Summit Platform to Understand Industry Needs: Lockington

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cific, Laucala Campus, Suva yes at the University of the South Paof the Pacific Skills Summit held this comment during the first day licer Fantasha Lockington made tion (FHTA) chief executive of Fiji Hotel and Tourism Associa

were not being filled enough. lot of jobs in the industries that Ms Lockington said there were a

a lot of our talent, a lot of our ex pertise or skills sets." "So we have to look overseas for

engineers they were not able to ters, plumbers, electricians, and average trade person like carpen-Speaking to Fiji Sun she said the

is happening in terms of climate ing a lot more on trying to make sure that we are aware of what "But the industry is also focus-

have an understanding of climate looking to hire more people who Ms Lockington said they were

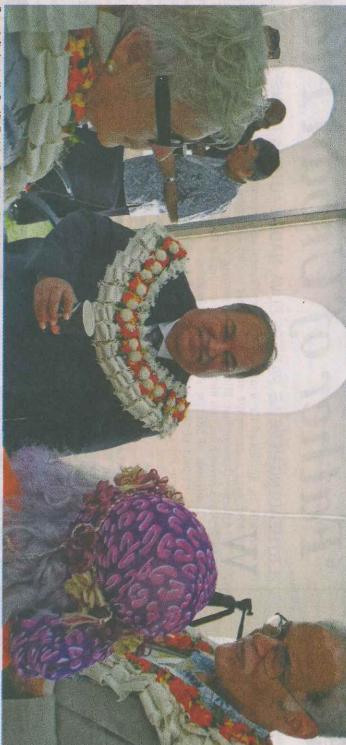
are not harming the environment. ism is sustainable, and that we environment that we use for tour-"We want to make sure that the

we take out, so that we will have a ourism industry in the next 50 to "We are putting back more than

happens, we need to have peo-ple who can work with us to un-She said: "And to make sure this

Ms Lockington said the Summit,

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From left: Australia Pacific Training Caoalition Board Chair Kaye Schofield, President of the Republic of Nauru Baron Waqa, and University of the South Pacific Pro-Vice Chancellor Winston Thompson during the opening of the Pacific Skills Summit on June 25, 2019. Photo: Lusiana Tuimaisala

derstand what the environment needs, and why we need to do

place to come and visit, but all the what Fiji is generally, a beautiful available to the world in terms of resources we have that makes Fiji "So, it's not just being open and

more." but we also learning to protect it case to the rest of the world, the but the marine life that we showbeautiful environment we have, "This is not only for our people

filled enough. that were not being Ms Lockington said there were a lot of jobs in the industries

was a fantastic platform for people to understand what the indus-

need more skills in different arindustries in Fiji and we have "Tourism is one of the biggest saying for a while that we

> about how technology is changsets and why we must be thinking the Summit are learning, why the industry needs these sort of skills "These people who are here at

rely heavily on bringing overseas She said they would not like to available within the industry."

training a lot more accountants lawyers, teachers and nurses. standing, but we still seem to be She noted because they are "We don't seem to get that under-

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trained well, they tend to leave for com.fj Feedback: Lusiana.tuimaisala@fijisun.

greener pastures.

area as well." ing and identify the particular bers of people that we are train-"So we need to put up the num

sets of the people that we have ing, what it is doing to the skill why we need to re-think the way opportunity for us to understand we are doing things. She said: "This Summit is an

change and change quickly bethere on the global and regional environment." cause of what is happening out "And the ability to be able to