

# 42 Graduate from TVET Program

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**A TOTAL OF YEAR 12 AND 13** school leavers have put a smile on the faces of their parents with their graduation from TVET Program last week.

The Australian TVET Centre in Samoa Province in collaboration with the Vanuatu Chamber of Commerce has made the dreams of the young people and their parents come true.

A graduation ceremony was organised at Vanuatu Agriculture College last Friday with 42 graduates altogether. Twenty five graduates were awarded with Certificate of Business Management and 17 were awarded with Certificate of Basic Accounting.

The San I TVET Centre has previously provided business training for local youths; however this is the first time for the Centre to run a course in Business Management. It is also the first time for a nationally accredited course combining the business management learning modules to be delivered in the Province. The Certificate in Business Management course is



Graduates in Business Management pose for a picture

focused on providing skills to increase the trainees' capacity to generate income by developing their own businesses. Participants' business plans vary from retail outlets, cattle raising, kava bars to tourism operations.

The Basic Accounting

Course is also provided by the TVET Centre targeting business development service providers who are trainers and extension officers from different sectors including Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, and Livestock.

"The Certificate I achieved

today is a new door through life for me after thinking there was no hope for me since I left school", a graduate said.

Graduate Naomi Jack said the training will help her with her current job. She said she will be looking forward

to further trainings that the TVET will run to increase her skills in business. The trainees thanked the TVET Centre for their achievements.

TVET team leader Anna Gibert believed the TVET Centre has provided the

best flexible and quality trainings to the students. "The Australian TVET is here to help build the economic development and the productivity of the Provincess", Gibert Said. She said their support for the communities will continue.