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The Townsville Chamber of Commerce has returned to Port Moresby, this time with six local businesses.

“It was a very successful visit”, said John Carey, President of the Chamber. “The purpose of the trip was to introduce some of our members to business opportunities in PNG.”

The Chamber, in collaboration with Austrade Townsville and Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce and Industry, coordinated the visit and arranged meetings between Townsville and PNG businesses.

Representatives from the hospitality, construction, fabrication, surveying, electrical, and professional service sectors accompanied Mr. Carey last week to Port Moresby. “Our members were invited to travel to PNG in order to see for themselves the expansion opportunities our neighbour has to offer”, Mr. Carey said.

The trip gave participants an appreciation of what it takes to export and do business in PNG, including regulations like taxes and levies, business climate and challenges.

“Obviously, it takes more than one trip to forge a business relationship” one of the participants said. “Most of the Chamber members who’ve come to PNG have committed to continuing their investigation into doing business here.” The Chamber is expanding its service of linking local businesses with opportunities outside the Townsville areas like PNG and Mount Isa.

Mr Carey is returning to Port Moresby in mid-September with another Chamber delegation. Aside from holding trade meetings for members, this visit will also have a ceremonial and cultural aspect. A Townsville City Council delegation will join the Chamber for Sister City events in Port Moresby during the Hiri Moale festival, a national celebration of PNG’s independence. On this occasion, the Chamber will renew a five year Memorandum of Understanding with its Port Moresby counterpart.

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