DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Office of the Secretary

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To All Universities and Higher Education Institutions

DHERST REGIONAL COLLEGIALITY WORKSHOPS

Dear Colleagues,

The Department of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (DHERST) will be conducting regional collaboration workshops in four (4) different regions of Papua New Guinea. This workshop is part of the department's reform initiative in ‘Reforming, Transforming, and Unifying’ the higher and technical education sector, which is aligned to the National Higher and Technical Education Strategic Implementation Plan (2017-2038) and the National Executive Council Decision No.: NG25/2017.

The following topics will be discussed during the workshop:

1. National Online Application System (NOAS)
2. National Online Selection System (NOSS)
3. Scholarships – National & Overseas
4. TESAS – Awarding of Scholarships
5. iPNG Database System
6. Higher and Technical Education Projects
7. Sector Funding – Funding Model & K4K
8. Centre of Excellence Projects
9. PNG National Qualifications Framework
10. Quality Assurance process & procedures
11. One National Grade Point Average (GPA)

The objectives of the workshop are:

1. To share experiences, seek input from selectors of all Higher Education Institutions on how best we can improve on the NOAS, NOSS, TESAS and i.PNG Database System.

2. To advise all Higher Education Institutions on national and overseas scholarships, scholarships requirement, scholarship process and scholarship programmes coordinated by DHERST or between GoPNG and the overseas agencies.
3. To advise all Higher Education Institutions, stakeholders on the Project Implementation & Infrastructure, Monitoring & Evaluation, Funding Model & K4K (Kina for Kina) and Center of Excellence Project.

4. To inform all higher education training providers, stakeholders on the requirements of the PNG National Qualifications Framework and the benefits of having one qualification framework to facilitate the different qualifications in Papua New Guinea and also on the Quality Assurance process & procedures.

5. Together with all Higher Education Institutions the DHERST intends to help as many students as possible to gain entry to universities or colleges, to offer the quality of education and the most important to help them succeed once they have enrolled. It means, by working together, we need to find strategies that will best enable students to meet their educational goals, whether they are pursuing a degree or striving toward some other educational objective.

We anticipate that through this collegiality workshop all stakeholders would have a better appreciation of the reform and systems and processes. By working together we can improve learning, teaching and research, therefore, the quality of higher and technical education sector in PNG.

We are inviting you to this collegiality workshop:

I. Universities
II. Colleges (Teachers, Technical, Business, Nursing)
III. Private institutions offering higher education and TVET qualifications
IV. Provincial Education Advisors
V. Provincial Guidance Officers

The tentative schedules for the collegiality workshop are as follows:

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The Department is now asking for your collaborative participation in this essential workshop. All participants or representatives from respective institutions are required to meet their own expenses/cost for the workshop.
I thank you all for your cooperation in improving the higher and technical education sector and its system so together we can make it more efficient, effective, transparent and accountable resulting in quality of education.

We would very much appreciate if you could contact Ms Nialin Kichawen by email: nialin.kichawen@dherst.gov.pg or Ms Madeline Robert by email: madeline.robert@dherst.gov.pg to register your participation.

We are thanking you all in advance.

Sincerely,

Professor Fr Jan Czuba
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