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Candidates to receive Certificates for FNU Course on Parliamentary Practice and Procedure

Seventeen candidates in Fiji National University's first professional development course in Parliamentary Practice and Procedure will today receive their certificates of completion from the Acting Dean of the College of Humanities and Education, Professor Nii-K Plange.

The professional development short course was conducted to assist anyone wishing to work in the new parliament directly or indirectly as parliamentary staff, advisors, researchers or journalists.

The course provided a background in the fundamentals of parliamentary practice and procedure. It was organised in support of the Electoral Candidates Manual produced by FNU last month, which was aimed at providing a working framework for candidates in Fiji's forthcoming elections.

The short course was offered in intensive delivery mode via evening classes this week, at FNU's Derrick Campus in Samabula. The certificates will be presented at the same venue, at 7pm tonight.

Course lecturer, Adjunct Professor Richard Herr, said the candidates had acquired both a theoretical and practical knowledge of the parliamentary system, its procedures and practices from national and comparative perspectives. He said he hoped some would be able to use this knowledge in the new parliament when it opens its doors after the elections on September 17.

FNU Vice Chancellor, Dr Ganesh Chand, expressed the University's gratitude for the support of Japan for the course.

Dr Chand noted that the course is likely to be repeated later in the year. FNU plans to make it a part of a larger programme of support for professional development in this area.

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