

## 12 RSE WORKERS ARRIVE IN NEW ZEALAND



The Foreign Employment Service at the Ministry of Employment, Industrial Relations & Productivity have sent off the first group of Fijian workers recruited under the New Zealand Recognised Seasonal Employer Work Scheme.

The twelve personnel arrived in Auckland last weekend and are excited to be in New Zealand. "The boys are in high spirit and looking forward to working very hard in Hawkes Bay for the next seven months," said Waisale Tora, the group's spokesperson.

All the men on the team were ready to experience and adapt to New Zealand's life, agreeing that the pre-departure training in Nadi was valuable.

Ms Mere Tora, Fiji's Acting Head of Mission at the Fiji High Commission in Wellington, welcomed and briefed the group at Auckland Airport before they took the four-hour drive to Hawkes Bay where they will be based until September.

Ms Tora impressed upon the group the importance of focusing on why they were in New Zealand. "It is your responsibility individually and as a group to set excellent work and behaviour standards that would give employers the confidence to recruit more workers from Fiji," she added.

The Minister for Employment, Productivity & Industrial Relations, Hon. Jioji Konrote, reiterates that this is part of Government's Employment Creation initiative towards reducing unemployment.

The Ministry of Employment is now preparing to send the second group of Fijians to New Zealand