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### FNU To Continue Focus On Increase Green Productivity Trainer Competency



Acting Director, National Training and Productivity Centre, Acting APO Alternate Director for Fiji, Penitiko Taoi, Chief Guest, Director, Town and Country Planning, Ministry of Local Government, Housing and Environment, Losana Rokotuibau, FNU Chancellor Ikbal Jannif, Asian Productivity Organization Representatives, Ta-Te Yang with participants at the APO Training Course on Green Productivity at Tanoa International Hotel Nadi yesterday.

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Fiji National University's National Training and Productivity Centre will continue to emphasise on increasing competency of our Green Productivity trainers focusing on the strategic and production levels.

FNU Chancellor Ikbal Jannif made these comments yesterday during the Asian Productivity Organisation's Training Course on Green Productivity at the Tanoa International Hotel in Nadi.

He stressed this will enable them to disseminate the knowledge gained through training and consultancy.

Mr Jannif said: "The NTPC is placing strong emphasis on the development of 'Green Productivity for Green Inclusive Development: A Commitment today for a greener tomorrow' not only in Fiji but the Pacific as a whole.

"We are very conscious that this event is principally designed to strengthen the understanding of Green Productivity and its suitability for sustainable development."

Mr Jannif said he was honoured with the support and recognition given to the programme.

This, he said, was a platform to share ideas and find new and more effective techniques that will help them propagate Green Productivity as the way forward.

"We will witness lots of positive developments and steps forward initiated in this training organised by the Asian Productivity Organisation and the NTPC.

NTPC has trained close to 600 practitioners, consultants, trainers, instructors, environmental officers in the areas of Green Productivity and Environmental Management.

"Our aim is to train as many as possible to the extent that we have also send participants from Fiji to be trained overseas in our member countries under the APO umbrella," Mr Jannif added.

He said according to the International Standards Organisation statistics, in Fiji, there are 24 ISO 9001 certified companies, five ISO 22000 certified companies and three ISO 14000 certified companies.

"This demonstrates the commitment of some organisations towards Health Safety and Environment," he said.

"However, I am certain that Fiji can do much better than this to meet the aims and objective of the National Green Growth Framework that was launched by the Prime Minister of Fiji last year."

#### The seminar

Green Productivity was launched in 1994 in line with the 1992 Earth Summit recommendations that both economic development and environmental protection would be key strategies for sustainable development.

With the support from the government of Japan, the APO introduced Green Productivity as a practical way to answer the challenge of sustainable development.

Meanwhile, the week-long event is attended by 26 participants from 17 APO member countries together with three observers from Colombia, three experts from Malaysia, Singapore and India and APO, Japan rep.

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