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Something To Take Back



Participants of the National Training and Productivity Centre of the Fiji National University in partnership with the Asian Productivity Organisation (APO) have something to take back home.

The week-long training course on Rural Entrepreneurship Development at Hexagon International Hotel in Nadi ended last Friday.

Fourteen APO member countries including Fiji took part which was facilitated by three key international resource persons.

Some of the countries participating are Republic of China, India, Nepal, Indonesia, IR Iran, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Cambodia, Mongolia and Sri Lanka.

Each participant took back a certificate in recognition to their participation at the workshop here in Fiji.

Wendell Tamayo, chief of staff of Development Academy of the Philippines was happy with his achievement.

“It was a great workshop. Something that really opened our eyes to the role of entrepreneur and enterprises in the national development,” Mr Tamayo said.

“It focuses on what is needed in terms of achieving national development by promoting entrepreneurship through the divergence of different stakeholders.

“We think of ideas and these ideas are converted into initiatives. So the ideas generated at the workshop will be converted into initiative.

“We convert it into training programs, and we train people who will actually implement the changes.”

Ling-Na Lin is a section chief of the Agriculture and Food Agency Council of Agriculture in Taiwan.

She found the workshop interesting and learned many things.

“We have many action plans in my country. I learned that we can modify some of our action plan for the better.”

National Training and Productivity Centre’s Kamlesh Prakash closed the workshop.

“There was a lot of wisdom shared by the resource persons, a lot of knowledge and input made by every single one, based on your own unique experiences from your respective countries and context that is very heartening.

“One of the primary objectives of the APO is to create a multiplier effects through all its projects and service,” he said.

Most of the participants departed the country yesterday.