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## “3 more MRA officers to study in Japan”

Three (3) officers from the Mineral Resources Authority (MRA) have successfully passed all university and JICA screening processes to be accepted under the “Human Resources Development in the Mining Sector “KIZUNA” Scholarship Program.

The Kizuna Scholarship Program is one of 3 scholarship programs provided by JICA. The program aims to develop human resources such as government officials, educators and researchers who contribute to mining development in developing countries. This program offers opportunities for officials to further their studies in pursuit for Master’s or PhD degree at some prestigious Universities in Japan.

Both Benny Poke and Polio Tailao will study for their Masters at the Akita University and the Hokkaido University respectively; whilst Moira Lunge will join Benny to pursue her PhD at Akita University.

Moira will be the first Papua New Guinean to pursue her PhD under the KIZUNA Scholarship Program. All 3 are expected to leave the shores of PNG to study in Japan towards the end of this year.



The 3 Scholarship recipients from MRA; Mr. Benny Poke, Ms. Moira Lunge and Mr. Polio Tailao all set for Japan.



Ms. Moira Lunge (right) and Ms. Fiona Silo of JICA Office posing with the JICA Gender logo poster.

**The End.**

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