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PRESS RELEASE

FNU welcomes new VC

Suva, Fiji Islands. Professor Nigel Healey was officially welcomed as the new Vice Chancellor of the Fiji National University on Nasinu Campus earlier today.

More than a hundred staff and students gathered at the headquarters this morning for a chance to meet and speak with the new VC who was appointed to the position in January earlier this year.

Professor Healey comes with more than thirty years of experience from the years working in numerous universities around the world in teaching and researching and said to serve as a Vice Chancellor is the pinnacle of his long career.

The new VC aims to set a new benchmark for FNU to be the medium to prepare everyone for a better future.

“This is the national University and in that role as the national university for Fiji we have important contribution to make to the economy and the social development of the nation. But I think one of the reason in particular most of us came into University is because we know first-hand the transformational role universities can play in the life chances of young people,” said Professor Healey.

Professor Healey said universities are a vital part of our social structure.

“It’s worth saying that I think higher education is now a completely global sector. We are part of global knowledge society and I think there are a couple of pass that are really important.

“My hope in joining FNU is that I can bring that experience and those global networks to support the development of our research and our teaching for the advantage of our students and their future careers for both economic and social development of the nation.”

Professor Healey has taught in many countries including the United Kingdom, United States, Poland, Czech Republic, Romania, Bulgaria, Belarus and also served as Pro-Vice-Chancellor

and Dean at the College of Business and Economics at the University of Canterbury in New Zealand.

FNU Chancellor, Mr Ikbal Jannif welcomed the new Vice Chancellor and said the University looks forward to his leadership.

“You will be expected to give the institution a new direction and we look forward to you using your experience to lead us.

“On behalf of the students, support staff, academic staff, the council and President of Alumni we welcome you to FNU.”

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About the Fiji National University: The Fiji National University (FNU) was established through the merger of 7 government-owned tertiary institutions in Fiji, and commenced operations from 1 January 2010. The constituent institutions are found at over 40 different locations across Fiji, and collectively offer Certificates, Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas, Degrees, Postgraduate qualifications and Skills Upgrading for those who are already in employment. Approximately 30,000 students pass through the University each year. Over the last six years of its operations, the University has registered major achievements with regard to new programme delivery, quality improvements and contribution to research and publications via its 5 Colleges: The College of Humanities & Education (CHE), the College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences (CMNHS), the College of Engineering, Science & Technology (CEST), the College of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry (CAFF), the College of Business, Hospitality & Tourism Studies (CBHTS) and the National Training & Productivity Centre (NTPC).