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PRESS RELEASE

New University Information Management System for FNU

Suva, Fiji Islands. In an effort to continue providing better services to its students, the Fiji National University (FNU) signed two contracts for a new University Information Management System today (28/6/18) at FNU's Nasinu Campus.

The first contract was awarded to Ellucian to provide a suit of Banner 9 solutions which integrates three main business systems; Student Management, Finance and Human Resources. While the second contract was awarded to Adirondack Solutions which will provide Student Accommodations solution that will be integrated with Ellucian's Banner 9 system.

FNU Vice Chancellor Professor Nigel Healey said this investment is an important step in the exciting journey of the many projects currently underway in the pursuit to improve University experience for the students.

Professor Healey said this new venture gives the University the opportunity to leapfrog and get into the list of the best in the world.

"When you invest into University software like this, it's a one in a 20 year purchase. It's a major investment and we had to get it right and I must congratulate all the staff who have worked through the selection process in determining what our requirements are," said Professor Healey.

"It's going to be a lot of hard work in the next couple of years but it will be worth it because we are constantly trying our best that our students get gold plated service and at the same time we get access to useful information for decision making."

FNU is also working with the *'Walesi'* team to have complete Wi-Fi coverage on every FNU campus.

Ellucian Vice President for Asia Pacific, Andrew Belger congratulated FNU on joining 1,500 other Universities that use Banner to meet students' needs.

"Student Management, Finance and Human Resources – these three systems are designed to work together from the ground up. So this is not about trying to integrate systems that are not designed to work together, instead these systems are built to share information across the university," said Belger.

He said the systems will provide insight that is needed to run the University more effectively.

The Adirondack's Student Accommodation solution integrated within Ellucian's Banner 9 solutions, will allow potential FNU students to select their rooms online.

President of Adirondack, David Kritz said it's a privilege to be part of this transformation with FNU as it achieves its vital goal of providing better services to Fijian students.

"With this transformation, there are many things the students and staff will be able to do on the housing side which was not feasible before," said Kritz.

“Accommodation software is often overlooked in the big picture in a University when they are trying to transform things. Accommodation ends up creating one of the longest lasting impacts on a student’s collection of time at the University.”

Ellucian and Adirondack team will now move to the implementation phase and they will also train FNU staff in this process.

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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).