



**STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION
MR PAULIAS KORNI
AT THE
LAUNCH OF DCI WEBSITE AND GOVERNMENT PORTAL
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Thank you all for your presence here on this special occasion. I am indeed pleased that our Minister for Communication and Information Technology, Hon. Jimmy Miringtoro is officiating at this special occasion.

It is a special moment for the Department and for the Government and people of Papua New Guinea

You are witnessing the launch of a website for the Department of Communication and Information and a portal for the Government of Papua New Guinea. These are the important ICT tools that have greater potential to enhance the performance of the Department deliver its major accountabilities.

Our primary mandate is to provide timely and effective policy advice to the Minister on communication and information issues, as well as coordinate awareness and dissemination of quality government development programs and initiatives.

With the portal and the website , the Department can go a step further to effectively disseminate government development information and promote government policies and programs to the public.

The portal will also allow for government transparency in information delivery. Government transparency is important because it allows the public to be informed about what the government is working on as well as the policies they are trying to implement.

It is convenient and cost-effective for businesses, and the public benefits by getting easy access to the most current information available without having to spend time, energy and money to get it.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Access to relevant information as and when required will empower the people to be successful in their endeavours. Therefore I am pleased that these services will greatly assist the Department deliver its goal by ensuring that its stakeholders and beneficiaries have easy access to quality information on real-time, thus, empowering them to exercise their rights.

The portal and website will fulfil my Department's endeavour to communicate better, and serve our people more effectively and competently through disseminating relevant development information on real-time.

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The portal that we are launching today is developed using the most advanced technological expression engine CMS, with the highest security web shields.

It is an infrastructure that utilizes information and Communication Technologies (ICT'S) and other web-based telecommunication technologies to improve and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery.

The website and the portal offer easy access to essential information on the Government of Papua New Guinea and the country as well as provides links to almost all government departments and agencies, to enhance the quality and availability of information.

There are several sections of the website, detailing functions of each Division, as well as providing users with easy access to the resources. The site also includes a video and photo gallery with news clips.

However the Department's challenge is on how effective the staff can be able to utilize the services provided through this infrastructure to render services to the Government and people of Papua New Guinea.

With the portal, I encourage government departments and agencies to work together with my Department to make available relevant development information for public consumption. A data-base of government directory – on who's who in government will have its own page on the website as well for tis purpose.

Major policy statements from government Ministers will be made instantly available in different formats for printing purposes on this website and can be downloaded by our target groups.

Other documents and legislations relating to entities under the Ministry of Communication and Information will also be provided on the website.

With the assistance of the developer, this project has been developed to also support information irflow and outflow on Papua New Guinea for the 2018 APEC Meeting.

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