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Press Release

Industries Endorse FNU Bachelor of Engineering (Honors) Degree Programme for 2012

The new FNU Bachelor of Engineering Honors Degree programme received overwhelming and unanimous support from the industries during the Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) meeting held at the Fiji National University this week.

IAC chairperson and Vice President of Fiji Institution of Engineers, Mr Hamen Lodhia of Hamen Lodhia Engineers, the FNU engineering degree programme would fill the big gap that exist in Fiji that those who have been working in the industries with years of experience will now have the opportunity to get a proper recognition and an academic qualification through the dual pathway.

“We firmly believe that a dual sector programme as designed by FNU is an excellent way for Fiji to provide engineer’s qualification. Fiji is going through a great deal of infrastructure development and engineers who graduate in the next 15 years would have no problems in getting employment,” he said.

Mr Akuila Kaci, from the Ministry of Works, Transport and Public Utilities, expressed full support and their willingness to work with FNU through this new Engineering programme to address their need.

The FSC and WAF reps also voiced their support and continuing partnership with FNU through this Engineering degree programme to address their industry Engineering needs.

Support for the programme was also expressed by the scholarship providers that attended the meeting, that now Fiji can save thousands of dollars by training these Engineers locally at the Fiji National University, College of Engineering, Science and Technology at Samabula.

The programme will also cater for those that have completed Diploma and Advanced Diploma studies at the then FIT that they could do the bridging units at the various FNU Campuses, in Suva, Lautoka and Labasa to prepare them for the second year of the degree in 2013. These bridging units will be offered in 2012

Acting Dean of the College of Engineering, Science and Technology, Josua Mataika said this degree is suitable for those who have been working in the industry and have years of experience, but who may want add to their qualifications by completing a degree to progress further in their organization and career.

The direct entry into the BENG Honors degree in 2012 will require a pass in English, Maths, Physics and one other Science subject with a total aggregate mark of 250 or more.

This is an opportunity for many of our young people today – to become a qualified Engineer in the respective areas – Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Civil, Automotive, Control, Renewable, Mining, Water and Sewerage. For more information please contact: College of Engineering Science and Technology in Samabula: Telephone: 3389210 or email: deaneng@fnu.ac.fj or enquiry-engineering@fnu.ac.fj.