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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Dear All,

The Fiji National University (FNU) had a productive strategic meeting with a delegation from Nauru where ways to continue strengthening ties between our nations were discussed. This aligns with FNU's Strategic Plan 2024-2026 Priority Area 5: Education for Employability and Internationalization and we are optimistic about the future for both FNU and Nauru.

FNU's National Training and Productivity Center (NTPC) recently launched the 25th Fiji Business Excellence Awards (FBEA), celebrating excellence, innovation, and resilience in our business community. I look forward to attending the awards ceremony later this year to recognise these achievements.

As we commemorated Giritmit Remembrance Day this week, we reflected on the enduring legacy of the Giritmitias, whose sacrifices played an integral role in shaping Fiji's rich cultural diversity and national progress. Our recent event at Natabua Campus served as a poignant reminder of their resilience and contributions, underscoring the importance of fostering inclusivity and respect for all.

I am pleased to announce the launch of FNU's Gender Equality, Diversity, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI) Strategy and action plan for 2024-2026. This important initiative aims to enrich

our educational environment and empower individuals to thrive in a society characterised by diversity and equity. By championing GEDSI principles, FNU takes a pivotal step towards fostering an inclusive culture that nurtures the potential of all community members.

Every challenge presents an opportunity for growth. Let us embrace each new day with enthusiasm and determination, working together to overcome any obstacles. The promise of GEDSI and Giritmit Remembrance remind us that the strength, determination and resolve of our character will build stronger nations.

The strength of our character sheds its own light and makes the world a better place – something our FNU family constantly strives for.

Maya Angelou noted: "Nothing can dim the light that shines from within!"

I wish you all a productive week ahead filled with purpose, productivity, and positivity!

Vinaka and Warm Wishes

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