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ODPP CONCLUDES THE 3rd ADVANCED NATIONAL PROSECUTION COURSE

Forty Police and Statutory Prosecutors graduated from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) 3rd Advanced National Prosecution Course (ANPC) this morning (27.07.17). The graduation ceremony was held at Suvavou House, Suva.

Chief Justice Anthony Gates with the Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde and Commissioner of Police Brigadier General Sitiveni Qiliho presented awards and certificates to the participants for completing the six week course. The ANPC is part of the ODPP's continuing education programme for prosecutors from the Police, government Ministries, Departments, and statutory bodies.

The ANPC was a follow up to the Basic Prosecution Course which was launched earlier this year. This six-week course was a combination of theory and practical exercises designed to improve the prosecution service.

Chief Justice Anthony Gates congratulated the prosecutors and encouraged them to use the knowledge imparted to them throughout the six-weeks into their day to day prosecution work and continue to hone their prosecuting skills through further training and education.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde noted that participants in these courses, as well as the monthly Saturday training workshops that are held around the country and other specialist courses run for prosecutors throughout the year, represent an ongoing pledge and commitment towards providing the public with a well-regarded, efficient and professional prosecution service.

He also congratulated and acknowledged the hard work of the participants as well as the course facilitators and all the relevant prosecuting agencies and authorities in Fiji for participating in the course.

The ANPC was an intensive course which ran from 19 June 2017 to 27 July 2017.

There were 23 officers from the Fiji Police Summary Prosecutions Division and 17 law enforcement agents from the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Fisheries and Forestry, the Ministry of Labour, the Fiji National Provident Fund (FNPF), the Fiji Revenue and Customs Authority, the Fiji Commerce Commission, the Fiji Independent Commission against Corruption and the Lami and Nausori Town Councils.

Principal Legal Officers Seini K. Puamau and Yogesh Prasad were the Course Conveners and they were also assisted by State Counsel from the ODPP throughout the six week course.

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NB: Pictures attached below.



(From L-R) Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, Chief Justice His Lordship Mr Anthony Gates and Commissioner of Police Brigadier General Sitiveni Qiliho at the Advanced National Prosecution Course Graduation Ceremony at Suvavou House, Suva.



Guests and Participants at the Advanced National Prosecution Course Graduation Ceremony at Suvavou House, Suva.



Inspector Mohammed Shamim Hassan receiving the Advanced National Prosecution Course 2017 Dux trophy from the Commissioner of Police Brigadier General Sitiveni Qiliho.



The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde (fourth from left), Chief Justice His Lordship Mr Anthony Gates (in garland) and Commissioner of Police Brigadier General Sitiveni Qiliho with Permanent Secretaries, Guests, and Police and Statutory Prosecutors.



Dux of the Advanced National Prosecution Course Inspector Mohammed Shamim Hassan (sitting) with Course Participants after the Graduation Ceremony at the Suvavou House, Suva.