Central Province—EQUITV Launching Ceremony—

7 March 2014

The launching ceremony of EQUITV equipment was conducted in Port Moresby for celebrating that forty-four schools in Central Province finally received EQUITV equipments last week. In the ceremony the equipment was presented to the head teachers and school representatives by the outgoing Central provincial education advisor, Mr. Titus Romano Hatagen (a/FAS Curriculum & Standards Wing) When presenting the equipment to the schools, Hatagen said when Central took on board the EQUITV programme, not many schools had access to equipment so the provincial government partnered with schools. “So we have decided that we will pay for the screen, the DVD players and the head teachers and their school boards pay for the generator, the regulator and I’m advised that media unit would supply the DVDs,” he said. He announced that so far Central had trained 83 teachers and they were first on the dissemination plan for the programme. Central is planning to purchase another 49 sets of EQUITV equipment this year so that they could complete to cover all primary schools in province.

New Ireland Province In-service TOT introduced

21-25 April 2014

5 days in service training of trainers (TOT) was introduced in Kavieng, New Ireland Province and successfully 25 participants from 2 districts became the EQUITV provincial trainer. The provincial trainers will return their own districts and conduct the TOT to foster the district trainers, who will teach the EQUITV program to teachers on the ground at the cluster level. Mr. Akinori ITO, Project Leader visited NIP Governor, Hon Julius Chan, the former prime minister and presented the impact of EQUITV program. Through full support and commitment by the governor and province EQUITV will tap into NIP very soon.
Minister for Education visited
National Education Media Centre (NEMC)

Hon. Nick Kuman, Minister for Education and Dr. Eliakim Apelis, Deputy Secretary Teaching and Learning Wing.

22 April 2014

Hon. Nick Kuman, Minister for Education visited National Education Media Centre, the heart of EQUITV. Mr. Hatagen, a/FAS Curriculum and Standards Wing and Dr. Apelis, Deputy Secretary Teaching and Learning Wing welcomed Minister. Mr. Shieru Sugiyama, Chief Representative, JICA PNG Office also attended the meeting. Mr. Sugiyama, JICA presented the history of technical assistance from Government of Japan in the education sector and on-going project EQUITV phase 2.

Minister Hon. Kuman replied that he became to reach more comprehensive picture of how EQUITV could contribute to quality of education and delivery of education service in PNG, especially in geographically disadvantaged areas. He also mentioned that Department of Education would continue to develop e-learning system including EQUITV Program as a major pillar and pledged the continuing effort for establishing education broadcasting channel and the new studio for recording model lessons. The concept of EQUITV Program was initially introduced by JICA technical assistance although it became a part of the National Education Media Policy published in 2010 and the ownership of the Program itself was passed to Department of Education. National Education Media Centre and EQUITV program itself has been reaching unreached in the country and now going into the new era.

- West New Britain In-service provincial TOT coming up in 1-6 June !!

- Morobe In-service provincial TOT coming up in 9-13 June !!