

Dear All,

As we navigate another week at Fiji National University, I am filled with hope and optimism for the incredible journey we are undertaking together.

I was thrilled to be at the National Hospitality Conference, hosted by our very own National Training and Productivity Centre. This year's theme, "Embracing Innovation and Continuous Improvement in Hospitality," resonates deeply with our mission at FNU. The tourism industry is a cornerstone of our economy, and we must equip our students with the skills and knowledge to meet its evolving demands. We are dedicated to working closely with industry stakeholders to develop cutting-edge programmes that prepare our graduates to excel in this dynamic sector.

In addition to this, we were proud to host the Fiji Business Excellence Evaluator's Training Workshop once again. This initiative is pivotal in fostering a culture of quality and excellence within our local businesses. By training evaluators, we ensure that our industries are not only competitive but also capable of achieving and maintaining the highest standards of excellence.

I am also pleased to announce that applications for Semester 2 are now open!

This is a wonderful opportunity for prospective students to join our vibrant FNU family and embark on an educational journey that will empower them to achieve their dreams. I encourage all interested individuals to apply and take the first step towards a bright and successful future with FNU.

On a personal note, I am deeply honoured to be a panellist in the upcoming Parliament Speaker's debate on "Women's Public Leadership: Empowering Women's Participation at All Levels of Decision Making" on Tuesday, 11 June.

As the first local and indigenous female Vice-Chancellor of Fiji National University, this discussion holds special significance for me. I invite you all, especially young women and girls, to attend this event and join us in advocating for greater representation and empowerment of women in leadership roles.

As we continue with exams this week, I want to remind you of the incredible dedication and hard work you have shown throughout this semester. Each challenge you've faced and overcome has brought you closer to your goals. Stay focused, believe in your abilities, and give your best effort. Remember, these exams are just a stepping stone to your future success. Good luck and know that we are all cheering you on!

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