

CJ: Attendance is worth the investment

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Chief Justice Sir Albert Palmer

Judges and magistrates who are attending a week long judicial training this week have been assured that their time in attending the course is worth the investment.

The training commenced yesterday at the High Court.

Chief Justice Sir Albert Palmer made this assurance when welcoming the participants of the (PJSI) Pacific Judiciary Strengthening Initiative (PJSI) training for judges and magistrates.

"I wish to thank you all for making the time from all your busy schedules to be present this week for this course," Sir Palmer told the participants.

"I know and understand how difficult that can be especially when you all have busy schedules to attend to but let me assure you that your time in attending the course will be well worth the investment in terms of improving and enhancing their knowledge base, skills and attitude and thereby strengthening their competency to deliver better and quality judicial services to the people of Solomon Islands."

Sir Albert thanked the New Zealand government for the funding support, adding this is not the first time this type of training has been undertaken.

"There have been many other training that have been conducted in the country and regionally, where many of our judicial officers and non-law trained officers including court staff have been able to attend those vital and necessary courses and workshops for purposes of upgrading, improving, enhancing knowledge, skills and attitudes.

"Through this generous funding your Government has been able to reach out in a very effective and sustainable way through the very able and capable management team of the International Division of the Federal Court of Australia

to other judiciaries of the Pacific Island countries about 14 countries in total.

“I cannot emphasise enough how our judiciaries have been equipped and empowered to carry out our duties and responsibilities in a more effective and efficient manner,” Sir Albert said when addressing the New Zealand High Commissioner Don Higgins.

Technical Director for the PJSI Program, Doctor Livingston Armytage from the Federal Court of Australia, Justice Debbie Mortimer and Magistrate Greg Benn also from Australia are facilitating the training.

Local facilitators are, Justice Leonard Maina, Sir Albert, Chief Magistrate Emma Garo and Deputy Registrar Stevenson Manase Belakama.

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