

Free Bird Institute Limited

Fiji Islands

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MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

- Second charter flight with Air New Zealand

FBL has again signed a contract with Air New Zealand to charter another aircraft scheduled for 18 April 2021. The charter flight is from Auckland to Nadi and has been scheduled to coincide with the Air New Zealand commercial flight arriving at Auckland from Narita on the same day.

Chief Financial Officer, Waisale Iowane said, “Pegged on the success of our last charter flight in December, we are excited to be able to provide another flight for our students to come to Fiji. In addition to this, the convenience of the scheduled weekly passenger flights from Nadi to Auckland over the past months by Air New Zealand provides our students a level of comfort that they will be able to return to Japan as scheduled. Despite the on-going pandemic, we need to be mindful of our target market and time is of the essence for our students, most of whom have to return home on time at the end of their studies as they will either have work or university to return to.”

He added, “With the flight scheduled in April, this gives our teams in Japan a bit of time to actively market our institute and Fiji as a destination to study abroad and hopefully attract more students this time around.”

Chief Operations Officer, Mereseini Baleilevuka said, “The students will also undergo all the same health and safety requirements that were applied to our students that arrived in December last year. This is in addition to all the students requiring to undergo a PCR test within 72 hours of their departure from their port of origins and must return negative results before being able to board the aircraft. The date of the flight is also scheduled as such that as they exit their 14-day quarantine period, they will also time the start of term 2 which is set to start on 10 May 2021.”

The flight will also be available to carry any Fiji citizen who wishes to return home or approved non-Fiji citizens who have received an approval from the Fiji government to enter Fiji.

More details of the flight will be released as and when they become available.

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