
Oil Search wins 2018 Apprentice of the Year Award

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Oil Search Limited Process Technician apprentice Perpetua Oseia is the 2018 PNG Apprentice of the Year.

Ms Oseia was selected ahead of eight other contestants from industrial, mining and petroleum companies to claim the honour of becoming the top apprentice at the annual National Trade Testing Board (NATTB) end of year awards.

The 27-year-old from Milne Bay province won the internal Oil Search Apprentice of the Year after her project 'Gas Dehydration' was judged as the winning project and was selected to represent Oil Search at the National title.

"It is a sense of satisfaction as it's a dream come true for me since I first heard of the NATTB Awards of the Year event," an elated Perpetua said.

"Being considered for this year's top award is a way I can encourage more women to showcase their potentials in this kind of event and ply their trade at their workplaces.

"To represent Oil Search in this event is an honour and privilege for me and I will remember this experience and award for the rest of my life," Perpetua added.

Witnessed by her mum Hilda Tomlinson and Oil Search colleagues the soft-spoken third year apprentice who is based at the Company's Central Processing Facility (CPF) in Kutubu was one of the two females who represented their respective organisation to compete with the other seven male apprentices.

"I am very proud of Perpetua's achievement. She did well for herself and her company, Oil Search. I am here to represent the family and they will be excited once they receive the news back in the village," Hilda said.

Perpetua thanked her parents and her colleagues for encouraging her and supporting her to succeed in life.

"The Oil Search Apprentice Program is a life changing experience for me and I want to thank my family, immediate supervisors and colleagues for bringing out the best in me and for always encouraging me to stand out as a female, to bring recognition to other women in the male dominated working environment."

She encouraged aspiring female apprentices to always take the challenge and never stop dreaming.

"Break the cultural barriers and beliefs. Work your plans and you will be someone you never imagined."

Ian Fraser, Oil Search Operations Training Coordinator congratulated Perpetua for achieving the top award and becoming the top apprentice in the country.

"We are impressed with Perpetua's performance and noted that she always does her best. We are happy to have her represent Oil Search. She is a very talented Process Technician. This award will definitely go down

as one of the highlights in 2018 for the company and it will strengthen our commitment to train national and contribute towards the PNG's human resource development," Mr Fraser said.

"Oil Search Limited has always been focused on training its workforce and to do this successfully we work closely with NATTB. The Company have apprentices in both Production and Maintenance and work to get them the best training and development opportunities in Papua New Guinea and the world."

NATTB is the governing body for apprentice and trade testing in the country. Each year there is a competition open to all final year apprentices to compete for the Apprentice of the year award. Oil Search have been continually involved with technical support and assistance to the apprentice program and have representatives in the NATTB Board.

The last six months has been a challenge for Oil Search to get back to normal operations after the February earthquake and to have the Company's apprentice achieve the top award is remarkable.

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Perpetua Oseia receiving her award from Minister for Labour and Industrial Relations, Mehrra Kipefa at the NATTB Awards night.



Perpetua Oseia showing off her awards with her mum, Hilda Tomlinson.



Perpetua Oseia and her mother Hilda joined by Oil Search colleagues at the NATTB awards night.