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A-WEB held the Handover Ceremony for "The Project for Improving the Election Management in Papua New Guinea"

- PNGEC SET UP CUSTOMIZED ELECTORAL INFORMATION SYSTEM · DATA CENTER**
- GOOD GOVERNANCE WITH MORE TRANSPARENT AND EFFICIENT ELECTION MANAGEMENT IS EXPECTED**

The Handover Ceremony for the “The Project for Improving the Election Management in Papua New Guinea“, supported by the National Election Commission of the Republic of Korea and organized by the Association of World Election Bodies (hereinafter referred as “A-WEB“), was held at the Laguna Hotel in Papua New Guinea on July 31, local time.

The Handover Ceremony was held to mark the successful end of the first phase of “The Project for Improving the Election Management in Papua New Guinea“. The project is the Official Development Assistance Project (hereinafter referred as “ODA”), which A-WEB achieved after more

than three years of efforts. The project was initially discussed in 2016 with the aim of establishing the right democracy in developing countries and developing a fair election culture.

The Handover Ceremony was attended by Patilias Gamato ML, the Electoral Commissioner of Papua New Guinea Election Commission (hereinafter referred as “PNGEC”), Finance Secretary Dr. Ken Nangan and National Planning Secretary Koney Samuel, in particular Korean Ambassador to Papua New Guinea Kymgu Kang.

At the meeting, Mr. Gamato, Electoral Commissioner of the PNGEC, expressed his deep appreciation for the support of the Korean government, the National Election Commission and the A-WEB.

In addition, he expressed his position that he will do his best to develop democracy and electoral culture in Papua New Guinea with this project.

In addition, A-WEB announced that it will conduct advanced training sessions in election management in the second half of the year to promote genuine technology transfer and capacity building.

In addition, A-WEB said that it will continue to help

build good-governance that will form a framework for long-term development of recipient countries through the ODA.

※ **A-WEB (Association of World Elections Bodies)**

The Association of World Election Bodies, commonly referred to as ‘A-WEB,’ was established on October 14, 2013 in Song-do International City, South Korea. A-WEB is the first global organization of election management bodies, and the membership currently consists of 109 organizations from 103 countries. It has carried out national projects to advance election procedures in eight countries, including Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Samoa and Fiji. In addition, it has carried out the consulting of an election ICT technical support base in seven countries, including Malawi and Georgia. Eight countries, including Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Samoa, and Fiji, have conducted country-specific projects to advance the election process. In addition, seven countries, Malawi and Georgia, have established and consulted on the ICT technical support base. It has carried out national projects to advance election procedures in eight countries, including Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Samoa and Fiji. In addition, it has carried out the consulting of an election ICT technical support base in seven countries, including Malawi and Georgia. Also, up to now, about 800 election officials from 70 countries have completed the A-WEB training program.

Attachment 1. Related Photograph

Handover Ceremony Photographs



‘19.7.31. At the Handover Ceremony held at Laguna Hotel in Papua New Guinea, the Director General Dae-il Kim (left) of the A-WEB and the Electoral Commissioner Patilias Gamato ML (right) of the PNGEC signed the handover agreement and took a commemorative photograph.



‘19.7.31. Dae-il Kim, the Director General of A-WEB (left) and Patilias Gamato ML, the Electoral Commissioner of PNGEC (right) are cutting tape at the Handover Ceremony held at Laguna Hotel in Papua New Guinea



‘19.7.31. Kym-gu Kang, South Korea Ambassador to Papua New Guinea (left), P. Gamato of PNGEC (center), and Dae-il Kim, Director General of A-WEB, are taking a commemorative photo at the Handover Ceremony held in Laguna Hotel in Papua New Guinea.



A-WEB IT experts are providing training to the PNGEC IT staff at the data center within the PNGEC in July 2019.