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SINU 2024 Open-day a success

The Solomon Islands National University (SINU) successfully hosted its 2024 Open Day on Friday 27 September 2024, themed “Empower the Mind Today, Meet Excellence Tomorrow, and Grow with SINU.”

Hundreds of secondary school students from various schools in Honiara attended the one-day event.

The day began with official speeches from SINU Vice Chancellor (VC) Professor Transform Aqorau, Permanent Secretary (PS) of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development (MEHRD) Dr. Franco Rodie, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Mr. Barney Sivoru, and a representative from the student body.

In his address, VC Professor Transform reflected on the Open Day theme, stating, “We are reminded that growth is not just about expanding our knowledge or skills; it is about growing as individuals and as a community.” He emphasized, “It is about becoming better versions of ourselves, pushing beyond our comfort zones,

“But growth is not solely about the physical or academic aspects of our University,” he continued. “It is also about growing as a community. It is about creating a space where students feel supported, where faculty feel valued, and where everyone feels they belong. It is about building a University that is not just a place of learning but also a place of connection, collaboration, and inspiration.”

“As we look to the future, we must remember that growth requires boldness, risk-taking, and embracing change. It calls for openness to new ideas, challenging the status quo, and pushing ourselves to think differently. It requires us to be leaders, not just in our fields but in our communities, our country, and our world.”

In his speech, the VC also took a moment to recognize and thank SINU’s faculty and staff for their tireless efforts in shaping the minds of students. “The work you do is not always easy, but it is incredibly important. You are the mentors, the guides, and the role models for our students, helping them navigate the complexities of their academic journeys and inspiring them to strive for excellence.”



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and striving for excellence in all that we do.”

“For SINU, growth means expanding our reach, enhancing our programmes, and continuing to innovate in the way we teach and learn. It involves building partnerships with other institutions, both locally and internationally, to ensure our students receive a world-class education. It also means investing in our infrastructure, faculty, and students to prepare for future challenges and opportunities.”

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Quoting Albert Einstein, he said, "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."

He commended the faculty and staff for embodying this art daily. "Through your dedication, expertise, and commitment to your students, you are not just teaching; you are empowering."

As we continue on this journey together, think about the impact you are making, not just in the classroom but in the lives of your students. Every lesson, every word of encouragement, and every challenge you present helps build the foundation for tomorrow's leaders.

You are shaping the minds that will make a difference in our society, our region, and our world."

Meanwhile, MEHRD PS Dr. Rodie expressed gratitude to SINU for hosting the 2024 Open Day, which provided secondary students with vital information about courses offered at the University.

The 2024 Open Day commenced with official speeches, followed by booth visits, and concluded with cultural performances from various student cultural groups.



Secondary students visit Fisheries Department Information Booth during the 2024 Open Day.



UPC information booth on display during the 2024 Open Day held at the Kukum Campus.



HR department staff posed for a group photo during the Open Day



Dean of the Faculty of Business and Tourism Dr. Mugamu welcomed the PS of the Ministry of Tourism and PS of the Ministry of Education to the FBT Information Booth.



Head of Library Dr. Don and SINU VC Prof. Tranform Aqorau posed for a photo in front of the Library Information booth.

Pictorial—Open day student cultural performance



Are-are students cultural group



Temotu students cultural group



North Malaita students cultural group



Western Province students cultural group



SINU Vice Chancellor Highlights Strong Australia-Solomon Islands Partnership

The Vice Chancellor of the Solomon Islands National University (SINU), Professor Transform Aqorau, Thursday 19 September highlighted the deep and enduring partnership between Australia and the Solomon Islands during a visit from Australian MP, the Hon. Pat Conroy.

In his welcome address, Professor Aqorau emphasized Australia's significant role in supporting the economic and developmental needs of the Solomon Islands. He also spoke of the critical role education plays, not only in knowledge acquisition but as a cornerstone of national security, social stability, and the future employability of young Solomon Islanders.

Professor Aqorau reaffirmed SINU's commitment to shaping the next generation of thought leaders who will drive socio-economic progress in the region. He took the opportunity to invite Minister Conroy and the Australian Government to collaborate with SINU on its ambitious plans for the Malaita campus. This transformative initiative will contribute to the long-term stability and prosperity of the Solomon Islands by

expanding educational opportunities, fostering entrepreneurship, and addressing key socio-economic challenges.

Additionally, Professor Aqorau highlighted themes of sustainability, governance, and the importance of international partnerships in advancing SINU's mission.

Minister Conroy, together with the Solomon Islands Minister for Education and Human Resources Development, Hon. Tozen Leokana, visited SINU to discuss Australia's ongoing support in meeting the economic and developmental needs of the Solomon Islands.

Earlier this year, in March, SINU and Australia signed a historic 10-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen collaboration in research, student and staff exchanges, curriculum development, and institutional capacity building.



A Chief from the Tandai House of Chiefs conducted a traditional welcome ceremony to welcome Hon. Pat Conroy MP and Minister of Education Hon. Tozen Leokana as SINU VC Prof. Transform looks on.

Staff Profile

Name: Patrick Miniti

Province: Guadalcanal

Age: 60

Work station: Panatina Campus

Department: Sports and Creative Art

Job title: Assistant Lecturer

Qualification: Bachelor's degree in education, Bachelor's degree in Sports and Leisure and Recreational Studies, Post Grad. dip. in Education

How long have you been working here? I have been working through from SICHE to SINU, at least for more than 20 years now

Tell us about your job: I am a Physical Education lecturer at the school of Humanities with the Department of Sports and Creative Art. I teach Physical Education and Sports to the Pre-Service and In-Service Teacher Trainees at the School of Education.

What do you like about SINU and your job?

The thing that I like about my job here at SINU is that the subject I teach is the only subject in schools that 'raises your heart'. It is very important to teach the children holistically, therefore, Physical Education is a Must taught subject in ALL schools throughout the country. Children must be developed, physically, socially, emotionally, spiritually, intellectually/mentally, and all these aspects of life can be achieved through the subject of PHYSICAL EDUCATION. These are the motivations that keeps me going in teaching of my subjects to the future generation of our teachers.



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Our VISION: "A quality National University, raising Standards of education and applied research in the

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.