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FNU engages with FCDCL

Suva, Fiji Islands. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Fiji National University (FNU) and the Fiji Cooperative Dairy Company Limited (FCDCL) to encourage and promote academic-industry cooperation between the two organisations.

The scope of this five year partnership is education, research and training.

The organisations will promote joint research and training in dairy production where FNU and FCDCL will provide technical assistance in any dairy farming research which will be conducted jointly or by either of the organisations. Research publications will be published jointly by FCDCL and FNU.

While signing the agreement at FNU Nasinu campus yesterday, Chancellor Mr Ikbal Jannif said this partnership will benefit both the organisations.

“Under this partnership, FNU’s College of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry (CAFF) students will benefit in terms of practical with student placement at FCDCL. This MoU will give us better opportunities and give our students better access to a very professional company in the dairy field. Research and publications will assist FCDCL in the technical side of their operations,” said Mr Jannif.

FCDCL Chief Executive Officer, Mr Sachida Nand said the partnership is the beginning for a lot to come for the dairy industry.

“The MoU gives us a lot of opportunities in cross-collaboration with one of the best institutes here which is more into agriculture and other activities that gives us the opportunity to tap into each other’s resources in getting the dairy industry activities beyond what we are currently doing,” said Mr Nand.

Dean of CAFF, Professor Paras Nath said such agreement between an educational institute and the dairy company is a first for Fiji.

“CAFF has world standard expertise as academic staff who will be collaborating with FCDCL to enhance the milk production of the company in order to suffice the enormous demand of the consumers in Fiji,” said Professor Nath.

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About the Fiji National University: The Fiji National University (FNU) was established through the merger of 7 government-owned tertiary institutions in Fiji, and commenced operations from 1 January 2010. The constituent institutions are found at over 40 different locations across Fiji, and collectively offer Certificates, Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Degrees, Postgraduate qualifications and Skills Upgrading for those who are already in employment. Approximately 30,000 students pass through the University each year. Over the last six years of its operations, the University has registered major achievements with regard to new programme delivery, quality improvements and contribution to research and publications via its 5 Colleges: The College of Humanities & Education (CHE), the College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences (CMNHS), the College of Engineering, Science & Technology (CEST), the College of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry (CAFF), the College of Business, Hospitality & Tourism Studies (CBHTS) and the National Training & Productivity Centre (NTPC).