



Prasad re-lives campus days with her colleagues after four decades



Sindh Prasad (middle) with her colleagues at FNU Nasinu Campus during the Nasinu Teachers College (NTC) 70s Alumni Reunion.

It was an emotional moment for Sindh Prasad, a former graduate of Nasinu Teachers College (NTC) to finally meet her colleagues in-person after almost 40 years.

Prasad travelled from Brisbane, Australia to be part of the Nasinu Teachers College Alumni 70s Reunion held at the Fiji National University's (FNU) Nasinu Campus.

"We have been coordinating this trip for a couple of months now and it is so great to meet up with the girls I spent my college days with," said Prasad.

"It was awesome touring the FNU Nasinu Campus and looking back at some of the places that will always be there in our minds, which have special stories behind it."

Originally from Sabeto, Nadi, Prasad said although the friends kept in touch through social media and phone, it was difficult for them all to meet at any certain time, hence the alumni opted to stay on-campus for this event.

"We all have commitments and it becomes hard to organise a gathering where we all can meet up and reminisce the old days or even just have a meal together like our dorm days."

"This one-day stay with the colleagues at the dorms has been special and I feel I have re-lived the campus life."

"It felt as if it was just yesterday that we were at this campus studying and having the best days of our lives."

"I whole-heartedly acknowledge the organisers for providing us with this opportunity to be able to stay in the dorm, an experience that whole life again and most important of all; to be able to embrace our colleagues and share laughter with them personally," Prasad added.

Meanwhile, FNU Vice-Chancellor Professor Nigel Healey acknowledged the former graduates for attending the NTC Alumni 70s Reunion and showing great affection to their previous institution.

"We do try to maintain a very close relationship with our alumni, but when it's alumni as a group that comes to the University and says we would like to come back and have an event on Campus – that is very special," said VC Healey.

"The universities around the world have gone through a number of different incarnations and they are constantly evolving over time."

"Nasinu Teachers College is part of the rich history of Fiji National University that dates back to 1885 when our first College, Suva Medical School was formed. Thus, the alumni of each of those incarnations are now today's alumni for FNU."

"Therefore, we now have tens of thousands of alumni across the six colleges that have formed together to create this national university in 2010."

Professor Healey added that the University will continue to make the alumni proud as he said FNU is built on the hard work of the former graduates and staff.