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### Message from the Acting Vice Chancellor Orientation - Semester 2, 2021

A warm welcome to all new and returning students at the University of Fiji for Semester 2, 2021.

At the University of Fiji, we provide you with an opportunity to learn more about yourself, your ambitions, and your goals - as well as acquire new skills and interests that will help you develop into a well-rounded graduate. UniFiji is devoted to developing graduates who possess the necessary capacities for active participation in the global community, including new information, talents, attitudes, values, and habits of mind. We place an emphasis on students developing soft skills in addition to formal qualifications. We concur that this is critical for our students' and the world's futures.

On April 18th, the University fully moved to a virtual mode for both teaching and administration, and we will continue to do so during the second semester. Virtual lectures will now be delivered via the TopHat platform across all Schools. The Top Hat System has the technical capacity to assess student attendance and participation as well as academics' delivery of lectures. The University also has obtained a licence from the virtual platform Beyond Labz to facilitate laboratory learning and teaching to allow practical lab classes to continue which will be available for all programmes that have a laboratory component. With the introduction of these two platforms students will be able to experience classroom and labs from their devices very conveniently.

As was the case with Semester 1, Semester 2 Orientation will be a virtual experience. I urge you to pay close attention to all relevant information in order to understand the semester's operations.

Please follow the guidelines below to facilitate your transition to the second semester:

- Keep up to date with technology and strive for daily skill growth.
- We have a specialized team of staff at the Office of the Registrar who are responsible for Admissions, Examinations, Academic Advisors, Student Counseling, Campus Life, and University events. Save their contact information and seek their advice and assistance.
- Be aware of the University's Important Dates, such as assessments, examinations, and fees.

Once again, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Semester 2 and best wishes.

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