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EXPERIMENTATION and research are important in all walks of life and especially in education says University of Fiji Vice chancellor Professor Srinivasiah Muralidhar.

He said whether it was about teaching, about curriculum, about assessment about scaling about mentorship or policy, as educators there was an urgent need to learn about issues that were important to everyone.

In opening the Adaptive Mentorship Workshop at the Fiji National University Education campus n Lautoka yesterday, Prof Muralidhar said he was honoured and privileged to open the workshop.

“Every classroom is different, students are different, teachers are different, schools are different the curriculum we present to students gets shaped by the different contexts,” Prof Muralidhar said.

“That is why we need to study and understand particular contexts in detail rather than attempting to generalize the findings from one context to the other.

“We need to dispel the notion that research is a realm of the few and try to encourage and involve a wide range of educational practitioners in small-and medium scale projects in our communities.”

Prof Muralidhar said Adaptive mentorship was one such experimentation in education and the technique had proved successful in a number of training contexts.

“I understand a similar workshop was held in Tonga a couple of weeks ago. We are fortunate that a number of experts are contributing to the two day workshop,” he said.

“We need to be more optimistic and ensure that we make things happen for the better, for the sake of the young people in our communities.”

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