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ODPP launches Basic Prosecution Course for Police Prosecutors

Thirty seven police officers and summary prosecutors from the Fiji Police Force are undergoing a six-week ODPP Basic Prosecution Course at the Police Special Response Unit, Nasinu.

The Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms Elizabeth Rice launched the 2020 Basic Prosecution Course for police prosecutors this morning (27.01.20).

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

Ms Rice said, “The key to effective advocacy is preparation, therefore, this course is designed to teach trial advocacy skills through case scenarios and in the final weeks of the course, moot courts will be conducted in which participants will be able to test their skills as advocates. The ODPP continues to provide necessary training to police and summary prosecutors throughout the year and the initiative has been a success and as a result summary prosecutors have improved in terms of both their trial and pre-trial advocacy.”

Following the successful completion of the six-week course, these officers will then be able to participate in the ODPP Advanced Prosecution Course later in the year.

The Basic Prosecution Course is facilitated by ODPP Principal Legal Officer, Mr Yogesh Prasad and will conclude on 6 March 2020.

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27 January 2020.

NB: Pictures attached.



The Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms Elizabeth Rice addressing the participants of the 2020 Basic Prosecution course this morning (05.02.19) at the Police Special Response Unit, Nasinu.



Participants of the ODPP Basic Prosecutions Course during the opening ceremony at the Police Special Response Unit, Nasinu.



Basic Prosecution Course Facilitator, ODPP Principal Legal Officer, Mr Yogesh Prasad with course participants at the Police Special Response Unit, Nasinu.



Front row (fourth from left) The Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions, Ms Elizabeth Rice, Course facilitator, ODPP Principal Legal Officer, Mr Yogesh Prasad with 2020 Basic Prosecution Course participants at the Police Special Response Unit, Nasinu.