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NTPC partners with Fiji Fashion Week

Suva, Fiji Islands.

The Fiji National University's National Training & Productivity Centre will continue to support the Fiji Fashion Week (FFW) in its quest to up-skill and promote local designers.

The NTPC works closely with Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) in promoting its short term trainings to ensure that they are well equipped for the business world.

Director NTPC Doctor Isimeli Tagicakiverata said one of NTPC's core function was to provide training and up-skilling to the industry and also support locally made products.

Dr Tagicakiverata said NTPC would continue to support initiatives undertaken by the Fiji Fashion Week in terms of providing the venue and classroom facilities to facilitate the Designers Workshop Series scheduled to begin later this week.

The NTPC offers trainings that are collaboratively developed with its industry partners and stakeholders including short courses in pattern making, garment production and more that would benefit anyone wanting to be a dressmaker, pattern maker, sample hand, machinist or fashion designer.

"We had partnered with the Fiji Fashion Week to co-sponsor the Fiji Fashion Week Workshop Made in Fiji - New Horizons - Going Global last month. This was a success and NTPC welcomes the second stage of training that will take place later this week," Dr Tagicakiverata said.

"Our short courses are vetted and endorsed by the Industry Advisory Committees (IACs) so that they remain relevant and current to our local industry's training needs. The FFW workshop organisers were impressed with our professional facilities in the classroom that created a pleasant learning environment and team's assistance through the last training and have asked to partner with NTPC again.'

Fiji Fashion Week Managing Director Ellen Whippy-Knight commended NTPC on its partnership and its vision and understanding of the importance of higher education.

Around 30 participants are expected to participate in the second stage of the FJFW Designers Workshop Series this Friday February 23rd through to Sunday February 25th. Stage 2 is expected to focus on the actual design of their collections, fabric choices, story boards and fashion illustration, developing a range and pattern making.

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