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### FIRCA Gears Up for International Customs Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2010

The Fiji Islands Revenue & Customs Authority (FIRCA) together with the Customs community worldwide is undertaking preparations to celebrate the International Customs Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2010. The International Customs Day is celebrated every year and is a great opportunity to recognize the important work carried out each day by FIRCA officers and the Authority's steadfast commitment in trade facilitation and against all forms of illegal global trade.

With the 2010 theme of **Customs Trade Partnerships**, FIRCA is organizing the celebration together with the Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO), the Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Council of Fiji (CBFCF) and its Government Agencies stakeholders. The OCO is a body that brings together twenty-three Customs administrations of Oceania (Australasia, Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia) and whose mission is to promote efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects of Customs administration in the Oceania. The CBFCF is an influential voice for Customs Brokers, international Freight Forwarders, Importers, Exporters, manufacturers and other associated groups concerned with international trade. Its prime objective is to represent members' interests in the trade logistic service industry and to promote the professional development of its members

through training professional development and working in partnership with FIRCA.

With the evolutions in the environment in which we must operate, FIRCA recognize that we need to establish meaningful dialogue with the businesses and other Government Agencies in Fiji. Programmes lined up during the event include speeches made by an invited guest of honour, Customs Management, OCO and the CBCF. FIRCA will also use the opportunity to hold discussion with our important stakeholders on how we can improve our performance through partnership. The celebration will be hosted by FIRCA at its new Revenue & Customs Service Complex.

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