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## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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### Bula Vinaka to you all!

I trust this week finds you all settling seamlessly into your studies, enjoying campus life, and feeling increasingly integrated into our vibrant Fiji National University (FNU) community.

I understand that adjusting to university life can be challenging. Do note, FNU has a range of support services and assistance available to assist you both academically and personally.

Our Learning and Teaching Support Services such as the English Hub, Maths Help Hub, noquBuddy mentors, and Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) leaders can help you succeed in your studies, all of whom are trained to provide personalised support and guidance to students. However, the trick is that interested students must sign up and register themselves with our Office of Learning and Teaching. They are readily available to assist and connect you to a PAL leader. Do not hesitate to reach out and make use of these valuable resources.

This past week has been marked by several significant events that exemplify FNU's commitment to excellence. We successfully concluded the first of the Vice-Chancellor Leadership Seminar series for 2024, inspiring valuable discussions. These dialogues mark the beginning of a collaborative journey aimed at strengthening the contributions of our university to national and regional development.

Furthermore, we proudly celebrated the Vice-Chancellor's Research Awards, acknowledging the outstanding achievements of our esteemed researchers. Research plays a crucial role beyond knowledge acquisition. It fuels innovation, addresses critical societal challenges, and holds the potential to propel positive change across Fiji and the Pacific. The surge in research activity at FNU reflects our collective commitment to building a robust knowledge-based society, further demonstrated by the increasing number of secured research grants, a testament to the global trust in our research capabilities.

As outlined in the FNU Strategic Plan 2024-2026, we actively support local communities and foster positive global connections. We strive to cultivate a holistic educational approach that underscores the intertwined nature of local, regional, and global challenges. This enables us to develop solutions that acknowledge these complex interrelationships.

I take this time to congratulate the National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC) for achieving accreditation for four micro-qualification programmes from the Pacific Community's Educational Quality and Assessment Programme (EQAP). This accomplishment aligns with FNU's strategic plan to enhance its reach and set benchmarks across the region in the areas of trade, tourism, hospitality, and automotive engineering.

Looking ahead, we eagerly anticipate the upcoming Career Teachers' Workshop, which will convene heads of secondary schools from across Fiji. This initiative aims to empower career teachers and equip them with the latest information about FNU's study pathways, services, and programmes that can be integrated into career guidance classes. The workshops will be conducted in the central, western, northern, and maritime divisions.

As always, I encourage you to stay updated on upcoming events and activities through my weekly messages, the official FNU website, and our social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Viber).

As we conclude this week, let us embrace the spirit of collaboration and innovation that defines our FNU community. May we all find inspiration in our shared goals, and may our individual contributions drive us toward a future of excellence and impact.

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**Vice-Chancellor**

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