Disability Service launches website

THE Cheshire Disability Service PNG recently launched its new website and 2012 Annual Report which was unveiled as partners and donors witnessed the outcomes of their contributions.

The website and report was launched by the patron of CDSPNG, His Excellency Grand Chief Sir Michael Ogio and CDSPNG Chairman Justice Stephen Kassman and witnessed by donors from the business fraternity as well as the clients, carers, volunteers and other distinguished guests who turned up in show of their support and appreciation. The website which is the first of its kind for CDSPNG will now showcase everything and anything about the organization and will also be used as a means of contact for the organization as there will be social media features with other specifics added on for internal and external access and knowledge.

Governor-General Sir Michael Ogio sharing a friendly word with the patients (PWD's) and their car- ers' recently at the Cheshire Home. Picture courtesy of Government House

Review on disability learning

BY GREGORY KRAMER

INCLUSIVE education programs in Papua New Guinea will now be reviewed to monitor and evaluate current educational approaches and on how the right to education can be upheld.

The Memorandum of Understanding was recently signed with a three year project launched for it at the Don Bosco Technological College which will be funded by Ausaid.

A total of 40 representatives from stakeholders to partners in the research were all present to show their support for the project.

The Leonard Cheshire Disability and Inclusive Development Centre of the University of London have been awarded the Australian Development Research Grant award and will be spearheading the research project. They currently are also undertaking research on Inclusive Education in Kenya, Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe.

The Assistant Director, Dr Maria Kett and Senior Research Fellow, Marcella Deluca of the Leonard Cheshire Disability and Inclusive Development Centre, were also in attendance as they consulted with partnering agencies, the Cheshire Disability Services PNG, Special Education Division of the Department of Education, PNG Education Institute, Sacred Heart Teacher’s Training College and the University of Goroka.

“I can see a lot of good work being done here but it still needs more as the policies will have to be realistic to what is being done on the ground,” said Dr Kett.

Upon launching the project and in his welcoming address, Chairman of CDSPNG, Justice Stephen Kassman, discussed the importance of partnerships and with the new light and move towards compulsory education for all children there were still challenges in collecting information about children with disabilities.

He further acknowledged the participation of key Government stakeholders, partners and service providers in PNG and abroad for the wealth of support and encouraged everyone to work as a team for the sake of all persons with disabilities and special needs and educational needs to be met.

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