PNGUoT Strengthens International Partnerships Through the OCEAN Project

The Papua New Guinea University of Technology (PNGUoT) is taking part in a 36-month international collaboration called the “Opening Collaboration for Education and Academic Networks (OCEAN) in the Maldives and Papua New Guinea”.

As part of the OCEAN Project's activities, PNGUoT recently sent three of its representatives to take part in an international mobility and training program hosted by partner institutions in Greece and Italy.

Representing PNGUoT during the international mobility and training program were:

1. Dr Immaculate Azabo – Director, Teaching and Learning Methods Unit.
2. Ms Pamela Dubaba – Senior Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Postgraduate Studies, Research and Innovation.
3. Ms Rachel Kobal – Internationalisation Officer, Office of Strategic Internationalisation

The program took place at:

- University of Piraeus, Greece: 11–15 October 2026.
- University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy: 16–22 October 2026.

The participation of these staff members reflects PNGUoT's commitment to strengthening institutional capacity, promoting professional development and expanding international cooperation.
OCEAN is co-funded by the European Union under the Erasmus+ Program, and it brings together nine partner institutions from Europe, the Maldives and Papua New Guinea.

The institutions are:

1. University of Rome Tor Vergata – Italy
2. University of Piraeus Research Center – Greece
3. Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria – Spain
4. Institut de Haute Formation aux Politiques Communautaires – Belgium
5. Zikura International College – Maldives
6. Mianz International College – Maldives
7. Divine Word University – Papua New Guinea
8. University of Goroka – Papua New Guinea
9. Papua New Guinea University of Technology – Papua New Guinea

Through this partnership, PNGUoT aims to strengthen its international engagement, expand academic networks and enhance institutional capacity through knowledge exchange, staff training, academic mobility and collaborative research.

The project also provides opportunities for the University to advance inclusive education, explore innovative teaching and learning approaches, promote sustainable campus initiatives and contribute to the green transition in higher education.

As a valued partner, PNGUoT looks forward to working alongside the consortium to build lasting international relationships, create new opportunities for staff and students, and strengthen the University's contribution to higher education, research and national development.

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Activities under the OCEAN Project will encompass institutional capacity building and staff training, strategic planning for internationalisation, blended learning, academic exchanges and international research.

Cooperation with local stakeholders, environmentally responsible campus initiatives and inclusive education will also form an important part of the project's activities.

Through these initiatives, OCEAN seeks to support stronger institutional strategies, lasting international partnerships, wider mobility opportunities, updated curricula and more inclusive and sustainable higher education environments.

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