



# WAVU NEWS

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## EVENTS & PROJECTS UPDATES

### FIJI PORTS SELECTED AS FINALIST FOR IAPH SUSTAINABILITY AWARD.



Fiji Ports Corporation Limited (FPCL) is taking significant strides towards sustainability within its supply chain by practising port procurement sustainability standards, mandating that product and service suppliers provide information regarding their sustainability credentials.

This eco-conscious initiative has garnered international recognition, as the International Association for Ports and Harbours has acknowledged FPCL for its leadership in conscientious decision-making aimed at reducing its environmental impact. As a testament to its commitment, FPCL has been named as one of the finalist in the prestigious #IAPH2023 Sustainability Awards, competing in the Climate and Energy category.

FPCL's implementation of an Energy Tracker and Green Port Dashboard, designed to monitor and report on environmental performance, aligns seamlessly with its Green Port Master Plan, earning praise for its data-driven approach.

### FPCL ATTENDS THE ASSOCIATION OF THE PACIFIC PORTS 109TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE



FPCL's prominent presence at the Asia Pacific Ports Conference in USA underscores the organization's keen engagement with worldwide maritime developments, fostering valuable connections, and the exchange of knowledge across diverse geographical spheres.

This distinguished conference serves as a pivotal convergence point for port authorities, industry luminaries, policy architects, and seasoned experts from not only the Asian Pacific but also across the global maritime spectrum. Mr. Vajira Piyasena, CEO of Fiji Ports, delivered an insightful presentation titled "Cost-effective digitalization for small ports – The Fiji Experience," making a significant contribution to the discourse on catalyzing sustainable growth, pioneering innovation, and fostering collaborative synergy within the maritime sector.

### LAUTOKA FORESHORE DEVELOPMENT STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION



*FPCL Staff members having a discussion with other participants during the workshop.*



*Participants of the Lautoka Foreshore Development Stakeholder Consultation.*

FPCL has initiated a comprehensive consultation process pertaining to the Lautoka foreshore development. This ambitious endeavor, commenced in February of this year, seeks to fully explore the potential of this area.

FPCL Chief Executive Officer, Vajira Piyasena said the primary objectives of the re-development project is twofold: firstly, to assess the current state of the foreshore, and secondly, to identify viable industries that can flourish in this maritime region.

"In essence, the aim is to ascertain if certain services currently offered elsewhere can be relocated to this specific locality," Mr Piyasena said.

“This feasibility study, is expected to end in November, entails an extensive research effort coupled with collaboration with key stakeholders. This inclusive methodology is designed to ensure that the interests of the local community, businesses, and environmental considerations are all carefully weighed and taken into account during the formulation of a sustainable development strategy”.

## FIJI'S MAIN PORT EARMARKED FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY



*OCDI Delegates and FPCL's Site Engineer in Lautoka*

FPCL's Management is pleased to announce a strategic collaboration between the Overseas Coastal Area Development Institute of Japan (OCDI) and the Pacific Community (SPC), uniting their expertise to deliver unparalleled guidance on port operations and maintenance policies throughout the Pacific region.

This ambitious initiative spans 11 ports, strategically located in 7 diverse countries, proudly including Fiji's vital maritime gateways. The overarching ambition is to lay the foundation for a sustainable maritime transportation ecosystem across the Pacific, achieved through the implementation of innovative strategies aimed at fortifying the resilience and optimizing the maintenance management of these pivotal ports. This multifaceted project will meticulously identify and address the maintenance and management challenges faced by key ports and harbors in the Pacific Island nations, ultimately culminating in the development of a robust and adaptive strategy.

The participating nations, a coalition of maritime nations, comprise Fiji, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Vanuatu, Tonga, Solomon Islands, and Samoa. The advisory team will conduct comprehensive assessments, delving deep into structural integrity, maintenance protocols, exhaustive design document appraisals, and on-site inspections, with the sole objective of pinpointing and resolving port maintenance management concerns at each target port.

## FIJI PORTS SIGNS MOU WITH MSAF



*FPCL Management together with the MSAF Senior Management during the MOU signing.*

In a promising development on the horizon, two pivotal entities within the maritime sector have joined forces to elevate maritime safety to new heights.

A significant milestone was observed as Mr. Josateki Tagi, the Executive Chairman of The Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji (MSAF), and Mr. Vajira Piyasena, the CEO of FPCL, affixed their signatures to a Memorandum of Understanding.

This formal agreement encompasses critical domains such as the enhancement of navigational safety, optimization of port operations, and the promotion of sustainable maritime practices.

With shared objectives and a mutual vision, this collaboration promises not only to set a higher standard for marine safety but also to unlock the door to groundbreaking initiatives that will benefit not only our maritime community but also the entire nation.

Exciting times lie ahead as these two entities come together to shape a safer, more efficient, and sustainable future for Fiji's maritime endeavors.

## ORGANISATIONAL RESILIENCE TRAINING FOR FIJI PORTS STAFF



*FPCL Staff members undergo the Organisational Resilience Training.*

The Quality Assurance Unit at FPCL consistently offers timely and effective support to all Departments and Units, whilst ensuring that its objectives and activities are aligned to FPCL's strategic goals.

In line with one of its 2023 departmental objectives, the Quality Assurance Unit conducted an organisation-wide awareness on the ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) adapted by FPCL.

FPCL employees were reminded of the benefits of the QMS and the responsibility that each staff held in ensuring that compliance to the QMS is always maintained.

FPCL's ISO 9001: 2015 Quality Management System certification cycle is valid till November 2025. However, annual surveillance audits are conducted by its External Audit partner, DNV, to verify and validate FPCL's compliance to the QMS.

## FIJI PORTS PARTICIPATES IN THE 45TH PACIFIC MARITIME TRANSPORT ALLIANCE CONFERENCE



*FPCL staff members during the PMTA meeting.*

FPCL's active participation in the prestigious Pacific Maritime Transport Alliance (PMTA) conference in the Solomon Islands demonstrates a steadfast dedication to fostering profound regional cooperation and collaboration within the maritime and transportation sectors throughout the Pacific expanse.

Operating under the overarching theme of "Climate Change - Sustainability and Resilience of Pacific Ports" the PMTA functions as an invaluable platform, uniting an eclectic array of maritime and transportation stakeholders hailing from numerous Pacific Island nations.

The principal objective of this distinguished assembly revolves around the contemplation of shared challenges, the exchange of exemplary

methodologies, and the steadfast advancement of sustainable development within the maritime industry.

Fiji Ports' robust engagement in the PMTA conference serves as a tangible testament to its proactive contributions and unwavering commitment to enhancing maritime transportation, fortifying connectivity, and catalyzing substantial economic progress among the sovereign nations of the Pacific Islands. This resounding commitment to the betterment of the maritime landscape reaffirms Fiji Ports' status as a vanguard in regional discourse, firmly dedicated to spearheading the advancement of maritime and transportation sectors on a broader, Pacific-wide scale.

## INTERNATIONAL ENTITIES COLLABORATE TO PROGRESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARITIME SINGLE WINDOW PROJECT



*Staff with meeting delegates of the Maritime Single Window Project.*

FPCL is, working in collaboration with prominent global entities such as The World Bank, the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and the Pacific Community (SPC), is actively advancing discussions on the implementation of the Maritime Single Window project across the Pacific region. This transformative endeavor aims to establish a centralized platform fostering seamless submission, processing, and sharing of crucial maritime documentation among diverse stakeholders including government bodies, shipping corporations, port authorities, customs agencies, and other pertinent entities.

The ultimate objective is to streamline trade operations, reduce administrative complexities, and enhance the fluidity of goods and information flow across borders. FPCL's involvement underscores a steadfast commitment to regional synergy, effective trade facilitation, and harnessing international expertise to execute the Maritime Single Window project.

These progressive initiatives hold immense potential to substantially bolster the economic progress and development of Pacific Island nations by optimizing the efficiency of their maritime trade processes.

## ONGOING TALKS ON SUVA PORT FEASIBILITY STUDY



*FPCL staff along with other participants at the workshop.*



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The Government of Fiji, in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), is actively exploring options to relocate the Suva Port or the reallocation of its primary functions to a new site.

The objective is to potentially establish an integrated port facility capable of accommodating container ships, fishing vessels, and shipbuilding activities, while repurposing the existing Suva Port primarily for cruise liners.

This strategic initiative is driven by the desire to enhance Fiji Ports' capacity to handle larger vessels and greater cargo volumes. A recent Suva Port Strategic Review Site Selection workshop, organized by the Ministry of Finance with ADB support, involved key stakeholders, including Fiji Ports' Board of Directors, and employed a multi-Criteria Analysis to shortlist potential relocation sites. Once a site is chosen, the forth studies will proceed with detailed feasibility and environmental studies to advance the project implementation.

## FIJI PORTS WORKING ON FOR BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLAN PROJECT

BMT Singapore has been contracted to spearhead the development of FPCL's highly anticipated Business Continuity Plan and Disaster Risk Management Plan. This vital initiative stands as an integral component of FPCL's overarching 5-Year Strategic Plan, ensuring seamless synergy with our long-term vision.

The contractual engagement is set to span a period of three months, culminating in the submission of their comprehensive final report around mid-October. BMT Singapore's dedicated team embarked upon their mission engaging in meetings and fruitful discussions with relevant Unit Heads and staff members. Moreover, they undertook a tour of our port facilities, under study in the intricacies of FPCL's operations, thereby affording them a comprehensive understanding of our organizational dynamics.

## FPCL CSR ACTIVITY



*FPCL staff with the teaching staff of Delaivalelevu Kindergarten.*

The Fiji Ports family once again showed their commitment and support of the local community as they mobilized staff to conduct painting and general maintenance work at the Delaivalelevu Mobile Kindergarten. After receiving a letter of request from the school's management, the company's social committee spearheaded the project, and this work was carried out over the course of two Saturdays.

The project will see children living within Delaivalelevu and its surrounding areas benefiting from the project as they will be able to a conducive school environment after the rehabilitation of their classrooms.

# FIJI SHIPS AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES LIMITED

## FIJI SHIPS AND HEAVY INDUSTRIES RECEIVES RECOGNITION AWARD AT FNU'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF APPRENTICESHIP IN FIJI



*FSHIL's Viliame Delai one of the two apprentice busy at work at the Walu Bay yard*

Fiji Ships Heavy Industries Limited (FSHIL), a major industrial and engineering enterprise providing diverse range of skills and services and specializes in ship repairs and maintenance received a prestigious recognition award during the grand commemoration of FNU's 60th Anniversary of Apprenticeship in Fiji, held at the Sheraton Fiji Resort in Nadi on August 18, 2023.

The accolade was graciously accepted by FSHIL's Acting Operations Manager Navinesh Kumar, a testament to the organization's unwavering dedication spanning over two and a half decades in championing the apprenticeship scheme in Fiji. This commendation underscores FSHIL's enduring commitment to nurturing and empowering local talents, as well as its pivotal role in advancing skill development within the Fijian workforce.

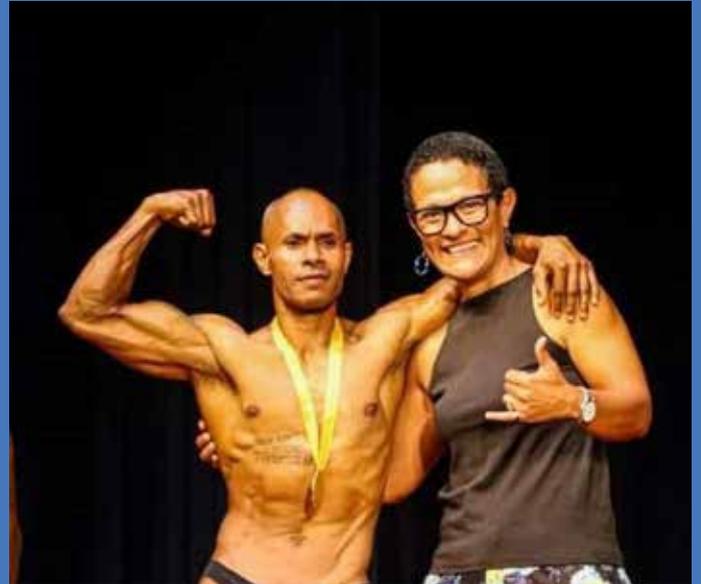
## FSHIL PROUD OF MATANIBUKALEVU'S PERFORMANCE AT BODY BUILDING COMPETITION.

The Fiji Ships and Heavy Industries Limited's management is proud of the achievements of one of its employees after he scooped the gold award during the 2023 Mr. Suva Body Building competition organized by the Fiji Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation.

The gold winner, Mr Anare Matanibukalevu is employed as a plumber/diver/fitter in the engineering department since 2014 and has represented Fiji during the 2018 South Pacific Games where he won the bronze medal in the Men's u65 category.

The hardworking Mr Matanibukalevu is known for his enthusiasm and maintains a very pleasant personality.

He is indeed an inspiration to us all when it comes to juggling between work, family, and fitness.



*Gold Medalist Anare Matanibukalevu during the Suva Body Building Competition.*

## NEW APPOINTMENTS



Shamal Chand-Bali (HR Business Analyst)



Filimoni Naliva (Enforcement Assistant Suva)



Inosi Nabuka (Site Engineer Lautoka)



Mariana Seini (Marketing Attache)



Debbie Maryan Kelepi (Projects Attache)



Vilitati Tuilawa (Pilot Boat Engineer)



Semisi Apakuki Kalidole (Electrician)



Kelepi Samuela (Pilot Boat Master)



Joseph Hickey (Electrician)