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“It’s exam time. Please be alert! and diligent! I wish you all the very Best!”

As we enter this significant week, I would like to extend my best wishes to our students who are sitting for their final examinations. For many of you, this marks the culmination of your studies and the final step before graduation. I am confident that you have all prepared thoroughly for the exams. I wish you the very best of luck, and I encourage you to approach your exams with confidence and calmness. Your hard work and dedication will undoubtedly pay off.

Last week was an inspiring one for the Fiji National University (FNU), as we continued to advance our commitment to excellence, innovation, and sustainability.

The highlight of the week was the 26th Fiji Business Excellence Awards (FBEA), held at the Denarau Island Convention Centre, Sheraton Fiji Resort. The event was graced by His Lordship, the Acting President of Fiji, Chief Justice Salesi Temo, as Chief Guest. As Fiji’s National Productivity Organisation, the National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC) under FNU continues to champion FBEA, which recognises innovation, strategic thinking, and sustainable growth. I extend my warm congratulations to all recipients — your achievements reflect what is possible when excellence is embedded within organisational culture.

We also hosted the 2025 Local Learning and Teaching Symposium under the Office of Learning and Teaching on 6–7 November at the Nasinu Campus. Themed “Quality Education for Development and Employability,” the symposium focused on preparing students with skills relevant to today’s evolving job market. It was graced by Dr Eci Naisele, Director of the Higher Education Commission of Fiji, and showcased the creativity, scholarship, and commitment of our staff across colleges and campuses. The event also sets the stage for the 2026 International Conference on Teaching and Learning, which FNU will proudly host next year.

It was a proud moment for the University as we signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Shanghai Normal University at the Nasinu Campus on Friday. Through this MOU, we look forward to the exchange of ideas, research collaborations, joint academic activities, and most importantly, the strengthening of our shared commitment to education as a force for positive change. Earlier in the week, Shanghai Normal University also had the opportunity to visit the home of the College of Humanities, Education and Law at our Natabua Campus.

At the College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (CAFF), final-year students were farewelled as they prepare to embark on the next stage of their professional journey. We thank them for their dedication and hard work over the years and look forward to supporting their continued connection with FNU.

To conclude the week, I had the pleasure of leading my team from the Office of the Vice-Chancellor to Ba Campus for the Greening Project, which involved the planting of kumquat trees. This initiative, aligned with FNU’s Strategic Plan 2021–2026, reflects our commitment to environmental sustainability and stewardship. It was also a meaningful opportunity to connect with our dedicated staff and students at Ba Campus.

Finally, I want to acknowledge all staff and students for your commitment and effort throughout the year. Our lecturers and tutors have worked tirelessly to deliver quality education, and your contributions are truly appreciated.

Once again, I wish all students success in your exams. Let us continue to look after one another, stay safe and healthy during this influenza season, and may you all be Blessed!

Vinaka,

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