



President Emelda Davis sitting with participants at the National Museum auditorium, yesterday.

FAEDEM BAEK FAMILI: workshop underway

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A WORKSHOP to reconnect history of Solomon Islands descendants taken and worked in the sugarcane farms in Queensland, Australia, is currently underway in Honiara.

With the theme "FAEDEM BAEK FAMILI", the workshop seeks to advocate and look for missing history links during the black birding era between 1870 and 1914.

The workshop is conducted by the Australian South Sea Islanders with Professor Clive Moore in partnership with the National Museum and Archives of Solomon Islands.

Australian South Sea Islanders President, Emelda Davis said it has been centuries and history that was

left untold.

She said they are seeking to help those who are marginalised to find their connections of the past.

"Through the Christensen fund we have managed to visit Pacific islands countries having similar connection of history," she said.

Ms Davis said like any society of existence, economic stability and upholding of social values of their origin is fundamental.

"This we seek to advocate for economic stability and reconnect through our social values of origin.

"Making most of us feel known we belong somewhere, where there is unfounded links it makes us feel as we belong nowhere," she said.

She said they have tried efforts in the past through documenting and

archiving the history, thus reaching this achievement has been a successful one, with hopes to see bigger initiatives in the future.

"We are so hopeful that the partnership now established between the national museum and archives here will continue with plans ahead.

"We are considering a proposed center as an avenue where information of history can be shared to communities and can be accessed by the public," she said.

Ms Davis said the project does not belong to them, but all individuals connected by whatever means through history in this regard.

"It is our responsibility to support and put efforts in making this happen, hopefully with more successes in the near future."