SESSION 4.2
FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS FOR ARCHIVES, LANGUAGE, AND LIBRARIES IN PNG, SAMOA, AND TUVALU

ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA’S 22 PROVINCES.

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The Presentation

- From Papua New Guinea in view of the conference theme, “Designing Archives in the 21st Century”.
- Title of presentation is establishing provincial archives in Papua New Guinea’s 22 provinces and the people through public programming. It is an activity of the Office of Libraries and Archives, Ministry of Education.
- Tukul Kaiku will begin with the defining perspective to the presentation and the Ten Year Plan and I will highlight implementation activities so far and conclude with some suggested recommendations.
Defining perspectives and brief overview of Papua New Guinea’s 22 Provinces.

Tukul Kaiku

- PNG, location & setting, the 22 provinces
- Archives versus provincial archives
- Establishment of Archival institutions – references
- National Library, Archives and Records Services Ten Year Plan. 2016-2025
PNG: location and setting

A Melanesian nation state in the Pacific Ocean (Oceania region), north of Australia and home to more than 850 former oral traditional cultural and linguistic societies.
The 22 provinces

Political and administration entities with a Provincial Headquarter, a Provincial Governor and a Provincial Assembly responsible for enacting Provincial legislations and a provincial flag. Provincial administration, the head of whom is a Provincial Administrator and a provincial public service.

1. National Capital District
2. Western
3. Gulf
4. Central
5. Milne Bay
6. Northern (Oro)
7. Manus
8. New Ireland
9. East New Britain
10. West New Britain
11. Autonomous Region of Bougainville
12. West Sepik (Sandaon)
13. East Sepik
14. Madang
15. Morobe
16. Eastern Highlands
17. Chimbu (Simbu)
18. Jiwaka
19. Western Highlands
20. Enga
21. Southern Highlands
22. Hela
Archives

a) the non-current records (archival material) of an organization, institution or individual which are selected for permanent preservation because of their continuing value, and

b) the repository or building (or part thereof) where archival material is stored, and

c) an agency responsible for the selection, preservation, documentation and making available of archival material (Australian Society of Archivists Inc, 1987)

Provincial Archives

the repository or building (or part thereof) where archival material is stored and managed by a provincial archival agency.
Establishment of Archival institutions

Let Your Eminence give orders throughout each and every province that a public building be allocated, in which building the magistrate (defensor) is to store the records, choosing someone to have custody over them, so that they may remain uncorrupted and may be found quickly by those requiring them, and let there be among them an archives, and let that which has been neglected in the cities be corrected.

• Emperor Justinian[1]
1. Schellenberg (1956) writes about the establishment of archival institutions in France in 1790/1791, England in 1838, and the United States in 1934

Four reasons for the establishment of archival institutions by the three countries were in relation to;

a) the need for proper housing of information resources to ensure improvement of government efficiency,

b) preservation of records as cultural resources of a nation,

c) preservation of records for personal interest for personal rights connected to citizens relations to government,

d) preservation of older official or government records of administrative value needed by government for its work. (Schellenberg, 1954:8-10)
2. South Africa (the Archival Platform, 2014)

A system to consist of a national archives to be responsible for records and archives of national governments and agencies and provincial archival institutions to be responsible for records and archives of provincial and local government entities of its jurisdiction. (Archival Platform, 2014:35)
Papua New Guinea is a Melanesian nation state located in the Pacific ocean north of Australia.

The country has a three tier government system with the 22 provinces being significant political and government organizations.

By Provincial Archives we are referring to a building (or part thereof) where archival material is stored and managed by a provincial archival agency.

Establishing provincial archival institutions is an archival programme consistent with archival literature and other countries have been seen to undertake such.

The National Library, Archives and Records Services Ten Year Strategic Plan 2016-2025 is a roadmap to guide the Office of Libraries and Archives to provide library, records and archives services to government departments, provinces and the people of PNG.
The Plan

Aim and Objective

- The Library and Archives 10 year (2016-2025) plan is a document produced by the Office of Libraries and Archives in 2016 and launched in 2017. It has government endorsement from the National Parliament and the National Executive Council and other government agencies. Its aim is to:

- Act is a roadmap to guide the Office of Libraries and Archives to provide library and archives and records services to government departments, provinces and the people of PNG.
Objective of the Plan are consistent with;

- The National Constitution of the independent national state of Papua New Guinea in its National Goals calls for Integral Development of its people,
- The Papua New Guinea Government Vision 2050, which calls for Human Capital Development, that by 2050, PNG should be an information literate, smart, wealthy, fair and healthy society.
- With the National Library and Archives Act 1993, section 25 which requires government agencies to work together with the National Archives to ensure administrative and indigenous records worth retaining are adequately housed.
Partnership arrangement in the plan

- Office of Libraries and Archives will;
  - Undertake signing of Memorandum of Understanding with provinces;
  - Provide advisory services;
  - Provide Training.

- Provinces will facilitate;
  - Securing of Land and Building of the Archival facilities.
Activities implemented so far
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Implementation of activities contained in the plan

- Conducted records survey;
- Submitted reports on findings;
- Information Paper presented and endorsed by the National Library and Archives Board;
- Recruitment and Training of provincial archivist. Two officers are currently undergoing training. This activity will be an ongoing one.
Consultation and liaison with Provincial Administrator on establishment of provincial archives.
Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between Minister for Education and Governor, Gulf Provincial Government

Minister for Education and Governor for Gulf signing the MOU on 6th August, 2018

Witnessed by the Provincial Administrator, Gulf Province and Director General, Office of Libraries and Archives
Future Activities

- Provide advisory services in relation to archival building requirements such as; Floor plan requirements.
- Provide advisory services in relation to Development of Provincial Archives Legislations.
- Dissemination of copies of archival materials to each respective province.
- Provide assistance in Training of Provincial Archivist
Recommendations

1. Review of implementation strategy.
2. Seek funding for PARBICA to conduct training on records management for Provincial Archivist /Records Managers in Papua New Guinea.
Thank you for Listening