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***“PNG AND THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA SIGN A MOU ON RECIPROCAL VISA
ARRANGEMENT FOR DIPLOMATS AND SERVICE OR OFFICIAL
PASSPORT HOLDERS”***

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration, Hon Rimbink Pato, OBE, LLB, MP announced that the Government of PNG and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Reciprocal Visa Arrangements in Jakarta last month.

Minister Pato explained that this was the second such MOU that PNG has signed. The first MOU was signed with the State of Israel during the Prime Minister's official visit there last year.

He said that was in line with the Government's policy of facilitating travel with key countries to promote people to people relations, tourism, investment and trade. He stated that respective Immigration Agencies of both countries would be meeting over the next couple of months to conclude a MOU to facilitate travel by holders of Ordinary Passports by June this year.

Under these arrangements Diplomats and Government Officers from both countries would be granted visa on arrival for stay of up to 60 days. He added that Immigration Agencies of both countries will discuss further details on implementation of the Arrangements.

Minister Pato said that other countries had also approached PNG to conclude similar reciprocal visa arrangements and the PNG Immigration and Service Citizenship Authority has been tasked to conclude these arrangements.

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