**«Russia and Papua New Guinea»**

**International Symposium**

The event is dedicated to the 45th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Papua New Guinea and Russia

The purpose of the symposium is to identify reference points that may be relevant in the future for the development of bilateral relations between the Russian Federation and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, as well as for the expansion and strengthening of Russia's position in the South Pacific.

**To participate in the Symposium, public, scientific and political figures are welcome.**

**Date of the event:** 21 May 2021

**Venue:** “Nevskaya Ratusha”, Dyagterny pereulok 11, St. Petersburg, Russia. Hall №1 (face-to-face), via Zoom (online).

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**Each speaker will be speaking no more than 10 minutes**

**Language of the conference:** Russian

**Connection check**: from 9:30 am **(Moscow time)**

**Time of the event:** 10 am – 12 am **(Moscow time)**

**SYMPOSIUM PROGRAMME**

***Introductory speech:***

**10:00 Miklouho-Maclay Nickolay Nikolayevich**, Head of the Center of the South Pacific Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, President of the All-Russian Association of the South Pacific Researchers, Director of the Miklouho-Maclay Foundation

***Reports of the speakers:***

**10:05 Miklouho-Maclay Nickolay Nikolayevich**, Head of the Center of the South Pacific Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, President of the All-Russian Association of the South Pacific Researchers, Director of the Miklouho-Maclay Foundation

*The topic of the report: «Historical Relations Between the Russian Federation and Papua New Guinea as a Basis for Comprehensive Development»*

**10:15 Vorobyova Lyudmila Georgievna,** Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Indonesia, the Republic of Kiribati, the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea

*The topic of the report: «Overview of the Russia–Papua New Guinea Relations at the Present Stage»*

**10:25 Sir Peter Barter Phd (hon), GCL, OBE, Kt**, Sir Peter Barter, Chairman of MTS, Chairman of Western Pacific University, Melanesian Foundation long term resident of Madang and former Madang Governor, National Minister of Health, Provincial Affairs and Bougainville and senior Statesman

*The topic of the report: «Madang and the History of Russia–Papua New Guinea Cooperation»*

**10:35 Alikber Alikberov Kalabekovich,** PhD in History, Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies (Russian Academy of Sciences) with a welcome address

**10:45 Gary Juffa,** Oro province Governor (Papua New Guinea), Member of the PNG National Parliament

*The topic of the report: «Prospects for Cooperation between the Russian Federation and Papua New Guinea»*

**10:55 Kanaev Evgeny Aleksandrovich,** PhD in History, Deputy Head of the Department of Foreign Regional Studies, Professor at the Faculty of World Economy and International Affairs of the National Research University Higher School of Economics,Vice President for Science of the All-Russian Association of the South Pacific Researchers

*The topic of the report:* «*Russia-ASEAN Strategic Partnership and Russia–Papua New Guinea Cooperation: Complementarity Factors and Promising Areas»*

**11:05 Stacey O’Nea,** CEO of Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce and Industry (POMCCI), Papua New Guinea

*The topic of the report:* «*Bilateral Economic Cooperation between Russia and Papua New Guinea at the present stage»*

**11:15 Kakaito Kasi,** Director General of the National Library and Archives of Papua New Guinea

*The topic of the report: «The Russian Corner in Papua New Guinea and the Replenishment of the Library's Collections as a Part of Cultural Cooperation»*

**11:25 Kalganov Vyacheslav Gennadievich**, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for External Relations
of St. Petersburg, Head  of Department of Information and Communication with International Organisations.

*The topic of the report:* «*On Cooperation between St. Petersburg and the Committee for External Relations with Papua New Guinea*»

***Сlosing speech, summing up***

**11:35 Miklouho-Maclay Nickolay Nikolayevich**, Head of the Center of the South Pacific Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, President of the All-Russian Association of the South Pacific Researchers, Director of the Miklouho-Maclay Foundation.

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At the end of the symposium, a scientific and practical round table will be arranged as a separate event, during which participants will have an opportunity to discuss the prospects for the development of relations between Russia and Papua New Guinea and the countries of the South Pacific.