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**WOMEN IN MARITIME AT THE MALAYSIA MARITIME LEADERS SEMINAR,
LANGKAWI INTERNATIONAL MARITIME AND AEROSPACE EXHIBITION AND THE
ASIA-PACIFIC HEADS OF MARITIME SAFETY AGENCIES (APHoMSA) MEETING
HELD AT LANGKAWI, MALAYSIA FROM THE 20TH – 24TH MARCH 2017**



From L – R: Ms. Vasa Tuisiga Saitala (President – Tuvalu WIMA), Ms. Mavis Joseph-Logavatu (Fiji) and Chairperson of PacWIMA, Ms. Agnes Gaote (Solomon Islands), Ms Lynsey Talagi (Niue) and Ms. Tania George (Vice President – Cook Islands WIMA).

Women In Maritime from the Pacific region attended the Malaysia Maritime Leaders Seminar, Langkawi International Maritime And Aerospace Exhibition and The Asia-Pacific Heads of Maritime Safety Agencies (APHoMSA) Meeting HELD AT LANGKAWI, MALYSIA from the 20th – 24th March 2017. The APHoMSA is an annual forum that takes place within member countries.

The programme this year included a Pre-Forum event “Malaysia Maritime Leaders Forum” and an excursion trip to Kilim Geo Park and Langkawi Sky Bridge. The agenda focused around the area of maintaining a strong understanding and sharing maritime issues, identifying and

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coordinating technical cooperation efforts and represent the regions interest in enhancing international standards by bringing together senior maritime officials from across the region and member states.

Women In Maritime from the Pacific region were nominated through the International Maritime Organization to attend the 18th session of APHoMSA as a delegate together with other member countries representatives. Women participation was sponsored by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) under the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme (ITCP) which requires IMO to pay particular attention to the shipping-related needs of Small Islands Developing States and of Least Developed Countries and forms part of the work of IMO in promoting the integration of women in the maritime sector..

The purpose of women in the Maritime industry's participation in the Malaysia's Maritime Leaders Seminar, the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition and the APHoMSA meetings attended by all Heads of Maritime Safety Agencies in the Asia-Pacific Region are listed below:

- (a) Attend the Maritime Leaders Seminar focusing on Branding – a modern day trend for the private and public sector organizations which focus on brand leadership, developing powerful branding strategies, and brand management;
- (b) Meet/Network with high level delegations and discuss issues of interest with countries in the Asia pacific region;
- (c) Enable women participation in current and emerging maritime issues which are influenced by the rapid growth of the maritime industry in the region; and
- (d) Contribute to the Outcome Statement and work plan based on the four main pillars of APHoMSA which include:
 - (i) Regional cooperation;
 - (ii) Protecting the marine environment;
 - (iii) Safety at sea including seafarer welfare; and
 - (iv) Search and rescue.

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