

SINU Creating a Solution to Solomon Islands' Lack of F6 & F7 Spaces

SINU has started 2020 with a big-bang as it stepped in to solve the long-overdue problem the country faced with spaces in Forms 6 and 7. In December 2019, the University Council decided to establish the University Preparatory College (UPC) as a specialised College to prepare students for University studies through offering high quality programmes at year 12 and year 13 levels.

Every year, approximately 50% of young Solomon Islanders who attended year 11 (Form 5) have no space to do year 12 (Form 6) and approximately 50% of those doing year 12 can't secure spaces to do year 13 (Form 7) even though they have decent grades.

This issue force young Solomon Islanders to stay at home and do nothing. The Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development (MEHRD) in its 2020 Budget hearing announced that they are working on a plan to solve the issue. In 2020, MEHRD will focus on building more classrooms to accommodate Form 6 and 7s. While the wait is on, SINU stepped-in.



Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ganesh Chand

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Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ganesh Chand said, "Education is a human right. It is not only fair that every child has the right to be educated to the tertiary level; it is also a pre-requisite for the necessary growth and development of a nation that students and parents exercise this right. SINU aims to meet these aspirations of the people of Solomon Islands."

The UPC will offer two certificates: The first one is the University Preparatory Certificate 3 (UPC 3); this is a year 12 (Form 6) level. Students who have passed their Form 5 exams can enter directly into UPC 3. Students who have failed one or more subjects in their Form 6

exams can redo those units at UPC 3. Mature age students who show competency at Form 5 standards even though they may not have passed all subjects in their Form 5 exams can also enroll at UPC 3.

The second certificate is the University Preparatory Certificate 4 (UPC 4); this is a year 13 (Form 7) level. Students who have passed their Form 6 exams can enter UPC 4 directly. Students who have failed one or more subjects in their Form 7 exams can redo those units at UPC 4. Mature age students who show competency at Form 6 standards even though they may not have passed all subjects in their Form 6 exams can also enroll at UPC 4.

Application for UPC is open until the 7th of February 2020.

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SINU Opens Late Application and Offers Academic Counselling

The Solomon Islands National University is giving a great opportunity for those that missed the 31st December application deadline by opening late application until the 7th of February 2020.

Acting Manager of Students Academic Services Mr. Chrisma Laubua said the late application is also to allow students who won 2020 government sponsorships to study at SINU but did not apply for space at SINU. "The government has given them the opportunity and we can't deny that for them," said the acting manager. Applications for all programmes are now open.

SINU has also organized academic counselling to applicants who have applied for programmes but have not been selected on account of them not meeting the entry requirements. The academic counselling will allow applicants to discuss with our lecturers about other programmes' entry requirements that meet their application documents.

The academic counselling ends on 7th February 2020.

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SINU and SIMSA Signs MOA

SINU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ganesh Chand and Director SIMSA Mr. John Mitau signs MOA



The Solomon Islands National University signs a Memorandum of Agreement with the Solomon Islands Maritime Safety Administration (SIMSA).

The MOA aims to ensure the Maritime Industries employers and employees are in compliance with the Solomon Islands Maritime Safety Administration Act through Training and Education. In the MOA, the Parties will work in partnership to deliver short course training in Basic and Advance Safety, Master class 6, Pre Sea Integrated Ratings (Marine) and outboard motor operators. This, in turn, will provide the maritime Service and related industries with the much needed qualified workforce in Maritime for the Solomon Islands.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ganesh Chand said SINU is aiming to meet what the industry needs and this MOA addresses

KOICA WORLD FRIENDS KOREA PROVIDE FUNDING FOR WELDING EQUIPMENT FOR THE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Institute of Technology's Automotive Engineering Course Centre receives the funding assistant for welding equipment and materials for its welding courses from the World Friends Korea. The Funding is made possible through the engagement of Mr. Kim, ITEC's World Friends Korea volunteer instructor in welding who applied for a project worth SBD25,000 to assist the School's welding course. The equipment is added to the existing welding equipment and resources of the school. With this assistance, the students will now have adequate access to welding equipment for their training. The project is timely as a support for the reviewed competency courses that require all the National Training Package (NTP) courses to do welding as part of their course competencies. In addition to the equipment and materials, Mr. Kim also provides professional industrial related advice and guidance to the automotive center welding team on the professional conducts of welding practices.

Mr. Kim joins the Institute of Technology as a volunteer lecturer in welding and fabrication. He has wide experience in welding and has worked for some of Korea's big companies before coming to SINU as a volunteer. His engagement helped the School to raise the standard of welding training for the courses offered at ITEC which include automotive engineering light vehicle, heavy vehicle, electrical technology, plumbing and water service, carpentry and joinery and marine engineering. All these courses now have welding as part of their training package. The Course Leader for Automotive Engineering Mr. Patrick Nokali and the Dean of School Mr. Solomon Pita thank the World Friends Korea through Mr. Kim for the funding. They informed Mr. Kim that the equipment is going to benefit many students who will come through these courses and them (students), the skills and knowledge gained through the use of this equipment will be further used in the industries where they will work and the wider community in the Solomon Islands. In his thank-you remarks, the Dean also said that this is the

that. "SINU will ensure that whatever the maritime industry needs in terms of training, we respond to it efficiently and effectively," said the VC

"This MOA is so meaningful for SINU and we hope it will be for SIMSA as well in making Solomon waters safer for everybody," the VC concluded. The Director (Ag) of SIMSA Mr. John Mitau thanked SINU for identifying and noting the importance of training in the mari-



SINU Lecturer (left) receiving the gift

second such help the School receives from World Friends Korea, which has greatly enhanced the teaching and learning of students at both Institutes and provides the most needed resources, equipment, and facilities that the School needs for its training programs. The first is the funding assistance for the aquaculture hatchery at the Institute of maritime and Fisheries Studies worth more than SBD100,000.

The Dean of School also conveys SINU's sincere appreciation to KOICA's World Friends Korea for the funding assistance.

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time area. He said the MOA covers all the training needed and he is glad that it also covers training for out-boat motor (OBM) engines which the majority of Solomon Islanders used. He said SIMSA's search and rescue always have problems with OBM operators and he thanked SINU for realizing the need for training.

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Career Opportunities

Director of Finance

This is a newly created position for the University. Reporting to the Vice-Chancellor, the Director of Finance is expected to provide leadership in all areas of financial health of the University. The DF is required to ensure that all responsibility entrusted to the section are carried out, and that the section becomes a highly skilled and efficient unit with the University. The University now has over 8,000 students and over 500 staff on three campuses within a 4km radius, with distance learning centres in a number of locations. The University also has student management and finance systems, and would be introducing HR and properties management modules from 2020. The University has a budget of over SBD250m, and over SBD270m worth of built asset base. The Director is required to ensure that all aspects of finances of the University relating to students, staff, payees, suppliers, and donors are effectively and efficiently dealt with, and that all operations of the University relating to financial management are compliant with the Universities Finance Policies, SINU Act, and national laws. Areas of responsibility include: Management Accounting, Financial Accounting, and Revenue & Debt. Additionally, the responsibilities include planning and budgeting, facilitating procurement and contract management. Working with the Senior Management team, the Director will have a strategic input into both, the Financial strategic directions as well as the University's strategic directions.

Director of ICT

This is a newly created position for the University. Reporting to the Pro Vice-Chancellor for Corporate Affairs, the Director of ICT is expected to provide leadership on ensuring that all responsibility entrusted to the section are carried out, and that the ICT section becomes a highly skilled and efficient unit with the University. The University now has over 8,000 students and over 500 staff on three campuses within a 4km radius, with distance learning centres in a number of locations. The University also has student management and finance systems, and would be introducing HR and properties management modules from 2020. The Director is required to ensure that all staff and students are adequately connected to ICT facilities, befitting the standing and status of a University, and that all its systems meet the needs of the University. Areas of responsibility include: Systems, Networks, ICT Infrastructure, and User Services. Additionally, the responsibilities include planning and budgeting, facilitating procurement and contract management, ICT infrastructure R&M, health and safety; utilities management, and ICT space management. Working with the Senior Management team, the Director will have a strategic input into both, the ICT's and the University's strategic directions.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE DOWNLOADED HERE:

<http://www.sinu.edu.sb/hrd/job/>

Closing Date: 20 February 2020. Please send all electronic applications to: recruitment.sinu@sinu.edu.sb and hardcopy applications to: Director of Human Resources, Solomon Islands National University, P. O. Box R113, Honiara, Solomon Islands.

For further details on the position, please contact: Human Resources (thr@sinu.edu.sb), or Vice Chancellor (VC@sinu.edu.sb).

Tenders



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS FOR PREFERRED SUPPLIERS OF STATIONERY & CLEANING SUPPLIES - MTB002/20

Expression of Interests are invited from the reputable suppliers for the preferred suppliers of stationery and cleaning supplies of the University

The stationery and cleaning supplies template can be collected at Procurement Office at Kukum Campus, Honiara, and can be sent by email: procurement@sinu.edu.sb

The bidder can be allowed to bid part and all the items, and the mandatory requirement is to fill up the column on price without duty, goods and sales tax (Pre Tax) and price with duty, goods and sales tax (Post Tax).

The University is exempted from duty, goods and sales tax, as stipulated in the SINU Act 2012, section 5, subsection 5, clause C, and the University does not pay duty, pay goods and sales tax

The Expression of Interests (EOI) shall have the cover letter attached with the price list and shall be marked with reference: EOI – Stationery and Cleaning Supplies – MTB002/20, and can be sent to email: eois@sinu.edu.sb and can be delivered the sealed envelope to: Office of the Vice Chancellor, Kukum Campus, P O Box R113, Honiara, by COB at 5pm on 10th February 2020

For enquiries, please contact Annie Sinclair and Melody Guúrau on phone: +677 42641 and email: procurement@sinu.edu.sb

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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."