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PRESS RELEASE

FNU claims runners-up title at EU-Fiji Quiz Challenge

Suva, Fiji Islands. The Fiji National University (FNU) scooped second prize during the European Union (EU) organised Fiji University Quiz Challenge 2018 held at The University of the South Pacific (USP) Japan-Pacific ICT Centre yesterday evening.

The event was part of the Europe Day celebrations and featured teams from FNU, USP and University of Fiji.

The three universities were tested on their knowledge of European history, EU-Fiji and Pacific Cooperation, COP23, Oceans Conference together with other EU engagements and initiatives in the Pacific.

The teams comprised of four members, each from different Colleges, with three members competing and the fourth being an inter-changeable member.

Vice Chancellor Professor Nigel Healey, who was the coach of Team FNU, said it was a proud achievement for the students.

Professor Healey said the event provided students a great learning experience.

“It was my honor to coach the team and they were well-prepared. I think this was close competition and it went right down to the last two questions,” said Prof Healey.

“It was a great performance and it could have gone either way.”

FNU team captain and Bachelor of Laws student, Cynthia Chand said participating in the quiz was a great experience.

Chand also acknowledged Professor Healey for mentoring the team.

“It was an awesome experience and the highlight for us was meeting Professor Healey and learning from him,” Chand said.

“We were a bit nervous at first and we did not do well in Round One but we didn’t lose confidence. During the competition we kept encouraging each other which kept us going. Professor Healey gave us a pep-talk in Round Two and we began to put points on the board.”

“It was a fantastic team bonding exercise. I thank all the members of the team, their families and the University for their encouragement and support,” Cynthia added.

Each team member received a gift pack from the organizers.

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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).