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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Bula Vinaka to all,

As we embark on a new week at Fiji National University (FNU), I would like to take a moment to reflect on our recent accomplishments.

Last week, the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (CMNHS) hosted its second workshop on Short Courses, titled **“From Concept to Draft – Finalising Your Short Course.”** This event underscored our dedication to upskilling and lifelong learning for all Fijians, bringing together 40 staff members along with expert consultants who contributed to the development of course content and conducted a needs survey within the health industry.

Additionally, the CMNHS - School of Nursing organised a Meet and Greet Welcome Event at the School of Nursing Auditorium, fostering connections among students and staff. The event served as a platform for students hailing from various regions to connect with their peers and to meet the dedicated faculty staff supporting them throughout their studies.

I am delighted to congratulate the 213 students graduating with Community-Based Non-Formal Education and Training Programme on Rural Remote Maritime Training, in Nasautoka and neighbouring villages under the National Training and Productivity Centre on Friday, 14 March. Your hard work and dedication are commendable which has equipped them

with practical skills, from small engine repair to land management, empowering them to improve their self-sufficiency and community growth. One of the major highlights was the strong participation of women, demonstrating the power of gender equality in community development. With 11 tailored courses, the programme has already created lasting improvements. Congratulations to the graduates.

Furthermore, we commenced the second week of training for the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) First Initiative on Friday, 14 March, at our Derrick Campus in Samabula. This initiative aims to introduce Year 11 students from five secondary schools—Saint Joseph Secondary, DAV Girls, Ballantine Memorial School, Adi Cakobau School, and Marist Brothers High School—to the diverse Trade Skills Programmes we offer every Friday, enhancing access to quality education through collaborative partnerships.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our university. Together, let's ensure this week is both meaningful and productive.

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