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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **FAVIA hosts copyright seminar for enforcers**

**29<sup>th</sup> August, 2006, Suva, Fiji Islands** - The Fiji Audio Visual Industry Association (FAVIA) will be hosting in Suva the Fiji Copyright Law Enforcement Seminar.

The 3-day seminar will be held from Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August to Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006, for members of the Fiji Police Force and other enforcement agents.

The President of FAVIA, Mr Hari Ram, said the seminar will focus on copyright legislation in Fiji; impact of piracy on the audio visual industry, Government and consumers; production and distribution methods used by piracy agents; how to spot pirated items and how to successfully prosecute offenders.

"Our goal for this seminar is to equip the Police Force and other enforcement agencies with the necessary tools and knowledge to help them enforce the Copyright laws in Fiji," said Mr Ram.

The guest speaker for the seminar is Mr Stephen Howes, a specialist in the enforcement of Copyright law and who has assisted in the enforcement of Copyright laws in many countries including Australia.

Mr Howes will be conducting the training sessions over the next 3 days for the police officers and enforcement agents.

Meanwhile, Police Commissioner Andrew Hughes, will be opening the seminar at 9am at the Fiji Police Academy, Nasese, Suva.

Other guest speakers include Mr Taniela Bolea, Chief Executive Officer for the Fiji Audio Visual Commission; Mr Mesake Nawari, Group Chief Executive Officer for Fiji TV and Mr Ravin Patel, Managing Director for SPR.

The seminar will end on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2006.

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#### **ABOUT FAVIA**

The Fiji Audio Visual Association was set up in July 2006 to promote the protection of intellectual property and raise awareness on copyright issues in Fiji. Association members include Fiji Television, SPR, Video Ezy, IMDVD, Damodar Brothers, JK Singh Video Library, Rowell Entertainment, TFL, Video World, Eros Pacific, Forum Films. Office bearers are: President - Hari Ram; Secretary - Chris Caine; and Treasurer - Uday Singh.