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PRESS RELEASE

Providing right skill set vital: Chancellor Jannif

Suva, Fiji Islands. The Fiji National University (FNU) is continuously working with the Fiji Higher Education Commission (FHEC) to ensure that the University delivers the right skilled workers for this country through its programmes.

FNU Chancellor, Mr Ikbal Jannif made these comments while addressing 180 graduates of the College of Humanities and Education at the session two of the third graduation ceremony at Vodafone Arena, Laucala Bay, Suva today.

The Chancellor urged Education graduates to uphold the principles and obligations of the teaching profession.

“Today, more than ever, with internet and Google, your knowledge is going to be challenged. Students will perhaps know more than you but whilst Google give them knowledge, it will not give them wisdom. A wise advice must come from you. That is the challenge that you will be facing. Your efforts will convince young people to follow in your footsteps,” said Mr Jannif.

“When you recite your pledge, it will tell you that it is the membership of the profession that carries with it obligations as well as privileges. I would suggest that you do a bit of soul searching on what your obligations are.

“Next to parents, teachers are the most important people in any student’s life. Much is expected of you as you go forth into the classroom.

Mr Jannif said the College has developed eight new programmes which will run in semester mode starting 2018.

“One of the new programmes that will be offered from next year is the Bachelor of Education – Early Childhood which has a tremendous demand in the job market. The programme will provide an opportunity to those already in the workforce to upgrade their qualification and upskill themselves.”

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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).