



ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Dear FNU Family,

Welcome back to another week at the Fiji National University (FNU)! As we commence this new week, I encourage us all to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable achievements of the past week, which have truly exemplified the dedication and teamwork that define our esteemed institution.

Our Outreach team enthusiastically participated in the Naitasiri Youth Festival held at the Naitasiri Secondary School grounds. During the event, students, teachers, and parents visited our booth, where they discussed the various programmes available at FNU, including admissions procedures and student life. It was heartening to see such enthusiasm and interest from the community, reaffirming our role as a vital centre of education and development.

In addition, FNU also engaged at the careers expo at Marist Brothers High School (MBHS). It was a pleasure to witness many students from MBHS and neighbouring schools stopping by our information table. Our team was delighted to answer questions and clarify any doubts about the diverse academic and professional pathways we offer.

Furthermore, FNU's College of Humanities, Education and Law, in collaboration with the United States Embassy, organised the inaugural In-Service Teachers' Science Workshop at our Namaka Campus. Educators from across Fiji gathered to participate in discussions centred on "Building Strong Foundations in STEM Education: Empowering Future Graduates to Inspire Science Learning in Fiji Primary Schools." This initiative highlights our commitment to strengthening science education and nurturing the next generation of inspired scientists and educators.

Our cultural initiatives continue to thrive as well as we hosted the "Harmony in Diversity: Islands Connected by Rainbow"

art exhibition at the Nasinu Campus. Organised through Rainbows in collaboration with the Macao Great Wall Calligraphers and Painters Association, this exhibition celebrated cultural exchange and artistic collaboration. It showcased 21 exquisite calligraphies and paintings in scroll formats, created by distinguished artists from Fiji and China. All artworks were generously donated to FNU, enriching our cultural tapestry.

In our ongoing efforts to promote inclusivity and sustainability, our students from the Disability Centre participated in a two-day Climate Research Workshop at the Fiji Vocational Technical Training Centre for Persons with Disabilities in Suva. The workshop focused on Gender Equality, Disability, and Social Inclusion (GEDSI), fostering dialogue on how to develop inclusive partnerships in climate research.

The week culminated in a proud moment - the graduation of 235 participants from the Sustainable Livelihood Project under the National Training and Productivity Centre's (NTPC) Community-Based Non-Formal Education and Training programme in Rakiraki. Of these graduates, 122 were men and 113 women. Among the graduates was a 15-year-old, embarking on a journey filled with promise, and a 76-year-old, demonstrating that learning has no expiry date.

As we approach this week, let us do so with renewed purpose and unity.

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