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CRU ends UPNG SI students' awareness on draft Federal Constitution

Solomon Islands students at the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) successfully completed the awareness on the 2nd 2014 Draft Federal Constitution of Solomon Islands with CRU officials in Port Moresby on Friday 1st April 2016.

Constitutional Reform Unit (CRU) Consultant Lawyer Mr. Reginald Teutao told students that despite the short time and students' busy schedule, he was thankful that they've completed the awareness on the proposed Draft.

"Let me remind you that you have taken part in the very constitution-making process of Solomon Islands," said Mr. Teutao, "when this system is in place, you will one day tell your children and grandchildren that 'yes, I was involved in the making of our constitution.'"

President of UPNG SI Students Association Mr. Hitchen Dauara in his closing remarks, gave words of appreciation on the patience shown towards the students' schedules.

"Though it was a busy week for us, your understanding of this is much appreciated," said Mr. Dauara, "however much we participated, this is how far UPNG Solomon students have participated and we will go back knowing that we have had our inputs in this draft for consideration."

About fifty students and staff member participated in the five-day awareness meetings at the university's Waigani campus during the evenings. They are studying in fields of administration, human resource management, law, journalism, sciences, anthropology and social sciences.

Staff of CRU and the Democratic Coalition for Change Government's (DCCG) Fundamental Reform Unit are now currently in Lae, PNG this week to hold awareness with Solomon Islands students studying at the University of Technology in Lae.

CRU is a division established within the Prime Minister's Office to oversee the completion of the Solomon Islands' Constitutional Reform program. Fundamental Reform is the political unit of DCCG's sectoral reforms, in charge of various reforms under the fundamental sector. It is also currently based in the Prime Minister's Office.

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