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FNU platform for police training, forensics

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Fiji Police Force and Fiji National University has formalised the working relationship between the two entities, as well as paving the way for the transfer of the police forensics unit to FNU. Signed at FNU's Head Office on Nasinu Campus this week, the MOU highlights the partnership between FNU and the police force and the responsibilities and contribution of each party with respect to training and developments for the benefit of both institutions.

The MOU was signed by Acting Police Commissioner Ravi Narayan and FNU Vice Chancellor, Dr Ganesh Chand.

Acting Commissioner Narayan said the MOU will see major developments and the establishment of new and exciting projects between the University and the police force.

"This relationship will help develop the forensic unit into a recognised national and regional institution that can be the benchmark with international institutions and provide forensic services on a broader platform and not be restricted to investigations and security matters only.

"It is envisaged that in the not too distant future, an agreement will be reached to transfer the forensics unit to FNU," said Mr Narayan.

He added that the MOU will also help foster a training partnership that will develop skills and knowledge as well as provide appropriate accreditation.

"The partnership will also help transfer soft courses to FNU and enable police to focus on core police training."

FNU Vice Chancellor, Dr Ganesh Chand said FNU is ready to offer the appropriate training needed by the Force.

"We intend to have specific agreements on various areas where we can work together; we can provide all type of training you need to boost your capacities.

"We intend to work towards recognising the training that you have been providing at your academy into a qualification that can receive the best of the University which will be a big boost to your employees," said Dr Chand.

FNU is also working with the police forensic team to see how best the country's forensic needs can be advanced.

"Fiji police force is the key entity in Fiji providing security and protection for people; we are the key institution providing training in all areas of human resources that Fiji needs and the partnership will ensure FNU achieves its mandate in adequately providing training to prepare and equip people to meet the human resource needs of the country."

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