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NRBT Annual Awards Night 2019

The Reserve Bank celebrated its Annual Awards Night on Thursday 12th December 2019 at its Conference Centre. The Awards Night is to highlight and recognise the achievements of the staff over the year against its Corporate Plan targets. The highlighted awards were given to the Best Performing Staff of the year, staff who made the Best Progress and the Security of the Year. These were presented by the Guest of Honor, Lord Ma'afu and other distinguished guests, Lord Tu'iha'angana and the Honorable Minister for Finance, Tevita Lavemaau.

Awards were presented to staff recognising their contributions not only within the bank but also to their communities. Other Awards included staff who lost the most weight from the Reserve Bank's weekly health checks and recognitions of staff at management level. The details of Awardees are listed below:

Governor's Awards

1. **Employee of the Year** – Mr 'Ilaisa Vaiomo'unga (Accounts Department)
2. **Most Improved Employee of the Year** – Mrs. Tenisia Tovi (Financial Markets Department)
3. **Security of the Year** – Mr. Mafoaeata Pongipongi (Security Department)

Managers' Awards

1. **Chief Managers of the Year** - Mr. Tevita Vaha'i (Financial Systems Department) & Mr. Tevita Kolokihakaufisi (Currency Department)
2. **Exceptional Performance as Chief Managers (Special Award)** – Mrs. Mefilina Tohi (Economics Department) & Mrs. Lupe Pele Ma'u (Accounts Department)
3. **Senior Managers of the Year** – Mrs. Kueni Fifita (Financial Systems Department) & Ms. Polini Jennings (Building & Property Department)
4. **Manager of the Year** – Ms. Koloisa Tupou (Risk & Compliance Unit)

Weight Loss Competition Awards

1. **First Prize:** Mrs. Catherine Fonokalafi
2. **Second Prize:** Mrs. Faka'osilea Lavaki
3. **Third Prize:** Mrs. Seini Moli

The Governor highlighted in his remarks the bank's performance against its core objectives including its role in contributing to Economic Growth and maintaining a sound and stable Financial System.

The Board of the Directors and Governor wishes to congratulate the awardees and the rest of the staff for a successful year.



Left: Mr. 'Ilaisa Vaiomo'unga receiving the Employee of the Year Award

Right: Mrs. Tenisia Tovi receiving the Most Improved Employee of the Year Award



Above: Mr. Mafoaeata Pongipongi receiving the Security of the Year Award.



Mr. Tevita Kolokihakaufisi (left) & Mr. Tevita Vaha'i (right) receiving the Chief Managers of the Year Award.



Mrs. Mefilina Tohi (left) & Mrs. Lupe Pele Ma'u (right) receiving the Special Award of Exceptional Performance as Chief Managers.



Left: Mrs. Kueni Fifita receiving the Senior Manager of the Year Award.
Right: Ms. Koloisa Tupou receiving the Manager of Year Award.



*Left: Mrs. Catherine Fonokalafi receiving the First Prize of the Weight Loss Competition.
Right: Mrs. Faka'osilea Lavaki receiving the Second Prize of the Weight Loss Competition.*