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## Registrations opens for the 2022 Prime Minister's Corporate Golf Challenge Tournament

Registration is now open to field teams for the Prime Minister's Corporate Golf Challenge (PMCGC) to be staged in Port Moresby and Lae respectively.

The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee, is calling on organisations from both the public and private sectors to register a team(s) to support its annual fundraising event. All funds raised in both events will go towards Team PNG's participation at the Pacific Mini Games in Saipan, Northern Marianas (June 2022) and the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, England (July 2022).

The Golf Challenge is a major fundraiser by the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee to support the country's elite athletes selected for national representative sporting duties under the Team PNG banner to the Pacific Games, Commonwealth Games and Olympic Games.

The Prime Minister's Golf Challenge was not held last year (2021), due to covid restrictions imposed on sporting activities and social mass gatherings as part of national efforts by the PNG Government to mitigate risks in the spread of the coronavirus.

Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee Secretary General Auvita Rapilla re-iterated this call out to the business community in Lae and Port Moresby, and also around the country to come onboard and support Team PNG by registering a team(s) to participate in this worthwhile event.

Rapilla commented, "In light of the two games scheduled for June and July 2022, the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee has a mammoth task to raise much needed funds to send the two Team PNG contingents to represent the country at the games. With the ease in restrictions, we are hoping that we will get a good number of teams to participate since our last event in 2020".

Rapilla added "Our motto is to believe; excel and inspire despite the challenges and obstacles that we face. With registrations now open, we welcome all organisations to take part and support our national Team, Team PNG as we aim to inspire Papua New Guinea at these upcoming games."

Chairman of Fundraising Committee Michael Henao acknowledged the continued patronage of current prize sponsors Ela Motors, Theodist, Brian Bell Group, Trophy Haus, SP Brewery, Coca-Cola Euro Pacific and Media Partners.

"As partners of the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee, you are important stakeholders that provide significant support to achieve our goals and objectives".

Competitions dates have been scheduled for April 8th in Lae and 22nd April for Port Moresby respectively.

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The PNGOC is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation committed to inspire and unite Papua New Guinea through sporting excellence and success. PNGOC is a believer of sport as an enabler for sustainable and inclusive development. It is our responsibility to select, send and fund Team PNG to the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Pacific Games. This is achieved by working with our member national sports federations and with the support of our sponsors and partners, through fundraising events and with the backing of the Government. The PNG Olympic Committee is grateful for the wonderful support of our sponsors and partners which helps our Team PNG athletes achieve their dreams.

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