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## Celebrating 50 years of Fiji's Independence

The Fijian Elections Office ["FEO"] hosted a week-long celebration to commemorate Fiji's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of independence in October.

Supervisor of Elections ["SoE"] Mr Mohammed Saneem, whilst launching the celebrations, said Fiji has had its fair share of ups and downs but what remained at its core was humility, resilience and appreciation.

"Our country is made up of resilient people and that is our strength," Mr Saneem said.

As Fiji marks its 50<sup>th</sup> year of independence, Mr Saneem reminded staff of the responsibility of FEO in ensuring the continuance of democracy.

"Our job at the FEO is to make sure that on the day the SoE hands over the Final National Results Tally to the Electoral Commission, that that election can withstand the test of the observers, the political parties, petitions and the general test of credibility," he said.

"For us, the celebration of our presence in this beautiful country is by delivering those very results."

# Congratulating Fiji on its Golden Jubilee

The FEO team shared their congratulatory messages and best wishes on the occasion of Fiji's 50th anniversary of independence.



*"Fiji's 50-year journey had its challenges but we are a resilient nation and we made it. Proud to be a Fijian." - Savaira Maka*



*"Proud to call Fiji my home. Saluting this glorious nation on its golden jubilee." - Atish Chand*



*"I am glad to have witnessed this historic event. God bless Fiji." - Neelam Mani*



*"Blessed to be living in this beautiful country. Let's raise a glass to freedom." - Amendra Chand*



*"I am so happy to be part of the Fiji50 celebrations as this was a memorable event and something that I will cherish for many years." - Divnesh Prasad*



*"Celebrating life in Fiji with family and friends. Cheers to 50 years of freedom." - Shivala Singh*



*"I will be a Divisional Manager in the next general election and I am grateful that I will have the opportunity to serve our democracy." - Raajan Jattan*



# Fiji Day Celebrations at FEO

The FEO team marked Fiji's golden jubilee with a grand weeklong celebration.

During the launch, Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem presented special commemorative tokens to all staff members to celebrate Fiji's 50th anniversary of independence.

## My Fiji Blue Monday



## Cultural Tuesday



## Sports Wear Wednesday



## History Thursday



## Kalavata Friday





# FEO Completes Nationwide Voter Survey

The FEO concluded its nationwide Voter Survey in late October with 14,137 responses collected from registered voters.

Project lead Ms Neelam Prasad said more than 150 staff were engaged in the nationwide exercise which covered all four [4] divisions including Rotuma.

“The Voter Survey was one of our key initiatives to engage with the Fijian electorate and the feedback received from voters will greatly assist the FEO in enhancing its services and preparations for the next general election,” Ms Prasad said.

“The responses are now being compiled into a report and with it we hope to provide a more comprehensive understanding on voter turnout and broadly explain general voter tendencies in Fiji.”

The Voter Survey was supplemented with a series of registration drives in the Central Division which currently has the highest number of registered voters.

Ms Prasad also extended her appreciation to the staff who worked on the project and to the voters who participated in the survey.

“The Voter Survey is the country’s inaugural research into voter turnout for a general election and we are grateful to everyone who assisted us in the project,” she said.



Above: The FEO team during the Voter Survey and registration drive in the Central Division.



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