

Press Statement

The UniFiji-FCF Rapid Chess Championship, held over the weekend, saw 36 players participating in 4 categories: Open, Women, Secondary and Primary categories.

Dr. Ricardo Corpuz, Co-Chair of the UniFiji Chess Committee said that the tournament was a success.

“With the turnout of most students from primary and secondary school this will make chess one of the sports in Fiji for all ages to compete in,” he said.

National Arbiter William Bennion said that Fiji Chess Federation was pleased to see new players coming to participate in tournaments organized at Saweni Campus.

“The FCF would like to extend its heartfelt thanks toward The University of Fiji for helping foster the sport of Chess in the Western Division. We would also like to congratulate the UniFiji Chess team and their official, Dr. Ricardo Corpuz on their participation in the First World University Online Chess Championship. They not only represented UniFiji but Fiji as a whole,” he said.

Certificates were also given to the World Online University Chess Championship participants.

The tournament saw participation from Candidate Masters Manoj Kumar and Noel Adricula; Swami Vivekananda College fielded 9 players. The tournament saw 7 women fighting for the top prize in the Women’s Category.

Candidate Master Manoj Kumar won the much-contested Open Category, Nikai Ruria, a Swami Vivekananda College student, bagged the first prize in the Women’s Category and was awarded the Best beginner prize. Nisheel Chandra won the Secondary category while Paul Corpuz won the Primary Category.