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TIPNG & UPNG sign Memorandum of Understanding: Solidifying Pathway for Accounting Students in Governance
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Port Moresby, Wednesday 18 March 2026- Transparency International Papua New Guinea (TIPNG) has formalized a landmark partnership with the University of Papua New Guinea's (UPNG) School of Business & Public Policy through the signing of a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

Running from 2026 to 2031, this collaboration consolidates a relationship between both parties that began in 2023. Since then, TIPNG has hosted two batches of accounting students who provided vital support in financial record-keeping and reporting during their 13-week attachments.

This partnership is a strategic investment in "Integral Human Development," providing students with hands-on experience that bridge academic learning with the professional realities of the governance and civil society sectors.

"Beyond the numbers, this program is designed to build character," said TIPNG CEO Arianne Kassman. "We want to strengthen the students' principles so they can lead with honesty and integrity. In a country like Papua New Guinea, where strengthening governance and accountability is critical, the role of financial professionals in upholding ethical practice is paramount".

She also added that internships as such, are a gateway towards investing in the next generation of Papua New Guineans, who will one day lead PNG's institutions, manage its resources and shape the future of the country.

By establishing this formal partnership, TIPNG and UPNG School of Business & Public Policy are fulfilling a shared responsibility to nurture professionals who prioritize service to the nation and contribute to a more accountable and prosperous Papua New Guinea.

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What is TIPNG?

TIPNG is a member of Transparency International a global anti-corruption movement committed to fighting corruption. TIPNG is an independent organization in PNG known as a Chapter of the international movement. The PNG chapter advocates against corruption and promotes transparency, good governance, honesty and accountability both in private and public sector dealings. TIPNG tries to assist strengthen the integrity systems of our country such as the police, the parliament, the public services and the judiciary.