



2025 Season's Greetings

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As we near the conclusion of 2025, I am delighted to offer my heartfelt Christmas wishes to all higher education institutions (Universities and Colleges), students, educators, parents, families, and stakeholders throughout Papua New Guinea. This festive period is a moment for gratitude, reflection, renewal and togetherness as we celebrate with our loved ones and express thanks for the year's blessings.

This year has marked significant achievements in our higher education sector, notably the successful National Online Selection for tertiary institutions, where **13,652** school leavers and non-school leavers secured places for the 2026 academic year through a transparent and merit-based process. This accomplishment underscores our dedication to enhancing **Access, Quality, and Relevance** for all Papua New Guineans pursuing further higher education and skill development.

The efforts of the Department of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (DHERST), along with our academics, administrators, and partners, have been tireless in advancing the higher education reform, digitalization, and innovation within PNG's higher education system. Our commitment lays the groundwork for quality, relevance, and inclusivity in higher and technical education for future generations.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us embrace the values of peace, unity, hope, and generosity. May this season bring joy and renewal to your homes, and may we all look forward to the New Year with optimism and determination to continue building a brighter future for our nation!

To all Papua New Guineans — Merry Christmas and God bless you all. May the New Year bring renewed purpose, prosperity, and continued progress to our people and our beloved country.

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