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Japan-Fiji Friendship Reception for the JICA Fiji Alumni Association and Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers

The Embassy of Japan and JICA Fiji Office will jointly host the Friendship Reception for the JICA Alumni Association of Fiji (JAAF) and Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) on **Friday 1st February 2019**, from **5:30pm to 8:00pm** at the **Japanese Ambassador's Residence (337 Princes Road, Suva)**.

Since 1985 close to 2900 Fijian participants have participated in various training programmes in Japan. In 2018, 35 went to Japan to undergo training in various fields such as environment, education, health, water and disaster management. Participants of this JICA Training are working with knowledge and skills they have learned in Japan for development of Fiji. JAAF is a body of Fijian graduates of JICA training programs held in Japan.

JOCVs also play a significant role in Human Resource Development by transferring the know-how and expertise to local counterparts. Currently, 28 volunteers who specialize in areas like education, health, environment, automotive engineering and food and catering are active in respective government bodies and NGOs all over Fiji.

The Friendship Reception will highlight recent achievements made through the two of the important schemes of Japan's Official Development Assistance and to further strengthen the relationship between the JICA alumni, JOCVs as well as the people and governments of Japan and Fiji.

The Reception will also be attended by senior Fiji government officials. The program includes a keynote address from the Fiji Government, speeches from JAAF and JOCV, and cultural performances from both Japan and Fiji.

Media representatives are cordially invited to this event. For RSVPs, they requested to contact Ms. Vanessa Vudikaria at the Embassy of Japan (eojeconomics@fj.mofa.go.jp) or Ms. Frances Tavaia-Finau at JICA (TavaiaFrances.FJ@jica.go.jp) by 31st January 2019. Those who wish to attend are kindly requested to show their media I.D. at the gate.

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Attached: Tentative Program

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Program for the Japan-Fiji Friendship Reception for the JICA Alumni
Association and Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers

Timing : Friday, 1 February 2019 from 17:00 to 20:00 (Opening 17:30~)

Venue: Japanese Ambassador's Residence (337 Princes Road, Suva)

MC : EOJ & JICA

1. Speech by Mr. Tsuguyoshi Hada, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim, Embassy of Japan
2. Speech by Deputy Secretary of the Office of the Prime Minister, Mr. Sakeasi Waikere
3. Speech by President of JICA Alumni Association in Fiji, Mr. Christopher Satareki Tawakeniqila
4. Presentation by Participants of JICA Training Program (2 - 3 participants)
5. Presentation by Representative of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (Each Sectors from Health/Education/Environment)
6. Photo Session
7. Refreshments (Dinner / Cocktails)
8. Cultural Performance by Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers
9. Cultural Performance (Fijian Dance, Indian Dance)
10. Closing Remarks by Ms. Yukari Ono, Resident Representative, JICA Fiji Office

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