



**EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF FIJI
JAPAN**

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Dear Fiji Nationals,

Ni sa bula vinaka!

Given the interests and queries raised regarding election participation this year, particularly for those of us that will be away from home, the following clarification was provided by the Fijian Election Office (FEO) - information also available on their website:

1. Registering for the first time – given the security measures involved (biometric scans etc) voters will need to physically be in one of their FEO Voter Service Centers in Fiji for the registration processes.
 - <http://feo.org.fj/voters/voter-registration/>
 - <http://feo.org.fj/voter-services-center/>

You will note that there was an overseas voter registration drive in 2017. This was limited to countries with big Fijian diaspora communities and with significant number of eligible voters. Our numbers (Fiji nationals in Japan) did not make the threshold, as was the case in the lead up to the 2014 general elections.

2. For voters already registered and issued with an EVR card – postal ballot is an option if you will be in Japan/overseas during voting/election day;
 - 44 days prior to election day, FEO will upload postal voting application form on their website
 - Registered voters will need to apply for postal voting - complete application and email a scanned copy to the special email that will be provided.
 - FEO will assess the applications and once approved, the voter/applicant will be sent the postal ballot.

For your information and update.

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