

Food tech students undergo industrial training on fish processing techniques

FOOD Tech students completed seven weeks of industrial training under a partnership with two stakeholders.

The European Union (EU) funded Secretariat of the Pacific Community Development Fish 2 (SPC/DevFish2) project collaborated with the Department of Applied Sciences and the National Fisheries Authority (NFA) to facilitate industrial training attachments for seven third year Food Technology students.

The students were sent to locally based fish processing operations in Lae and Madang.

The training started on 26th August and ended on 11 October.

SPC previously collaborated with the department to develop and incorporate a new subject on Seafood Technology to the existing Bachelor of Science in Food Technology program and a new Seafood Post Harvest Post-graduate program to begin in 2014.

The additional support to facilitate this industrial training attachment support would be a bonus for the students.

Changes to existing programs and the new program would target third year students this year when the course is rolled out next year.

Jonathan Manieva, SPC/DevFish

officer said that the project facilitates training support to companies to improve fish handling practices in sanitary standards and export requirements.



Pictured above are the six of the seven students attached with the SPC/DevFish2 project for their industrial training.

He said students in the Bachelor of Science degree in Food Technology Program are the appropriate local capacity who will fill in these critical roles in Pacific Islands countries' based fish processing and exporting companies.

SPC/DevFish was proud to provide the department with the program as a key approach to developing human resource capacity in the area of fish inspection and certification re-

quirements.

The department's Industrial Training Program Coordinator, Mrs Sogoing Denamo thanked SPC/Dev2 project for their contribution towards training its students.

She said the training is not only for employment opportunities but also to contribute towards the economic growth of the wider Pacific Island countries.

"Recognising and awarding students for their academic excellence, is a motivation for those seven students who received the scholarship" said Mrs Denamo.

Vice Chairman of the PNG Fishing Industry Association, Mike McCulley said that the industry is pleased to have the training underway.

"There is a tremendous need in the processing facilities for trained technicians and this represents a real commitment to source trained technicians from countries that harvest fish", said Mr McCulley.

Information and picture provided by SOGOING DENAMO.

- Mrs Denamo is the Industrial Training Program Coordinator for the department.

New equipment purchased for grounds section

By ELAINE VAINA

THE Grounds and Maintenance sections recently received new equipment to help them do their work proficiently.

The equipments worth over K61, 000 were made possible through the administration and the bursary section of the university.

These equipment included five lawn-mowers, four brush cutters, rakes and other items.

Acting Pro Vice Chancellor (Admin), Macquin Maino said that the adminis-



New lawn-mowers and brush cutters

tration saw the need for the grounds section to do their work and provided them with the much needed tools.

Meanwhile, the acting vice chancellor, Professor John Pumwa, acknowledged the role that Maintenance and Grounds section played towards the upkeep of the university.

Prof. Pumwa said that the section had contributed a lot to the university and urged the staff to think highly of themselves as major players towards the development of the university.

He urged them to be responsible in maintaining the equipment so they could last.