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World Class Seafood Processing Facility In Kavieng, New Ireland Province.

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After 2 years of planning and a year of construction, the new Aus-aid funded Seafood Processing and Training Facility was opened in November 2003 by New Ireland Governor, Hon Ian Ling-Stuckey and National Fisheries Authority Board Chairman, Mr. Bamake Rumbam witnessed by a capacity crowd. Present for the opening was the NFA managing director with senior Provincial Government officials and local leaders of New Ireland Province. The new facility sits beside the recently completed Kavieng fisheries wharves and comprises an international standard processing facility as well as adjoining classroom for training purposes. The processing side of the complex is to be leased to a commercial operator while the training room will be retained by the college. Built at a cost of almost K5 million, the facility has been designed to meet the exacting requirements of US and European markets and includes ice making and freezing capacity to handle tuna, snapper and reef fish processing.

For the National Fisheries College, the facility will enable hands on training of seafood processing supervisors and managers in the Post Harvest Operations courses. With the facility completed, the college is now able to offer 'best practice' training to PNG's seafood industry. In opening the facility, Governor Ling-Stuckey praised the cooperation shown between the Asian Development Bank and Aus-Aid in combining resources to construct the new complex and noted that the European Union would soon construct a public fish market on the same site. He also informed the large crowd gathered for the occasion that the National Fisheries Authority would soon commence another development project in Kavieng with the construction of a hatchery and fisheries research facility on Nago Island in the Kavieng harbour. PNG Fishing Association Chairman, Maurice Brownjohn, noted that New Ireland had received significant development from ADB, Aus-aid, National Fisheries Authority

through the National Fisheries College and that the challenge was now over to the people of New Ireland to make the new facility work for the benefit of all stakeholders.



Official Handover of Plant Keys by ADB Rep Mr. Cussack to Mr. Bamake Rumbam—NFA Board Chairman



L/R: Mr. Rumbam, Mr. Chapau, Hon. Ling-Stuckey and Mr. Brown officially declare the New Seafood Processing Plant Open.

From the Acting Principal's Desk— Mr. Roboam Paka

Welcome to the first college newsletter for 2004. On behalf of the college management, I take this opportunity to welcome all to the college this year. I also extend a special welcome to Mr. Yaosa Kaikar to the College Management team as PHO Program Leader and to the college, John Adani as the new CF Tutor. We also welcome the relocation of the ADB Project to the college. A number of factors indicate that the next few years will be challenging for the college in particular, completion of the NFCSP, termination of Aus-aid subsidy for courses at the end of 2004, the reluctance of industry in PNG to fund training and uncertainty in college funding in coming years. It is imperative therefore for the college to begin to think strategically to enable

it to ensure that the advantages attained during the years of restructure of the college are not lost but developed further. It is also important that the new organizational culture that developed out of it permeates operations of the college. The college should exploit its "Competitive Advantages" to continue in its new found role as one of the premier training institutions in the country and in the Pacific. The strategic focus should then result in future business opportunities for the college as it partners other stakeholders in developing this emerging sector in the country's economy-fisheries. The other challenge faced by the college is to facilitate proper and appropriate use of recently completed infrastructure on the waterfront for the benefit

of the fishing industry in New Ireland and the country and for its training programs. On behalf of the college, I wish to express gratitude to the Aus-Aid funded NFCSP in assisting to bring the college to where it currently is and for the project team of Hugh Walton (Team Leader) and Rusty Strickland (Fisheries Expert) for their efforts. The college is grateful for all that was accomplished both with their inputs and those from STTA. The year 2004 started with the successful delivery of PHO1 offsite in Wewak, CFO1, CFO2 and PHO3 delivered simultaneously at the college in Kavieng. Our Courses Programs for the year have been formalised and can be made available on request.



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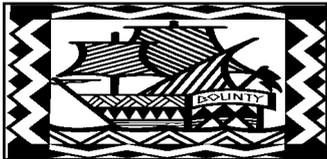




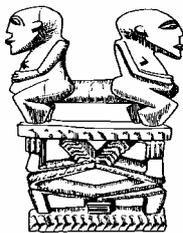
Samol Kanawi—Master Fisherman.
Commercial Fishing Operations



The Kanawi Family
Wayne, Posolok and Gwen



Zingham Salimbi—PHO Tutor
Smiles to Cameraman.



Mr. Roboam Paka—Deputy Principal
and Acting Principal, NFC.



Meet the New staff for the College.

Samol Kanawi—Master Fisherman.

Mr. Samol Kanawi who is married to Gwen and both have 2 boys Posolok (11) and Wayne (4). Samol hails from Mouk village—Baluan Island in the Manus province. He has been recruited as a Master Fisherman for the college. Samol joined the college in February 2003 from his last employer Latitude 8. Samol completed his grade 10 in 1989 and came into the college in 1990-91 to graduate with a certificate in Tropical Fisheries. In 1992 he attended the PNG Maritime college and completed train-

ing in Coxswain Class Three/Fire and Survival. In 1998 he went on again to complete the Class 2 Diesel Trawler Engineer. This year he went on from the college to PNG Maritime College to attend the Global Maritime Distress Safety Signal. He possesses vast amount of work experience. Samol is attached to the Commercial Fishing Operations Team and has contributed a lot since joining the team. One of his achievements include the successful delivery of Small Fishing Operations

course offsite in each of the maritime provinces around PNG. Samol is grateful to college for this great but challenging opportunity and will do his best to transfer his knowledge to all the course participants of the Fisheries college in Kavieng. He is also grateful to NFA for recognizing his experience and knowledge in Fisheries.

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Zingham Salimbi —PHO Tutor.

NFC welcomes the addition of Mr. Zingham Salimbi from Sokham village in the Morobe Province. He joined the college in July 2003 and work as a tutor with the Post Harvest Team. A graduate from Unitech with a degree in food technology he also possesses industrial work experience having worked with IFC, Nestle, Niugini table birds and Zenag in Lae.

He also has 4 years of teaching experience in both high and secondary schools. Before joining the college he last taught at Kiunga high school before resigning to join the college. Single and quietly spoken, he loves to mix around easily with his co-workers and friends. He likes to take part in Gospel outreaches and loves to listen and sing gospel mu-

sic. He says "it is a privilege to work for a revived vibrant organization and especially to be part of resurrecting the fishing industry in PNG". He is determined and keen to ensure NFA's goals and objectives are achieved, though they may be challenges.

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Roboam Paka—Deputy Principal

NFA and the National Fisheries College welcomes Mr. Roboam Paka and his family to the college. Mr. Paka joined the college in February this year as the new Deputy Principal having been recruited from the EU funded Rural Coastal Fisheries Development Project in Madang. Roboam completed his primary and high school education in his home province New Ireland before obtaining a Diploma in Fisheries Technology

from Unitech, Lae, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Public Policy & Management and an Honours Degree in Social Science from UPNG. Roboam has vast experiences in management in the private sector having worked in the forestry and mining sectors before re-entering fisheries. Roboam is currently Acting Principal. He expects and enforces very high standards and discipline and a sense of professionalism in respect of performance. Ro-

boam is pleased to be part of NFA/NFC and looks forward to all the challenges ahead. He lives at the college with his wife Mala and three sons, Wilson, Walter and Wawah, while his two elder children, Wally and Wilma are both students at the University of Papua New Guinea, Port Moresby.

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Aus-AID Project Nears Completion

The National Fisheries College Strengthening Project moved into its Final Phase and concludes end of April 2004. The Aus-Aid NFCSP team led by Mr. Hugh Walton—Team Leader with assistance from Mr. Rusty Strickland and other consultants that have been through the college should be commended for their time and effort in building up the college capacity to what it is today, with the completion of the new Fisheries Wharf, World class sea food processing plant, refurbishment of college facilities, development and delivery of Core Courses and Strengthening

of the college management. The support of the project has been proven by the increase of students intake from 40 in 2000 to almost over 600+ in 2003. The project finally concludes with final visits from the short term advisers such as Gender Advisor, Vele Pat, Seafood Advisor, Warwick Neame and Simon Reid assisting with the delivery of the PHO3 course. Rusty Strickland, who left last year has recently been engaged on short term basis working with the Commercial Fishing Operations Team in the delivery of the first full CF02 Engine course as well as to audit the current Commer-

cial Fishing Operations. The Aus-aid sponsor and funding of current courses will continue until the end of the year 2003 and cease leaving a huge task and challenge for the college and the fishing industry. The college and the industry is very grateful to the generosity of our aid donor, Aus-aid and all parties concerned would like to say thankyou for the enormous support dedicated to the college and the government of PNG.

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Male Refurbished Dorms 1 & 2



Female Dormitory recently refurbished by Aus-Aid and NFA Refurbishment Program.



NFA Fisheries Wharf in Kavieng, NIP.

College Course Updates—Students & Services

The Students and Services section which caters for students welfare and administration have been busy and committed this year to ensure students study and living atmosphere on campus is adequate and of high standards. Study facilities such as the library, training lab and classrooms have been well maintained and made available for study and research purposes. Other services such as transportation

and pay phones have also been readily available and fully utilised to serve every basic needs of the students on campus. The refurbishment and improvement works on both male and female dorms have also boosted students morale and pride. The complete refurbishment of two old dormitories converted into self contained units adds great flavour and satisfaction to students. The NFA and Aus-aid NFCSP, team should be

commended for this improvements. Some other interesting activities organised includes class picnics at Nago and Fissoa, sports between staff and students, Video shows, friday nights Christian fellowships and fun nights held every end of the month.

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PHO3 Class Discussion at the New Seafood Processing Plant.



Volleyball match between staff and students at Nago Beach

NFC Signs EU MOU at Madang

The College and the European Union funded Rural Coastal Fisheries Development Project recently re-signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the college to deliver training for the project in Small Fishing Operations, Post Harvest Operations, Start Your Business, Resource Use Plans, Barramundi Culture and Pontoon Management and GRP Boat Repair. The MOU will be for one year and covers delivery of training for and on behalf of the project in Madang, Morobe, Milne Bay,

New Ireland, Western, North Solomon and Central/NCD. The MOU was executed in Madang between the NFC Acting Principle, Mr. Roboam Paka and Mr. Sean Marriot, Project Manager for the EU Project. Unlike the initial MOU, the college is still required to submit a bid for training, although the tender is a restricted tender. The current MOU also made provisions for the engagement of college staff on short term consultancy by the pro-

ject separate from the main training which is indicative of the confidence that the project has in the college and its programs. Training under this MOU will commence in April and will run for twelve (12) months.

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EU Signs MOU with National Fisheries Coll.





ADB Coastal Fisheries Project Relocates to NFC In Kavieng, New Ireland

The college is glad to accommodate the recent relocation of the ADB Coastal Fisheries Project team. The team, which is led by Team Leader Mr. Garry Preston, moved in over the December/ January period of this year 2004 and will be located at the fisheries college admin wing in the conference room. John Aini, who is also part of the team, has been busy and was the man behind all the ground work. All office equipment such as tables, chairs and computers have been setup and ADB staff have all moved and settled in very well. Other project consultants will be visiting Kavieng for shorter or longer periods as the project progresses. The main aim of the project in New Ireland Province is to help set up local fishery management arrangements so that inshore re-

sources such as fish and lobsters do not become overfished. This could become an issue when commercial fisheries development increase because of the new fisheries wharf, market and processing plant in Kavieng. The project will also undertake similar work, as well as developing new fishing wharves in Lae, Alotau and Daru



L/R—Garry, Kim, Clare and John Aini

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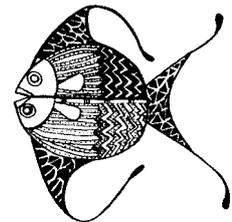
NFC Gets Delivery of New College Bus

The college is a proud owner of a new 25 seater Toyota Coaster bus supplied by Ela Motors, Kavieng. The Bus comes together with the delivery of new college equipments to improve and upgrade the college facilities and learning capacity under the Aus-Aid Strengthening Program. The Secretary for Planning Mr. Valentine Kambori, Acting New Ireland Provincial Administrator Robinson Sirambat. and Aus-Aid Vice Minister was also on hand to officially hand over the bus keys and other equipments to the college principal— Mr. John Kasu at a small ceremony held at the college in 2003.



Official handing over of the bus keys at the Fisheries College by Aus-aid to the college.

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From the Editor:

Special appreciation to all those that contributed to this newsletter by providing stories. This is the first issue for 2004 and we hope that you have enjoyed reading our newsletter.

An invitation is extended to all NFC staff and students to send in any news article of interest to be covered in our next edition. Interesting news on courses, meetings, visits, new projects, staff matters will be most welcome. We are keen to keep our readers informed and updated on all college matters and issues.

Special word of appreciation to Hugh Walton and John Kasu for all the support and confidence in allowing me to take up this editorial task of compiling and publishing this newsletter since 2003.

To all our valued readers in PNG and Overseas we hope that you will enjoy our newsletter and we will be glad to hear from you to improve on our next edition—Maoro.

Thankyou,

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