

FNU to host graduation ceremonies for 2019 graduands



FNU will host graduation ceremonies this month for students who were to have graduated in December last year.

The Fiji National University (FNU), will be hosting six graduation ceremonies throughout this month for more than 1000 students who were to have graduated in December last year.

Following the measles outbreak that affected Fiji and other Pacific Island countries towards the end of 2019, FNU decided to postpone scheduled ceremonies for the safety of students, their families, staff and invited guests. The postponement was done following advice from the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health and Medical Services.

The College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (CAFF) and National Training and Productivity (NTPC) students will kickstart graduation with a combined ceremony on Wednesday, March 11.

This will be followed by the College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies (CBHTS) ceremony at 9 am and the College of Engineering, Science and Technology (CEST) graduation at 2 pm on Thursday, March 12.

The Labasa Campus graduation will be held on Thursday, March 19 at the Labasa Civic Centre.

The College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences' (CMNHS) will conclude FNU's graduation ceremonies on Friday, March 27 with two sessions for the Medicine and Nursing students respectively.

The College of Humanities and Education (CHE) ceremony will be combined with the April graduation.

FNU Vice-Chancellor, Professor Nigel Healey said although the students

were issued with completion letters and transcripts following the postponement, the graduands would now be able to celebrate their years of sacrifices and studies in the presence of their families, friends and lecturers.

"We very much regretted the postponement, but we are happy the students will now get their time to celebrate, as graduations are one of the highlights of our academic calendar," said Professor Healey.

"I know this is a day that they look forward to from the minute they begin studies at FNU, so it is only fitting that we host these ceremonies to acknowledge them."

"We applaud all our graduates and we know they are now ready to venture into the world and enjoy life making a living after gaining new skills, practical experiences and real opportunities at the University."

Professor Healey said this graduation was significant as the first batch of students from the CAFF Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry programme would be receiving their qualifications.

"The FNU family congratulates all our graduates in the Certificate, Diploma and Trade Diploma, Degree, Postgraduate and Masters programmes."

"These students now join our vast and successful network of alumni in Fiji and abroad who are excelling in their professions and making a difference in their communities."