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He is now 'Sir' Tiong, Queen honours him

PETALING JAYA: Rimbunan Hijau Group founder and chairman Tan Sri Tiong Hiew King has been bestowed with one of the high honours in Queen Elizabeth II's birthday honours' list in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and will now be called "Sir".



Tan Sri Tiong Hiew King honoured by Queen Elizabeth.

He was recognised for services to commerce, community and charitable organisations.

Also knighted were PNG's Deputy Prime Minister Dr Puka Temu and Central Bank governor Wilson Kamit. They were among more than 90 people recognised for their services to the country in this year's Queen's birthday honours and awards.

Founded in 1975, Sarawak-based Rimbunan Hijau's overseas timber operations in Papua New Guinea are the largest in that country. Tiong also has interests in logging operations in Russia.

With a reported net worth of about US\$1.1bil, Tiong is ranked by Forbes as the 840th richest person in the world.