

## Resort staff undertake Leadership and Management training



*The TAFE NSW Advanced Diploma in Leadership and Management class.*

**T**wenty-three supervisors and middle managers from two of Fiji's top resorts have enrolled in the Advanced Diploma of Leadership and Management programme offered by Fiji National University's (FNU) National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC).

This is also the first time NTPC is delivering its internationally recognised qualification to employees of Uprising Beach Resort and The Pearl on the South Pacific from Pacific Harbour.

Classes for the one and half year programme commenced last week.

According to Uprising Beach Resort Manager Rusiate Naulivou, all staff attending the course were quite excited.

He said the re-location of the training to Deuba enabled senior staff from both resorts to participate in the training.

"Our Directors and Management are very supportive of this initiative," said Naulivou.

"It's been long overdue. We needed this programme and are really grateful to NTPC for being able to facilitate this for our employees from the Serua – Namosi corridor."

"There will be no pressure in travelling to Suva to attend classes. It's now at our doorsteps. The other plus factor is that majority of our employees have been in the industry for quite long without a formal qualification. Therefore the outcome of this programme will certainly boost the morale of our employees."

Director NTPC, Dr Isimeli Tagicakiverata said one of the Centre's core functions is to provide quality training opportunities to employees across Fiji.

"This is a great opportunity for all parties. We are glad to have this partnership and collaboration with the Pearl Resort, and Uprising Beach Resort. This will be the first of many more partnerships for NTPC to deliver a qualification course by FNU/NTPC in Pacific Harbour," he said.

NTPC's Acting Deputy Director, Business and Information Technology, Amrish Narayan said the programme will provide participants with a greater insight into how to become effective leaders, manage teams and have the ability to problem solve.

"I am sure the participants will learn a lot from this TAFE accredited programme. All the participants have a lot of work experience and I'm sure that they will be able to apply their hands-on knowledge and experience to the learning in the classroom." Narayan said.