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PASAI training building auditors' professional supervisory skills

Auckland, September 17, 2012: The supervisory skills of participating government auditors in the Pacific region have been enhanced through a just completed Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) training course run in Nadi, Fiji.



The two week training course on supervisory roles in government auditing drew 21 participants from 15 Pacific island states. The course is one part of a four part training program intended to help provide a career path for government auditors in the Pacific region. The four training courses or tiers, as they are labelled, are aimed at providing auditors at all levels with skill-based training in line with their responsibilities at work.

As PASAI Executive Director, Eroni Vatuloka, points out, 'in particular the Tier 3 course focused on the role of the supervisor in the conduct of financial and performance audits of various government operations'.

'This Tier 3 course is expected to equip government audit supervisors of the future to fill an essential role in the government auditing process', he added.

To reinforce their instructional sessions, course participants worked through a range of exercises and case studies.

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In her closing address to course participants, Helen Leslie, First Secretary, New Zealand High Commission, Fiji said 'this work provided some practical insight to how supervisors perform their duties through the various stages of an audit'.

Participants also developed a future action plan of initiatives they will undertake on return to their workplaces as part of their personal individual professional development programs.

PASAI career path training is vital to developing a strong talent pool of government auditors in the Pacific region, able to lift government auditing to ever higher standards. The success of the Tier 3 training course and others like it will be demonstrated through well managed quality government audits being undertaken in future years.

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