



## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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### Dear FNU Family,

As we enter a new month, it is an opportune time to reflect on the achievements that have brought us closer to our shared goals.

Firstly, I hope you are all well, and that our students in the Northern Division are safe from Tropical Cyclone Rae. If you require support during this challenging period, please do not hesitate to reach out to your nearest campus or contact the student academic services for assistance. Your safety and well-being are our top priorities.

Last week, the Fiji National University's (FNU) Fiji Institute of Pacific Health Research (FIPHR), the University of Sydney, Monash University, and Wildlife Conservation Society jointly hosted a three-day Oceania Planetary Health Forum (OPHF) at the Shangri-La Fijian Resort on Yanuca Island in Sigatoka.

I thank the Minister for Lands and Mineral Resources, Honourable Filimoni Vosarogo for gracing the forum.

The aim of the forum was to promote a healthier planet, and participants were encouraged to work together to build a healthier and more resilient Pacific.

Additionally, our National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC) organised a three-day training programme on Cultural Diversity and Inclusivity in Hospitality at the Namaka Campus.

Around 20 industry experts from the tourism sector took part in this training, led by two international specialists: Benjamin Cassim, an expert in Hospitality and Tourism Management from Temasek Polytechnic in Singapore, and Rohizam Yusoff, an advocate for the Tourism Productivity Nexus under the Prime Minister's Department of Malaysia.

Their insights helped strengthen our understanding and provided strategies for the hospitality industry in Fiji.

As we progress, I urge each of you to continue seizing opportunities for personal and collective growth, innovation, and collaboration. By working together, we can foster an environment at our university where ideas flourish, objectives are met, and everyone is empowered to succeed and make a significant difference in our community.

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