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### **DPP launches Basic Prosecution Course 2019**

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, launched the 2019 Basic Prosecution Course yesterday morning (05.02.18) at the Fiji Police Training Academy, Nasova, Suva, as part of the ODPP's continuing education outreach for police and statutory prosecutors across Fiji.

The Basic Prosecution Course is a mixture of theory and practical exercises designed to equip prosecutors with basic trial preparation and advocacy at the bar table.

There are 30 officers from the Fiji Police Force and 2 officers from the Fiji Independent Commission against Corruption that are participating in this six-week course.

Mr Pryde while addressing the officers said, "Participation in this course and in the monthly Saturday training workshops conducted around the country and other specialist courses run for prosecutors throughout the year represents an on-going pledge to ourselves and to the public of Fiji that we are serious about our commitment to high standards in prosecutions. We are all working for the same cause and we all have an interest in seeing that prosecutions before the courts of Fiji are properly conducted."

The Basic Prosecution Course is facilitated by ODPP Principal Legal Officer Mr Yogesh Prasad and Legal Officer Ms Susan Serukai.

The ODPP will be conducting another basic prosecution course for regulatory bodies in April followed by an advanced prosecution course for police and statutory prosecutors later this year.

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*NB: Pictures attached.*



*The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, addressing the participants of the 2019 Basic Prosecution course yesterday morning (05.02.19) at the Fiji Police Training Academy, Nasova, Suva.*



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*Participants of the ODPP Basic Prosecutions Course during the opening ceremony at the Fiji Police Training Academy, Nasova, Suva*



*Front row (fourth from left) The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, Course facilitator, ODPP Principal Legal Officer, Mr Yogesh Prasad with 2019 Basic Prosecution Course participants at the Fiji Police Training Academy, Nasova, Suva.*