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PRESS RELEASE

CEST welcomes students for new academic year

Suva, Fiji Islands. The College of Engineering, Science and Technology (CEST) Derrick Campus, Samabula was abuzz this morning as more than 300 new students attended the 2018 campus orientation.

First year Foundation Science student from Niue, Abigail Leotoga was excited to commence her studies in a new learning environment.

“I chose to study at this University because we have a lot of people back in the island who have studied here and now have successful careers. They are really good examples to follow and we, the youths look up to them as our role models.”

Ms Leotoga is planning to study Oral Health at FNU’s College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences after completing Foundation Science.

Another first year student from Solomon Islands, Charlie Dotho was elated to have enrolled to study Bachelor of Electrical Engineering (Honours) programme.

“Sometimes it is hard to believe that I am actually here to study Engineering and pursue my dream career. I hope to learn as much as I can and make new friends at the University.”

While welcoming students, the Acting Dean, Salabogi Mavoia said the College has received good enrolment numbers this year. Mr. Mavoia attributed this to the ongoing infrastructure development as well as work undertaken to upgrade programmes and having them accredited internationally.

“CEST programmes intend to provide for the human resource needs for the development of the nation and the region,” said Mr Movoia.

“The College covers a lot of areas and we are probably the largest College in terms of the number of students, schools and we also cover a wide range of programmes from Certificate III, Certificate IV, Diploma, Bachelors, Post Graduate Diplomas, Masters and now even PhD.”

The Acting Dean reminded students to observe the University regulations and refrain from getting into mischief which would lead to disciplinary issues.

“You were always guided in the primary and secondary school system but now there is a change of environment and mindset where we expect you to take responsibility for your actions,” said Mr Mavoia.

“At the end of the day, how you use your time here will determine where you will be after you graduate; hence, get into good time management habits.”

“You are officially tertiary students now. There will be a lot of expectations from you as these tertiary days are also your preparation time before you get into the workforce,” Mr Mavoia.

Apart from Derrick Campus, Samabula, CEST programmes are also offered at different locations in the country such as FNU Nabua, Nasinu, Lautoka, Ba, Labasa and Namaka Campuses.

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