

## New Chancellor to officiate at the FNU graduation ceremonies

Newly appointed Fiji National University (FNU) Chancellor, Dr Rajesh Chandra will undertake his first official engagement as he officiates a series of graduation ceremonies scheduled for this week.

The senior academic and former Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of the South Pacific, was appointed the Chancellor by the Government earlier this month.

"It is a great honour for me to be given this opportunity to guide and assist FNU and be part of the graduation ceremony," said Dr Chandra.

He also thanked the Government for appointing an outstanding Council for FNU that should mark a major step-up in making FNU the premier national university that all stakeholders can be proud of.

There are four graduation ceremonies scheduled from May 1-3 at the FMF Gymnasium in Suva which will see the graduation of 1396 students from FNU's five Colleges and National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC).

The College of Humanities and Education (CHE) students will be the first to graduate on Wednesday, 1 May.

This will be followed by the College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies (CBHTS) graduation on Thursday, 2 May at 10am and the College of Engineering, Science and Technology (CEST) ceremony beginning at 2pm on 2 May.

The ceremonies will conclude with the combined graduation of College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (CMNHS), College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (CAFF) and National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC) students on Friday, 3 May.

FNU Vice Chancellor, Professor Nigel Healey said as Fiji's national university,



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it was paramount that the institution prepared students who are workforce-ready.

"The student's career is shaped by their educational experiences and they carry their qualifications from FNU on their resume for the rest of their professional lives, therefore, for students and alumni – where they study for their qualifications matters immensely," Professor Healey said.

"Graduation is a significant step in every student's journey through life which also marks the end of one stage and the start of the next adventure."

"For FNU, these ceremonies are the highlight of the academic calendar. It is a time when families and friends come together to celebrate the academic achievements of our students."



FNU students at the December 2018 graduation ceremony. File Photo.