

# OFFICIAL PROGRAM BOOKLET

## PNG- JAPAN BUSINESS & INVESTMENT CONFERENCE

**Theme: 50 Years of Partnership; Forging the Next Chapter in  
Trade, Investment and Shared Prosperity**

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Venue: ANA InterContinental Hotel, Tokyo, Japan**



## ***THEME: "50 years of Partnership: Forging the Next Chapter in Trade, Investment, and Shared Prosperity."***

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### **OVERVIEW**

Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Japan share a rich history of diplomatic and economic co-operation spanning 5 decades. Since the establishment of a formal relationship in 1975, Japan has remained a strategic partner in PNG's development journey, supporting infrastructure, agriculture, energy, health, and education while fostering trade and investment across all sectors.

The Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) will be leading a PNG Trade & Investment Mission to Tokyo, Japan. The highlight of the mission will include a one-day Business Conference, which will be followed thereon with business-to-business (B2B) meetings, business-to-government meetings and site visits.

The mission is anchored on the Theme **"50 years of Partnership; Forging the Next Chapter in Trade, Investment, and Shared Prosperity."** The theme acknowledges our shared bilateral relations and emphasise on progressing our relationship by harnessing the economic opportunities based on trade and investment.

The mission envisions to progress the high-level business dialogues that lead by Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. James Marape in July 2025 during the Prime Minister's visit to Japan. In this business dialogues, the Prime Minister and the relevant economic Ministers and departmental heads had a comprehensive business meeting with a number of notable Japanese businesses that are already doing business and also have keen interests to explore investment opportunities in Papua New Guinea. The delegation also met with a number of notable development partners including the Pacific Islands Center (PIC) and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Secondly, we intend to utilize this program to reciprocate the visit by the Japanese business delegation that visited Port Moresby led by the Pacific Islands Centre (PIC) in February 2024. The IPA was privileged to have worked with PIC on this mission and was the lead facilitator and host on the ground. The delegations' visit was a show of confidence in our country as an appealing investment destination despite the infamous Black Wednesday events that caused destruction to so many business houses on 10 January 2024. As a show of our commitment to promoting trade, investment and tourism between Japan and PNG, the IPA assured the PIC that a reciprocal trade and investment mission will be facilitated by IPA in 2025.

The composition of the PNG Delegation will include key economic government organizations, commodity boards, peak industry bodies and the private sector organizations.

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MISSION**

The key highlight of the mission will feature a one-day business forum. The business forum will cover presentations from key economic sectors, peak industry bodies and pitching session where bankable investment projects will be pitched to the Japanese delegation by Papua New Guineans.

The program will follow thereon by B2B, B2G, G2G and site visits which are all planned for the second day.

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**OBJECTIVES**

- I. Highlight the progress that the PNG government has undertaken particularly the issues that the Japanese had raised which includes requests for visa on arrival, security issues, travel connectivity and forex.
- II. Present bankable projects, investment opportunities, and priority sectors to Japanese investors
- III. Engage business regulatory agencies to outline reforms and compliance pathways to promote transparency, business and trade compliance, and investment, promote a trade and investment policy framework, and investor confidence
- IV. Facilitate dialogue between the government, business-to-business, the private sector, and development partners
- V. Celebrate cultural ties and reaffirm mutual commitment to inclusive development

**EXPECTED OUTCOME**

The expected outcome of this mission are four-fold:

- I. Strengthen and increased the bilateral relations through trade and investment,
- II. Increased PNG's business engagements between Japanese entities,
- III. Increased visibility of PNG as an investment-ready destination
- IV. Renewed commitment to sustainable development and regional cooperation

**KEY PARTICIPANTS**

Below are the targeted participants to make up the PNG Delegation.

- I. Key government economic sectoral organizations
- II. Government Ministries
- III. Peak Industry Bodies
- IV. Private Sectors
- V. Special Economic Zones
- VI. PNG Business, Land owner companies, SMEs, and Provincial Delegations

**KEY PARTNERS**

This event is coordinated and hosted by the Investment Promotion Authority with support from Pacific Islands Center (PIC) in Tokyo, Japan, and Kundu Tokyo.

PIC is coordinating the Japanese delegation who will be attending the program.

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## PROGRAM

	<b>Monday 03<sup>rd</sup> November 2025</b> <b>Arrival &amp; Orientation</b>
<b>Morning</b>	PNG Business Delegation Arrival in Tokyo, check-in at Ana International Hotel
	<b>Tuesday 04<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b> <b>PNG Japan Investment Forum</b>
	<b>Plenary Session</b>
8:30 AM-9:00 AM	Arrival & Registration
9:00 AM-9:05 AM	All seated and Welcome by Master of Ceremony, Mr. Kamis Yalakun/IPA
9:05 AM-9:15 AM	Introduction speech and agenda setting on the PNG Japan Business and Investment Conference, <b>Mr. Leon Buskens</b> , Chairman, Investment Promotion Authority
9:15AM-9:25AM	Speech by <b>Mr. Shintaro Kitagawa</b> , Director for Oceania Division, Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs
9.25AM-9.35AM	Speech by <b>Mr. Ikko Watanabe</b> , Director for India and Pacific Region of Asia and Pacific Division, Trade Policy Bureau of Ministry of Economy Trade and Investment
9.35AM-9.45AM	Speech by <b>Mr. Ryuzo Saito</b> , Director Pacific Islands Centre Tokyo
9:45 AM-10:00AM	Official address, <b>His Excellency Mr. Sam Abal</b> , Papua New Guinea Ambassador to Japan
<b>10:00 AM-10:30 AM</b>	<b>Group Photo/ Morning Tea</b>
	<b>Presentation &amp; Panel Session: Economic Outlook &amp; PNG Investment Climate</b>
10:30 AM-10:45 AM	Presentation on Business Environment in PNG, <b>Mr. Clarence Hoot</b> , Managing Director, Investment Promotion Authority
10:45 AM-11:00 AM	Presentation on Medium to Long Term Investment & ODA Outlook in the East Asia Pacific Region, <b>Mr. Mikio Hataeda</b> , Special Advisor to the President, Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
11.00AM-12.00PM	<b>Panel Session 1: Doing Business Climate and Investment Opportunities in Papua New Guinea</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Clarence Hoot, Managing Director, Investment Promotion Authority <b>Panellists:</b>
Each speaker to have 5-7 minutes slots to speak about	

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investment opportunities present in their respective sectors	<p>Tourism Promotion Authority National Fisheries Authority PNG Forest Authority Climate Change Development Authority Livestock Development Corporation National Energy Authority Special Economic Zones Authority Kumul Mining Holdings Limited Telikom PNG Limited Immigrations and Citizenship Authority Department of Agriculture and Livestock</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A/Wrap up</b></p>
<p>12:00PM-1:00PM</p> <p>Each speaker to have 5-7 minutes slots to speak</p>	<p><b>Panel Session 2: Investment Opportunities and Private Sector Perspective on Doing Business in Papua New Guinea</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Ryuzo Saito, Director Pacific Island Centre (PIC) Tokyo  <b>Panellists:</b>  Coffee Industry Corporation  PNG Cocoa Board  Kokonas Indastri Koporesen  PNG Ports Corporation  Sumitomo Forestry  Taiheiyo Cement  Toyota Tsusho  Sojitz Corporation  Sun Engineering</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A/Wrap up</b></p>
<b>1:00PM-2.30PM</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>
<b>2.30PM-4.30PM</b>	<b>Breakout &amp; Networking Sessions</b>
	<p>Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries Chaired by Department of International Trade and Investment</p>
	<p>Tourism, Forestry &amp; Carbon Trade, Real Estate, Construction Chaired by PIC</p>
	<p>Mining, Petroleum &amp; Energy Chaired by PNG Embassy</p>
	<p>Import/Export, Wholesale, Shipping &amp; Transport Chaired by National Trade Office</p>



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4.30PM-5.00PM	Recap & Closing Remarks
6.00PM-8:00PM	Cocktail reception
	<b>Wednesday 05<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b> <b>B2B, B2G &amp;G2G Meetings and Site Visits</b>
8:30 AM – 12 PM	Individual B2B meetings with Japanese organizations, Investors, Companies, and private businesses to be arranged during the networking event
	<b>Day 3: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b> <b>PNG Delegation Departs Tokyo for Port Moresby, PNG</b>

