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FIE NEWSLETTER

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SPEA

It is with pleasure that as an attachment we enclose a copy of the SPEA Newsletter for your information. We hope that you will find it of interest and it is good to see that they appreciated all the work that went into the launch of SPEA. We do get requests from SPEA to submit items for the SPEA Newsletter, so if any member would like to contribute, please submit your article by email to the FIE Office.

SPEA COUNCIL MEETING

Our President Pratarp Singh was away in Auckland attending a SPEA Council meeting held on 27 & 28 July 2010. We shall include a report on that meeting in a later edition.

Decree for Accountants and Engineers in Fiji.

It has come to our notice from a reliable source that there are plans in place to have a code of conduct for accountants and engineers. Exactly what that may mean for our members we are unsure at this stage. As our members know, the FIE does have its own set of Rules and Ethics for members to abide by. Our reading is that the purpose behind the proposed decree is to generally tighten up and ensure that professional people act in an ethical manner.

At this stage of writing this piece, the FIE has no further information on the issue. We will inform our members should or when we receive any definite plans or further information.

Seminar on the Law with Nazhat Shameem.

Without any doubt, we have had the most important and interesting half day CPD of the year with the former High Court Judge Nazhat Shameem as the speaker. What a superb speaker who held her audience of 90 in complete silence for the duration of that seminar. The subject was, "The Law and the Building and Construction Industry in Fiji" What was most impressive was her immense knowledge of the subject and how it was applicable to our industry.



The participants at the seminar



Nazhat Shameem

UNICEF

Our discussions with UNICEF are continuing to see where the FIE can best offer assistance on the subject of the school upgrading project.

STEEL REINFORCEMENT

We have received important information from Fletcher Pacific Steel (Fiji) Ltd regarding their production of grade 500 and other grades of steel. We pass that information to all our members for interest and action as follows:

“We have finally phased out the old grade 430 and no longer produced for the Fiji Market.

Under AS/NZS 467:2001 for the New Zealand market which we have adopted, we will manufacture diameters as 10,12,16,20,25 and 23mm. See attached extract from AS/NZS 4671:2001.

The old standard (NZ3402) had 24 and 28mm which we would no longer produce unless there are projects which have been designed to the old standards using grade 430 bars. These two diameters would be made available in grade 500 as an alternative only for the next two months. (Note the date of the information to the FIE was 24 June 2010)

Attached is our current steel specification data on grade 300 and 500 and we request our Architects and Engineers to design using such.”

We have attached the following files for your information and use:

- Grade 500 to AS/NZS4671
- Grade 300 to AS/NZS4671
- Extract from AS/NZS4671

FIE PROMOTION

Below, our President Pratarp Singh is seen successfully giving an address to promote the FIE at the USP. Pratarp was also seen recently on the Fiji TV programme “Talk Business” with Nazhat Shameem talking briefly about the registration of engineers, the law and how it affects engineers.



President Pratarp Singh giving an FIE promotional presentation at USP



Nazhat Shameem on Fiji TV “Talk Business” programme