



ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

16 June, 2025

Bula Vinaka to you all,

As we begin another promising week at Fiji National University (FNU), I would like to take a moment to reflect on recent developments and to thank our dedicated staff and students for your ongoing support and hard work.

Last Friday, we had the honour of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Great Council of Chiefs (GCC), the Ministry of iTaukei Affairs, and Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) regarding the Vanua Leadership Programme. Earlier in the week, our team, along with the Pro-Vice Chancellors and myself, discussed the course development progress, marking a significant step forward in strengthening our partnerships and programmes.

We achieved a milestone achievement by signing a partnership record with the University of Goroka. This signified a vital step towards strengthening academic collaborations, fostering mutual growth, and creating opportunities for shared research, student exchange, and capacity building between our institutions.

Also, our university hosted the Food Loss Intervention Workshop, led by Minister for Agriculture and Waterways, Honourable Vatimi Rayalu. The event promoted collaboration and practical solutions for food management, fostering innovation and knowledge sharing at our Nasinu Campus.

Our Outreach team has been actively engaging nationwide through Career Expos. Last week, at Ratu

Kadavulevu School, they showcased FNU's opportunities. This week, they will visit Savusavu, engaging students and communities in the Northern Division.

The Fiji Business Excellence Awards Conference, themed "Driving Inclusive and Innovation-led Productivity," was held at Holiday Inn, Suva. We were pleased to host George Wong, an international consultant, who recently provided Evaluation Training at our Nasinu Campus, supporting our continuous improvement efforts.

I also wish to commend our students for their confidence and dedication during last week's examinations. Your commitment is commendable. For those sitting exams this week, I wish you the very best. Rest assured, we fully support you.

FNU will join Fiji Showcase 2025 at Vodafone Arena from 20 to 28 June. Our booth will offer academic advice, programme information, and instant offers, enabling seamless enrolment and engagement with prospective students and the community.

The application period for Semester 2, 2025, opens from 23 June to 18 July.

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