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NTPC LAUNCHES ISO45001 OHS MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Suva, Fiji Islands. The Fiji National University's (FNU) National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC) launched the ISO 45001 OHS management systems training in Suva today.

This training program is designed to help organisations understand the requirements of ISO45001:2018 OHS Management System and its implementation.

Director NTPC, Dr Isimeli Tagicakiverata said the program was beneficial to organisations currently operating on customized OHSMS but wish to become fully ISO45001:2018 certified.

Dr Tagicakiverata said since organisations were responsible for the health and safety of its workers including the promotion and protection of their physical and psychological health, the adoption of an OHS management system would be a strategic decision for organisation's to help improve its OHS performance.

Some of the benefits for organisation's implementing this OHS management system (ISO45001:2018) are :

- a) The ability to consistently prevent injury and/or ill health to workers
- b) Facilitate safe and healthy workplaces
- c) Take effective preventative and protective measures.

NTPC through its Division of Business and Information Technology has provided OHS training and consultancy services over the years. Each year, NTPC trains over 1000 workers in the area of OHS.

Following the two-day training, OHS officers will be able to Identify and explain the purpose and role of the OHS Management System (OHSMS) Interpret the ISO45001:2018 requirements.

New Zealand based consultant Michael Voss said Fijian organisations undertaking the training would be at an advantage to understand the current OHS practice and how to meet the requirements of this ISO 45001 standard.

"The best thing about this ISO 45001 standards is that it's only for OHS management systems. It is important that we have international recognised standards working in your country," Mr Voss said.

In March this year (2018) the International Organisation for Standardisation, had published its global standard on OHS, ISO45001.

33 participants from 15 organisations around the country are attending the two-day workshop at the Derrick Campus, Samabula.

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