

Vote of Thanks by Electoral Commission Chairperson

Mr Suresh Chandra

Vehicle Handover

FEO HQ – 07/06/2018

The High Commissioner of India, Mr Vishvas Sapkal,
Members of the Electoral Commission,
Distinguished invited guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen.

Bula Vinaka to you all.

First and foremost, I must thank the people and the government of India for stepping up to assist the Electoral Commission and the Fijian Elections Office.

An election poses to be the largest logistics exercise that any country would conduct in peace time.

Such a massive operation must always be supported by the presence of logistics equipment such as vehicles for transport.

Considering the effort that is required to conduct an election in a day as well as the requirements for the logistics of the Electoral Commission in travelling to and from other engagements, such an important gesture by the Indian Government will go a long way in facilitating the requirements of elections.

The Electoral Commission has always been positively assisted by the Government of India and I understand that in 2014, we were given up to 10 vehicles from the Indian Government to facilitate the 2014 General Election.

These vehicles are still with the FEO and I understand four of them were subsequently given to the Ministry of Women to facilitate their requirements for vehicles, however, the remaining six vehicles have been very useful for the FEO's operational needs.

This vehicle I assure to His Excellency, the High Commissioner, will be put to good use and will definitely be an important part of the logistical exercise for the 2018 General Election.

Indeed, we are very thankful to the Indian Government and the Indian High Commission for their support and assistance.

I would like to thank all our guests who are in attendance at this event. We look forward to your continued participation in our future events.

I also thank the hardworking staff of the FEO who have been very diligent and patient in their readiness for the election and we commend them for the assistance they provide to the voters and the general public.

I would also like to thank our media partners who are present here today. We thank you for your support.

With the assistance of the our international partners and the support of our local stakeholders, we intend to make the 2018 General Election a platform for all Fijians to express their will with Confidence, Security and Freedom.

So ladies and gentlemen, I thank you all for your attendance here today.

Vinaka vakalevu.