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PRESS RELEASE

Careers Fair draws key employers

Suva, Fiji Islands. Fiji National University students have an opportunity to meet with prospective employers on available job opportunities as part of a week-long Careers Fair.

The event which coincides with the collection of gowns by students who will be graduating next month has been organised by the Office of the Registrar on Nasinu campus.

More than 25 key employers have shown their interest to be part of this event.

While welcoming the stakeholders, University Registrar Sarita Harish said this is an ideal opportunity for the students to interact with employers and gather information on what is expected of them once they are out in the workforce.

“The success of the University is measured by the employability of our graduates. The most critical mission of the university is to ensure that we fulfil the Human Resource requirements of our employers,” said Ms Harish.

“We pride ourselves in being the vocational university where in all our programmes from Certificates to Bachelors, students must go through industrial attachment for three months to one year.”

The Registrar said FNU aims to create a more vibrant relationship with the employers through the Careers Fair.

“I would like to acknowledge all the employers who are part of this one-week event for your very critical and much needed support in working hand-in-hand with the University. Usually we are not there to support our students during industrial attachments and you go out of your way to guide our students.

“You are the ones molding our graduates to apply the knowledge and skills they have gained at the University. It sharpens the students’ skills that we are not able to teach in the programmes,” she said.

Meanwhile, a Bachelor of Commerce, Management and Human Resource student Salote Tagilala commended the University’s efforts in ensuring the students were able to secure industrial attachments and permanent work as well.

“I am grateful to FNU for making job hunting easier for us. Currently, I am looking for industrial attachment as part of the requirement of my programme after which I can graduate.

“The Careers Fair is timely and very helpful to us students where we get to interact directly with the employers. We have also been informed by the employers that we can drop our applications here with them for attachment placements which really ease our work,” Ms Tagilala added.

For further information, please contact the Communications Office on 3394 000 ext 2890.

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).