





Dear All,

Today marks our nation's independence and the rich tapestry of our culture, history, and values.

As we reflect on our journey, we honour the sacrifices of those who fought for our freedom, paving the way for the vibrant and diverse society we enjoy today.

Fiji is not just an island nation but a mosaic of cultures, languages, and traditions. Each of us contributes to the unique identity that makes us Fijian.

Today, let us celebrate our unity in diversity, recognising that it is our differences that strengthen us and our shared values that bind us together.

As we enjoy festivities, let us also remember our responsibilities. We must strive for progress ensuring that every Fijian can thrive, that our environment is preserved for future generations, and that we continue to foster peace and harmony within our communities.

On this Fiji Day, let us renew our commitment to building a brighter future for our children and our nation. Together, we can overcome any challenges that lie ahead and create a legacy of hope, resilience, and pride.

The Fiji National University (FNU) has come a long way, but we must continue to strive to do better each day. We must always work hard and continue to fly our flag with pride.

The 3-Year FNU Strategic Plan 2024 – 2026 on the theme of Education for Wisdom and Sustainability: Shaping Fiji's Future established our collective aspirations that the next three years will see FNU build better and stronger and will take Fiji to another level.

We must enhance learning, teaching and research to find sustainable solutions for Fiji and the Pacific. The Vision will ensure that we revisit and redirect our priorities in the context of local, regional and global trends and development. This is the way we put Fiji on the world map.

So, as we celebrate today, let's do so with joy in our hearts and determination in our minds. Happy Fiji Day to each one of you!

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