

Press Statement



Signing of the DMOU covering assignment of the Police Liaison Officer (PLO)

The Director General of the Melanesian Spearhead Group Secretariat, Mr Peter Forau and the Commissioner of Police of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, Commissioner Tom Kulunga signed a MOU to formalize the recruitment of a Police Liaison Officer (PLO) from the RPNGC to be seconded to the MSG Secretariat.

The signing ceremony today will enable the secondment of the PLO to work with the Secretariat on Police Cooperation arrangements between member countries of the MSG, a key work program of the Police Commissioners Conference. This is the second secondment by member countries to the MSG Secretariat. The first secondment last year was by Vanuatu.

The officer to be seconded is Chief Superintendent Donald Yamasombi, Director of the Criminal Investigation Division of the RPNGC. The first PLO to be seconded was in 2012 by the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu and the Vanuatu Police Force.

The signing ceremony which was conducted at the MSG headquarters in Port Vila, Republic of Vanuatu was also witnessed by the Chair of the Police Commissioners Conference and Police Commissioner of the Fiji Police Force, Brigadier General Ioane Naivalarua, Assistant Commissioner of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force Selwyn Rotu, Police Commissioner of the Vanuatu Police Force, Major Arthur Caulton, John Taleo Deputy Police Commissioner of the Vanuatu Police Force, members of Police Commissioners Conference (PCC) from member countries and the staff of the MSG Secretariat in Port Vila.

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