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SUCCESSFUL ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING WORKSHOP CONCLUDES

Fiji has one of the most progressive anti-money laundering frameworks in the world and is committed to strengthening its response to money laundering crimes.

This was the comment made by the Fijian Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde at the conclusion of a 2-day anti-money laundering workshop held in Suva last week.

“What we need to do now is to continue to educate stakeholders of their obligations under the law and train state law enforcement and prosecution agencies to use the tools available under the law to eliminate money laundering in Fiji” Mr Pryde said.

The 58 participants in the 2-day workshop included the head of the Police Anti-Money Laundering Unit and his team along with senior crime officers and prosecutors from around Fiji. The workshop was targeted towards awareness of the issues and laws relating to money laundering and the making of civil and criminal applications for orders by the courts to seize and dispose of properties obtained from illegal activities.

The workshop also discussed recent amendments to the Proceeds of Crimes Act 1997 with the introduction of the Proceeds of Crime Decree of 2012 and the Proceeds of Crime (Management and Disposal of Assets Regulation) 2012.

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