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Engineering, science and technology are transforming our world – Professor Healey

Suva, Fiji Islands. Fiji National University (FNU) Vice Chancellor Professor Nigel Healey says the world continues to advance rapidly and in almost every sphere of human life, scientific and technological advances will transform the way people live and work.

Professor Healey said the digitally-connected 24/7 world we are living in is unrecognisable from that of several decades ago and it will change in the future even faster, in ways we cannot predict.

“From gamification and virtual reality to artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics, the way we live, work and play is changing at lightning speed. Once in the realms of science fiction, autonomous vehicles, 3D printing and the Internet of Things are now everyday terms,” said Professor Healey.

Professor Healey said events such as the Engineering, Science and Technology Exhibition provide students and parents an excellent opportunity to learn about the diverse range of programmes offered at FNU and plan for their prospective careers.

“At the College of Engineering, Science and Technology we offer programmes from certificates to PhD level and such events such as these provide students and opportunity to see the career opportunities available from the programmes they intend to pursue. The students learn the right subject combination so they go back set their goals early in life. It helps to plan your career better,” said Professor Healey.

The Engineering, Science and Technology Exhibition was held at Derrick Campus in Samabula, Suva and Ba Campus.

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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).