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Judges conference participants

Chief Justice hosts Regional Judges' Conference

THE CHIEF Justice, Sir Albert Palmer, opened the Pacific Judicial Development Programme's (PJDP) Regional Judicial Lay Orientation Workshop for lay judicial officers within countries in the Pacific.

Sir Albert Palmer was pleased to welcome lay judicial officers from the Cook Islands, FSM, Kiribati, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Vanuatu and of course the Solomon Islands to this

important workshop.

PJDP is a Pacific development programme funded by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, which is managed by the Federal Court of Australia.

The Solomon Islands is the host for the 2014 workshop, which is attended by over 30, lay judicial officers from 10 countries across the region.

The purpose of the programme and workshop is to promote the rule of law by building the professional competence of lay judicial officers and court officers, and to enhance the processes and systems that they use.

The distinguished faculty includes the Deputy Chief Justice, the Hon Sir Gibbs Salika from Papua New Guinea, the Hon Justice Peter Boshier from New Zealand,

Justice Tony Pagone from the Federal Court of Australia, and other experienced judges from the Solomon Islands and across the region.

The Chief Justice, Sir Albert Palmer introduced the technical program with a detailed lecture on the role of judicial and court officers. This five-day workshop began with a preliminary day before official commencement yesterday and will continue until Friday.