



FIJI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



# VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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## Dear All,

As we step into a new week filled with promise and opportunity, I extend a warm welcome to each one of you. Let us embark on this journey together, embracing the achievements and milestones of the past while eagerly anticipating the adventures that lie ahead.

Firstly, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the graduating class of 2024 on their remarkable achievements. With a total of 1459 graduates, including 861 inspiring female graduates, FNU continues to lead the way in promoting gender equality in education. Your hard work and dedication have not gone unnoticed, and we are proud to celebrate your success as you embark on new endeavours. I am excited to see another 133 students who will be graduating during the Labasa graduation that will be held this week.

Additionally, I am thrilled to reflect on the success of our recent Community Market Day, an event that brought our FNU family together to address the pressing needs of our students while nurturing the spirit of entrepreneurship and community engagement. Through the collective efforts of our staff and students, we created a platform for local businesses to thrive and for our students to gain invaluable insights into the world of entrepreneurship. This event not only showcased our commitment to supporting our students but also celebrated the richness of diversity within our community.

Furthermore, I am proud to announce the successful culmination of the very first Fiji National University Alumni

Ball! Thirteen years after our amalgamation, this historic event served as a testament to the enduring legacy of FNU and the remarkable journey we have shared together. Through this celebration, we reaffirmed our commitment to giving back to our alma mater by supporting scholarships and financial assistance schemes, ensuring that future generations have the opportunity to achieve their dreams here at the FNU.

In other news, discussions with the Great Council of Chiefs (GCC) Chairperson Ratu Viliame Seruvakula has reinforced our commitment to nation-building. We at FNU will work with the GCC Chair to ensure we build relationships of positive mutual impact. We also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Solomon Islands National University (SINU). This marks the beginning of a promising partnership.

As we embrace the opportunities of the week ahead, let us continue to uphold the values of excellence, inclusivity, and innovation that define our beloved institution. Together, we will continue to inspire, empower, and make a positive impact in our community and beyond.

Thank you for your continuous dedication and commitment to the Fiji National University, and I wish you an exciting week ahead!

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