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Welcome to the 2006 PNG MEDICAL SYMPOSIUM

Firstly I take this opportunity, on behalf of the PNG Medical Society and medical fraternity, to welcome you to the 42nd PNG Annual Medical Symposium, in beautiful Madang.

Sir Peter Barter Kt OBE, MP is the Patron of 2006 Medical Symposium, which is hosted by Divine Word University and Modilon Hospital from 4-8 September 2006.

As you are probably aware the Medical Symposium has been held annually for the last 41 years since its inception in 1965. The Annual Medical Symposium has been the forum for health and medical research in Papua New Guinea, and played critical role in development of relevant policies in the delivery for health services in Papua New Guinea.

The symposium brings together over 600 doctors, allied health workers and medical research scientist and other cadre of health workers for the week-long meeting, and the task of organizing a meeting of this magnitude is colossal. It usually cost approximately K350, 000 annually to host the Annual Medical Symposium and responsibility of the host Organizing Committee.

The theme this year is "Trauma, Emergency Medicine and Rehabilitation". This is appropriate to PNG Health service development at this point in time and particularly relevant to Madang as the host Province because of training opportunities at Divine Word University and Modilon Hospital.

I am pleased to inform participants that the following Eminent and Distinguished Speakers will be attending this year. Dr Adolph Saweri will deliver the Key Note Address. Dr Ken Winkel President of Australian College of Tropical Medicine, Dr Andrew Singer President of the Royal Australian College of Emergency Medicine and Dr David Campbell the President of the Australian College of Remote and Rural Medicine, Associate Professor Trevor Duke Director of the Centre of International Health, University of Melbourne are Guest Speakers from overseas. Professor Sydney Chung, Professor Chris Curry and Br Graham Leach are our local Guest Speakers.

Chairman Dr Sairere and his Team in Madang are finalising what is going to be an exiting and enjoyable medical symposium that I hope will advance your learning and assist us in developing new strategies for PNG Health Services and Training in Trauma, Emergency Medicine and Rehabilitation.

Thanks again and welcome to the PNG 42nd Annual Medical Symposium.

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