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TWENTY-SEVEN OFFICERS GRADUATE FROM ADVANCED NATIONAL PROSECUTION COURSE

Twenty-seven participants graduated from the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) 5th Advanced National Prosecution Course (ANPC) this morning (09.08.19). The graduation ceremony was held at Fiji Police Training Academy, Nasova, Suva.

The ANPC is part of the ODPP's continuing education programme for prosecutors from the Fiji Police Summary Prosecutions and is a follow up to the Basic Prosecution Course which was successfully completed by these twenty-seven graduates. It was an intensive six-week course which was designed to further hone prosecutors trial preparation skills and advocacy at the bar table.

There were 12 police prosecutors from the Fiji Police Summary Prosecutions Divisions and 15 police officers from various divisions of the Fiji Police Force from around the country.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, congratulated the course participants for their stamina, aptitude, commitment and ultimate success in completing the course.

Mr Pryde said, "For police prosecutors, it is a course that aims to equip you with the minimum skills necessary to discharge your responsibilities as prosecutors on behalf of the State and in your ultimate duty to the courts. It is also a course that is designed to set uniform standards for prosecutions in our courts. For

police officers, it is a course that aims to give you insight into the prosecution world to better understand the complexities of a prosecution.

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.”

The course was facilitated by ODPP Principal Legal Officer Mr Yogesh Prasad.

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NB: *Pictures attached below*



ODPP Advanced National Prosecution Course participants during the Graduation Ceremony at the Fiji Police Training Academy, Nasova, Suva, on 9 August 2019.



The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, addressing the ODPP Advanced National Prosecution Course 2019 participants at the Fiji Police Training Academy, Nasova, Suva on 9 August 2019.



Police Constable Leone Vurukania receiving the Advanced National Prosecution Course 2019 Dux trophy from the Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde.



Special prize getters (Back row:L-R) Best student in Legal Ethics, Ms Arieta Biudei, Best Legal Analysis, Ms Ana Leba, Best all rounder, Mr Prashneel Singh, Most improved student, Mr Apisai Voravora, Most disciplined student, Mr Solomon Vorakitaki, ANPC Dux, Mr Leone Vurukania, Best Student in Evidence Law, Ms Sangeeta Devi and Best Mooter, Ms Mere Sokovina with the DPP (front row, sixth from left) Mr Christopher Pryde and other guests.



(Front Row) ODPP ANPC Course Facilitator Principal Legal Officer Mr Yogesh Prasad (fifth from left), the DPP, Mr Christopher Pryde (sixth from left) with course participants after the graduation ceremony at the Fiji Police Training Academy, Nasova, Suva.