

Free Bird Institute Limited

Fiji Islands

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MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

- Approval of students from Japan

FBL has received its third conditional approval on the 30th of July 2021 from the COVID-19 Risk Mitigation Taskforce (CRMT) to allow international students from Japan to enter Fiji under the *Specific Request under Significant Economic Value* category of the *Fijian COVID Safe Economic Recovery Framework*. The conditions set out in this approval letter that FBL must adhere to, will ensure that these students are brought in a COVID-safe manner and ensuring that the safety and well-being of all Fijians are protected.

“Despite the escalating COVID-19 situation in Fiji, we are excited that we continue to have interest from potential students to come and study in Fiji”, said Chief Operating Officer Mereseini Baleilevuka.

She added, “More than 80% of our employees have already received their first jab of the vaccine and this will add further confidence to the international market that FBL and its employees are doing the best it can to ensure that we provide a safe and working environment not only for each other but also our students. We also hope that Fiji as a nation is able to achieve the targeted percentage of vaccinated people to enable us to return to some form of normalcy soon.”

FBL is currently planning with Air New Zealand to charter another flight in September to be able to bring in the next batch of students with a date yet to be finalised

Chief Executive Officer, Hiroshi Taniguchi said, “Our efforts will ensure that we are able to continue to support as many employees and homestay families as possible.”

We continue to ensure that our efforts will continue to bring significant economic value to our country and to our people and contribute largely to the recovery of the Fijian economy.



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