



Fiji TV Launched First Ever iTaukei Language Channel - Na Lololo TV

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Fiji Television Limited has achieved another milestone in launching the first-ever iTaukei Language Channel called **Na Lololo TV** on 1st August, 2022.

It is a rebrand of the second channel or Chanel 2 on the Walesi Digital Platform.

Fijian Holdings Limited's, **Group Chief Executive Officer, Jaoji Koroi** in launching the new **Na Lololo** Channel said the new iTaukei television channel, **Na Lololo**, will promote, enhance and archive the iTaukei television shows in our language, culture and traditions,

The Suva Division Methodist Church Reverend Iliapi Tuiwai, blessed the new iTaukei Language Channel before the launch on Monday, 1st August 2022.

Na Lololo features an array of iTaukei programs with the premiere of two brand new programs. **Na Ketekete Nei Nau** is a

woman's program focusing on enhancing knowledge, providing business ideas and incentives, with the hope to inspire women and young women of all ages in their daily living. **Na Lololo** also premieres its first ever 30 minutes of iTaukei News and Sports Program – **Na i Rogo** at 7:00pm daily.

Na i Katalau also features on **Na Lololo** with an extended duration increasing by an hour. You can also watch past episodes of iTaukei programs that once featured on our flagship channel Fiji One.

Mr. Koroi also stated his excitement for this milestone in television history, as this is the first iTaukei television channel in Fiji.

Na Lololo is a mini bure-type thatched hut purposely built to preserve the annual root crops harvest of the year, especially yams and to be consumed on needs basis.

You can watch all your iTaukei programs on **Na Lololo** which airs on **Channel 5** on the Walesi Channel.



RA MARAMA - The Fijian flagship war canoe (drua) presented to Ratu Cakobau in 1842. Ra Marama became Ratu Cakobau's sign of dominance, power and authority over the Fiji waters.

A New Nature-Based Seawall Constructed for Dakuinuku Village, Sawakasa, Tailevu

Basic Industries Limited (BIL) has been working around Sawakasa community from 2009 to date serving our term in business to extract river gravel from nearby creeks/streams and supply our crushing operation at Lodoni Quarry.

During this period BIL acknowledges and appreciates the contribution this community has made to the business.

Dakuinuku Village is a community that has been affected by climate change with the rising sea level damaging the coastlines and sea water intrusion in the village has been an issue for the village infrastructure and their livelihood.

In partnership with the Ministry of Waterways & Environment (MOWE), the Honourable Minister Dr. Mahendra Reddy officially launched the

groundbreaking ceremony for the CSR Project construction of a Nature-Based Seawall (NBS) System for the Dakuinuku Village on the 8th of October 2021.

The MOWE was actively engaged in the designing, surveying of ground layout and the supervision of the works to be carried out onsite. In completing this project, BIL is grateful for the neighboring resource owners who immensely contributed by allowing their respective resources for the completion of this CSR Project.

The appreciation extends to the Turaga ni Mataqali Narocake and its Mataqali members for consenting for the sourcing of molten rocks and red soil from their land. Dakuinuku Village is a home to some members of the Mataqali Narocake and their participation and contribution

ensure their coastline protection for their future generation.

BIL also extends its appreciation to Roko Tui Tailevu Office at Korovou for their contribution in the completion of this Project.

This CSR Project was a collaborative effort of the government stakeholders, BIL and the resource owners in securing the Dakuinuku community coastline.

It is a gesture of appreciation from BIL as we feel that it is our duty to give back to the community we operate in and for their contribution to the success of our business, and in particular to Fiji's infrastructure development.



Merchant Finance Launches Unsecured Personal Loan

In line with Merchant Finance Pte Limited's strategic plan and in support with Government's initiative, the Company embarked its 2022/2023 financial year with the launch of our new product – *Unsecured Personal Loan* ("UPL"). The UPL is a collateral free product offered to salaried employees which MFL have signed a direct salary deduction for repayment with its employers. The key product features for MFL's UPL product include: no security required, hassle free application process, quick approval – within 24 hours, quick access to funds – within 24 hours of approval and consumer credit insurance cover with BSP Health Care (Fiji) Limited.



South Sea Cruises *Back in Business*

The South Sea Cruises Group (SSCG) marked the last three months by well and truly being back in business! Whilst Fiji's borders reopened in December 2021, it wasn't until May 2022 that international visitor arrival numbers were at such levels which enabled SSCG to return to profitable trading, and as a result both May and June were strong months trading above budget. Furthermore, the month of July to start the new FY was a record month for SSCG in terms of profitability. These results all being achieved whilst international visitor numbers to Fiji were still down on that of 2019.

The highlights across our products being the growth of our day trips numbers in particular, with SSCG dominating market share, between 100-200% more customers each day than our competitors combined. This has contributed in Malamala Beach Club achieving two consecutive record months in terms of customer numbers, South Sea Island achieving two months only just shy of its record numbers, and South Sea Sailing performing extremely well in its first-year finishing FY22 ahead of budget. Our day trips continue to attract not only record numbers but a long list of celebrities who love to travel with SSCG, and who the SSCG team never miss an opportunity to grab a photo with!

Furthermore, regarding day trips, Malamala Beach Club is also celebrating its 5th birthday in August with plenty of initiatives on offer. Despite the impacts of COVID, Malamala Beach Club has been a resounding success for SSCG, with it now largest day trip contributor.

Our Blue Lagoon Cruises numbers are also strong



SSC Busy Loading Our Ferry

with Fiji Princess cruising at an average of 90% occupancy across June and July. Across the Mamanuca & Yasawa Islands, approximately 95% of the resorts we service are now back online, and this is supporting our Resort Connections recovery well.

Our Vinaka Fiji program, which undertakes the majority of the CSR initiatives for SSCG appointed a new Project Coordinator and the projects stalled during COVID are back underway. These include the US funded reforestation program, and the women's wash program through Habitat for Humanity. Further Vinaka Fiji initiatives are in the pipeline.

The SSCG in returning to operations, have now welcomed no less than 136 new employees.

These staff were welcomed at our mid-year Staff Talanoa along with recognizing two long serving staff who retired during COVID. These two long serving staff being Captain Anil, and Second Engineer Josua, provided South Sea Cruises & Blue Lagoon Cruises each with 44- and 43-years' service, respectively. The majority of SSCG staff weren't even born when these two Gentlemen commenced their careers, and we gave them the recognition which they so deserved. Furthermore, HR wise, SSCG also appointed our first ever General Manager – People & Culture, a role created to support the growth of SSCG employee numbers over recent years, and to advance our Training, CSR, and various other HR related initiatives.



Market Business Fair

Fiji Holdings Unit Trust (FHUT) was pleased to be part of a day long partnership program. The initiative was organized and funded by the M4C Project by UNDP. The one-day Market business fair was held at the Old Capital, Levuka Town, Ovalau. Our Customer Service Officer Ms Mereia Lewabeka participated in this event.

This roadshow covered, how to start investing, building your wealth, early retirement plan, EDS for working investors and also how they can meet their financial goal.

Making an initiative to take the financial and social services to the community of Ovalau by FHUT was an excellent step.

BA Provincial Council “Siga Kei BA Fundraising



FHUT Lautoka Branch Manager Mr. Sakiusa Takirua was engaged in the Ba Provincial Council: Siga Kei Ba Fundraising – 3-day Mini Roadshow.

The purpose of this initiative was to bring financial and social services closer to the BA Province. Nevertheless, FHUT was delighted to be chosen with other stakeholders to bring investment products and advisory services more accessible to the community.

Duavata Northern Crime Prevention Carnival

In July 2022, MFL had the opportunity to be part of the 2022 *Duavata Northern Crime Prevention Carnival* by sponsoring Miss Saqani, Ms. Imeri Lomani a final year Nursing student at Then India Sanmarga Ikya (TISI) Sangam College of Nursing, Labasa. This opportunity enabled MFL to build stronger and more inclusive communities and focus our efforts on the most disadvantaged through projects that deliver basic welfare, improve essential infrastructure and provide relief in emergencies.



You're Never Too Young To Start Investing!



Little princess Loata Faith Naitasi has planted a seed today by opening her investment account with Fijian Holdings Unit Trust.

Children have the advantage called time. Time in investment is a powerful tool to grow and compound their funds over time.

Building your child's future with a little as little as \$5.00 per top up, can build their investment portfolio by the time they are 18 years old.

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