



WAVU NEWS

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EVENTS

FIJI PORTS RECEIVES ASSISTANCE FOR LAUTOKA PORT MASTER PLAN

On 30th April 2024, the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Hon. Sitiveni Rabuka and the Australian Minister for International Development and the Pacific, and Minister for Defence Industry, the Hon. Pat Conroy MP signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Port Infrastructure and Services and Cyber Security Cooperation. The MoU on Port Infrastructure and Services will provide the framework for cooperation on future investments to support Fiji's current and future maritime needs.

Fiji Ports Corporation Pte Limited (FPCL) expresses its sincere gratitude to the Australian Government for its support on the development and enhancement of Fiji's port infrastructure.

This grant funding will support the following current projects in Lautoka: Lautoka Foreshore Redevelopment – Options development report for a total land mass of 4.2 Ha along the Lautoka Foreshore, and Lautoka Port Master Plan – a study that will define development pathways for Lautoka Port. The delegation had the meeting at the Port of Lautoka facility, where they had the opportunity to observe some of the ongoing development projects carried out.



Both Ministers at the signing of the MoU

FPCL Management team with the AIFPP team

INTER-AGENCY COLLABORATION TO PROMOTE AWARENESS ON MARITIME INDUSTRY

In collaboration with The Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji (MSAF), FPCL hosted The University of the South Pacific School of Marine Studies students at its head office on 24th May, followed by Port of Suva tour. The students had the opportunity to learn about the different roles both organizations play in the maritime industry, as well as gather better insights and understanding of international requirements and regulations, and its significance in the maritime industry in Fiji.



USP students with FPCL and MSAF team

FPCL CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR WOMEN IN MARITIME

Together with its key stakeholders, FPCL observed global celebration for Women in Maritime on 18th May at Port Denarau in Nadi. Observed globally each year on 18th May, IDWIM aims to promote the recruitment, retention and empowerment of women in the sector as well as create a barrier free work environment. With this year's theme, "Safe Horizons: Women Shaping the Future of Maritime Safety", the celebration recognized the crucial role women play in enhancing safety measures, whether through their roles as seafarers, maritime professionals or in leadership positions.



Some of FPCL Lautoka Port staff with guests during the IDWIM celebrations in Nadi

FPCL PARTICIPATES AT THE ASIA AND THE PACIFIC TRANSPORT FORUM & GREEN PORTS AND SHIPPING

Fiji Ports Corporation Pte Limited FPCL participated at the Asia and the Pacific Transport Forum 2024 and Green Ports and Shipping from 14th to 17th May at the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Headquarters in Manila, Philippines. This year's event is entitled "Clean Transport for All," and focused on ADB as the climate bank and how the transport sector can decarbonize and ensure climate resilience of transport infrastructure.



FPCL's Manager Planning & Strategy Implementation, Florence Nand with participates at the Green Ports and Shipping

FPCL PARTICIPATES AT THE PACIFIC BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY SEMINAR

FPCL had the opportunity to participate at the Pacific Business Opportunities Seminar organised by the Asian Development Bank in Nadi from 22nd – 24th May. The seminar was also attended by the Pacific Island Countries government representatives, Austrade, DFAT, World bank, MFAT, PRIF, NZTE, AIFPP and key private stakeholders. The seminar provided an opportunity to access information on: (i) upcoming infrastructure tender and bidding opportunities in 2024-2026, (ii) major project highlights (ii) update on country procurement system and business opportunities, and (iv) Updates from ADB, World Bank, Australia, New Zealand, US, JICA and EU.



FPCL's Manager Projects, Krishnit Charan at the seminar

FPCL PARTICIPATES AT THE INDO PACIFIC SMART AND SECURE PORTS RISK ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

FPCL recently participated in an important workshop centered around supply chain security and risk mitigation strategies, as part of the Indo Pacific Smart and Secure Ports Program. This workshop primarily focused on the implementation of Minimum-Security Criteria (MSC) and aimed to develop effective security practices within the supply chain and strategies to mitigate cargo risk.

Key discussions revolved around the implementation of Minimum-Security Criteria (MSC), which serve as a framework for establishing robust security measures within port facilities and throughout the supply chain. Participants explored various risk assessment strategies and best practices to identify vulnerabilities and enhance security measures effectively.



FPCL's Risk & Compliance Analyst, Jope Serea with participants at the workshop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

MARITIME SECURITY COMMITTEE RETREAT

FPCL participated in a workshop/retreat organized by the Ministry of Home Affairs & Immigration and the United Nations Development Programme office in the Pacific. The retreat brought together key stakeholders from various maritime agencies to discuss and strategize on maritime security matters. The retreat took place at The Pearl Resort on 4th – 5th June 2024, providing a conducive environment for collaborative discussions and planning.

The main objective of the retreat was to facilitate the drafting of a Maritime Security Work Plan aligned with the Fiji Maritime Agencies Co-operation Framework. This work plan will serve as guidance in developing a comprehensive Maritime Security Strategy. At the workshop, the Terms of Reference for MSC was reviewed collectively and agencies explored traditional and non-traditional maritime security threats as a platform for consideration when developing the Work Plan. The collaboration from Maritime Agencies is important. At the workshop, discussions ensued on the roles and responsibilities of each agency together with their relevant governing legislations, gaps and challenges that the MSC will need to consider in its deliberations. All maritime agencies were represented at the workshop.



FPCL's Legal Officer, Vinaina Diroi, Port Facility & Security Officers from Suva and Lautoka Port at the MSC Retreat.

PROJECTS UPDATE

QUEEN'S WHARF REHABILITATION PROJECT

The Queen's Wharf Rehabilitation Project at Lautoka Port involves several key construction activities, including steel reinstatement works and gunite works, along with the completion of ramp demolition and clearing by the contractor.

These activities are crucial for enhancing the safety, functionality, and longevity of the Queen's Wharf. Successful completion of these upgrades will result in improved structural integrity ensuring the wharf can support its intended loads and withstand environmental stresses, extended service life i.e. protecting the wharf from future damage and reducing the need for frequent repairs and enhanced usability by providing a safer and more efficient facility for its users.

The rehabilitation project aims to restore and upgrade the wharf to meet current and future demands, contributing to the economic and operational effectiveness of Lautoka's port infrastructure.



Steel reinstatement works below local wharf



Gunite works to reinstate soffits below Lautoka local wharf



Demolished ramp and cleared site

KING'S WHARF SOUTH UPGRADE/SHED 3 PAVEMENT PROJECTS

The King's Wharf South Upgrade and Shed 3 Pavement Projects involve significant preparatory and initial construction activities aimed at improving the infrastructure and operational efficiency of King's Wharf.

Facilitation of Pre-qualification Site Meeting held on 29th May 2024

This meeting was intended for potential contractors interested in bidding for the King's Wharf South Upgrade and Shed 3 Pavement Projects. Key aspects of the project such as project overview, site walkthrough, prequalification requirements and Q&A session was discussed by FPCL's Projects Team.

Kick-off Meeting and Preliminary Site Investigation held on 29th May 2024

This marks the formal start of the King's Wharf South Upgrade project with involvement from the detail design consultants.

Site Mobilization and Contractor OHS Induction for Shed 3 Demolition Project held on 5th June 2024

These activities focused on preparing the site and ensuring safety compliance for the Shed 3 Demolition Project.



Prequalification site meeting



King's Wharf Site inspection



Shed 3 Demolition Project Contractor OHS Induction

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTANTS ON THE DETERMINATION OF CARBON FOOTPRINT AND MAPPING AN EMISSION REDUCTION TRAJECTORY PATHWAY FOR FPCL FACILITIES

As a premier port management entity in Fiji, FPCL has embarked on a series of environmental and sustainability projects, thereby reinforcing its leadership in these domains. Building upon established best practices such as solar installations, solar upgrades, HVAC enhancements, and the adoption of a green purchasing policy, FPCL has taken proactive measures to monitor its carbon footprint and establish more stringent

targets for emissions reduction.

In order to achieve this, FPCL engaged the services of an external consultant from Australia, specializing in environmental consulting. This collaboration was aimed at determining the carbon footprint and charting a course towards reducing emissions across FPCL facilities. Through this initiative, FPCL is now fully informed and actively aligning with Fiji's national carbon emissions abatement target, also known as the nationally determined contribution.

By undertaking these measures, FPCL demonstrates to the international community its commitment to being a Smart and Green port in the South Pacific, thereby setting a benchmark in environmental responsibility and sustainable practices.



Consultant making his presentation during the stakeholder consultation



FPCL staff with stakeholders during the consultation

LEARNING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

FPCL SPONSORS USP GRADUATION AWARDS - OUTSTANDING BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING (CIVIL) GRADUATE

FPCL has been sponsoring the University of the South Pacific's (USP) Graduation Awards since 2023, demonstrating a strong commitment to supporting education and recognizing academic excellence in the region. This initiative reflects FPCL's commitment to fostering the development of future professionals and leaders.

FPCL began its sponsorship of the USP Graduation Awards in 2023, aligning with its corporate social responsibility goals. The sponsorship aims to encourage and reward outstanding academic achievements, particularly in fields critical to regional development, such as engineering.

In the April 2024 Graduation Awards, FPCL sponsored the Award for Outstanding Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) Graduate. This award is given to a top-performing student who has demonstrated exceptional academic performance, technical skills, and a commitment to the field of civil engineering.

FPCL is honored to sponsor the USP Graduation Award and extends its heartfelt congratulations to all graduates. FPCL acknowledges the hard work, dedication, and perseverance required to achieve academic excellence and is proud to support the next generation of engineers and professionals.



USP Vice Chancellor Professor Pal Ahluwalia, FPCL Manager Human Capital Services - Dushan Karunaratne, Outstanding Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) Award recipient and FPCL Training & Talent Development Officer Salote Boila

ISPS AUDIT PREPARATIONS

In preparation for FPCL's official audit by relevant authorities, management collaborated with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) to conduct a voluntary audit on International Ship and Port Facility Security code (ISPS), leveraging their expertise in maritime security. This initiative was aimed to assess FPCL's compliance with ISPS code requirements and enhance the capacity of FPCL's staff in security management.

FPCL staff members actively participated in the audit alongside the SPC team, providing them with firsthand experience and insights into the audit process. The voluntary audit not only facilitated the audit process but also served as a valuable capacity-building opportunity for FPCL staff, enhancing their understanding of ISPS requirements and security management practices.



FPCL staff with SPC ISPS audit facilitators

PORT SECURITY TRAINING

The annual port security training, facilitated by the Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji (MSAF) and conducted by the US Coast Guard, serves as a crucial component of ongoing training and professional development for port security personnel. FPCL's Port Facility & Security Officer (Suva) and CCTV Operator (Suva) attended the training with the focus on gaining improved skills and knowledge, making them better equipped to handle security challenges and emergencies at the port, providing exposure to the latest security protocols and practices ensures that the port's security measures remain robust and effective and building a network of security professionals facilitates ongoing collaboration and support, strengthening overall security efforts.



Participants at the Port Security Training

ISO 50001:2018 ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TRAINING

In line with its commitment to environmental sustainability and best practices, FPCL has embarked on an exciting journey to integrate the ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management System into its Integrated Management System framework. This strategic initiative intends to enhance FPCL's energy efficiency through reduced energy consumption practices.

An online training workshop to understand the requirements of the new standard was conducted by FPCL's third party audit body Det Norske Veritas (DNV) on 4th and 5th June 2024. A total of ten (10) FPCL staff participated in this informative session. FPCL hopes to implement the Energy Management System framework at the earliest.



FPCL staff during the exercise to develop ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management System at FPCL

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

FIJI PORTS COMMEMORATES WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Annually 5th June, marks the recognition of World Environment Day – a day dedicated to raising awareness and serving as a global platform for promoting action on urgent environmental issues.

Fiji Ports actively participates in World Environment Day, aligning with our 5 Year Strategic Plan and Green Port Master Plan, and with our commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability. In collaboration with the Ministry of Forestry and local community, Suvavou Village, Fiji Ports undertook a tree planting initiative, to combat climate change, preserve biodiversity and enhancing the quality of life for the local community.

As part of FPCL's Corporate Social Responsibility activities, working with the local community fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility towards environmental conservation. It also provides educational opportunities about the importance of planting trees and sustainability.



FPCL staff with Suvavou community planting trees to commemorate World Environment Day

RECOGNITIONS

FIJI PORTS RECEIVES RECOGNITION AT FIJI BUSINESS EXCELLENCE 25TH SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Being the Business Excellence President's Award recipient for 2023, it was an honor for FPCL to be recognized at the Fiji Business Excellence 25th Silver Jubilee celebrations at Grand Pacific Hotel in Suva. This auspicious event, 2024 Fiji Business Excellence Awards (FBEA) was officiated by His Excellency, President Ratu Wiliame Katonivere, where ten other past winners were also recognized for their commitment towards business excellence and presented with President's Award Circle Member.



FPCL team with His Excellency, President Ratu Wiliame Katonivere at FBEA 25th Silver Jubilee celebrations



Fiji Ports has received following awards in previous years:

2015 – Fiji Business Excellence Awards: Achievement in Business Excellence
2016 – Fiji Business Excellence Awards: Fiji Business Excellence Prize
2023 - Fiji Business Excellence Awards: President's Business Excellence Award
2023 - Fiji Business Excellence Awards: Green Sustainability Award for overall environmental stewardship & commitment to environmental excellence

PORT OF LAUTOKA NOMINATED AS THE OCEANIA'S BEST CRUISE TERMINAL 2024

FPCL is excited to share that Port of Lautoka has been nominated as Oceania's Best Cruise Terminal 2024 at the World Cruise Awards. For three consecutive years, Port of Suva has won the Oceania's Best Cruise Terminal 2021, 2022 and 2023. Your vote means a lot to us! Cast your vote now by clicking on the link below: <https://worldcruiseawards.com/award/oceaniabest-cruise-terminal/2024>



FAREWELLS

FPCL recently bid farewell to Coordinator Engineering Projects, Mehul Segaran on 7th June who had joined Suva office in September 2021 as Site Engineer. FPCL extends its gratitude to Mehul for his valuable contributions during their tenure and wishes him the very best in his future endeavors. May he find success and fulfillment in his new endeavors, as he ventures towards new horizons overseas.



Mehul with management and staff during his farewell function

UPDATES FROM FSHIL

FSHIL signed four (4) new apprentices on 10th May 2024 in presence of National Apprenticeship Team from FNU, Apprentices Parents and FSHIL Management Team. Apprentices have been recruited in Fitting & Machining, Welding & Fabrication and Carpentry trades. FSHIL has supported the National Apprenticeship Scheme for the last 26 years and continues to invest in the scheme to develop skilled and knowledgeable workforce for future.

