

24th National Convention on Quality begins in Nadi



FNU Vice-Chancellor Professor Nigel Healey, Permanent Secretary of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations, Osea Cawaru and NTPC Director Dr Isimeli Tagicakiverata during the opening of the 24th National Convention on Quality.

Eight organisations from the public and private sector will be competing before an audience of 150 with the theme of “Sustainable Productivity” during the National Convention on Quality (NCQ), which is currently being held at the Fiji National University’s (FNU) Namaka Campus on 3 and 4 October. The organisations will be making presentations before a panel of experts on their best practices while using productivity techniques Quality Control Circles (QCC).

Chief Guest and the Permanent Secretary of Employment, Productivity and Industrial Relations, Osea Cawaru said events and discussion forums like NCQ are vital catalysts towards the growth and development of Fiji’s economy.

“I am glad to note that over the past decade, the Quality Control Circles in Fiji have contributed millions of dollars in savings, reduced wastage and developed new products and revenues through a multitude of QCC projects,” he said.

PS Cawaru said QCCs help nurture the spirit of innovation by, “sending a message that deep, thoughtful understanding of the work can make a difference.”

While delivering the welcome address, FNU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nigel Healey said FNU through the NTPC is mandated by the FNU Act

to “carry out a range of key functions aimed at raising productivity in the nation”.

Professor Healey said the NCQ had become an essential event in NTPC’s calendar of events as it “brings together quality and productivity practitioners who have experienced success in implementing productivity tools”.

The VC also commented on the appropriateness of this year’s theme of “Sustainable Productivity” stating that given the growing public alarm at the scale of the global crisis and Fiji’s leadership role in curbing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting the world’s oceans, “it is clear that everything we do in terms of improving productivity and sustainability needs to be environmentally sustainable and help to minimise our carbon footprint”.

The NCQ is currently being live-streamed by Telecom Fiji Limited (TFL) and can be accessed via their free stream section:

<https://my.tfl.com.fj/index.php?route=channels&action=open&stream=b5038238c6eeb3f916769aa52568d6d8>

The event concludes this afternoon with an award ceremony acknowledging the best performing teams during the NCQ.



Participants at the 24th National Convention on Quality currently being held at FNU’s Namaka Campus