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Press Release

FNU students engage with potential employers during the 2018 Careers Fair

Fiji National University (FNU) students studying at different campuses in the central division have been visiting Nasinu Campus over the past two days to interact and receive employment advice from 37 potential employers who are part of the 2018 Careers Fair.

The Careers Fair is an annual event organised by the Office of the Registrar and provides an opportunity for students to meet potential employer representatives in an informal setting, to learn more about what sort of staff they are looking at recruiting and opportunities available based on the programmes they are pursuing.

FNU's Assistant Registrar Karishma Deo said the event provides a platform for information sharing between organisations and job seekers. Deo said the Careers Fair allows for networking between students and employers and also opens opportunities for mutual benefits.

"Our aim was also to provide an opportunity to students whereby they independently manage their own career development through interactions with the employers and as such maximizing positive graduate outcomes," said Deo.

A representative from the Ministry of Economy, Snay Kumar said students were eager to find out the career opportunities that were available within the Ministry based on the programmes they were studying.

"I attended to a lot of students who enquired about the work of the Ministry of Economy, what qualifications are needed for different positions that exist at the Ministry. The students certainly showed a lot of enthusiasm and I'm sure they took back with them valuable information," she said.

Meanwhile, staff from the Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts were assisting FNU students in compiling their Curriculum Vitae (CV). The team also advised students on how to prepare for job interviews.

MOE Representative, Lasarus Rakula said the FNU Careers Fair also enabled them to display the different services they provided.

"We informed students about what we expect from applicants when we advertise any position at the Ministry so they now have a fair-idea on the application and recruitment process," said Rakula.

A final-year Trade Diploma in Customs student, Ema Rasei commended the university on providing students this opportunity.

"The Careers Fair was well planned. I was able to gather a lot of information on the career path I can choose when I complete my studies. It has been very helpful indeed for us students to interact directly with the employers. We got to know what characteristics they look for in candidates which is one of the key factors to securing employment," she said.

Another student, Rehaan Ali, studying Bachelor of Commerce said he was able to target organisations that interested him.

“Job-hunting will no longer be difficult for me because I have managed to get contacts and details of relevant companies, whom I’ve always wanted to work for. So now I have to study hard and make sure I graduate so I can apply to these companies for employment,” said Ali.

The next Careers Fair will be held at FNU’s Namaka Campus on 1st and 2nd October while students at Labasa Campus will get a similar opportunity on 4th and 5th October.

For more pictures from the 2018 FNU Careers Fair, please visit the FNU facebook page.

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