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Our 2021 First-Year Students

Welcome to the University of Fiji, we are a premier educational institution dedicated to scholarly excellence.

The next few days will be very special, especially for our new students. You have secured admission to the University and we are pleased to have you as a student. Congratulations. You will soon confirm that UniFiji is the right decision and you are in the right place.

The University of Fiji is at the dawn of a new era and as part of the University's plan for 2021; the University will now focus on a 21st-century education: education for the future in the age of a pandemic restrictive world. UniFiji is committed to producing graduates who have the essential capacities including new knowledge, abilities, attitudes, values, and habits of mind required for active involvement in the global community. Our emphasis is on students attaining soft skills (integrity, ethics, fair play, compassion, and values) as well as formal qualifications. We agree that this is crucial to the future of our students and to the world as a whole.

As part of the University's strategy to adapt to the "new normal", UniFiji introduced blended modes of teaching which include two-thirds online and one-third of face-to-face classes delivered by excellent and dedicated academic staff. The University has installed computer labs around the country for easy access to learning resources and the internet required for students who may not have these services readily available.

Dear Students,

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, new students will experience virtual orientation and you will be the first to go through the process without setting foot at the University.

In the upcoming days, you will gain experience that will ensure you cope with a new phase of life, new thinking, and new habits. You will also not only face unknown challenges but encounter new opportunities as well. People from different backgrounds will help you learn how to navigate the new terrain, develop, discover, and make a positive difference in your home, community, country, and world. These are aimed at helping prepare you for your current ambitions, as well as your future career and personal life. To ensure that you are "Future Ready".

I know it will be a very busy week for you new students. I advise you to pay careful attention to all information during orientation so you can learn about the University and its operations. You are now a member of an institution where you will be shaped and informed by the teachings of this institution.

To optimize the positive outcomes of the orientation program, please adhere to the following:

- Keep up with technologies and aim for the advancement of new skills every day.
- We have a team of dedicated staff in the Student Support Services Department at the Office of the Registrar looking after Academic Advisors, Student Counselling, Health & Wellness Campus life, and University events. Save their contacts and seek their guidance and support.
- Know the Important Dates of the University such as assessments, examinations, fees, etc.

Enjoy the Orientation process!

Once again welcome to the University of Fiji.

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