

SINU signs MoU with FNU

The Solomon Islands National University (SINU) has successfully signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Fiji National University (FNU) in April.

SINU Vice Chancellor (VC) Professor Transform Aqorau signed the MoU with the FNU Vice Chancellor Professor Unaisi Nabobo-Baba during a trip to Fiji from April 23 to 26, 2024.

According to SINU VC Prof. Aqorau, the agreement marks a significant step towards enhancing SINU educational programs and research initiatives.

Prof. Aqorau highlighted that the MoU computes key components such as student and scholar exchanges, joint research projects, and the development of new academic programs, which will undoubtedly

partnership with FNU, particularly in areas such as maritime training and vocational education, where FNU's expertise will significantly benefit SINU's capacity building."

During the trip, VC Aqorau also held talks with the University of the South Pacific (USP) on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement and collaboration with the Global Oceans Forum.

"These talks are instrumental in positioning SINU as a leader in marine biodiversity research and conservation in the Pacific region."

"I also had the opportunity to consult with Professor Derek



SINU VC Professor Transform Aqorau and FNU staff posed for a group photo following the successful signing of the MoU between SINU and FNU.

edly enrich our academic community and foster global competencies among our students.

Speaking during the signing of the MoU in Fiji in April, the FNU Vice Chancellor Professor Unaisi Nabobo-Baba wholeheartedly welcome the initiative where she said FNU expect to see students exchange programs, professionals travelling between both nations and new curriculum subjects being introduced as a result of this MoU with SINU.

SINU VC Prof. Aqorau said, "we engaged in fruitful discussions with the Solomon Islands Tertiary Education Skills Authority (SITESA) and FNU to explore further educational collaborations."

"These discussions emphasized the strategic importance of our

Armstrong from Pacific Theological College on effective university governance."

"His insights will be vital as we strive to enhance transparency and strategic decision-making processes at SINU."

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SINU hosts historical symposium for PM candidates on the eve of PM's election

The Solomon Islands National University (SINU) today successfully hosted a historical symposium allowing one of the candidates for the Prime Minister post for the 12th parliament to share his leadership visions and policies.

SINU invited two candidates Matthew Wale representing the Coalition for Accountability Reform and Empowerment (CARE) and Jeramiah Manele representing the Coalition for National Unity and Transformation (CNUT) to do a presentation regarding their visions and policies for the country moving forward.

Unfortunately, SINU audiences were denied a chance to hear from the CNUT PM candidate Mr. Manele on the occasion due to his unavailability.

In a letter issued by Our Party today stated that Mr. Manele will be unable to attend the symposium due to demand of the election period, particularly with



CARE Wing leader and PM candidate Matthew Wale doing a presentation for SINU students and staff.

regards to security and logistical preparations which require his full attention.

On the other hand, CARE PM candidate MP for Aoke Langa Langa Hon. Wale showed up and took full advantage of the event by clearly sharing his visions and policies should he win the PM seat in tomorrow's election.



Audience who attended the event



Mr. Ernest Kera poses a question to Hon. Matthew Cooper Wale

The event offers a unique platform to hear directly from the potential leaders about their visions and policies that will shape the future of the country moving forward.

Members of the public who would not want to miss out on the event were also part of the audience.

Mr. Wale thanked SINU for inviting him to the historical event permitting him to share his leadership vision with the SINU audience.

Speaking at the event, the SINU Vice Chancellor Professor Transform Aqorau thanked the CARE party wing leader for his positive response and for sharing his leadership objectives and goals.

With that, the SINU VC said Mr. Manele will be offered a chance at a later time to speak to the SINU audience.

The event was hosted under the theme, "Forging a Prosperous Future: Policy, Leadership, and Vision in the Solomon Islands."



SINU VC Prof. Transform Aqorau speaking at the event.

SINU VC congratulates PM Jeremiah Manele

The Solomon Islands National University (SINU) extends its heartfelt congratulations to Honourable Jeremiah Manele on his election as the Prime Minister of Solomon Islands. This significant milestone in our nation's democratic journey heralds a new chapter of leadership and potential.

Speaking on the occasion, Professor Transform Aqorau, Vice Chancellor of the Solomon Islands National University (SINU), expressed his profound enthusiasm for the anticipated collaborations between the university and the government. "I am personally delighted by the election of Hon. Manele," said Professor Aqorau. "His leadership arrives at a pivotal time when our nation is navigating through a myriad of critical challenges and opportunities, particularly in the spheres of education, economic devel-

Aqorau concluded. This commitment to governance and development is seen as vital to the university's mission of shaping a resilient and prosperous future for the Solomon Islands.

In a gesture of collaboration and dialogue, Professor Aqorau extended an invitation to Prime Minister Manele to deliver a keynote address at SINU, where he can outline the Government's strategic vision for higher education. "This event would provide a platform for constructive dialogue on how the Government and the University can work together to enhance the educational landscape of the Solomon Islands," Professor Aqorau noted. He highlighted the significance of this opportunity, envisioning it as a crucial moment for both the government and the university to forge a deeper partnership in advancing the nation's educational agenda.



SINU VC Prof. Transform Aqorau.



**Solomon Islands newly elected
Prime Minister Jeremiah Manele.**

opment, and governance. These areas are fundamental to the holistic development of the Solomon Islands and will significantly benefit from enlightened and innovative leadership." He emphasized that the alignment of the government's objectives with the educational strategies of SINU could create substantial advancements in enhancing the educational framework and driving socio-economic growth. "The role of education in national resilience and progress cannot be overstated, and with Hon. Manele's vision, we can foster a more integrated and prosperous future," Professor Aqorau added, highlighting the potential for transformative policies that could uplift the entire nation.

Professor Aqorau outlined SINU's strategic initiatives to integrate these dialogues into its curriculum and research activities, thereby enriching the educational experience and empowering students to participate actively in national conversations. "Through these engagements, we can cultivate a more informed and involved citizenry, capable of contributing to the governance processes and advocating for accountable leadership," he noted.

He also stressed the importance of transparency in these processes, which reinforces trust and encourages a more participatory approach to decision-making. "As we align our academic and developmental goals with those of the Solomon Islands, SINU not only educates future leaders but also acts as a catalyst for policy innovation and community empowerment," Professor

Aqorau expressed his hope that such a dialogue would not only clarify the government's plans for higher education but also identify synergies between governmental initiatives and university capabilities. "By directly engaging with the highest levels of government, we can better align our educational strategies with national priorities and ensure that our programs are both relevant and impactful," he elaborated.

The planned event aims to foster a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation, facilitating discussions that are aimed at tangible outcomes. "It's an opportunity for us to present our research, innovations, and success stories, and discuss how these can be scaled up with government support to benefit more of our citizens," Professor Aqorau added. This proactive approach underscores SINU's commitment to playing a pivotal role in the development of Solomon Islands' human resources and intellectual capital.

"Once again, we congratulate Prime Minister Jeremiah Manele on his election. SINU remains committed to playing a proactive role in the development of our nation and nurturing the next generation of leaders and innovators. Together, we can achieve a brighter and more prosperous future for the Solomon Islands," concluded Professor Aqorau.

SINU students successfully held election for new SINUSA executive

Students of the Solomon Islands National University (SINU) on Thursday 09 May 2024 went to the polls to elect a new executive for the student body known as the Solomon Islands National University Student Association (SINUSA).

The election which started at 8:00am concluded successfully at 4:00pm on the same day awaiting counting on a later date.

Election results are expected to be released as soon as counting is completed and finalised.

Four students in total are vying for the president post and they are; Ereoli Ray Williams, Kenipuro Mcphil Edwin, Kera Ernest and Ruisenimae Ashley.

Contesting the Vice President positions are three students; they are Jatobatu Ben Besa, Tuhatagata Lavern, and Zutu Wesley Holland.

Meanwhile, these two candidates; Kaukauma James Oahiru and Suiau Patricia Leah are contesting for the Secretary post.

Faculty of Education and Humanities together with UPC students casted their votes at Pavilion polling station, DFL students casted their votes at the DFL polling station, Fisheries and Maritime students casted their votes at the Fisheries Complex while FAFF students, FST students FBT, Tourism and FNHS students casted their votes at Kukum



Students queuing up to vote



Students checking their names before proceeding to cast their votes.



Ofana Mannie and Nura Cindy taking part in the SINUSA election.



SINU staff assisting students during the election



Tina Daloqa and Margret Pidiri cast their votes



Two students cast their votes at the Kukum Lecture Theatre.

Staff Profile

Name: : Mirriam Mulu

Province: Malaita province

Age: 28

Work station: Kukum Campus

Department: Office of Research and Postgraduate Studies

Job title: Research Administrator

Qualification: Bachelor Degree of Business Entrepreneurship

How long have you been working here? 11 Months

Tell us about your job: My core job at the Research and Postgraduate studies is to oversee daily office operations, develop and implement efficient systems and processes to support research and postgraduate activities, collaborate with department heads to address specific focus on research related expenditures, provide comprehensive administrative support to Various departments, emphasizing support for research and postgraduate initiatives, assist in scheduling appointments, meetings and conference related to research and postgraduate activities and last but not the least I support staff involved in research and postgraduate fieldworks by coordinating logistical arrangements and documentations.

What do you like about SINU and your job? Working with an institute such as SINU is quite a great opportunity that is remarkable and rewarding at the same time. It is remarkable in a sense that SINU is relatively a young university and there is more room for growth and development, therefore I am looking forward to be part of the many future development that will be taken place within the University. And for My Job as a Research Administrator the most important thing I like and love about it is, the opportunity to constantly learn and grow. I'm exposed to new challenges regularly, which helps me develop both professionally and personally and be able to help others achieve their goals and the goal of the University as well.



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Our Mission: "Championing the pursuit of knowledge, skills, academic inquiry and applied research to transform lives through higher education and training, inclusive of diverse communities, while providing relevant solutions for the Solomon Islands."