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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Dear All,

I hope this message finds you all well and filled with enthusiasm for the exciting developments happening within our university community.

I am thrilled to announce two significant milestones in our pursuit of international collaboration and academic excellence. Firstly, we have proudly signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Beijing Normal University. This partnership opens avenues for student and academic exchanges, fostering cultural understanding and enriching our academic environment. Additionally, collaborative research ventures promise to push the boundaries of knowledge and innovation, benefitting both institutions and society at large.

Furthermore, we have cemented another fruitful partnership, this time with Universitas Negeri Malang. This agreement encompasses various collaborative initiatives, ranging from joint research projects to the exchange of academic staff and students. Together, we will embark on a journey of shared learning and discovery, leveraging each other's expertise to address pressing global challenges.

We celebrated International Women's Day last week, let us take a moment to reflect on the importance of inspiring inclusion for our young female students. Empowering women in academia not only enhances diversity but also unlocks untapped potential, driving innovation and progress. Let us reaffirm our commitment to creating an inclusive environment where every student, regardless of gender, feels valued and supported in pursuing their academic aspirations.

Additionally, I am delighted to share that we paid a visit to Tui Cakau to extend higher education and TVET opportunities to rural and remote communities. Education is a powerful tool for transformation, and by reaching out to these areas, we are

opening doors to a brighter future for countless individuals. Through our collective efforts, we can make education accessible to all, expanding horizons and building a more equitable society.

We also visited villages in the province of Tailevu as part of the Tailevu Provincial Council Meetings to raise awareness about the various opportunities at the Fiji National University.

I am excited about the upcoming Career Teachers' Workshops that will begin this week. These workshops will equip our hardworking educators with the right tools and knowledge about the higher education and TVET programmes on offer at FNU.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Pacific Inside Magazine for allowing me to share my journey from my humble beginnings to becoming the first indigenous female leader at FNU. Please feel free to have a read by using the link http://magazines.ebusinesserp.com/books/feuo/?fbclid=IwAR1oCqSWIbOMSjMc2mm6n0e3MZ-pD_LiV3SSTTzc0WJ2hs2mnOrdeig5Pag#p=1

Wishing you all a week abundant with inspiration, resolve, and notable advancements in your academic pursuits. Keep in mind that each day offers a chance for growth, learning, and contributing positively to the world.

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