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VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Dear FNU Family,

I am truly honoured to reconnect with you and share the recent highlights at the Fiji National University (FNU). First of all, I welcome our students back to their respective campuses after the mid-semester break. I trust that you all enjoyed a well-deserved weeklong holiday.

Last week, we commenced our Career Teachers' Workshop (CTW), an initiative dedicated to enhancing awareness of FNU's academic programmes, study pathways, and application processes for high school career teachers nationwide. In our commitment to ensuring extensive participation, the workshop began at the FNU Namaka campus in Nadi and will extend to the Central and Northern divisions by end of this month.

I also joined the National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC) team on a visit to the North, where we conducted a two-day Industry and Community Discussion Forum (ICDF) in Labasa and Savusavu. This marks the beginning of FNU's Resetting Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) and Higher Education programme. We gathered feedback from stakeholders, who emphasised the need for increased training opportunities in Vanua Levu—particularly in maritime programmes. I also addressed youth-related challenges and reiterated FNU's commitment to inclusive and practical solutions.

We concluded our visit in Drekeniwai Village, Natewa, where we celebrated the graduation of 134 participants from the Rural Remote Maritime Training – Community-Based Non-Formal Education programme. Our youngest graduate was a 15-year-old boy and the oldest being a 77-year-old. This is a testament that there is no age limit to education.

Also last week, the National Hospitality Conference at the Pearl Resort in Pacific Harbour was a success. I sincerely thank the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Tourism, Honourable Viliame Gavoka for attending and supporting this pivotal event.

Looking into this week, we will celebrate our graduates, and I take immense pride in recognising your remarkable achievements. Graduation is a testament to your hard work and dedication. The ceremonies will take place this week from Tuesday till Thursday at the Vodafone Arena in Suva.

Congratulations to all graduates. I look forward to celebrating this milestone with you.

Lastly, I wish everyone a joyful Easter weekend.

Best regards

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