



“The Voice Inc welcomes Harvard to PNG”

Monday 12th August 2024 – The Voice Inc (TVI) is pleased to welcome Professor Matt Andrews from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government to Papua New Guinea (PNG) for a week of public policy dialogues with local leaders.

TVI has been working with Professor Andrews and his Building State Capability (BSC) team at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government for the last three years, delivering their signature public policy reform program titled the Problem Driven Iterative Adaptation (PDIA) course. Professor Andrews visit to PNG is not only a first for him but also a first for Harvard University.

Professor Andrews has a full week of activities as part of TVI’s Local Leadership and Collective Action Program (LLCAP), which supports a network of local leaders working on public policy reform and implementation.

On Tuesday, the Department of Justice and Attorney General (DJAG) Secretary, Dr Eric Kwa will host a roundtable dialogue on provincial to national policy implementation with frontline SARV agencies from Kundiawa. This will be followed by a dialogue on youth law and policy hosted by Mr Joe Itaki the Director the General of the National Youth Development Authority (NYDA). On Wednesday Professor Andrews will be hosted by the Digicel PNG Foundation and Wau-Waria district office, both working on childhood literacy.

Professor Andrews will also launch TVI’s third cohort of his signature PDIA course, including teams from DJAG, NYDA and civil society. These teams will complete an intense but practical 12-week course, mentored by Harvard’s BSC Team and TVI.

“As part of LLCAP we want our local leaders to have access to the best mentoring and ideas in the world, that’s why we started working with the Harvard team. Their approach, problem driven iterative adaptation, or PDIA, has proven successful in more than 100 countries around the world and is already showing results here in PNG”, Maliwai Sasingian, Executive Director of TVI, explained.

Other key engagements during Professor Andrews visit include the launch of TVI’s Wounded Healers Documentary and a public policy dialogue on the issue of Sorcery Accusation Related Violence (SARV) on Wednesday evening at the University of Papua New Guinea and a graduation for TVI’s second cohort of Development Leaders who successfully completed the PDIA course on Thursday.

TVI is proud to facilitate Professor Andrews visit and ensure meaningful dialogue with its local leaders who are at the forefront of addressing some of the nation’s most pressing issues. TVI values the work it has been able to carry out with the Harvard Kennedy School of Government through its PDIA course.

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