



Medical Society of Papua New Guinea

50th Annual Medical Symposium

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'Achievements of the last 50 years and future challenges'

Patron: Hon Governor Julie Soso, MP

Medical Symposium to discuss achievements and challenges in health

Prime Minister Peter O'Neill will officially open the 50th Annual Medical Symposium in Goroka on 31 August.

Based on the theme *'Achievements of the last 50 years and future challenges'*, the opening will follow with three-days of intense presentations from various clinical, research, health education and management experts.

These presentations will cover a wide range of topics including diseases, research, clinical work, health education and management among others.

This includes topics on maternal and child health, childhood diseases, communicable disease, health management systems, medical research, clinical diagnosis and treatment.

"This event will be like a post-mortem for health sector whereby experts from various fields in health will look at the achievements and challenges of the sector over the last 50 years and also discuss and plan the ways forward," said Professor Peter Siba, Chairman of the 2014 Symposium Committee.

Over 600 delegates have been registered to participate at this event, which is co-hosted by the PNG Institute of Medical Research and the Eastern Highlands Provincial Health Authority. The event will also see the awarding of life membership awards to individuals who have contributed significantly and effectively to the Medical Society and their own professions over the last five decades.

The Medical Society is the body that represents all health professionals in PNG and is the oldest society in the country, with its main highlight event being the Annual Medical Symposium.

The Society had its first Symposium in 1968 in Goroka, with the theme Pigbel and over the years, various themes have been selected to identify with the changing health issues facing PNG.

Since its inception in 1968, the society has also seen the increase in its members from just 60 to 700 current members – both national and overseas.

The Symposium will be held from 31 August to 3 September in the Mark Solon Auditorium at the University of Goroka.