



THE UNIVERSITY OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
in conjunction with the  
EUROPEAN UNION  
are pleased to present the  
2017 Vice-Chancellor's Lecture Series, No.5

H.E. Ambassador Ioannis Giogkarakis-Argyropoulos  
Head of the Delegation of the European Union  
to Papua New Guinea

*"The European Union's Forty Years of Development  
in Papua New Guinea"*

European Union - Papua New Guinea  
40 years of Partnership  
'Working Together - Wok Bung Wantaim'



The Main Lecture Theatre, Waigani Campus  
Wednesday 8 November 2017  
Commencing 4 p.m.

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### ***“The European Union’s Forty Years of Development in Papua New Guinea”***

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- 3:45 pm Arrival of Invited Guests and the Public.
- 4:00 pm Welcome by MC.
- 4:05 pm Opening Address by Mr. Vincent Malaibe, Acting Vice-Chancellor, The University of Papua New Guinea.
- 4:15 pm Introduction of Guest Speaker by Professor Mange Matui, Acting Pro Vice-Chancellor, Academic and Student Affairs.
- 4:20 pm Address by H.E. Ambassador Ioannis Giogkarakis-Argyropoulos, Head of Delegation of the European Union to Papua New Guinea.
- 5:00 pm Questions and Answers to a select panel of European Union Officers.
- 5:25 pm Vote of Thanks to Guest Speaker by MC and presentation of gifts.
- 5:30 pm Refreshments.

*Ioannis Giogkarakis-Argyropoulos has been the Ambassador and Head of the Delegation of the European Union to PNG since September 2015.*

*He has previously served in the Delegation of the European Commission to Senegal, The Gambia and Cape Verde, Ethiopia and Djibouti.*

*Ioannis first served in PNG as Adviser, Second Secretary from 1992 to 1996.*

*He has been Head of Sector and Head of Unit for a number of European Commission programmes. Ioannis holds Masters degrees in Business Administration and Engineering, and was a site engineer in the private sector before joining the European Commission.*

#### ***Abstract***

*Since the creation of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea in 1975, the European Union has been building a solid relationship with the Government, and is today a trusted and valuable partner, accompanying the people of Papua New Guinea in the political, social and economic development of their country. This year 2017, the European Union and Papua New Guinea celebrate 40 years of this partnership.*

*EU Ambassador Giogkarakis-Argyropoulos will elaborate on the political, economic and developmental dimensions of the EU-PNG relationship. EU-PNG cooperation aims to help the country achieve its full potential with full respect for the values of democracy, human rights and solidarity that it is based on.*

*The Ambassador welcomes an active dialogue with his audience and looks forward to many questions and comments after his presentation.*