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Partnerships in building staff capacities to last

About forty (40) employees of the Electric Power Corporation (EPC) including three (3) from Samoa Shipping Corporation (SSC) received Certificates of Completion, following the successful conclusion of the Plant Maintenance and Overhaul of Generators training last week at the EPC Fuluasou Substation.

This was the second week of the training, which started on the 15th September for the 1st group with the last one just completed last week.

The training was conducted by New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) Accredited provider iSkills Industry partners (formerly known as Macquarie Training) in partnership with the EPC and the Samoa In-Country Training Program.

“Training opportunities under this Programme, as coordinated by the Public Service Commission (PSC) for the public sector, are very limited and EPC is very fortunate to have had this training, as it is very difficult to find trainers for technical trainings” said Manager of SICTP, Soalo Sydney Faasau.

The five day training course aimed at increasing the knowledge and skills of the mechanics within the Corporation as well as developing their confidence to conduct fault findings in big engines either in the Pneumatic system or Hydraulic. Invitation to participate was extended to Samoa Shipping Corporation of which four of its staff members joined the EPC team at the training.

The participants were trained on; new network layout, new station configuration and substation details, load profiling, dismantling and re-assembling of equipment parts, safety and instrument care, different component parts, procedures, and operating and power station operation functions.

For the participants, it was a great opportunity to upgrade their skills and knowledge so to enhance their working capacities.

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“The training has improved my understanding on safety and instrument care. The trainer really emphasised the importance of safety of the worker and the equipment from any hazards, especially with this line of work” said Generation Operator, Willie Alo.

Working from the Fuluasou Substation, he added that the new knowledge gained from this training and the new system in place has made communication between them and operators at the hydro plants much easier. This is because they can view on the system, works that are carried out at the hydro plants and quickly identify any faults or problems with generators.

iSkill Trainer, Ian Muir acknowledged the support and assistance from EPC and NUS who provided some great resources for use. *“It has been both an honour and a pleasure to work with the team from EPC for the last two weeks. The EPC team, NUS, and the course participants have made us feel very welcome, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all very much”* he said.

EPC General Manager, Tologata Tile Lei’a commended this effort and stated that this training is pertinent to EPC’s commitment in developing its staff thus fulfilling its objective towards achieving its mission of ensuring reliable and sustainable electricity supply for Samoa.

The training incorporated classroom sessions, site visits and practical exercises.

It was fully funded by the Government of Australia, Government of New Zealand and the Government of Samoa and administered by the Samoa In-Country Training Program.

Attachment: Group Photos



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