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ISSAC TIVAKNOA

Fijian Artist

Isaac Tivaknoa with innovative expertise and advanced skills of wood framing Artwork began in late 90's after completing his tertiary education in the then Fiji Institute of Technology (FNU), Samabula in Suva and undergoing various Machining Courses in Mechanical Engineering. He later joined the Public Works Mechanical Workshop to put into practice the knowledge learnt



and further broadening his career in other mechanical workshops.

Isaac mentions after having acquired the skills, he opted to join a family business in 2001. A Gift Shop Business which was specialized in frameworks generally used for photographs, paintings, local artifacts and handmade crafts.

"The Frame work turned out to be a successful product and having being left to manage the family business then, I was inspired to move further with the fulfilling experiences and creativity gained in my past years of working in the business, This was my great challenge and I found it very enjoyable to collaborate with other businesses establishments such as Suva Handicraft Center, Jacks, Tapoos". And most of all, my work was recognized by Government Ministries who bought my pieces as gifts to Dignitaries and showcasing in both National and International events organized by Fiji Arts Council "

"It was a way forward for me to promote my products after receiving my Fijian Crafted License in 2014 from the Ministry of Industry Trade and Tourism through the assistance of Fiji Arts Council with the wealth of expertise I gained from past experiences to specifically promote my product to the highest level in terms of quality and open doors for market opportunities."

"My greatest vakavinavina for the continued support of Ministry of Industry Trade and Tourism and Fiji Arts Council for assisting professional developments and market opportunities for all local crafts practitioners in Fiji"

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