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Deloitte PNG appoints two new female partners

2 JULY 2021: Deloitte in Papua New Guinea has announced the appointment of two new partners – both women – growing its female partner numbers to four.

Audit & Assurance partner Debbie Oli, and Tax partner Sanchika Sutharshan, formally joined the partnership on 1 July 2021.

Deloitte PNG Managing Partner, Benjamin Lee, said: “Leading the way in our communities and fostering inclusion are important parts of Deloitte’s guiding values, and we are incredibly proud to be able to promote two outstanding women as partners and leaders of our people and our business.

“Both Debbie and Sanchika, and their success, are strong testament to how Deloitte sees the potential of women to achieve great things for our clients, and for PNG.

“They are passionate and hard working professionals, with each bringing another layer of perspective to their areas of strong technical expertise.

“The elevation of these talented individuals balances our partnership in PNG, with 50% representation of women, and shows that our programs for developing and empowering women across the firm is inspiring and developing our future leaders.”



As Deloitte’s second PNG national female partner, Debbie Oli grew up in Port Moresby and graduated from Pacific Adventist University in 2007. Soon after, she joined Deloitte as a graduate and has been rising through the ranks, taking on global secondment opportunities within the Deloitte network in Australia and the UK.

New **Deloitte PNG Audit & Assurance partner, Debbie Oli**, said: “I’m particularly conscious of how my experience in other countries can help our clients here in PNG, and joining the partnership is such an honour. I’m incredibly excited for the future of our firm. My situation also demonstrates what young women can achieve in a career in professional services.”



Sanchika Sutharshan came to PNG from Sri Lanka over 12 years ago, and joined Deloitte as a manager in the Tax practice in 2012.

New **Deloitte PNG Tax partner, Sanchika Sutharshan**, said: “Working at Deloitte presents so many opportunities to help clients with their most complex challenges, and becoming a partner is the cherry on top of the cake as far as my career is concerned. In this new and senior role I’m looking forward to making an even greater impact on our teams, our clients and our communities.”

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