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L-R : Mr. Masikerei (ADMLD); Ms. Vanessa Lawrence (Director General & CEO, OS); Mr. Nand (Director of Lands)

Mr. Nand B. (Director of Lands & Surveyor General) and Mr. Masikerei K. (Asst. Director Mapping & Land Information) represented the Government of Fiji to the 2003 Cambridge Conference in UK. This conference was hosted and organized by Ordnance Survey of the United Kingdom for Chief Executives from National Mapping Agencies around the world.

It was attended by 178 delegates representing 73 countries.

Ms. Vanessa Lawrence, the Director General and Chief Executive of Ordnance Survey opened the conference, and in her opening address she pointed out the major challenges to National Mapping Agencies (NMAs) such as, wider user communities, lack of awareness of geography by decision makers and increased globalisation. She further explained that the major changes to Ordnance Survey — Great Britain, in the past four years include increasing customer focus, re-engineering products and re-evaluating existing operations. According to Fiji's representatives, this is the focus that the Department of Lands & Surveys as the National Mapping Agency in Fiji to consider and promote from today onwards.

FLASH NEWS!!!

The two (2) Government Ministries which have recently been included to Fiji Land Information Council member agencies are:

- ◆ Ministry of Tourism, Cultural Heritage & Civil Aviation
- ◆ Prime Minister's Office

UPDATE ON FISHING RIGHTS MAPPING & INFORMATION SYSTEM

1. Data capture by scanning of the 49 maps with Native Land Fisheries Commission completed, and also the photocopying of the 14 Index Books - one for every province in Fiji.
2. Hardcopies of maps superimposed on Topo data sent to Native Land Fisheries Commission for verification.
3. The focus now is, linking of the database in MSAccess to the maps.
4. In Progress - 60% completed.

ENTERPRISE DATA MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

Ratu Jone Seniloli attended the two day Enterprise Data Management conference, which was held on the 16th— 17th June 2003 in Auckland, New Zealand.

The conference focused on proper management of data. It highlighted the need to have quality data and having steps in place to maintain such quality.

One of the highlights of the conference was having quality data followed by quality of maintenance. According to Mr. Seniloli, this conference was an eye opener, as it shared other organizations struggles in trying to have quality data.

Ratu Jone, agreed that this conference organized by Marcus Evans has been very informative and educational. The information shared in the seminar will no doubt help and assist him in his work at the Fiji Land Information System within the Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources.



Ratu Jone Rabici Seniloli, Manager, Application - FLIS]

GIS PILOT PROJECTS - MAPPING OUT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION GOVERNMENT QUARTERS

The Fiji Public Service Commission, as one of the 12 member agencies of the Fiji Land Information Council requests Fiji Land Information Support Centre to assist them in developing a Government quarters Management System. It is a system which will enable them to maintain all records and properly manage the Pool Quarters under Public Service Commission.

The proposed system will carry out the following functionalities such as:

- ◆ Maintain records about previous occupants.
- ◆ Provide information on current condition of the pool quarters.
- ◆ Accommodate for additional information about the pool quarters.
- ◆ Enable proper report generation upon requests from Department /Ministry heads.
- ◆ Enable generation of letters regarding vacation of quarters and pending /overdue charges.
- ◆ Show graphic location of quarters & other attributes of the properties at a click of a button.
- ◆ Enable simple query and analysis of data .

Identifying and locating all the government quarters on maps was accomplished with the use of a customised version of *Vanuaview*.



THE EAST NEW BRITAIN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT STUDY TOUR



The touring team posing with Principal Technical Officer [FLIS]
[L-R] Paula Cholai, Bolton Towok, Joe Lupole, Horim Ladi & Mark Williams [FLIS]

The following delegates: (1) Mr. Horim Ladi - Provincial Lands Advisor (2) Ms. Paula Cholai - Provincial Lands Valuer; (3) Mr. Joseph Lupole - Cartographer; (4) Mr. Bolton Took - Social Planner; (5) Mr. Philip Kameng - Chairman, Local Level Govt. & Community Development, ENB province, paid a visit to the Permanent Secretary of Lands & Mineral Resources on 9th - 10th July 2003.

History reveals that, the development of Customary Land in New Britain - PNG is almost similar to that of Fiji. Here, in Fiji, we have a land registration program that deals with customary land which had been successful over the past 20 years. While this registration program may have the same concept between the two countries, there is still a need to observe the methodology used in assessing traditional land for economic development.

It may be worth noting that the Native Land Commission that is used in Fiji was adopted to East New Britain in the 1960's.

The objective of this trip is: -

- ◆ to observe the procedures in investigation, registration, conveyance and administration of their customary land;
- ◆ to be able to find out the necessary implementation tools they use in their successful land registration and Conveyancing program;
- ◆ to observe how they have mobilized customary land for economic development, and visit some successful projects under the program.

The tour group wish to thank everyone here in Fiji, who assisted and also contributed to their mission, which they reckoned was a great success.

WEB ENABLED GIS TECHNOLOGIES FORUM



Mr. Moses Baravilala, Actg
Project Manager - FLIS

Mr. Moses Baravilala, attended a two day conference on the WEB ENABLED GIS TECHNOLOGIES forum from the 26th - 27th June, 2003 at the Le Meridien Hotel in Melbourne Australia. The participants were GIS personnel mainly from neighboring countries - Australia & New Zealand.

As for Moses e, the conference was very informative. He appreciated one presentation made by Dr. Jayawardhana who outlined how his team developed a low cost solution in creating wider access to digital data archives via spatial or form based searching. By attending this conference Moses grabbed the opportunity to meet highly qualified professionals in the GIS industry and was able to create a network with some of them. With the exposure & experience gained, Moses strongly believes that it will be of great benefit to the Lands Department, as it moves onto embracing WEB as a means of disseminating & providing access to its various databases & data archives.

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ADVANCED MAPINFO TRAINING

The **Advanced MapInfo Training** was conducted by Mr. Fortstrueter of SOPAC at FLIS Centre on 7 - 11 July, 2003. This training was aimed at the FLIC member agencies.

It was divided into 3 major parts:

- ◆ Creating tables in MS Access & MapInfo, & linking them using a SQL statement.
- ◆ Using MS Access as an interface for GIS display, query & analysis
- ◆ Using MapInfo to customize MapInfo interface and applications.

The knowledge gained from this training will be of great benefit to workplaces with GIS- base amongst FLIC member agencies.



Standing (L - R) : Ms. Biukoto (Trainer – SOPAC); Mr. Baravilala (FLIS); Mr. M. Waqa (PWD); Mr. I. Bari (PWD); Mr. Tami (NLTB) ; Mr. W. Fortstrueter (Trainer – SOPAC); Mr. Kuruwale (NL&Fisheries Commission)
Sitting (L-R) : Ms. A. Lewai (Forestry), and Ms. G. Anjani (FLIS)

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It is also the intention of the editorial staff that the newsletter be informative to the user community at large especially the many allied agencies.

Contributions on local, national and international news will always be welcomed and serious attention will be paid to constructive criticisms.

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A SIDE-TRANSFER TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE



Ratu Jone Seniloli.
- Manager, Application
(FLIS)

Ratu Rabici Seniloli... joined the service in 1995 as Technical Officer II & hence promoted to Manager, Application at FLIS in 1999. The position he held until July 2003, when transferred to the Prime Minister's office. It is believed that he will be very instrumental in their new Central Information Centre.

Ratu's IT background & experience at FLIS will undoubtedly be an added bonus to his new work place. "On behalf of the Editorial team, we wish you all the very best!"

A SHIFT FROM STATE TO NATIVE



Mr. Eroni Tokailagi -
TO 1 (Minister's Private
Assistant)

Mr. Eroni N. Tokailagi, of Namuka, Bau, Tailevu served for 28 years as a Civil Servant, in the Ministry of Lands & Mineral Resources. During such time, he worked in various sections of the Mapping & Land Information Division. The Director of Lands, Mr. Barma in his farewell speech thanked Eroni for his dedication and contribution to the Ministry & also encouraged him to his new office as a Native Reserve Officer at Native Land Trust Board.