

# The grassroots parataxonomist overseas

PNG Parataxonomist W. Boen from Parataxonomist Training Center Madang conducts beta diversity surveys and research on PNG's hidden insects and plants. The other of his overseas tour was to visit different ecosystems and habitats and compare them with PNG.

Countries I visited during the educational tour were Australia ,Panama & USA (America), England and Czech Republic (Europe). As a Papua New Guinean first traveling overseas it was a big surprise for me to see many very large cities in these countries as well as their different nature.

During these visits I visited several Research Institutions and Natural History Museums and different types and ecosystems from different climates. And my training was done in Natural History Museums and Universities by experts and professors

## ■ VISITS DURING THE TOUR

- The visits were made to experts from the Universities and National Museums. The aim of the visits were to compare different habitats and ecosystems with Papua New Guinea's

## ■ TRAINING

The training: how to collect and preserve and process insect samples for scientific use.

How to use scientific equipment like electron microscopes etc. Using keys to identify plants and insects



Visiting the nature reserve Area of Palava hills, Moravia Czech Republic



Training how to mount moth genitalia in S.N.H.M. USA



Visiting the world's largest dead and live plants collection in Kew Garden London UK.



Dr. M. Willson from University of Wales UK Demonstrating how to use sucking machine to suck Insects from grasses.



Looking at some of the Beetle collection in Smithsonian Natural History Museum USA America



Parataxonomist W.Boen using the sucking machine to collect insects feeding on the dwarf heath forest. in Sussex Brighton UK.