



Media Release

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New partnership to boost PNG health

More doors are opening for TAFE Queensland North to upskill health workers in Papua New Guinea.

TAFE Queensland North General Manager, Joann Pyne will this morning sign a new delivery agreement with Oshowe Venture PNG Limited, to deliver a range of health short courses and skills sets in Papua New Guinea from September.

“This is a great opportunity for us to help people in Papua New Guinea ‘Make Great Happen.’

“By furthering their education, these individuals will be able to use their new skills to better their communities,” Ms Pyne said.

Oshowe Venture PNG LTD was founded by Professor Binta Abubakar, a former Dean of the Papua New Guinea University of Technology, who now consults widely with the Papua New Guinea Government.

This new agreement will give Papua New Guinea health care workers and nursing staff the chance to gain vital professional development in a range of areas from maternal and infant care, sexual health, isolated care, respiratory illnesses focussing on Tuberculosis, food and nutrition, and medication management.

The training will be delivered by TAFE Queensland North Head of Nursing, Judy Hoskins, who was recently named the VET Teacher or Training of the Year at the far north Queensland regional final of the Queensland Training Awards.

TAFE Queensland North and Professor Abubakar are also working to identify other industry areas in Papua New Guinea that have training needs and when these are identified pathways for study will be offered.

The media is invited to film and photograph the signing ceremony. Interview opportunities will also be available.

WHERE: TAFE Queensland North, Newton Street

WHEN: Friday, 12 August at 9:00-9:30am

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