



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S FIJI DAY MESSAGE

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Bula Vinaka Fiji!

Today, as the sun rises over our islands and the ocean glistens in shades of blue, we are reminded that Fiji is more than a place — it is a living story of resilience, faith, and shared purpose.

Fiji Day is not only a commemoration of our independence, but a celebration of who we are: a people bound by kinship, culture, and compassion.

At the Fiji National University (FNU), we take pride in nurturing this spirit — one that reflects the essence of vanua, where knowledge, values, and relationships intertwine. Education, after all, is not merely about learning from books, but about learning from our people, our land, and our lived experiences.

As I reflected in my publications, true education must be grounded in identity and belonging. When we understand who we are, we gain the strength to imagine what we can become.

This vision continues to guide FNU as we empower our students to learn not just for Fiji, but with Fiji — respecting our traditions while embracing innovation and global connection.

Fiji Day reminds us that progress is not achieved alone. It is achieved when our communities, our institutions, and our people move forward together. Whether through research that uplifts our farmers, innovations that improve healthcare, or classrooms that ignite curiosity — FNU remains deeply committed to crafting futures that honour our past and transform our tomorrow.

Let this day inspire us to celebrate our diversity, to listen deeply, and to serve humbly. Together, we can continue building a Fiji that shines as a beacon of unity, wisdom, and hope for generations to come.

On behalf of the Fiji National University, I wish you all a joyful and reflective Fiji Day. May we continue to learn, grow, and serve in the true spirit of veiwekani and vanua. May the light of knowledge, service, and unity continue to guide our nation's journey.

Happy Fiji Day, Fiji!

Vinaka vakalevu and may God bless our beloved islands.

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