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Science Circus Pacific to feature at FNU's Engineering and Science Fair



Students at the 2018 CEST Exhibition.

Final touches are being made to project models and machines, resource materials and exhibition booths at the Fiji National University (FNU), with only one day remaining until the annual Engineering and Science Fair.

The two-day event, organised at the College of Engineering, Science and Technology (CEST) at Derrick Campus in Samabula, aims to capture the interest of the public and high school students in the fields of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

FNU is pleased to announce that the Science Circus Pacific will also be part of the event, delivering exciting, hands-on STEM shows and activities in line with the event theme, 'Preparing, Mobilising and Upskilling for the New Industrial Revolution 4.0.'

Science Circus Pacific is an initiative of the Australian National Centre for the Public Awareness of Science (CPAS) at the Australian National University (ANU), with support from the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The travelling program, delivered by Australian teams working in partnership with Pacific organisations including FNU, uses low-cost everyday materials to make science astonishing through shows

in schools and public venues, workshops for teachers, interactive exhibits and community displays, and strategic capacity building in our Pacific partners (DFAT).

Whilst showcasing their shows and activities at the Fair, Science Circus Pacific further aims to inspire teachers, establish sustainable Pacific-led outreach programmes and in the longer-term, interactive science centres in the Pacific Islands.

Elaborating on the theme, CEST Acting Dean, Salabogi Mavoa said it was "forward-looking".

"We are not just training our students for the current job market, we are training them to be highly-skilled and adaptable to new jobs that will be created in the future," Mavoa said.

"We also want to encourage females to consider studying and working in STEM fields, because these are crucial fields that help in the development of our communities and country."

"At the moment, there are female students in most of our programmes here at CEST and we are confident that this will increase by the year." The event will be held on 19-20 September.