

## **International and Regional Relations Programme**

The University of Fiji's Justice Devendra Pathik School of Law (JDP SoL) offers a unique International and Regional Relations (INR) programme.

The programme is unique in that it offers students, usually in the workforce the opportunity to undertake courses of intensive duration to accommodate their work and overseas posting commitments.

Speaking about the programme, the Dean of JDP SoL, Professor Shaista Shameem stated that the courses offered were in three categories: security, communications/media and politics.

"The courses are offered after hours to cater for working students. We have students attending from various areas including the military, police and senior public service, as well as media," she mentioned.

The programme is offered at Post Graduate and Masters Levels by Adjunct Professors who are experts in the field.

Professor Jose Luis del Prado, a senior UN staffer working in conflict resolution and setting up the UN systems after the Rwanda and Bosnia massacres, Professor Malakai Kalomatangi from Massey University, expert on Pacific regional relations and Professor Doug Brooks from Washington DC, expert on private military and security companies are some of the Adjunct Professors of the INR programme.

A recent graduate of Post-Graduate Diploma in International Relations, Mr. Nigel Spencer Robinson, stated that the INR programme enabled him to appreciate the dynamics of international relations and diplomacy both in the context of the Pacific and the wider globe.

"Other than the rich and relevant theoretical aspects of the programme, the curriculum is crafted more on a practically-oriented approach made possible by qualified, experienced and renowned academics both locally and internationally through their lecture deliveries. The teaching environment is equally conducive as it prioritizes the importance of student participation especially in discussions and debates," he commented.

Classes are delivered on face to face mode over a semester or over 4 weeks (depending on the requirements). Two courses are currently running during the June-July period while the next one is in Semester 2, 2018. Students from security, communications and politics background who wish to study in a flexible and conducive environment are encouraged to register in the programme.