Dr Naidu: Membership issue a challenge

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Members of the Dental Association of Fiji during the Annual Dental Conference at Sofitel Fiji Resort and Spa, Denarau, Nadi. Picture: BALJEET SINGH

Fiji Dental Association president Dr Parikshath Naidu says membership issue is a challenge that the association faces.

"There are some issues that the dental association encounters at each different category," he said during an interview with this newspaper on Saturday.

"At the membership level where we deal with practitioners, the association deals with membership issues.

"The association looks after its members and that is our priority.

"Once a practitioner becomes a member, we look after their wellbeing, licensing, how they practice in the government, their salary level and wages.

"And for private practitioners we look at taxation and product supply."

"At the national level we look at policies and we work closely with the health ministry; the association is one of the key bodies that sits on the Fiji Medical Dental Council.

"And with the Ministry of Health, we are in direct communication with the Minister and the permanent secretary.

"At that level we are looking at issues of law, the health epidemics if there is health concerned, we look at all those.

"And regional is how oral health globally is a challenge as it is now."

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