

Adi Merelita eyes tourism sector after studies



Adi Merelita is excited to begin studies in her field of choice.

Travelling, reading and meeting people are three hobbies Adi Merelita Vunimatana loves and she hopes to find employment in the tourism and travel sector after completing her studies.

The 19-year-old is enrolled in the Fiji National University's (FNU) TAFE Diploma in Tourism and Travel programme offered at the Nadi Campus.

"I personally love travel, and I enjoy helping people, making them happy, and seeing satisfaction on their faces."

"It has been my passion from a young age, and now is my time to pursue that passion and expand my knowledge and skills," said Adi Merelita.

"I choose to pursue that career path because as a travel agent or tour manager we would know the whole country. I have always been an adventurous person who loves to travel. I want to help people find their dream vacations here in Fiji."

"Everywhere you look, new hotels, convention centres are being constructed, tourist attractions are popping up and with increasing flights and cruise ships, the tourism industry is booming in Fiji. So I'm excited about employment opportunities after I complete my studies," she added.

Adi Merelita is originally from Naitasiri, but resides with her family in Votualevu. She attended Votualevu College, completing Year 13 studies.

The teenager said she was excited to commence her studies at the National Training and Productivity Centre's (NTPC) complex in Nadi.

She said tourism studies is a broad and unique area and the duties and daily tasks of these jobs varied and usually required good customer service, communication skills and the ability to work well with others.

"If you have a passion for travel and you like to help others, then a job in the travel and tourism industry could be the perfect career for you," she said.

Adi Merelita said after completing the programme she hoped to be employed as a tour guide or customer service agent at a hotel or resort so she could assist tourists to Fiji knowing more about the country, its people, culture and traditions.

"I want to do something I would enjoy every day and not just to collect a pay check," said Adi Merelita.

Adi Merelita will begin classes on Monday, February 11.