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CRU ends awareness on draft Federal Constitution with Unitech SI students

Constitutional Reform Unit (CRU) has ended the four-day awareness program on the 2nd 2014 Draft Federal Constitution of Solomon Islands with Solomon Islands students studying at Papua New Guinea's University of Technology (Unitech) in Lae on Friday 8th April 2016.

CRU Consultant Lawyer Mr. Reginald Teutao said that he was satisfied with the awareness program and thanked the students for their participation.

Likewise, in thanking the students, Director/CRU Mr. Philip Houlia said the team was grateful to the university's admin for arranging the meeting venue on campus and Unitech's SI Students Association (SISA) for assisting in logistical matters.

In terms of the awareness program, Mr. Teutao lead the consultations giving legal explanations on the 2nd 2014 Draft and answered questions and comments from participating students.

Some of the discussions in this awareness centered on the capital city, national symbols, national security, human rights, customary land ownership and naturalized citizenship.

About fifty students participated in the awareness program that was held at the university's campus during the evenings.

This is the last consultation with students and academics studying abroad in tertiary institutions that house the majority of Solomon Islands students.

The team returns to Honiara this week from Port Moresby, and will continue to finish remaining awareness in Honiara.

CRU is a division established within the Prime Minister's Office to oversee the completion of the Solomon Islands' Constitutional Reform program. Fundamental Reform is the political unit of DCCG's sectoral reforms, in charge of various reforms under the fundamental sector. It is also currently based at the Prime Minister's Office.

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