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Good farming practices earns 33 famers a trip to India

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FRIEND Associate Director Dr Jone Hawea, EU Head of Delegation HE Andrew Jacobs & FRIEND Founder/Director Sashi Kiran

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Under the EU Funded GROW programme, thirty three local farmers have won themselves learning tour to Kingston Foundation in India to look at integrated organic practices in agriculture.

Eight farmers are first place getters in the main categories of the EU Grow Star Awards for Best Cash Crop Farmer, Best Poultry Farmer, Best Apiary Farmer, Best Food Processing Farmer & Organic Farming.

The EU Funded Grow programme focuses on economic activity and improving the quality of life of those living in the sugar cane belt areas by providing people with supplementary means to sustain and improve their livelihood.

Founder of FRIEND Fiji Sashi Kiran, who is the coordinator of the programme says farmers were selected through careful monitoring of good agriculture practice over the implementation of the project that comes to an end this year.

The awards ceremony was held in in Vuda, Viseisei Lautoka and was jointly Officiated by Minister for Agriculture Inia Seruiratu and Head of Delegation of EU in the Pacific Andrew Jacobs.

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