

New MPs prepare for life in Parlt

By **ROBERT PALME**

"THE future wellbeing of our beloved Papua New Guinea lies in your hands," Governor-General Sir Paulias Matane told newly elected parliamentarians yesterday.

Sir Paulias was speaking at the opening of the induction for Members of the eighth Parliament.

"I believe success of our nation can be realistically measured by how well we serve our rural communities," he said.

Sir Paulias said the ultimate satisfaction of being a people's representative might be explained as a combination of being returned to Parliament at successive elections by the people after the constituents bore witness to the services and the benefits the members delivered during their term of



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office. "I would most certainly urge each and everyone of you, as legislators, that the real benefits of how you perform in Parliament must be for the masses throughout our beloved nation in totality, especially out in the rural communities," he challenged the Members.

He said the elected Members represented the highest and the most demanding and esteemed form of public service and the Parliament was not an ordinary workplace, and Members of Parliament were not ordinary workers.

The members will go through the induction until Friday.

Yesterday's opening was attended by 64 Members, mostly first time parliamentarians.



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