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### PNG MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND CHINESE VICE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT HOLD BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON AVIATION SAFETY AND SECURITY IN BEIJING

The Minister for Civil Aviation, Hon. Alfred Manase, met with Feng Zhenglin, Vice Minister of Ministry of Transport Minister for Transport, and Administrator of the Civil Aviation Administration of China for bi-lateral discussions covering the *Beijing Declaration*, during the first *Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation* held in Beijing last week.

Mr Manase said “as Minister responsible for Civil Aviation in PNG, I welcome the assurances of the Chinese Government to work with PNG to develop strong and stable bilateral ties in civil aviation, which will be conducive to the enhancement of aviation safety and security in PNG and the Region. On behalf of Papua New Guinea, I also expressed the PNG Government appreciation to the Government of China for the successful hosting of the Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation”.

During the bi-lateral discussions, Minister Feng Zhenglin, assured the people of PNG that the Chinese Government would provide assistance to PNG to meet the International Civil Aviation Organization’s (ICAO) “*No Country Left Behind*” initiative, and the *Beijing Declaration*, a *Multilateral Policy Guideline for Promoting Future Civil Aviation Development* to address challenges and share experiences faced by both countries.

He assured Minister Manase that China will stand with PNG to ensure that the Civil Aviation Safety Authority of PNG (CASA), and the PNG Accident Investigation Commission (AIC) can address all technical aspects of the *Beijing Declaration*. These include: assistance to ensure best practice and technical resources are available to CASA and the AIC; progressively enhancing safety oversight capability to achieve a Universal Safety Oversight Audit Program (USOAP) score higher than, or equal to the global average of compliance by 2022 (currently 65.1%); implement an effective State Safety Program (SSP) by 2025; endeavour not to have any Significant Safety Concerns (SSCs) under the USOAP Continuous Monitoring Approach (CMA), and to resolve any future SSCs within the time frame agreed with ICAO; certify all aerodromes used for international operations by 2020; use data driven methodologies to identify high risk categories of occurrences, and implement collaborative solutions to reduce accident rates and fatalities in the region; and include aviation safety in national planning frameworks..

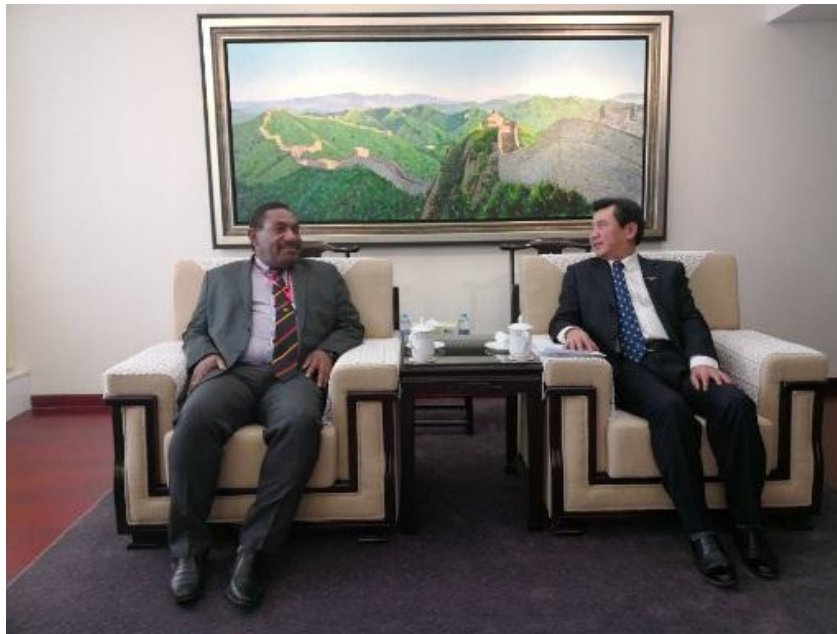
Minister Manase said “I am pleased that these bi-lateral discussions will lead to greater cooperation in aviation between China and PNG, and that support from China will assist PNG to ultimately address all the aspects of the *Beijing Declaration*”. Minister Manase, also thank the Government of China on behalf of the Government of PNG for providing assistance to PNG in preparation of the 2018 APEC.

**Hon. Alfred Manase, LLB**  
Minister for Civil Aviation,

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PNG Minister for Civil Aviation Hon. Alfred Manase meets with Vice Minister (Ministerial Level) Feng Zhenglin Administrator of Civil Aviation Administration of China



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