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PRESS RELEASE

MRA Rewards Staff with Land Allotments

PORT MORESBY: Eighteen Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) staff members have been rewarded for serving the institution and the country, for 15 consecutive years, and for exceptional performances.

The once in a life-time rewards have come in the form of fully serviced residential land allotments, with dimensions ranging from 450-500 square meters.

The MRA in 2022, purchased a total of 49 allotments under the MRA National Staff Homeownership scheme. Out of the 49, titles for 18 allotments were presented to staff on Monday July 15th, 2024, by the Managing Director of the MRA, Jerry Garry. Four will be used to build institutional houses while the rest will be given to staff over the years as they either turn 15 years with the organization or perform well.

The aim of the organisation is to attract and retain competent staff through the housing and other policies.

During the presentation ceremony on Monday, Mr Garry described the occasion as a milestone, adding that the staff deserved to be rewarded for their services and exceptional performances. He said he had always believed in leaving an indelible mark in people's lives. As such, the home ownership scheme was an opportunity to make an impact in staff members' livelihoods. The MD said when he first started work with MRA, he realized that certain policies such as the then housing and vehicle policies were not friendly to staff. These policies were reviewed and amended resulting in the current policies that enables staff to own land to build their homes.

He said MRA officers were often on duty travel, and that the management wants to ensure that these officers travel with peace in their minds, knowing well that their families are safe and comfortable in their own homes. He assured all staff members that they all would have an opportunity to own land or live in an institutional house.

Photos:



Photo: Mr Garry delivering his speech during the presentation



Photo: Gabriel Kuna receiving his land title from the MD Garry



Photo: Joe Kak Ryangao receiving his land title from the MD



Photo: (L-R) Staff members Lawrie Giwi, Margaret Haoda and Joshua Madaka with their land titles



Photo: Helen Lohai (left) and daughter



Photo: (L-R) Pelis Vatnabar, Polio Tailo and Joe Kak Ryangao



Photo: (L-R) Ms Lohai, Mrs Haodo, Sharon Haihavu and Gepsy Salala