

## Miss Fiji advocates youths

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Creating more opportunities for Fijian youths internationally is what Miss Fiji Teen modelling contestant, Tracey Mansell had in mind when she entered the World Supermodel Pageant.

A Fiji born, Miss Mansell's family migrated to Brisbane, Australia when she was two years old.

Losing touch with her heritage and the country of her birth was not her intention when the 19-year-old entered the pageant at the Amunuca Island Resort this week.

This is my only chance for me as a youth to promote and advocate on opening more opportunities for Fijian youths.

This is the perfect place for promoting these issues, she said.

Miss Mansell first modelling pageant is entering the World Supermodel Pageant and the Suva-born model has now shifted her attention to the Miss Teen World Supermodel Pageant at Lailai Island from tomorrow until next Saturday.

Helping my friends here in Fiji is my main goal. I am hoping to receive more assistance from the other models to promote issues as such, she said.

Miss Mansell said the pageant helped her to build her confidence in public speaking and also her self esteem.

However on the other hand, Miss Fiji, Nazia Ali stated that empowering women to become leaders of tomorrow is one issue that needs to be addressed.

I would like to advocate women issues and gender mainstreaming and empowering women. It is one area that I would like to touch on.

It is issues that I know are not being addressed here in the country, Miss Ali said.

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