

— **NEW PRODUCT** —

Commercial Agriculture Lease



The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy Mr Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum with the 11 students who completed their studies in Agriculture and issued offer letters for commercial agriculture leases recently

THE Government's Young Farmers Program now allows for the issuance of 99-year commercial agriculture leases under the iTaukei Land Trust Act (TLTA) – the first commercial agriculture leases to be given out since the 1880's.

General Manager Mr Tevita Kuruvakadua said the lease term for agriculture had been considered and reconsidered since the early colonial times having considered the interest of the landowners, the economy and the demand for security for the descendants of the Indian indentured labourers in Fiji.

"The 99-year leases was initially issued in the early 1880's – 1990's, reviewed to 21 years in the mid-1900's, again reviewed to 10 years in 1966 and then again to 30 years in 1977" he said.

At present, TLTB's standard agriculture leases are administered under Agriculture & Landlord Tenants Act (ALTA, Cap 270) for a period of 30 – 50 years with annual rent charged at 6% of the unimproved capital value.

Mr Kuruvakadua said the issuance of the 99-year term for Commercial Agricultural Leases on iTaukei land does not contravene TLTA or ALTA.

"While this provides an opportunity to make itaukei land more attractive and enhance confidence and security with

longer term, it is necessary to ensure that the terms and conditions of the lease correspond to equitable benefits to the landowners as well as to the tenants," he said.

The three (3) lease types or options under Commercial Agriculture are:

Option A – Hybrid

- Offers a combination of ALTA and TLTA provisions.

Option B – Lease Offered at Market Rate

- Fully incorporates the provisions of TLTA regulations.

Option C – ALTA lease

- Provides the most equitable benefits to the tenants and landowners. It is similar to Option B in that the market rates are used; however, the premium is staggered over 15 year periods for the duration of the lease. ■

NATIONAL BUDGET 2017-2018

Real estate industry allocation

THE Fijian Government announced its National Budget for the new fiscal year, 2017-2018 on June 29 and financial allocations and provisions pertaining to the real estate industry included the following:

- Squatter Settlements (\$4m): - for the upgrade of urban and peri-urban squatter settlements in the corridors of Suva-Nausori, Nadi-Lautoka and Labasa-Savusavu.
- Informal settlements on iTaukei owned land (\$6m): allocated to provide for continual construction works at the settlements of Waidamudamu (Nausori), Nadonumai (Lami), Wakanisila (Suva) and Tauvegavega (Ba).
- Upgrade of Informal Settlements (\$2.8m): for upgrading works at four squatter settlements, namely Clopcott (Ba), Ledrusasa (Nadi) and Sasawira and Caubati (Suva).
- Housing scheme from overseas modes of assistance for rural communities or individuals (\$1m): this includes the re-construction of homes which have been destroyed by fires or natural disasters.
- The Housing Assistance Relief Trust (HART) program (\$5m): - to accommodate impoverished families in low-cost housing settlements.
- Land Bank Investment Program (\$2.5m): to promote the productive utilisation of land by iTaukei landowners who deposit their land with the Land Bank.
- The Infrastructure sector will receive around \$3.2m in cash donations, including a \$2.9m contribution from the Green Climate Fund for the Urban Water Supply and Wastewater Management project.
- The Infrastructure Sector is also expected to rake in around \$14.7m in Aid in Kind (AIK) projects, including \$10.2m from the Chinese Government and around \$2.2m in substantial technical assistance from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). ■

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From the GM's Desk

Ni sa bula vinaka,

TLTB continues to provide access to iTaukei land development for all its stakeholders. It also facilitates land requirements for government projects for economic development purposes. In this tri-annual issue, TLTB is supporting and facilitating Government programs. All of the 11 and new commercial agricultural leases under the Young Farmers Program are on itaukei land as well as the Nabou biomass plant which is the largest of its kind in the South Pacific. It also focuses on the real estate industry allocation as contained in the *2017-2018 National Budget*, opportunities for green tourism in the highlands of Viti Levu, TLTB's quality circle (QC) journey, investment by the Natogadravu landowners on land development, support for squatter re-settlements and business training for landowners. In brief, we also bring key highlights in the areas of conservation in Bua, the Qaliwana hydro electrification project, stock market investment, risk management, filming, National Housing Policy and TLTB's new panel of surveyors. We also pay tribute to the late former Board Member Adi Laite Koroirua and the celebration of the Ratu Sukuna Day 2017 for our staff.

The last eight months has been very exciting with the creation of many new leases on iTaukei lands to support Government's development programs and initiatives including the focus towards the COP23 in Germany.

Happy Reading!



Tevita Kuruvakadua
General Manager



Cultural and green tourism in the highlands of Viti Levu

Green tourism in Namosi, Ba, Ra and Nadroga

ONE of the iTaukei Land Trust Board's (TLTB) goals is to spread the tourism dollars to other areas outside of the tourism belt to ensure that resource owners and communities in those areas are benefiting from it too.

Manager Tourism Department Mr Peni Qalo said they had been going around the interior of Nadi, Namosi and Nadroga to create awareness to landowners on how best their resources could be used as sustainable tourism development to lure tourist to these places.

"Trend has also been changed now from the normal sun, sand and beach most tourists now are moving into cultural tourism in learning and experience the real life situation of iTaukei in villages," he said.

"TLTB has to be proactive and facilitate eco-tourism development and community tourism-based development in the interior of our main islands and those outside of the tourism belts through consultation and awareness for the leasing of land. Not only in development; the communities will also need to showcase their culture, food, handicrafts, etc. as

part of this new approach. Highlands of Namosi, Sigatoka, Nausori highland and Naitasiri province are the target area now," he added.

Unique simple attractions loved by tourists including jungle wedding, bilibili tours, horse ridings, art and crafts and river safari, hiking, hunting, village visit, school visit and experience village life situation and local foods.

The ridges, inlands or highlands of Naitasiri, Ra, Ba and Navosa provinces are the target of sustainable green tourism in the future. ■

Sustainable Development Goal: 2

Goal 2 of the Sustainable Development Goal is aimed at ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition and promotes sustainable agriculture. This includes the promotion of sustainable agricultural practices, supporting small scale farmers and allowing access to land, technology and markets.

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Human resource is the key: Usamate



Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations
Mr Jone Usamate

THE fountain head of productivity is human resource.

These were the words of the Minister for Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations Mr Jone Usamate while opening the 2017 TLTB Internal Quality Convention (IQC) for the iTaukei Land Trust Board (TLTB) at the Holiday Inn in Suva. Mr Usamate says that in any organisation the human resource is like a human body - if you don't exercise it, you don't grow.

"All of you are winners because you are using quality tools which you can take and use it in your homes, churches, villages and the various groups that you are in,"

Mr Jone Usamate, Minister for Productivity

"You use it or lose it. And when you grow personally, productivity follows," he added. TLTB had been holding their IQC for the fourth time now, starting in 2014.

This year, ten teams from each regional office across the country competed for the top prize all in the name of continuous improvement and productivity.

Mr Usamate congratulated TLTB for continuing the improvement process especially in terms of using the quality circle tools.

"It may be a cost to get staff from all the regional offices into this room but it's a great investment. And I must thank the Executive Management and Senior Managers because TLTB can only get better from here onwards," he said.

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in your homes, churches, villages and the various groups that you are in," he said.

Central Eastern Region got the Gold Award with \$400 cash, North-West Region went away to Lautoka with the Silver Award and \$300 cash and a tie for the IT Department and HR Department with the Bronze Award running away with \$250 cash each.

In his concluding remarks, General Manager Mr Tevita Kuruvakadua said that all the proposals and recommendations from the teams would be part of the Strategic Corporate Plan for next year. TLTB had won one gold and two silver awards at the National Quality Convention for the last three years.

In 2015, they represented Fiji at the International Exposition on Team Excellence (IETEX) in Singapore where it won a 3-Gold Star Award. ■

TLTB in support of COP23

AS part of its initiative to support Fiji's vision of combating the impacts of climate change and in support of Fiji's Presidency of the COP23, the iTaukei Land Trust Board (TLTB) is going out helping communities by issuing conservation leases, planting trees as well as mangroves.

COP23 refers to the 23rd annual Conference of the Parties to the 1992 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and of which our Prime Minister Mr Voreqe Bainimarama is the President.

As a result TLTB has so far planted thousands of trees and mangroves in Ba, Nadroga, Ra, Macuata, Naitasiri, Rewa and Tailevu.

General Manager Mr Tevita Kuruvakadua said that TLTB's core function is linked very closely to the Government's strategic effort to combat global warming and the human activity that causes it.

"We believe that every citizen in Fiji, individually or as a corporate entity, have a role to play. And for TLTB we are glad that as the biggest land management services in Fiji we are taking the lead to support the Government in mitigating the impacts of climate change," he said.

Mr Kuruvakadua said this was the initiative of the staff under the Fiji Business Excellence Award Committee.



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General Manager



This story is being published in memory of the late Productivity Officer Mrs Reijeli Gade (right) who passed away in August at her home in Nadawa. She has been the hallmark of success for the last three years especially in terms of Business Excellence, Quality Circle, 5'S' and our corporate social responsibility (CSR)

"We have seen the need to give back to the community in the manner that we are doing by conserving our existing forests and planting trees in strategic areas with the help of the Department of Forests and respective provincial councils," he added.

TLTB's Goal 4 of the 2017 Strategic Plan stipulates the importance of partnership engagement and support for the implementation of international and regional environment conventions.

One of TLTB's recent corporate social responsibility (CSR) activity was the planting of 800 mangrove plants at Qoma Village (Tailevu) which was one of the areas brutally ravaged by king tides and tsunami during Cyclone Winston early last year.

"Their seawall is basically made up of dead corals and stones. Over the years, due to the constant impact of this weathering agent, sea walls around Qoma are damaged and there are extreme signs of coastal erosion. Villagers attempt to rebuild their seawall with cement filled in drums but it could not help," he said.

The villagers have raised their concerns at different forums including the Tailevu Provincial Council and TLTB came to help and planted mangroves along their shoreline to protect their island home and the ecosystems in general. ■

PM congratulate landowners' big step

Tui Nabou Development & Construction Ltd

WHILE opening the new Natogadravu subdivision project in August, the Prime Minister and Minister for iTaukei Affairs Voreqe Bainimarama repeated the saying; "Good things don't come to those who wait, they come to those who prepare themselves to do well" to commend the *Turaga na Tui Nabou* Semi Matalau and his *yavusa* for showing how to work hard and find success.



Prime Minister Mr Voreqe Bainimarama gets a brief tour at Senibua Place - a new sub-division at Natogadravu, Tailevu

Mr Matalau is also the head of the landowning unit, the *Yavusa Natogadravu* from Nuku, Tailevu who partly owns the Tui Nabou Development & Construction Ltd.

They set up the company that developed the sub-division called Senibua Place; their first iTaukei land residential subdivision which consists of 51 residential plots, one commercial space and an office space.

Mr Bainimarama said the \$437,400 loan repayment to FDFB will be drawn from the iTaukei Land Development allocation in the 2017-2018 National Budget.

"I'm very excited to announce that we will pay on your behalf the first repayment of \$437,400 of the total \$727,290 loan you've borrowed from the FDB to finance this project.

But it has paid off in the end and Mr Matalau is grateful to Government and stakeholders for their support in ensuring the success of their project.

The *Yavusa* of Natogadravu have a lot planned for their land including the idea of building resorts and creating the place a semi-urban in the next 5 to 10 years.

"We're doing this (paying for the loan) because we believe in you, we believe in the example you are setting for every iTaukei community and we believe in the future you are working to create – for yourselves and for every Fijian. I look forward to seeing your community continue to build up your land and make yourselves more economically and financially powerful," Mr Bainimarama concluded. ■

Partnership to formalise squatter settlements

THE iTaukei Land Trust Board (TLTB) has so far received over \$1 million in premium from the issuance of development leases for squatter settlements around the country - a major commitment by the government through the Ministry of Local Government, Housing and Environment.

Deputy General Manager Operations, Research & Development (DGMORD) Mr Solo Nata said a total of 20 development leases had been issued to the Government to develop around 3,000 lots in Fiji. Mr Nata said the government would be responsible for the scheme preparation, engineering works and would pay for all other capital costs involved.

TLTB charge a premium of \$3000 per acre and then an additional premium when lots are developed before issuing 99-year leases to occupants.

The landowners will benefit from such premiums and annual rent for the leases subject to review after every five years.

The informal settlements are formalised to meet health and sanitation standards when completed with considerations to be handed over to town councils as part of its municipal boundaries.

Providing formal titles and houses to



Receiving a cheque for the payment of premium from Government DGMORD Mr Solo Nata and Minister for Local Government, Housing and the Environment Mr Praveen Kumar

squatters satisfies *Chapter 2 Section 35 – Rights to Housing and Sanitation* under the 2013 Constitution of Fiji.

The responsibilities of TLTB and other stakeholders in formalising *vakavanua* settlements or squatter settlements fulfill certain mission statements in our *Strategic Corporate Plan 2017-2019* and that is to:

- Promote economic, environmental, socially and culturally sustainable land use practices and uphold sustainable development goals and other international conventions;
- Ensure the iTaukei landowners receive a fair market value for their land and resources.

Furthermore, TLTB's land use plans align itself directly to the Government's *National Land Use Plan*, the *Green Growth Framework* and the UN's *Sustainable Development Goals* that contains the following:

- The *Urban Policy Action Plan* specifies 7 main thematic areas which require TLTB's commitment given the organisation's statutory role as the administrator of 91% of the land in Fiji.
- Respectively, TLTB's fiduciary role as mandated under the TLTA (Cap 134) in ensuring appropriate administration of iTaukei land, and the release of land by iTaukei landowners is undertaken through proper processes and utilised for its best and highest purpose. ■

Squatters in Fiji (Various Estimation)

- Also known as *vakavanua* settlement
- Total Settlements: 200;
- Total Population: 150,000;
- 7% of Fiji's total population;
- 15% of the urban population;
- Using 80% of iTaukei reserve land.

Start and improve your business training

THE iTaukei Land Trust Board's Landowner Affairs Unit (LAU) have just recently undertaken a *Start & Improve Your Business* (SIYB) training under the banner of the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

Manager LAU Mrs Kelera Gadolo said they started their financial literacy training programme for landowners in 2015 but had been largely very unproductive.

"I believe the training that ILO brought is really what the TLTB needed in terms of finding out where the problems were with landowners who have not progressed from where they were. What we now need to do is to identify who really wants to learn, who will benefit the most out of the training and who requires further assistance thereafter," she said.

According to Mrs Gadolo, the response to the programme financial literacy sessions has been overwhelming with landowners being very appreciative of the initiative.

"I have to add that rural-based



Landowners SIYB Training at the Head Office in Suva

landowners have been facilitating their finances on their own for some time now, some with successes, but the majority with very little successes in saving, or in realising that their assets can be used to assist them in starting their savings.

And as such the Financial Literacy Sessions is almost an eye opener to their abilities, i.e. taking out leases and using that to fund their farming etc.," she said.

"Some landowners have started their small businesses, some have incorporated new-found concepts and knowledge to their existing farms, which they now intend to lease and expand their farming for greater returns.

TLTB is expected to see these projects materialised in totality from the end of 2017. ■

First of its kind renewable energy lease

Nabou Green Energy Ltd



Artist impression of the new Nabou Green Energy Limited (NGEL) power plant in Nadroga

THE 12 megawatt biomass plant in Nabou, Sigatoka has been completed and is the first power plant of its kind in the South Pacific.

The \$US45 million (\$F92m) joint venture facility is 25% owned by Tropics - a local shareholder.

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Chief Executive Officer Mr Lee Jun Hyung said the business arrangement for the 12MW biomass project would focus on producing power to satisfy the power purchase agreement requirements with the FEA.

"Each JV partner brings a specialised

skill to this project.

A biomass plant is highly specialised for construction and the ongoing operation and maintenance," said Mr Lee.

The power plant will be highly automated. During operations, three to five people can operate the plant.

For the past 18 months a large number of landowners have been involved in the planting and construction process.

Short rotation crops are planted that mature in two-and-a-half-years and the planting process will continue after construction.

Mr Hyung said the supply of power could cover all of Nadi and partially in Sigatoka area.

"This generates six percent of Fiji's power supply. We will continuously supply FEA, and this plant can supply 24 hours, seven days a week except on the maintenance period," he added. ■

IN BRIEF

Kilaka Conservation Forest



From left ... GM Mr Tevita Kuruvakadua Head of the Mataqali Nadicake Mr Rogasiano Matai and WCS director Dr Sangeeta Manubhai with the lease document

LANDOWNERS from Nadicake, in the village of Kilaka (Bua), witnessed a 99 year conservation lease agreement between the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and TLTB in August. Nadicake has been voluntarily protecting their 402 hectares of native forest since 2006. General Manager Mr Tevita Kuruvakadua said the lease would create a lot positive impacts to the environment, to the local communities of Kubulau and to the national and global environment. ■

MOU to enhance investment

TLTB signed a MOU with the South Pacific Stock Exchange (SPSE) to enable them to enhance awareness and participation of landowners in Fiji's stock market either through investment or capital-raising. Board Member Ro Epeli Mataitini said the agreement would add value to TLTB's land management services by focusing on investment in the stock market. Our officers in the Landowners Affairs Unit (LAU) have been conducting Financial Literacy Training for landowners since 2015. ■

Risk Management



TLTB has appointed its first Risk Officer with the idea of improving its corporate governance and a disciplined culture in the workforce. It is now an integral part of all organisational processes and is rapidly becoming one of the key elements of the workforce. His goal is to communicate, coordinate and administer policy for all types of risks within TLTB. ■

Qaliwana Hydro Project

TLTB is making sure that the Qaliwana Upper Wailoa Diversion Hydro Project comes into fruition in due course. General Manager Mr Tevita Kuruvakadua said there was a memorandum of understanding and the the objective

was clear with firm emphasis on data sharing, capacity building and open discussions. He was also optimistic that such an arrangement would bring Fiji Electricity Authority's plan on the Qaliwana Project to build a bigger dam and power house in the highlands of Viti Levu into reality. ■

Panel of Surveyors

TLTB has ventured into engaging a Panel of Surveyors to ensure proficient surveyors are engaged for effective and timely outcomes of registered surveyed land leases in order to compliment land administration and operational requirements. It is driven by the demand for the survey service to be effectively coordinated so that financiers such as the FNPF, FDB, and other financial institution are assured that formal registrations of leased sites are fully complied with as per lease conditions. Four (4) surveyors have been approved by the Board to date but TLTB is also reviewing applications submitted by other surveyors to be listed panelists. The four approved Registered Surveyors include: Rod Jepsen and Mike Lenz, of Wood & Jepsen Consultants; Manoj Kumar of Cadastral (Fiji); Munil Dutt of Dutts Surveying Consultants and Asheesh Want Dayal of Land Planning Consultants. ■

Ben Ryan's land gift



Mr Ben Ryan shaking hands with Ratu Kini Vitukawalu during the hand-over ceremony of the land in Navua

LAND given to former National 7's Coach Mr Ben Ryan after Fiji's first ever Olympic Gold Medal in Rio last year has now been successfully set aside as itaukei reserve by Mataqali Ketenatukani in Serua. In one of their recent meeting, the TLTB Board endorsed the claim on the 3-acre land under Section 15 of the iTaukei Land Trust Act (Cap 134). ■

Support for NEC



THE National Employment Centre operates under the National Employment Centre Decree 2009. For TLTB, it recognises that it has a social obligation to the development of Fiji's human resources as well as giving effect to Governments employment creation policies such as the NEC Decree. In doing so, TLTB had signed a memorandum of understanding with Government in particular National Employment Centre in early 2014 to facilitate this initiative. ■

Filming on iTaukei Land



Casts of the Survivor series shot in Yasawa this year

FILMING in Fiji has now been guided by TLTB's new Filming & Photography Policy to control the issuance of short-term leases and licenses on itaukei land. The Board will incorporate this into the Tourism Policy and create awareness to Regional Managers and staff. ■

National Housing Policy



Minister for Local Government Mr Praveen Kumar with the Waidamudamu settlers

TLTB is a member of a committee under the National Housing Policy to implement projects with the aim of providing decent and affordable housing in Fiji. The policy was a national initiative which aligns its direction from the National Development Plans of the Government. ■

Seed Fund for landowners

THE Landowners Seed Fund Grant is a \$200,00 grant now ready for distribution to landowners who wants to develop their own land and requires financial assistance to kick-start land development projects of their own. Manager Landowners Affairs Mrs Kelera Gadolo said the application had been closed and the first lot of applicants have been provided with \$84,000. ■

Government farewells the late Tui Ba



(From L-R) MTD Mr Peni Qalo, ARM SW Mr Josaia Waqairatu, SEO-NW Nemani Tamani, BS Mr Sevuloni Takele, RMNW Mrs Ema Natadra, MHR Mr Peceli Baleikorocau, BM Mr Lawrence Tikaram, SLAO Mr Tevita Navila, GM Mr Tevita Kuruvakadua, ESA Mr Esala Talemainaivalu and PA-MTD Mrs Sikiti Sawau

"Will always be remembered for her caring heart and beautiful soul when she came in to be part of the TLTB Board of Trustees".

Board Member, Ro Epeli Mataitini

IT was a sad day at the iTaukei Land Trust Board (TLTB) when the news of the passing of the late Board Member and Marama na Tui Ba Adi Laite Koto Koroirua after a short illness at the Lautoka Hospital on Tuesday 20th of June, 2017.

Born on 14th of February, 1939 to parents Ratu Rusiate Nabuta and Adi Sainiana Lewamoqe and attended Matavelo Methodist Girls School from 1945 to 1955 then to the Fiji School of Nursing in 1956. The late Adi Laite was a nurse by profession

and spent 40 years before she joined the TLTB Board of Trustees on 18th June, 2009 until her untimely death on 20th of June, 2017.

The President of Fiji, His Excellency the President Mr Jioji Konrote led the government delegation to present their *ireguregu* at her chiefly village of Nailaga, Koronubu, Ba.

Other cabinet ministers present include the Prime Minister and Minister of iTaukei Affairs Voreqe Bainimarama, Attorney

General & Minister of Justice, Finance, Public Enterprise Mr Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, Minister for Industry, Tourism & Trade Mr Faiyaz Koya, Minister for Women and Social Welfare Mrs Mereseini Vuniwaqa, Minister of Forest Mr Osea Naiqamu as well as the Permanent Secretary for iTaukei Affairs Mr Naipote Katonitabua.

Also present were TLTB delegation including fellow Board Members Ro Epeli Mataitini and Mr Lawrence Tikaram. General Manager Mr Tevita Kuruvakadua, Board Secretary Mr Sevuloni Takele, Manager Human Resource Mr Peceli Baleikorocau, Manager North-West Mrs Ema Natadra, Manager South-West Mr Josaia Waqairatu,

In delivering her eulogy Ro Epeli said that Adi Laite "will always be remembered for her caring heart and beautiful soul when she came in to be part of the TLTB Board of Trustees".

"She always believes in a concept of unity, accepting any denomination that brought God's gospel to her home soil," he said.

Adi Laite comes from the chiefly Tokatoka of Nawaiviluri, Mataqali Navatunisesara of the Yavusa Tio. She was married to Mr Iveri Koroirua of Naqalotu, Yawe from the island of Kadavu.

The late Na Tu Ba Adi Laite Koto Koroirua is survived by four children, 15 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. ■

TLTB celebrates Ratu Sukuna Day

RATU Josefa Lalabalavu Vana'ali'ali Sukuna was a high chief and a decorated soldier as well as a scholar and a statesman. He was born on May the 22nd in 1888 and died on May the 30th in 1958, at the aged of 70.

In the absence of the Ratu Sukuna Holiday from Fiji's national annual calendar, TLTB had taken time to celebrate and reflect on the life of a man who founded the Native Land Trust Board (now TLTB) and several other iTaukei institutions which was created to protect the interest of the iTaukei and their land, and also played a pivotal role in the creation of the modern day Fiji.

Time was allocated during lunch hours and after work for the three days-event to mark the occasion i.e. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (24-26th May 2017).

During these times all the departments were all in a celebration mood as they prepares their items like poems, *meke*,



Ratu Sir Josefa Lalabalavu Vana'ali'ali Sukuna

songs and even decorating their notice boards of Ratu Sukuna's memorabilia and

the Kalavata competition.

The celebration ended on Friday with *taralala* (group dance) by all departments in Suva including the Central Eastern Region.

The Friday afternoon was filled with excitement as each department were patiently waiting for the judges to announce the winners of the competition and in the categories below:

- iTaukei Language Competition
(*Veisivisi Vosa Vakaviti*) – Pauliasi Turaga;
- Poems Competition (*Veisivisi Serekali*)
Lanieta Sivoimamalo;
- *Sere ni Vanua* – Reserves Department;
- Best Notice Board – Legal Department;
- Best Kalavata – Legal Department. ■

Lease Application Process

Steps for applying for an iTaukei Lease

Step 1



- * Lodge an application;
- * Provide requirements;
- * Pay lease application fees;
- * Application approved or rejected;
- * Timeline: 2 weeks.

Step 2



- * Lease Processing:
 - Consultation,
 - Inspection and recommendation,
 - Approval of recommendation,
 - Dereservation (if applicable) - 6 weeks.
- * Pay lease processing fee;
- * Timeline: 2 weeks.

Step 3



- * Lease Offer received;
- * Payment of the Lease Offer;
- * If EIA Report is required engage a consultant and the Department of Environment to approve EIA Report and submit approved report to TLTB;
- * Timeline: 6 weeks.

Step 4



- * Prepare lease documents;
- * Signing of lease documents.

Step 5



- * Stamping and registration;
- * Lease documents issued to tenants.

Estimated timeframe for completion of a lease application process = 6 months

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