

Bungalow and restaurant owners prepare to welcome tourists

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A WORKSHOP AIMED AT enhancing the knowledge and skills of new local Sanma bungalow and restaurant owners and employees on how to beautify their tourism businesses, in line with tourists' expectations, was recently held at in the Port Olry community.

The sessions were conducted through the Sanma TVET Centre at the Port Olry Beach Restaurant.

Participants came from the Pandanas Guest House, Tropicana Motel, Vire Lodge, Towoc Bungalows, Lonnc Beach Bungalow, Little Paradise Bungalow, Port Olry Beach Bungalow, Port Olry Tree House, Millennium Cave Tours and Port Olry Harbour Beach Restaurant.

The professional standards required by the tourism sector is seeing locals use simple and inexpensive creative techniques to show off bungalows and restaurants to delight international tourists.

For example, for beach bungalows, participants learnt that shells from the shore, beach materials and sand placed in a decorative container is great for the inside,



You can find them wherever you go and they come in a variety of colours, shapes and sizes. Seashells are a wonderful material to create beautiful decorations with, as they reflect the beachside image of Vanuatu for tourists.

including kitchens and bathrooms rather than plastic flowers.

This is similar for bungalows and restaurants built in an area with beautiful foliage and trees - decoration can simply come from the backyard, such as flowering vines and native plants.

To assist tourists to capture the real Vanuatu experience, participants learnt they must offer a complete cultural experience.

The intensive workshop program is part of the partnership between the Australian government-funded TVET (Technical Vocational Education Training)

Program in collaboration with the Tourism Department.

The TVET Sector Strengthening Program aims to support provincial economic development through targeted skills development services and training that respond to industry demands.

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