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GREETINGS

Greetings to all our members once again. This issue of the newsletter will remind and highlight further on the upcoming Annual Conference in Ba.

87th ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2017

The details of the conference are as follows:

- **Host:** Ba Branch
- **Dates:** 24th April – 26th April 2017
- **Venue:** Xavier College Auditorium, Ba.
- **Theme:** "Education 2030 – Through Inclusive and Participatory Approach"
- **Chief Guest:** Shashi Bala Singh, Chief Coordinator, Education International Asia Pacific.

CHIEF GUEST – CONFERENCE 2017



The Chief Guest and Keynote speaker for the 87th AGM and Conference will be Shashi Bala Singh, Chief Coordinator, Education International Asia Pacific.

BIO-DATA – CHIEF GUEST

Sis. Shashi Bala Singh is originally from a remote village in Madhya Pradesh, the central province of India. She began her career as a primary school teacher in New Delhi Municipal Corporation and subsequently taught at secondary schools and worked as Principal for many years.

While teaching, around 1985, she came in contact with All Delhi Primary Teachers' Association and got elected as the Central Committee Member. This facilitated opportunity for her to work with All India Primary Teachers' Federation (AIPTF), the biggest union of primary/elementary teachers with more than 2.3 million members in 24 provinces of India.

In 1987, she got the opportunity to undergo a trade union course in TUTA College in Australia together with other leaders of the Asia Pacific region. The course was instrumental in instilling trade union and leadership skills and providing knowledge about working of teachers' trade unions in different countries in the AP region.

She became a Regional Coordinator for the EI Asia Pacific Region in 1997 and moved to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She got closely engaged on campaign for education of Girl Children in South Asia and also participated intensely in campaigns on quality education for all under EI's Unite Campaign and worked with UNESCO on Education for All and recently SDG4.

Finally, she took over as Chief Regional Coordinator in 2013 and remains in the position till date.

NATIONAL ELECTIONS 2017

Members are informed that at the close of Nominations for National Executive Positions,



the following were returned unopposed to their respective positions for the 2017-2019 term.

Position	Candidate
President	Muniappa Goundar
General Secretary	Agni Deo Singh
Vice President	Dalip Kumar Ram
	Vidya Singh
	Pranesh Praveen Sharma
Assistant General Secretary	Rajnesh Ishwar Lingam
General Treasurer	Sashi Mahendra Shandil
Personnel Officer	Rameshwar Lal
Publicity Officer	Manhar Kumar
Executive Members	Nakul Deo Barman
	Pratosh Kumar
	Madhur Prakash

PUBLICITY MATTERS

The February issue of the Newsletter was sent to all the School Reps in the first week. Branches must keep their membership informed of current issues by sending regular Branch Newsletters. Branch Secretaries are advised to send a copy of their Branch Newsletters to HQ. The 2017 Year Planner was also sent to the Branches in early February for distribution to the members. If you have not received the Year Planner then get in touch with your Branch Executives. The Conference Journal is presently being put into shape and the Publicity Committee is requesting members to contribute articles towards the Journal.

BRANCH DELEGATES

Branch delegates to be appointed as per the Constitution Section 32 Clauses 1-9. It is advisable that all members in the Branch be informed of the above well before the Branch AGM, and delegates be appointed in the Branch AGM.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Members are invited to write a 2 page article for this year's journal. The National Executive members are reminded to submit an article for the Journal as well.

Members are reminded not to submit University assignments. Please include a reference with your article.

The due date for the article is 31/03/17. Articles can be e-mailed to: ftu@connect.com.fj and Cc to the Publicity Officer on: kumar.manhar@yahoo.com

The theme for the 87th AGM is "Education 2030 – Through Inclusive and Participatory Approach." The Publicity Committee has the right to select and edit the articles.

AGM RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions for AGM's consideration should come through your respective branches. The resolutions should be tabled in the Branch AGM and endorsed by the house, with a mover and seconder.

All resolutions must reach the Secretariat by close of business on 01/04/17.

BILLETING

Branches are requested to contact Ba Branch executives for the arrangement of billeting during the conference. Contact Bro. Nakul on 9928037 and Bro. Manoj on 9309601.

CULTURAL NIGHT

Members, who wish to perform during the Cultural Night on Tuesday 25th April, 2017 are to give their names to their Branch Secretaries before 14th April, 2017.

SPORTS

As usual sports will be a major feature of the conference. Branches are expected to prepare the teams to participate in soccer, netball and volleyball.

FTU DOCTORS

The following Doctors have joined in the MABS:

1. Dr. Sarika Chandra – Bayly House, Suva
2. Dr. Ashika Sen – President Plaza, Sambula, Suva
3. Dr. Alice Buenafe – Smart Care Medical, Ba
4. Dr. Atinesh Prakash, Labasa
5. Dr. MSR Dean, Ba

The following Doctors have withdrawn from FTU MABS:

1. Makoi Medical Center - 8 miles, Makoi
2. Sundressan Pillay – Labasa
3. Dr. Maung Mon - Tavua

