



*Immigration & Citizenship Authority's NEWSLETTER*

# *Immigration Insight*

*2018 YEAR IN REVIEW MAGAZINE*



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# Welcome to CMO's Desk



**Solomon Kantha**  
Chief Migration Officer

I am delighted to update you on some of the developments and successes within PNG Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) in 2018 in this edition of ICA's quarterly newsletter - *Immigration Insight*.

The success and challenges of hosting the 21 world economies in Port Moresby for the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit has had a great impact on us.

From processing APEC visas to ensuring delegates arrival and departure runs smoothly, I am proud to inform you that we have issued over 46,000 visas to all delegates who arrived and departed our shores with great satisfaction.

We were able to capitalise on this prestigious event to digitise the way we run our core businesses of travel facilitation and border security.

I am particularly pleased to inform you that ICA has launched a new website and an Online Visa Application Portal. Tourists and visitors who want to visit PNG can now apply for visa online by accessing our website [www.ica.gov.pg](http://www.ica.gov.pg)

This is a significant achievement for PNG Immigration. With this portal, you can apply for visa anytime, anywhere in the world.

Further to that, I must inform our valued clients and visitors that the government has approved for all Migration Service Fees (MSF) to be collected in US Dollars. ICA will start implementing and charging all visa fees in US Dollars in 2019 once the decision is gazetted.

This will increase revenue collection as well as foreign reserves for PNG.

Our border security operations has received a significant boost with the completion of the Bomana Immigration Centre. This new facility is first of its kind in PNG and will act as a holding place for anyone who enters or resides in PNG unlawfully awaiting removal.

On this note, I want to inform you that for the first time ICA has connectivity to the INTERPOL database at Jacksons International Airport. Two new standalone facial recognition softwares or Verifiers were also installed that will allow ICA officers to cross-check and identify anyone who travels using false identify or fraudulent passports. This is a significant step forward in border security.

While these achievements are important for ICA as a new Authority, there is a lot for us to work towards this year to set new milestones.

Central to our success is the commitment of our staff and the continued support we get from the Ministry of Immigration and Border Security and the Minister Hon. Petrus Thomas, MP. His leadership has been critical to the success of this Authority.

ICA Senior Management Team with Immigration and Border Security Minister Hon. Petrus Thomas and his Ministry staff.



## Deputy Chief Migration Officers



**Mr John Taunakeke**

*Deputy Chief Migration Officer  
Visa and Passport Division*

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit and its related meetings throughout 2018 has provided us in the Visa and Passport Division an extra challenge as well as a wonderful experience.

Staff have been working tirelessly to ensure all APEC participants receive a visa on time and have all their queries answered.

Our hard work behind the scene has set a new record for the country as we witnessed over 46,000 delegates arrived on our shores.

This is a big achievement for us and we are optimistic that we can deliver another global event in our country.

From manual to electronic visa, we are modernising and improving our capability. E-Visa is now available on our new website [www.ica.gov.pg](http://www.ica.gov.pg) and I encourage you to utilise this medium when applying for PNG visa.

We have received applications from all over the world through the e-visa application portal. E-Visa is easy and a smarter way to apply.

I commend my staff for the extra effort they put in 2018. We will work more smarter in the new year.



**Mr Stanis Hulahau**

*Deputy Chief Migration Officer  
Borders, Compliance & Enforcement*

The Borders, Enforcement and Compliance Division plays a significant role in ensuring our national borders are secured from anyone who want to do harm to our people.

We operate in 10 localities within PNG including Jacksons International Airport and the head office in Port Moresby. Our staff work at the main point of entry around the country including seaports, airports and Jacksons International airport to ensure lawful passage of international travellers. But our role goes beyond just checking passports and visa at entry points, we enforce laws and make sure our visitors comply with their visa conditions. Not only that, we contribute to the country's prosperity by collecting fees and contributing to the National Government's budget annually.

As a frontline border Authority, border security is our priority as we play a very important national security function to protect PNG's sovereignty.



**Ms Esther Gaegaming**

*Deputy Chief Migration Officer  
Refugee Division*

I am glad to inform you that ICA Refugee Division have completed the process of identifying genuine refugees from non-refugees.

Furthermore, the United States Government have done their own assessment and have to date resettled 173 refugees in the USA in 2018.

While we continue to provide support and assistance to the remaining refugees and non-refugees, our next priority is to fulfil the National Government's decision to identify, register and issue citizenship to West Papuans who resides in PNG.

We have an obligation to protect people who flee their country from wars or in fear of persecution and we will continue to support them. We will continue to ensure their rights are protected and whatever decisions we take is legally correct and in the best interest of PNG.



**Mr Nigel Diambo**

*Acting Deputy Chief Migration Officer  
Corporate Services Division*

This year has provided a considerable challenge for us financially, but I am pleased to announce that much has been achieved.

We have not received any funding from the 2018 Budget but we were able to implement some of our key priority projects.

Some of these projects include the launch of our new website, e-visa application portal and Corporate Plan.

With the implementation of the Governments' Public Money Management Regularisation Act (PMMR), we have been affected like all other Statutory Authorities. However, we had a productive discussion with Department of Finance to consider equal sharing of the Migration Service Fees (MSF) we collect annually.

Again nothing has been allocated in the 2019 National Budget for ICA. But under the leadership of the Chief Migration Officer Mr Solomon Kantha and our good Minister Hon. Petrus Thomas, MP we are positive that we will continue to work smart to achieve many things with the limited funds we have.



Head of States of the 21 APEC Economies in Port Moresby for the 2018 Leaders Summit. Photo APEC Authority

# Over 46,000 delegates attend 2018 APEC Meetings in Port Moresby

As a lead government agency in facilitating international travels, Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) is pleased to announce that our records has shown that over 46,000 individuals had arrived in Port Moresby for the 2018 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings throughout last year.

The arrival statistics obtained from Jacksons International Airport and from Fairfax harbour indicated a total of 46,440 people have travelled on aircrafts and on cruise ships to attend the Leaders' Summit in November and its related meetings since February 2018.

This figure does not include delegates who have arrived through Wutung border post in Vanimo, West Sepik province and those who travelled in as tourists or under general business visa class.

"The total 46,440 is the number of individual arrivals recorded since Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) One, Two and Three and the Leaders week," ICA Manager Borders Branch, Ms Nellee Holland Endose explains. "It includes arrivals by air and sea in Port Moresby only."

Ms Endose said the number would slightly increase if arrivals from Wutung and those coming in on business visa categories added onto this list.

The statistics were obtained from three (3) different visa categories specifically for delegates who have registered to attend the meetings through APEC PNG Coordination Authority. A large number of registered participants were issued Special Exemption Designated Events Visa (SE DEV) while others including crews of all State aircrafts and seafarers on Cruise ships were issued Easy Visitors visa. Diplomatic and foreign Officials of APEC Economies who arrived for the meetings were issued diplomatic and foreign officials visas.

From the total arrival and departure statistics, the APEC Leaders week in the month of November recorded the highest



US Vice President Mike Spence arrive in Port Moresby and is received by Government Ministers and Head of Government Departments including CMO Mr Solomon Kantha (second from left.)

number of movements compared to SOM 1, 2 and 3. Between 09 to 25 November 2018, approximately 5,762 people have travelled into PNG to attend the APEC Leaders's Summit.

The Chief Migration Officer Mr Solomon Kantha said this statistics translates to the hard work and commitment put in by ICA officers who work tirelessly overtime to process and ensure every visa applicant receive his/her visa on time.

"I am grateful to announce that no one has been left behind or turned back at the airport," Mr Kantha said. "All the APEC delegates who applied electronically have received their visa in less than five minutes.

"We have not received any complaints since SOM 1 and this is a big achievement for ICA and PNG as a whole," Mr Kantha said.

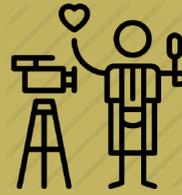
## Key Facts



**5,762**

### Delegates

arrived to attend the Leaders' Summit in November.



**966**

### Journalists

arrived for the Leaders Summit in November.



**34,057**

### Delegates

registered and have APEC Permits and arrive on Special Exemption Visas for SOM1,2 & 3 and Leaders Summit.



**19**

### Pacific Islands

delegates arrived for the Leaders Summit.



**46,440**

### TOTAL Delegates

arrived in 2018 and attended APEC Meetings including SOM 1,2 & 3 and Leaders Summit.



**2,417**

### Seafarers

arrived onboard three Cruise Ships for the Leaders Summit.



**21**

### APEC Economies

plus Pacific Island Forum countries attended the Summit.



**100**

### Immigration Officers

work in three shifts 24 hours to process arrival and departure of delegates during the Leaders' Week in November.

# Chile keen to learn from PNG APEC experience with e-Visa processing

The PNG Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) has set the benchmark for fast processing and issuing of visa to thousands of delegates attending the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit (APEC) in Port Moresby and is already attracting future host nations to learn from this experience.

The APEC 2019 host nation Chile, has expressed interest to learn more about the Electronic Visa (E-visa) Processing System used by PNG Immigration to record bio data information of applicants and issue an auto-grant letter to the applicant for their visa.

“The system cuts through the process of manually receiving and processing individual visa applications” Ms Liza-Ann Gabina, Manager Extensions, PR and APEC explains. “It allows individual applicants to upload their passport bio page details with all other required supporting documents onto the system. The system then automatically produce an e-visa autogrant letter and sends it to the applicant’s nominated email address.”

“The applicant bio data is automatically registered on the Border Management System (BMS) allowing Immigration officers to verify visa status on arrival at Jacksons International Airport” said Ms Gabina.

ICA officers involved in this process have been working closely with the APEC Coordination Authority to ensure the system functions smoothly.

Ms Gabina said it takes less than 30 minutes for the system to approve and issue an auto-grant letter. “This quick processing time is impressive and is setting the standard where other host nations would like to introduce in their country when they host the next APEC Summit” said Ms Gabina.

APEC Authority Chief Executive Officer Christopher Hawkins, in an email to the Chief Migration Officer said he has been getting such positive feedback from delegations in relation to the APEC e-visa processing system.

Mr Hawkins described the e-visa system as “the most efficient ever for APEC.”

The success of the APEC e-visa processing system has set a benchmark for PNG and Chile has expressed interest to learn from the PNG experience and to implement a similar system ahead of hosting the APEC Summit in 2019.

Chief Migration Officer Solomon Kantha is pleased with the positive feedback received from APEC delegations who visited Port Moresby for the Senior Officials Meetings and the Leaders Summit.

Mr Kantha thanked the hard working staff in the Authority, especially the Visa and Passport Division for working tirelessly to ensure all APEC Delegates are issued visas and stand ready to assist queries from visiting delegates.





*Business Mobility Group participants from the 21 APEC Economies in Port Moresby during the third Senior Officials Meeting.*

# APEC Economies discuss pathways to improve business and trade

A delegation representing PNG Immigration and Citizenship Authority have participated in the Business Mobility Cluster Group meetings during Senior Officials Meetings (SOMs) in Port Moresby to discuss pathways to improve travel and access to business opportunities in the 21 APEC Economies.

With each country having its own visa regulations, the discussions focused on how countries can cut through the red tape allowing business people to have easy and quick access into and out of the country they want to visit.

The APEC member states have realised the challenge businessmen and women face trying to attend business meetings or doing trade and investment trips in the region.

To address this, the 21 Economies have introduced the APEC Business Travel Card or ABTC card.

This card cuts through the red tape of doing business in the region.

The ABTC card holders enjoy short term multiple entry to the 21 APEC economies and fastrack entry and exit through special lanes at major international airports.

The card is your visa everytime you travel. However, each country have its own regulations that may require you to apply for an entry permit.

If you wish to apply for a ABTC card or to seek more information visit [www.ica.gov.pg](http://www.ica.gov.pg) or call us on +675 327 6100.



*ICA Delegation led by Deputy Chief Migration Officer (Visa & Passport) Mr John Taunakekei (second from left) and Manager PR, APEC and Extensions Ms Liza-Ann Gabina (seated second from left) and ICA officers.*



*Left: Business Mobility Group participants during SOM 3 discussions.*

# Apply for PNG Visa Online

*e-visa changing the game, allowing you to apply anywhere, anytime*

Want to visit Papua New Guinea for business, tourism, humanitarian work or just for holidays, the PNG Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) is making it more convenient for anyone around the world to apply for an electronic Visa without leaving the comfort of your home.

The e-Visa Application Portal is as simple as the way you use Facebook or WhatsApp. Simply connect online and access the portal on ICA's new website [www.ica.gov.pg](http://www.ica.gov.pg)

Anyone, anywhere in the world can lodge e-visa application. Make sure you fill out all the required fields and attach all necessary documents including your passport bio page. At the end of the page, you will be required to pay the Migration Service Fee (MSF) using your Visa Debit or Credit Card.

If all is in order, you should be able to receive your e-visa instantly. Print the e-Visa and take it with you when you travel.

The e-Visa portal is more convenient and easy-to-use tool.

Launched on 09th November 2018, the e-Visa application portal is now effective and available to anyone who wish to apply for visa to travel to PNG.

The e-Visa portal is a world standard traveller facilitation system, which allows you to submit a visa application wherever an internet connection is available.



*APEC and Lands Minister Hon. Justin Tkatchenko (L), Immigration & Border Security Minister Hon. Petrus Thomas (second from left), Nigel Manns (centre), CMO Solomon Kantha (second right) and the web developer at the launch of ICA's new Corporate website and e-Visa application portal in Port Moresby.*

Following the launch, travellers to PNG can now apply for the following visa classes – Tourist 60 day (Easy visitor permit 60), Tourist 30 day (Easy visitor permit 30), Short Term Business Visa and Aid Worker Volunteer Visa.

ICA will activate other specific visa categories in 2019 to suit your travel needs.

Chief Migration Officer Mr Solomon Kantha said e-Visa is a significant

achievement for ICA.

“This is a major achievement for all of us. It will make it easy for our visitors and at the same time increase revenue for the country,” Mr Kantha said.

“The MSF will be collected in US Dollars equivalent and that will contribute to the country's foreign reserve,” Mr Kantha said.



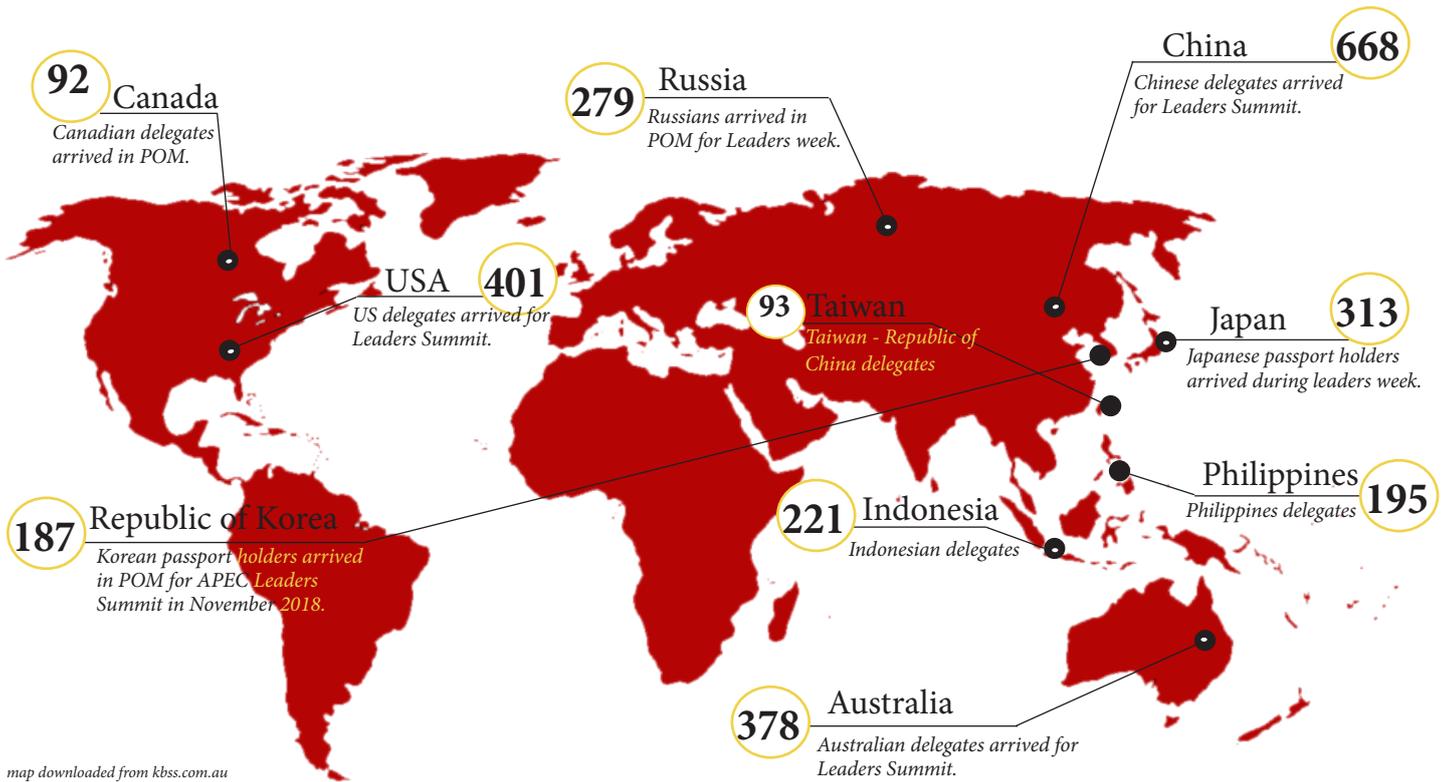
## e-Visa Lodgement

*Five simple steps to follow*

-  - sign up with a valid email address and user name.
-  - fill out all necessary requirements and upload required documents.
-  - ensure to pay Visa fee online using Visa credit/debit card
-  - eVisa will be sent to your nominated email address.
-  - print your e-Visa and carry with you when you travel to PNG.

Visit: [www.ica.gov.pg](http://www.ica.gov.pg)

APEC 2018 Arrival by Country statistics - Top 10 countries with the highest number of arrivals in November for the Leaders Summit.



## ICA collects over K20m in service fees

The Immigration and Citizenship Authority has contributed over K20 million into the National Government purse from Visa and Passport fees collected domestically between April and December 2018.

The Chief Migration Officer Mr Solomon Kantha said this money was collected in only two locations in Port Moresby – at Jacksons International Airport and Central Government Office (CGO).

“This amount does not include Migration Service Fees (MSF) collected at Overseas Missions,” Mr Kantha explains. “The amount will triple if we add-up all visa fees collected from PNG Missions overseas.”

The money collected at Jacksons are mainly from travellers who get visa on arrival while CGO collects both visa and passport fees as well as fees for Citizenship applications and other fines.

Mr Kantha said ICA is committed in accountability and transparency and is putting in place stringent financial and accounting processes to ensure all toea collected and spent are captured in the books.

He further highlighted that ICA is on the pathway to be the first Government Agency to have its books audited on time annually with plans to have audits on six months interval in the near future.

## Dual Citizenship



The first Dual Citizenship recipients in Port Moresby (standing) with members of ICA Advisory Board including Citizenship Advisory Board Chairman Hon. Francis Maneke, MP, Immigration and Border Security Minister Hon. Petrus Thomas, MP and CMO Solomon Kantha (all seated in front).

# Proud Papua New Guineans

Over 80 foreign nationals who lived in Papua New Guinea and have fallen in love with the country were among the first to be awarded dual citizenship after the Government of Prime Minister O'Neill amended the Migration Act in 2016 allowing people to hold dual citizenship.

The pioneer recipients of dual citizenship were awarded on 11 May 2018 followed by a second batch on 14 September and third batch on 20 December 2018.

"This year we have awarded a total of 85 Citizenship awards to foreign nationals who have qualified and deserve it," the Minister for Immigration and Border Security Hon. Petrus Thomas said. Seventy of them received dual citizenship while other 15 received citizenship by naturalisation.

The pioneer recipients were namely Dominic Avenell, Alan Denis Beagrie, Alan Maxwell Beagrie, Antoinette Beagrie, Peter Boutcher, Kory Chan, Fabian Chow, Sir Kostas Constantinou, Lady Ni Cragnolini, Robin Fleming, David Kelso, Chengao Lin, Ingrid Richardson, Chey Scovell, Alvin Seeto, Angela Seeto, Barbara Vali-Skelton, Michael Taylor, Shirley Yip, Sir Theo Constantinou, Bill Sweet and Ian Jepson. Mohi Uddin and Eric Samuel received naturalised citizenship.

Following the success of the first dual citizenship recipients, a significant number of foreign nationals have applied to the PNG Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) to be recognised as citizens. ICA has processed their applications through an independent and transparent process. As a result, 21 others who qualified were awarded citizenship four months after the first batch.

The second batch of dual citizenship recipients include Emma Margit Bromley, Michael Roger Bromley, Robert Stephen Doyle, Brian Patrick Fraser, Shane Michael Kennedy, John Edmund Leahy, Nathaniel Mwasisi Muyagu Lepani, George Francis Lifu, Vaughan Andrew Mills, Gregory James Dalton Neville, Steven Richard O'Brien, Gregory James Runnegar, Yolande Rose Saesaria, Jeffrey You Ming Tsang, ...

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The first dual citizenship recipients and their family showing off their citizenship certificate. ICA also issue PNG Passport to the new citizens.

# Dual-Citizenship

Georgia-Leigh Rhonda Vele and Yi Zhang.

Other five who received Naturalised Citizenship were Kristoffer Silvestre Paid, Kaihang Qian, Nazma Rahman, Runu Rahman and Jenny Genesis Walsh.

Soon after, a third batch of 40 recipients walked away as proud Papua New Guineans on 20 December 2018 with their citizenship certificates as an early Christmas gift.

This batch include Beattie John Donald, Booij Jan, Brazier Jamie Lee, Butler Daniel Laigi, Chan Michael Arnold, Flynn Elsa Lorago, Glendenning Bill, Goodin Anita Louise Lai Fong, Guinn David George, Harvey Kenneth James, Kanah Lewa Lucille, Marshall Philip Leonard, Maskelyne Ryan Campbell, Matainaho Fifaia Tamauhi Glenn Junior, Milner Lata Dahya, Milner Martin Miles, Ormsby Gary Sydney, Pepena Samuel, Poon Kenneth Peter, Salter Monica Esther, Seeto Chevonne Renee, Seeto Darrell Patrick, Seeto Denika Sharlynn, Seeto Scott James, Seeto Taylah Jade, Speedy Fiona Lekiu Therese, Spence James Sinton, Studdy Nicholas Bradridge, Sullivan Michael Gerard, Tara Angela Kumeme, Wardley Tamzin Alexandra and Webb Eli Denise.

Naturalised citizenship holders in this group include Boffah John, Boffah Joyce, Chiu Danny Chuan Uong, Chung Sung Hwa, Qian Siying, Rohman Ruma, Safak deliismail and Salazar Eduardo Del Rosario.

Immigration Minister Petrus Thomas said many of the citizenship recipients have been in PNG for decades and understand the cultures and language and some have interesting historical ties with the country.

“These people have contributed to the development of PNG and deserves recognition and I am proud to present them with PNG citizenship,” said Minister Thomas.

Minister Thomas explains that the dual citizenship process enables foreign nationals who have genuine connections to PNG to become Papua New Guinea citizens without losing their foreign citizenship.

Minister Thomas encourage Papua New Guinea citizens who qualify to hold dual citizenship with a prescribed country to also write to ICA expressing their intentions to hold citizenship before they proceed.

Minister Thomas commended Immigration Officers who work tirelessly behind the scene to assess applications, carrying out interviews and conducting back ground checks.

Chief Migration Officer Solomon Kantha congratulated the successful recipients saying the process is fair and independent and every applicant is being assessed thoroughly before determinations are made.

## Key Facts

70

Dual Citizenship holders

15

Naturalised Citizenship holders

85

TOTAL # of Dual & Naturalised citizenship awarded in 2018



# Reciprocal Visa and Visa on Arrival arrangements

## NEC approves new reciprocal Visa country list

The National Executive Council has approved for new reciprocal visa agreements and visa on arrival arrangements between Papua New Guinea and selected countries around the world, the Minister for Immigration and Border Security, Hon. Petrus Thomas, MP has announced.

Minister Thomas said that reciprocal visa agreements have been established and now in force between Papua New Guinea and Indonesia; Israel, Japan and China.

He added that NEC had approved for reciprocal visa agreements and visa on arrival privileges to be extended to more countries in the region and around the world.

Apart from the reciprocal visa agreements, the NEC also considered and approved the revised Visa on Arrival (VoA) Eligible Country List.

Minister Thomas said citizens of countries, territories, or countries who are members of selected political and economical groupings and holders of United Nations travel document are entitled for visa on arrival in Papua New Guinea.

Citizens of all Commonwealth countries and APEC economies travelling on official or diplomatic passports can now obtain visa on arrival at Jacksons International airport.

He highlighted the significance of such reforms in our immigration and foreign policy areas which will bring positive outcomes for Papua New Guinea. In support of this view, the NEC directed the Immigration and Citizenship Authority and the Department of Foreign Affairs to negotiate and conclude remaining reciprocal visa and visa on arrival agreements whilst simultaneously maintaining primacy of Papua New Guinea's interest.

### VoA for Chinese tourists

Chinese Government officials and tourist travelling in tour groups can get Visa on Arrival (VoA) at the Jacksons International Airport, Minister Thomas announced. The announcement was made in mid 2018 after the NEC decided to relax some of the criteria allowing VoA to organised group tours.

Chinese Diplomatic, Official, Service and Public Passport holders and Chinese tourists on organised tours are now eligible to receive visa on arrival.



Hon. Petrus Thomas MP  
Minister for Immigration and Border Security

### Visa on Arrival Eligible Country List

American Samoa	Ecuador	Italy	Micronesia	Singapore	<i>French Territories (as French Passport Holders)</i> French Polynesia, Guadeloupe, New Caledonia, Reunion, Saint Barthelemy, Saint Martin (French part), Saint Pierre and Miquelon, Wallis and Futuna
Andorra	Estonia	Japan	Monaco	Slovakia (Slovak Republic)	
Argentina	Fiji	Kiribati	Nauru	Slovenia	
Austria	Finland	South Korea	Netherlands	Solomon Islands	<i>Dutch Territories (as Dutch Passport Holders)</i> Aruba, Curacao, Saint Maarten (Dutch part), Bonaire and Saint Eustatius and Saba.
Belgium	France	Latvia	New Zealand	Spain	
Brazil	Germany	Liechtenstein	Norway	Sweden	<i>New Zealand Passport holding countries/ territories</i> Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau
Brunei Darussalam	Greece	Lithuania	Palau	Switzerland	
Bulgaria	Holy See (Vatican City State)	Luxembourg	Peru	Taiwan	<i>US Territories (holders of US passports)</i> Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands (U.S)
Canada	Hong Kong (SAR)	Macao (SAR)	Philippines	Thailand	
Chile	Hungary	Malaysia	Poland	Tonga	
Croatia	Iceland	Maldives	Portugal	Tuvalu	<i>United Nations Organisation (UNO)</i> <i>United Nations Agency (UNA)</i>
Cyprus	Indonesia	Malta	Romania	United Kingdom (British Citizen Passport)	
Czech Republic	Ireland	Marshall Islands	Samoa	United States of America	* Commonwealth Countries * APEC Economies with Diplomatic and Official passports
Denmark	Israel	Mexico	San Marino	Uruguay	
				Vanuatu	

# Immigration and Police signs MOU on Cooperation

The Minister for Immigration and Border Security Hon. Petrus Thomas and Minister for Police Hon. Jelta Wong signed a milestone Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to further strengthen the ongoing cooperation between Immigration and Police.

The signing ceremony in June 2018 was witnessed by Chief Migration Officer Solomon Kantha and acting Commissioner of Police Jim Andrews.

“This MOU will solidify the relationship between our agencies to share intelligence, promote capacity building of our respective agencies in investigations, and support cooperation on operational matters,” said Minister Thomas.

Minister Wong said that the Police and Immigration have a very close working relationship on operational matters and it is all the more fitting that this relationship is strengthened in the form of an MOU.

“Under the MOU selected immigration officers will also undergo a 6-weeks training program to become reserve constables and be trained in the use of firearms.

This is timely as we host the APEC meetings as this agreement will also boost



Acting Police Commissioner Jim Andrews (L), Police Minister Jelta Wong (in blue), Immigration & Border Security Minister Petrus Thomas and CMO Solomon Kantha (R).

the manpower of the Police in their operations and to help perform immigration functions at the same time” the Immigration Minister said.

Two police fraud investigators have also been seconded to the Immigration and

Citizenship Authority and based within the Immigration office to assist investigate cases of fraudulent payments for migration services, lodgement of fraudulent applications and complaints on cases of extortion.



# Journey to the East

William Billy Braber recalls the journey he took 50 years ago to escape Indonesia's rule over West Papua and was relieved to be accepted by PNG Government as a Citizen...

They depart at dawn. It was cold on the hills but William Billy Braber and three of his friends walked out of their homes with nothing - no money, no bags, no extra clothes and of-course no mobile phone.

They begin their Journey to the East set on one motive – not to accept Indonesian Citizenship.

They watched as the Indonesian Government took control over West Papua from the United Nations Temporary Executive Authority (UNTEA) after the Dutch government failed to secure enough support at the UN General Assembly for the self-determination of West Papua (formerly known as West New Guinea).

They could not let their call for independence go unheard. After all their journey to the east was to find answers.

William Braber, now about 71 years old, left his parents on his beautiful island of Biak and journeyed to Papua New Guinea. William and his three friends could imagine the punishment if they were caught by Indonesian Authorities.

Sitting on his wooden chair in his home in Vanimo, he recalls the journey in detail as if it happened just yesterday.

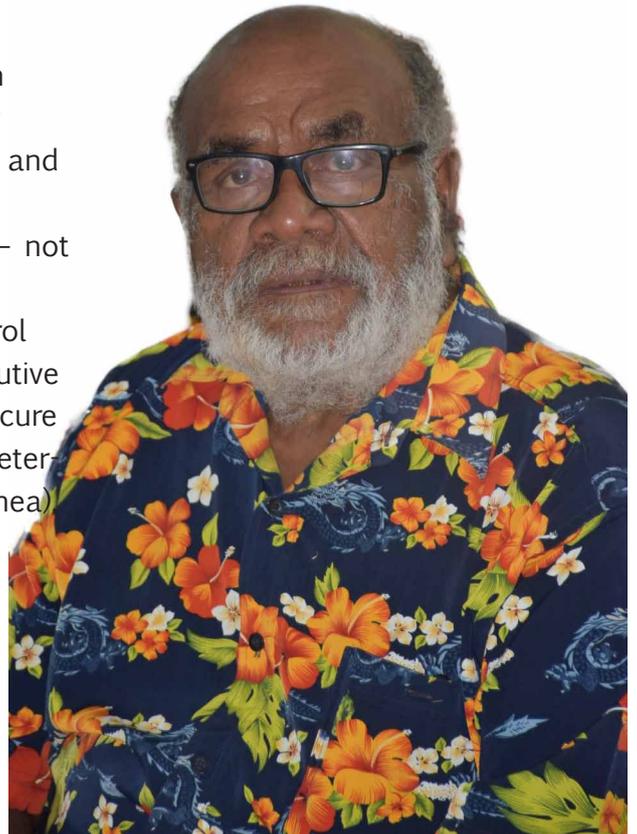
“We walked for two weeks,” Mr Braber recalled. “I came with nothing, except the T-Shirt and the trousers I wore.”

“We were very mindful of Indonesian authorities. They have spies and informants. We have to walk with local villagers when they advise the road is clear,” he said as his voice started to shake as he recalled the sleepless nights fighting with mosquitoes and sometimes had to sleep under makeshift roofs and no proper meals.

They trekked over 500 Kilometres along the coast and at times have to move inland to hide from authorities.

Mr Braber recalled the moment they crossed over into PNG side of the border and went into Wutung village.

“We were relieved that at last we entered PNG.”



*William Billy Braber*

But before they could find a place to rest in Wutung, the Australian Kiap (named Tony Try) confronted them.

“The Kiap told us to go back,”

They knew any objection to the Kiap's decision would result in them being handed to Indonesian authorities. They fear punishment is severe!

“So we obeyed the Kiap and crossed the border again and instead of going back we went inland and crossed over again to the PNG side,” he laughed. “Then we walked down to the coast but were caught by police at the “Sun-flies” beach and taken to the refugee camp at Yako village.” Mr Braber recalled.

Mr Braber was 22 years old in 1969 and finished his National High School when he crossed into PNG.

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# West Papua

“I was supposed to go to the university but I cannot make it because of the political pressure. We witnessed the inauguration of our Parliament, our Flag and National Anthem and were on the path for self-determination. I cannot accept Indonesia’s Citizenship” he said.

Mr Braber and his wife Flora were among 63 West Papuans living in Vanimo, West Sepik Province who were recently awarded PNG Citizenship in November 2018. His two daughters received their PNG citizenship in Port Moresby in 2017.

“I waited for 50 years and finally I can now call myself a PNG citizen,” Mr Braber said with his right thumb pointing up.

The PNG Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) has issued 113 citizenship to West Papuans in 2018 and will continue to recognise them in the new year.

“I am proud to be a Papua New Guinean. I came with nothing but I’m glad I have children and have many things now,” said Mr Braber.

Mr Braber is married with nine children. His elder son joined the PNG Police as a member of the Mobile Squad 16 who were sent to Bougainville and was killed in the line of duty during the crisis in 1989.

His story is no different to many West Papuans who arrived in PNG five decades ago. Similar accounts were shared in Western Province, Lae, Madang and Wewak during the citizenship ceremonies held in 2018 by these new PNG Citizens.

His three friends who crossed the border with him 51 years ago remain strong advocates of West Papua independence. One of them moved to Sweden but passed away recently while the other lives in Australia and his third friend resides in Port Moresby.



Mr Braber, a longtime teacher in PNG has been awarded PNG Citizenship by Immigration & Border Security Minister Hon. Petrus Thomas in Vanimo, WSP in 2018.



Left: West Papua boys in traditional head dress who performed a welcome dance in Lae at the time of the citizenship ceremony.

New PNG Citizens in Lae, Morobe province



**WEST PAPUA**  
Naturalised Citizenship recipients in 2018

**63** in Vanimo, WSP

**39** in Lae, Morobe

**9** in Madang

**2** in Wewak

**113** TOTAL

# ICA will soon collect migration fees in US Dollars

**Immigration and Border Security Minister Hon. Petrus Thomas, has announced that all Visa fees will be collected in US Dollars in 2019 onwards.**

Minister Thomas made this announcement last December in Port Moresby after the National Executive Council (NEC) approved a submission from ICA to have all fees charged in US Dollars equivalent.

“Visa fees are currently charged in PNG Kina, by 2019 onwards ICA will start implementing the NEC decision to charge all Migration Service Fees (MSF) in US Dollars,” Minister Thomas said.

This is a strategic move ICA is undertaking to standardise fees charged in other countries at PNG Diplomatic Missions.

Chief Migration Officer Solomon Kantha said the NEC decision

would come into effect around the second quarter of 2019 as it needs to be gazetted and published with enough time given to the clients informing them of the changes in fees.

The new fees applies to all visa categories and passport holders of all nationalities who will have to pay the same amount in US Dollar.

Mr Kantha said this will triple the revenue generated by ICA into the National Government’s purse and at the same time contribute to foreign reserves for the country.

This strategic move was one of the Key Performance Areas achieved under Mr Kantha’s leadership that will run parallel with the newly launched ICA website and the e-Visa application portal.



*Regional Office in Lae, Morobe province is strategic to our operations in Momase and Highlands regions. ICA has plans to improve services and staff capacity in this regional office. Currently only four officers are stationed in Lae performing multiple tasks covering Lae, Madang and the Sepik provinces. The picture shows ICA officers receiving passport applications from clients in Lae. The applications are sent to Port Moresby for printing and then returned to Lae for collection.*

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*The Papua New Guinea Consulate in Cairns, Australia was relocated from Lake street to Grafton street, opposite the Rydges Plaza. The move was part of the plan to position the office and turn it into a one-stop shop for visitors who wish to visit PNG. ICA is currently meeting office rental costs supporting the Department of Foreign Affairs. The building is owned by Mineral Resources Development Authority.*

*Ms Lailai Geno Age is the Vice Consule (Immigration) in Cairns, Australia.*



Immigration has taken lead in organising and implementing Joint Spot Check Operations around the country. Together with other Partner agencies, officers check visa status of non-citizens. Above: Migration Officers Margaret Ali and Henry Lubang checking the documents of a foreign national in Goroka, EHP.

# Over 50 Non-citizens removed in 2018

More than 50 foreign nationals were apprehended by Immigration officers for various breaches of their visa conditions and were deported this year, the Chief Migration Officer Solomon Kantha reported.

“We have set a record this year (2018) with the number of removals with a total of 54 Non-Citizens this year for various breach of the Migration Act and we will continue with our compliance activities in the New Year,” said Mr Kantha.

The Chief Migration Officer said ICA has conducted Joint Agency Spot Check Operations (JASCO) targeting retail and wholesale business houses in the National Capital District (NCD), Eastern Highlands province, Chimbu and Palmalmal in East New Britain province and apprehended non-citizens who reside illegally and operate business activities in those locations.



We visit non-citizens and carry checks at their residents.



The JASCO team in Goroka, EHP.

“Twenty-five of the total of 54 non-citizens were deported in February following a deportation order signed by Immigration and Border Security Minister Hon. Petrus Thomas, for immediate repatriation back to their country of origin”, Mr Kantha recalled. This group were apprehended during JASCO operations in Port Moresby alone.

“In June, another 22 non-citizens were apprehended in Goroka during JASCO operations. The Goroka District Court had found them guilty for breaching the Migration Act and their bail money of K5000 each converted as court fines. They were all removed from the country after their guilty verdict.

“Similarly, seven other foreign nationals who pleaded guilty at the Kokopo District Court in November for breach of the visa conditions have paid a sum of K2000 each as court fines and were directed to return to their country of origin,” Mr Kantha said. The seven non-citizens were apprehended by Immigration and Police officers in a logging comp near Palmalmal, Pomio District.

Mr Kantha said the foreign nationals entered PNG using a valid business visa and employment visa but some have overstayed their visa while others entered the country on visa sponsored by a different company and were found working for a different employer.

“We have noticed a slight increase in the number of over-stayers and foreign nationals switching employment whilst their visa is sponsored by a different company without advising authorities,” the CMO highlighted.

“We will continue to increase our compliance and JASCO operations in the New Year. We are revising the Migration Act and will be introducing new policies to ensure foreign nationals who breach their entry permit conditions face tough penalties”. The Chief Migration Officer said.

Mr Kantha said Bangladeshis, Malaysians and Chinese nationals were among the top three nationalities removed from PNG in 2018.

# First Corporate Plan 2018-2022 launched



Immigration & Border Security Minister Hon. Petrus Thomas and CMO Solomon Kantha launch the first Corporate Plan for the Authority.

Immigration and Citizenship Authority has launched a new five year Corporate Plan that aims at improving its core businesses of border protection and travel facilitation.

The new Corporate Plan 2018 to 2022, launched on Friday 21 December 2018 in Port Moresby, outlines ICA's main objectives that will be pursued through its key performance areas and in line with the National Government's Vision 2050, the Medium Term Development Goals and the Alotau II Accord.

Minister for Immigration and Border Security Hon. Petrus Thomas, MP who launched ICA's Corporate Plan commended the Senior Management Team for a comprehensive plan.

The objectives in the Corporate Plan are interconnected and sets out in a "building block approach" which means strategically developing one project will trigger or facilitate the other.

Some of the objectives include organisational reforms and service delivery improvements, legislative and policy reforms and facilitating regional cooperation and combatting human smuggling, trafficking of persons and related trans-national crimes. It outlines a plan to strengthen border security and generate income for the country.

Chief Migration Officer Mr Solomon Kantha said this is the first Corporate Plan since ICA become an independent authority in 2010.

## ICA launch new corporate logo, name

**The Immigration and Citizenship Authority has rebranded its corporate identity with a new logo and name.**

The organisation has changed its name from Immigration and Citizenship Services Authority (ICSA) to a shorter version as Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) - removing the word 'Services' from ICSA.

To complement the new name, an official logo was formally launched by CMO Solomon Kantha and Immigration and Border Security Minister Hon. Petrus Thomas, at the Stanley hotel on 15 December 2017.

The corporate rebranding was part of Mr Kantha's initiative to position immigration as a key government agency in facilitating movement of people into and out of the country through international borders.

"The new logo is unique and now gives us an official status and clear identification both domestically and internationally as a regulatory body," Mr Kantha said during the launch.

The logo is encircled with a roundel



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containing the words "Immigration & Citizenship Authority" and features the Bird of Paradise adopted from the National Government's crest to ensure the Authority's synergy with the National Government.

The circle resembles the globe.

The Bird of Paradise is depicted holding a spear representing border control and security. The red, black and yellow colours originated from the PNG national

colours.

The official slogan is "Protecting Borders and Promoting Prosperity".

ICA was operating as a division under Foreign Affairs until 28 May 2010 when the legislation was enacted allowing it to be a Statutory Authority.



## 2018 Passport issuance Statistics

The figures shows the total number of passports issued in 2018 and the different passport categories.



**21,914**

Ordinary Passports

**348**

Official Passports

**38**

Diplomatic Passports

**130**

United Nations Travel Document

**22,430**

Total number of Passports issued in 2018



Clients at the waiting area for passport and visa lodgment



Chief Migration Officer, Solomon Kantha and Australia Department of Home Affairs Deputy Secretary Policy Ms Linda Geddes at the signing of the MOU between the two countries.

### PNG Immigration signs joint cooperation agreement with Australia

ICA has entered into an agreement on close Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance in Immigration with the Australian Department of Home Affairs.

The agreement was signed in June 2018 during the annual Immigration Forum between PNG and Australia held at the Stanley Hotel in Port Moresby.

Chief Migration Officer, Solomon Kantha said the agreement further strengthened long standing relationship between the immigration agencies of the two countries.

“ICA and Home Affairs are two of the leading border agencies in our region and close cooperation is critical to combating transnational crime, human trafficking and threats from extremist organisations,” Mr Kantha said.

He further said “ the Australian Department of Home Affairs has a diverse remit beyond immigration - including emergency management, countering terrorism, cyber security policy and transport security. The establishment of the Agreement will provide ICA with access to further support and assistance - as well as access to the considerable resources of Home Affairs.”

The Immigration Forum was an opportunity for the senior officials charged with protecting the borders of PNG and Australia to meet and discuss priorities, strategies and innovations.

“I am pleased that we have renewed our relationship in the forum and increased our capability through the Cooperation Agreement.

## INTERPOL access to boost security at borders

ICA proud to assist RPNGC combat cross border crimes

We are glad to announce that Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) is now connected to the International Criminal Policing Organisation or Interpol, the global criminal policing network that aims at addressing cross border crimes.

The access to Interpol comes after a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between ICA and the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) in mid 2018.

Chief Migration Officer Solomon Kantha said having access to Interpol will enable ICA officers at the designated point of entries to monitor and report back to the police of any suspected criminals from other countries trying to enter PNG or vice versa.

“I am glad that we now have connectivity to Interpol via the Border Management System. We can now identify and alert Police on anyone with criminal background and wanted by authorities in their country who arrives at Jacksons airport in PNG,” Mr Kantha said.

RPNGC is the sole government department that administers Interpol in Papua New Guinea through the National Central Bureau (NCB) based at the Police Headquarters in Konedobu, Port Moresby.

The NCB Division within RPNGC has access to Interpol’s super secure network that links all member countries to each other and let them search the international criminal database.

The RPNGC has shared the Interpol’s link with ICA to view information and details of any international criminals entering PNG through the main airports and seaports.

Police in each member country usually sends out “red alert notice” and details of a wanted criminal to Interpol’s main database, calling for all member countries for the arrest and extradition of the specific individual if he enters another country.

Interpol also issues other coloured notices. Yellow to help locate missing persons, blue to collect information on illegal activities or on an individual’s identity, black to request information needed to identify a dead body, green to warn agencies about criminals from one country who may commit additional offenses in other countries, and orange to warn law enforcement agencies of dangers from bombs and other weapons.

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CMO Mr Solomon Kantha and IOM Chief of Mission Mr Lance Bonneau (right).

# New Verifiers installed at Jacksons airport to curb irregular migration

**Two new Verifier workstations installed at Jacksons International airport will now assist Immigration Officers identify and prevent people travelling under stolen passports and false identity from entering or leaving PNG.**

The two new Verifier Travel Document and Bearer (TD&B) workstations were donated by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the United Nations Migration Agency.

The Verifier TD&B is an automated standalone system designed by IOM to help Immigration and border control officers to conduct secondary inspections quickly and efficiently, with a suspect traveller's passport being verifiable within 10 seconds.

Chief Migration Officer Solomon Kantha said this standalone workstation will help Immigration officers detect fraudulent travel documents and imposters.

"The Verifier TD&B is a user-friendly tool for travel document examination. At the airport counter, Immigration officers will receive the passport of a suspected incoming passenger and will simply run it through the Verifier," Mr Kantha explains. "The Verifier will check if the live photo of the suspected passenger presenting the passport matches the digital security features in the passport photo. The Verifier will match his face against the passport photo and a result is displayed as a percentage to assist officers in decision making."

The two Verifiers were installed two week before the APEC Leaders' Summit in Port Moresby – one was installed at the arrival and other at the departure workstation.

The donation of this standalone system was part of Phase two of IOM's "Capacity Building in

Managed Migration in Papua New Guinea project" which aims at assisting PNG Immigration officers curb irregular migration and combat transnational organised crimes. The project is funded by Australia Department of Home Affairs.

Speaking during the donation ceremony, IOM Papua New Guinea Chief of Mission, Lance Bonneau, said such tools supports PNG's vision of growing tourism and business travel and assures that PNG will not be a gateway for transnational crime including human trafficking and people smuggling.

PNG is one of the 16 countries in the Asia-Pacific where the system operates.

ICA will have access to IOM Document Examination Support Centre (DESC) based in Bangkok, Thailand which provides guidance, advice and support to border control officials in the Asia-Pacific region when they intercept questionable travel documents and need more information to make a decision.

"People smugglers and human traffickers and those who travel on fake and stolen Passports will now have to think twice before they enter or try to depart PNG," the Chief Migration Officer warns.

"ICA is in a formidable position to identify, detect and prevent security threats posed by those travelling using questionable travel documents," Mr Kantha said.



# Immigration and Customs officers to discharge Law Enforcement roles

**Twenty-four officers from two frontline border agencies who successfully completed a six weeks Law Enforcement training were urged to understand and apply correct procedures and law when discharging police duties in their line of work.**

Police Commissioner Gari Baki urged the 24 officers from PNG Immigration and Customs to exercise police duties fully with responsibility and care as recognised reservists.

Mr Baki made this remarks during the pass-out parade of the 24 officers, five Immigration staff and 19 Customs officers, on 31 October 2018 at Laguna Hotel in Port Moresby.

Immigration officers whose primary role is to facilitate lawful entry and exit at the international borders can now be called to assist police in law enforcement operations.

The Chief Migration Officer Solomon Kantha was among the officers that passed-out as reservists.

“I am humbled to be commissioned as a police reservist,” Mr Kantha said. “Our line of work requires police assistance and I’m glad the basic law enforcement training we receive will help in a

big way in addressing some of the issues we face especially at the borders.”

Other Immigration officers who graduated were Mr Dino Mas, Mr Donald Moi, Mr Ivan Salonica and Mr Nasser Tamei.

The officers have undergone full six weeks of intensive theory and physical training.

They covered topics such as police roles and responsibilities, rules of engagement, arrest and detention, use of force and how to lay charges.

The successful conclusion of the training comes as a result of a Memorandum of Understanding signed between Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) and the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) mid this year.

The MoU laid down pathway for close cooperation, information sharing and training.

Mr Kantha said this is the beginning of many trainings to come.



*The first commissioned Police reservist officers from Immigration and Customs at the pass-out parade.*

# MoU paves way for closer cooperation between ICA and BPNG

**Two state authorities have joined hands in the fight against illegal money transactions and movement of “dirty money” across borders.**

The PNG Immigration and Citizenship Authority and the Bank of Papua New Guinea have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for closer cooperation and sharing of information and intelligence to detect, investigate and prosecute people involved in money laundering, terrorist financing, migration offences and related crimes in PNG.

The MOU, entered into on 25 October 2018 provides an effective platform for ICA and BPNG’s Financial Analysis and Supervision Unit (FASU) to work together in performing their respective functions in detecting and sharing information relating to illegal transactions and proceeds of crimes across borders.

“Working with FASU will enable both agencies to have clear understanding of counter terrorist financing, money laundering and other proceeds of crimes moving across our borders,” Deputy Chief Migration Officer - Borders, Enforcement and Compliance Division Mr Stanis Hulahu said.

FASU is an independent Financial Intelligence Unit within Bank of Papua New Guinea.

Mr Hulahu said this MoU not only strengthens cooperation but also strengthens relationship between both agencies.



ICA Deputy Chief Migration Officer (BEC) Mr Stanis Hulahu (left) and BPNG Deputy Governor, Mr Benny Popotai, sealing off the agreement for cooperation and information sharing.



“I am glad that both government agencies can work hand in hand in performing their respective mandate and at the same time protect our borders from movement of “dirty money.”

“ICA as agency responsible for movement of people into and out of the country will encounter movement of large cash or valuables through the borders which can harm our economy and the people,” Mr Hulahu said.



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ICA refugee officers and UNHCR trainers at the two day training on how to operate the proGres version 4.

# ICA utilise proGres4 in refugee case management

**From manual to electronic registration, a new software is boosting efficiency and productivity in asylum and refugee case management in Papua New Guinea.**

The cloud-based software called proGres, a real-time registration portal that provides refugee staff from Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) access to register, update and analyse data and information about every asylum seeker, refugees and other spontaneous arrivals in PNG.

The proGres version 4 was developed by the United Nations High Commission for Refugee (UNHCR) and is used in over 30 countries.

PNG is the first in the Pacific, outside of Australia and New Zealand, to implement and operate the proGres version 4 software.

ProGres v4 enables ICA refugee case management officers to capture personal information of refugees, asylum seekers and all other spontaneous arrivals in PNG shores. The software keeps electronic files of each person of interest and can be accessed remotely anytime, anywhere as long as internet is available.

ICA refugee officers have undergone two training sessions facilitated by UNHCR on how to operate the software. The officers then use the software to register refugees and non-refugees on Manus Island.

ICA Senior Settlement Officer, Pius Aur said the software is convenient and makes their job much easier.

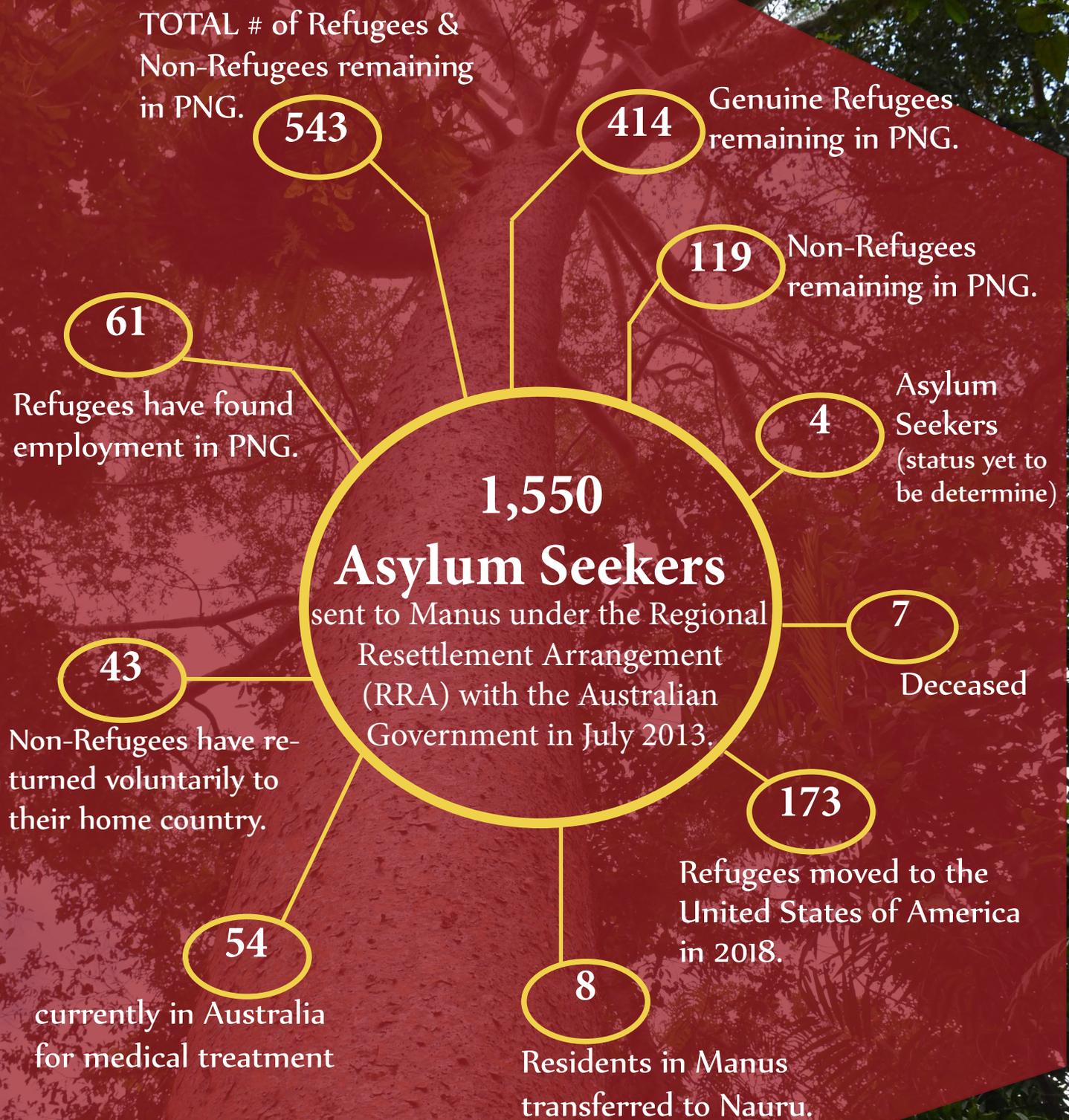
“It’s now easy and we are able to do more in less time.

“We no longer have to manually register and share information and data. With proGres v4 every data is stored online and we can access it anytime, anywhere if we want to add information or update status,” said Mr Aur.

The Deputy Chief Migration Officer -Refugee Division, Esther Gaegaming said the software is an upgraded version of proGres v3 which UNHCR introduced in 2015.

“This new software acts as a data warehouse. Information and data about every refugee or asylum seeker is stored there and can be accessed in real time.”

“We are committed to providing care and ensuring asylum seekers, refugees and all other spontaneous arrivals in PNG have their bio data information registered on the proGres v4. That is a step in the right direction for PNG ICA and we are working closely with UNHCR to progress this innovative case management tool,” Ms Gaegaming said.



\* The figures presented in this factsheet was last updated on the 15 of January 2019.

# “Babies fathered by asylum seekers are citizens”

**Local women who give birth to babies fathered by asylum seekers must understand that the baby will automatically become a citizen but this will not change the status of the father, the PNG Immigration and Citizenship Authority has warned.**

“Having children with local women does not alter the status of the fathers as asylum seekers (either refugee or non-refugee)” Esther Gaegaming - Deputy Chief Migration Officer Refugee Division explains.

Ms Gaegaming clarify this after concerns were raised by community leaders in Manus province about the citizenship of babies of refugees.

ICA has confirmed that seven (7) babies have been born at the Lorengau Hospital in Manus.

“The children were Papua New Guinea citizens by virtue of their mothers being citizens.

“They are entitled to the full protection of the laws of PNG.

They are born because of the personal relationships between the refugees and local women,” Ms Gaegaming said.

Chief Migration Officer Solomon Kantha warned that having a child with a local woman does not change the status of the asylum seeker and he can be removed or transferred out of the country anytime.

“If the father leaves the country, it is up to the couple to make arrangements to reunite.

“I must make it clear that these relationships between asylum seekers, either refugees or non-refugees, and local women are voluntary.

“ICA has no obligation over the children born out of these relationships,” Mr Kantha explains.





ICA Advisory Board meetings are held quarterly every year. Each Division within the Authority have to report to the Board on their KPAs. The above photo shows Advisory Board members with Senior ICA staff members after the 2018 fourth quarter meeting in Cairns.

# Advisory Board ends the year on a high note

The ICA Advisory Board was satisfied with the achievements and successes achieved in 2018 and are determined to see more improvements in the new year.

The Board headed by outgoing Chairman, Dr Lawrence Kalinoe, is particularly pleased with the level of cooperation, hard work and commitment demonstrated by ICA's Senior Management Staff in their quarterly reports.

The Board meets on a quarterly basis to ensure each Divisions' performances are on track to achieve set goals in key performance areas.

The ICA Board members include Dr Lawrence Kalinoe (outgoing Chairman), Ms Barbara Age (Deputy Chair), Ambassador Maimu Raka Nou, Reverend Mwaosa Tutumla, Mr David Mannings and Mr Ango Wangatau.

A number of new initiatives and policies have been introduced to the Board in 2018 including the Haus Krai policy.

The policy allows for the Authority to provide financial support to family of a staff member who pass away or to a staff



DCMO Visa-Passport, John Taunakekei (L) and Manager Policy, Wellington Navasivu discuss their presentation before the board meeting.

who have lost a member of his/her immediate family.

The Haus Krai policy was among others that have been deliberated on and endorsed by the Board.

Outgoing Chairman Dr Kalinoe said 2018 has been a challenging year for the Authority given the scale of managing movement of APEC delegates but he was pleased to see the Authority



Board members and ICA officers in Buka for the 3rd Quarter meeting.

riding on this prestigious event to implement some of the key outcomes outlined in the agency's KPAs.

Dr Kalinoe served as ICA's Advisory Board Chairman for two years.

The new Chairman will be announced in the first Board Meeting at the end of 2019 first quarter.

Chief Migration Officer Solomon Kantha has thanked the outgoing Chairman for his leadership, guidance and advice to the Authority during his term.



*The newly built Bomana Immigration centre will accommodate non - citizens who have no right to live in PNG as they await removal. The photo on your left shows one of the compound in the new facility. Below CMO and Mr Nasser Tamei taking a tour of the facility using CCTV cameras.*

# Bomana Immigration Centre ready for use

**The Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) will soon take possession of the newly constructed Immigration facility at Bomana, outside Port Moresby as the Authority further improve its border enforcement capability.**

Deputy Chief Migration Officer Borders, Enforcement and Compliance Division Mr Stanis Hulahau said this world-class facility is a physical indication that ICA is serious in maintaining safety and security of our country.

“The presence of this detention facility sends a clear message to non-citizens who enters or resides in this country unlawfully that ICA will locate, detain and remove you,” Mr Hulahau said.

The Bomana Immigration Centre will serve as a transit facility for any non- citizen who have no right to live in PNG. Anyone who is found entering or resides in the country with no proper documentation will be detained in this facility awaiting removal.

Construction of this world-class facility was completed in 2018 with garrison and security services tendered to a local company that has a history of providing quality services. The state of the art facility was built with financial aid from the Australian Government.



The Chief Migration Officer Mr Solomon Kantha said ICA will take possession of this facility in 2019 and will operate it as a transit facility to manage people with no right to remain in PNG as they await removal.

“ICA is proud to be responsible for the management of this world standard immigration centre,” Mr Kantha said.

A range of services are available in this new facility including sports and recreational areas, dining and mess facility and a clinic.



*The sports and recreational area (left) and dining facility in the new Immigration centre.*







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