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DHL Express Fiji Ltd scooped the coveted President's Award at the Fiji National University's 2011 Fiji Excellence in Business Awards at the Sheraton Fiji Resort over the weekend.

The group was only the third company to have been awarded the prestigious recognition of the country's top businesses.

Elaborating on the company's success strategies, DHL Fiji Limited Mr Taylor said DHL had gone through a long process to get to the point of success.

"We hope we don't have to wait as long as the All Blacks had to wait until another win. People want to join an organisation they could have a sense of belonging in," he said.

This year marked the awards 13th year in existence since being launched back in 1998 and to date around 116 awards have been presented to around 70 organisations.

Meanwhile in opening the event, The President Ratu Epeli Nailatikau said the organizations that were recognized on the evening had an insatiable desire to win.

He said these organizations had coherent game plans and have visionary leaders at the helm to see that these plans are executed

"But to enable them to achieve that, they had come with a strategy to win. They had visionary leadership, and most of all they worked as a team to implement their strategy," he said.

This year the FBEA secretariat had moved from using the Australian-based business excellence model, to the renowned MalcomBaldrige framework for business excellence from the US.

This year 10 organisations were recognised at any one of the four levels of recognition and were first lot of applicants that had been assessed using the Malcom Baldrige framework.

List of winners at the FBEA 2011

Fiji Business Excellence - President's Award 2011- DHL Express Fiji Ltd

Fiji Business Excellence Prize- FEA, Mark One Apparel

Achievement in Business Excellence:

-LICI

-Sigatoka Town Council

-Suva City Council

Natures Way Cooperative

Commitment to Business Excellence:

Ashabhai and Company Ltd

Office of the Auditor General

Public Service Commission-Training Division Department

The vision of the Fiji Business Excellence Awards Secretariat, which has the responsibility of administering the Awards program, is to create world-class organisations and bring about a better quality of life for our people