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Press Release

FNU students to enjoy free, high speed wifi at Campuses across Fiji

Suva, Fiji Islands. Students at the Fiji National University (FNU) will enjoy free, unlimited access to the internet 24/7, thanks to the government initiated Digital Fiji program.

The Attorney-General and Minister for Economy, Honourable Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum launched free wifi hotspots today at Derrick and Nasinu Campuses before proceeding with the 2018-2019 post National Budget Information Session.

The Solicitor-General, Mr. Sharvada Nand Sharma, who is the chair of Walesi was on-hand with his board members and Walesi team to guide students through the log in process.

Under the 'digitalFiji' initiative, 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 has funded Walesi to work with FNU to install high-speed wifi across 24 FNU campuses and centres throughout Fiji.

FNU Derrick Campus, Samabula students were the first to log-on to the wifi hotspots soon after the announcement.

Hon Sayed-Khaiyum said Walesi received \$19m funding for digital revolution.

"The idea is to create these zones, particularly where young people can come together, share information and also be able to communicate with each other and be able to use the technology itself," said Hon Minister.

FNU Vice Chancellor, Professor Nigel Healey acknowledged the Fijian Government for making FNU a full player in the digital academic community.

Professor Healey said this digital capability will give the students the opportunity to access study portals wherever they are on campus (within the geofenced range) and access information from the internet.

Students were thrilled with the free internet access. FNU students also participated in a draw and a few lucky ones walked away with Walesi set-top sets, TV, mobile phones and recharge cards.

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