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Canada recruitment company to visit Fiji

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A Canadian employment agency Jobrox Solutions representatives will be in Fiji next week to recruit skilled workers who have lost their jobs at Fiji's Emperor Gold Mine.

A statement from Fiji's High Commission in Canada stated that the President of the company Arvinder Bubber will be part of the group recruiting workers from Fiji to "fill an ever expanding job market in Canada."

And Mr Bubber has said his company will provide their expertise to facilitate and expedite the process.

"We are very pleased to assist citizens of Fiji Islands to find work in Canada. We believe this is of tremendous benefit to employers in Canada. Canada faces an increasing challenge in recruiting workers to fill jobs in an ever expanding job market.

"Fiji has the skilled and non-skilled labour force that is ready and available," said Mr Bubber.

He said that some of the workers who have been made redundant by Emperor Gold Mine can be hired under the temporary worker program in Canada.

According to the statement, Jobrox Solution is working with the Fiji consulate in Vancouver to recruit workers from Fiji.

Fiji's High Commissioner to Canada, Jesoni Vitusagavulu has welcomed the decision by Jobrox Solution to target Fiji saying the mission would facilitate the company's efforts to secure employment opportunities for Fiji workers in Canada.

"I'm very happy that Jobrox will be visiting Fiji next week. It's the culmination of work the mission has been doing to capture opportunities presented by the labour shortage in Canada. Specifically we had asked them to come to Fiji at this time to help with the Vatukoula situation," he said.

"I should stress that the recruitment will focus on skills that are surplus in Fiji so that our efforts do not adversely affect local industries which also need skills required in Canada."

The province of British Columbia had announced that it needs 120,000 skilled workers to fill the labour market gap immediately ahead of the 2010 Olympic games in Canada. The province is struggling to find skilled workers.

The new Canadian Conservative government in November said that the new skilled worker program would make it easier, faster and less costly for employers to hire temporary workers.

Canada's temporary foreign worker program was relaxed recently to assist the provinces like British Columbia and Alberta to meet critical labour shortage.

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