

Apco Rapid Chess Championship Co-hosted by the Fiji Chess Federation and the University of Fiji

The University of Fiji last weekend co-hosted a chess championship at its Saweni Campus with the Fiji Chess Federation sponsored by APCO.

The FIDE “APCO Rapid Chess Championship” was supervised by Chief Arbiter William Bennion who is the National Arbiter for Fiji.

“UniFiji’s commitment to providing a free venue for hosting Western tournaments is highly appreciated,” said Executive Member and Rating Officer, Avinesh Nadan. “It endeavours to support the Fiji Chess Federation in promoting chess as a competitive sport and, at the same time, encouraging the intellectual development of students as well as greater community through chess is welcomed.”

The Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Shaista Shameem said the University was pleased to host the tournament as students and staff who were interested in chess had the opportunity to take part. “We encourage the University Community to engage in a range of other interests and chess is a particularly good sport for the development of strategic thinking in students”, she said.

The tournament was played under the “15 minutes plus 5 seconds per move increment” Rapid format.

The winners of the tournament were:

Open Category: Avinesh Nadan

Women Category: Tanvi Prasad

Secondary School Category: Adarsh Kartik Maharaj

Primary School Category: Arnav Lal

Best Beginner: Leela Ramesh Kollabathula

Best Upset Award: Avinesh Nadan

Plans for the next tournament at UniFiji are currently underway.

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