

# Free Bird Institute Limited

## Fiji Islands

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### MARKET ANNOUNCEMENT

#### - Students Clean up the Streets of Lautoka

FBL is pleased to announce that it continues to educate its international students on the importance of their role in their surrounding communities.

Equipped with garbage bags, gloves, nifty nabbers and bins, 30 students and 10 teachers from the Lautoka Campus took to the streets of Lautoka to assist the Lautoka City Council with the cleaning-up.

The initiative was organised and driven by FBL's Intern Daisuke Hirasawa and Vice Principal, Seru Raconawa Vuiyasawa in the bid to keep students motivated and also as a way to give back and also create awareness in the community. Mr Hirasawa is quoted in the Fiji Sun on 27 May 2018 saying, "They (students) hope to make Fijian people be gentler towards them as they sometimes are victims of being robbed, deceived and cheated by the local community members."

Mr Vuiyasawa said "The community services that we organise in school act as a fill-in activity where our students can partake in from 2:30pm to 5pm and involving them in such activities directly changes their usual daily routine as students which helps develop their interests outside their usual spaces."

Chief Operating Officer, Mereseini Baleilevuka said "Volunteer work can be inspiring. Hence for our students, doing something together as a group in an informal setting is a great way of spending their after school time in Fiji. They learn to develop their social skills as the atmosphere is more relaxing compared to sitting in the classrooms for 5 hours or when they are in their own country where the work culture is so systematic and controlled."

She further added that getting involved in volunteer work gives the students some degree of satisfaction that they can contribute something positive to the community they live in. "It fosters a sense of belonging in them and this motivates them to achieve their study goals while studying in Fiji."

FBL continues to encourage its students to engage in community work as their form of Corporate Social Responsibility.

Yours sincerely



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