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Copyright Tribunal Extends Closing Date For Awareness Competition For 16-25 Year Olds

The Copyright Tribunal has announced an extension of the closing date for an awareness competition for 16-25 year olds. The closing date is extended to Friday 5 September 2008 to allow more participants to send in entries.

The Tribunal is calling on high school and tertiary students aged between 16-25 to write, sing, draw, act or do any kind of work which displays creativity, in keeping with the WIPO Day theme of "Respecting Innovation." The categories students can submit entries are in literary, artistic, musical or dramatic.

The Tribunal wants students to creatively demonstrate their understanding of the Tribunal's role and functions, as outlined in the Copyright Act 1999.

The competition is in 2 age categories: 16-18 years, and tertiary students aged 19-25 years. First prize in each age and works category is \$200, second prize is \$150 and third prize is \$100. After judging, the winning entries will be displayed at Alliance Francaise in Suva.

The Copyright Tribunal hears disputes about copyright issues, and a scheme for licensing. Groups such as FAVIA, APRA can bring a scheme of licensing to the Tribunal and the Tribunal can either confirm or vary the proposed scheme so far as it relates to cases of the description to which the reference relates, as the Tribunal considers to be reasonable in the circumstances. The tribunal welcomes applications to it in respect of its functions.

The Tribunal is made up of a chair, who can be a resident Magistrate (see section 203(4)) and two other members of the Tribunal appointed by the Judicial Service Commission (s203(2)). The current members of the Tribunal are Mr Ajmal Khan, a resident magistrate (Chair), Mrs Marieta Rigamoto, retired Government Minister and now farmer, and Ms Marie Chan, a legal practitioner of Chan Law.

Section 14(1) of the Copyright Act of Fiji 1999 describes copyright as a property right that exists in the original works of the following descriptions: Literary, dramatic, musical or artistic works; Sound recordings; Audio visual works; Broadcasts; Cable programmes; and Typographical arrangements of published editions.

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