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PNGOC donates 2015 Pacific Games' Relay books to Buk Bilong Pikinini Libraries

The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) marked the one year to go to the Solomon Islands 2023 Pacific Games with a donation of the Port Moresby 2015 Pacific Games Relay Books to the 11 libraries run by Buk Bilong Pikinini (BbP) in Port Moresby.

The donation to the BbP libraries occurred at the early learning center located at the University of Papua New Guinea library. The event included a fun-filled educational session with Team PNG athletes sharing about the different sports, the Olympic Values and the Games that they have participated in.

The donated pictorial book contains pictures of routes of the different places visited by the *Pacific Games Relay Torch*, the features of the torch, the people from the 22 provinces that were part of the prelude relay event, prior to Port Moresby hosting the games.

PNGOC Secretary General Auvita Rapilla said that the organisation was happy to donate the books to BBP in the hope of inspiring children to take up sports and be involved in physical activities.

"We know that literacy is one of the most important indicators of future health, well-being and prosperity. Moreover, sport plays an important part in nation building."

"There are over 40 sports played in the country with 40 National Federations affiliated to the PNGOC, and we would like to encourage these children and the thousands of children in the country to be part of these sports.", Rapilla said.

Founder and Director of BbP Anne-Sophie Hermann expressed her gratitude to the PNGOC for the donation, which will go towards the educational developmental needs of the children.

Sports can be the bridge to unite and bond people, starting with children at an early age to foster the Olympic values of respect for self and others, friendship between individuals and groups and excellence in life pursuits, including sports.

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About the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee

The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation committed to inspire and unite Papua New Guinea through sporting excellence and success. The PNGOC is a believer of sport as an enabler for sustainable and inclusive development. We serve the

three different global games movements, those being the Olympic Movement, Commonwealth Games Movement and the Pacific Games Movement. 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. To find out more visit our website www.pngolympic.org.pg

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