

SPEECH BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA, HONORABLE PETER O'NEILL, MEMBER FOR IALIBU-PANGIA ON THE OCCASION OF THE LAUNCH OF THE INTEGRATED GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM

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It gives me great pleasure to officially launch one of PNG government's impact project; the Integrated Government Information System.

I was then the Minister for Treasury who executed a Concessional Loan of US\$53 million with EXIM Bank of China on 17 March 2011 that allowed for the implementation of IGIS Phase 1 to commence.

In endorsing the implementation of IGIS, the Government of Papua New Guinea recognizes the need to become leaner and be more responsive to the demands of its people. We saw the need to improve accessibility and quality of government services, and become more effective in policy making.

The way to achieve this is to leverage Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to improve our ability to create, distribute and share information and knowledge and be effective in delivering services to the people.

We envisaged that through IGIS, government departments and agencies will be integrated, working in a coordinated fashion, and utilizing ICT effectively to serve the people of PNG

This infrastructure is timely and will serve as the foundation for us moving towards increasing efficiency in public service delivery and realizing our specific targets under Vision 2050 and its cascading Developments Plans and Strategies.

Government is committed to investing in ICT as the tool to enhance the public service performance, the interaction with its people and more important, ensuring services are delivered to our citizens more efficiently and effectively.

There is a standing government decision to move into Phase 2 of IGIS to extend the connectivity from current sites to rest of the provinces and districts.

Before I make an official announcement to launch IGIS, let me take this time to thank the Government of China in making available a concessional loan through the EXIM Bank that enabled the implementation of IGIS. In fact IGIS was the first project funded through the China EXIM Bank and following that, few other projects came on stream funded through EXIM Bank concessional loan.

I also extend my gratitude to Huawei Technology Company of China for delivering IGIS Phase 1.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On this date, Friday 11th July 2014, it gives me great pleasure to now officially launch the Integrated Government Information System for the people of Papua New Guinea.