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NTPC remains committed to its industry partners

Suva, Fiji Islands. The Fiji National University's National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC) remains committed to its partnership with industry stakeholders by providing relevant and tailor made in-service trainings to suit the needs of individual organisations.

The NTPC is the national organisation mandated to spearhead skills training in Fiji and provides in-service trainings and consultancies, offering more than 2000 short to medium courses each year with the objective to continuously build a healthy national workforce.

NTPC Director Dr Isimeli Tagicakiverata said the Centre conducted short courses in a diverse range of areas through its three formal training divisions: the Division of Business and Information Technology, the Division of Executive Management and Hospitality Services and the Division of Technical Training.

Dr Tagicakiverata said NTPC will continue to work closely with its industry partners and the Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) by offering courses that will strengthen employees' capabilities and enhance productivity.

"This year we have noted an increase in requests for in-house trainings. Organisations mostly require customised tailor made courses which is relevant to their work. This is a good sign as it shows that our partners are engaging with us to help them to upskill their employees," 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. These in-service training uses real-life examples, problems, and challenges that these organisations encounter daily at work. The trainings help identify the exact skills and knowledge that participants need to succeed in their jobs. It also prepares employees for success in their next job or tasks."

So far this year, the NTPC's Department of Information Technology has held in-house trainings for the following organisations:

1. Fiji Bureau of Statistics
2. Fiji Sugar Corporation
3. BSP Life
4. Asco Motors
5. Vinod Patel
6. Freight Services Ltd
7. Nestle (Fiji) Ltd
8. Douglas Pharmaceuticals Fiji Ltd
9. Fiji Gas Ltd
10. Raffe Hotels and Resorts

In commending the NTPC for its services, ASCO Motors Regional Manager – West, Maika Moce stated through the partnership they were seeing positive response from staff.

“NTPC aligned our training to our business operations. Many of its short courses are relevant to our business operations and it assists in our planning, presentations and overall processes of our company,” Mr Moce said.

Raffe Hotels and Resorts Group Training and Development Manager Litea Matakibau said NTPC’s partnership provided an opportunity to continuously upskill their entire team.

“The trainings at NTPC especially in excel trainings are directly relevant to our work and our team was able to learn easy ways to perform their everyday activities with excel,” Ms Matakibau said.

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