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FNU Offers Training Fellowships in Parliamentary Practice

Fiji National University Vice Chancellor, Dr Ganesh Chand, today announced a professional development short course in parliamentary practice and procedure to support the candidates' electoral manual released by the University last week.

Dr Chand said the initiative was in keeping with FNU's commitment to supporting national development in all areas, including the return to parliamentary democracy.

The short course will provide grounding in the fundamentals of parliamentary practice and procedure at both the theoretical and practical level, and from national and comparative perspectives.

Dr Chand said he believed the course would be particularly relevant to those who hope to work in the new parliament, to be convened following general elections on September 17th.

The course will also be of interest to department officials who will liaise with the new parliament, political advisors, media personnel, as well as academics and members of the general public who want a better grounding in parliamentary practice.

In order to maintain the quality of the short course, places will be limited to 20 candidates. It is therefore recommended that applications be made quickly.

The Vice Chancellor was especially pleased to advise that FNU would directly support this initiative by offering eligible applicants training fellowships through a waiver of fees.

He said the course has been designed in collaboration with the University of Tasmania's Law Faculty, which provides professional training for the staff of the eleven parliaments of Australasia.

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