

Former Head of Mission recommends Taiwan for health check

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A COMPREHENSIVE health check for former Head of Mission Papua New Guinea Trade Office in Taiwan Tommy Kunji saved him from a tumor that would have developed into a colon cancer.

"In 2017, I visited Changhua Christian Hospital in Taiwan to meet the staff and get an understanding of the work Changhua Christian Hospital has been doing in Papua New Guinea since 2008 under their annual Medical Missions to Papua New Guinea.

"During my visit, I realised the hospital had a very comprehensive health check-up program so I decided to undertake one.

"It is cheaper in comparison to the cost of such comprehensive health check-up in other countries.

"Pre-check, I did not feel or see any signs of illness, I was fit.

"The check-up takes a whole day, and you have to fast or have no meals for 12 hours prior to the start of the check-up.

"I went through the comprehensive check, and a benign tumor was detected on my left thyroid."

Also, a polyp had been detected in his colon and removed.

After his check-up was completed,

the doctor explained to him that he was lucky to have had his check-up done and the polyp (small growth) removed, as had the polyp grown in size, and was detected late, it would have developed into a colon cancer for him.

"I sat still staring at the doctor in awe, but very thankful.

"A year later, in December 2018, I had my left thyroid gland and the benign tumor removed.

"I would highly recommend Changhua Christian Hospital to any Papua New Guinean that wants a comprehensive health check.

"Also, Changhua Christian Hospital has the best cancer and medical treatment facilities and is very affordable and would highly recommend it to any PNGean seeking cancer or other medical treatments overseas," he said.

Mr Kunji is happy to connect any patient seeking overseas treatment and has the funds to do so, with Changhua Christian Hospital.

"The Taiwan health care system is one of the best health care systems in the world.

"CEO World Magazines Health Care Index rated Taiwan has the second-best Health Care System in the world, behind Korea in 2022," he said.