

Workshop for local community in Morobe Province

Date:

13.06.2014 13:00-14:30

Venue:

Situm Primary School

Community:

More than 30 participants

Local:

Ginsuwat Siniwin / Vice Minister of Education
Bob Biegilam / Naweb District Administrator
Paul Itana / Labuta Local Level Government President
Joe Paru / Labuta Local Level Government Manager
Desmond Timiyabo / Labuta Local Level Government Manager

DoW

Andrew BUNA / First Assistant Secretary of PTD
Henry Pilie / Assistant Secretary of Policy and Planning
Gibson Holembe / Acting Provincial Civil Engineer

JICA Expert team

Hisashi Muto, Yukio Kohsaka, Atsuo Akema, Hiroshi Ueda, Yasuo Nakada

The workshop was held to give explanations of the backgrounds, purposes and implementation plans of the pilot project to the communities around the pilot site for smooth implementation of the pilot project. The venue of the workshop was Situm Primary School along the pilot road and the students welcomed the DoW and JICA expert team by flower necklaces and "SING SING" which is PNG's traditional dance.

At the beginning of the workshop, welcome remarks were expressed by the Vice Minister of Education who is from Morobe province and by Labuta local members for the opportunity of implementing the pilot project in Bukawa Road. DoW and JICA expert team explained the outline of the pilot project and asked for the cooperation of community.

The most of participants think, the communities along the Bukawa road have been left out of the development for a long time and this project is a big opportunity for the community's prosperity. The population of communities is increasing along the road which there are many plantations of coffee, cocoa and other crops, the improvement of road accessibility will bring the benefits to communities.

On the other hands, a participant pointed out the dissatisfaction with late notice of this workshop but the explanation was made and promised by DoW staff that "this workshop is just the beginning and continuous explanation to the community will be carried out".



Welcome ceremony by students.



Explanation of the pilot project by DoW



Opinions expressed by local community