

## 275 students graduate in final FNU graduation ceremony for May 2019



Graduates during the final FNU Graduation ceremony for May 2019.

Use the platform that you have today to become a better version of yourself as you never know what you are capable of unless you continue to learn and put into practice the skills attained to develop further.

These were the words of advice shared by the Chief Guest and Minister for Health and Medical Services, Honourable Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete at the Fiji National University's (FNU) final graduation ceremony for May 2019.

"Never stop being a life-long learner. This is not the end of your learning – this is the beginning," said Hon Waqainabete.

The former surgeon said during his recent trip to medical centres around Fiji, he came across employees who displayed a lot of humility, compassion and passion for the job.



Minister for Health and Medical Services,  
Honourable Dr Ifereimi Waqainabete speaking  
at the final FNU Graduation ceremony for May 2019.

"With compassion they are able to serve the fellow Fijians."

Hon Waqainabete, an alumnus of FNU, also encouraged graduates to always support those who assisted them in their life journey.

"As you leave this place, it is your duty to care for them, be there for them

in every circumstance because they were there for you – even in the most difficult moments they stood by you."

One hundred and six students graduated from College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (CAFF), 71 from College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (CMNHS) and 98 students from the National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC).

FNU Chancellor Dr Rajesh Chandra acknowledged the continuous support of the Fijian Government to transform FNU into a modern, well-equipped higher education institution which Fijians will be proud to call to call their national university.

"Through our Government Operating Grant, the University is able to offer high-cost programmes in medicine, engineering and agriculture at tuition fees far below economic costs," said Dr Chandra.

"Students are also able to study at FNU through the Tertiary Educations Loan Scheme and National Toppers Scheme (NTS) that reflects the Government's commitment to transform Fiji into a smart and competitive society."

The Chancellor highlighted the College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry's plans to review the curriculum of its various programmes in the next two years and the proposed launch of new programmes such as Bachelor of Animal Production and Master in Agriculture Science.

CAFF was also commended for assisting the Ministry of Agriculture to develop a global editorial board for the Fiji Agricultural Journal by Dr Chandra.

The National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC), which offers more than 2000 short and medium courses annually to ensure the national workforce maintains a high level of productivity was applauded for their work.

The Chancellor said NTPC's efforts in hosting important events such as the inaugural National Conference on Information Technology which was attended by the country's leading I-T experts to discuss technological advancements and share best practice knowledge is important as organisation's look into the future.

A total of 1,396 students graduated from FNU in a series of graduation ceremonies this week.