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ODPP FACILITATES BASIC PROSECUTION COURSE IN NAURU

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) facilitated a Basic Prosecution Course in Nauru in August at the Nauru Central Police Station following an invitation from the Nauru Ministry of Justice and marks the first bilateral regional training initiative between the ODPP Fiji and Nauru.

The four-week prosecution course was a combination of theory and practical exercises designed to equip prosecutors with trial preparation and advocacy skills at the bar table.

Twenty one law enforcement agents graduated from the four-week course which ran from 7 August to 1 September 2017. Those participants receiving special acknowledgment were Zacharias Detenamo, Valedictorian - Nauru Quarantine Officer; Newman Rykers, Best All Rounder - Senior Firefighter, National Emergency Services (NES); IP Raynor Tom, Ethics Prize - Nauru Police Force; and Sgt. Dinamo Appin, Best Mooter- Nauru Police Force. Special mention was also made of Diminski Reweru, Senior Fire Officer – NES who scored the third highest marks.

ODPP Principal Legal Officer, Ms Seini Puamau, facilitated the course on behalf of the ODPP in conjunction with Nauru Police Force Adviser, Ms Salote Tagivakatini.

Fiji's Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, said "Building prosecutorial capacity within the region is important and we were pleased to be able to offer assistance to the Nauruan government in this regard. We hope to follow up on this initiative by inviting the Nauruan prosecutors to participate in the ODPP Advanced Prosecution Course in Suva next year."

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NB: Pictures attached below.



Law enforcement agents from the Republic of Nauru outside the Nauru Court House after the launch of the course on 7 August 2017. Front Row (L-R): IP Raynor Tom, Mr. Newman Rykers, Mr. Zacharias Detenamo, Snr Constable Mary Mara Diema, Ms. Jettarina Addi, Constable Kitty Biang, Mr. Kresma Cain, Ms. Jemima Gourab, Ms. Venus Soriano. Back Row (L-R): Mr. Lincoln Eoieo, Mr. Diminski Reweru, Constable Lambrusko Namaduk, Sgt. Dinamo Appin, IP Decima Deriregea, Mr. Jansen Agir, Snr. Constable Joni Edward, Constable Derek Daduna, Mr. Aquilanze Olsson.



Law enforcement agents from the Republic of Nauru after the Graduation Ceremony on 1 September 2017 with (sitting L-R): the Nauruan Acting Commissioner of Police Ms Kalinda Blake, Judge Jane E. Crulci, Nauruan Director of Public Prosecutions Mr David Toganivalu, Nauru Police Force Advisor Ms Salote Tagivakatini (second row, 1st from right), and ODPP Principal Legal Officer Ms Seini Puamau (Back row, 1st from left).