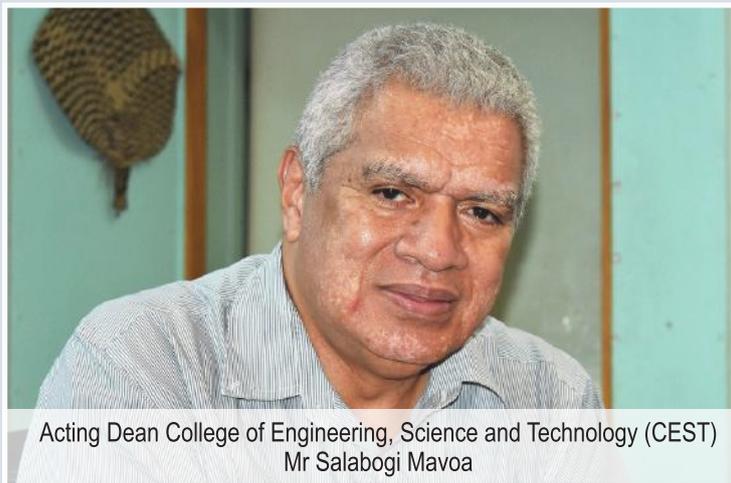




FNU hosts two-day Engineering and Science Fair



Acting Dean College of Engineering, Science and Technology (CEST)
Mr Salabogi Mavoia

Students aspiring to pursue studies in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics (STEM) subjects will have an opportunity to participate in fun activities and explore exciting career pathways at a two-day Engineering and Science Fair organised at the Fiji National University's (FNU) Derrick Campus next week.

The Engineering and Science Fair is an annual event organised by the FNU's College of Engineering, Science and Technology (CEST), which is expected to attract students from a number of secondary schools around the country.

Acting Dean CEST Salabogi Mavoia said the event will create awareness about the significance of science and technology amongst the younger generation.

"We have visitors and school students who have already confirmed their attendance and we look forward to seeing them next week. The arrangements are well underway.

We have numerous schools under the College of Engineering, Science and Technology that are preparing displays, posters and demonstrations that will be showcased next week," said Mavoia.

Students can also expect to see representatives from the Australian National University (ANU) who will be promoting STEM related subjects offered by their University.

"ANU's Science Circus team will be doing hands on experiment and many other activities with the school students to increase the student's interest in STEM subjects," said Mavoia.

The theme for this year's Engineering and Science Fair is "Preparing, Mobilising and Upskilling for the New Industrial Revolution 4.0"

Industry 4.0 refers to a new phase in the Industrial Revolution that focuses heavily on interconnectivity, automation, machine learning, and real-time data.

"Our theme is very progressive. We are looking into the future, the demands that will be in the industry especially from the training institutions," Mavoia added.

The Acting Dean CEST stated all the displays and the presentations will be aligned to the theme.

"We hope students will come and witness for themselves what IR 4.0 is. These students that are going to attend the Fair, is the generation that will be very much involved in IR 4.0 and we hope that they will get a taste of what it is. We are moving more into artificial intelligence, mobile technology, the interaction between our Information and Communications Technology (ICT)," said Mavoia.

Mavoia said the exhibition presents an opportunity for University students to display their projects that are aligned to IR 4.0 and interact with prospective students, parents and industry representatives.

"It will also allow secondary school students to identify various career paths and the subjects available at CEST," he said.

The Engineering and Science Fair will be held at the FNU's Derrick Campus in Samabula on 19 and 20 September.



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