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PRESS RELEASE

FNU provides holistic learning

Suva, Fiji Islands. The Fiji National University (FNU) was commended for providing quality tertiary-level education which provided students appropriate skills and knowledge to be productive and contribute to the development of the nation.

Speaking at FNU's College of Humanities and Education graduation ceremony, Chief Guest, ANZ's Regional Executive, Tessa Price said education lifts people out of poverty and it creates higher order jobs, which is the key to major structural reform.

Price said without education, there is a risk that reform will fall short, or that people are left behind.

"FNU is recognised for providing diversity of learning, for equipping students with the skills and knowledge to enable them to seize opportunities and solve whatever problems they may face in the future," said Price.

"FNU students have real grit; this is why you will do well in the world. ANZ is proud of our relationship with FNU. We have a three year partnership to deliver MoneyMinded, our flagship financial literacy program."

"The MoneyMinded and Business Basics programs have also been included in FNU's entrepreneurship program, which is very pleasing," Price added.

A total of 426 students graduated from the College of Humanities and Education at the FMF National Gymnasium in Suva today.

Price said institutions such as FNU was a place where young people developed a passion for learning as well as a passion for life.

She said that a passion for learning is to see the intrinsic value of education and that prepares a person for life's challenges and opportunities.

"Learning is a continuous journey and not something that happens only in a classroom. Teaching has historically been a highly respected profession around the world. Even in today's interconnected world where we have information at our fingertips, this remains true," said Price.

"Education is a theme that will evolve in Fiji over the coming decades. Fiji is already known for the quality of its education. So I encourage you to continue to inspire future generations in Fiji to share your passion for learning, education and life."

FNU Vice Chancellor, Ikbal Jannif said the College of Humanities and Education focused on being innovative and offered programmes that produced graduates with the necessary skills that the industry required.

Jannif said together with improving the learning and teaching facilities, the College strongly encourages skills development for its staff.

“Through the Pro Vice Chancellor Research, the College recently organised the first PhD Skills and Proposal Writing Workshop for academics at which 18 PhD intents were finalised. These academics are now enrolled at FNU for part-time PhD studies.”

Jannif added that FNU prides itself as being an equal opportunity employer, and will continue providing equal programme options for all Fijians.

It was a proud moment for Shahil Sajnish Satendra, Certificate IV in Film and Television Production graduate to have finally attained the qualification of his dream career.

“It is a double celebration for me as I will start my career in Film and Television Production at Fiji Television Limited from next week and I have a qualification to support my dream career in my hands. I already have a degree in Bachelor of Environmental Science but my friends were studying Film and Television Production and I got fascinated with the things they did and at that very moment I decided to join this profession,” said Satendra.

The Fiji National University May graduation continues on Tuesday 8 May, 2018 with the College of Nursing, Medicine and Health Sciences.

Full details of the graduation are provided below:



 **FIJI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY**

MEDIA INVITE

The Vice Chancellor of the Fiji National University
cordially invites you to the

GRADUATION CEREMONIES

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES [CMNHS]
to be held on **Tuesday 08 May, 2018** from **10am** at the **Novotel Convention Centre, Lami.**

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