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Concerted effort eases congestion

Fiji Ports Corporation Limited (FPCL) worked closely with Fiji Roads Authority (FRA), Land Transport Authority (LTA), Fiji Police Force and the Suva City Council (SCC) in addressing congestion, overcrowding and traffic jam at Port Mua-i-Walu 2. Certain strategies were executed immediately to compliment FPCL's recently implemented control measures.

Officers from FRA, SCC and LTA were deployed daily during the peak travelling season to control the traffic while police officers assist FPCL employees in directing/controlling the crowd outside and in the operation area.



FPCL Chairman of the Board, Shaheen Ali visits Port Mua-i-Walu II during the peak travelling season as the stakeholders work towards addressing congestion. Pictured here with Enforcement Officer, Captain Pauliasi Vakaloloma and Senior Ports Security Officer, Neumi Radobui.

Some of the strategies implemented at the immediate surroundings include;

- The re-routing of traffic at Tofua Street through Matua Street to ensure free flowing of

traffic at all times to ease ongoing congestion and overcrowding.

- Ship operators' requirement to submit their vessel schedules at least 48 hours from expected time of departure and arrival to

assist FPCL in making the necessary arrangements with the relevant stakeholders.

- Passengers holding tickets were only allowed on to the jetty as well as those sending or receiving cargoes upon producing their tickets at the gates. Others were to remain at the waiting shed.

These are now ongoing practices at Port Mua-i-walu II during the peak travelling season..

FPCL is urging ship operators and members of the public to adhere to these measures to ensure that operations run smoothly for the best interest of the travelling public.

Job evaluation exercise undertaken



CEO Vajira Piyasena addresses Lautoka staffs in regards to the JEE.

Fiji Ports Corporation Limited employees with salaries considerably below the 80 % market range will receive increment as part of the Job Evaluation Exercise (JEE) currently undertaken by the company.

With the approval of the Board, close to 70 workers received the first pay out in December last year which was considered as Phase One of the JEE. PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) was engaged in early 2017 to analyse existing job descriptions (JDs) and to carry out this exercise.

FPCL chief executive officer, Vajira Piyasena has confirmed that the exercise would be carried out in three phases. The new JDs and Organizational Structure was re-aligned in consultation with AUGEO consultant, Human Capital Services Officer (HCSO) and Executive

Management.

HCSO Anare Leweniqila said Phase Two of the exercise, which saw the review of all positions, has also been completed which will come into effect soon.

As per Phase III of the exercise, individual staff's performance will be assessed and aggregated to determine if they are to move up to 100% or 120% pay-scale or if they are to remain at 80%.

Meanwhile, the last pay increment for the company was in 2006 whereby staffs received a 2% pay rise.

Vessel traffic

A total of 143 foreign vessels visited the Port of Suva in the first three months of 2018.

Majority of the vessels were container vessels calling in at Kings Wharf followed by fishing vessels that docked at Princess Wharf.

Due to TC Cyclone Josie in March, vessels that were expected to arrive as scheduled did not call in. Therefore, only 16 cruise liners were recorded compared to the expected. **Vessel Arrival:** 9 tourism vessels, Dry Bulk – 3, Liquid Bulk – 17, LPG – 2, Container vessel – 59, RORO/ LOLO – 4, Car Carrier -7, Cruise Liners – 16, Fishing Vessels – 26, Others – 9



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Major exercise for Port Security

FPCCL will be conducting security drill every quarter to prepare for a major exercise to be conducted towards the end of the year as per International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS) requirement.

This follows the success of the Port Security – Ship Security exercise facilitated by the Security Department on January 6, 2018 onboard Royal Caribbean Cruise Ltd (RCL) Voyager of the Seas.

The table top exercise was requested by RCL to test their ships security set-up and also test the response by the receiving Port Authority

on two scenarios as per ISPS Code. They were ISPS code 8.9.4 - Unauthorized access or use, including presence of stowaways and ISPS code 8.9.1 - Damage to, or destruction of, the ship or of a port Facility, e.g. by explosive devices, arson, sabotage or vandalism.

The objectives of the exercise were to test the Emergency Response Plan (ERP) by Port State; Deployment and interoperability of local authorities to assist; and Evacuation plan by Port State. Key Stakeholders invited by FPCL Security were the



RCL Voyager of the Seas Command Elements with local participants on board the cruise liner.

Ministry of Defense, Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji, Republic of Fiji Military Forces, Fiji Inland Revenue Customs, Fiji Navy, Fiji Police Force, National Fire Authority and Ministry of Health

The exercise was successfully carried out with the command elements of the RCL Voyager of the Sea satisfied with the combined response strategy presented by the team present.



CFO Roshan Abeyesundere and Captain Atle Knutsen.

The Port of Suva welcomed a wave of American and Canadian tourists on January 26 when passenger ship, MS Viking Sun made her maiden voyage to Fiji.

The 228m-long cruise liner which carried 930 passengers, arrived at around 7am giving visitors the day to explore the region before its scheduled 2.30pm departure.

Vikings forecasts more visits to Fiji Ports

As part of the tradition for any cruise liner visiting our shore for the first time, an exchange of commemorative plaques was done on board between the cruise liner and the local port owner.

MS Viking Sun captain Atle Knutsen officiated at the event with Fiji Ports Corporation Limited's chief financial officer Roshan Abeyesundere.

Captain Knutsen said the MS Viking Sun was their fourth vessels and six more vessels would be added to their fleets taking the number to ten.

He said they were excited to be touring the Pacific for the first time and definitely this was not going to be their last visit to the country.

"We had to find a way to sail across the Pacific and to show our guests just how beautiful the Fiji Islands are," he said. We started in 2015, our first ship was the Viking Star and then we had the Viking Sea, the Viking Sky and now the Viking Sun.

"Because our ships are now seemingly popular, we will definitely be back here to Suva. You should make room for ten plaques," Captain Knutsen said while handing over the plaque to Mr Abeyesundere.

Mr Abeyesundere said Fiji was honoured to welcome the MS Viking Sun.

"On behalf of Fiji Ports Corporation and the people of Fiji, we are honoured to welcome your guests and crew for the first time to the Kings Wharf here in Suva," he said.



L-R: Lindsay Fong (OHS officer), Ashneel Chand (FSHIL Accountant) and Ignasio Mow (Engineering Foreman)

Internal Auditors trained on ISO roles

Thirty-five internal auditors from four different companies attended an in-house workshop on Internal Auditing for ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems, facilitated by Fiji Ships Heavy Industries Limited on January 27.

The one day International Organization for Standardization (ISO) workshop was conducted by Mr Gamini Weerasinghe and Mrs Mala Thennakoon of Sri Lanka Standards Institution

and internal auditors from FSHIL, Fiji Ports Corporation Limited (FPCL), Fiji Ports Terminal Limited, CJ Patel Group of Companies.

The training was an initial key toward improving the quality and effectiveness of the whole internal audit function as the companies move towards achieving the ISO 9001:2015 certification.

FPCL chief financial officer, Roshan Abeyesundere officially opened the workshop and reminded participants on the importance of their roles in their companies.

FSHIL expands, secures Samoan market

Fiji Ships and Heavy Industries Limited (FSHIL) continues to expand its services into the Pacific region and has re-established its market in Samoa.

The first week of March was a milestone achievement for the company with Samoan Government vessel Lady Samoa III dry docked for repair works and maintenance.

"It's after three decades and we are having a Samoan vessel again in our slipway," FSHIL Operation Manager Lopeti Radravu said.

"We have been servicing vessels from all Pacific island countries except for Samoa and we have been trying in past to have them onboard as part of our Strategic Plan.

"To have them here is quite an achievement for us and the onus is on us to meet their standard of expectations in order to secure other vessels from Samoa."

Mr Radravu said they would continue to ensure FSHIL is setting the standard for ship repairing in the Pacific region based on safety and reliability of its services.



ISO audit carried out for Fiji Ships Heavy Industries Limited

The ISO 9001: 2015 certification audit was carried out in January for Fiji Ships and Heavy Industries Limited.

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) audit was done by Mr Gamini Weerasinghe and Mrs Mala Thennakoon who are from the Sri Lanka Standards Institution.

FSHIL has already received ISO 9001: 2008 accreditation in 2016 and last year, it completed

the steps to qualify for ISO 9001:2016 certification.

ISO 9001:2015 sets out the criteria for a quality management system. It can be used by any organization, large or small, regardless of its field of activity.

This standard is based on a number of quality management principles including a strong customer focus, the motivation and implication of top management, the process approach and continual improvement.



ISO audit in progress at FSHIL.

Tongan Barge, MV Westerland dry docked

Tongan vessel MV Onemato was serviced at the FSHIL slipway as part of its annual survey.

The vessel, belonging to Eua Sea Transport Council in Nuku'alofa, went up on the 500 ton dry dock in March for maintenance and repair works.

Initial plan was to have the vessel serviced for five days. However, it was determined to

have the underwater gears removed which were not included in the initial scope of works quoted that has resulted in the delay of its completion.

All works carried out were in lieu of requirements as specified in Part B – Repair Quality Standard for Existing Ships for all country members listed under the “International Association of the Classification Societies” (IACS)

and the Uniform Shipping Laws code (USL code) to which Fiji is an associated member country.

Meanwhile, MV Westerland belonging to Interlink Shipping was also on emergency slipping on the same week.

Work on the 58.37m vessel has been extended due to the scope works that need to be carried out.

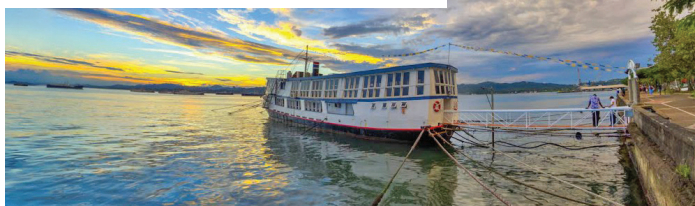
The initial scope was to remove and replace the seal

which would take only a day but it was determined that the bearings needed to be replaced thus extending the work for four days.

The Tail shaft was checked also for its straightness.

The vessel was de-slipped on March 12 and will be re-slipped once the repairs on the Tail shaft and machining of Bearings are done.

Tiko's Restaurant



Lycianda – better known as Tiko's Floating Restaurant was one of the vessels

that went up on the Fiji Ships and Heavy Industries Limited slipway in January for repairs.

While it was planned to have the non-propulsion vessel serviced for three days, it took seven days to be serviced due to the volume of steelworks needed to be carried out on the underwater hull. The work was completed on February 4.

The floating restaurant was last serviced at the ship yard in 2012. Lycianda was one the Blue Lagoon vessels built by the company in the 1980s when FSHIL was operating as the Government Shipyard.

Other vessels built for Blue Lagoon Cruises Limited included Nanuya Princess and Yasawa Princess.

The last tourism vessel to have been built at the shipyard was Captain Cook Cruises' Reef Endeavour before the shipyard was closed for shipbuilding in 1996. Today, FSHIL has again ventured out into ship building but concentrating specifically on fibre glass boats.

Refurbishment for 1000 ton slipway



Repair works on larger vessels was put on hold for one week by Fiji Ships and Heavy Industries Limited.

This was to allow its 1000 ton slipway to undergo

refurbishment.

Repair works include removal and replacement of worn out cradle rails, removal and renewal of defected Diagonal and Cross 'C' Channel Brace, removal and

replacement of worn out and damaged wheels and Bracket and re-alignment of cradles to the existing rails.

The last vessel that was slipped on the 1000 slipway was fishing vessel ShenGang

Fa #715 of Shen Gang Fa Fisheries which was serviced from February 14 to February 20.

At the completion of the work, the Lady Samoa III was dry docked.

Quick action avoids oil spill



Workshop participants

Deputy Secretary for Transport, Lui Naisara has praised the quick response by relevant bodies which prevented a major oil spill in the Suva Harbour from the sunken vessel Southern Phoenix.

He said the quick action reassured the greater population of Suva that the harbour was still safe.

“Our very own “State of Preparedness” was tested a few months ago. I can boldly say that the recent sinking of the MV Southern Phoenix saw the quick deployment of our oil spill response equipment. Through a coordinated effort of all agencies (both private and public),

Fiji showed an excellent example of how a major spill can be prevented,” Mr Naisara said at the opening of the three-day Oil Spill Command Workshop held at Mua-i-Walu House on February 20.

“The timely deployment and quick response executed by Team MSAF assisted by Fiji Ports Corporation Limited, Government Shipping Services and our local based oil companies resulted in a major spill been avoided in Suva Harbour.”

Mr Naisara said it was very important that the decisions by our leaders on site are sound and professional.

“Time was not on our side and we had to take precautionary measures, secure the site and re-assure the

greater population of Suva that our harbour was still safe.”

In terms of State readiness for combating marine spill in Fiji waters, he said Fiji has developed and is implementing the National Spill Contingency Plan (NATPLAN) 2015; the

National Marine Response Strategy 2018-2022 is been finalised by the Marine Safety Authority of Fiji.

It was revealed that Government is currently working towards the ratification of the International Convention on the Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation 1990 (OPRC).

Meanwhile, the workshop was organised by MSAF and facilitated by Maritime New Zealand.

Environmental Protection vital in oil spill response



Necani Vorakitaki, Neumi Radobui and Laisani Tagilala with MSAF's Captain Philip Hill

The importance of protecting the environment during oil spill management response was one of the key aspects learnt by the Fiji Ports Corporation Limited (FPCL) officers who attended the workshop conducted by the Maritime New Zealand Authority in February.

FPCL enforcement officer, Captain Pauliasi Vakaloloma said the workshop enhanced their knowledge in dealing with oil spills.

“One of the missing aspects is environmental protection dealing with how spills are drained. The workshop also ensures the safety and security of those involved in managing spills,” Captain Vakaloloma said.

Occupational Health and Safety Officer Lindsay Fong said the workshop was really helpful as

they were able to identify their key responsibilities.

This, he said, includes those relevant stakeholders that should be involved in the National Oil Spill Response Plan as well as the procedures involved in all aspects of oil spill response.

“We were taught on how to identify oil spills, how to predict the oil spill movement patterns using a vector diagram, identifying the correct equipments to respond to oil spills as well as the different methods in containing and cleaning up oil spills.”

The workshop is part of an on-going relationship between Maritime New Zealand and MSAF to build oil spills response capability.

The workshop is an obligation for the Maritime New Zealand Authority in trying to stop oil spills in the Pacific.

Fire drill to test safety procedures

A full fire drill was conducted at the Fiji Ports Terminal Building at Kings Wharf on December 19 fire safety procedures were to check if adhered to by the occupants.

Fire fighters from the Suva Fire Station arrived less than ten minutes after the fire alarm went off to check out the premises and to ensure that the equipments were functional.

The same drill was conducted at Mua-i-Walu House earlier in the day.

FPCL Human Capital Services and Training Officer Anare Leweniqila said fire drills were critical for ensuring the safety of the staff and clientele that enter our business, building or property.

He said practicing scheduled fire drills would help ensure

individuals have the knowledge to safety escape a fire without injuring themselves or others

“Not only do they ensure that all staff, customers and visitors to your premises understand what they need to do if there is a fire, but the drill also helped us to test how effective our fire evacuation plan is and to improve certain aspects of our fire provisions,” Mr Leweniqila said.

A few areas for improvements were noted by the National Fire Authority.



OHS Officer Lindsay Fong is being briefed by a fire fighter after the drill.

Welcome aboard to:



Capt Mosese Cirikisuva
Senior Port Pilot,
Lautoka



Mr Ashneel Sharma
Human Resources
Coordinator



Mr Lindsay Fong
OHS Officer
Gold Medallist,
PDBM, USP



Mrs Kara Tukana, Board Secretary,
Bachelor of Law
graduate, USP

Congratulation to:

Staff news