the University is collaborating with partners to ensure that the University delivers to



▲ UNRE VC Prof. Aisak Pue formally hands over the vehicle to Acting Head of Forestry Mr Joseph Warku.

students, appropriate knowledge and skills that is required by industries and organisations.

A Memorandum of Understanding with Papua New Guinea Forest Authority (PNGFA) is currently being drafted.

The VC said this is so students are marketable after graduating from the University.

Acting Head of Forestry Joseph Warku acknowledged the support of the University Management which

helped the department achieve its plans.

Mr Warku thanked ACIAR and the Project Leader Dr Tony Page for the valuable contribution in the Teak Research and encouraged students to engage in the project.

The Key Partners involved in promoting smallholder teak and sandalwood plantations in PNG and Australia are: East New Britain Women and Youth in Agriculture; Organisation for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement; Pacific Island Projects; PNG Forest Research Institute; PNGFA and PNG UNRE.

The project aims to improve timber supply and income for PNG and Cape York Peninsula landholders through the development of smallholder planted forests by increasing germplasm supply and refining working models for viable smallholder teak and indigenous sandalwood production.

POMIS students visit Goat Breeding Centre

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Takuru of the Student Administration Office who told them about entry requirements and the National Online Application System.

After the information session, the students visited the Goat Breeding Centre and the Demo Farm and the rice field. Unfortunately, time did not allow them to visit the University Livestock section.

As a token of appreciation, the school donated a wheelchair to the University Clinic.

POMIS Representative Mrs Susie Emmanuel said the excursion has broadened the students' focus on systems of farming.

"For me when students expressed their own opinion it indicates that there are a



lot more they need to learn about PNG," she said.

She said the visit was informative and believed students have learnt many new things in the presentations.

The students responded well by asking many questions.

PNG UNRE ATSA cleans Kerevat Town



PNG UNRE Adventist Students Association recently staged a clean-a-thon at Kerevat town.

This was their way of giving back to the community that they are part of.

The association have also been involved in cleaning the University's Vudal campus. Their efforts portray good citizenship, a character that all campus staff, students and dependents should promote.

