

## Successful UniFiji Open Day

The University of Fiji had a successful Open Day, on 25 and 26 June. 2018. The Open Day saw numerous Secondary Schools visiting the University to explore the programmes and facilities at both, Samabula and Saweni Campuses.

Speaking at the official programme, the Registrar, Mr. Kamlesh Arya stressed that UniFiji was a fully-registered University under Fiji Higher Education Commission (FHEC) and the programmes offered were second to none. He also commented that UniFiji had experienced lecturers at Professorial and other levels to impart quality education to students.

He further explained the message behind the UniFiji logo.

“There are two interpretations of the logo. The first interpretation sees the sphere as all encompassing, the waves as writing or education and the feather as a mode of writing. The second interpretation sees the sphere as a sun, the waves as the sea and the white space as sand. This shows that the University promotes Fiji as a whole because Fiji is well known over the world as a place of enjoying the sun, the sand and the sea. Come to The University of Fiji. We are all encompassing, we are academic oriented, and you will also enjoy the sun, sand and the sea,” he stated.

Students had positive responses to the Open Day. Ms. Amasai Meli, a student at Mulomulo Secondary School said that she found the Open Day to be very informative and it opened her eyes towards future career prospectives.

Ms. Arieta Tagituimua, a Year 13 student at Nadi Sangam Sadhu Kuppuswami Memorial College, mentioned that before coming for the Open Day, she wanted to become a Chef, however, after the informative presentations she found that her passion lay in becoming a doctor to help care for people.

An intrigued Mr. Inje Martin Jeong, from Nadi Muslim College stated that after coming to the Open Day, he realized how higher education operates. He mentioned that he was interested in studying Law from Justice Devendra Pathik School of Law because all the courses were offered in Fiji.

The open day also attracted some mature people who showed interest to study iTaukei language, Law and Renewable Energy Management programmes.

According to the Marketing and Public Relations Officer, Ms. Shirley Prasad, this year’s Open Day brought more schools compared to past years. Students came in huge numbers and all staff and current students played their role well to make this a successful Open Day.

Ms. Mohini Devi, Coordinator of the Suva Campus stated that there were over 1000 students who attended the Suva Campus Open day and they had received positive feedbacks from the students. She also thanked all staff and students who helped out in making the Open Day a successful event at the Suva Campus.

The University conveys its hearty thanks to sponsors, GemIT and Telecomm for providing free giveaways for the Open Day; Mr. Ritesh Chauhan for designing all the Open Day posters and banners; and volunteer students for not only distributing posters and banners prior to the Open Day but also for ushering and showing around the labs, rooms, booths, library, and collecting survey forms.