STATEMENT BY

MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY,

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AT THE LAUNCH

OF THE GOVERNMENT PORTAL AND DCI WEBSITE

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Ladies and Gentlemen

Welcome to the opening of *a* new website for the Department of Communication and Information and the GOPNG PORTAL or what can be referred to as a web hosting infrastructure.

I want to stress on the importance of PNG Government having its own portal. This infrastructure is a gateway to Papua New Guinea. It will enable dissemination of real-time government information and access to services on real-time through a single window."

Governments around the world have developed   portal which is a vital tool for disseminating their country's information on political, social and economic developments from one centralised point.

Equally important, all government information including information about our country can now be vetted centrally to ensure such information are accurate, correct and up to date before being posted on the portal.

This has never happened before.

The portal will now make it easier for the users of the World Wide Web to navigate and access the required information when seeking information to address queries about the Papua New Guinea Government. The users will also be assured that the information on government portal emanates from a reliable government source.

The launch of this portal is timely, as many negative commentaries and views about the initiatives of the government and our country are being posted on blogs and social media, portraying a bad image of government and Papua New Guinea.

With this government portal, we will correct and reflect true and accurate information to the people in our own country, our neighbouring countries and the rest of the world.

It will also promote and improve broad stakeholders contribution to national and community development, as well as deepen the governance process and exposure to the rest of the world.

I encourage all other Government Departments and service delivery agencies to work with Department of Communication and Information to vet and ensure accurate information is disseminated through this one centralised gateway.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Let me conclude by pointing out a bi-annual e-government survey conducted by the [United Nations Public Administration Network,](#) which includes a section titled; *e-Government Readiness*.

It is a comparative ranking of the countries of the world according to two primary indicators:

i)   the state of e-government readiness; and

ii)   the extent of e-participation.

Having a Government portal is one key indicator of the state of e-government readiness for this country. We will continue to improve this infrastructure and make greater use of the services.

Thank you.