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Tubuna determined to accomplish her dream

Suva, Fiji Islands.

“My focus will always remain on my dream of graduating in the blue gown from the Bachelor of Laws programme as there are expectations of many embedded with the realisation of this dream.”

Iowane Tubuna of Nalidi Nakorotubu, Ra was beaming with excitement as she attended the College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies (CBHTS) orientation session with more than 350 students on Nasinu campus earlier today.

Tubuna, who comes from a farming background, said she was fortunate to have been given Tertiary Education Loan Scheme (TELS) to study at the Fiji National University.

She used to travel 7 km daily in a Carriers to attend high school and said she was always determined to get enrolled at the national university.

“My parents are dalo and yaqona farmers. From the six siblings, my two elder brothers and sister help my parents on the farm. I am the fourth eldest and the younger two are also schooling,” Tubuna said.

“I always dreamt of studying at a tertiary institution so that I can pursue the career of my choice after which I will also be able to help my parents financially and assist my other siblings with their studies. I want to make my family proud and give them the rewards of their sacrifices in helping me reach up to this place in life.”

“Currently, I am trying to adjust to the city life. The lifestyle here is somewhat different from how we live back in the village where you will get to see more greenery but it is more buildings and cars here. The dressing style is also quite different with pace of life being so fast,” Tubuna added.

College Dean, Professor Ram Karan encouraged the students to be divergent thinkers. He said this type of students generate more creative ideas by exploring many possible solutions of one problem.

“When you are here, you will be told to do things in certain ways but do not be afraid to differ from what might be expected of you. If you can differ and justify than you should be rewarded for that. We are here to help you develop your potentials,” said Professor Karan.

The orientation session was organised to welcome the first year CBHTS day class students. Another session will be held this evening at 6pm for evening students together with those enrolled in Post Graduate Diploma, Masters and Executive Masters in Business Administration programmes.

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