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## IAPMO Donation Benefits Fijian Plumbing Students

Ontario, CA (Sept. 13, 2006) – In keeping with its commitment to help improve the quality of life through consistent plumbing codes and standards throughout the world, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO) has collaborated with the Training and Productivity Authority of Fiji (TPAF) to provide free educational materials and resources to the TPAF library.

TPAF plumbing students may now access IAPMO's code books—which are considered among the foremost in the industry—as part of the Fijian government's effort to assist industry workers in keeping abreast of the contemporary knowledge and skills necessary to implement safe plumbing standards. "IAPMO has been of great assistance in terms of the provision of standards and relevant resources to enhance our training," said Kalisiana Koroi, TPAF's general manager of Technical Training. "Given this age of advancing technology and rapid capacity building, our institution is grateful to receive assistance in further upgrading our present level of resources."

David Parish, IAPMO's Pacific Islands Region consultant, was instrumental in facilitating the collaboration. Parish was invited to speak to the Fijian Construction Industry Training Board on the latest developments in the plumbing industry, and has assisted with TPAF's resource-building efforts. "It was an honor to be asked to work with TPAF," Parish said. "As a result of the partnership we've established, IAPMO has had the opportunity to introduce codes and standards to not only the plumbing students there, but also to the government. It is our hope that this collaboration will help protect the health and safety of the Fijian people."

Jay Peters, IAPMO's senior director of Codes and Education, expressed enthusiasm for the opportunity to work with TPAF and help bolster its educational resources. "I look forward to working closer with TPAF in the near future through cooperative efforts to bring standards and codes to the islands," said Peters. IAPMO remains dedicated to promoting the advancement of safe plumbing standards through education and partnership.

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