

LOCATION DoW West New Britain, Kimbe, West New Britain Province	AUTHOR Konopa Kana
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BODY TEXT <p>A JICA Expert Team Leader, Mr Koishikawa, gathered civil staff representatives from four provincial Department of Works (DoW) offices for joint training regarding preparatory investigations for road maintenance projects. The training held in Kimbe was a forum for technical exchange and aimed to raise institutional capacity through inter-prefectural knowledge dissemination.</p> <p>The week-long training (12 to 16 June) covered necessary skills such as topographical surveying, preliminary road design and quantity estimation. The training comes as part of the partnership between the PNG Government and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the Project for Capacity Development on Road Maintenance (CDRM).</p> <p>Provincial Works Manager for DoW West New Britain, Mr Panka, commented saying, “It was a great opportunity to work collaboratively with other officers and learn about the challenges being faced in other provinces,” and “The most important thing is getting the basics right, from survey and design to construction. This training will help us to fully utilise our equipment to construct better quality roads.” He expressed his thanks to JICA for initiating such a programme.</p> <p>The training was conducted as a collaboration between the Plant & Transport Division (PTD) Headquarters and the JICA Expert Team with staff from Western Highlands (3), East Sepik (2), Morobe (2) and West New Britain (6). Another joint training event for civil staff from the four target provinces will be held in Wewak, ESP, in September 2017.</p>	PICTURE 