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TSC Chairman Reminds Teachers and Students About PNG's 35th Independence Anniversary.

The Chairman of the Teaching Service Commission Mr. Michael Pearson has reminded the teachers and students throughout Papua New Guinea that Thursday 16 September, 2010 is the 35th anniversary of PNG's independence. He said as it is a stand alone holiday, teachers should try and ensure that appropriate celebrations and activities take place in the school and community especially at the time when our country seems to be having serious problems in relation to the discipline and behaviours, not only of the children in schools, but with dishonesty creeping in all levels of society.

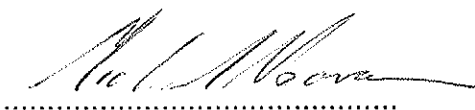
The Chairman of the Teaching Service Commission affirmed that it would be important to remember that independence and freedom must go hand in hand with duty and obligations to others. He also stated that too often people are allowing their claim to freedom to over ride their obligations and duty to respect the right and freedom of other people.

“After 35 years of independence we need more than ever to renew the dream of being a Smart, Wise, Fair, Healthy and Happy Society, not down the line in 2050 but every day as people who show respect for God, respect for our leaders, respect for our parents, respect for our environment and respect for ourselves”, said Mr. Pearson.

He stated that far too many of our problems, unfortunately, relate to lack of self respect and lack of a future vision and hope by ourselves and particularly by the children that we as teachers are training. It is vital that teachers revitalize that vision of independence and hope so that we can achieve the nation’s vision to be a Smart, Wise, Fair, Healthy and Happy Society by 2050.

On this note, the Chairman of the Teaching Service Commission and the Commissioners would like to wish all our teachers and their students a Happy 35th Independence celebrations.

Mr. Pearson, Chairman of Teaching Service Commission would like to remind the teachers also that Friday is the national school clean up day and the teachers are encouraged to ensure they and their students participate in the clean up program. The Chairman said if none is organized in their area, they should clean up their school.



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