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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

ABC	American Broadcasting Corporation
CBS	Columbia Broadcasting Service
FNTC	Fiji National Training Council
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
ATA	International Air Transport Association
ICAO	International Civil Aviation Organisation
NBC	National Broadcasting Corporation
NZ	New Zealand
NZCC	New Zealand Certificate of Commerce
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
TITC	Travel Industry Training Council
UK	United Kingdom
UFTAA	AUniversal Federation of Travel Agents Association
VTC	Vocational Training Council

#### ABSTRACT

This thesis is an examination of the proposition that tourism development is to a great extent dependent upon the effectiveness of government tourism policies and government tourism organisations. Put another way, the greater the degree of effectiveness of tourism policies and organisations, the greater the degree of tourist industry development. Tourism policies and organisations are seen here as playing functional roles towards the development of the tourist industry.

There are two basic hypotheses to be tested in the thesis, namely:

- (a) There are causal relations between tourism organisations and policies, and tourist industry development.
- (b) There are evaluable functions that tourism policies and organisations play in the development of the tourist industry.

To test the validity of the above propositions, government tourism policies and organisations in New Zealand and Fiji are researched, analysed and evaluated.

## A Method of Analysis

The method of analysis used in the thesis is based on structural functionalism. This method of analysis is a derivative of systems analysis. This approach is suited to the study of the function of tourism policies and organisations because it enables one to identify the activities of the tourist industry as a system with structures and functions. It also enables one to identify and isolate the relevant tourism policies and the "activity areas" for which policies are formulated and to evaluate the role or functions which they play in the development of the sectors or activities of the tourist industry. The model also allows for the identification of interest groups or pressure groups and the effects these have on politicians who make governments that create policies.

The starting point in this method of analysis is to view the tourist industry as an on-going system generated by structures, activities and processes, including tourism policies which perform functions for the maintenance and development of the whole tourist industry system.

The method of analysis also allows for the study and evaluation of factors and interests that influence policies, such as political forces, pressure group forces, economic considerations and other human factors.

## B Research Method

To evaluate the role and effectiveness of tourism policies and organisations, their application and effects in the following sections have been examined, both for New Zealand and Fiji:

Tourist Accommodation

Tourist Transportation

Promotion and Marketing

Personnel Training and Recruitment

In the New Zealand study, national park policies and organisations have also been examined as a special area study to highlight the problem between tourism development and public policies that are designed for national park land use.

## C Findings

The case studies show that tourism policies and organisations can be isolated and evaluated in terms of the effects they have on the sectors and activities they are designed for. In the research and analysis of the tourism policies concerned with the growth and development of the tourist accommodation sector in New Zealand and Fiji, it was found that growth in the sector had occurred in the period after the government had provided policies to aid

the growth of tourist accommodation. In the New Zealand study, it was found that the 1962 government budget was regarded as a turning point in the history of the development of the tourist industry. The effects of the budget are discussed in Chapter 3. The budget provided a f4,000,000 loan guarantee scheme for hotel development and relaxed the restrictions on the repatriation of foreign capital. From the scheme, a total of 1,420 beds were provided in the vital tourist centres of Auckland, Estorua and Wellington.

The New Zealand government loan and guarantee scheme was continued until 1973 when it was abandoned. Between 1972 and 1974, the hotel accommodation sector in New Zealand experienced a decline in both the number of hotels built and the number of hotel rooms. The details of this decline are illustrated in graph 3 of Chapter 3. But when the loan and guarantee scheme was reintroduced by the New Zealand government in 1976, which provided for \$14,775,000 in the form of guarantees and \$13,918,000 in the form of loans, a growth in the number of hotels and hotel rooms followed. These sums helped finance twenty tourist accommodation projects that provided 3,493 beds. The detailed effects of these policies are discussed in Chapter 3 of the New Zealand case study. It would suffice here to mention that not all tourism policies have had such dramatic effects of stimulating the growth of a particular sector of the industry. The analysis on the growth and development of the tourist accommodation sector

in Fiji shows that although at the initial stages when the Hotel Aid Ordinance was passed, it stimulated a growth in hotel investment and growth in the number of rooms and beds. There also have been periods of decline in the rate of growth of hotel rooms and beds while the hotel aid policy was in operation. The decline in the rate of growth of hotel rooms and beds in Fiji was, however, due more to the effects of decline in the rate of growth of visitor arrivals than to the ineffectiveness of the hotel aid policy. The details of the effectiveness of the hotel aid policy in Fiji are discussed in Part IlI, Chapter 9 of the Fiji case study.

The conclusion is that in both New Zealand and Fiji tourism policies and organisations are designed to play functional roles in the growth and development of the tourist industry in the respective countries. These policies can be evaluated by examining the direct and indirect effects they have on the respective sectors and activities of the industry they are designed for. These effects are evaluated as the outputs of policies or the functional effects of tourism policies and organisations.

The case studies show that tourism policies and organisations are basically instrumental to the development of the tourist industry. It is the extent of instrumentality or functionality that this thesis seeks to establish through the evaluation of some tourism policies and organisations in New Zealand and in Fiji.