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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Ni Sa Bula Vinaka to you all!

I hope our new students are settling well into their academic journey at Fiji National University (FNU). I was privileged to meet our new students at the various campuses I visited recently. I am happy to see the excitement on the faces of the students as they begin to work towards their dreams.

I want to assure our students that FNU will provide you with quality education to ensure that you have a successful career ahead.

I hope the orientation programmes at the FNU campuses have helped you know better about the FNU and the services we provide. If you come across any difficulty, then ask for help from our friendly staff members who are always available to assist you with your queries.

I am also pleased to inform you that we had a successful seminar with the Solomon Islands National University (SINU) Vice-Chancellor, Professor Transform Aqorau, who was the speaker at the event. This was the first seminar of the year, and I was pleased to see the students, staff, and enthusiasts of the fishing sector join in our enlightening discussion.

Professor Transform Aqorau is a distinguished figure in the realm of international fisheries law and policy, with a career spanning three decades dedicated to the sustainable development and governance of the Pacific region.

He presented on **“Navigating the Future: Strengthening Ocean Governance and Seizing Opportunities in Tuna Management and Deep Seabed Regulation for the Prosperity of Pacific Island Nations”**, Professor Aqorau’s presentation has surely motivated and challenged many to rise and protect ocean and marine life. He has motivated future leaders to find answers. Undoubtedly, FNU will embrace the value of moral courage, the importance of having a vision, and, above all, the heart to see the Pacific Island people thrive in their economic and social well-being.

And to the other news!

I am also pleased to welcome the newly appointed Dean of the College of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry (CAFF) Associate Professor Dr Kaliova Ravuiwasa. He is the first local College Dean in nearly

14 years. I was also pleased to see the traditional welcoming ceremony for the new Dean. With a wealth of experience in leadership and administration gained during his tenure, Dr Ravuiwasa not only possesses a profound understanding of our institution's values but also demonstrates a strong commitment to the University’s mission and vision.

We have full confidence that, under his leadership, the College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry will continue to prosper. My hearty congratulations to Dr Kali!

In addition, the Fiji National University (FNU) will conduct a Careers Teachers’ Workshop in the Central, Western, and Northern Divisions. This workshop is a very valuable initiative designed to empower secondary school career teachers with the latest information and resources about FNU's programmes, application processes, and student support services. This workshop series travels to different FNU campuses and includes virtual sessions, ensuring accessibility for teachers across Fiji.

The teachers act as the bridges between the students and the Fiji National University, and thus we need to equip the teachers with the best knowledge about the University and its programmes and services.

Furthermore, FNU will also be part of the Tailevu Provincial Council district meetings from March 4 to April 4, where our team will be present at the various districts to interact with the people and assist them with information about our programmes and courses.

Students and staff can stay informed of our university events and activities through my weekly messages or by following the official FNU website and on social media pages such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Viber

May the new week be filled with inspiration, determination, and significant breakthroughs in your academic journey. Remember, each day presents an opportunity to learn, grow, and make a positive impact on the world around us.

Vinaka

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