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Prime Minister Thanks Team PNG APEC

Prime Minister Hon. Peter O'Neill thanked the PNG APEC team today for their hard work and encouraged the staff to continue their work to deliver their best in the upcoming APEC 2018 events.

The Prime Minister who met with the team this Morning at the International Convention Center was accompanied by the Chief Secretary, Issac Lupari, APEC Minister Hon. Justin Tkatchenko, APEC Chief Executive Officer, Chris Hawkins, and APEC Director General, Sir Charles Lepani.

Prime Minister O'Neill said the Government has committed a lot of money to build infrastructure for APEC which will be beneficial for the country in the future.

"You will play an important role in forming the history of PNG."

"This is an important opportunity for our country to shine."

"We are spending money but we are building infrastructure that will be used in many generations and I would like to thank our development partners; Australia, Japan, New Zealand, China, United States," Said O'Neill.

APEC Minister Hon. Justin Tkatchenko, also shared similar sentiments by encouraging the PNG APEC team and reaffirming his support.

Chief Secretary Isaac Lupari acknowledged the Prime Minister for his leadership in bringing APEC to PNG and his continuous support to APEC. In his speech, Isaac also thanked development partners especially Australia, New Zealand and USA for assisting with security protocols and processes.

"We believe APEC is a game changer for this country ... and the world will know where Papua New Guinea is," Said Lupari.

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