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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## PM officially closes GEE Conference 2024

PORT MORESBY: Prime Minister Hon James Marape, officially closed the Geoscience, Exploration and Extraction Conference 2024, on Friday August 9.

The event closing was witnessed by conference participants, presenters, sponsors, mining industry leaders, service providers, exhibitors and UPNG geology students, who packed the room to listen to the PM.

Over 350 delegates attended the three-days (Aug7-9) conference while thousands nation wide and from abroad watched via facebook live stream.

The PM congratulated the Mineral Resources Authority's (MRA) and the conference organising committee, for successfully staging the conference.

"Let me appreciate Managing Director Jerry Garry for your your leadership. And I want to pay my respects to all of you, but more so, those of our key guests from outside who joined us," said PM Marape.

He expressed his gratitude towards the former President of Kiribati Anote Tong, who graced the occasion with his presence.

He also acknowledged all presenters from PNG and from abroad who either attended in person or participated virtually via video zoom.

As part of the closing ceremony, participants were treated to dinner, music and entertainment by a Buka bamboo band and live band performance.

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Photo: PM Marape with MRA MD Jerry Garry (right of PM), Country Manager for Ramu Nickel Mine Tommy Tomscoll (left of PM), and the GEE Conference 2024 organising committee.