



Three of the seven food technology students at the University of Technology who will be attached to fish processing companies.

# Fish companies take on students

SEVEN food technology students at the University of Technology in Lae will be attached to fish processing companies as part of their training.

The attachment for the third-year students will also include stints with the National Fisheries Authority.

It is funded by the European Union and organised by the SPC which had worked with Unitech to incorporate seafood technology into the Bachelor of Science in food technology programme.

The industrial training attachment, which will run for seven weeks, will be a bonus for the seven students.

SPC-DevFish officer Jonathan Manieva said: "The DevFish2 project facilitates training support to companies to improve fish-handling practices in sanitary standards and export requirements.

"The students in Unitech's Bachelor of Science degree in food technology programme will fill in these critical technical roles in the Pacific Islands' country-based fish processing and exporting companies.

"SPC/DevFish2 will provide daily allowances during the seven weeks for the students.

Unitech's industrial training programme coordinator Sogoing Denamo said: "We appreciate SPC/

DevFish's interest and valuable contribution to training food technology students and assisting them to realise not only employment opportunities in the fisheries industry but also the huge potential fisheries can offer to the economy and the wider Pacific island countries."

PNG Fishing Industry Association vice-chairman Mike McCulley said: "The Industry is pleased to see this training programme get underway.

"There is a tremendous need in the processing facilities for trained technicians and this represents a real commitment to source those trained technicians from the countries that fish is harvested from."