

University of Canberra students on a 2-week visit at CMNHS

The Fiji National University's (FNU) College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (CMNHS) is hosting ten students from the University of Canberra (UoC) in Australia, for a unique cross-cultural experience.

The visiting students are attached to the CMNHS Department of Medical Imaging and Anatomy under the student elective program.

Department Head, Raymond Keshwan said they were pleased to host the students, and the most significant learning outcome from the two-week program would be the exchange of knowledge and cultures.

"The networks that these students make with our local students will be something that could be useful for them in their future in this globalised world," Keshwan said.

He highlighted that the visiting students would be undergoing hands-on practical sessions and supervised hospital attachments for observations.

"These sort of exchanges also help our staff exchange knowledge and gain more information about the way things are practised abroad," Keshwan said.

Keshwan also acknowledged the unwavering support from the College Dean, Dr William May, for this initiative.

Meanwhile, Associate Professor in Medical Ultrasound at UoC, Rod McGregor said such partnerships were meaningful.



Students from University of Canberra pose with students from CMNHS

"I think it is a great partnership that we have developed with the help from Australian Government's New Colombo Plan and it allows us to learn and also share knowledge with staff at FNU," he said.

Also accompanying the visiting students is Lecturer in Medical Imaging from UoC, Kriti Kaushal, who said their students were very excited to be in Fiji.

"We are very grateful to FNU for having us here, and our students hope to learn more about how things are done in the field of imaging in Fiji."

"This is the second time we have brought students to CMNHS, and our students' response has been great because they experience things that are very different from Australia," Kaushal said.

According to UoC Year 2 student, Madalyn Newell, they were overjoyed to be part of this program.

"I hope to gain some cultural experiences and see how things are done over here and be able to incorporate that in my practice in future."

"It is also nice to integrate with local students, and they all have been very welcoming. This program is important for our career development," Newell highlighted.



Head of Department of Medical Imaging and Anatomy, Raymond Keshwan (sitting second left) with staff and students from the University of Canberra and CMNHS.