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Strong Swing for Team PNG: K81,000 Raised in Lae

Lae, Morobe Province — The Lae Golf Club played host today to one of Team PNG's most significant fundraising events of the year, the 2025 Prime Minister's Corporate Golf Challenge, drawing in 27 registered teams and raising K81,000 in support of Team PNG's preparations and participation at the upcoming 2025 Pacific Mini Games in Palau from June 29th to July 9th.

The annual event is one of the PNG Olympic Committee's major fundraising drives aimed at supporting the dreams and journeys of Papua New Guinean athletes as they represent the nation on the global stage. The 27th edition of the event in Lae saw enthusiastic participation from both the corporate community and sporting supporters, surpassing last year's fundraising outcome and reaffirming the strong spirit of partnership between Team PNG and the Lae business houses.

PNG Olympic Committee Senior Vice President, Tony Green, acknowledged the outstanding support received this year and emphasized the importance of the challenge in fuelling the country's sporting ambitions.

"Today's incredible turnout and support shows just how much our athletes mean to this country," said Mr. Green. "The funds raised go directly toward helping Team PNG prepare and compete at international competitions. With your support, our athletes will proudly carry the PNG flag onto the world stage. On behalf of the PNG Olympic Committee, I sincerely thank every team that registered, every player who came out today, and every supporter who believes in the power of sport to unite and inspire."

The top five teams of the day were recognized for their outstanding performances on the course and their support to the cause. Leading the field was SP Brewery Ltd with an impressive score of 53.875 Nett, followed by 3K Building & Civil Works at 54 Nett, Jiwaka Team 2 at 54.250 Nett, Kanda Ltd at 54.875 Nett, and in fifth place, Avross Lawyers with a score of 55 Nett. Their participation in this event reflected the growing collaboration between corporate Papua New Guinea and the nation's sporting aspirations.

Special appreciation was extended to the event partner and major sponsor of the Prime Minister's Corporate Golf Challenge, The National, whose continued support has been instrumental in the success of the event. Additional thanks were given to the

event's support sponsors, Ela Motors, Air Niugini, SP Brewery, Trophy Haus, Trukai Industries, Theodist Limited, and Bridgestone Tires Limited, whose contributions helped make the day possible.

As the sun set on the greens of the Lae Golf Club, what remained was not just the spirit of friendly competition, but a reaffirmed commitment to lifting Papua New Guinea's athletes to new heights. With the Pacific Mini Games in Palau and other international competitions on the horizon, today's support ensures that Team PNG will march forward with strength, pride, and the backing of an entire nation.

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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. 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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