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FNU awards Nasinu Sports Complex design contract

Suva, Fiji Islands. The Fiji National University (FNU) has embarked on another capital infrastructure project with the first step taken today towards establishing a state-of-the-art gymnasium on Nasinu Campus.

The contract for the Nasinu Sports Complex design was awarded to Conway Architects at FNU Nasinu Campus today in the presence of Vice Chancellor, Professor Nigel Healey and the Director for Conway Architects, Conway Beg and his team.

The eight million dollar Complex will consist of cardio training, rehab, cross-fit and weightlifting, circuit machine stations and indoor running for testing and fitness.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Nigel Healey said this was an important step for the University in establishing a comprehensive set of sports and wellness facilities across FNU Campuses.

Professor Healey said the Complex will be benchmarked on international standards on space, energy efficiency, and disability friendliness with sustainable standards.

“We are starting with Nasinu campus where the intention is to roll this out and its part of both enhancing the student life experience on campus and also our commitment to the development of health status of our staff,” the VC said.

“There are two goals of this Complex. First is to provide students with modern equipment and facilities to support learning and fully prepare them for a successful career in their chosen fields and second is to provide staff and students with equipment and facilities to support their health and wellness.”

“The University provides programmes such as Exercise Prescription, Health and Awareness, Biomechanics, Exercise Physiology, Performance Testing, Analysis and Feedback and this well-equipped facility will be great for student practicals,” Professor Healey added.

He said this project will also boost research in sports science, physiotherapy and rehabilitation.

Director for Conway Architects, Conway Beg said his team is looking forward to work on the design for the Complex.

“Thank you very much for this opportunity and I think it is great to be part of this growing machinery that FNU is putting out and we just excited to be working on a project that means a lot to not just to the campus but also to the community at large,” said Beg.

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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).