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Sir John Dawanincura Retires and Honored as Life Member of PNGOC

Port Moresby, June 29, 2024 – The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) has honored Sir John Dawanincura with Life Membership in recognition of his outstanding service and dedication to the organization and sports in Papua New Guinea. This accolade was announced and unanimously accepted by all members by way of a standing ovation during the Annual General Assembly held at the Gateway Hotel in Port Moresby, marking the end of Sir John's illustrious tenure as President.

Sir John Dawanincura has been a pillar of the PNGOC for 38 years, serving 26 years as Secretary General (1984-2010) and 12 years as President (2012-2024). His leadership and vision have been instrumental in the growth and success of the organization, and his contributions have left an indelible mark on the sports community in Papua New Guinea.

In his farewell address, Sir John reflected on his journey and expressed his gratitude to the members and stakeholders who supported him throughout his tenure. "It has been a privilege to serve the PNGOC and to be part of the incredible journey of sports development in our country. I am deeply honored to be made a Life Member and will continue to support the organization in any way I can," he said.

The General Assembly also celebrated Sir John's numerous achievements, including the 2015 Pacific Games, securing a permanent home and office for the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee, and the high standards of good governance and transparency he has built. His commitment to the Olympic Movement and the development of sports has inspired many and sets a high standard for future leaders and sports administrators.

The PNGOC extends its heartfelt thanks to Sir John for his unwavering dedication and leadership. His legacy will continue to inspire and guide the organization as it moves forward under the new leadership of Mrs. Emma Waiwai and the executive board.

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The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation committed to inspire and unite Papua New Guinea through sporting excellence and success. The PNGOC is a believer of sport as an enabler for sustainable and inclusive development. It is our responsibility to select, send and fund Team PNG to the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Pacific Games. This is achieved by working with our member national sports federations and with the support of our sponsors and partners, through fundraising events and with the backing of the Government. To find out more visit our website www.pngolympic.org.pg

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