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Raising the standards in the delivery of Elections in Fiji

Technical Advisor, Brandon Clarkin, conducting training for the EOs

10,113 Applicants Complete EO Training

As of 30th November 2017, 10,113 applicants who applied to become Election Officials, have completed training.

Out of these 10,113 applicants, 1,400 received their training in the North, a total of 4,985 were trained in the Central Division, 3,204 in the West and 524 in the Eastern Division.

Of all the applicants who had been trained, 3,117 were males and 7,086 were females.

Read more on:
http://www.feo.org.fj/7040-applicants-complete-election-officials-training/

Server Room

AWEB Upgrades Server Room

The Association of World Election Bodies (AWEB) Team from Korea, performed major network security upgrades to our Server Room. Additional layer of security was added to the Fijian Elections Office network where external network users can access only what is exposed in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). ired numbers for the Central and Western Divisions.

Read more on:
http://www.feo.org.fj/aweb-upgrades-server-room/

Certificate of Citizenship accepted for Registration

Fijians can register to vote using their Certificate of Citizenship as a valid document provided they are over 18 years of age.

Those who have dual citizenships and are now living in Fiji or overseas can use the document to register as a Voter.

Read more on:
http://www.feo.org.fj/certificate-of-citizenship-accepted-for-overseas-voter-registration/

REPUBLIC OF FIJI

Certificate of Citizenship

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the Citizenship of Fiji Decree# 23, 2009,
I hereby grant:

(Full Name)

(Date of Birth/ Place of Birth)

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE NO:
DATED AT THIS DAY OF

JOSAIA VOREQE BAINIMARAMA
HONORABLE MINISTER FOR IMMIGRATION

SAMPLE

Tarai (right) conducting registration in Australia

Overseas Voter Registration Update

The Fijian Elections Office, from the month of October to December, sent its staff to conduct registration and provide other Voter services to Fijians living overseas.

In spite of the difficulties faced, the teams still managed to register more than six hundred and ninety six (696) new Voters. In total, the FEO Staff provided voter services to more than 2900 Fijians.

The FEO would like to thank the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other stakeholders for their assistance.

Read more on:
http://www.feo.org.fj/overseas-voter-registration-drive-update/

QUARTERLY GALLERY

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FEO Staff enjoying sports on Fiji Day

AWEB hands over Touch Screen Voting machines

Over 25,000 trade union members can now vote and know the results of their elections within a day.This comes after negotiations with the Association of World Elections Bodies in 2015 saw the handing over of fifty (50) Touch Screen Voting machines on the 23rd of November 2018.

The FEO conducts up to 100 elections for Trade Unions in the country and these machines are specifically for use in these elections. In fact, the FEO has conducted more than 200 elections for trade unions to date since 2014.

While officiating at the handing over ceremony, Electoral Commission chairperson, Mr Suresh Chandra said "the technology will simplify the election processes, minimises cost and saves time".

He added, "it is just a mere opportunity for us just to explore what technologies are there in elections so that we can test it on small scale elections".

Read more on:
http://www.feo.org.fj/overseas-voter-registration-drive-update/

EC Chairman, Suresh Chandra and Mr Seongbae Kang, AWEB Director General with the Touch Sreen Voting machine

SoE, Mr Mohammed Saneem briefing the internationl community

FEO Briefs International Community

On the 23rd of November, the Fijian Elections Office conducted a briefing to the International Community regarding the preparation in the lead up to the 2018 General Election.

Heads of Missions and Senior Representatives attended this briefing which was opened by the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission, Mr Suresh Chandra. In his remarks he stated, "It is ideal for us to talk elections and election preparation progress one (1) month before the election year proper".

The Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem, presented at the briefing on key components of the election preparations. Specific topics such as ongoing voter registration, election operations framework, election staffing and training requirements, political party interactions and capacity building, as well as technological and ICT enhancements were covered.

Read more on:
http://www.feo.org.fj/feo-briefs-international-community-reps/

OCTOBER

Postal Voting Mock exercise

Solo and Kaushal conducting registration in Christchurh, New Zealand

Tender for Election Materials

Ballot Paper printing is one of the Tendered Items

Tenders have been invited by the Fijian Elections Office for the printing of Ballot Papers, provision of Postal Voting Courier Services and supply of Polling Station Sheds. Expression of interest for the supply of motor vehicles has also been advertised.

The Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem advises that, "in accordance with section 13 of the Electoral Act, all suppliers and contractors of the FEO must remain apolitical and must not engage in any political or campaign activity whilst engaged by the FEO".

Video available here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ebkcb5M-uE

FEO Promotes Movember

Nineteen (19) male workers of the Fijian Elections Office [FEO] got their mustaches shaved last month as the Prostate Cancer Awareness celebration concluded at the FEO headquarters on 30th November.

While addressing the staff, Mr Turagaiviu remarked that males should not shy away from taking Prostate Cancer Tests as this disease can have a negative effect in one's life in the long run.

Read more on:
http://www.feo.org.fj/feo-promotes-movember/

FEO Male Staff after shaving their moustaches

Awareness Picks up Momentum

Awareness staff conducting awareness at Tacirua

Voter awareness has become a crucial and important function of the Fijian Elections Office. In light of this, the Awareness team has started to conduct voter info sessions in Suva, Naitasiri, and Rewa.

This is a build up to the major **Know Your Election Awareness Drive that** will be conducted nationwide early next year to prepare the voters before Election Day.

Read more on:
http://www.feo.org.fj/ministry-of-youth-youth-empowerment-voter-awareness-session/

OCTOBER

Writ to writ workshop at GPH

Staff dress up for Diwali

Political Campaigning Framework

As we gear up towards the 2018 General Election, we will witness increased political campaign activities around the country. There will be increased mobilization of political figures as well as seminars and related events by political parties and their nominees.

It is therefore important for the Fijian Elections Office to remind the Political parties, their nominees and their workers to adhere to the Electoral Act 2014, the Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) Act, and the Code of Conduct.

Read more on: http://www.feo.org.fj/political-campaigning-framework/

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Political Parties (Registration, Conduct, Funding and Disclosures) Act 2013

Teachers recruitment at Holy Trinity

Special Recruitment for Teachers

We have received five hundred and twenty two (522) applications from teachers as of 30th November. We have 299 applications from the Central Division, 153 from the Western Division and 70 from the North.

School teachers are recruited to be our back-up staff on Election Day. However, they must still apply, so that they can sit the test and go through the training. The Fijian Elections Office hopes to conduct their training in January so as not to affect the school schedules.

Video available here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PmDyPXWMs8

FEO conducts Election Officials Recruitment Drive Phase II

The Fijian Elections Office is now into Phase II of its Election Officials Recruitment Drive and this time teams will be visiting rural areas such as Naqali and Vunidawa in Naitasiri, Vatukoula in Tavua, Seaqaqa and Nabouwalu in Vanua Levu.

This is done to ensure that those who were not able to attend the first Recruitment drive to do so.

For more on:
http://www.feo.org.fj/election-officials-recruitment-drive-phase-ii/

Recruitment Phase II at Naqali District School

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Electoral Commissioners meet with DFAT NZ

Fijians living in Perth get registered

FEO Staff in Korea

FEO Team Trained in Korea

Twenty (20) staff from the Fijian Elections Office were sent to South Korea in October, for training on the use Of Touchscreen Voting machines.

Apart from the hands on experience with the Touch Screen Voting Machines, the group was also provided a glimpse into the lifestyle and culture of South Korea.

Read more on:
http://www.feo.org.fj/feo-team-trained-in-korea/

FEO celebrates Fiji Day

The Fijian Elections Office was a sea of blue and white as staff members donned their national colors celebrating Fiji's 47 years of Independence from Great Britain.

This year's Fiji Day celebration was significant for FEO as it works towards delivering the 2018 General Election.

Sports was incorporated into the program moving with the theme of wellness.

Staff were treated to a light lunch before everyone made their way to Nehru Primary School for sporting activities.

Finance Staff cutting the Fiji Day's cake

FEO Staff in Diwali mood

FEO Celebrates Diwali through Lights, Love and Joy

Diwali is undoubtedly one of the most significant festivals celebrated in Fiji and around the world to demarcate victory of good over evil. Celebrating this festival at workplaces has definitely emerged as one of the biggest employee engagement initiatives in the country over many years. Similarly, Diwali was celebrated in a grand way at the Fijian Elections Office this year like many years in the past.

Read more on:
http://www.feo.org.fj/feo-celebrates-diwali-through-lights-love-and-joy/

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FEO Staff showing support for Breast Cancer

Nauru EC Chairman and Lomcebo Dlamini from Switzerland reading the Lavetiviti

Industrial Elections

Section 154 of the Electoral Act 2014, states that the Fijian Elections Office shall be responsible for the conduct of elections of all registered Trade Unions, municipalities and such other elections as determined by the Minister responsible for elections.

There are altogether 47 registered Trade Unions in Fiji. In this year alone, the Fijian Elections Office has conducted 24 National Elections and a 100 Branch Elections. Out of all these elections, 60% were contested, and 40% were uncontested.

Read more on: http://www.feo.org.fj/industrial-elections-2/

FEO signs MOU with FNU Alumni Association

A first for all University Alumni in Fiji. The Fijian Elections Office will now conduct elections for the Fiji National University Alumni Association.

Members of the Alumni Association will get to elect their office bearers using the new Touch Screen Voting machines donated by the Association of World Election Bodies (AWEB).

SoE and FNU Vice Chancellor, Nigel Healey

Unity Fiji and Fiji Labour Party at the Political Parties workshop

Political Parties Attend Workshop

In the last week of October, the Fijian Elections Office, organized a series of workshops for all the registered Political Parties.

The Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem, opened this series of workshops by advising the participants that "we are not here to talk about changes to the law, rather we are here to talk about the processes within the law".

The participants commented that the sessions were very informative and helpful as they prepare for the upcoming 2018 General Election.

Read more on: http://www.feo.org.fj/political-parties-attend-workshop/

NOVEMBER

Election Officials Training

Mr Edwin Nand shaves for Movember

FEO Supports Pinktober

SILENT KILLER

2018 is the establishment year;
Asilika Masikolikoli has no fear;
Minutes of meeting made it clear;
FEEC brought us so near.

27 October I will remember;
3.00 pm is the time we gather;
Five dollars or more is your share;
Together we come for a common care.

FEO has started today;
Fill a plate so someone pays;
Cancer patients are at stake;
Help the needy, place coins in these plates.

Cancer society is the foundation,
Making cancer known to our nation,
Assisting patients with their donation,
Thank you FEO for your consideration.

To listen to the full poem, go to:
https://youtu.be/ZD9F-NOt_I8

Lavetiviti in Schools

Lavetiviti, the Fijian Elections Office (FEO) official newsletter will be distributed to all School and University libraries from January 2018.

The newsletter is a quarterly production that is named after the late Elenoa Lavetiviti, which literally means to Uplift Fiji.

Read more on:
http://www.feo.org.fj/vote-of-thanks-by-the-supervisor-of-elections-during-the-launch-of-the-votercard-2-0-the-fiji-national-polling-venue-directories-and-the-new-fi

Lavetiviti - FEO's official Newsltter

SoE Features on '4 the Record'

In anticipation of the 2018 General Election, the Supervisor of Elections and his staff are committed to raising awareness and informing all Fijians on what we are going to do or what to expect on Election Day.

Such an opportunity presented itself when Mr Saneem featured on "4 the Record". He answered questions relating to electoral matters and elaborated on the preparations undertaken by his office to ensure that the 2018 General Election is free and fair.

Watch video on:
https://youtu.be/xPCYzk04Fz0

Mr Mohammed Saneem on '4 the Record'

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FEEC Team Supporting Pinktober

Election of FSMed Student Association FNU Pasifica Campus

FEO Participates in Tongan Elections

The Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem was part of the Commonwealth Observer Group that was invited by the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga.

Members of the Group were deployed to Vava'u, Ha'apai, and in Tongatapu to observe the poll, count and declaration of results. They collaborated and worked closely with the observers from the Pacific Islands Forum, who were also present in Tongatapu and 'Eua.

The Group provided an Interim Statement, providing an outline of key observations and findings.

The Group noted that this was the third election held under the amended Constitution 2010, as part of Tonga's democratic reforms. They also noted that this election was conducted a year earlier than anticipated, following His Majesty, King Tupou VI's decision to invoke Clause 38 of the Constitution to dissolve Parliament on 25 August 2017.

Read more on:
http://www.feo.org.fj/feo-director-operations-observes-tongan-election/

Commonwealth Observer Group observing the Tongan Election

Director Operations Observes Tongan Elections

Director Operations, Ms Anaseini Senimoli

The Director of Operations for the Fijian Elections Office, Ms Anaseini Senimoli participated as an observer at the recent Tongan National Election which was conducted on 16th November, 2017.

"It was an exciting opportunity for me to observe the Tongan National Election especially since we are in preparation mode for our election next year," explains Ms. Senimoli.

In welcoming the Director's participation, Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem said election observations and visitor programs assist greatly in building capacity and always has a positive impact on the FEO.

Read more on:
http://www.feo.org.fj/tongan-election-interim-statement/

FEO Staff Christmas party at South Sea Cruises

IE Co ordinator, SoE, FNU VC, and President of FNU Alumni Association

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Petero Pangkale
Logistics Co-ordinator

Viliame Vuiyanuca
Pre Poll Co-ordinator

Operations Team

Vili and Marika

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AWEB representatives during the handover of the TVS machines

Teachers attend training at FEO

Best Wishes from FEO

ELECTORAL COMMISSION
CHAIRPERSON
Mr Suresh Chandra

From the Electoral Commission

On behalf of my Commissioners and I, I would like to extend warm wishes for the Holidays to every Fijian. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTION
Mr Mohammed Saneem

From the Supervisor of Elections

We have come to the conclusion of a very successful and productive 2017 and I am looking forward to the task ahead in 2018. On behalf of the Fijian Elections Office family, I would like to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Mr Ashwin Raj, SoE and the students who attended the mock voting exercise

FEO Staff at their Christmas party

NiuTech

HOW DOES THE TOUCH-SCREEN VOTING MACHINE WORK?

STEP 01

The Presiding Officer [PO] will enter into the Machine, details of the trade union election including the candidate names and their photos. The PO will also enter details such as the post(s) being contested and the venue.

STEP 02

The PO will initiate the Machine and print a specific number of ballot papers based on the number of voters who have registered to vote in the Industrial Election. Each ballot paper has a unique bar-code and can only be used once

STEP 03

Voters will be called forward to vote using the Touch-screen Voting Machine. The voter will feed the ballot paper into the machine and follow the prompts on the screen to cast his/her vote. The machine will then print out the vote(s) on the same ballot paper. The ballot paper will then be placed into a bin by the voter.

STEP 04

Once all votes have been cast, the PO will 'close the vote' and lock the machine. The TSV will then tabulate and print out the results.

e-news

e-News Update https://youtu.be/xPCYzk04Fz0

e-News Update - MOU Signing with FNU Alumni Association

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