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RSIPF recruits urged to set their goals right

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) has formally opened its first Recruit Course for 2019 when a total of 69 - 42 male and 27 female, officers were formally welcomed into the Force today 11 February 2019.

Speaking at the opening ceremony Supervising Police Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi says, "On behalf of the RSIPF Executive and all members of the Force as well as our working partners from the Solomon Islands Police Development Program and the Solomon Islands Police Support Program I would like to welcome you into the RSIPF."

He adds: "You along with others have been selected to join the RSIPF recruit program. This is an opportunity that only few Solomon Islanders will have and I encourage you to make the most of this opportunity."

"Everybody has their responsibilities, and you have the responsibility to yourself and all of us here. You are here on purpose and that is to serve the people of this country."

"This isn't just important for your own life and your own future. What you make of your career decide nothing less than the future of this country. What you start learning in class today in policing will determine whether we as a nation can meet our greatest challenges in the future."

Deputy Commissioner Manelusi explains: "The RSIPF is undergoing some changes at present to ensure that it keeps step with modern policing and social trends. Part of this change has been to ensure that we have a diverse police force with fair representation from all ethnic groupings, more especially our ethnic minorities. In addition to that, gender equality is also part of this change where both male and female have an equal opportunity to be recruited into the RSIPF."

DC Manelusi emphasizes: "Work together as a team and develop individually through sharing and completing the tasks you have been assigned together. Show commitment, respect and strong discipline. It will lead to success."

He adds: "I know it's not always easy to do well in class. I know a lot of you have challenges in your lives right now that can make it hard to focus on your classwork. Some of you might not have those advantages. Maybe you live in a community where you don't feel safe, or have friends who are pressuring you to do things you know aren't right."

"That's why today, I'm calling on each of you to set your own goals for your work career in the RSIPF. RSIPF needs you and to do everything you can to meet them."

DC Manelusi told the new recruits: "The RSIPF expect you to get serious in your training. You are expected to put your best effort into everything you do. Do not let yourselves down; don't let your family, or the RSIPF or your country down. Make us all proud. I know you can do it. If you quit, you quit your country."

The recruit training will be for 22 weeks.

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