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2016 coffee competition winners Timuza group leader Ofi Ifuru (left) receiving the dummy key to a Toyota dump truck from Morobe Governor Hon Kelly Naru.



Reformed leader Mine Miefa handing over his gun to CIC chief scientist to symbolize the change in notorious Barola.

MISSION STATEMENT

To increase financial returns, productivity, production and market access for female and male coffee farmers and others along the value chain, with motivated, competent and continuously learning actors.

EHP claims top 3 awards at coffee contest

THE Timuza Business Group, of Kainantu District in the Eastern Highlands Province (EHP) has been declared the Green Golden Cup Winners of the 2016 PNG Coffee Competition in Lae, scoring 85.75 points.

Falling behind by just 0.2 points, Tibunofi group also from EHP were the runner-up winners with 85.55 points, followed by Untoa Kosa of EHP with 84.49 points making Eastern Highlands as the overall winners of the recently concluded PNG Coffee Competition held in Lae in September.

Tying in at the 4th place were two winners -Kosem South Waghi of Jiwaka scoring 84.18 points and Roros coffee co-operative of Morobe Province with 84.18 points. Finding a place also in the top 10, Goroka community development association (EHP) came 5th with 84.03 points, Kosem North Waghi (Jiwaka) claimed the 6th place with 83.98 points, Buyana of Morobe Province with 83.63 points in the 7th place, Iwaki of EHP with 83.33 points in the 8th place and Napi Nots of Morobe claiming the 9th place with 83.13 points.

The weeklong event hosted by the Coffee Industry Corporation ran from August 15th to 19th, 2016 which brought in international coffee judges from Hong Kong, Costa Rica, Australia, Indonesia and New Zealand.

A total of 128 coffees entered the national event which were assessed and screened down to top 10 coffees, which saw a wrestle between Jiwaka, Morobe and Eastern Highlands provinces in the last rounds of cupping on Friday last week.

For this year, there were 13 Robusta coffees, all from East Sepik, who entered the competition. Buokotom Cooperative Society received the sweet robusta cup award with 81.08 points. Senior Quality Officer Rose Romalus said that the competition used the Q Grading cupping and scoring system, which is universally accepted and practiced in the coffee industry.

The team of international judges included Sam Say of Bolaven Hong Kong, Gabriel Tan of Blacklist coffee in Perth, Australia, Harry Ko of Dukes Coffee in Melbourne, Australia, Chris Jackson of Five Senses Perth, Australia, Adi Taroepatjeka of 5758 coffee lab in Indonesia, Jose Pablo Juarez Solis from Costa Rica and Fraser Lovell of Supreme Coffee in New Zealand.

Agriculture & Livestock Minister Hon. Tommy Tomscoll told farmers at the closing ceremony on Friday August 19th, 2016 that as long as PNG continues to supply consistent quality coffee, market will not be a problem. "That is the confidence I cannot give to the buyers, the onus is on you as a farmer," he said.

Sam Say on behalf of all the overseas coffee judges said that it was a humbling experience in identifying the quality of PNG coffee and discovering all the good coffees. He added that his company is looking forward to support the event in the future.

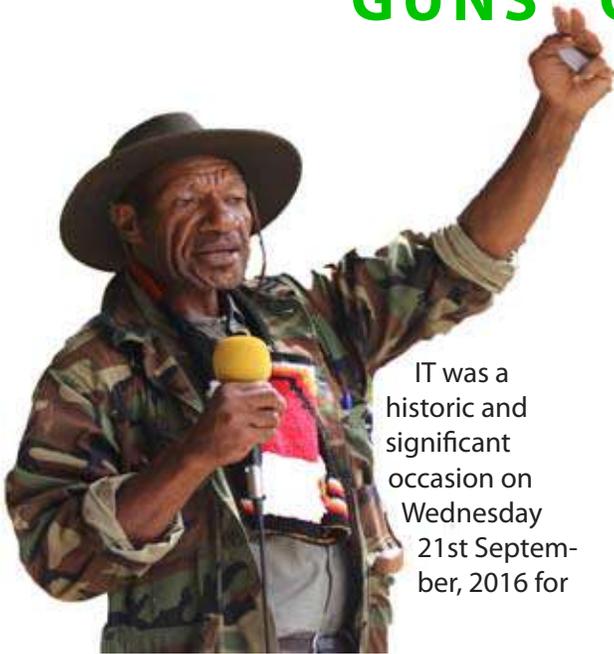
While congratulating the green golden cup winner, CIC CEO Mr Charles Dambui urged all groups participating in the 3rd coffee competition to maintain and continue best farming practices. He concurred with the judges that there is greater opportunity for PNG coffee to progressively improve quality and maintain the status quo.

Present at the closing ceremony were Agriculture and Livestock Minister Hon. Tommy Tomscoll, Bulolo MP Hon. Sam Basil, Morobe Governor Hon. Kelly Naru, Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock Dr Vele Pat Ila'ava, government officials from the Pomio district, Morobe district representatives and government officials from the National Planning and Treasury departments.



Timuza coffee cooperative chairman Ofi Ifuru receiving the dummy key to the group's brand new Toyota dump truck.

GUNS OUT, COFFEE IN



IT was a historic and significant occasion on Wednesday 21st September, 2016 for

youths of Barola community to surrender their guns and come forward with a change of heart and mind to turn to agriculture.

Barola in the Eastern Highlands province is a name anyone travelling along the Highlands highway would think twice before passing the area, especially at nights, as it is known for its numerous hold ups and carjacking activities over the recent years.

The fear of the area Barolla hill, as a notorious hideout for criminal activities, has left a bad impression on the mindsets of the government, law enforcers and the general public, resulting in less development in the area.

Eastern Highlands Governor Julie Soso who was the guest of honour at the launching of the Barola coffee cooperative spoke with admiration for the group's courage to come forward and make a change in the community. Soso committed K100,000 to the cooperative group to assist with their coffee development projects and an additional K10,000 to boost the morale of the young men in the area.

"When you begin to change, change will come into your lives and community. I congratulate you all for your boldness and change of hearts to come forward and start a new chapter in your lives."

In April 2015, the coffee industry corporation paid a visit to the area and after consultation with then gang leader Nime Miefia, awareness and more visits followed afterwards, which

prompted the group to make a turn in their lives.

CIC Chief Scientist Tom Kukhang who has been with the community since day one said the Government had tried to get this area to normal operations, however their many attempts was to no avail. He added that times have changed and today is the dawn of a new era. He praised the group leader Mr. Miefia for showing leadership and guiding the young men in Barola to leave drugs and criminal activities to start something new for their livelihoods and community as a whole.

CIC general manager for research and extension Dr Mark Kenny also commended the group of young men for choosing the right path in turning away from what used to be the dark days of their lives and wished them well in what they have begun.

Also present at the launching was Eastern Highlands Provincial Police Commander Superintendent Alex N'Drasal who applauded the group, and announced the highway patrol base for Highlands region will be at Barola.

"This is a new chapter for Barola and it starts today. Your lives will completely change because you have already begun with the change from within to cultivate coffee." He said the name Barola paints a bad image for the province and today it is telling the country and the world it has changed.

Barola coffee cooperative leader Mr. Miefia thanked all churches, CIC, village leaders and the police, who had participated in criminal youth rehabilitation programs to stamp out all illegal doings from Barola to Komperi valley. "Enough is enough, we must stop harboring criminals." He said the group was determined to make an honest living through planting coffee and reaping the benefits in the years to follow.

The recent launching saw the opening of a nursery capacity of 20,000 seedlings, a central wet mill and a resource centre.

The group currently has 50 members. This number is expected to increase to 111 as additional members sign up to become a registered member.



CIC CEO's Executive Officer Raymond Unasi, EHP Governor Julie Soso with other invited guests at the launching and top left: Mr Mine Miefia giving his speech at the occasion in Barola.

CIC launches 2nd Edition of PNG Coffee Handbook

A SIGNIFICANT moment in the history of Coffee Industry Corporation (CIC) took place in September with the launching of a revised edition of the PNG Coffee Handbook.

The occasion is “an important milestone for the coffee industry”, says World Bank Representative Allan Oliver who officially launched the Handbook with Chief Executive Officer for CIC, Charles Dambui in Goroka on Thursday 8 September, 2016.

“Coffee as an industry need to do it in its own practice and this is the purpose of this Handbook,” says Mr Oliver who attended the launching on behalf of the World Bank Country Manager.

The revised edition is a production of the CIC’s Productive Partnerships in Agriculture Project (coffee component) funded by the World Bank IDA (International Development Association), IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development) and GoPNG.

CEO Mr Dambui acknowledges the World Bank, IFAD and PPAP team for the effort in putting together the handbook and financing its production. The revised edition paves the way for production of Coffee Extension Manual and re-introduction of a Coffee Curriculum for schools which CIC started six years ago.

Mr Oliver on behalf of World Bank officially handed over the Handbook to CEO of CIC Mr Dambui. The CEO then handed the book to Dr Mark Kenny, General Manager of Research, Growers & Service Division (RGSD) Aiyura who will be the custodian of the revised edition. It is a scientific or technical book for use as reference whilst the Coffee Extension Manual which will be produced by end of this year will be used by extension officers, coffee farmers, etc.

Dr Kenny acknowledges the effort of those who contributed to the first edition published 22 years ago in 1994. This laid the foundation for the second edition to be produced.

The PNG Coffee Handbook is a “formula” for successful coffee growing in PNG. The second edition corrected some inaccuracies identified in the 1994 edition. It is an Arabica Coffee Handbook, but knowledge of Robusta coffee is also included where appropriate.

The second edition has new research and marketing information drawing on the experience of smallholder and commercial growers.

The revised edition should be used as a reference document for Arabica coffee growers, coffee development planners and extension officers. It is prepared in loose-leaf form so that regular amendments can be made, without having to carry out a complete reprint of all sections.

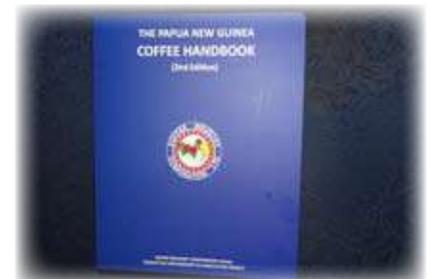
The Handbook is a useful resource material, not only for coffee extension officers, but all agriculture specialists including students.

Those interested in purchasing a copy can contact Dr Mark Kenny, General Manager RGSD on telephone number 537-3511 or 537 3518. You can also email Carolyn Iniviko on ciniviko@cic.org.pg.

A copy of PNG Coffee Handbook (2nd Edition) is selling for only K100.



World Bank's Mr Allan Oliver handing over the second edition of the coffee handbook to Mr Charles Dambui CIC CEO.



Five industry reps attend roaster's training

FIVE representatives from the coffee industry in PNG were privileged to attend a weeklong master roaster's training in Brisbane, Australia from August 12th to 16th, 2016.

The participants included officers from Banz Kofi Faktori, Duffys café, Sirigine Coffee Producers, Colbran coffee-lands and the Coffee Industry Corporation. An invitation was sent early in May to the current 11 licensed coffee manufacturers in the country, from which selections were made for participants to undergo the training.

The training was conducted by a coffee training company in Brisbane. Founder and owner of Wolff Coffee Roasters, Peter Wolff, took the participants through the weeklong training at the Wolff College of coffee.

Wolff has been in the coffee industry for more than 30 years and with the recent training, the PNG coffee industry hopes it can better the understanding of our local quality officers in the aspects of roasting and cupping.

The training aims at teaching selected coffee roasters and potentially exporters, particularly local Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs), to improve their roasting skills in order to enter the competitive roasted coffee market abroad.

Coffee Industry Corporation (CIC) General Manager for Industry Operations Mr Steven Tumaé said the training was important for the local roasters to be competitive to meet the demands in the ever increasing interest in specialty coffees, and roast segment of the diverse coffee market.

"Roasting is a very delicate process and therefore, we anticipate that the training will equip our roasters to fully bring out PNG's unique and intrinsic cup qualities, and are further exposed for both the domestic and international consumers to enjoy."

Mr Tumaé added that the challenge for new and existing roasters interested in entering this specialty market, is to understand the point of difference displayed by their coffee, such as the specific characteristics and flavours, and how to develop and maintain these through correct roasting methods.

He acknowledged the partnership between CIC and PHAMA (Pacific Horticultural & Agricultural Market Access program) for making the training possible in sponsoring the participant's round- trip to Australia.

Samuel Rafanna who works for Sirigine coffee, a local coffee company in Goroka, said the training has been a great opportunity for him to grasp new ideas to apply to what he is currently doing. "I have been roasting coffee



Participants from PNG coffee industry with counterparts from Australia during the roaster's training.

from experience only but the training has opened new doors for me to explore and take in as a way forward to enhance the way I do roasting for our company."

The training was delivered in two components over the five days course. The first three days looked at mastering the craft of roasting and cupping. This included introduction to the drum roaster, its operations, safety and maintenance procedures, basic concepts of heat application and airflow.

The other two days focused on advanced roasting and cupping. The participants were introduced to the concept of blending for end use as well as single origin roasting.

In addressing some of the industry challenges to market access and development, a Q-graders training is scheduled for November 14th -19th, 2016 in Aiyura, Eastern Highlands Province. Further notice on application and other course outlines will be announced once all is confirmed in the coming weeks.

The Pacific Horticultural and Agricultural Market Access (PHAMA) Program is an Australian Government initiative, co-funded by the New Zealand Government.

PHAMA is designed to help Pacific island countries better manage and utilise opportunities to export primary products including fish and forestry products. Australia and New Zealand are markets of major importance, along with export markets beyond the Pacific. The core countries assisted through PHAMA are Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.

PHAMA also provides assistance to other Pacific island countries through the Secretariat of the Pacific Community's (SPC's) Land Resources Division. PHAMA is implemented on behalf of the Australian Government by AECOM.

Crossing the mighty Waghi river with coffee bags



Farmers from lower Daribi transporting coffee on tubes across the Waghi river & right: Young boys resting after a long walk to Talbakul.

PAPUA New Guinea is blessed with a landscape and a climate that are conducive to growing several types of coffee.

But while growers in villages and areas closer to towns have not much trouble in bringing their coffees to the markets, much of the produce that is grown in the country's vast rural areas goes to waste because there are no road links to the nearest government station or town.

It is estimated that more than one thousand tonnes of coffee parchments in many remote low transport access areas do not reach the markets every year due to the rough and rugged terrains of this country.

We have heard stories of hardships faced by many rural farmers, carrying their coffee bags, and walking for days, rafting coffees on tubes and empty drums to reach the nearest airstrip or jetty to access markets.

Lower Daribi in the Karimui-Nomane district of Simbu Province is one of those many remote places that has seen its worst days in reaching markets to sell what they have sweated for.

Negabo is the only airstrip currently serving 13 council wards in Lower Daribi in the Karimui-Nomane district. Coffee farmers from the lower Daribi walk 2 hours to Negabo airstrip to get on a service flight to Goroka. Other times, when there are no flights, people can walk for 3-4 days to Gumine to pay for a K40 ride into Kundiawa town.

Helen Vitis is a women council representative in the lower Daribi. Air transport has been her only mode for freighting coffee in the last 17 years.

She said that most service flights do not allow coffee bags to be loaded. Moreover, a charter costs close to K5,000, which is way over how much they would earn from our

coffee sales. "We lose hope and neglect our coffees, harvesting only one third of the coffee as there is no reliable way out of Negabo."

Ruth Dua, a local at lower Daribi, expressed concerns that sometimes coffees are bought at a low price of 20 toea to one kina per kilogram at Negabo. "Freight costs are so high so we burn all the coffees that stay over time at the storage areas."

In 2014, Helen approached the Coffee Industry Corporation (CIC) office and sought assistance under the Freight Subsidy Scheme (FSS). "I am happy that through the government's support through CIC, my farmers and I can at least get something out from our sales compared to 17 years ago when I had to meet all the upfront costs of airfreighting coffees back and forth."

On a recent chartered trip to Negabo, through the CIC coffee freight program, a total of 20 bags of coffee were air freighted to Goroka. The coffee bags had been carried by mothers from upper and lower Daribi to Negabo airstrip.

Like many remote places in PNG, Daribi is rich and abundant with its own suitable climate and evergreen vegetation. Coffee is their main cash crop while peanut and rice are also grown and sold for an income.

Coffee Freight Officer Ben Lohe told the people of Daribi that the program had been assisting farmers over the past years and they can expect the much needed help they have been missing out on.

"We must be thankful that with the National Government's intervention with funding support to CIC, the program has expanded and can now be able to freight as many coffee bags as possible **continued on page 7**

Training commences for new DNA lab

A weeklong training on Coffee Berry Borer (CBB) identification procedures was completed on July 15th, 2016 following the opening of a high technology laboratory for coffee.

The new facility established at the Coffee Industry Corporation (CIC) research station in Aiyura has been fully equipped with the latest technology installed with assistance by partners from the University of Florida in USA and funding support from the PNG government.

The training was attended by research staff at CIC and participants from the Binatang Research Institute in Madang.

Graduate Research Assistant at Florida University, Craig Bateman, explained that CBB is a tiny little beetle that infests coffee berries all around the world. "The great thing is that it is still not yet in PNG so we are trying to keep it out," said Bateman. He added that the problem is that CBB looks like other tiny beetles that make it difficult to identify with naked human eyes. "The DNA lab is needed to look at extremely informative sections of the insect to help us identify CBB. It is much more efficient than simply using morphology."

Participants were taken through the procedures of DNA analysis and how to take high resolution photos of bark beetles sent in by farmers or extension officers.

CIC Chief Executive Officer Charles Dambui said the training was timely for the operations of the new lab and important for officers involved.

"We are proud that the facility can now cater

for rapid identification of any CBB suspects and providing safeguard for the industry from this deadly beetle."

The new lab comes with equipment such as microscopes for general pest identification, a dedicated camera scope for taking high resolution images of tiny beetles of less than 2mm long, freezers for storage of chemicals, and an autoclave for sterilizing lab items among others.

Fellow researcher at Florida University Andrew Johnson emphasized that the training was an introductory one and they would need another two more weeks to fully cover all the procedures in the DNA lab.

He added that the critical process in the DNA identification process would be the analysis part as it would need the longest time possible in making sure enough background information is collected on a particular beetle to avoid incorrect results as CBB.

Sentiko Ilbali, a participant from the Binatang Research Institute said that the training is vital and he is grateful to be part of it as most of his work centred on DNA. He added that the lab would be very useful in the long run.

Meantime, a follow on training is being arranged by CIC and part-



Research staff paying close attention to CBB expert Andrew Johnson explaining how the DNA ID processes work.

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to the markets from serviced airstrips."He further explained that low transport access areas are now considered Economic Corridors by the Government and had a potential to be developed to contribute meaningfully to the livelihoods of people and the economy of the country.

Since 1999 to 2011, CIC has been implementing the program from an internal budget until 2012 when assistance came from the national government which further boosted the program to reach out to more rural communities.

Chief Executive Officer Charles Dambui highlighted that over the last 4years (2012 – 2015), more than 1000 tonnes of coffee parchments had been freighted, benefiting 81 grower groups and 40 individuals from various airstrips and jetties around the country.

The CIC Coffee Freight Program aims to facilitate market access from the remote areas by assisting in transporting coffees to the nearest marketing depots, facilitating processing and marketing on behalf of coffee growers.

Coffee rehab increases coverage into Simbai

THE success of coffee rehabilitation work in the remote inland area of Simbai in Madang Province has boosted Coffee Industry Corporation (CIC)'s confidence to help more farmers with additional funding.

This follows the signing of an agreement between CIC's Productive Partnerships in Agriculture Project (PPAP) and Lead Partner, Diocese of Aipo Rong – Anglican Church of PNG (ACPNG) in Mt Hagen on Tuesday 26 July, 2016.

The PPAP is a CIC project through the Department of Agriculture & Livestock financed by a loan facility from World Bank (IDA) and IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development) with counter-funding from PNG Government.

The contract agreement totalling K1,155,624 paves the way for Anglican Church to continue rehabilitation work which includes improving run-down coffee gardens, set up nurseries to raise coffee seedlings and start improved post-harvest practices in cluster groups.

The Anglican Church is a CIC-PPAP Lead Partner under call 2 and is working with 877 farmers in five (5) cluster groups in the mountains of Simbai. The farmer groups cover 439 hectares stretching from as far as Lower Jimi in Jiwaka across to Angoram District in East Sepik.

Simbai in Madang Province borders Western Highlands, Jiwaka, Angoram District of East Sepik and Enga Province. The estimate terrain elevation above sea level is 2,144 metres. Therefore delivering coffee development work to remote and rugged mountain areas like in Simbai is CIC-PPAP's biggest challenge.

"But we're confident to extend our coverage with the support of the Lead Partner and enthusiasm of our rural farmers there," says Project Manager

Potaisa Hombunaka.

The Lead Partner will also facilitate farmer training in selected topics like in business management skills, conduct farm book/record keeping, and carry out HIVAIDS and gender equality training with farmers and their families.

Early this year in April ACPNG with the support of BSP Mt Hagen opened 204 new accounts for Simbai farmers and their families. A financial literacy training funded by CIC-PPAP also attracted 204 participants. This is an initiative under coffee rehabilitation work being carried out by ACPNG.

Mr Hombunaka stressed that the success of coffee rehabilitation work to improve our farmers' livelihood hinges on productive partnership.

"I encourage the provincial government and district development authorities to also support our

effort by building roads, bridges and airstrips for farmers to access markets and social services."

The CIC-PPAP is extending its coverage under call 3 to four (4) new provinces namely Southern Highlands, Enga, Morobe and East New Britain. Simbai in Madang Province is an existing project but is the only successful applicant under the recent call to continue coffee rehabilitation activities with additional farmers.



Standing at the back from left to right are Co Partner Reuben Fuopo from Anglican Stop AIDS, Project Coordinator Vincent Kaniemba, Data Entry Clerk Rose Yangu, Veronica Tame and CIC-PPAP Component 2 Coordinator (Western Zone) Bernard Pilon witnessing Rev Bishop Nathan Ingen, Diocesan Bishop of Anglican Church signing the agreement for coffee rehabilitation work in remote Simbai area of Madang Province.

CIC IN PICTURES



Awanas coffee cooperative farmers carrying their coffees to the beach at Malalamai to be transported by speedboat to Madang.



L-R: CIC Acting Team Leader Economics Brian Manny, General Manager Operations Steven Tumae, Financial Controller William Waiembi & HR Manager Jackson Pepeto at the Headquarters in Goroka.



Gawa coffee cooperative in Simbu province receiving their tools from Simbu Provincial Extension Coordinator Mr. Mogia Honepe.



CIC staff at the CEO's welcome reception as the confirmed CEO for PNG coffee industry corporation



Farmers from Lower Daribi in the Karimui-Nomane district in Simbu Province taking a breather after a days walk to Waghi River.



PNG Women in coffee rep Mrs Sallyn Lomutopa at the 2016 coffee expo.

Honey bee intergration with coffee

THE Coffee Industry Corporation (CIC) launched a Honey Bee Integration with Coffee project on Thursday 8 September in Goroka.

Honey Bee was with Livestock Development Corporation (LDC) and was transferred to CIC in 2014 as there is symbiotic relationship with Coffee.

Coffee is a seasonal crop producing cherries every six months. The integration of honey bee with coffee will help to pollinate coffee trees to increase yield with continuous harvesting through the year. Between 80 per cent and 90 per cent of pollination comes from domesticated honey bees. Moth and butterflies lack the range to penetrate large fields.

The Hon. MP for Bulolo, Sam Basil who happened to be in Goroka also attended the launching. He congratulated CIC for integrating honey bees into coffee as he had already done in his electorate in 2009.

The Director of Policy and Planning, DAL John Kendiga on behalf of Secretary DAL was delighted to see that the policy of transferring honey bee to CIC had been embraced and implemented.

The AAK Coffee Cooperative Society Ltd, a Co Partner with PNG Coffee Exports Ltd, lead partner under CIC-PPAP had seen the importance of integrating honey bee into their farmers' coffee gardens and sought funding support from PPAP to begin breeding honey bees to supply to their farmers.

Under Call 4 PPAP will support AAK with K100,000 plus other lead partners to supply honey bees to the farmers.

Chief Executive Officer for CIC Charles Dambui also announced that AAK will be CIC's Service Provider to breed and supply honey bees to coffee farmers. He also announced that a portion of land will be made available at Zuguru for AAK to expand its breeding program of honey bee.

A long time honey bee officer and now EHP DAL Director Ekesu Margo confirmed that Zuguru is the best place to breed honey bee and is supportive of the move.

The PPAP is a CIC project through the Department of Agriculture & Livestock financed by a loan facility from World Bank (IDA) and IFAD with counter-funding from GoPNG.

Top: CIC management team with Bulolo MP Hon. Sam Basil and Goilala MP Hon. William Samb at the honey bee and coffee handbook launching, Middle: Honey bee boxes set aside for coffee farmers & Bottom: AAK's Brian Kuglame receiving the honey bee box from CIC CEO Mr Charles Dambui at the launching.



Illegal coffee dealer charged

A man from Siane Local Level Government (LLG) in the Chuave District of Simbu Province, arrested and charged on September 27th, 2016 for illegal cherry coffee trading, has been convicted by the Kundiawa District Court on September 29th, 2016.

He was Consco Tom aged 36 of Fuka Village in Ward 14 of the Siane LLG OF Chuave. Tom was arraigned under Section 21 (1) of the Coffee Industry Corporation Statutory Functions & Powers Act No. 28 of 1991.

Despite an ongoing general awareness undertaken by the Coffee Industry Corporation (CIC) Ltd, via all modes of the media networks, including, continuous verbal awareness being also done by village based law enforcement officers and community leaders on the total ban on illegal cherry coffee trading, the defendant had been disrespectfully demonstrating his defiance.

A fortnight ago, a combined operation involving officers from the Chuave Police Station under Police Station Commander, Inspector Mark Tapo and Coffee Inspectors under Senior Inspector Johnem Pusa, resulted in the arrest of Tom and and further confiscation of several bags of both cherry and parchment coffees, including coffee pulpers. CIC Inspectors described the cherry and parchment coffees on site as being of "substandard value" that would compromise coffee quality along the chain value.

The charges under Section 21 (1) of the CIC Statutory Functions & Powers Act No. 28 of 1991, which Tom was indicted, attracts a penalty of a fine not exceeding K1,000.00 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or both. However, for an offender charged for defying or not complying with a Declaration made through the National Gazette relating to illegal coffee trading in restricted areas under Section 20 (1) of the same Act, faces a heftier fine of K5,000.00.

Several offenders in the Eastern Highlands Province charged under the same Act, have already been convicted and heavily fined by the Goroka District Court. Some notable owners of coffee processing facilities have also been fined under the CIC's Industry Regulations & Compliance rules and regulations.

Under a bipartisan approach, the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary and CIC are formally engaged in vigorously enforcing the ban in all the highlands provinces, including Simbu, which are declared by virtue of National Gazettal Notice No. G17 of 2008, as "Restricted Areas".

The enforcement of the ban continues and both Police and CIC Officers have issued further warnings to people who ignore such bans, that they tend to face hefty penalties if caught and charged, adding that thefts of cherry coffees by even school children were triggered by illegal cherry coffee buying in the villages.

Police further warn that should any conflict arise from illegal cherry coffee buying, those responsible would face the full brunt of the law.



Sergeant Nick Bauro and Senior Constable Timothy Gunua of Chuave Police Station displaying substandard cherry coffees and pulper confiscated from the illegal cherry trader.

Two Jiwaka groups fulfill Tree-to Cup policy

TWO groups of coffee farmers in North and South Waghi have been praised for their effort in lifting the profile of Jiwaka coffee following their success at the 2016 National Coffee Cupping competition in Lae.

The groups namely Kosem/PPAP of North Waghi and Kosem/PPAP of South Waghi also made history to become the first, not only in Jiwaka Province but also in the Highlands Region, to export their coffee directly overseas to South Korea fulfilling CIC's Tree-to-Cup policy under group marketing.

The Chief Executive Officer of Coffee Industry Corporation (CIC) Charles Dambui praised the farmers for setting a milestone achievement during the launch of their first export container of 320 green bean bags at Banz station on Thursday 9 September.

"My big congratulations to the groups to export their coffee overseas under group marketing fulfilling the Tree-to-Cup policy which aims to connect farmers with overseas market.

"This is a milestone achievement. It sends a big signal to the other participants of the National Coffee Cupping competition.

"If Jiwaka can send a container to overseas market I believe the others must set the same example."

The CEO acknowledged the World Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and GoPNG for funding PPAP coffee rehabilitation effort which in a very short time is producing some remarkable results.

The Jiwaka farmers qualified the regional challenge to make the top 10 finalists at the national competition in September. The groups finished 4th and 6th respectively out of 114 Arabica coffee competitors.

To organize the farmers to produce quality coffee and participate in the coffee competition and group marketing is an initiative of Managing Director of Kosem Coffee Ltd, John Munull and his son Mark, who is the Project Coordinator of the CIC-PPAP funded project.

"This is the beginning of a long journey and we will continue to walk further," says Mr Bernard Munnul.

It is a huge achievement for the Munnul's with

the professional support of CIC officer Philip Puke and PPAP consultant Steven Tevo to begin the change in farmers' attitude who are used to selling of cherries or parchment on roadsides.

Project Manager for CIC-PPAP, Potaisa Hombunaka acknowledges his predecessor David Freyne and PPAP Field Technical Officer for Western Zone Steven Tevo for job well done because they were the ones who contributed significantly to delivering these outstanding results.

Female farmers also played a huge part in the achievement. One is Emelda Take of Kormul Kana Village in South Waghi who contributed four bags under Kosem/PPAP. She appreciates her effort and now understands the importance of producing quality coffee.

"Bai mi wet liklik long kisim pe tasol em bai bikpela mani liklik na mi amamas," (I will wait a while to get paid but will get a little bit more so I'm happy).

After all internal costs of processing and marketing, the farmers will receive K5.50 plus per kilogram of parchment compared to roadside price of less than K4 per kg.

The group's total price of K17,000 from the cupping competition will be used to construct raised beds to dry coffee instead of on the ground hence aiming for higher quality in the coming years.

The Director of Policy & Planning of DAL, John Kendiga whilst congratulating Kosem and its Co Partners challenged the growers to produce more of the same quality as per the market demand.



Chief Executive Officer for CIC Charles Dambui (right) and PPAP chairman Ian Mopafi cutting the ribbon to launch the first container of 320 coffee bags ready for export.

Jiwaka to hold coffee forum

JIWAKA Province will host a coffee forum next year, says Chief Executive Officer of Coffee Industry Corporation (CIC) Charles Dambui.

The CEO made the announcement while congratulating two farmer groups in North and South Waghi for their success in the recent National Coffee Cupping competition held in Lae in September.

“This is an opportunity for all Jiwaka people to stand up together.

“We will host the first coffee forum in Jiwaka to discuss how to revive coffee here,” says Mr Dambui.

The groups namely Kosem/PPAP of North Waghi and Kosem/PPAP of South Waghi are Co Partners of Kosem Coffee Ltd, a Lead Partner of CIC’s Productive Partnerships in Agriculture Project (coffee component).

“The groups are also the first in the highlands and Jiwaka Province to export their coffee directly overseas fulfilling CIC’s Tree-to-Cup policy under group marketing,” says Mr Dambui.

The CEO also acknowledged the World Bank, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and GoPNG for funding PPAP coffee rehabilitation activities which in a very short time is producing some remarkable results.

Mr Dambui and Chairman of PPAP Industry Coordination Committee Ian Mopafi in the presence of CIC-PPAP officials and farmers on Thursday 9th September in Banz launched a container full of 120 bags green bean coffee for direct export to South Korea under group marketing.

The groups are first timers in the cupping competition but came 4th and 6th out of 114 Arabica competitors.

General Manager of CIC’s Research, Growers & Service Division, Dr Mark Kenny urged the farmers to work on their land to improve their livelihood.



Female farmer Emelda Take of South Waghi in Jiwaka Province is one of several women farmers who contributed coffee bags for the 2016 National Coffee Cupping competition. She is with her daughter in a rehabilitated coffee garden financed by CIC’s Productive Partnerships in Agriculture Project (PPAP).

Niugini coffee expo ends on high note



Left: CIC officer David Elmai speaking to a group of farmers at the 2016 coffee expo in Lae and right: BSP Lae senior officer Michelle Karani assisting a client out at the 2 days coffee expo. A total of 12 Kundu card accounts, 9 plus saver accounts were opened at the event and also 38 accounts were hooked up with BSP's mobile banking services.

THE 2016 PNG Niugini Coffee Expo ended successfully on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 with a total of 20 exhibitors.

The expo was held at the Sir Ignatius Kilage stadium in Lae which saw the participation of the National Development Bank (NDB), Brian Bell Groups of Companies, Investment Promotion Authority, Vitis Industries, Superior Enterprises Ltd, Bank of South Pacific (BSP-Lae Branch), Territory Packaging, Ela Motors, Inscape Shipping, Express Freight Management, National Agricultural Quarantine Inspection Authority (NAQIA), Bauka Women in coffee, PNG Women in Agriculture, Digicel PNG, Langimar Coffee Cooperative, and Neknasi Coffee Cooperative.

The two-day event was organized by the PNG Coffee Industry Corporation to showcase PNG coffee products and other value chain players in the industry.

Not only did the event try to display what the PNG coffee industry had to offer, but also educate and point farmers to respective business houses whom they could access and use their services in future.

More than 300 people flocked into the stadium to learn about the industry and had the chance to buy a coffee souvenir for their friends and families. Others used the opportunity to network with relevant exhibitors.

Vasither Marum, an expo visitor, said she learnt about the event through the media and was excited to see and buy for herself PNG coffee packaged by local coffee farmers. "We must support the local industry by buying locally made coffee from our very own farmers," she added.

Local coffee products sold at the expo by farmers include Awanas coffee from Madang province, Kanite, Bauka and Superior coffees from Eastern Highlands and Langimar coffee and Neknasi from Morobe Province.

The Chief Executive Officer for CIC Charles Dambui extended his gratitude to all exhibitors and sponsors for making the two-day expo a memorable and successful event.

Dambui said that hosting such events would not be possible without the support of all stakeholders who have willingly come forward to assist CIC. The dates and venue for next year's event will be announced by CIC before the end of this year.

K1m for coffee work in Gulf

GULF Governor Hon. Havila Kavo is giving full support towards assisting coffee farmers in the Kaintiba and Kotidanga LLGs in his province.

This was made known on his recent trip to the PNG Coffee Industry Corporation (CIC) headquarters in Goroka on Wednesday August 31st, 2016.

He was accompanied by the Director for Gulf DAL Mr Gerard Avoa, DAL project officer Mr Paul Kuno, Provincial Agriculture officer Ms Theresa Farisa and the Governor's First Secretary Mr Gabriel Topokai.

The team met with the CIC management and were given an overview of the PNG coffee industry and taken through how Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) partnerships were carried out by CIC and its partners.

The Governor said that he had realized the plight of his people in regards to road access and transport hardships to reach markets and will be working closing with his technical team and CIC to get things done.

After meeting with the CIC management team, the Governor and his team were given a tour around the Awute coffee factory outside Goroka town and got to see first-hand coffee processing and roasting on site.

Mr Kavo said he proposed the idea of building a new coffee processing facility in Kaintiba and this has been supported by the Gulf provincial government. "I'm very impressed with the positive response from CIC today and we have agreed to enter into an MoA.

The MoA will be signed when finalized to allow a team of technical officers from CIC and the Gulf provincial government to do a feasibility study in the Kaintibia area for the establishment of a wet and dry factory to proceed thereafter.

The Governor has committed K1 million as a preliminary cost to get the program rolling. He said that with the CIC's district and provincial partnership program, he hopes this can better assist coffee farmers in his province.

This project will assist the populace around Kaintiba, Kotidanga, Aseki, Menyamyama and Marawaka to access the facility to process their coffees and have them possibly transported from Kaintiba direct to markets readily available.

Mr Kavo will be meeting with his people in the province later on in the week to discuss the recent outcomes from the meeting with CIC.

CIC CEO Mr Charles Dambui thanked the Governor and his team for the proposed initiative that will contribute in market access for the farmers in his province and said that a technical team from CIC will be deployed after the MoA signing to do an assessment in the Kaintiba area.

Gulf province has two districts and 10 LLGs. Kaintiba and Kotidanga LLGs contribute to coffee production in the province.



Gulf Governor Hon. Havila Kavo (third from left, front row), with his provincial administration team and CIC management during a recent visit to the CIC headquarters in Goroka.

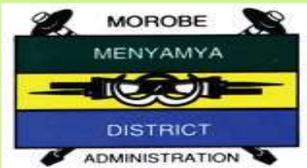


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Morobe Governor Hon. Kelly Naru presenting a dummy key to a new Toyota dyna truck to the 2016 coffee competition winners Timuza Business Group from the Eastern Highlands Province, flanked by the Agriculture Minister Hon. Tommy Tomscoll and CIC CEO Mr Charles Dambui.



CIC General manager Mr Steven Tumae receiving a cheque payment of K5,000 from IPA's senior marketing officer Mr Ken Pep.



CIC Senior Quality Officer Mrs Rose Romalus with eight of the overseas coffee judges



Overseas and local coffee judges assessing farmers' coffees at the 2016 coffee competition in Lae, Morobe Province.



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