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PNG Electoral Commission focuses on Integrity and Political Parties sign the 2022 Code of Conduct

PORT MORESBY: A total of 39 out of the 53 registered political parties signed the 2022 Code of Conduct for political parties, candidates, scrutineers and supporters during its launch in Port Moresby today (Monday 9 May 2022).

Leaders and representatives of political parties, media and other electoral stakeholders attended the event.

It was organized by the PNG Electoral Commission (PNGEC) and the Integrity of Political Parties and Candidates Commission (IPCC).

The Code of Conduct seeks to improve the integrity of the 2022 National Elections. It sets out written guidelines to govern the conduct of political parties, candidates, party scrutineers and supporters during the nomination, campaign, polling, scrutiny and after the elections.

"The PNG Electoral Commission wants cooperation among all electoral stakeholders so we can deliver a genuine and safe 2022 National Elections. The Code of Conduct that we have launched is non-obligatory and non-binding and the PNG Electoral Commission does not have the authority to enforce the Code or impose sanctions. However, we want to promote an orderly conduct of elections and I urge all political parties, candidates, scrutineers and supporters to read the 10-page Code of Conduct booklet and follow and respect election laws and regulation," said PNG Electoral Commissioner Simon Sinai.

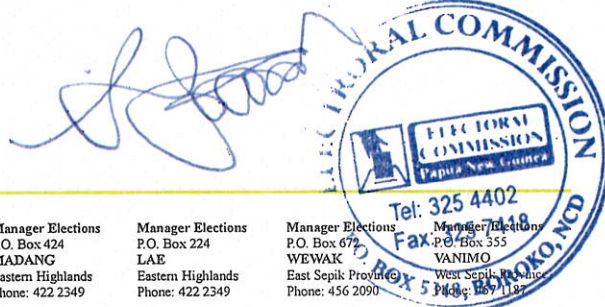
Acting Political Parties Registrar Emmanuel Pok stressed that political parties and their candidates and supporters are key players in the election process.

"They (political parties and their candidates and supporters) have the greater responsibility to make the election free, fair and safe for all stakeholders to participate. The success very much depends on the behaviour of candidates and their supporters," Pok added.

The PNG Electoral Commission also used the opportunity to disseminate other relevant information including handling of election disputes, awareness posters and information about candidate nomination.

Copies of the Code of Conduct booklet can be picked up at the PNG Electoral Office and the IPCC office.

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