

New UNRE Vision and Mission

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THE focus of PNG University of Natural Resources and Environment is on quality education, hence it has developed a new mission and vision to properly convey its purpose.

The new University Mission statement is: *PNG UNRE's purpose is to help develop the sustainable use of our diverse natural resources and environment through quality education and research.*

It replaces a mission that spoke of bringing to the Pacific Rim community, the benefits of teaching, research, technology transfer and service, which was put in place in 1997 when the University was first established.

The University's new Vision is: *To be recognised centre of academic excellence for sustainable natural resources management.*

Both statements will be translated into Tok-Pisin for everyone to understand.

University Vice Chancellor Professor John Warren announced this last Friday during a staff meeting.

He was excited that UNRE will be the first University in the country to have its Vision and Mission simplified and translated to Tok-Pisin.

University Chancellor Kenneth Sumbuk said in an interview that: "The Vision and Mission was simplified and translated into Tok-Pisin purposely for all students, staff and stakeholders to know it, learn it and live it; and work towards it."

Last week, the Council and Senior Administration team had a three-day workshop facilitated by the Department of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology, to create a workable Strategic Plan.

Professor Sumbuk said the Plan must be reflective of what the University is doing, what the University purpose is and the direction the University is growing towards in the future.

It was at this workshop that the decision to simplify the University Mission and Vision statements; as well as translating them to Tok-Pisin for everyone to understand, was taken.

Professor Sumbuk said the Vision is focusing on UNRE to be recognized as the centre for academic excellence for sustainable natural resources management.

"That is what we believe the Vision captures; and the UNRE Mission is the purpose of why we are here. It is to help develop sustainable use of our diverse natural resources and environment through quality education research," he said.

He said the new Strategic Plan, Vision and Mission is focusing on how best the University can work towards achieving and implementing the 26 recommendations that came from the 13 Standards stated in the Quality Assessment Report of 2013.

The Chancellor said the University Management led by Professor Warren has already begun working towards addressing some of the recommendations especially in the Academic programs, University Structure, Governance issues and management issues. He said all the recommendations will be the priority areas for the Council and the Administration to address.

"In five years' time, I would like to see this University being transformed into a modern advancing University that will be seen as a place to come to do research, a place for teaching and learning, a place that will produce graduates that are work ready when they step out for this university," Professor Sumbuk said.

He added that PNG UNRE is a State University which belongs to Papua New Guinea, hence urged staff, students, the people of East New Britain and the New Guinea Islands region to take pride, protect and support the University as an advanced learning institution.

"We must not dwell on the past but to learn from it," he said.

He encouraged staff and students to support and work with the University Administration to transform UNRE into a University that they could be proud of.

"We have a lot of work to do. Good results come from hard work," said Professor Sumbuk.