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Govt investment brings better teaching experience



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with Nabukaluka District School students after opening the newly-built teacher's quarters in Naitasiri. Photo: EMI KOROITANOA

EDUCATION REVOLUTION

EMI KOROITANOA

THE education revolution in Fiji is on track as the Government continues to invest in infrastructure to improve not just learning but the teaching experience as well.

This as Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama opened a series of teachers' quarters in the rural parts of the Central Division over the past few days.

With the comfort and security of proper housing, teachers can focus on what matters most – teaching.

“Instead of spending time worrying about

their own well-being, teachers can focus on their work in the classroom,” he said.

Prime Minister Bainimarama, while opening the newly-built teacher's quarters at Nabukaluka District School in Naitasiri recently, said those days of poor working conditions have been brought to an end by Fijian Government.

This new energy, he said, will be felt by each of the students.

“Sometimes, all it takes is that extra push from a motivated teacher to inspire a passion for maths, sciences, or the arts that stays with a young person for all of their life.”

The Head of Government said an unprecedented \$13.8 million has been allocated towards location allowances for primary and secondary teachers in remote areas.

In the current budget cycle, Fijian Government has included early childhood education (ECE) teachers in the initiative for the first time with an allocation of \$500,000 for their location allowances.

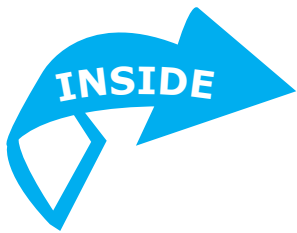
Prime Minister Bainimarama said this has been a big step in the right direction when it comes to levelling the playing field in education.

“For decades, that spark of inspiration was missing from many schools in rural and

maritime regions as their facilities – including teachers' quarters – were noticeably shabbier than schools in urban areas,” PM Bainimarama said.

“On top of that, the allowance we paid to remote teachers was much lower than today. As a result, life was made unduly difficult for rural teachers and the top teaching talent was often siphoned off to the urban schools.”

The Prime Minister also commissioned a newly built Early Childhood Education (ECE) center at the school and a newly built teacher's quarters at Navuso Primary School in Naitasiri as well.



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



Over the past five years, Government has provided funding of of \$224 million towards the energy sector, in which 70 cents of every dollar spent in the sector have gone directly to rural electrification.

Voreqe Bainimarama
Fijian Prime Minister

NUMBERS

\$224m

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TWEET OF THE WEEK



Frank Bainimarama (@FijiPM)

A well-deserved accolade for our own Jerry Tuwai. We know Jerry is far too humble to sing his own praises, but with 18 cup finals, one Gold medal, and three World Series titles, he's not only the man of the year in 7s Rugby, he's one of the greatest players of all time!

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Govt plans national ID rollout by 2021

AZARIA FAREEN

FIJIAN Government is working closely with the Singapore Cooperation Enterprise in streamlining many government services and expecting to roll out a National Identification Card (ID) by October 2021.

The Attorney-General Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum highlighted this while opening a regional workshop on the “Use Cases for Digital ID in the Pacific” in Suva recently, where representatives from different government and private sector converged to focus on how Pacific island countries can realize the transformational potential of digital identity.

The A-G highlighted that every single Fijian will have a National Identification Card which will be the only source of ID number and details of all the other identification cards will be incorporated at the back end of the national ID card.

“We want to make things easier for our people where you don’t have to remember multiple numbers or carry multiple cards with the introduction of the single ID card,” the A-G said. He said this not only becomes the primary source of identification but it also helps Government to manage the distribution of resources.

“Most Pacific Island countries are vulnerable to climate change - we’ve had cyclone Josie, Keni, Gita affect Fiji and Cyclone Winston also affected Tonga - and within 36-hours one-third of the value of our GDP (gross domestic product) was reduced by the Category 5 cyclone,” he said.

“We had our Help for Homes rebuild program set-up because the devastation was so immense and Government was morally obliged to provide people with some sort of funding to rebuild their homes,” he added.



Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum with participants during the opening of “Use Cases for Digital ID in the Pacific” regional workshop in Suva. Photo: AZARIA FAREEN

“World Bank study has shown that countries facing devastation with single identification system in place have people being able to save a lot of money after a particular disaster. With the national identification system in place, the Indian government was able to enhance financial inclusion of up to 75 per cent.”

The A-G adds the ID system will be used by banks and other stakeholders within the economy to provide quick assistance to people in terms of setting up and accessing bank accounts and registering businesses.

World Bank resident representative, Lasse Melgaard said the workshop focuses on the role of digital ID in improving the performance and integrity of social protection, health and humanitarian information systems.

“We will examine the role of digital ID as an enabler for digital government services—a key building block helping governments transition from manual, paper-based processes to digitalized, online public service delivery,” he said.

“As we grow the digital economy, and deliver more services over the internet, activities and services become cheaper, quicker and more convenient. We also increase inclusion as more people—particularly those living in remote regions—get access to services that previously were out of reach.”

The World Bank is supporting close to 40 countries around the world to implement and improve digital identity and civil registration systems

Minister launches prostate cancer awareness

AZARIA FAREEN

MINISTER for Health, Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete recently launched the month-long awareness for prostate cancer hosted by the Suva Golden Oldies Rugby Club at Defence Club in Suva.

Speaking at the event, Minister Waqainabete said “we are quite fortunate that we have two urologist in the country with dedicated urology clinics that look after prostate cancer and we walk hand in hand with Fiji Cancer Society”.

“I am so pleased that the month of October was Pinktober and the month of November is Movember, which allows us the opportunity to reflect on cancers and the effects of non-communicable disease as a whole,” he said.

Minister Waqainabete says there is a need to raise awareness as a nation not only in these two months but also beyond because cancer is a killer.



Minister for Health, Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete during the official launch of the month-long awareness for prostate cancer at Defence Club in Suva. Photo: SUPPLIED

“In our nation we have approximately 30-40 Fijians who have prostate cancer every year and the youngest person passed away from the disease at the age of 51 a month ago,” Minister Waqainabete said.

“Prostate cancer takes away a

man’s life at a time when he can offer the best to his family, community and the nation, and that is why we need a lot of advocacy and awareness around this disease,” he added.

Dr Waqainabete adds non-communicable disease is a problem

not only for Fiji but the Pacific and the world.

Minister Waqainabete urges men to attend to regular check-up at their nearest health clinics.

Samuela Saumatua says he was diagnosed with prostate cancer five-years-ago and refused to undergo any surgery to get rid of the disease.

“I believe the best way to avoid any form of major illness or surgery is to keep a positive mindset and look after yourself well,” Mr Saumatua said.

“Cancer is not something I am totally unaware of as I’ve had several relatives who died of cancer including my grandmother and mother,” he added.

“To all the men, there is nothing to be ashamed of if you suffer from cancer as it is better to get treated than to die of embarrassment. Please go and get tested and listen to the doctor because the rate of survival these days is getting better and better.”

Proper hygiene, sanitation 'prevent diseases'

A total of 18 new flush toilets were built for the villages while 14 old toilets were converted to Water seal toilets.

HEALTH Minister Dr Ifere-imi Waqainabete acknowledged the great support from the youth groups in the construction of new convenience facilities for the villages of Nasaibitu and Nalidi in the greater Wainibuka area.

A total of 18 new flush toilets were built for the villages while 14 old toilets were converted to water seal toilets.

The donation of water storage drums from the Flour Mills of Fiji (FMF) has also demonstrated the commitment from private companies under the public private partnership that the Ministry has been engaged in.

Minister Waqainabete said that this was another achievement for the villages as they can now practice safe hygiene and sanitation.

"I urge you all to take care of your health and with these new facilities now available, I anticipate that the burden of communicable diseases will be lessened in the area".

The outbreaks of communicable diseases last year and the Minister's assessment visits to the medical sub-division this year identified the need for proper hygiene and sanitation to avoid such situation.

After the initial assessment this project was given the green light and collaborated efforts from the stakeholders resulted in the timely construction of the toilet facilities.

Minister Waqainabete thanked all those that were involved in the successful completion of the project as this will bring many benefits to the people in the rural location.

Meanwhile, villages were also presented with certificates as they completed the training on Water Safety Plan.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS THIS SUNDAY

All Fijians are to switch their clock one hour in advance of the standard time on Sunday, 10 November commencing at 2.00am.

This is a reminder issued to all members of the public from the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial relations, Youth and Sports Parveen Kumar.

Daylight saving will end on Sunday 12 January 2020 at 3.00am where members of the public will be requested to switch their clock backward by an hour.

Special administrators set direction for town

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

COMMERCIAL sustainability and improved customer service will be focal points of the Ba Town Council, which has welcomed its new Board of Special Administrators.

"The Board is keen to explore and implement new ways to generate revenue not only for the Ba Town Council, but to also employ more Ba residents," said Board member, Beatrice Nast.

"We seek community projects that will be sustainable and contribute to the social, mental and physical wellbeing of residents, and that could give more Ba residents the chance to share their talents and ideas for a better future. We seek to implement best practises and ease-to-do-business for all who need municipal services."

Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development Premila Kumar said customer service and business processes need improve, with new investments to also be undertaken.

"We need to focus on the importance of businesses in our towns and cities. As municipal workers, we can't sit in our offices. We need to get out and interact with the business community and ratepayers, see what the rising issues are. They are our clients and they set the direction."

The Board of Special Administrators for Ba consists of Lala Sowane (Chair), Beatrice Nast, Dipti Sharma, Renee Brown and Dr Rohit Kishore.

NCDs reach epidemic rate in Fiji, Pacific



President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote at the launch of the FoodSwitch Fiji App last week. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

NANISE NEIMILA

NON-COMMUNICABLE-DISEASES (NCDs) have reached epidemic proportions in Fiji and many other Pacific countries like diabetes, heart attack, stroke, hypertension and obesity are major problems in our communities.

This was highlighted by the President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote while launching the FoodSwitch Fiji App last week.

President Konrote said NCDs have risen mostly due to poor lifestyles, particular diets, physical inactivity, tobacco use and over-indulgence in alcohol.

NCDs contribute to significant proportion of illness, disability and premature deaths in Fiji.

"NCDs are a major social and economic burden for our nation, and are robbing us of our productive workforce, community and family members."

"This major problem requires the concerted effort of all Fijians - the Ministry of Health, cannot do this alone, - it requires a multi-sectoral approach that involves all parts of Government,



President Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote says the FoodSwitch App allows Fijians to look at items in stores and choose healthier options to buy. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

civil society, the community and the private sector."

President Konrote strongly believes that we all know that eating well is important for our

health and wellbeing, but knowing what to eat and how to choose healthier options is not always that easy.

"We are fortunate in Fiji to be exposed to having a wider choice of both local and imported foods extensively available for us to choose from."

Meanwhile, the FoodSwitch app will allow Fijians to access to a new tool, an innovative tool to help them in choosing a healthier diet.

President Konrote highlighted that the FoodSwitch App allows Fijians to look at items in stores and see what healthier items to choose from to purchase.

"Fijians can simply scan the bar codes of food and beverage products in any store and receive immediate, easy-to-understand nutrition information about the product as well as a list of similar foods that are of healthier choices."

"The FoodSwitch App is like having a nutritionist on hand at the supermarket."

President Konrote commended the Fiji National University and The George Institute for Global Health Australia for developing the FoodSwitch project in Fiji.



Villagers 'live' disaster drill a success

VILIAME TIKOTANI

VILLAGERS of Lavena in Taveuni successfully carried out a live simulation of a tsunami drill as part of the national disaster awareness.

About 350 villagers consisting of men, women, children and the elderly participated in a first tsunami drill to be undertaken in a rural community in Fiji.

Turaga-ni-koro, Petero Waisea, said the village disaster response committee had drawn up a plan for disaster evacuation and the simulation exercise spearheaded by the National Disaster Management Office (NDMO), as part of the national disaster awareness exercise this year presented them with an opportunity to test themselves.

About 130 students from Lavena Primary

school including pre-schoolers were also part of the exercise which required them to assemble on the village ground and to run as quickly as they can into the hills above the village compound.

The hill is estimated to be around 200 meters above the village grounds.

Acting director NDMO, Litiana Bainimarama, said Lavena village was one of the villages badly affected by Tropical Cyclone Winston in 2016 and most of the homes in the village were either blown away or destroyed extensively.

"So the exercise is a significant one in the sense of preparedness because Lavena village location is considered vulnerable because their reef is close to the village shores and they can experience any kind of storm surge or even tsunami at any time," Ms

Bainimarama said.

"As such, the NDMO has provided capacity building for the village through a structured approach, a village disaster committee and a standard operating procedure for the school."

Lavena school head teacher Ilaisa Deke said it was new and good experience for the students because even though disaster management is already part of the school curriculum it was a first time experience for them to actually test their knowledge in real time.

A group of agencies supported the drill which included the disciplined forces- the Republic of Fiji Military Forces and Fiji Police Force, the National Fire Authority and also the Ministry of Health, the University of the South Pacific and Fiji Roads Authority

Learn, understand tsunamis, Minister Usamate urges

VILIAMNE TIKOTANI

DISASTER is everybody's business and the general public is again being urged to learn and understand more about it.

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and National Disaster Management, Jone Usamate, made the comment in Taveuni as he launched the 2019 National Disaster Awareness Week and encouraged community ownership and partnership.

"I would like to leave you with the message this morning that disaster is everybody's business and I urge you all present here today to visit the booths to learn and understand more about building to last, and to relay the message to your communities and friends on the positive impacts of disaster risk reduction," Minister Usamate said.

"The week's celebration also aims to advance the universal goal of sustainable development, disaster risk reduction and climate change and safeguard the environment and the climate for present and future generations."

The Minister added that as the custodian of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Policy, he strongly believes that if Fiji wishes to achieve sustainable development, implementing the Sendai Framework will make achieving its targets fully possible.

"And target achievement will only be possible if we all play our part well in disaster risk reduction," he said.

"Let me assure you all that Government, through the National Disaster Management Office, is committed to the people of Fiji for providing services aimed at preventing loss of lives and reduce damage to properties caused by disasters and other catastrophic events."

Minister Usamate said as Fijians we all must integrate disaster risk reduction into investment decisions as this is the most cost-effective way to reduce risk.

"We must no longer treat disasters as a humanitarian issue but as a development one. And by investing just \$1 into disaster risk reduction will save us all \$7 in response," he said.

"Our developments must be risk informed. In the past few months, we have witnessed how continued heavy rains have contributed to landslides occurring in our parts of the community."

Minister Usamate said such landslides have resulted in the disruption of services of critical infrastructures such as schools which also double as evacuation centres and health centres.

"I urge you, the custodians of these facilities to ensure that your rebuilding is risk informed so that when a disaster affects your communities, the effects are substantially reduced," he said.

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KEY MESSAGE ON TSUNAMI

- Ensure everyone in your community knows the warning signs - an earthquake, a rise or fall of coastal water and a roaring sound as the tsunami rushes towards the shore
- Do not stay in coastal and low-lying areas after an earthquake has been felt - move to high ground IMMEDIATELY. If the earthquake occurs close to the coast, you will have very little time to run
- Coastal communities and schools should plan a safe area on high ground and multiple routes to the safe area



farmers should pay close attention to all weather forecasts, warnings and advisories issued by the Fiji Meteorological Services. Photo: VILIAME TIKOTANI

Take precautions for cyclone season, farmers told

F IJI has now entered the November to April cyclone season and farmers have been advised to take all the necessary precautions to reduce risks to life and their property.

Farmers should keep a close attention to all weather forecasts, warnings and advisories issued by the Fiji Meteorological Services.

It would be best for farmers to follow precautionary measures so that losses from flash floods and strong winds are minimised and if at all possible, be avoided.

Farmers are advised to plan from now on securing their property, stock and life. They can keep their animals, machineries and farm implements away from flood-prone areas and secure the livestock sheds.

At the same time, farmers have also been told to monitor the crops which are on flood prone areas to avoid losses during flooding. They can also move planting materials to higher grounds so that they can be used after the flood has receded.

Farmers also have to be wary of culverts and other waterways created by floods and keep family members and animals away from them.



About 130 students from Lavena Primary School, including pre-schoolers, were part of the exercise, which required them to assemble on the village ground and to run as quickly as they could into the hills above the village compound. Photo: VILIAME TIKOTANI

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS
'IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS'

AS we approach another cyclone season, there will be greater need for the people to commit to heightened alert and preparedness levels.

Disaster preparedness is everyone's – the young, old, woman, man, able, disabled, sick or healthy person's responsibility to know how to protect themselves and other before, during and after a disaster.

The Ministry of Health and Medical Service therefore recommends some simple actions before, during and after disasters.

It would like to promote a greater disaster preparedness which will lead to an overall reduction in disaster related casualties, illnesses and incidents of violence and abuse.

BEFORE DISASTERS - GET READY

PREPARE YOUR EMERGENCY KIT
Your emergency kit should contain dry food, canned food, and other things like toilet paper and matches. Get a full list at http://www.getready.gov.fj/emergency_kit.html

KNOW YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND WHERE TO GO
Find out where your local evacuation centre is. Police: 917 Fire/Ambulance: 910 or 911 NDMO: 331 3400, Energy Fiji Limited (EFL): 913, Water Authority of Fiji (WAF): 5777

MAKE A PLAN
Is your home a safe place during a disaster? Do you know where your important documents are? Make a plan for food, shelter and communication to keep you and your family safe.

STAY INFORMED AND IN-TOUCH
Tune in for regular disaster updates from the radio or TV. Only trust official sources. Make sure your friends and families are also informed.

ENSURE CHILDREN ARE IMMUNIZED
Disasters can lead to serious diseases and can leave children vulnerable. Make sure your children are protected ahead of time by taking them for all their immunisations.

DURING DISASTERS - STAY SAFE
Support emotional wellbeing, especially for children
Talk about your concerns about your situation with others and offer emotional support – especially to children.

STAY INFORMED
Tune in for regular disaster updates from the radio or TV. Only trust official sources. Make sure your friends and family are also informed.

LIMIT DISEASE BY PRACTICING CORRECT HYGIENE
During a disaster, disease can strike easily. Boil all drinking water and wash hands with soap before handling food, after using the toilet and after being outside.

CHECK YOUR SURROUNDINGS
Be aware of any environmental threats such as fallen wires, flooded rivers and broken glass.

AFTER DISASTERS - EARLY RECOVERY
Avoid diseases by practicing correct hygiene
Boil all drinking water, and wash hands with soap before handling food, and after using the toilet. Bury or remove waste safely.

KEEP FOOD SAFE
Cover up food and store it safely. Do not eat any spoiled food. Pregnant and breastfeeding mothers should pay extra care to their nutrition and be sure to breastfeed exclusively.

SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION
Seek urgent medical attention if you or your child becomes sick. Sickness could include: high fever, diarrhoea, rashes or unusual body pains.

SUPPORT EMOTIONAL WELLBEING, ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN
It is ok to feel sad, worried, confused or scared after a disaster. Give and accept help, listen to others, and reach out to those in need – including children.

KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE
After the disaster passes, there may be other dangers. Keep children safe and know where they are at all times.
Every Fijian has the potential to contribute to an overall improvement of disaster preparedness and response in Fiji.
With climate change now being a reality and bringing an increase in natural disasters, addressing disaster preparedness has become both necessary and an economic priority.
Good preparedness and response will lead to fewer lives lost, fewer outbreaks of diseases and less damage to people and property.
For further information simply log on to www.getready.gov.fj

MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES



Preparing well key to survival



Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and National Disaster Management Jone Usamate during the launch of the 2019 National Disaster Awareness Week in Taveuni. Photo: VILIA ME TIKOTANI

FIJIANS have been urged to be prepared for any eventualities regarding natural disasters since the November to April cyclone season has begun.

The Ministry of National Disaster Management and Meteorological Services has called for early preparations for the season since four to six cyclones have been predicted to likely hit Fiji.

Some points to bear in mind are stated below:

PRE-SEASON PREPARATIONS

- Be aware of Cyclone Warning Systems
- Check your house for structural weaknesses
- Identify the safest room in your house
- Clear your property of loose objects/ material that could blow about during extreme winds. Trim tree branches away from windows and power lines
- In case of a storm surge warning, know the nearest safe high ground and the safest access route to it.
- Prepare an emergency kit for the family containing a portable radio with spare batteries, torch, fuel lamp, candles, matches, water containers, canned food with opener, spare clothes and beddings, masking tape for windows and plastic bags.
- Clear all drains and waterways on the property
- Ensure houses have proper provision for earthing lightning

UPON HEARING A CYCLONE WARNING

- Listen to your radio for further information
- Fill water containers and fuel car (if you have one)
- Store or tie down all loose objects in the house
- Batten down roof. Fix any loose parts of the house
- Close off shutters. If you live in a flood-prone area, take flood precautions
- Ensure all the members of the family are present; keep children away from swollen

drains and waterways

- If your house is not structurally safe, prepare to move to the nearest evacuation centre
- Collect firewood and keep in a dry place

DURING THE CYCLONE

- Disconnect all electrical appliances but listen to your battery radio for further information.
- Open louvers on side away from wind to reduce the pull force of the wind on the roof.
- Remain calm, stay indoors but clear of doors and windows. Remain in the strongest part of the building.
- Only use the telephones for very urgent calls
- If the building breaks up, protect yourself with rugs or mattresses under a strong table/bench or hold onto a solid fixture

BEWARE OF THE EYE OF THE STORM

If the cyclone eye passes over a sudden lull in winds occurs and may last up to two hours.

The other side of the cyclone then hits and winds resume with equal strength but blowing from the other direction. It is vitally important to remain in shelter during and after the eye passes.

AFTER THE CYCLONE WIND STORM HAS PASSED

- Do not go outside until officially advised it is safe
- Do not attempt to drive and do not allow children to roam around outside.
- Beware of fallen power lines, damaged buildings, trees or flooded waterways
- Listen to your radio for advice and updates

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Disciplined services remember fallen comrades



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama lays a wreath in remembrance of fallen comrades at the Queen Elizabeth Barracks (QEB) in Nabua. Photo: PRASHILA DEVI

PRASHILA DEVI

MEMBERS of the disciplinary forces remembered their comrades for their ultimate sacrifice during a moving church service and wreath-laying ceremony at the Queen Elizabeth Barracks (QEB) in Nabua.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama and the Minister for Defence and National Security, Inia Seruiratu joined the men and women of Republic of Fiji Military Forces, Fiji Navy and the Fiji Police Force in remembering the officers killed in the line of duty.

These officers from the RFMF's 3rd Battalion Fiji Infantry Regiment (3FIR) paid the ultimate price when they retook the QEB on "the darkest day in the history of RFMF" on November 2, 2000.

The RFMF remembered the sacrifices made by Private Temo Veilewai, Private Osea Rokosirinavosa and Private Simone Rawaileba, who defended the integrity, values and leadership of the institution they served on that fateful day.

In a short tribute, 2nd Lietutenant Salote Caginidaveta said, "We are indebted to them for their bravery and courage they displayed on the 2nd of November and therefore they shall not grow old as we that are left to grow old, age shall not weary them neither years condemned, at the going down of the sun and in the morning, we shall remember them."

PM's Office funds teachers quarters

EMI KOROITANO

QUALITY education expands far and wide helping fuel the progress of the economy and the nation as a whole.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, while opening a brand new teachers' quarters at Naboro Sawanikula Primary School in Naitasiri recently, explained the Government's drive on education.

"This broader realisation is why, throughout my time as Prime Minister, Fijians have seen such priority placed on our education sector by my Government through new investments like this one in Sawanikula," Prime Minister Bainimarama said.

The newly built quarter, which is funded by the Office of the Prime Minister's Small Grant Scheme, will house a total of seven teachers who are currently teaching at the school.

"In past years, for many schools, the quality of construction at teachers' quarters was sub-standard," he said.

The Head of Government said it was only the largest schools in urban areas that had been offering housing to their teaching staff.

"To add to the problem, the remote teachers' allowance was a fraction of where it stands today," Prime Minister Bainimarama further explained.

Some of Fiji's best-suited teachers found teaching opportunities in remote areas unattractive and unliveable.

This, according to Prime Minister Bainimarama, was an unfortunate reality for the communities and students who needed them the most.

"But my friends, the real impact of this investment goes far beyond those 117 students and teachers, beyond Sawanikula Village, and even beyond the bounds of Naitasiri Province."

"For every student that benefits from a better education in Fiji, from that step forward, every life that they touch will be enriched just a bit more," he added.

With the teaching profession paying better salary nowadays, Prime Minister Bainimarama said it is opening more doors of opportunity, and it is being backed by resources and structural reform to improve service delivery.

"I challenge all Fijian teachers to live up to this support that Government is providing them; we've raised the bar, and we need you to meet it — for the sake of Fijian students, and Fiji's future," he said.

Village lights up after five decades

NANISE NEIMILA

"TODAY will go down in history books for the people of Waibalavu village as we celebrate the new beginning especially for our children."

These were the jubilant words of Noa Rasausauira, 52, as the 50 year long wait for electricity in the village, tucked in a remote part of Naitasiri, was finally over.

Mr Rasausauira shared his story and said that since birth he was a living testimony of lighting kerosene lamps and candles and living in darkness due to financial constraints.

"I grew up with lanterns and candles because sometimes our parents could not afford to buy kerosene so there was no other choice but to stay in the dark. Since my forefathers settled, we never had the privilege of accessing proper electricity."

"Gone are the days where we have to buy kerosene for our lanterns or candles for our children to study."

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, while commissioning the rural electrification project, said the Government is committed to extending electricity to all Fijians.

"For years, power has run through Waibalavu to reach other more populated areas. You've seen the electric cables and you've watched as neighbouring communities lit up at night."

"But those days of watching electricity, run through, but not to Waibalavu are forever behind you. Today, you have become more than spectators-today, you are in the game as the latest participants of our national development."

Prime Minister Bainimarama told the villagers of Waibalavu that like any other Fijian, they deserve the right to fully participate in the economic prosperity and growth that is sweeping



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with Waibalavu villagers during the commissioning of their village rural electrification project in Naitasiri last week. Photo: NANISE NEIMILA

our country.

"You as much as anyone, deserve the chance to study, to cook, to find entertainment and to congregate at any time of the day and with ease and security. You as much as anyone, deserve to live with the comfort of knowing that you have left your children and grandchildren with brighter future. My Government not only recognises electricity as a fundamental right, we see it not as a cost, but as a larger investment in our economy as a whole — one that will be covered in full through the newly-released potential of the 250 Fijians who now have connection to our national grid."

The fully-funded project cost government \$338,000 and this will provide 55 households

with safe and proper electricity.

PM Bainimarama adds the completion of this extension is the result of careful planning, long-term thinking and a steady flow of investment from Government.

"Over the past five years, Government has provided funding of \$224 million towards the energy sector, in which 70 cents of every dollar spent in the sector have gone directly to rural electrification."

"So far, over 25,000 Fijian households have felt the benefits of rural electrification. While the individual communities we light up with this initiative may be small, with tens of thousands of Fijians as beneficiaries, the collective impact has been massive."



COP 25 moves from Chile to Spain

FURTHER to the notification October 31, 2019, I am now pleased to inform you that the Bureau of the COP has accepted the proposal from the Government of Chile, as incoming Presidency, to hold COP 25 in Madrid from 2 –13 December 2019, following the generous offer from the Government of the Kingdom of Spain.

The Bureau offered heartfelt thanks to the Government and the people of Spain for their immediate response and readiness to work with the incoming Presidency to organize COP25 and address the challenges climate change poses to current and future

generations.

The Bureau further thanked the Government of Chile for their commitment and leadership and reaffirmed their support to the COP 25 Presidency.

Chile will continue to hold the Presidency of COP 25, with Minister Carolina Schmidt remaining the President-designate.

The Bureau appreciates and fully acknowledges the logistical challenges for the host country as well as for delegates.

The Bureau will work with the Governments of Chile and the Kingdom of Spain, and President-designate Schmidt to ad-

dress those challenges and to deliver a successful conference.

The conference will be held at IFEMA -Feria de Madrid (<https://www.ifema.es/en>).

The UNFCCC secretariat will now intensify its engagement with the Governments of Chile and Spain to organize the conference as efficiently and expeditiously as possible.

-MESSAGE BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, PATRICIA ESPINOSA



Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development, Waterways and Environment Dr Mahendra Reddy, sitting second from left, with participants during the Global Climate Change Alliance Plus (GCCA) – Scaling-up Pacific Adaptation (SUPA) Project workshop in Labasa. Photo: JOSIA RALAGO

Global ties ‘key to addressing climate change’

GLOBAL solutions through multilateralism is needed to address climate change due to its nature as a global problem.

This was highlighted by the Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development, Waterways and Environment Dr Mahendra Reddy while addressing the Global Climate Change Alliance Plus (GCCA) – Scaling-up Pacific Adaptation (SUPA) Project workshop in Labasa recently.

“It is evident that climate change is one of the greatest challenges experienced in the history of humanity. Fiji has been consistently ranked high in climate change vulnerability, among other countries in the South Pacific,” Minister Reddy said.

“Our reliance on climatic sensitive sectors means it is vital that we enhance the climate resilience of Fiji’s economy. The Global Climate Change Alliance Plus – Scaling-up Pacific Adaptation Project does exactly that, via scaling-up of past performing interventions,” Minister Reddy added.

He said the Scaling up the Soasoa Drainage System for 2050 Project, which is part of the SUPA Project, was linked to meeting national objectives, as the project was aligned to the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) and National Development Plan (NDP).

“The project is a National objective to scale-up efforts to strengthen coastal



Participants during the Global Climate Change Alliance Plus (GCCA) – Scaling-up Pacific Adaptation (SUPA) Project workshop in Labasa. Photo: JOSIA RALAGO

boundaries of urban centers and rural communities through hybrid or nature-based solutions to risk reduction purposes and to slow the need to relocate communities and infrastructure, while improving and maintaining drainage networks in urban and rural areas as measures to protect against inland floods, considering that drainage defects are the dominant cause of floods,” Minister Reddy said.

The project also contributes towards the rural economy through promoting equal opportunities, access to basic services and building resilient communities and providing a sustainable sugar industry through the

provision of proper drainage services.

The EUR500,000 projects aim to build the resilience of the communities living close to the Soasoa drainage scheme by raising the level and scaling-up the current flood and flap-gate and floodway to adapt to more frequent extreme precipitation event and sea-level rise.

The project will not only benefit the Soasoa community in Labasa but will also benefit travelers who were often stranded due to flooding of Soasoa flats during heavy rainfall.

-MINISTRY OF WATERWAYS AND ENVIRONMENT

Minister attends international energy week

MINISTER of Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services Jone Usamate attended the 12th annual Singapore International Energy Week in Singapore recently

The Singapore International Energy Week or SIEW, is an annual conference that provides a platform for professionals, policymakers and commentators in the energy sector, to collaborate and share best practices and solutions within the global energy space.

It is a leading platform in Asia for energy stakeholders to discuss energy issues that impact the region.

Annually SIEW attracts over 13,000 delegates from more than 70 countries including energy ministers, industry captains and heads of international organizations.

First held in 2008, SIEW was organized by the Singapore Energy Market Authority (EMA), a statutory board under the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

Key objectives of the event included ensuring a reliable and secure energy supply; promoting effective competition in the energy market; and developing a dynamic energy sector in Singapore.

Over the years, SIEW participants have grown significantly to include an audience from other Asian countries, commercial-energy-industries and international organizations involved in the global energy sector.

The SIEW 2019 theme, “Accelerating Energy Transformation” called on global energy stakeholders to accelerate efforts towards a more sustainable energy future.

With energy consumption expected to double by 2040, meeting rising demands with secure, low carbon path of affordable and clean energy was a priority throughout the week-long event.

Minister Usamate said that the theme was appropriate given the current rise in demands on electrification, the significant shift towards renewable energy and, simultaneously, the need to care for the environment.

“The current developments and the increase in demand for more electricity supply requires a whole scale transformation in current practices to effectively manage carbon footprints and volume of greenhouse emissions,” Minister Usamate said.

Minister Usamate further stated that renewable energy would be an appropriate focus for Fiji and that there was an urgent need to increasing electricity production from solar and hydropower sources, and the need to reduce energy usage in buildings by smart planning.

Notable world-renowned institutions and government leaders who are leading figures in and are heavily dependent on the energy sector participated and contributed in various panel of discussions throughout the week long energy event.

Given Fiji’s domestic developments, population growth, infrastructure projects and aspirations as outlined in the National Development Plan, the SIEW annual event arguably presents an opportunity for learning and collaboration that would benefit Fiji’s growth domestically and strengthen its leadership role, regionally.

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'Govt's investment in education sector will inspire rural teachers'

The Fijian Government's \$13.8 million allocation in this year's budget will go a long way in inspiring teachers especially in the rural and remote areas. Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama, while opening the newly-built teacher's quarters at Nabukaluka District School in Naitasiri earlier this week, said the "extra push" from the Government would ignite their passion and inspire teachers.

"For decades that spark of inspiration was missing from many schools in rural and maritime regions as

their facilities – including teachers' quarters – were noticeably shabbier than schools in urban areas," PM Bainimarama said.

"With the comfort and security of proper housing, your teachers can focus on what matters most – teaching," The Prime Minister also commissioned a newly-built Early Childhood Education (ECE) centre at the school.

Photos: EMI KOROITANOVA



Better living conditions for primary school teachers

INVESTMENT in the education sector will continue to be the priority of the Fijian Government, says Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama.

"We're also make sure that our students reach the highest level of education including the improvement of teachers quarters," PM Bainimarama said while opening the newly built teacher's quarters at Navuso Primary School in Naitasiri earlier this week.

He said the Fijian Government would ensure teachers received the best of facilities such as quarters that would in turn have an impact on the quality of education delivered to the children.

"When the teachers live in better quarters, their spirit will be lifted therefore they will give their very best in teaching their students," the Prime Minister said.

Photos: EMI KOROITANOVA



Students tour State House, encouraged to work hard

Students from Muaira District School in Naitasiri visited the State House last week as part of their school excursion.

Because the students are from a remote location, they were given the opportunity to meet the President, Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konusi Konrote, who had some sound advice for the youngsters.

As he welcomed the students to the State House,

President Konrote reminded them to always work hard so they can be successful in life.

"You will be able to one day become a member of Parliament, run a business and even be the President," the President said.

The 103 students, 40 parents and nine teachers were part of the delegation visiting the President's official residence. Photos: RONAL DEO



Fiji sugar export undergoes rebranding

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

FIJIAN sugar has been rebranded, as the Fiji Sugar Corporation elevates the global appeal of Sugars of Fiji.

Now featuring a palette symbolic of the national flag and Pacific Ocean, the new look of its retail and export brand is earmarked for markets in New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Australia and the United States.

The change complements rebrands of other Fijian Government assets, such as Fiji Airways, Fiji Airports, Tourism Fiji and Invest-

ment Fiji.

“These institutions are all part of a seamless projection of Fiji as a modern and vibrant place for business under one name and one strong ethic of quality,” said Prime Minister and Minister for Sugar, Voreqe Bainimarama.

“Sugars of Fiji is the latest piece of this important commercial structure we are building. Everywhere we export our sugar, it will be perceived and known as the sweet tasting, high-quality sugar from Fiji.”

The process was assisted by Australian Aid’s Market Development Facility, and is available in packs of 1kg, 2kg and 4kg.

“We are committed to taking FSC forward in an innovative and future-focused manner; this means adapting to consumer trends around the world and drawing from Fiji’s well-established global brand as a pristine paradise,” said FSC Chief Executive Officer, Graham Clark.

Sugar is Fiji’s oldest export product.



Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, Ashneel Sudhakar with Nasomo women in Vatukoula. Photo: LITIA VULDAUSIGA

Minister clarifies land ownership, mineral royalties

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

THE Nasomo Landowners Trust are the rightful owners of Tovatova, the block of land from which they receive mineral royalties in Vatukoula.

This was reiterated by Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, Ashneel Sudhakar, who has received numerous queries on the ownership of the land, over the past few months.

“It’s pertinent for me to clear the air and to tell everybody that this land belongs to Nasomo,” Minister Sudhakar said at the Nasomo Community Hall in Vatukoula.

“Rightfully, the owners of this land is Nasomo, nobody else. It’s a question that’s been asked a lot but today I’d like to make it very clear that you people are the owners of this land. Full stop.”

The land was originally owned by John Berry and sold as Freehold to the Colonial Sugar Refinery (CSR) Company. The land was transferred to the Government upon the closure of CSR’s operations.

Nasomo mine workers who settled in the area in the 1950s and 1960s purchased the land via the iTaukei Land Trust Board (formerly known as the Native Land Trust Board).

“In 1963, a Government surveyor by the name of A W Baygrey surveyed this Nasomo land and in 1964, Nasomo settlers made their first payment as instalment. In 1965, NLTB was declared the proprietor or trustee of Nasomo land under Certificate of Title (CT) Grant No. 1144, and the total land area is 1062 acres.”

“In June 1974, the land was paid in full and then on the 19th November 1998, the land was formally transferred to the Nasomo Landowners Trust.”

“It’s on the registered title. As such, the legal owners of Nasomo land, otherwise known as “Tova Tova” back block (part of) with an area of 1062 acres are the members of the Nasomo Landowners Trust, who worked so hard to raise funds to be able to fully purchase this land.”

Minister Sudhakar also noted that despite being long-time landowners, it was not until the Fair Share of Mineral Royalties Act by the Bainimarama Government that Trust members could benefit from minerals under their land.



Prime Minister and Minister for Sugar Voreqe Bainimarama with staff of the Sugar Research Institute of Fiji. Standing immediately to the PM’s left is the Head of the European Union (EU) Delegation for the Pacific, Sujiro Seam. Photo: LITIA VULDAUSIGA

Tissue culture lab bolsters sugar research

LITIA VULDAUSIGA

SCIENTIFIC sugar research has been strengthened by the opening of the new Dr Krishnamurthi Tissue Cultural Lab at the Sugar Research Institute of Fiji in Drasa, Lautoka.

This new lab will ensure that pure cane seeds are provided to farmers so they can get higher yields.

“We are working hard to lift up the industry by increasing cane production and yield and investing in mechanization and modern transportation,” noted Prime Minister and Minister for Sugar, Voreqe Bainimarama.

“Research and development is the other critical piece. It is through serious scientific research that we will produce sugar varieties that yield more sugar for a longer period, that can adapt to climate change, and that are resistant to pests, diseases, drought or flooding. At a minimum, our research and development must keep pace with research and development at a global level.”

The laboratory specialises in tis-



Prime Minister and Minister for Sugar Voreqe Bainimarama inspects cane seedling samples at the new tissue lab. Photo: LITIA VULDAUSIGA

sue culture technology, which is used in many countries, such as India, to produce large volumes of pure and disease-free sugarcane plantlets that can multiply quickly in a smaller space. This will produce higher yields and the ability to farm small plots more profitably.

SRIF Board Chairman, Dr

Rajesh Chandra said the lab adds a new dimension to cane breeding.

“The laboratory at Drasa has the capability of analysing and dispatching 90 recommendations in a week and testing more than 3000 samples annually, to help farmers increase production. A lab is currently being set

up in Labasa to make it easier for farmers there to benefit from this service,” Dr Chandra highlighted.

Fiji is home to the world’s third oldest sugar research program, with 19 commercial varieties already developed to meet the special needs of Fijian farmers and sugar mills.

Ministry works to cut 85pc rice imports

JOSAIA RALAGO

EIGHTY-FIVE per cent of rice consumed locally are imported and there is a need to promote rice farming in the country.

This was the message from the Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime, Waterways and Environment Dr Mahendra Reddy while speaking to farmers in Macuata last week.

Minister Reddy said it was due to this that the Government through the Ministry of Agriculture has started to aggressively promote rice cultivation in the country.

“We want to grow the rice industry in this country. At the moment we are only producing 15 per cent of rice that we consume, 85 per cent of rice is imported,” he said.

“Our philosophy in Agriculture is that, if we do not have the technical capacity then we can’t grow rice.

“We do not have an import substitution policy, but we know that we have the technical capacity, advantage and know how to grow rice and that is why you see that we have now started to expand rice production in Fiji.”

In this regard, Minister Reddy urged farmers in Wainikoro to venture into rice farming because of the high return one could get from cultivating this crop.

“We are now aggressively promoting rice production in Fiji, and we want this area Wainikoro to be one of those leading sectors in rice production,” he said.

“We will provide you with the two new high yielding varieties, Cagivou and Sitara, we will give you the planting materials, we will give you the rice harvesters and we will buy your rice. All you need to do is make sure you do the necessary weeding and look after the crop.

“I want to assure you that it is one of those crops that has high return, you can have three crops per year therefore the net return would be much higher. We would like to invite you to get into rice farming. For all these, we will buy from you, you don’t have to look for the market.”



Duavata Fisherman Association president Maikeli Ramaidama, (right), receives the new fibreglass boat worth \$26,000 from Minister for Fisheries Semi Koroilavesau. Photo: JOSAIA RALAGO

Boat donation a boost for North fishermen

JOSAIA RALAGO

GOING out to sea and catching fish for a living will now be little more convenient for the Duavata Fisherman Association in Bua after they received a fiberglass boat worth \$26,000 last week.

Minister for Fisheries Semi Koroilavesau, while handing over the boat, said this Government assistance was intended to improve the fishing efforts of the members of the association. Association president Maikeli Ramaidama said the lack of boats would often hinder the fishermen from going to sea.

“We had requested for a boat to help the mem-

bers of this association get to sea more conveniently.

“Most of the times we would look for boats to take us to sea and at times, the fishermen would waste a good day out at sea because of boat shortages,” Mr Ramaidama said.

We have a lot of plans for the association and we are thankful to the Government for assisting us with this, clearly showing their support towards us.”

Minister Koroilavesau said the assistance would improve the members’ fishing efforts, assist the association financially and also ensure a better relationship between the Ministry of Fisheries and the Duavata Fisherman Association.

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“The Ministry of Fisheries is currently embarking into the new initiative of promoting the Establishment of Fishermen Associations throughout Fiji,” he said.

“The whole idea of this establishment is derived from our forefathers idea of working together as a collective group for a common purpose of development and growth and most importantly to create a better foundation of life for our future generation.”

There are 102 fishermen from the four districts of Vuya, Nadi, Dama and Wainunu that make up the Duavata Fishermen Association.

Govt station for 20,000 Fijians

JOSAIA RALAGO

ANEW Government Station is under construction in Wainikoro, Nadogo to cater for 20,000 Fijians who live in the Northern regions of Macuata.

People from the districts of Nadogo, Namuka, Dogotuki and Udu have to travel for hours and pay hefty fares – by carrier and boat – to get to Labasa where they access Government services.

This will change following the ground-breaking for the new government station last week by the Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development, Waterways and Environment Dr Mahendra Reddy.

One of these beneficiaries is Akisi Vinaka of Lagalaga who said they have been requesting and praying for this initiative for a long time.

“I would like to thank the Government for thinking of us and ensuring that we too have access to these Government services,” Ms Vinaka said.

“Right now we still have to travel



Minister for Agriculture, Rural and Maritime Development, Waterways and Environment Dr Mahendra Reddy, (far left in light blue shirt), during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Government Station at Wainikoro, Nadogo, Macuata. Photo: JOSAIA RALAGO

to Labasa so we could visit their offices but we know this will soon come to an end and we are so grateful for this.”

Minister Reddy said this was part of Government’s intention to ensure that services and infrastructures enjoyed by those in urban areas were also available to rural communities.

“We plan to have our normal an-

cillary support services from here which include Issuing of birth certificates, marriage certificates, and canteen or hawkers licenses. Of course, our core role relating to development issues, security, food and income security or any other issues will now be facilitated through this new government station,” he said.

“Within this financial year, gov-

ernment has allocated \$3.5 million for the construction of district administration offices and residential quarters (around the country).”

“We are not only bringing services to your doorstep, but we are also trying to ensure that we are efficient and smart, having an integrated approach in our outreach program in the most effective means.”



Top Fijian envoy tells of education empowerment

NANISE NEIMILA

GROWING up in a family that had strongly believed in education, Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva Nazhat Khan was destined to achieve greater things in life.

Being the third eldest of four daughters,

Ambassador Khan grew up in a family that believed that through education women were destined to be good role models in society.

"My parents were strong educationalists, especially for girls. They were also great readers, and encouraged us to fulfil our dreams for academic excellence."

"They also encouraged us to analyse information, and never to accept any view without exercising individual reason."

A lawyer by profession, Ambassador Khan was admitted to the Bar of England and Wales at the Inner Temple in 1983, and later admitted to bar at the High Court of Fiji in 1984.

She completed her higher education at the Sussex University and Cambridge University in the United Kingdom.

Serving as Fiji's PRUN in Geneva, Ambassador Khan was always passionate of her work as a professional lawyer.

"When I first became a judge, the sentencing practices of the courts tended to state the result without setting out how the

judicial offices had reached that result."

"I had studied the principles of sentencing when I had read for the Master of Philosophy degree at Cambridge, and worked with the other criminal judges to introduce those principles in the High Court in Fiji. When judges sentence in a principled and transparent manner, the executive is unlikely to restrict sentencing discretion. Governments will only interfere when the public is dissatisfied with the process of sentencing."

Ambassador Khan also shared some of her achievements whilst working under Fiji's judiciary, one of which was the introduction of sentencing principles, now enacted and protected under the Sentencing and Penalties Act 2009.

This was important for the protection of the independence of the judiciary and of the judicial discretion to sentencing offenders.

Her contribution within Fiji's judicial system was vast and she acknowledged the work of judges who contributed to the development of human rights jurisprudence in Fiji.

"That work included a consideration of the rights of the child (both victims and offenders) in the courts, the relationship between the Bail Act and prison conditions, and the importance of ensuring access to justice for those who are vulnerable in society."

"I still work with the judiciary on training especially on the link between international human rights law and the domestic courts. I am pleased also to conduct, for the judiciary, the Ethics and Etiquette at the Bar workshops for new legal practitioners, workshops which include discussions on gender equality and the Bar. The role of lawyers in protecting and furthering access to justice, on relationships with other lawyers, with judges and with the public."

With her colourful career as a lawyer Ambassador Khan attributed her success to her parents and her high school teacher for encouraging her to further pursue her career as lawyer and all that she has achieved till today.

Ambassador is married to Aslam Khan and has two children.

► Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva Nazhat Khan.

Fiji undergoes UN human rights review this month

NANISE NEIMILA

FIJI'S achievements in human rights mirrors well with its membership to the Universal Periodic Review.

This was highlighted by Fiji's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, Ambassador Nazhat Khan.

Ambassador Khan highlighted that Fiji's next review is due this month and it will set out the considerable progress Fiji has made in human rights.

"Ratification of all 9 core human rights conventions is one, another is the leadership we have shown on climate change and human rights, gender equality, the link between the SDG's (Sustainable Development Goals) and human rights, displacement and human rights, disaster response and resilience, and on criminal justice reform in partnership with the OHCHR (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights) and UNODC (UN Office on Drugs and Crime)."

"We are now members of the Human Rights

Council, and in the very first year of membership in 2019, we were appointed Vice President of the Council, chair of the Task Force on the Accessibility of the Human Rights Council to Persons with disabilities, and were invited to be chair or panellist on a number of high level panels at the council."

She added that Fiji is visible and has shown strong leadership at the Council.

Fiji is the vice chair of the Platform on Disaster Displacement, was the chair of the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Support Group, and are chairing the Vienna based Working Group on Trafficking in Persons.

"We are also active at the International Committee of the Red Cross, at the Commonwealth Secretariat Geneva Offices, and at the WTO negotiations especially on fisheries subsidies negotiations."

"We are also on the executive board of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, and were on the World Health Organization (WHO) executive board until May of this year."

Other notable achievements that Fiji has achieved in Geneva is the work with the World Trade Organisation, the International Organisation Migration, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and International Organization for Migration, the International Labour Organisation, World Intellectual Property Organization,

the International Committee of the Red Cross, the UNODC (Vienna) and many other agencies.

"We are also accredited to Switzerland.

"We have a team of four diplomats, three locally engaged staff, and a series of dynamic and intelligent interns who are fundamental and necessary to our ability to do our work well."

"We also engage closely with the Fijian diaspora, and with the other Pacific Islands Missions in Geneva.

"We have succeeded in placing climate change and human rights, internal displacement and human rights, and disaster response high on the agenda of all the institutions we work with."

"Prior to 2014, Fiji's voice was rarely heard in Geneva, and we had not benefitted from a number of opportunities to receive technical support for implementing human rights."

"I decided that this was a good opportunity to work on human rights law, to learn about the work of other institutions such as the World Trade Organisation, and to work closely with the UN Organization on Drugs and Crime in Vienna to strengthen our criminal justice system."

Ambassador Khan adds that it was advantageous to have a lawyer taking up the post since much of the work at the Geneva Mission requires knowledge of law and an ability to analyse it





Community acknowledges awareness programme

VILIAME TIKOTANI

THE community in Taveuni has acknowledged the move by the Government to bring disaster awareness programs to the rural community with the national week on disaster and emergency held there recently.

Retired civil servant Tikonaivalu Vatili said it was a good move to have such a program in Taveuni as it brings it closer to the rural community who at times are left out when it comes to disaster preparedness and response.



I am glad that this has happened and such services have been brought home closer to our people because it gives a feeling of what disaster work is about and how significant it is for their daily livelihood

Tikonaivalu Vatili

It was also an opportunity for people of the island to visit the many booths that had been set-up to get firsthand information and advice on the programmes and activities that would prepare them better for disasters.

"I am glad that this has happened and such services have been brought home closer to our people because it gives a feeling of what disaster work is about and how significant it is for their daily livelihood," Mr Vatili said.

"I am grateful to the Government for their efforts in bringing this program to Taveuni."

Businessman Iowane Tamani said it was very strategic and a step in the right direction because people at the village and community level were often left out of planning stages and yet are the most vulnerable and affected when disaster or emergency strikes.

Mr Tamani echoed the same sentiments as Mr Vatili in that more of such programs were needed to engage community at the village and tikina level to make preparedness activities more meaningful and more effective.

Disaster preparedness 'a daily thing'

VILIAME TIKOTANI

NATURAL disasters are common phenomenon these days and people need to be prepared well, on a daily basis, for it.

This message reverberated overwhelmingly amongst community leaders and organizational heads in Taveuni and the greater Northern division during the national awareness exercise on disaster and emergencies.

A week after Fiji Day celebrations, Taveuni drew in disaster experts, emergency specialist, stakeholders and service providers from both public and private sectors and civil society agencies in the view of raising awareness under the theme of #BuildtoLast.

As such the garden island of Fiji played host to a series of trainings and simulation exercises on tsunamis in light of disaster/emergencies preparedness for the 2019-2020 season.

The National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) in partnership with the Communicating with Disaster Affected Communities (CDAC) Network is working together to build stronger units in the Government arm of operations.

Two trainings were also convened which ran simultaneous with over 40 head of departments from the Northern Division in one and about 50 tikina representatives from villages in Taveuni in another, all in the view of raising awareness about disaster/emergencies.

The trainings enhance the knowledge and capacity of heads of departments and village/tikinas on how well they can engage with the communities on the ground during or after any cyclone.

The objectives of this workshop is to improve coordination with key stakeholders, understand priorities, needs and challenges and explore how the national Communication and Community Engagement (CCE)

Working Group will support the needs in the Northern Division.

Acting director NDMO, Litiana Bainimarama highlighted the importance of being able to communicate well in order to respond "whether it's peace times or emergencies".

"To have more impactful services and ensuring specific community needs are met, community engagement is paramount," Ms Bainimarama said.

"Aligning to the international commitments including the World Humanitarian Summit and Grand Bargain, Fiji's National Humanitarian Policy for Disaster Risk Management also highlights the importance of establishing National Information management and communications with emphasis on building community networks and promoting localization," she added.

The NDMO had conducted awareness around Taveuni ahead of the National Disaster Awareness Week.



School children during a tsunami drill at Lavena Village, Taveuni. Photo: VILIAME TIKOTANI

Village elders welcome NDMO's efforts

VILIAME TIKOTANI

VILLAGERS of Taveuni have acknowledged the efforts by the National Disaster Management office to bring the national awareness week to the garden island.

Dreketi Village headman, Iliesa Tuiloma said they took the advice seriously and agreed to participate in the tsunami drill because of its significance to their livelihood.

"I have heard from our elders that the last time when a tsunami hit Somosomo was in 1953 and that was a long time away."

"In those days there was anything like disaster preparedness or disaster village com-

mittees but today it is very different," Mr Tuiloma said.

He said the disaster awareness program has compelled them to also form their own village disaster committee to look into the business of disaster preparedness.

"I remember during Tropical Cyclone Winston there was a lot of damage, lots of lives and properties were affected negatively. We want to change that today, as you can see the response from the villages has been very encouraging."

The Pacific Community (SPC) disaster management advisor Noa Tokavou, who headed the emergency operation centre during the two days of simulation drills in Taveuni, said

it was critical that villages formed their own disaster committees and also draw up their plans for evacuation for such emergency situations. The second tsunami simulation drill involved the tikina of Somosomo which consist of four villages, namely Dreketi, Nasarata, Somosomo and Lamini.

The simulation exercise also included school children from Somosomo Primary School together with 397 villagers including women and children.

The simulation exercise culminated in the weeklong disaster awareness week which included oratory contest by students of Taveuni schools and prizes sponsored by United Nations Development Programme.



Fiji-Aussie ties boost disaster planning, response

FIJI is capitalising on advances in technology to enhance its ability to plan for and respond to disasters.

During the opening of the refurbished National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) recently the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services, Jone Usamate stated, "In the current day and age of emergency operation and communication, technology versatility is critical for any robust operations".

"The Government requires real time information to be able to respond to any emergency appropriately, and this is now made possible with the refurbished NEOC."

Prior to the refurbishment of the NEOC, all emergency response was coordinated out of just a regular meeting room, fitted with whiteboards, a phone and fax machine, with computers brought in as and when the NEOC was activated for response operations.

The refurbished NEOC now has a state-of-the-art Command, Control and Coordination (the C3) system.

The Australian Government is supporting the vision of National Disaster Management Office (NDMO) by provision of funding for the C3 system, and training for the NDMO staff.

As the central command and control centre for the Government during a natural disaster, the NEOC coordinates activities of disaster monitoring, warning and immediate post-disaster response including disaster relief work.

This includes screening and issuance of disaster warnings to the public, forwarding of information to relevant departments for immediate action, collating of assessment reports and briefing the relevant authorities as required.

The NEOC is established within the NDMO, which is the focal point for disaster risk management in Fiji by virtue of the Natural Disaster Management Act, 1998.

Acting Director of NDMO, Litiana Bainimarama, explained that given the recent experiences of more intense disasters in Fiji, it was critical to move to a dedicated digitised system so that all Fijians are provided with the right information at the right time, saving lives and property.

"Fiji is currently reviewing the Natural Disaster Management Act and the National Disaster Management Plan and one of the priorities is to move from a reactive to proactive approach to respond to both present and future needs in disaster management," Ms Bainimarama said.

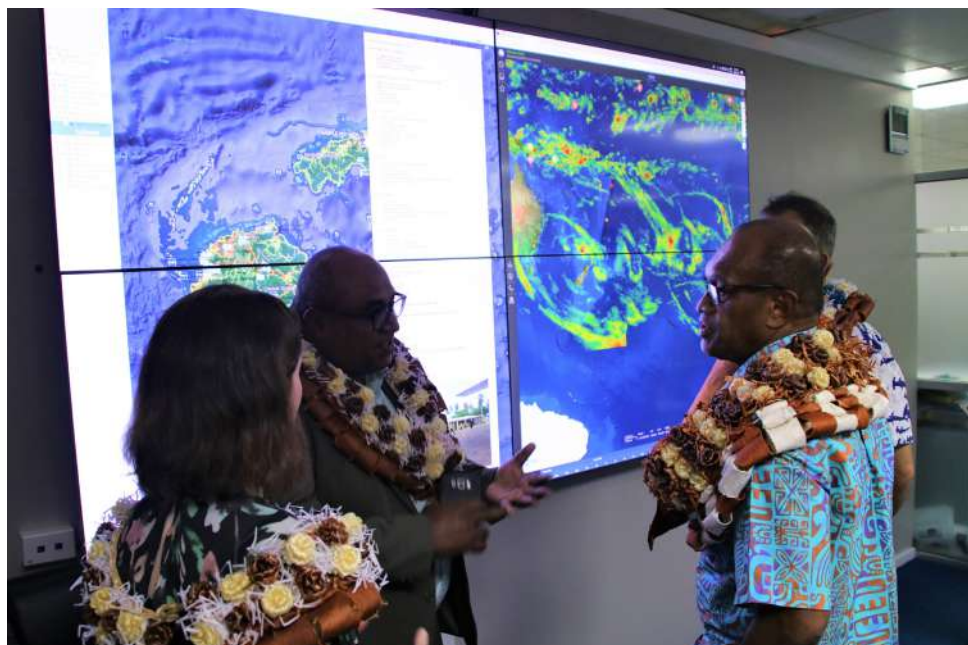
"The new digitised system at the NEOC will allow NDMO to be proactive in providing effective response and relief actions to communities during disasters and enhance the vital work of the NEOC as well as complement its role as the centre for communication, coordination and control during an emergency period."

The NEOC has now introduced live feeds from broadcast news and internet to a multi-screen wall and an improved information technology capability.

Live feeds from other hazard warning agencies such as the Fiji Meteorological



Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Disaster Management and Meteorological Services Jone Usamate with Australia's Deputy High Commissioner to Fiji, Anna Dorney, during the official opening of the refurbished National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) in Suva. **Photo: SUPPLIED**



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Service, Hydrology Unit and Seismology Unit will allow for a multi-hazard early warning system and will assist the NEOC to exchange information in a more timely and effective manner with Divisional Emergency Operation Centres (EOCs) and its respective District EOCs.

This will enhance effective response and relief actions by the first responders including the Republic of Fiji Military Forces, the Fiji Navy, the Fiji Police Force and the National Fire Authority.

The Geographic Information System (GIS) is linked to the Fiji Meteorological Service, allowing the NEOC to access meteorological data to aid its monitoring and emergency preparedness for imminent threats to Fiji.

It is also linked with the Fiji Maritime Sur-

veillance Rescue Coordination Centre, the Fiji Navy and the Ministry of Defence and National Security to ensure the IT systems are coordinated and able to exchange information.

Ms Bainimarama said the GIS will greatly assist in all aspects of disaster management including planning and analysis, situational awareness, data management and field operations.

"Previously, we used to have a reactive approach to disaster management where we responded after a disaster had occurred but now the new system will help us in forecasting impact via project models and data analysis, through which we will be able to identify hazard locations with critical infrastructure. These models will help us determine the impact of the disaster and deploy

the necessary mitigation, response and relief to the affected areas before the disaster strikes."

"The digitised system will allow us to produce reports for decision makers to visualise current events projected onto maps, helping decision makers to know where to deploy the right assets so that the affected communities get the right type of assistance," she said.

Ms Bainimarama said the new system will greatly help the relocation of affected families in Draubuta.

The Australian Government contributed FJ\$287,143 to supply state-of-the-art IT equipment and training for NDMO staff, extending the emergency communication network through the provision of man packs (mobile radios), a new Mobile Emergency Operations Centre (MEOC), and the upgrading of existing NDMO vehicles and a boat with new radios to ensure they are disaster ready.

Australia's Deputy High Commissioner to Fiji, Anna Dorney reaffirmed Australia's commitment to Fiji, acknowledging the Fijian Government's initiatives.

"Australia is committed to supporting Fiji's efforts to build resilience and manage and mitigate risks in disaster response and preparedness. I also commend the Fijian Government for their work with communities to prepare for and respond to disasters."

The Australian Government has committed to localising disaster risk management in Fiji through the establishment of the Preparedness and Response Fund (PRF), providing FJ\$1 million a year for five years for preparedness and response activities.

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Call to grow culture of reading

EMI KOROITANO

READING from the beginning has not been part of the Pacific culture.

Director of Library Services of Fiji Merewalesi Vakarewa, explained that this is due to a fondness for oral tradition.

“Reading is the most needed academic skill a young child can learn. It has been scientifically proven that early reading develops a child’s brain,” Ms Vakarewa said.

“It sensitizes the child to language patterns, expands vocabulary and improves memory.”

Ms Vakarewa said it also encourages longer attention spans, improves concentration and lays the basis for sound learning skills.

“It increases the child’s curiosity, sparks his or her imagination and encourages maturity.”

Meanwhile, founder of Vunilagi Book Club Mariana Waqa says reading is not a habit that is valued by Fijian children.

“And can you really blame them? Where are the role-models who encourage young readers in the public sphere?”

“We see role-models talk about rugby and other forms of entertainment etc. in the media, but what about reading, the arts, and educational subjects which can help Fijian children be inspired to learn. We need Fijian role-models who promote these areas for the next generation.”

Furthermore, Ms Vakarewa added that Library Services of Fiji has worked closely with schools in ensuring that schools observed the DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) programme.

“In terms of public library, school holiday programmes are being conducted in all of the Library Services of Fiji branch across Fiji,” she said.

“Reading at an early age should be from 0-6 years old, this is when the children learns at a much faster rate than any time in their life. Hence, it is vital that parents try and read to their child at that early age, an unborn child, parents should be encouraged to read or sing to them.”

Adi Moapa Secondary School students Aisake Malupo, Salawai Vuli, Ane Ledua, Keresia Ledua, Saitini Nadaku and their school principal Villame Kaseni at the World Tsunami Awareness Day 2019 in Hokkaido, Japan. Photo: SUPPLIED

Technological challenges for literary world

EMI KOROITANO

TECHNOLOGY has brought an onslaught of barriers to the literary world.

Founder of Vunilagi Book Club in Fiji, Mariana Waqa, said though technology has its advantages in connecting the world, it inflicts challenges to the world of literature.

“Sure, we can sit and read an eBook, a privilege not afforded to many Fijians, but it’s not the same is it?” Ms Waqa said.

“A book is an experience in of itself, the page-turning, the scent, the touch of the paper – it’s just different.”

She said technological distraction of not only children but adults is a reality of our times.

“Children see their parents distracted on their phones so they’re likely to do the same and become addicted to the world of entertainment presented through the screen,” she said.

“It is no longer the bookworm tucked up between pages of a book, we have now entered into the time of the screenworm; children and adults mesmerized



Students of Yat Sen Primary School during a tour around the Chinese Corner at the Library Services of Fiji. The corner consists of 20,000 e-books, with 6000 books, and all Fijians are encouraged to make use of the facility. Photo: SUPPLIED

by images and sound protruding from their phones, tablets, and television screens.”

Furthermore, Ministry of Education’s director of Library Services of Fiji Merewalesi Vakarewa echoed similar sentiments, saying that the impact of technologies have captured the

minds of the young.

“Technology has limited them from reading and exploring the library with its wealth of knowledge,” Ms Vakarewa remarked.

She urges parents to ensure that they surround their children with books while they are growing up.

“So that they will feel and love the smell of books and pictures that they will get accustomed to,” she said.

“You will be surprised to see how fast and sharp minded with good listening skills he or she will acquire.”



We discussed in our group on the various challenges we face when or if a tsunami occurs and how to create awareness. We also did presentations on natural disasters and how it affected our individual countries

Aisake Malupo
Adi Moapa Secondary School student

Tsunami awareness empowers island students

FELIX LESINAIVALU

IT WAS an experience that Aisake Malupo, 16, would never forget as the plane took off from Nadi International Airport.

Not only was it his first time in a plane but for the first time, the Lauan lad was visiting another country.

Describing his journey, Mr Malupo said, “We left Nadi on September 4, 2019, and it was a 10 hour flight from Nadi to Korea, then we transited and made our

way to Tokyo, Japan.”

The Adi Moapa Secondary School student, who hails from Vanuabalavu, was chosen by the Japanese Embassy in Fiji with three other students from the same school to attend the World Tsunami Awareness Day in Japan.

“On the first day we visited the Tokyo Tower, a temple and a museum.”

Mr Malupo was amazed at the tower which is stood at more than 300 meters high.

He said during the workshop they were split into groups and he was the moderator for his group which consisted of students from other countries such as France, India, Nauru and Japan.

“We discussed in our group on the various challenges we face when or if a tsunami occurs and how to create awareness.”

“We also did presentations on natural disasters and how it affected our individual countries.”

Mr Malupo said it was interesting to learn the different coun-

tries and culture, and that he will never forget the opportunity that was given to him.

“I will take what I have learnt from the workshop back to my school and my village.”

The ‘High School Student Summit on World Tsunami Awareness Day’ 2019 in Hokkaido is committed to using the memories of the past disasters as a guide toward preventative and risk reduction measures.

This was highlighted by Japanese Ambassador to Fiji, Masa-

hiro Omura when talking about the purpose of the program.

“Since 2016, we have invited high schools to Japan from countries that are vulnerable to tsunamis and provide them with opportunities to acquire knowledge on disaster reduction.”

During the send-off reception Ministry of Education permanent secretary Alison Burchell said that World Tsunami Day is important to areas of vulnerability especially in the Pacific which is surrounded by the sea.

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Ministry of Fisheries, Ministry of iTaukei Affairs and iTaukei Affairs Board members after receiving the Achievement in Business Excellence Award during the Fiji National University's 2019 Fiji Business Excellence Awards in Nadi. Photo: SUPPLIED



President Major-General (retired) Jioji Konrote and First Lady Sarote Konrote with Fiji National University vice-chancellor Nigel Healey in Nadi. Photo: SUPPLIED

Awards acclaim

FBE FRAMEWORK RECOGNISES WORK OF PUBLIC SECTOR

PRASHILA DEVI

FIJI'S public sector is joining the ranks of the private sector and putting itself out for assessment on the Business Excellence Framework. This was noted as some Government Ministries and entities received recognition through awards in various categories during the recently held Fiji National University's 2019 Fiji Business Excellence Awards in Nadi. Joining the likes of local retail giant, Jack's Retail Limited- the winner of President's Business Excellence Award, were the

Ministry of Fisheries, Ministry of iTaukei Affairs and iTaukei Affairs Board who took home the Achievement in Business Excellence Award. Statutory bodies like the Fiji Revenue and Customs Services, Fiji Consumer and Competition Commission and Telecom Fiji Limited were awarded the Fiji Business Excellence Prize while the Sigatoka Town Council and Fiji Public Trustee Corporation Pte Limited received the Commitment in Business Excellence. President, Major-General (Ret'd) Jioji Konrote, who was chief guest at the event, highlighted

that over the 20 years of its existence, the Business Excellence initiative in Fiji has helped more than 70 organisations to put in place robust management systems and establish a culture of continuous improvement for sustained growth. President Konrote alluded to the role Government was playing to stimulate innovation in the country through its investment in technology. "In my keynote address last year, I had alluded to the idea that disruptive technologies and innovation are just some of the key trends that are transforming the

global business landscape." "I also shared on the Government's role in capitalizing on these trends and investing heavily on the Digital Fiji initiative to enhance public service delivery making it more accessible and convenient for all Fijians," the Head of State said. He said going digital will become inevitable in the near future, therefore, organisations have to stay attuned to the future requirements of their customers which is brought about by new technology. President Konrote mentioned the banking sector which is making

great strides in embracing technology to not only become more inclusive but improve customer experience. "Progressively, internet banking was introduced that continues to enable customers to transfer money to almost any account, so long as they have a computer and internet connection – but even that was not enough. Today, customers see a more improved mode of service by the banks in the form of "mobile banking"; which rids customers from the hassle of using a laptop or travelling to a bank."

फीजी फोकस

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नईतासिरी के नम्बोरो सवानिकूला प्राईमरी स्कूल के टीचज़ क्वाटज़ का उद्घाटन करने के बाद प्रधान मंत्री वॉरेन्गे बड़निमारामा, स्कूल के छात्रों और टीचज़ के साथ चित्र: एमि कोरोईतानोवा

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नईतासिरी के नम्बोरो सवानिकूला प्राईमरी स्कूल के सात टीचज़ के पास रहने के लिए अच्छे क्वाटज़ हो गए हैं। प्रधान मंत्री के दफ्तर की सहायता से ऐसा हो पाया है। क्वाटज़ का उद्घाटन करते हुए प्रधान मंत्री वॉरेन्गे बड़निमारामा ने कहा कि फीजियन सरकार टीचज़ को सहायता प्रदान करना जारी रखेगी। उन्होंने बताया कि देश में पढ़ाने के लिए एक अच्छा वातावरण कायम करने की दिशा में वे काम करते रहेंगे। “मैं सभी फीजियन टीचज़ को चुनौति देता हूँ कि वे सरकार की सहायता से फायदा उठाते हुए आगे बढ़ें”। प्रधान मंत्री ने कहा कि अच्छी शिक्षा का असर बहुत दूर तक जाता है। उन्होंने कहा कि उनकी सरकार शिक्षा को प्राथमिकता दे रही है। पिछले महिने रातु वर्डकोसो प्रायमरी स्कूल और

दउताता डिस्ट्रिक्ट स्कूल में टीचज़ क्वाटज़ का उद्घाटन किया गया और इस सप्ताह दो अन्य स्कूलों के टीचज़ क्वाटज़ का उद्घाटन हुआ। प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि तूफानों से नष्ट हुए कई स्कूलों का पुनः निर्माण किया गया है। उन्होंने कहा कि सभी स्कूलों के साथ मिलकर काम करने के मूल्य को वे मान्यता देते हैं। उनके अनुसार इसी को ध्यान में रखकर वे सरकारी और गैर-सरकारी स्कूलों में पैसे लगा रहे हैं जबकि यह भविष्य के लिए पूंजी है। बड़निमारामा ने बताया कि इस दिशा में काफी काम हुआ है लेकिन अभी बहुत काम बाकी है। “जबतक मैं प्रधान मंत्री रहूँगा, मैं विद्यार्थियों के जीवन सुधारने की दिशा में काम करता रहूँगा। शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में तो काम समाप्त नहीं होगा। हम विद्यार्थियों की ज़रूरतों के आधार पर पाठ्यक्रम में बदलाव करेंगे। हम बदलती विश्व अर्थ-व्यवस्था

के आधार पर नई तकनीक लागू करेंगे। आप देख रहे हैं हम टीचस के रहने के घर सुधार रहे हैं क्योंकि हम नहीं चाहते हैं कि टीचज़ को किसी प्रकार की चिंता रहे और वे निश्चित होकर बच्चों की पढ़ाई पर ध्यान दें”। प्रधान मंत्री ने बताया कि टीचज़ को आज अच्छा खासा वेतन भी दिया जाता है और ग्रामीण इलाकों में जाकर पढ़ाने के लिए टीचज़ को इनसेंटिव्स दिए जा रहे हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि टीचज़ को आगे बढ़ने के लिए मौक़े भी दिए जा रहे हैं और टीचज़ को इससे लाभ उठाना चाहिए। उन्होंने कहा कि सरकार शिक्षा के स्तर उपर उठाने के लिए अपनी तरफ से पूरी कोशिश कर रही है और टीचज़ को भी अपनी तरफ से अपनी भूमिका पूरी इमानदारी के साथ निभानी चाहिए। प्रधान मंत्री ने सभी विद्यार्थियों को उनकी सलाना परीक्षा के लिए शुभकामनाएं दी।



मंत्री वुनिवांगा ने वृद्ध लोगों के साथ दिपावली मनाई

रोनल देव

शिक्षा मंत्री रौज़ी अक्वर ने सभी फीजीवासियों से अपने बड़े-बुजुर्गों का ख्याल रखने की माँग की है और कहा कि वे बुजुर्गों को वृद्धाश्रम न भेजें। गिरमिट सेंटर लौतोका में गिरमिटियों के वंशजों के साथ दिवाली मनाती हुई मंत्री ने उन्हें देश के प्रति योगदान देने के लिए धन्यवाद दिया। “अपने माता-पिता और परिवार वालों के साथ सम्मान-जनक संबंध बनाएं, अपने भाई-बहनों से निःस्वार्थ रूप से जुड़ें और दूसरों की सेवा करने की भरपूर कोशिश करें,” मंत्री अक्वर ने कहा। फिलहाल, विमन, चिलरन और पोवटी अलेविअर्डेशन मंत्री मेरेसईनी वुनिवांगा ने बा सिनिया सिटिज़न्स सेंटर में लोगों के साथ दिवाली मनाई। “दिवाली अपने साथ एक बहुत पुराना संदेश लेकर आती है जिसपर हमें हर दिन चलना चाहिए जैसेकि अंधेरे पर उजाला का विजय और बुराई पर अच्छाई की जीत। यह संदेश कभी भी पुराना नहीं होता फिर चाहे कितनी भी पीढ़ियाँ बीत जाए, कोई भी चीज़ अच्छाई के महत्व को बदलने में सक्षम नहीं होगा,” मंत्री वुनिवांगा ने कहा। उन्होंने कहा कि दिवाली, परिवार में एकता और अच्छे मूल्य, छोटों से प्यार और बड़ों को सम्मान, एक दूसरे के साथ मेल-मिलाप और इज़्जत से रहना और सच्चाई, इमानदारी, शान्ति और आहिंसा के साथ सत-मार्ग पर जीवन को आगे बढ़ाने का संदेश देती है।

मंत्री वुनिवांगा ने दोहराया कि वृद्ध लोग परिवार और समाज में सम्पत्ति की तरह हैं, वे लोगों को सलाह देते हैं, मध्ययस्ता प्रदान करते हैं और संरक्षण प्रदान करते हैं। लेकिन उन्होंने कहा कि कभी-कभी बड़ों को नज़रअंदाज़ कर दिया जाता



विमन मंत्री मेरेसईनी वुनिवांगा दिवाली समारोह के दौरान एक बुजुर्ग महिला से मिल रही हैं चित्र: ललितिया बुलाईदउसिंगा

है जो समाज के लिए ठीक नहीं है। सरकार की ओर से मंत्री वुनिवांगा ने वृद्ध लोगों को देश और समाज के निर्माण में उनके योगदान के लिए धन्यवाद दिया। उन्होंने बताया कि लोगों

के ज्ञान, अनुभव, हुनर और योग्यता के आधार पर देश यहाँ तक पहुँचा है जिसपर हम सब की गर्व है। उन्होंने कहा कि सभी को अपनी जिम्मेदारी पूरी इमानदारी के साथ निभानी चाहिए।

पटाखों पर नज़र रखी जा रही है

रोनल देव

इंडस्ट्री, ट्रेड और टुरिज़्म मंत्रालय ने आम जनता से सुरक्षित और सही तरीके से पटाखों से खेलने की माँग की है। ट्रेड स्टेण्ड एण्ड क्वालिटी कोन्ट्रोल एक्ट 1992 के तहत पटाखों को खतरनाक घोषित किया गया है। इसके चलते सन् दो हज़ार चार (2004) से कुछ पटाखों के इस्तेमाल पर प्रतिबन्ध लगाया गया है।

“इस कानून के तहत कुछ पटाखों को देश में लाने या न लाने तथा उत्पादित करने या न करने की सूची तैयार की गई थी। सन् दो हज़ार पाँच (2005) में एक और कानून लाया गया जिसके तहत बिकने वाले सभी पटाखों पर लेबल करना ज़रूरी है कि इसका इस्तेमाल कैसे होता है और इसका प्रमुख प्रभाव कैसे होगा,” स्थाई सचिव शहीन अली ने कहा।

स्थायी सचिव ने कहा कि मंत्रालय अलग-अलग दुकानों का निरीक्षण करेगा ताकि देखा जाय कि दुकानदार कानून और अन्य ज़रूरतों का पालन कर रहे हैं। यह निरीक्षण सभी विभागों में किए जायेंगे।

स्थायी सचिव ने कहा कि बीते सालों में देखा गया है कि देशभर में पटाखे बेचने वाले दुकानदार, कानून का पालन करने लगे हैं।

अगर किसी व्यापारी को कानून तोड़ते पाया गया, तो उसपर मुकदमा चल सकता है और दोषी पाए जाने पर पचीस हज़ार (25,000) डॉलर जुर्माना या तीन सालों तक की जेल की सज़ा हो सकती है। इसके अलावा प्रतिबन्ध लगे पटाखें बेचने या लेबल लगाने वाली ज़रूरतें पूरी न करने के लिए दो हज़ार डॉलर जुर्माना या स्पॉट फाईन हो सकता है।

उपभोगताओं तथा दुकानदारों से माँग की गई है कि वे पटाखें बेचते और खरीदते वक्त जिम्मेदारी से काम करें। पटाखें, खिलौने नहीं बल्कि विस्फोटक हैं तथा इनका इस्तेमाल जिम्मेदारी तथा बहुत सावधानी से करना चाहिए।

ओस्ट्रेलिया-फीजी बिज़नेस कौंसल की सराहना की गई



ब्रिस्बन मेरियट होटल ओस्ट्रेलिया में ओस्ट्रेलिया फीजी बिज़नेस कौंसल के सदस्यों के साथ प्रधान मंत्री वॉरेनो बड़िनमारामा चित्र: प्रधान मंत्री के दफतर

सोनम सामी

ओस्ट्रेलिया-फीजी बिज़नेस कौंसल दोनों देशों के बीच अन्दूनी आर्थिक संबंधों के प्रमाण के रूप में खड़ा है। यह एक ऐसा रिश्ता है जिसकी ताकत फीजी के व्यापारिक समुदाय के लिए किसी भी तरह से कम नहीं है और ओस्ट्रेलिया का संबंध हर साल इस तरह के बंधन को मजबूत करता है। ब्रिस्बन मेरियट होटल सम्मेलन में प्रधान मंत्री वॉरेनो बड़िनमारामा ने ओस्ट्रेलिया-फीजी बिज़नेस कौंसल की पचीसवीं (25th)

फोरम में इस पर टिप्पणी की। उन्होंने कहा कि वर्षों से यह फोरम ओस्ट्रेलिया के व्यापारियों के लिए एक मोहर की तरह बन गया है जो पूँजी लगाने और व्यापार करने के अवसरों के लिए फीजी की ओर देखते हैं। एक सौ बीस (120) सदस्यों के साथ यह फोरम, व्यवसायी लोगों के लिए द्विपक्षीय संबंध का एक मंच बन चुका है जिसे भविष्य में इस्तेमाल किया जा सकता है। “इस वर्ष हम सब आयोजन के लिए आए हैं, जहाँ फीजी और ओस्ट्रेलिया दोनों की

सरकारें भी शामिल हैं और स्पष्ट रूप से विचारों को साझा करने के लिए यह एक मंच बन चुका है तथा नेटवर्किंग के लिए हमारे दोनों देशों के बीच व्यवसाय के अवसरों की खोज किया जाएगा। इस फोरम में व्यवसाय मंत्री प्रेमिला कुमार, कृषि मंत्री डाक्टर महेन्द्र रेड्डी, प्रधान मंत्री के दफतर के स्थाई सचिव तथा विदेशी मामलों के स्थानापन स्थाई सचिव योगेश करण, व्यवसाय मंत्रालय के स्थाई सचिव शहीन अली और ओस्ट्रेलिया के लिए फीजी के राजदूत लुके दाउनिवालु उपस्थित थे।

डय लाइट सईविंग

वीरेन्द्र लाल

डय लाइट सईविंग इसी रविवार दस नवम्बर को शुरू होगा।

एमप्लोयमेंट, प्रोडक्टिविटी एण्ड इनडस्ट्रियल रिलीफ़ेन्स मंत्री परवीन बाला ने बताया कि रविवार को सभी को सुबह दो बजे अपनी घड़ी एक घण्टा आगे करनी होगी।

डय लाइट सईविंग अगले साल रविवार बारह जनवरी की सुबह तीन बजे समाप्त होगा। इस दिन लोगों को अपनी घड़ी एक घण्टा पीछे करनी होगी।

लोगों को काम करने के लिए देर तक सूर्य की रोशनी मिले, इस कारण से हर साल डय लाइट सईविंग लागू किया जाता है और कई लोग इससे फायदा उठाते हैं।



नया लेब से चीनी व्यवसाय को लाभ होगा

रोनल देव

एक नए लेब के खुलने से चीनी व्यवसाय को बहुत फायदा होगा। झासा लौतोका स्थित शुगा रिसेच इन्सटीट्यूट ऑफ फीजी में डाक्टर कृष्णामूर्ती टीशू कल्चा लेबोरेटरी का उद्घाटन प्रधान मंत्री वॉरेनो बड़िनमारामा ने किया। “इस वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान के द्वारा ही हम ऐसे चीनी किस्मों का उत्पादन करेंगे जो लम्बे समय के लिए ज्यादा चीनी का उत्पादन कर सकते हैं। जो जलवायु परिवर्तन यानि क्लाइमेट चेंज, कीट, बीमारियों, सूखे या बाढ़ का सामना कर सकें,” चीनी मंत्री ने कहा। शुगा रिसेच इन्सटीट्यूट ऑफ फीजी बोर्ड चेयरमैन, प्रोफेसर राजेश चन्द्रा का कहना है कि यह नया लेब, गन्ना के प्रजनन यानि ब्रीडिंग में नई पहलु रहेगी। प्रशान्त में युरोपियन युनियन ने एक लाख पचास हजार (150,000) डोलर लागत के इस नए लेब को अपना समर्थन दिया है।

नसोमो के ज़मीन-मालिकों को रोयल्टी मिली

वीरन्द्र लाल

वातुकउला के नसोमो ज़मीन-मालिकों को रोयल्टी के रूप में लगभग पचहत्तर हजार दो सौ डोलर (\$75,179.86) मिले हैं। यह ज़मीन मालिकों का पाँचवा पयमेंट है और अब तक मिली रोयल्टीज़ के मिलान में सब से ज्यादा है। लेण्ड्स मंत्री अशनील सुधाकर ने बताया कि यह पयमेंट इस साल जून से अगस्त तक के लिए है और इसे नसोमो लेण्ड-औनर ट्रस्ट के एक सौ तेइस (123) सदस्यों में बाटा जाएगा। “यह पयमेंट फेया शेया ओफ् मिनरल रोयल्टीज़ एक्ट के तहत है जिसमें कहा गया है कि अस्सी प्रतिशत (80%) रोयल्टीज़ ज़मीन मालिकों को दिया जाए और बीस प्रतिशत (20%) वहाँ अन्य विकास कार्य के लिए सरकार रखे”। लेण्ड्स मंत्री ने बताया कि बड़िनमारामा सरकार नसोमो ज़मीन-मालिकों को अब तक रोयल्टीज़ के रूप में लगभग तीन लाख आठ हजार डोलर (\$308,000) दे चुकी है। मंत्री सुधाकर के अनुसार जबतक वहाँ मायनिंग का कार्य चलेगा, ज़मीन मालिकों को रोयल्टी भरी जायेगी। इस पैसे से नसोमो ज़मीन-मालिकों ने एक कोमिउनिटी ट्रस्ट फण्ड की स्थापना की है।

ओस्ट्रेलिया में काम कर रहे फीजियन्स की बड़ाई की गई

वीरन्द्र लाल

ओस्ट्रेलिया में सीज़नल वोका प्रोग्राम (SWP) के तहत एग्री फेश नामक कम्पनी के लिए काम कर रहे फीजियन कर्मचारियों की बड़ाई की गई है। वहाँ काम कर रहे पन्द्रह (15) फीजियन कर्मचारी, काम करने की चार महिने की अपनी अवधी समाप्त कर चुके हैं। एग्री फेश ने एम्प्लोयमेंट मंत्रालय के ज़रिए, इन कर्मचारियों को चुनने के लिए फीजियन सरकार को धन्यवाद दिया है। “सीज़नल वोका प्रोग्राम में यह हमारा पहला साल है और मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि यह फीजियन कर्मचारी बहुत मेहनती हैं। अभी हाल ही हम इस प्रोग्राम में शामिल हुए हैं और फीजी से हमने चार महिनों के लिए पन्द्रह कर्मचारियों को लिया था लेकिन अगले साल हम चालीस (40) फीजियन कर्मचारी लेंगे और इन लोगों की काम की अवधी बड़ाकर सात महिने कर दी जाएगी”, मज़दूर मालिक ने कहा। इन फीजियन कर्मचारियों को सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए मज़दूर मालिक ने ओस्ट्रेलिया में फीजियन समुदाय और स्थानिए चर्चस को भी धन्यवाद दिया। और ओस्ट्रेलिया में मास के क्षेत्र में ओस्ट्रेलियन पेंसिफिक लईवा स्कीम (PLS) के तहत काम कर रहे फीजियन कर्मचारियों को लेकर भी फीजियन सरकार को अच्छी प्रतिक्रिया मिली है।



ओस्ट्रेलिया में सीज़नल वोका प्रोग्राम के तहत एग्री फेश नामक कम्पनी के लिए काम करने गए फीजियन्स चित्र: सप्लाइड

वहाँ के मज़दूर मालिक ने बताया कि इन कर्मचारियों को वहाँ के फीजियन समुदाय ने अच्छी तरह से स्वीकार कर लिया है और यह लोग वहाँ धुल-मिल गए हैं। “इन फीजियन कर्मचारियों ने एक टीम रेजिस्टा किया है और पिछले सप्ताह इन्होंने अपना पहला

मेच खेला जिससे अन्य टीमों बहुत चकित हुई”, मज़दूर मालिक ने बताया। इन सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रियाओं को देखते हुए रोज़गार मंत्री परवीन बाला ने फीजियन सरकार की ओर से ओस्ट्रेलियन मज़दूर मालिकों को धन्यवाद दिया।

लीस सुरक्षा बोनस से सबको फायदा होगा



फीजी पाईन ग्रुप ऑफ कम्पनीज़ के ज़मीन मालिकों को बोनस पयमेंट देते हुए प्रधान मंत्री वॉरेनो बड़िनमारामा चित्र: ललितिया बुलाईदउसिंगा

रोनल देव

फीजी पाईन ग्रुप ऑफ कम्पनीज़ जबकि मुनाफा कमाकर रिकोड कायम कर रही है तो ऐसे में पिछले साल के लीस सिक्युरिटी बोनस के रूप में ज़मीन मालिकों को सात मिलियन डोलर दिय गए हैं। सन् दो हजार तेरह (2013) से पईमन्ट की शुरुआत हुई है और अभी तक ज़मीन मालिकों को उन्नीस (19) मिलियन डोलर दिय जा चुके हैं। प्रधान मंत्री वॉरेनो बड़िनमारामा ने अच्छे संचालन के लिए कम्पनी की सराहना की। “पाईन व्यवसाय के इतिहास में पिछले साल

एक बेहतरीन साल था, और यह इसलिए है क्योंकि सन् दो हजार ग्यारह (2011) से कुछ ठोस फैसले और बदलाव किए जा रहे हैं,” उन्होंने कहा। ज़मीन मालिक जो कम्पनी में हिस्सेदार हैं, के साथ विचार-विमर्श करने के बाद फीजी पाईन बोर्ड ने ज़मीन मालिकों के लिए सत्तर प्रतिशत (70%) बोनस, योजनाओं में लगाने का फैसला किया है। ग्रुप एक्ज़ेक्टिव चेयरमैन, फर्डिज़ खान का कहना है कि कम से कम बीस हजार डोलर (\$20,000) की पूँजी फिर से लगाई जाएगी। बाकी पैसा ज़मीन मालिकों में बराबर बाँटा

जायेगा जो वन यानि फॉरेस्ट लेवी, स्टैम डिउटी तथा ज़मीन के किराए से प्राप्त होंगे। ज़मीन मालिक चुनाव कर सकते हैं कि वे पैसे घर बनाने में लगाना चाहते हैं, समाज में पानी और अन्य सुविधा सुधारने, व्यापार शुरू करने के लिए मशीनें या गाड़ियाँ खरीदने, मच्छली मारने वाली नाव और इंजिन खरीदने, खुद का व्यापार शुरू करने के लिए जगह किराए पर लेने या खरीदने के लिए या कोई ऐसी जगह पैसे लगाना चाहते हैं जो लम्बे समय तक फायदेमंद हो। कम से कम पचास प्रतिशत (50%) ज़मीन मालिकों को पूँजी लगाने के लिए सहमत होना पड़ेगा।



अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्रालय में दिवाली

अटेनी जेनरल तथा अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री अईयज़ सईयट खईयूम ने अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्रालय के कर्मचारियों के साथ दिवाली का पर्व मनाया। दिवाली दीयों का त्योहार है जो बुगई पर अच्छाई की जीत का प्रतीक है।

त्योहार को धूमधाम से मनाते हैं। इस दिन राट्टीए छुट्टी रहती है। फीजी दुनिया में एकमात्र देश है जहाँ दिवाली पूजा रेडियों के माध्यम से प्रसारित किया जाता है।

हर साल देश भर में लोग साथ मिलकर इस

चित्र: अज़ारिया फरीन



वृद्ध लोगों ने दिवाली मनाई

वा में सौ से ज्यादा वृद्ध लोगों ने विमन, चिलरन और पोवेटी अलेविअईशन मंत्री मेरसईनी बुनिवांगा के साथ दिवाली मनाई। मंत्री बुनिवांगा ने बीते सालों में अपना योगदान देकर देश में विकास लाने के लिए इन लोगों को धन्यवाद दिया। उन्होंने प्रकाश डाला कि दिवाली फीजीवासियों को याद दिलाता है कि वे एक दूसरे का खयाल रखें, फिर चाहे वे किसी भी लिंग, जात, धर्म, उम्र, क्षमता और स्थिति में हों।

चित्र: ललितिया बुलाईडउसिंगा



अटेनी जेनरल ने एयरबस A 330 का संचालन किया

अटेनी जेनरल तथा सिविल अविएशंसन मंत्री अईयज़ सईयट खईयूम ने फीजी एयारवर्ड्स के एक विमान एयरबस A 330 का संचालन किया। यह नए गेम-चेंजिंग और फ्लैट सिमुलेटर के माध्यम से सम्भव हुआ जिसे टूर्निंग हॉमिल करने वाले पाएलट जल्द इस्तेमाल करेंगे।

चित्र: सफाईड



किसी भी पल हमारी ज़िन्दगी बदल सकती है-शिक्षा मंत्री अक्बर

अगर हम सकारात्मक सोचेंगे और दिल में अच्छाईयाँ भरी होंगी, तो हमें कुछ भी हासिल करने से कोई नहीं रोक सकता। दिवाली के मौके पर शिक्षा मंत्री गैज़ी अक्बर ने कहा कि हर पल हमारी ज़िन्दगी बदल सकती है, इसलिए इस त्योहार से सीखें, इस बंधन से सीखें, यह भी सीखें कि कैसे बांटना चाहिए और एक दूसरे को देखभाल कैसे करनी चाहिए। इसपर ध्यान दें कि यह त्योहार हमें एक बेहतर इंसान कैसे बना सकता है।

चित्र: ललितिया बुलाईडउसिंगा/ फिलिक्स लेसिनईवाल



स्कूलों में भर्ती होने वाले विद्यार्थियों की संख्या बढ़ी



शिक्षा मंत्री रौजी अक्वर नान्दी में एक सम्पोज़ियम के दौरान जिसे युनिवर्सिटी ऑफ़ दी साउथ पैसिफ़िक ने आयोजित किया था चित: लितिया बुलादउसिंगा

रोनल देव

फीजी की सरकार शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में लगातार पूँजी लगा रही है और ऐसे में स्कूलों में भर्ती होने वाले विद्यार्थियों की संख्या में भारी वृद्धि देखी गई है। शिक्षा मंत्री रौजी अक्वर का कहना है कि सन् दो हजार चौदह (2014) से हर साल लड़कियों की संख्या अवसतम तीन प्रतिशत से बढ़ रही है। पिछले छः सालों में यह सोलह प्रतिशत से बढ़ी है। एली चाएलडहूड शिक्षा मुफ्त करने के बाद विद्यार्थियों के भर्ती होने की संख्या एक हजार

(1000) से बढ़कर उन्नीस हजार (19,000) से उपर हो गई है। “शिक्षा का दरवाज़ा खोलने से, प्राथमरी और सेकन्ड्री स्कूलों में सलाना भर्ती होने वाले विद्यार्थियों की संख्या में हमने लगातार एक प्रतिशत की वृद्धि देखी,” शिक्षा मंत्री ने कहा। प्रशान्त के नौ देशों से बीस टीचर्स युनियन्स, शोधकर्ताओं और शिक्षक फीजी में इकट्ठा हुए जहाँ उन्होंने सतत विकास के लक्ष्य चार हासिल करने के अलावा सन् दो हजार तीस (2030) तक समान शिक्षा सुनिश्चित करने और सभी के लिए जीवन भर सीखने के अवसरों को बढ़ावा देने पर बातें की।

शिक्षा मंत्री ने कहा कि फीजी की सरकार शिक्षा को भविष्य और देश के लिए लगाई गई पूँजी की तरह देखती है। हमने शिक्षा को किन्डागाडन से ईया 12 और फिर ईया 13 तक की जो अब और आगे तक बढ़ गई है तथा यह विश्व स्तर से भी उपर पहुँच गई है। इस सम्मेलन में हिस्सा लेने वालों को याद दिलाई गई कि फीजी की सरकार ने वो हासिल किया है जो कई देश हासिल नहीं कर पाए हैं। फीजी अपने राष्ट्रीय बजट में शिक्षा के क्षेत्र के लिए सालाना बीस प्रतिशत से ज़्यादा निकालता है।

किन्डागाडन की पढ़ाई के स्तर में सुधार हुआ

वीरन्द्र लाल

किन्डागाडन के बच्चों के लिए ग्रांट मिलने और टीचर्स के वेतन में वृद्धि होने से एली चाएलडहूड एजुकईशन एन्ड केया के स्तर में सुधार हुआ है। शिक्षा मंत्री रौजी अक्वर नांदी में पैसिफिका तालानोआ सम्पोज़ियम में एली चाएलडहूड एजुकईशन (ECE) एन्ड केया के क्षेत्रिए सम्मेलन में बोल रही थी। “आज एली चाएलडहूड एजुकईशन एन्ड केया, शिक्षा के किसी अन्य क्षेत्र के बराबर ज़रूरी है और हमारी सरकार उसे प्राथमिकता दे रही है। इस साल हम रेजिस्टर्ड ECCE centres में दाखिला लिए बच्चों को फीस के रूप में दो दसमलव आठ मिलियन डोलर (\$2.8m) सबसिडी प्रदान कर रहे हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त तीन लाख डोलर (\$300,000) फेसीलिटीज़ बनाने के लिए दिए गए हैं”। देश में आठ सौ पचहत्तर (875) किन्डागाडन्स हैं, जिनमें उन्नीस हजार एक सौ दो (19,102) बच्चों को एक हजार चार सौ उनहत्तर (1,479) टीचर्स पढ़ाती हैं। इन टीचर्स का वेतन सरकार भरती है और इसमें कुल-मिलाकर तेईस दसमलव चार मिलियन डोलर (\$23.4m) खर्च होते हैं। शिक्षा मंत्री ने बताया कि सरकार प्राथमिक पढ़ाई को महत्व दे रही है। “सरकार टीचर्स को अपना क्वालिफिकईशन



शिक्षा मंत्री यू.एस.पी द्वारा आयोजित पैसिफिका तालानोआ सम्पोज़ियम में क्षेत्रिए अधिकारियों के साथ चित: लितिया बुलादउसिंगा

सुधारने को सशक्त कर रही है और उन्हें प्रशिक्षण प्रदान कर रही है ताकि इन बच्चों को अच्छी तरह से पढ़ाई जाए जिससे वे आगे चलकर देश के अच्छे और ज़िम्मेदार नागरिक बनें”। रेजिस्टर्ड ECCE centres में दाखिला लिए

बच्चों को कोई फीस नहीं भरनी पड़ती है और उनके स्कूल आने जाने के खर्च भी सरकार सहती है। साउथ पैसिफिक विश्व विद्यालय ने चार दिनों की इस शिखर-वार्ता की आयोजना की थी।

एक नए शोपिंग कोंप्लेक्स का नीव डाला गया

रोनल देव

नुकुलोवा बा में एक नए शोपिंग कोंप्लेक्स बनाने के लिए नीव डाला गया है। इस ग्रामीण समाज में आर्थिक विकास होने की आशा है साथ ही इससे ज़मीन मालिकों और पूँजीपतियों को नए अवसर भी मिलेंगे।

प्रधान मंत्री वॉरेनो बड़निमारामा ने नसूरा इन्वेस्टमेंट की इस योजना के पहले चरण का नीव डाला जिनके मालिक परमेश और रेनू चन्द हैं। बा में सप्लायज़ इस योजना का पूरी तरह समर्थन कर रहे हैं।

पहले चरण की विकास योजना में एक आधुनिक यानि मोर्डन सुपरमार्केट होगा, छः छोटी-छोटी दुकानों के अलावा अई टी एम की सुविधा होगी। दूसरे चरण में एक सेविस स्टेशन और उससे जुड़ी सारी सेवाएं उपलब्ध होंगी जबकि तीसरे चरण में इलाके के टुरिज़म गतिविधियों पर ध्यान दिया जाएगा।

“मुझे खुशी है कि नसूरा इन्वेस्टमेंट, नान्दी इलाके के टूवा ओपईटज़ तथा होटल मालिकों के साथ मिलकर काम कर रहा है ताकि वे अपनी योजना पूरी कर सकें क्योंकि काम ठीक से करने के लिए ऐसा करना ज़रूरी है। साथ काम करने से बाज़ार तथा ग्राहकों, साझेदार और इससे जुड़े अन्य लोगों की ज़रूरतें समझ में आयेगी जिससे सभी को फायदा होगा,” प्रधान मंत्री बड़निमारामा ने कहा।

फीजी की सरकार ने पहले ही नुकुलोवा में इस योजना और इससे होने वाले आर्थिक फायदों की सराहना की है।

फीजी महोगनीट्रस्ट को सरकार से ग्रांट मिला

वीरन्द्र लाल

प्रधान मंत्री के दफ्तर ने फीजी महोगनी ट्रस्ट के साथ दो लाख पचास हजार डोलर (\$250,000) के एक ग्रांट समझौते पर दस्तखत किया है जिससे महोगनी ज़मीन-मालिकों की ज़रूरतों पर गौर किया जा सके।

समझौते पर प्रधान मंत्री के दफ्तर के स्थाई सचिव योगेश करण और फीजी महोगनी ट्रस्ट के चेयामेन सेरेवी बालेड्रोकाड्रोका ने दस्तखत किया। दस्तखत समारोह में श्री करण ने ट्रस्ट से पैसों का सही उपयोग करने की माँग की जिससे ज़मीन मालिकों को फायदा हो।

“फीजियन सरकार महोगनी व्यवसाय में सुधार करने पर काम कर रही है। यहाँ पैसों के गैर-संचालन के दिन अब समाप्त हुए। व्यवसाय को अब बढ़ाने का समय है। यह ट्रस्ट के उपर है कि वह पैसों का सही प्रयोग करे और ज़मीन मालिकों को इस क्षेत्र में सही हुनर और ज्ञान प्रदान करे जिससे उनके जीवन में सुधार आए। इससे देश की अर्थ-व्यवस्था को सहयोग मिलेगा”, श्री करण ने कहा।

जवाब में बालेड्रोकाड्रोका ने ग्रांट देने के लिए बड़निमारामा सरकार को धन्यवाद दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि इससे उन्हें अपने लक्ष्य हासिल करने में मदद मिलेगी।

“हम इस क्षेत्र में और जागरूकता फैलायेंगे, ज़मीन की देख-भाल के बारे में ज़मीन मालिकों को प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करेंगे। पैसों के सही प्रयोग के बारे में भी ज़मीन मालिकों को बताया जाएगा। हम चाहते हैं कि ज़मीन मालिक आमदनी कमाने वाली अन्य योजनाओं में शामिल हों जिससे वे देश की अर्थ-व्यवस्था में हाथ बटा सकें”, बालेड्रोकाड्रोका ने कहा।

फिलहाल ग्रांट अन्य संचालन खर्च के लिए भी काम में लाया जाएगा।

फीजी की चीनी का नया ब्रेन्ड लैन्च हुआ

रोनल देव

फीजी शुगा कोर्पोरेशन ने देश-विदेश में बेचने के लिए फीजी की चीनी के ब्रेन्ड नाम बदला है।
लौतोका में पेकेजिंग प्लान्ट पर चीनी मंत्री तथा प्रधानमंत्री वोरिन्गे बड़निमरामा ने नाम के बदलाव की लैचिंग की और कहा कि चीनी का नाम ही बदला नहीं गया है जबकि इस मुकाम तक पहुँचने में उन्हें कई महीने लगे। “हमने चीनी बाज़ार में फीजी का मूल्यांकन किया और पाया कि फीजी की चीनी का ब्रेन्ड विश्व बाज़ार में और मज़बूत करने की ज़रूरत है। हम यह देखना चाहते हैं कि फीजी के सबसे प्रचीन उत्पादन का सर्म्पथन किस तरह से इस नए ब्रेन्ड के द्वारा हो सकता है”।
उन्होंने कहा कि चीनी के पैकेट पर नीला रंग, फीजी के राष्ट्रीय ध्वज यानि फीजी फ्लेग और प्रशान्त महासागर का प्रतीक है। एफ एस सी के चीफ एक्ज़ेक्टिव अफसर, ग्रेहम क्लार्क का कहना है कि ओस्ट्रेलियन अर्डिड मार्केट डिवेलोपमन्ट सुविधा की सहायता से अनुसंधान इस लिए किया गया था ताकि उपभोगता के खरीदबीन के तरीके, उपभोगताओं की प्राथमिकाएँ, ब्रेन्ड का चुनाव तथा उसकी स्थित शामिल रहे।

आपका मिशन है सेवा और रक्षा - रक्षा मंत्री

सोनम सामी

वर्दी के साथ एक बड़ी ज़िम्मेदारी आती है और जबकि मुश्किल बढ़ सकती है, तो सुरक्षा ध्यान में रखकर सेवा करनी चाहिए।
सुरक्षा तथा विदेश मंत्री इनिया सेरुईरातु, नसोवा पुलिस ग्राउंड में फीजी पुलिस फोर्स के बर्डसिक रिक्रूट पास-आउट प्रैड में बोल रहे थे।
“एक पुलिस अधिकारी के रूप में आपका काम दिन के अंत में अपनी वर्दी उतारने के बाद सामाप्त नहीं होता, तब भी आप एक पुलिस अधिकारी हैं और किसी ऐसे व्यक्ति से मुह नहीं मोड़ना चाहिए जिसे सहायता की ज़रूरत है। मैं बहुत सम्मानित महसूस कर रहा हूँ, और आपको आपकी उपलब्धियों के लिय बधाई देना चाहता हूँ कि आपके और आप सब के परिवार के लिय एक खुशी का माहोल है। अपनी दर्ईनिंग खत्म होने के बाद आज आप फीजी के सेवक के रूप में मार्च करेंगे”।
मंत्री सेरुईरातु ने अधिकारियों से बताया कि भले ही वे फीजी पुलिस फोर्स में नए हैं लेकिन उनकी वर्दी के कारण उन्हें कानून के एक अधिकारी के रूप में देखा जाएगा।
“एक ऐसा अधिकारी जिसमें अनुशासन, अच्छे व्यवहार और जो आज्ञाकारी हो”।
सुरक्षा मंत्री ने अधिकारियों को बताया कि उनका मिशन सभी को सुरक्षित रखना है। उन्होंने कहा कि यह एक कठिन काम हो सकता है लेकिन पुलिस फोर्स एक ऐसी संस्था है जहाँ लोग आपसे उम्मीद करेंगे। कुल मिलाकर दो सौ पाँच अधिकारी पास हुए जिनमें चौंसठ महिला अधिकारी हैं।

लकवा सबसे आम गैर-संक्रामक बीमारी - मंत्री



स्वास्थ्य मंत्री इफेरईमी वांगाइनम्बेते वोल्ड स्ट्रौक डय के अवसर पर सी डब्लू एम अस्पताल में आयोजित समारोह के दौरान अधिकारियों के साथ चित्र: फिलिक्स लेसिनईवालू

वीरन्द्र लाल

लकवे से लोगों की जान तो नहीं जाती है लेकिन इससे लोग कुछ करने में असमर्थ हो जाते हैं।
स्वास्थ्य मंत्री डाक्टर इफेरईमी वांगाइनम्बेते, वोल्ड स्ट्रौक डय के अवसर पर बोल रहे थे। सुवा के सी.डब्लू.एम अस्पताल में आयोजित समारोह का थीम “लाइफ आफ्टा स्ट्रौक” यानि लकवा के बाद जीवन था। मंत्री ने बताया कि लकवा होने पर जीवन बहुत सीमित हो जाता है।
“लकवा सबसे आम गैर-संक्रामक यानि जीवन जीने के तरीकों से होने वाली बीमारी है और

लोगों को इसके बारे में बताने की ज़रूरत है। लकवा होने से रोका जा सकता है, इसका इलाज हो सकता है। अक्सर लोग बातें करते हैं कि ऐसा करते तो यह नहीं होता या यह नहीं करते तो यह होता इत्यादि। लकवा से बचा जा सकता है”।
मंत्री ने बताया कि लकवा किसी को हो सकता है। उन्होंने बताया कि लकवा किसी की जात, धर्म या उम्र नहीं पहचानता। उनके अनुसार पिछले चालिस सालों से लकवा की संख्या बढ़ रही है।
“ऐसा अनुमान है कि एक साल में एक से दो हजार लोग, कई प्रकार के लकवे का शिकार होते हैं। हम लकवे के बारे में जागरूकता फैला

रहे हैं क्योंकि काफी लोग लकवे के शिकार हुए हैं”।
स्वास्थ्य मंत्री ने बताया कि लकवा रोकने के लिए पहला कदम है, जनता को इसके बारे में जानकारी प्रदान करना।
“अभी त्योहारों के मौसम में लोग बहुत कुछ खायेंगे और पीयेंगे लेकिन यह समझना ज़रूरी है कि शरीर केवल सीमित मात्रा में भोजन ले सकता है। यह जानना ज़रूरी है कि हमें क्या और कितनी मात्रा में खाना चाहिए, जिससे हम एन.सी.डीज़ से बचें”।
मंत्री ने बताया कि हमें स्वस्थ रहकर खुशियाँ मनानी चाहिए।

भारत में फीजी को पुरस्कार मिला

रोनल देव

फीजी ने अंतराष्ट्रीय मंच पर अपना नाम एक बार फिर रोशन किया जब उसे भारत की सबसे बड़ी व्यापारिक प्रदर्शनी में पुरस्कृत किया गया।
नई दिल्ली में फीजी दूतावास को इन्टरनेशनल कोर्पोरेटिव्स ट्रेड फेयर (IICTF) एक्सेलन्स अवोर्ड मिला। भारत के पहले और सबसे बड़े आए.आए.सी.टी.एफ जो ग्यारह से तेरह अक्टूबर तक नई दिल्ली में हुआ था, मैं अपनी तरह की सबसे अच्छी भागीदारी के लिए फीजी को यह पुरस्कार मिला।
फीजी उन पैतीस (35) अन्य देशों में शामिल था जिन्होंने इस व्यापारिक प्रदर्शनी में हिस्सा लिया था जिसे भारत के कृषि विभाग, कौपरे-टिव, किसान कल्याण विभाग, कोमेस विभाग तथा भारत के विदेश मंत्रालय ने आयोजित किया था।
भारत के कोमेस और व्यापार मंत्री श्री पियुश गोयल ने भारत में फीजी के राजदूत श्री योगेश पुंजा को इन्टरनेशनल कोर्पोरेटिव्स ट्रेड फेयर (IICTF) एक्सेलन्स अवोर्ड प्रदान किया। राजदूत श्री पुंजा ने पुरस्कार स्वीकार करते हुए कहा कि फीजी तथा फीजी के दूतावास के लिए उन्हें यह अवोर्ड स्वीकार करते हुए बेहद गौरव महसूस हो रहा है। भारत के पहले और सबसे बड़े इन्टरनेशनल कोर्पोरेटिव्स ट्रेड फेयर में हिस्सा लेने का अवसर प्रदान करने के लिए



भारत में फीजी के हाय कमिशनर योगेश पुंजा, भारत के कोमेस मंत्री पियुश गोयल से अवोर्ड प्राप्त करते हुए

उन्होंने भारत को धन्यवाद दिया।
तीन दिनों के मेले में अनोखे ढंग से विदेशों में व्यापार, कई सम्मेलन, प्रदर्शनी, खरीददार और विक्रेताओं की बैठक, ग्राहकों की सभा, बिक्री का प्रोत्साहन, मार्केटिंग, नेटवर्किंग तथा नीतियों पर बातें हुई। आए.आए.सी.टी.एफ को जीवित मंच के रूप में देखा जा रहा है जो दुनिया भर के कौपरेटिव्स के बीच सहयोग का पोषण करता है। इस प्रदर्शनी से भारत

में फीजी दूतावास को जानकारियाँ बाँटने तथा कृषि, टूरिज़्म, हस्तशिल्प या हेन्डीक्राफ्ट तथा उत्पादनकर्ताओं के साथ उनके अनुभव से सीखने का अवसर मिला।
फीजी में बने कुछ सामान जैसे पीवा फीजी के उत्पादन, कृषि सामान, फीजी वोटर, वाई वाई, प्रोत्साहन के लिए फीजी के कृषि सामान, टूरिज़्म तथा पुंजी लगाने की समाग्री वहाँ प्रस्तुत की गई थी।

फ़ीजी फ़ोकस

मंत्री वुनिवांगा
ने वृद्ध लोगों के
साथ दिपावली
मनाई

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लीस सुरक्षा
बोनस से
सबको फायदा
होगा

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किंडागाडन
की पढ़ाई के
स्तर में सुधार
हुआ

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अटेनी जेनरल तथा अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम ने सुवा में एक क्षेत्रीय कार्यशाला का उद्घाटन करते हुए कहा कि अगले दो सालों में देश में सभी के पास नेशनल आए डी कार्ड होने की उम्मीद है चित्र: अज़ारिया फरीन

सभी के पास एक नेशनल आयडेंटिफिकेशन कार्ड होगा

वीरेंद्र लाल

सरकार, सिंगापो कोपरेशन एन्ट्राप्राइज़ के साथ मिलकर कई सरकारी सेवाओं को व्यवस्थित करने पर काम कर रही है और अक्टूबर दो हजार इक्कीस (2021) तक सभी के पास एक नेशनल आयडेंटिफिकेशन कार्ड होने की आशा की जा रही है। इसकी जानकारी अटेनी जेनरल तथा अर्थ-व्यवस्था मंत्री अईयाज़ सईयद खईयूम ने सुवा में एक क्षेत्रीय कार्यशाला का उद्घाटन करते वक्त दी। “हर फीजियन के पास एक नेशनल आयडेंटिफिकेशन कार्ड होगा और यह एकमात्र आय.डी नम्बर होगा। नेशनल

आयडेंटिफिकेशन कार्ड के पीछे, बाकी अन्य आयडेंटिफिकेशन कार्ड्स की जानकारी होगी। हम लोगों के लिए काम सरल करना चाहते हैं, उन्हें अपने साथ ढेर सारे कार्ड्स नहीं रखने होंगे, केवल एक कार्ड ही काम करेगा”। फिलहाल अटेनी जेनरल ने कहा है कि संस्थाओं को असरकारक बने रहने के लिए समय के साथ बदलते रहना चाहिए। “समय के साथ अगर आप नहीं बदले, बदलाव नहीं स्वीकारा और उसके साथ नहीं चले, तो आप पीछे छूट जायेंगे”। ताईलेवू में क्विन विक्टोरिया स्कूल के पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह में बोलते हुए अटेनी जेनरल ने विद्यार्थियों से कहा कि आप लोग जल्द नेता बनेंगे और इसके लिए आप के पास सही जानकारी

और सही ज्ञान होना चाहिए तथा आप को काम करने के सही तौर तरिके मालूम होने चाहिए। अटेनी जेनरल ने माता-पिताओं से अपने बच्चों को उस क्षेत्र में काम करने देने की माँग की जिसमें उनकी दिलचस्पी है। “उन्हें ऐसी नौकरी करने दें जो वे करना चाहते हैं, जिसमें उन्हें खुशी मिले और जिसमें वे पूरे तन, मन, धन से काम करें”। अटेनी जेनरल का वहाँ पारम्परिक स्वागत किया गया था। पुरस्कार वितरण समारोह के बाद सईयद खईयूम ने किउ. वी.एस के भुतपूर्व विद्यार्थियों और अध्यापकों के साथ एक तालानोवा सेसन यानि बात-चीत के दौर में भाग लिया।

Noda Viti

\$7m

Soli ki na itaukei ni qele

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\$4m

me vakavinakataki kina na vale ni vakasucu e Suva

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na dauveiqaravi bole ni Amerika

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Era mata mamarau na gonevuli kei na qasenivuli mai Naboro Sawanikula Primary School mai Naitasiri ena nona sa lai dolava yani o PM Bainimarama e 7 na vale ni qasenivuli vou e kea. iTaba: NANISE NEIMILA

Dolavi na vale ni qasenivuli e Naitasiri

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

NI daumaka na nodra vale na qasenivuli ena lai daumaka kina na nodra cakacaka ni veivakatavulici. Na vuana ena qai kunei ena nodra rawaka vakavuli na gonevuli.”

Oqori na mala ni nona vosa na turaga na Paraiminisita Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama ena nona dolava tiko e 7 na vale ni qasenivuli ena Naboro Sawanikula Primary School mai Naitasiri.

“Au doka ka marautaka vakalevu na noqu mai tiko ena dola ni vale ni qasenivuli vou

oqo e Naboro Sawanikula Primary School e Naitasiri.”

“Era na kalougata vakalevu na qasenivuli era na mai tawana na vale ni qasenivuli vou oqo,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

“Ni tara vakavinaka na vale ni qasenivuli e dau solia na vakacegu ka vukeya na qaravi vinaka ni bula ni vuvale.”

Nira sa marautaka na qasenivuli na bula mai vale ena laurai na kena vakavotukana ena nodra vakatavulici vinaka na gonevuli e koronivuli,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

Kaya o PM Bainimarama ni vinaka na

vale ni qasenivuli era na qai solia kina na qasenivuli na ivakatagadegede cecere duadua ki vei ira na lewe 110 na gonevuli ena Naboro Sawanikula Primary School.

Meda solia na noda igu kina na nodra vakatavulici na gone ena Primary School baleta ni oqo na itekivu ni nodra tadolava yani na gone na veimataqali leseni ni vuli.”

Kaya o PM Bainimarama ni sa vinaka na ituvaki ni nodra vale na qasenivuli sana qai vinaka na ituvaki ni rawaka vakavuli na gonevuli.

“Na vinaka ni vuli ena sega walega ni va-

kilai e Sawanikula ena vakailai talega ena loma ni yasana kei Viti raraba,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

“Au sa dolava oti talega mai na vale ni qasenivuli e Ratu Veikoso Primary School mai Buretu kei na Cautata District School.”

Kaya o PM Bainimarama ni namaki me na dola tale eso na vale ni qasenivuli ena noda vanua.

Au via vakaraitaka ni ilavo ni tara ni vale ni qasenivuli oqo e kau mai ena ilavo e vakarautaki ena noqu vale ni volavola ka vakatokai na Small Grant Scheme.



Turaga ni lewa vou

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

Eratou sa vosa bubului 1 tale na noda turaga ni lewa e matana na turaga na Peresitedi ni noda vanua o Jioji Konrote e Vale Levu.

Oqo ko Resident Magistrate Joseph Daurewa.

E vakaivola koroio Daurewa ena Post Graduate Certificate ni International Affairs and Diplomacy ena Univesiti ni Ceva ni Pasifika.

E rawata nona koro ni Loya ena se Bachelor of Law ena USP ena yabaki 2006.

A veiqaravi talega vaka Dau veiqavaqai ena vale ni vola-vola ni Daireketa ni Tabana ni Dau veivaqai ena yabaki 2007 kina 2012.

Rau a tiko talega ena vosa bubului oya na Vosa Vakadua Vakatawa o Yohan Liyanage kei na Turaga ni Lewa liu o Chief Magistrate Usaia Ratuveli.



O Turaga ni Lewa Joseph Daurewa (i karua mai na imawi) tarava sara o Peresitedi Jioji Konrote. iTaba: NANISE NEIMILA



Era mata dredredre na dau veiqaravi bole se US Peace Corps Volunteer ena nodra taba vata kei Minisita Rosy Sofia Akbar.

37 na dauveiqaravi bole ni Amerika

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

ERA sa vosa bubului kina veiqaravi e Viti e 37 na dau veiqaravi bole ni Amerika se US Peace Corps Volunteer, mera veiqaravi e Viti ena loma ni 2 na yabaki.

O ira na dau veiqaravi bole oqo era kena dau ena veiqaravi ena nodra vakatorocaketaki na itabagone. Era sa vakavulici oti ena 2 na vula ena vosa ni noda vanua kei na itovo vakavanua.

Era na veiqaravi ena tabana ni Matanitu, kei na vei itikotoiko ni

noda vanua.

Kaya na Minisita ni Vuli o Rosy Akbar ni vakavinavinaka vakalevu ena vukui Viti ena nodra solia na nodra gauna vei Viti na dau ni veiqaravi bole ni USA.

Vakavinavainakataki ira talega o Minisita Akbar vei ira na veivu-

vale ena tikina o Bau kei Dravo e Tailvu era lai macawa 9 kina ena kena vulici na bula ena koro vakaviti.

“Au sa raica ni sa yaga na 9 na macawa ni vuli ena koro vakaviti baleta ni oni sa matadrede me vaka sara ga na kai Viti,” kaya o

Minisita Akbar.

“Au vakavinavinaka ena nomuni solia na nomuni kilaka me torocake kina na nomuni me rararawa kina vei ira na kai Viti mera kila na nomuni bula na kai Amerika kame yaco mo ni itokani ni dua na gauna balavu.”



Na gauna sa na tara oti kina na itikotiko ni Matanitu oqoq esana vakarawarawataka sara na veiqaravi ni Matanitu vei ira na lewenivanua ena tikina o Nadogo, Namuka, Dogotuki kei Udu.

Dr. Mahendra Reddy
Minisita ni Teitei



Sa sobu tiko oqori na duru ni itikotiko vou ni Matanitu mai Wainikoro e Macuata. Mai na imawi o Minisita ni Teitei Dr. Mahendra Reddy, sote damudamu eloma na Turaga na Tui Nadogo o Ratu Ilisanita Malodali, sote vulavula ena imatau na Vunivola Tudei ni Tabana ni Teitei o David Kolitagane. iTaba: JOSAIA RALAGO

Sobu na duru ni tikotiko ni Matanitu e Wainikoro

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

Sa tekivu tara na itikotiko ni Matanitu mai Wainikoro e Macuata. O ya ena nona sa lai vakasobura na kena duru na Minisita ni Teitei o Dr. Mahendra Reddy. Kaya kina o Minisita Reddy ni kena sa caka oqo ena lai vakarawarawataka na kena kau yani vakavoleka na veiqaravi ni Matanitu vei ira na lewenivanua mai Wainikoro kei Nadogo.

“Sa dau gagadre voli ni Matanitu me mera vakila

talega na tu ena taudaku ni veikoro vakavalagi na veika vinaka era vakila tu na tiko ena veitauni.”

“Na gauna sa na tara oti kina na itikotiko ni Matanitu oqoq esana vakarawarawataka sara na veiqaravi ni Matanitu vei ira na lewenivanua ena tikina o Nadogo, Namuka, Dogotuki kei Udu.”

Kaya o Minisita Reddy ni namaki mesa na tara oti na itikotiko ni Matanitu oya ena veimama ni yabaki vou 2020.



\$4m me vakavinakataki kina na vale ni vakasucu

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA dua na itukutuku marautaki vei ira na marama tina tikobibi ni sa vakarautaka na Matanitu e \$4 na milioni me vakavinakataki kina ka laveti kina na itagade ni vale ni vakasucu ena vale ni bula levu na Colonial War Memorial Hospital (CWMH) e Suva.

Na kena ena vakavoutaki oqo ena sagai me yacova na itagade ni vuravura, me rawa ni vakadeitaka na nodra taqomaki vinaka na gone marama tiko bibi kei ira na gone susu vou ena vale ni bula levu e Suva.

Eda kila vinaka ni gauna ni tiko bibi edua na gauna e vakamareqeti kina na nodra bula na marama tina kei ira na luvedra. Sa vakavinavinakataki kina na raiyawa ni Matanitu ena vakanananu ka sana vakarau vakavotukanataki oqo.



Sa na vakarau vakavinakataki ka laveti na itagade ni vale ni vakasucu ena vale ni bula levu na Colonial War Memorial Hospital (CWMH) e Suva.



Sa solia tiko oqori na tanoa me iloloma nei Viti vua na Sipika ni Palimedi ni Niusiladi ko Trevor Mallard mai vua na noda Sipika ko Ratu Epeli Nailatikau.

Me da vuli vei ira na itokani

JOSAIA RALAGO

SA vakaraitaka na Sipika ni Palimedi ni Niusiladi kko Trevor Mallard ni bibi me ra dau vuli mai vei ira na nodra itokani ena veivanua ena Pasifika.

Era a veisiko mai ki Viti na lewe ni Palimedi mai Niulsiladi ka ra kidavaki ena itikotiko ni mata ni Niusaladi e Viti mai vua na Sipika ni Palimedi e Viti o Ratu Epeli Nailatikau.



Era mata mamarau na gonevuli kei na itubutubu ni Muaira District School e Naitasiri ena nodra taba vata kei na turaga na Peresitedi Jioji Konrote e Vale Levu e Suva.

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

GAUNA marautakai vei ira na gonevuli ni Muaira District School mai Naitasiri ena nodra veisiko ki Vale Levu vua na turaga na Pe-

resitedi ni noda vanua o Major General Jioji Konrote.

Ena itukutuku ni veigauna ni nodra bula kara na dau guiguilecava dredre na gone vuli ni Muaira. A vaka oqo ne na nona itautau na turaga na Peresitedi vei ira na

gone ni Muaira.

“Ni vuli vakaukauwa moni yaco moni rawaka vakalevu ena veisiga ni mataka. Dua na gauna oni sana lewe ni Palimedi, so veikemuni sana vakabisinisi, de dua beka vei kemuni sa na rawa ni

Peresitedi ni noda vanua,” kaya o Peresitedi Konrote.

Era lewe 103 na gonevuli ka 40 na itubutubu era tiki ni veisiko oqo kina nodra itikotiko na turaga na Peresitei ni noda vanua ena koro turaga e Suva.

Sa levu noda vulica tiko na bula vaka Plimedi ni Urope kei Amerika de na dauamka meda vulica talega na nodra bula na veivanua ena Pasifika.

Ratu Epeli Nailatikau
Sipika ni Palimedi e Viti

“Sa levu noda vulica tiko na bula vaka Plimedi ni Urope kei Amerika de na dauamka meda vulica talega na nodra bula na veivanua ena Pasifika,” kaya o Mallard.

Tauaca na vodsa ni vakavinavinaka kina matailawalawa oqo na Sipika ni Palimedi e Viti o Ratu Epeli Nailatikau.

“Sa balavu na qaqaco tu mai ni noda veiwekani kei Niusiladi, era itokani ni veivakavulici vakabibi ena cakacaka ni veisaututaki. Era dau veivuke talega ena noda vakaiyayataki sa dodonu meda vakavinavinaka tiko kina.”

Sa solia tiko oqori na Minisita ni Qoliqoli o Semi Korolavesau vua na Peresitedi ni dau qoli mai Bua o Maikeli Ramaidama na nodra waqa kei na idini na lewe ni soqosoqo ni dauqoli mai Bua.

ITaba: JOSAIA RALAGO



Soli nodra waqa na dau qoli mai Bua

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

GAUNA marautaki vei ira na lewe ni isoqosoqo ni dauqoli mai Bua na Duavata Fisherman Association ena

nodra sa ciqoma na loloma levu ni tabana ni qoliqoli ni matanitu oya na nodra waqa fibre glass kei na kena idini ka koto ena \$26,000 na kena isau.

Laki solia yani na iloloma

oya na turaga na Minisirta ni Qoliqoli ni Matanitu o Semi Korolavesau.

Vakaraitaka na nona vakavinavinaka na Presitedi ni isoqosoqo ni dauqoli mai Bua o Maikeli

Ramaidama.

“Au gusudra na dau qoli e Bua ena vakavinavinaka vakalevu kina Matanitu kei na tabana ni qoliqoli ena veivuke levu oqo,” kaya o Ramaidama.

Era lewe 102 taucoko na lewqe ni soqosoqo ni dauqoli e Bua kara gole mai ena 4 na tikina ena loma ni yasana oya o Wainunu, Vuya, Nadi kei Dama.



‘E da na dau nanumi ira’

Na imatai ni siga ni Noveba, 2019 era a vakananumi kina ena keba ni mataivalu mai Nabua na lewe ni mataivalu ni Viti era sa mai kacakaci ni cagi ena vuku ni veivanavanai a vakayacori ena keba ni mataivalu mai Nabua. Vakayacori na kena lotu kei na vakatori ni ivutu senikau mai vei ira na marama

yada kei na wekadra voleka. Vakaciriloloma dina ka vakatubu luvulu ni voqa mai na ivakatagi na ‘last post’ me vakaraitaka na nodra vakarokoroko na lewe ni mataivalu kei Viti talega. Ni sarava sara mada yani na itaba ni siga ni vakananumi oya. **iTaba: AZARIA FAREEN**



Waqe na livaliva e Waibalavu ni oti e 52 na yabaki

Vuabale dina na nodra marau na lewe ni koro o Waibalavu e Naitasiri ni sa oti e 52 na yabaki sa qai yaco yani na livaliva kina nodra koro. A vulagi dokai ena soqo lagilagi oqo na turaga na Paraiminisita o Josia Voreqe Bainimarama. Luvuci e na marau o Noa Rasasawira e dua na lewe ni koro o Waibalavu ni sa qai mai boko na cina tabucagi kasa waqa na livaliva. “Laveti na itagede ni neimami bula ena waqa

ni livaliva ena neimami koro sa vuabale kina na neimami vakamuduo kina Matanitu edaidai ni sa qai vakavotukanataka na neimami tatadra,” kaya o Rasasawira. Ni sarava mada na itaba ni soqo marautaki oqo ena koro ko Waibalavu e Naitasiri ka vakayagataki kina e \$338,000.

iTaba: **NANISE NEIMILA**





Era sa marautaka tiko na nodra bonisi ni tubu na itaukei ni qele e teivaki tu kina na paini me vaka e ra taba vata toka oqori kei Paraiminisita Voreqe Bainimarama.
 iTaba: LITIA VULAI DAUSIGA

Soli e \$7m ki na itaukei ni qele

VILIAME TIKOTANI

E siga marautaki vei ira na itaukei ni qele ka teivaki tu kina na paini ni ra sa mai ciqoma e \$7 na milioni na bonisi ni tubu.

“Sa rogo levu sara ena noda vanua kei vu-ravura na nodratou vakavinakataka tiko na veiliutaki ena kabani na bisinisi ni paini ena noda vanua.”

Kaya vei ira na itaukei ni qele o PM Bainimarama ni matata vua na veiveisau mai va-

kayacora na kabani ena vica na yabaki sa oti.

“O ni a wasea taumada kina e \$300,000. Mai toso cake sara ena yabaki ka tarava mai e \$1.5m, toso sara mai kina \$3m, toso sara mai kina \$5m, toso sara mai oqo kina \$7m,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

Sa tataunaka o PM Bainimarama vei ira na itaukei ni qele mera vakayagataka vakayalomatua na nodra ilavo.

“Au kila ni vosa saka tiko kina na turaga na italatala ena kena maroroi vakavinaka na

nomuni ilavo.”

“Me yaga kina nodra vuli na gone, vuli saka kina na kakana, voli saka kina na lori, da saga saka tiko gona na bula sautu meda rawata saka na veika sa mai rawa saka tiko oqo,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

Vakavinavinaka vakalevu o PM Bainimarama kina kabani ena kena mai rawa tiko na tubu levu oya.

“Au gusumuni saka tiko na itaukei ni qele ena noda vakavinavinaka kina kabani ena ena kena mai rawati saka tiko na tubu levu

Soli e \$75k kina itaukei ni qele e Nasomo

VILIAME TIKOTANI

E RA sa liga batabata na itaukei ni qele mai Nasomo e Vatukoula ni sa laki saumi vei ira na ivakavinavinaka ni kena keli tiko na koula ena nodra qele.

Era lewe 123 na lewe ni mataqali ka qoka e sa ikalima ni kena saumi tiko na ilavo ni vakavinavinaka ni mataqali ka levu duadua talega.

Me tekivu mai na gauna e vakalawataki kina mera vakavinavinakataka na iatukei ni qele e kelivaki kina na vatutalei se Fair Share of Mineral Royalties Act era sa vakila tiko na lewe ni mataqali na kena vinaka.

Kaya o Taito Koroi e dua na lewe ni mataqali ni vakavinavinaka vakalevu ena vuku ni ilavo levu oqo kina tibu ni mataqali.

“Sa duatani neimami marautaka na ilavo levu oqo baleta ni sa yaga sara vakalevu kina nei-



Na Minisita ni Qele ko Ashneel Sudhakar kei ira na marama lewe ni mataqali Nasomo e Vatukoula.
 iTaba: LITIA VULAI DAUSIGA

mami matavuvavale.”

“Qoka na sausaumi ni June kina Okosita 2019 na ika ono ni sausaumi ena tauri ena Siga ni Sucu.”

Me yacova mai ni kua sa sau-ma oti na Matanitu nei Baini-

marama e \$308,000 ki vei ira na lewe ni mataqali mai Nasomo e Vatukoula.

Ni raici kece vakararaba sa saumi oti vei ira keca na itaukei ni qele sivia na \$4.4 na milioni na dola.

Na lawa oqo a tekivutaki ena yabaki 2018.

Vakalawataki kina mera na dau saumi itaukei qele ena 80 na pasede ni royalties ka taura na matanitu e 20 na pasede.

Dola na vale ni qasenivuli e Buretu

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

E RA marautaka na gonevuli kei na qasenivuli kei na itubutubu ni koronivui na Ratu Veikoso Primary School mai Buretu e Tailevu na kena sa dolava e dua na vale ni qasenivuli vou.

A dolava na vale ni qasenivuli oya o Paraiminisita Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama. Vakavinavinaka taumada o PM Bainimarama kina veiqaravi vakaturaga vakavanua kei na velagiti vakavanua.

“Au vakavinavinaka vakalevu ena nodra dau kidavaki ka maroroi na noda ivakalesilesi era dau lako mai ena noda vei korokoro.”

“Au se qai dolava oti ga mai e dua na vale ni qasenivuli mai Cautata. Ia au marautaka vakalevu niu mai dolava talega e dua qoka ena vanua vakaturaga o Nabati,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

“Au gadreva meu vakavinavinakataka na raiyawa ni turaga na Tora Nabati. Ena kena tauyavutaki na koronivuli ena 1935,” kaya o PM Bainimarama.

“Au vakabauta nira na marautaka vakalevu na qasenivanua ena vanua vakaturaga oqo na vanua sa yacova tu oqo na koronivuli.”

Kaya o PM Bainimarama ni sa tolu na yabaki na nona vukea tiko mai na koronivuli oqo na Matanitu.

“Sa tara oti e dua na sova ni vuli, na olo ni koronivuli, toroicake na vanua ni savasava, kei na kena vakayagataka ni mona livaliva ena veivakatavulici.”



E rau sa lululu tu oqori o PM Bainimarama kei na dua na dau vavi madrai ena vale ni vavi madrai vou ka dola mai Cautata, Tailevu.
 iTaba: FELIX LESINAIVALU

Dola na vale ni madrai mai Cautata

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

S A dolava na iliuliu ni noda Matanitu o Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama na vale ni vavi madra ni koro o Cautata mai Tailevu.

Kaya o PM Bainimarama ni vale ni madrai oqo ena laveta na itagede ni bula e Cautata ka vakauqeta na caka bisinisi.

Na vale ni vavi madrai oqo mai Cautata e vakailavotaki mai na Minisitiri ni Veivoli ena veivuke baleta na bisinisi lalai.

Na levu taucoko ni isau ni kena tara na valen ni madrai oqo e koto ena \$84,000.

Era cau mai kina na lewe ni vanua e Cautata ena \$20,000.

Kaya na Vunivola Tudei ni Veivoli o Shaheen Ali ni marautaka na nodra yalo vata na lewe ni koro me rawa kina na vale ni madrai oya.

A tekivutaki na tara ni vale ni madrai oya ena Janueri ka mai vakacavari ena vula o Seviteba.

Vakasakiti ni oti ga e dua na macawa ni vavi madrai sa rawati kina e \$2,300 ka rawati kina na tubu e \$1,000.

Sa yaga na vale ni madrai oqo ki vei ira na 5 na koro ena yasayasa oya me vakataki Cautata, Waicoka kei Vatoa kara sa vakacacacakataka rawa kina e 8 na lewenivanua.



Veiqaravi ni tabana Agriculture Marketing Unit (AMA)

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

VEITALANOA na noda niusiveva ni Matanitu na iTaukei na **NODA VITI** kei na iliuliu ni kabani ni Matanitu na Agriculture Marketing Authority (AMA) ko Setareki Tale. Vakamacalataka kina ko Tale na matailalai ni nodratou veiqaravi. Mo wilika sara yani.

NODA VITI: Na cava e tukuna na Charter ni AMA me yavu ni nomudou veiqaravi?

TALE: Na AMA a tauyavutaki ena dua na lawa ka vakatura na Matanitu ena 2004. A mai tekivu kina na veiqaravi ni AMA ena 2005.

Au kila ni matata tiko vei keda ni oqo e isema tikoga ni veiqaravi ka veiqaravi mai kina e liu na Marketing Authority. Ka mai tosoya na veiqaravi oqo na National Trading Company (NATCO).

Ka sa qai mai tomana oqo na Agriculture Marketing Authority (AMA). Na AMA mai tekivuna na veiqaravi ena lawa ka vakatura na Matanitu ena 2004 ka vakatokai tiko na Agriculture Marketing Authority Act.

Na yavu levu ni veiqaravi ni Agriculture Marketing Authority me kauta yani vakavoleka na makete vei keda na dauteitei vakabibi vei keda na tu ena taudaku ni veikoro lelevu.

Vei keda e yawa vei keda na makete ka sega ni dua e veiqaravi vei keda moni volitaka kina nomuni ivoli.

Me vakarawarawataka vei kemuni na voli mai ni nomuni ivoli ka oni sega ni qarava tale na isau ni veilakoyaki me vaka na isau ni lori, na isau ni moce, na isau ni kana, ena vei korolelevu eso kada dau gagadre meda lako mai kina me rawa ni mai volitaki kina na noda ivoli.

Oya na yavu levu ni veiqaravi ni tabana oqo ka vakarurugu ena ruku ni Minisitiri ni Teitei ni kua.

NODA VITI: Na cava na inaki raiyawa ni AMA?

TALE: Na inaki raiyawa ni AMA



ka inaki talega ni Matanitu meda vakaiyau talega na dau teitei ka sega ni yaga meda biuta mai na noda veikoro meda lako mai kina veikoro lelevu. Oya na yavu levu ni veiqaravi meda tikoga ena vana eda tiko kina da teitei tikoga vakalevu, ka da qolitalega tikoga vakalevu. Sa kauta tiko yani na Matanitu na makete ni veivoli oqo na AMA me lai volia mai na nomuni ivoli ena veivanua saraga oni dui tiko kina. Na veivanua eso e dredre ni lakovi keitou sasaga me keitou yacovi kemuni yani kina me vakarawarawataka vei kemuni naka moni kakua ni vakacolati tale ena icolacola mo ni kauta mai nanomuni ivoli kina vei koro lelevu me mai volitaki kina.

NODA VITI: Ni cavuta mada eso na ivoli dou dau volia tiko mai veiira na dau teitei kei na dau qoli na AMA?

TALE: Ni kua keitou volia tiko na vua ni qele kei na sasalu ni waitui. Se sega ni keitou tara tiko yani na tabana ni manumanu. Na mataqali vua ni qele keitou volia tiko vakalevu ni kua na veimataqali dalo, kei na tavioka kei na vei vua niqele tale eso kaso e lailai sara tiko e sega ni sotava tiko na gagadre ni makete na levu ni veika e tei. E dua na kena ivakaraitaki oqo na dalo ni tana. Sa vaka me sa yali saraga vei keda vakauasivi na itaukei ni dau tei vakalevu na dalo ni tana me sotava na noda gagadre ena veisiga ka vakauasivi sara ena gauna ni leqa tubu koso ka dau yaga kina vakalevu na dalo ni tana. Ni kua sa dredre sara tiko nikune ka vinakati sara tiko vakalevu ena makete e Viti kei vanuatani na dalo ni tana. Keitou volia tale tikoga na uvi na niu. Na ika ena gauna oqo keitou voivoli tiko kina mai na vei yasai Viti taucoko na ika.

Na dalo keitou volia tiko na dalo ena \$1.60 kina \$1.70. Na tavioka ena gauna oqo keitou volia tiko ena 60 na sede kina 70 na sede dua na kilo.

Na ika keitou volivoli tiko ni kua ena \$5 kina \$7 e vakatau kina kalasi ni ika. Na kalasi era e \$5 na dola, na kalasi e loma e \$6, na kalasi e cake e \$7 ka vakatautaki talega kina vanua e vakayacori kina na veidinadinati sa voli taucoko ga ena dua ga na isau ka keitou volia tiko kina ena \$6 koya na isau veimama na ivoli na ika.

Ia, macawa sa oti e dola tiko neitou tabana mai Savusavu. Na tabana ni qaravi ni ivoli vakasavasavataki ni ivoli mai Savusavu. Yaco tiko na veitalanoa ra vakatataro tiko na lewenivanua sa tukuni tiko kina ni levu na gauna sa lai vutucoga na makete ena ivoli ka sa dau vakalotuma sobu sara kina vakalevu na isau ni ivoli.

Ia, keimami veitalanoa tiko e vica na ka e basika tiko ena loma ni neitou veiqaravi baleta ni levu na gauna sada tea tikoga e dua na ivoli.

Ka sa ivakasala tikoga mai veikeitou ke rawa nida wasea na noda teitei. Me vaka ni tavioka ni kua e gadrevi vakalevu na tavioka drodrodromo. Qai veikeda na dauteitei ni kua sada tea tikoga vakalevu na tavioka vulavula. Oya e dua na ka me laurari me teivaki talega vakalevu na tavioka dromodromo.

E dua na mataqali dalo ka vinakati sara tiko vakalevu e Viti kei valagi ni kua na Uro ni Vonu ka kilai ena so na vanua me vaka mai Cakaudrove se Vanua Levu e kilai tiko na dalo oqo ena yacoa na Moala. Qo edua na dalo sa gadrevi saraga vakalevu ka lailai tikoga na kena tei. Na kena isau talega e via toka vakalailai e cake mai na veidalo tale eso. Vakakina na dalo ni tana.

Na uvi e tiko talega na kalasi ni uvi e vainakati vakalevu ena makete vakauasivi na makete mai valagi. Eratou sa kila tiko na Tabana ni Teitei karatou rawa ni veivakasalataki kina ena vei ivoli eso e vinakati sara vakalevu ena makete ni kua.

Keda dui bibiuta toka na itei ena vinaka veikeda na dau teitei.



Dabe toka e loma na chief executive officer ni Agriculture Marketing Authority (AMA) ko Setareki Tale ena dua na vakaraitaki ivoli ni Viti mai valagi ka tuva toka oqori na ivoli ni kabani.
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NODA VITI: Ni cavuta mada na isau dou sa volitaka tiko kina vei ira na dau volivoli na ivoli kece oqori?

TALE: Ni kua na vei ivoli kece oqo ni sad au kau mai e mai vakasavasavataki mai civi, tawani palasitika ka vakabatabatataki, qai volitaki.

Na isau ni dalo keitou volitaka tiko ena makete e \$3 dua na kilo, qoka esa vakasavasavataki tawani palasitika o kauta ga yani sa sega tale ni lai civi osa kauta ga yani ni loma ni kuro sara.

Na tavioka ni kua na neitou isau keitou volivoli tiko kina e \$2 dua na kilo.

Na ika keitou volitaka ena \$10 kina \$12. E \$10 na kalasi era ka \$12 na kalasi e cake. Ia ni kua e kani rarawa meu vakaraitaka tik ni sega ni se levu sara neitou veivoli ena ika ena nietou volau e Nausori ena vuku tiko ni kena lailai tikoga na ika keitou taura tiko mai. Naika keitou ciqoma rawa tiko ni kua e se vakania tiko mada ga na konitaraki keitou sa veiyalayalati kina ena veitaban eso e Viti vakakina mai valagi.

Ena kena gadrevi me keitou na vakania tiko me keitou na kua ni vakacalai ena vuku ni veidinadinati keitou sa veidinadinati kina.

Kena iablebale oya vei keda na dau qoli tadola tiko na makete ni AMA ena vuku ni lailai ni ika e ciqomi tiko ena kabani oqo. Kevaka oni via volitaka mai na nomuni ika ni veitaratara mai keitou tu vakarau me keitou volia mai na nomuni ika kei na veivoli tale eso.

NODA VITI: Na cava na inaki ni nomudou tabana ka vakatokai tiko na Crop Development, cava na itavi ni tabana oqo?

TALE: Na tabana oqo esema ga vakaveiwekani kei na tabana ni extension ni tabana ni teitei nodra



vakaramataki tikoga yani na dau teitei ena vuku ni veiitei eso ka gadreva na makete ka vinakati mena tei vakalevu me vukea na kena vakani na makete.

NODA VITI: Na itukutuku cava oni na via vakadewataka vei ira na dau teitei mai Vanua Levu ena kena sa dola nomudou tabana vou oqo mai Savusavu?

TALE: Na dola oqo ni Processing Facility mai Savusavu na itukutuku ga au via vakadewataka vei kemuni mai Vanua Levu oya moni teitei vakalevu. Ni dui biubiuta toka na nomuni itei me sa kakua ni tei ga e dua naka. Me rawa nida rawata vinaka na isau ni ka ena veika eda tea.

NODA VITI: E sana vica taucoko oqo na nomudou tabana e Viti raraba?

TALE: Sa tiko na neitou tabana e vieqaravi mai Savusavu, tiko na neitou tabana e veiqaravi mai Taveuni, tiko mai Dama mai Bua kasa tauyavu tale tikoga mai Wainikoro mai Macuata. Vakakina mai cake mai Qaranivai sa tiko kina e dua na neitou dau ni volivoli e ratou veivuke ena kena vakasokomuni na ivoli ni bera ni qai kau sobu mai me vakasavasavataki ena tabana levu sa tiko mai Savusavu ni kua.

Ena muaira kei Viti sa tiko na neitou tabana mai Nacocolevu mai Sigatoka. Sa tiko talega mai Legalega mai Nadi, mai Natokowaqa mai Lautoka, kei Rakiraki mai Ra.

E tiko talega eso na veitabana keitou saumi ira na lewenivanua mera dau volivoli ena vuku ni kabani mai Vanua Balavu, mai Lakeba, mai na Yatu Yasawa na neitou mata era volivoli tiko ena vuku ni kabani na Agricultural Marketing Authority.

Noda Viti

\$7m

Soli ki na itaukei ni qele

6

\$4m

me vakavinakataki kina na vale ni vakasucu e Suva

3

13

na dauveiqaravi bole ni Amerika

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Era mata mamarau na noda lewenivanua era cakacaka tiko ena AGRI-Fresh mai Ositerelia. iTaba: VAKARAUTAKI

Qoroi na noda gone

SOLO LEWANAVANUA

SA ciqoma na Matanitu na nodra vakacautaki na lewe 15 na gone ni Viti era cakacaka tiko mai Ositerelia ena kabani na AGRI-Fresh.

O ira na lewe 15 oqo era sa vakacavara na vula 4 ni nodra cakacaka mai Ositerelia. Vakaraitaka na kabani na nona vakavinavinaka kina Minisitiri ni Veivakacacacataki ena totoka ni nodra cakacaka ena ruku ni Seasonal Workers Program (SWP).

“Me vaka ni se qai isevu ni yabaki ni neitou vakaitavi ena SWP, sa dodonu meu tukuna ni keitou qoroya vakalevu na nodra igu ni cakacaka ni ra yalodinataka mera rawaka kina vakalevu, kaya na kabani.

“Yabaki oqo keitou se qai vuli tiko,oya na vuna keitou vakacacacacataki ira ga kina e 15 na gone ni Viti ena loma ni 4 na vula.”

“Ni toso tiko sana qai toso cake tiko na kedra iwiliwili ka balavu cake talega na gauna ni cakacaka kina 7 na vula.”

Tukuna talega na kabani na AGRI-Fresh

ni vakavinavinakataki nodra veitokoni na vakaitikotiko e Ositerelia kei na kena veivalenilotu ena nodra tokoni na tamata cakacaka kei na veimaliwai vinaka kei iratou na veiliutaki ena kabani.

Sa ciqoma talega na Matanitu na vakavinavinaka ni nodra vakaitavi meke mai Ositerelia ena Tarnworth Annual Multicultural Festival, o ira na noda era cakacaka tiko e vale ni bulumakau.

“Era taleitaki vakalevu nai vei ira na lewei Viti era sa tu mai kea kei na vuvale na

Teys.”

“Era sa lewena tiko na timi ni Teys Oz Tag Team kara qitora na imatai ni nodra qiti ena macawa rua sa oti kavakasakiti nodra ivukivuki. Era ciqomi talega ena nodra veivale ni lotu.”

Kaya o Minisita ni Veivakacacacataki o Parveen Bala ni itukutuku rogo vinaka oqo mai vei ira na itaukei ni cakacaka esa vakavinavinaka kina vakalevu na noda Matanitu.”

VOQA NI DAVUI

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Moniti - Tusiti

8.30pm [15 na miniti]

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Vukelulu - Lotulevu

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9.05am [30 na miniti]