

## Press Release

Twenty year old Hilda Reshmi hopes to learn about raising academic standards from nursing leaders when she represents Fiji at the 15<sup>th</sup> South Pacific Nurses Forum.

The Fiji National University nursing student said it was a great opportunity for her to be part of the forum.

Reshmi and four of her tutors will attend the forum scheduled from November 8-11, 2010 in Auckland, New Zealand.

“This is the first time I will be going out of the country and I am very excited,” she said.

She said it was thrilling that she would be interacting with nursing leaders from other countries.

“I hope to learn a lot on how to better leadership skills and how to better the academic performance of my colleagues,” she said.

Reshmi, who is president of the Student Nurses' Association, said she was ready to discuss the challenges and achievements of nursing in Fiji.

She said the most exciting thing she would talk about would be the nursing students' rural attachment.

“The students have made lot of difference out in our communities,” she said.

Director Nursing, Albert McLaren, said the representatives from Fiji will be at the forefront of discussions.

“As academics we hope to provide a rich flavor of nursing research and advances and propose strategies for the application of evidence based practices in nursing,” he said.

He said the Nursing School also intends to engage and learn from the regional counterparts things that have worked in the curriculum in effective health promotion and disease prevention in their various countries.

The participants are being financially supported by College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences.

The forum will be held at Aotea Centre, Queen Street, Auckland, New Zealand.

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