

Dear All,

As we kick off Semester 2 of 2024, I extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you. We are poised for another productive and inspiring semester, brimming with remarkable achievements, exciting adventures, and unforgettable memories.

Recently, I had the privilege of attending the Melanesian Spearhead Group Meeting in Vanuatu, where the significance of regional collaboration, especially among Melanesian national universities, was underscored. By working together, we can make substantial contributions towards realising the Sustainable Development Goals in the Pacific, paving the way for a brighter and more sustainable future for our communities.

I am thrilled to celebrate the success of our first cohort of graduates from the College of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry. This diverse group, representing various Pacific nations, exemplifies that FNU's programs are the top choice for aspiring professionals in our region. Your dedication and accomplishments are truly commendable, and we eagerly anticipate the positive impact you will make in the agricultural and environmental sectors.

A heartfelt thank you to all who visited our booth at the Fiji Showcase at the Vodafone Arena. We are excited to welcome the new students who joined the FNU family during this event. Your journey with us commences now, and we are here to guide and support you every step of the way.

FNU remains steadfast in our commitment to outreach activities and strengthening partnerships with industries, ministries, and schools. Special appreciation goes to Doubletree Resort by Hilton for inviting our team to provide upskilling and reskilling opportunities for their staff. I also extend my gratitude to the students who interacted with our team at the Nadroga/Navosa Careers Expo.

As we embark on this new semester, I urge each of you to embrace the challenges and opportunities ahead with determination and optimism. Let us join forces in pursuing excellence and innovation, shaping a brighter future for ourselves and our communities.

Best wishes for a successful and fulfilling semester ahead!

Vinaka vakalevu and best wishes,

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