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# Oil Search graduates play active role in annual career fairs

## Media Release

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The Oil Search Graduate Development Programme continues to develop passionate young Papua New Guineans who are ready to meet global industry standards and inspire others.

The University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) and the Papua New Guinea University of Technology (UoT) career expos provide opportunities for organisations like Oil Search to engage with students on their graduate and scholarship programmes.

Graduates from across our organisation spent a day talking to students about the Oil Search Foundation and our Graduate and Scholarship Programmes.

Oil Search representatives drew a lot of interest from students and staff alike wanting to know more about the criteria and eligibility of the graduate development programme.

Oil Search Foundation Assistant Accountant Marjorie Kirewo and Reliability Engineer Goshen Kili attended the career expos and spoke to the students about their experiences in the Oil Search Graduate Development Programme. Both are former graduates.

Majorie encouraged students at UPNG to set clear goals, ask questions when uncertain, be willing to take on new tasks and be prepared to go that extra mile.

“I was terrible with public speaking until I joined the Graduate Development Programme,” she said.

“With the help of my manager and colleagues, I grew the confidence to speak during meetings or with senior managers.

“Also have confidence in applying for a graduate development programme. It will make a difference in your career.”

Goshen, a former mechanical engineering student from UoT told the students to take the opportunity presented to know more about the programme, the process and its eligibility criteria.

“I had a lot of questions trying to apply for the graduate development programme during my final year,” he said.

“I am now sharing the experience that I gained to encourage you all to put a little effort into your applications and submit them before the deadline.

“You have to meet the criteria by scoring a GPA of 3.0 or above, provide a proper CV and a cover letter clearly stating your interest.”

Oil Search Foundation was also represented by Karlyne Pukaikia, Scholarship & Leadership Program Manager and team.

Tara Chandrasekhar, Organisational Development Manager and Lina Nandape, Organisational Development Advisor were also on hand to talk to both students and staff.

More than 800 students visited the Oil Search booth at both universities.

Over the last five years, the Oil Search Graduate Development Programme has developed over 50 young Papua New Guineans. It aims to build a strong and diverse talent pipeline to support the Company's future workforce needs, fast track the development of the best graduates in the country and equip them to meet global industry standards. Last year, half the programme's intake was female.

Applications for the Oil Search 2020 Graduate Development Programme close tomorrow (Friday, 30 August 2019). Visit [www.oilsearch.com/GDP](http://www.oilsearch.com/GDP)

**Ends.**

## Photos



Marjorie Kirewo, Oil Search Foundation Assistant Accountant is a former graduate. Marjorie was invited to share her experience of the graduate programme and its impact with final year students at the University of PNG. With her is Tara Chandrasekhar (right), Oil Search Organisational Development Manager.





Goshen Kili, Oil Search Reliability Engineer is a former Mechanical Engineering graduate from the University of Technology (UoT). Goshen shared his experience to final year students at UoT.



Final year students at the University of Technology seeking information from the Oil Search booth on the its 2020 Graduate Development Program.





Final year students at the University of PNG swamped the Oil Search booth during the 2019 career expo.



Karlyne Pukaikia, Oil Search Foundation Scholarship & Leadership Program Manager speaks to eager students about the Scholarships being offered by Oil Search and the Foundation.



Goshen Kili (left) speaking to final year students at the PNG University of Technology during its career expo.

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