



## SINU and MPG signed MoU for the establishment of SINU 4th Campus

The idea of establishing a 4th Solomon Islands National University (SINU) Campus in Malaita Province has reached a significant milestone with the successful signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SINU and the Malaita Provincial Government (MPG).

SINU Vice Chancellor (VC) Professor Transform Aqorau and Malaita Premier Elijah Asilaua signed the MoU in front of a large crowd during the Malaita 41st Second Appointed Day celebrations in Auki on Thursday 15 August. The MoU signing was witnessed by donor partners and members of the public who attended the event in Auki.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, SINU VC Prof. Aqorau stated, "Today is a day of immense significance, a turning point in our history. As we gather here to sign the Agreement for establishing the 4th Solomon Islands National University Campus in Malaita, we are not merely signing a document—we are laying the cornerstone of a dream long held by the people of this great province. Malaita, rich in culture, tradition, and resilience, has always been a

nation's history and its vital place in our future. This campus will serve as a bridge between the past and the future, creating a vibrant community of learning, growth, and empowerment."

"As we prepare to sign this Agreement, let us reflect on the magnitude of this moment. We are not just establishing a campus; we are planting the seeds of hope, opportunity, and transformation."

"We are declaring to the people of Malaita and the rest of Solomon Islands that education is the key to unlocking our nation's full potential, and we are committed to making that key available to all."

The SINU VC said the new campus is not merely an educational expansion; it is a transformative economic investment for Malaita stating the construction phase will generate numerous jobs, providing livelihoods for many local families.

He said once completed, the campus will offer long-term employment opportunities for educators, administrators, and support staff, ensuring that the economic benefits extend far into the future.



Malaita Provincial Premier Elijah Asilaua and Solomon Islands National University (SINU) Vice Chancellor Professor Transform Aqorau signed the MoU witnessed by SINU IPD Director Darius Ramo and Malaita Provincial Government Provincial Secretary Eric George.

beacon of strength within our nation."

"Today, we take a monumental step towards ensuring that the youth of Malaita and other parts of Solomon Islands have access to the same opportunities as their peers in Honiara and overseas. The establishment of this university campus is more than a physical expansion; it symbolizes our commitment to equality, development, and progress. It acknowledges Malaita's crucial role in our

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He further stated that the presence of a thriving university campus will act as a magnet, drawing in businesses and investors eager to contribute to and benefit from this academic hub's growth.

Not only that, but he said local businesses will experience a surge in demand, spurred by the influx of students, faculty, and visitors stating that the campus will serve as a catalyst for regional development, stimulating the local economy and creating a thriving environment for commerce and innovation.

Beyond the economic impact, he said the social benefits of establishing a uni-

versity campus in Malaita are profound and far-reaching where he said for too long, the youth of Malaita have faced barriers to accessing higher education, often leaving their homes and families to pursue knowledge.

Moreover, he said with this campus, we are breaking down those barriers, bringing education within reach of every young person in Malaita who dares to dream of a brighter future.

Furthermore, he said the Aligegeo campus will be a sanctuary of learning, where young minds are nurtured, challenged, and inspired.

While congratulating SINU under the leadership of Prof. Aqorau

for bringing the university to Malaita Province, Prime Minister (PM) Jeremiah Manele also announced that Caucus has already approved and fully supports the idea of establishing SINU 4th campus in Malaita. PM Manele then appealed to all donor partners to support the development of the SINU 4th campus in Malaita.

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Premier Elijah Asilaua and SINU Vice-Chancellor Professor Transform Aqorau display a copy of the signed MoU, flanked by SINU IPD Director Darius Ramo and Malaita Provincial Secretary George Eric.

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SINU VC Professor Transform Aqorau delivers his speech.



# SINU information booth attracts

The Solomon Islands National University (SINU) team was part of the mini trade show hosted in Auki from 12-16 August 2024.

The mini trade show was organized to commemorate the Malaita 41st second appointed day and SINU was invited to set up an information booth at the event.

Members of the public, including students and parents, crowded the SINU information booth to gather firsthand information about the university's five faculties and to collect application forms for the 2025 academic year. The SINU team on the ground also organized quizzes, which served as a catalyst in attracting a large crowd to the information booth. Winners were awarded SINU-branded shirts, cups, and caps."

The SINU Vice Chancellor (VC) Professor Transform Aqorau also visited the SINU information booth on Wednesday 14 where he spoke highly of the SINU team for a job well done.



Wilson Saeni from SINU Marketing and Promotion team presents a shirt to one of the quiz winners .



Members of public collecting information sheets from the SINU information booth.



SINU VC Professor Transform Aqorau posed for a group photo with SINU team shortly after his arrival in Auki.



Set up of the SINU Stall at the Mini Trade Show in Auki.



SINU DFL staff Priscilla Ragu hands over a cap to one of the quiz winners.



# SINU students and staff to benefit from Acupuncture training

The Solomon Islands National University (SINU) Faculty of Nursing, Medicine & Health Sciences (FNMHS) will benefit from a 15 weeks Acupuncture training offered by the Chinese medical team. The Acupuncture training commenced this afternoon following the official opening of the program.

Speaking during the opening of the Acupuncture Training, Dean of Faculty of Nursing, Medicine & Health Sciences Dr Humpress Harrington thanked the Chinese Embassy in Honiara and the Chinese Medical team for offering the training for SINU nursing students and staff.



Dean of Faculty of Nursing, Medicine and Health Sciences (FNMHS) shared his remarks during the brief opening.

"This afternoon is a significant occasion for the faculty, as we consider this training to be essential. If you travel around the world you will see Acupuncture clinics. When the Chinese Medical team offered the opportunity for Acupuncture training, we eagerly welcomed it because Acupuncture is an alternative medicine.

At SINU, we are committed to exploring these alternative therapies because they offer additional benefits. Acupuncture is one such practice that we are excited to incorporate. We have an Acupuncture clinic at the National Referral Hospital, which sees many visitors.

Therefore, we want to extend this opportunity to both our students and staff, as well as anyone in the country interested in the training. On behalf of the faculty, we extend our gratitude to the Chinese Embassy in Honiara and the Chinese Medical Team for providing this training.

We look forward to working closely with you to make this program a success at SINU," stated Dr Humpress.

Also speaking at the opening ceremony, Miss Han, a representative from the Chinese Embassy congratulated students who volunteered to participate in the

Acupuncture training class offered by the Chinese Medical Team.

She remarked, "Your participation in this meaningful event is greatly appreciated. On behalf of the Chinese Embassy in Solomon Islands I offer my heartfelt congratulations for the successful commencement of this training class."

She said Acupuncture is a vital component of traditional Chinese medicine and has a long history and rich cultural heritage in China.

With the advancement of modern medicine, Acupuncture is gaining global recognition as an effective treatment. Since the arrival of the Chinese medical team in the Solomon Islands in 2022, more than 8,000 patients have benefited from the team who provided high quality treatment for acute chronic pain and



Chinese Embassy rep, Dean FNMHS and Chinese Medical Team gather for a group photo

more."

We thank SINU's Faculty of Nursing, Medicine & Health Sciences for supporting and accepting this training," Miss Han said.

According to Chinese Medical Team Leader Dr. MU Mao, two of their Doctors will be assisting SINU with Acupuncture training for the next 15 weeks.

Dr. Mao acknowledged that while Acupuncture training can be challenging, but with the time allocation for the training students will grasp the knowledge and culture.



Chinese Embassy rep Miss Han presenting her speech.



Team Leader of the Chinese Medical Team Dr. Mao delivers his speech.



# Staff Profile

**Name:** Alister Bako

**Province:** Isabel Province

**Age:** 26

**Work station:** Employment and Recruitment Services (Kukum Campus)

**Department:** Human Resources Department

**Job title:** Assistant Human Resources Officer

**Qualification:** Bachelor of Entrepreneurship

**How long have you been working here?** 1 Year and 3 Months

**Tell us about your job:** My job is to recruit all the right candidates and to create value for Solomon Islands National University.

**What do you like about SINU and your job?** I like SINU because it deals with academics and provides a learning environment for everyone, and my job is to collaborate with all the SINU Staff.



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Pacific Region."

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.