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Press Release

FNU students to have access to high-speed wifi from August

Suva, Fiji Islands. There is good news for current and future students of the Fiji National University (FNU) as they all will have access to high-speed wifi from next month.

Under the 'digitalFIJI' initiative led by Walesi, which recently launched the free-to-air digital boxes and the Walesi mobile app (which allows digital TV to be viewed on a smart phone), Government is funding Walesi to work with FNU to install high-speed wifi across all campuses and centres.

FNU Vice Chancellor Professor Nigel Healey said in an era of expanding digital technology, the study skills of students will be enhanced by using a wireless (wifi) connection to the internet.

Professor Healey said students will have the ability to access online study portals wherever they are on campus (within the connectivity range) and access information from the internet.

"We have already provided Walesi with the details of the hardware and software required and work on this exciting initiative has commenced," said VC Healey.

"This latest initiative comes hot on the heels of the Australian Academic and Research Network (AARNet) connection immediately before Easter, so our digital connectivity on campus will have been transformed to world standards in just a few short months."

The high-speed wifi project with Walesi commenced last week and projections indicate that FNU campuses will come online in stages starting early August.

This connectivity provides for a flexible, cost-effective and future-proof solution which will enable students to connect with ease, whether they are in a classroom, a cafeteria, a residential hostel or on the move.

Four key campuses are being targeted to come online in the first stage. These campuses are Nasinu, Derrick (Samabula), Nadi and Natabua (Lautoka).

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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).