

Li Ruiyou's Speech at the Official Launch of IGIS

Today is a happy day as we are gathering here and celebrating the official launch of the Integrated Government Information System!-in short, IGIS.

It is a great pleasure for me and my colleague Counselor Zhang Liyong to be invited to attend this auspicious event and it is a big honour for me to make some remarks.

First of all, I'd like to extend my warm congratulations on the great success of this Project.

Secondly, I'd like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all of you and those who have committed and dedicated to the construction of this Project.

Because of your hard work and valuable inputs, we are here to share the fruits of the Project today, and many days after today.

The Communication and Information network is popularly called "information super highway". Like transportation highway, it is the essential part of the infrastructure development, and it is the way leading to the national economic development, as well as to the people's prosperity. So there is a very popular saying in China which goes like this: "To get prosperous, begin with building highways". I'm sure the IGIS Project will be of the same great significance to the prosperity of PNG.

The launch of the IGIS will provide a fast Information communication platform for every PNG governmental department. I'm pleased to learn that this will help upgrade the government work, better deliver public services, and at the same time, reduce the administrative cost. The IGIS will not only bring the PNG government institutions and provinces closer, but will also make our two countries closer.

I'm very pleased to learn that the implementation of the IGIS Project brought about a number of workshops which have helped train a big number of local technicians.

For all this, I'm proud to learn that the Chinese Government has provided concessional loans for the construction of the Project which was completed timely and with high quality.

This is another good example of the cooperation between China and PNG as well as between companies and institutions of our two countries.

Huawei Technologies is one of the major global telecommunication equipments and services providers. It has the reputation as one of the most creative, innovative, efficient and reliable companies in the world, and it is a household name in China.

I hope that Huawei Technologies (PNG) will continue its contribution to facilitate the communication for PNG and enrich the life of the PNG people.

I also wish the company will play an active part in the 2015 Pacific Games and the 2018 Apec meetings.

Ladies and gentlemen,

As we are both developing countries, one of our common dreams is to rapidly develop national economy and raise the people's living standards.

So China sees PNG as a sincere friend and important partner for cooperation.

We look forward to more cost-effective collaborations that will bring mutual benefits to our peoples.

China always upholds the Foreign Policy of Peaceful Co-existence, and the principle of peaceful development.

We see great potentials and bright prospect for strengthening our relationship based on the above policy and principle.

So let's work shoulder by shoulder to make our dreams come true.

Again my warm congratulations on the official launch of the IGIS and the successful cooperation between our two countries!

Thank you!