



## Miss Fiji keeps hopes high

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Miss Fiji to the World Supermodel Pageant Naziah Ali hopes to use her experience as an air hostess to highlight Fiji's potential investment opportunities.

Joining her will be Tracey Mansell who will compete for the title of Miss Teen World Super Model while Ms Ali will compete in the Queen's division.

Following her crowning as Miss India-Fiji in 2009, an agent from the pageant approached the Ba native to contest the international supermodel competition.

Arriving with her fellow contestants at the Amanuca Island Resort & Spa on Sunday, the 29-year old has been busy preparing for the showdown this week. Contestants will be judged based on interviews, their national evening gowns, swimwear, stage presentation, and random-question interviews.

Her best-friend and Ahali co-designer Aaliyah Jan of Classy Classics is sponsoring her national evening gown and has put the finishing touches on a splendid white dress for the occasion.

We have been busy with rehearsals and professional photo shoots for our portfolios and the girls have all been taken with Fiji's beauty, Miss Ali said.

She is the first Indo-Fijian to represent the country at the meet, and says her mixed heritage has given her insight into both the i-Taukei and Indo-Fijian cultures, which she hopes to display. She was given the honour of selecting a fashion designer to display pieces for the competitions local-designer segment, a privilege she gave to Robert Kennedy, who will feature his 2011/2012 Tappoo Fiji Market collection.

Robert is really hitting the fashion market and produces beautiful resort wear that are perfect for the competition. The organisers were looking for an idyllic venue and Fiji was ticked in all their boxes. Lots of girls have the potential to participate in this competition. The trick is to be yourself and to aspire towards healthy clean living.

A former television journalist, fashion designer, and actress, Miss Ali's creative flair has led her to take on various projects and she hopes to make her country proud.

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