

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

27 November, 2025



Bula Vinaka to our FNU Vuvale!

As the academic year for 2025 draws to a close here at the Fiji National University, I thank every member of our FNU family for your dedication, resilience, and contribution to our University.

As our students complete their examinations and prepare to leave our campuses for a well-deserved summer break, I encourage parents, guardians, and loved ones to spend some meaningful time with them. Continue to motivate them to pursue their goals and remain focused on the futures they are working hard to build!

With the recent rise in drug use and HIV cases in Fiji, it is important to remember that our young people remain among the most vulnerable in our society. We must meet them halfway, understand their struggles, and become champions of positive change, good health, and overall wellbeing. As I often say, there is no health without mental health. Let us continue to support our young people not only academically, but emotionally and socially as well.

Last week, we had the honour of hosting His Excellency Mr Kanbar Hossein-Bor, British High Commissioner to Fiji, during his courtesy visit to our Nasinu Campus. We were also privileged to welcome a delegation from Nauru, further strengthening FNU's growing network of regional and international partnerships.

I also wish to acknowledge that this past week, we farewelled one of our own, the late Dr Apaitia Macanawai, Director of Research and Innovation. His passing has deeply touched our University community. Though he was with us for only nine months, his contribution was extraordinary and will be remembered for years to come. May his soul rest in peace!

Congratulations are in order for the College of Engineering and Technical Vocational Education and Training (CETVET) Department of Aviation

Studies for yet another milestone. The launch of the newly introduced Autopilot System Trainer. This state-of-the-art resource will enhance teaching and learning for our aviation students and further elevate academic excellence.

I would also like to thank everyone who participated in the UNESCO Bootcamp on Entrepreneurship for the Pacific's Sustainable Development and the International Union of Pure and Applied Physics Pasifika Physics Summit. Your contributions strengthen our commitment to continuous improvement in teaching, learning, research, and innovation. We look forward to fostering more collaborations, not only within the Pacific but globally, to advance knowledge and capacity across all sectors.

With graduation just around the corner, I extend my warmest congratulations to all students who will be donning our famous blue gowns this December. As you celebrate this important milestone, remember that your relationship with FNU does not end at graduation. We look forward to walking alongside you as part of the Pacific's largest alumni community, the FNU Alumni Network.

As you begin a new week, allow me to leave you with a word of encouragement:

Never forget that God equips those He calls. Each of you has a unique calling, be proud of the journey you are on and the purpose placed within you.

Be blessed.

Vinaka vakalevu, and have a productive week ahead.

Professor Unaiyi Nabobo-Baba
Vice-Chancellor
Fiji National University