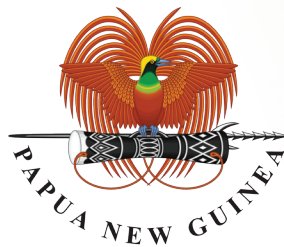




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CONDOLENCE MESSAGE ON THE PASSING OF SIR JULIUS CHAN, GCL, GCMG, KBE, PC

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Minister of Higher Education, Research, Science, Technology, and Sport

On behalf of the Ministry and the Department of Higher Education, Research, Science, Technology, and Sport, I extend my deepest condolences to the family, friends, and the people of New Ireland Province on the passing of one of Papua New Guinea's most distinguished statesmen, **Sir Julius Chan, GCL, GCMG, KBE, PC**.

Sir Julius Chan was a towering figure in our nation's history, a leader of profound wisdom and unwavering dedication. His service to Papua New Guinea spanned decades, shaping the political, economic, and educational landscapes of our country. As Prime Minister, he led with vision and resilience, always striving for a prosperous and united Papua New Guinea. His unwavering commitment to nation-building saw the establishment of four universities during his tenure: **the University of Goroka, Divine Word University, Pacific Adventist University, and the University of Vudal (now the University of Natural Resources and Environment - UNRE)**. His foresight in expanding access to higher education has left a lasting legacy that continues to empower generations of Papua New Guineans.

Sir Julius Chan was a man of great wisdom, humility, and service. His leadership was defined by courage, diplomacy, and an unshakable belief in the potential of our people. He navigated some of the most challenging periods in our nation's history, including the Bougainville conflict, always striving for peace, stability, and unity.

As we grieve the passing of Sir Julius Chan, we also honor a life devoted to the service of our nation—a life marked by courage, wisdom, and an unyielding commitment to the progress of Papua New Guinea. His legacy is not merely etched in history but lives on in the institutions he built, the countless lives he empowered, and the vision he championed for a stronger, more united, and prosperous Papua New Guinea.

Though we mourn, we do not despair, for his contributions will continue to illuminate the path ahead. His unwavering belief in the potential of our people reminds us that even in loss, there is hope; even in sorrow, there is inspiration. His life's work serves as a call for us to carry forward his vision, to build upon the foundations he laid, and to strive for a future that upholds the values he cherished—education, leadership, and national unity.

In this moment of sorrow, we find comfort in the timeless words of Scripture:

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." - Psalm 34:18

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." — Matthew 5:4

May God's grace bring strength to his family, the people of New Ireland, and the entire nation. May we draw from his legacy the inspiration to continue his mission of nation-building with renewed purpose and unwavering dedication. Though he is no longer with us, his spirit will forever remain in the heart of Papua New Guinea, guiding us toward a future of hope and prosperity.

Rest in eternal peace, Sir Julius Chan.

Your legacy will never fade.

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