

# Free Bird Institute Limited

## Fiji Islands

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### MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

#### - Japanese Language School commences

FBL started its Japanese language classes at its campuses yesterday to complement its Human Resource business. Four Japanese companies came to Fiji in November last year to recruit a total of 65 Fijians whilst an additional 25 candidates were also selected as back up candidates.

These 90 Fijians will now undertake the Japanese language course provided by FBL for a year as part of the “*Specified Skilled Worker*” visa requirement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Workers under this visa must pass a Japanese language proficiency test along with a technical test in order to be issued this new visa.

The Dean of the Japanese language and culture, Toko Uchiyama said “We aim to equip the candidates with basic knowledge of the Japanese language and culture over the 12 months so that they are able to better understand the new environment in which they will work and live in. Japan has a very different work culture than Fiji and we hope to instil in these candidates some of the most important work ethics before they leave at the end of the year.”

Chief Operations Officer, Mereseini Baleilevuka said “It is important that our people understand, respect and adapt to the Japanese way of life so that they are able to live up to the expectations of the Japanese employers and most importantly to assist them to cope with the working environment in Japan.”

We look forward to the commitment of these 90 individuals and continuous support from their families throughout the year.



**Waisale Iowane**  
Executive Director



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Company Secretary



