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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

“Integrity & Action Now!”

190 Teams Unite for Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption

Port Moresby, 21 Sunday 2026 — One hundred and ninety (190) registered teams representing corporate bodies, government agencies, schools, civil society organizations, family groups, and small and medium enterprises (SMEs) successfully united for the 16th annual Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption (SASWAC). Together, these participants raised K208,000 to directly fund Transparency International PNG’s (TIPNG) ongoing operations and anti-corruption programs.

As TIPNG's primary annual fundraising event, the Sir Anthony Siaguru Walk Against Corruption plays a critical role in sustaining the long-term, daily work required to strengthen integrity and accountability across Papua New Guinea. The K208,000 raised through team registration fees and community contributions will directly support TIPNG’s year-round practical efforts in:

- **Civic Education:** Equipping communities with knowledge of their legal rights and avenues to report wrongdoing.
- **Youth Engagement:** Operating youth empowerment initiatives to instill values of integrity in the next generation.
- **Governance Advocacy & Research:** Developing evidence-based insights to support legislative reforms and structural accountability.
- **Public Awareness:** Maintaining active public communication channels to track and report on institutional transparency.

Held under the theme "**Integrity & Action Now!**", this year's event emphasized that combating corruption requires more than public frustration – it requires individual and collective action.

Welcoming the participants at the Sir John Guise Stadium, TIPNG Board Director Mr. Richard Kassman reminded the crowd that national transformation must always be anchored by the choices of everyday people.

"You have turned up not just to walk, but to make it known that integrity matters deeply to you, to your families, and to our beautiful country," Mr. Kassman said. "Integrity begins with the everyday choices made by citizens, public servants, businesses, and leaders. Action means speaking up, demanding accountability, supporting transparency initiatives, and strengthening institutions that serve the public interest."

As an independent, non-governmental anti-corruption organization, TIPNG relies entirely on this type of public and corporate support to maintain its operational reach. Securing localized funding through SASWAC ensures TIPNG’s absolute ability to speak out objectively on governance issues, entirely free from political influence or external donor agendas.

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.

In keeping with its strict commitment to organizational transparency, the proceeds raised and expended through the Walk are independently audited and reported publicly through TIPNG's annual reports, which are accessible to the public on its website.

Through their financial contributions and physical attendance, the 186 participating teams demonstrated that integrity is not simply a value to be discussed, but a practical commitment that must be actively supported and resourced now.

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