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Press Release

FNUSA assists with literacy development in the Solomon Islands Makira Ulawa Province through book donation

Suva, Fiji Islands. The Fiji National University Students' Association (FNUSA) will donate 500 cartons of books to the Makira Ulawa Province in the Solomon Islands next month.

The donation was made possible following a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between FNUSA and the Fiji Makira Ulawa (Solomon Islands) Students Association.

The books will be distributed to secondary schools in the Makira Ulawa Province through its main provincial library.

The FNUSA's book distribution initiative started last year and since then it has donated books to several secondary schools around the country. This donation to the Solomon Islands is its first outside of Fiji.

FNUSA President, Ketan Lal said this new partnership has paved opportunities for the Association to work closely with other regional student bodies on similar initiatives.

"We are pleased to be able to help our regional students with these library books. For FNUSA, this is an opportunity to not only assist our neighboring brothers and sisters with their education but also strengthen our friendship with regional student bodies for further collaboration in other areas," said Lal.

Makira Ulawa Students Association mentor and the provincial government representative, Jack Martin conveyed the Solomon Islands government's appreciation and gratitude to FNUSA.

Martin said the donation will greatly assist in improving the literacy rate in the Makira Ulawa Province.

"There are only three libraries in the Solomon Islands, we have one in Honiara and the other two are located in the eastern part of the island," he said.

"The Makira Ulawa province is ranked as the lowest literate province in the whole of Solomon Islands and these books will greatly assist us in improving this ranking."

"We are very grateful to FNUSA for initiating this partnership. We hope to continue with this collaboration for the prosperity of students back home."

For more pictures from the MoU signing, please visit the FNU facebook page.

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