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Ambassador North Arrives in Lae

U.S. Ambassador Walter North began his Highlands region tour today with meetings in Lae. Ambassador North will be in the highlands region April 9-18, 2013 to meet with political and civil society leaders to discuss how the United States can be most supportive in ensuring Papua New Guinea's economic growth is inclusive, sustainable, and transparent.

Ambassador North engaged in a very dynamic and engaging discussion with the PNG Indigenous Business Council and Civil Society Groups this morning in Lae. In his discussions, Ambassador North emphasized the United States commitment to women's empowerment, to increasing entrepreneurship, and to combating gender-based violence in Papua New Guinea.

Ambassador North also had an insightful lunch with religious leaders today. He was impressed by their collaborative work with local communities to improve the quality of life in the Highlands.

This afternoon Ambassador North met with the President of Lae's Chamber of Commerce and Industry and got an impressive tour of the Lae Port expansion project with Lae's Acting Regional Business Manager and IPBC Project Director.

For more information regarding the Ambassador's engagements during his visit to the highlands region, please contact the Public Affairs Section at the U.S. Embassy in Port Moresby. You can also follow Ambassador North's trip highlights on the Embassy's Facebook page.

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