Bula Vinaka to you all!

Welcome to another new week of learning and opportunities at the Fiji National University (FNU)!

As you explore all our university offers, we at FNU want to assure you that we will continue to build bridges of opportunity wherever we can. We are here to support you on your academic journey by providing access to valuable resources, programs, and events that can help you achieve your goals.

A significant development from this week was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between our university and the Solomon Islands National University (SINU). Through this partnership, we aim to equip students with the necessary global employability skills, preparing them to thrive in the local, regional, and international workforce. This initiative strengthens regional collaboration and paves the way for a future-ready generation.

My heartfelt congratulations to our graduates of the Labasa campus and Nauru centre who proudly celebrated the culmination of their academic journeys. We at FNU are incredibly proud of your achievements, and we wish you the very best in your future endeavours.

Our outreach team actively participated in careers sessions held at several Suva high schools. These events provided an excellent platform to showcase the diverse career pathways available at FNU, sparking young minds to consider their future aspirations.

Additionally, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the FNU UniClinic team for conducting informative workshops on mental health. Mental health is an

essential aspect of overall well-being. These proactive initiatives are crucial for creating a supportive and well-rounded learning environment.

Looking towards the future of Fiji's workforce, FNU played a key role in the first-ever joint apprenticeship drive facilitated by the National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC). This collaboration paves the way for practical training opportunities for our students.

Finally, the 2024 Fiji Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Conference hosted by the NTPC was an important event that focused on the critical impact of climate change on workplace safety. The impact of climate Change on OHS is a crucial conversation, and FNU was honoured to be a part of it.

As always, FNU is committed to providing a learning environment that empowers you to excel in a changing world. Together, we are shaping the future of Fiji and the Pacific.

As we look to the week ahead, let us carry forward the collaborative and innovative spirit that embodies the FNU community. May we continue to be inspired by our collective goals, and may our unique contributions propel us towards a future marked by excellence and meaningful impact.

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