



FIJI NATIONAL  
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## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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### Dear All,

I hope this message finds you well, as we have just completed another semester at Fiji National University.

I am delighted to share that our College of Business, Hospitality, and Tourism Studies has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Centre of Customs and Excise Studies (CCES) at Charles Sturt University in Australia.

This partnership is a significant milestone for FNU, as it will enhance our academic offerings and provide our students with unprecedented opportunities for learning and growth in customs and exchange studies. We look forward to the collaborative programmes, research initiatives, and exchanges that this MOU will bring.

Through this partnership, CCES will assist FNU in achieving international accreditation from the World Customs Organisation (WCO), for our Customs & Border Management programmes. This will ensure our programmes meet the highest global standards.

Additionally, I am pleased to inform you that FNU actively participated in the recent Lomaiviti Provincial Council meeting. This annual forum serves as a vital platform for collaboration, convening village representatives, district leaders, and esteemed members of the Lomaiviti Provincial Council alongside stakeholders and government ministries.

FNU's dedicated outreach team was present at the three-day event to raise awareness of our comprehensive range of services and academic programmes. We firmly believe that education is a cornerstone of progress, and we are committed to ensuring that Lomaiviti residents have equitable access to the educational opportunities that empower them to thrive.

The University's participation at the Lomaiviti Provincial Council meeting reflects our unwavering commitment and aligns with the objective of our Strategic Plan for 2024-2026, which is serving the people of Fiji, through collaborative partnerships, we can empower

communities and contribute to the sustainable development of the Lomaiviti Province. As the semester break approaches, I encourage all our students to make the most of this time. Here are a few suggestions to stay productive during this much-needed break:

- Engage in Internships and Work Experience: This is a great time to apply your knowledge in real-world settings and gain practical experience.
- Volunteer: Consider giving back to the community. Volunteering can provide you with new perspectives and invaluable experiences.
- Enhance Your Skills: Take up short courses or workshops that interest you. This could be related to your field of study or a completely new area that you're passionate about.
- Relax and recharge: It's important to take care of your well-being. Use this time to rest, enjoy hobbies, and prepare yourself mentally and physically for the upcoming semester.

I am also pleased to announce that FNU is now accepting applications for Semester 2, 2024. We are excited to welcome new students to our vibrant community and offer them the chance to pursue their academic and professional goals with us. For more information on how to apply, please visit our website, [www.fnu.ac.fj](http://www.fnu.ac.fj), or visit the FNU campus near you.

***"Success is not final; failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."***

– **Winston S. Churchill**

Let us carry this spirit of perseverance and dedication in everything that we set our heart to do.

Enjoy your semester break and stay safe.

**Vinaka vakalevu and best wishes,**

*Professor Unaisi Nabobo-Baba*  
**Vice-Chancellor**

