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Sigatoka school travels to Suva to attend Engineering, Science and Technology Exhibition

Suva, Fiji Islands. Thirty-four students from Sigatoka Andhra Sangam College (SASC) were full of enthusiasm despite the early morning two-hour bus journey to Suva as they excitedly browsed through the Engineering, Science and Technology Exhibition at Derrick Campus, Samabua today.

The College teacher Kelerayani Mataisau said the students had been looking forward to attending the Exhibition since the commencement of Term 2, earlier this week.

“This Exhibition is very interesting for the students as well as for us teachers. We are able to see a lot of new things and what the University offers in terms of furthering your education. The students have been extremely excited and I know many of them will end up taking programmes offered by FNU. I’m sure the students will go back and discuss with their parents and guardians on the opportunities and plan their career accordingly,” said Mataisau.

Mataisau said the Engineering, Science and Technology Exhibition is a great platform for showcasing the different programmes offered by the College and the different career pathways which students can pursue.

The Technical Drawing (TD) teacher said the displays at the Exhibition portrays the creativity of the students at this College.

“All the displays are so innovative. Every setup has a different set of information to portray to the students. This shows the number of ways things can be arranged by the students here,” she said.

“It is also good to know how well the demonstrators know what they are talking about. I think the high school students are more comfortable interacting with FNU students and learning from them the experiences they have been having in the period of their studies,” Mataisau added.

Year 13 student of Sigatoka Andra Sangam College, Elina Bua has made up her mind to join the College’s Fiji Maritime Academy (FMA).

The Draiba, Sigatoka lass said her passion for travelling has led to this career choice.

“Leaving home before 6am and travelling to Suva with other students for this exhibition has been fruitful for me. I have managed to gather so much information about my dream job and I would like to thank FNU for giving us the chance to come and see for ourselves what programmes are there for us to choose from,” Bua said.

“I have already informed my parents what I want to do in future and they are happy with my decision.”

“Another thing that I love about FMA is their dressing style. I wish to be dressed in that uniform soon. Whenever I see someone dressed in that uniform, to me, it looks professional and at the same time, it kind of gives a cool impression of the person,” Bua added.

More than 30 schools visited FNU Derrick Campus in Samabula on second day of the Engineering Exhibition.

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