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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Cash reward for outstanding BComm Accounting student**

**Suva, Fiji Islands.** The top Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting) student graduating from the Fiji National University will now receive a \$500 cash reward.

This has been made possible following a partnership between the Fiji National University and Pherrus PTY (Fiji) Ltd which will see two outstanding students receiving the cash prize during FNU's bi-annual graduation ceremonies.

FNU Vice Chancellor Professor Nigel Healey said this MoU is emblematic of Fiji's changing place in the global economy.

"Such awards mean a huge amount to students on their CV when they get recognition for their achievements. Pherrus will provide opportunities for attachments for our students and more importantly careers for our students when they graduate," said Prof Healey.

"The real significance, however, is that Pherrus is a well-established Sydney-based tax consulting firm. One of its Managing Partners, Krishneel, is a Fijian and recognising the new growth trajectory of the Fijian economy, he decided to establish a Suva office."

"One of the characteristics of many successfully economies is that, having 'exported' talent during periods of economic or political difficulty, these follows reverse as citizens living offshore realize the newly emerging opportunities back at home."

"It is important that we get behind returning Fijians like Krishneel to ensure that we support them to make a success of their investment in Fiji's new future," Prof Healey added.

Pherrus Managing Partner, Krishneel Prasad said the company was delighted to partner with FNU and reward high achievers.

"This recognition will mean a lot to students. We are from Australia but we are here to support our local community."

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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).