



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **PNGOC shares Pacific Games vision**

It is the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee's vision for Team PNG to create history by winning their first Pacific Games on foreign soil when they land in Samoa next year for the 2019 Pacific Games.

President of the PNG Olympic Committee, Sir John Dawanincura shared this view with participants of the 2018 Prime Minister's Corporate Golf Challenge last Friday in Port Moresby.

"This vision is in line with a challenge put to us by the Prime Minister, Hon. Peter O'Neill following the thrilling win by PNG at the highly successful 15th Pacific Games in Port Moresby in 2015," Sir John said.

28 sports are on offer at the Samoa Games and PNG is aiming to participate in all of them.

"With your support, we are hoping to raise enough to send a large contingent of PNG's fittest and strongest to Samoa next year for this mission," Sir John said.

It is estimated that a team size of about 500 athletes and officials will be selected to represent PNG at this Games.

The Prime Minister's Corporate Golf Challenge is the PNG Olympic Committee's second fundraising event for Team PNG and is held annually.

PNG Deputy Prime Minister, Charles Abel who officially opened the tournament said the event has the support of the Prime Minister and thanked organisations who participated.

"We had a very good result in 2015 and we are looking forward to maintaining that title as the number one in the Pacific in terms of sports.

"Your money is going towards supporting Team PNG and our young people representing Papua New Guinea at the next Pacific Games," Abel said.

"Sports is an important part of our community and our young people and I thank you all for supporting this event," he said.

The PNG Olympic Committee will be holding another Prime Minister's Golf Challenge in May 2019, before Team PNG leaves for Samoa.

52 teams registered for the tournament this year which saw Cocoa Board winning first prize ahead of defending champions, MRDC while the third place went to Coffee Industry Corporation.

Sir John thanked major sponsors of the tournament, The National, Air Niugini, Coral Sea Hotels, Theodist, Coca Cola and Blue 7 Team.

He acknowledged Ela Motors Toyota for providing a brand new Toyota Hilux as the hole-in-one prize for the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.

Sir John also thanked organisations who contributed prizes and sponsored holes to make the event enjoyable for everyone.

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