

Bose ni Momo ni Yasana ko Ba formally accept the descendants of the Girmitiyas

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The 24 districts and their chiefs came together at Koroivolu Park in Nadi

The Bose ni Momo ni Yasana ko Ba formally accepted the descendants of the Girmitiyas as part of the 24 districts of the province of Ba.

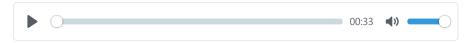
Secretary of the Bose ni Momo ni Yasana ko Ba Jese Saukuru says that today's auspicious event coincides with the Vanua o Ba Festival, that saw the 24 districts and their chiefs come together at Koroivolu Park in Nadi.

He says that the purpose of the event was to unite the people and the vanua especially after many generations of living amongst the different cultures.

The Turaga na Tui Noco led the delegation from Rewa along with the Luvedra na Ratu, the descendants of the Girmitiyas that have been accepted by the people of Rewa, to be part of the celebrations.

Saukuru says that having accepted the descendants of the Girmitiyas as part of the Bose ni Momo ni Yasana ko Ba, the Indo Fijians from the Ba province are now known as the Luvedra na Momo.

He says that this has definitely deepened and enriched the unity, history and culture amongst the people and the Vanua.



The National Federation Party Leader Professor Biman Prasad who was also part of the presentation ceremony says that the 2 communities have had good relations over many years and this is an opportunity to deepen our relations as one country and one people.

Others present with the 40 member Indo Fijian delegation included FRIEND Fiji Director Sashi Kiran, Director of Natraj Fiji Swani Maharaj, NFP's Jagannath Sami and former FNU Vice Chancellor Ganesh Chand.





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