

Change for good

Sponsored by Apco Coatings the 22-year-old Nanise Rainima addresses changes



CHANGE is something we all need when it's for our benefit.

And with few weeks left for this year's Vodafone Fiji Hibiscus Festival, Nanise Rainima believes she can use this year's mother of all festivals to address changes that greatly affects people's lives.

Sponsored by Apco Coatings the 22-year-old outspoken lass from Nakelo, Tailevu, said she hoped to become an ambassador for change and to be involved in changes to improve people's lives.

Miss Rainima said being a contestant was an eye-opener. To her the Hibiscus was about rides, foods and spending time with family.

Little did she know she would end up playing a vital role at a week-long festival.

"I decided that it's time for something new, something beyond my comfort zone and somewhere to be connected with the society as a whole. Hibiscus just became a new idea and all my previous notions about it just faded away."

Miss Rainima said the values and morals taught by her parents and late grandparents was what she regarded to be her most prized possessions.

As a child she grew up in a positive and loving environment and this reflects in her personality.

When asked why she would make a great Vodafone Fiji Hibiscus Queen, she said she loved to challenge herself and try out new things when the old ways seem obsolete.

"The public is only but a practical part of what I've experienced alone.

"Any of the contestants can make a great Miss Vodafone Fiji Hibiscus Queen — if they can be victorious in their private battles they'd do great things publicly."