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India signs MOU with SIG to establish the “Solomon Islands Centre of Excellence in IT” at SINU

The Indian High Commissioner to Solomon Islands H.E Vijai Kumar and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade Hon. Jeremiah Manele signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Monday 17, February 2020 to establish the Solomon Islands Centre of Excellence in IT at the Solomon Islands National University.

Through the MOU, the government of India will supply the computer hardware, software, resource books, course materials, and related resources and SINU will provide facilities to accommodate the ICT Centre. The government of Solomon Islands will facilitate the clearance of the equipment and to deal with the tax and customs duties.

H.E Vijai Kumar highlighted that Indian technical experts will be at SINU to install the equipment and his government will fund two IT experts to run the Centre and deliver training for two years. The Indian government will also send six Solomon Islanders to India to undertake six months Master program in advanced IT courses.

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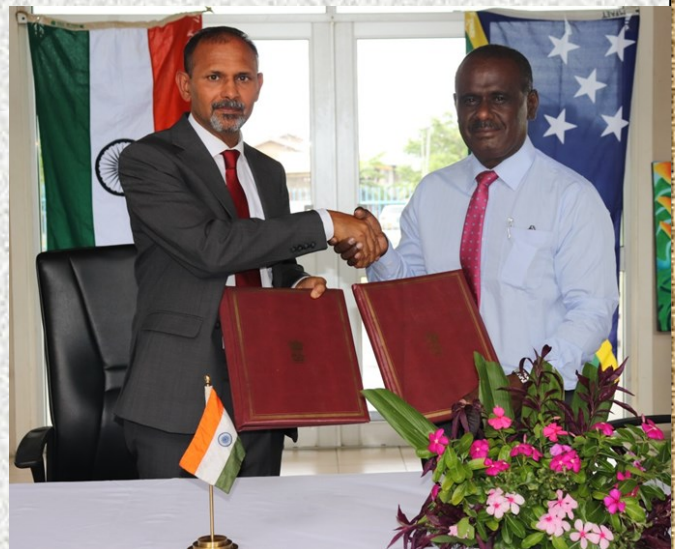
Hon. Jeremiah Manele said the government and people of Solomon Islands is appreciative of India's generosity and gift and we value the friendship we've established since 1987. "The vision is to create a pool of knowledge workers and generate employment opportunities by producing world-class IT professionals to attract investment into the Solomon Islands and generate revenues through software export," said the Foreign Affairs Minister.

Hon. Manele highlighted that Solomon Islanders are lucky to be accorded with this initiative since India is amongst the World's IT Superpowers.

Vice-Chancellor Dr Ganesh Chand thanked the two governments for the hard-work leading towards the signing of the MOU and is appreciative that SINU was selected as the host of the Centre. The VC assured the two governments that SINU will do its best to keep the name and fame of the Centre. SINU will abide by all the terms and conditions that the two governments have agreed to.

Dr Chand also highlighted that this year, SINU started the School of Sciences of which the department of Computing Studies is one of the core components and therefore the signing of the MOU is timely and in line with ongoing SINU reforms and plans.

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From Left: The Indian High Commissioner to Solomon Islands H.E Vijai Kumar and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade Hon. Jeremiah Manele

The Vice-Chancellor's Address to Students at the 2020 Convocation

Good Afternoon!!!

Good Afternoon!!! All of you are at SINU for your particular purposes, some are here to get new qualifications to make you more marketable in finding a job, some are here to learn new things to make you a better person; learning and qualification are two different things, *you may learn but don't get a qualification*. Some are here because your parents forced you to come; some are here because your province or government gave to scholarship. All of these are legitimate reasons.

SINU recognizes the variety of reasons that there are. As VC, Pro VCs, Deans, Professors, Lecturers we have our challenge that is to mould all of you to a single purpose, "to learn." Whatever your reasons for coming here, you have to start learning new things. Only a qualification doesn't guarantee a job, it also comes with your knowledge of that particular field, your attitude and conducts are also critical attributes.

We at SINU will try our best to give you the best in your education and also to create a better person, ethical human beings. We will build people who aspire to develop this great nation of yours. With that, we will need your support and partnership.

Most of you come from different backgrounds, some have secured sponsorships, and others are private fee-paying students. Money does not come easy, the bus fares, meals, accommodation, and fees are paid by someone who worked very hard; it becomes all of our responsibilities to ensure that we don't waste it and primarily it is your responsibility to come to class, to come on time. One of the major problems most universities faced is students not coming to class, and therefore not learning and failing and wasting the resources that have been put into their education.

Students who reside on campus have no excuse whatsoever to not to come to class on time or to miss lectures; only when you go to the class, you will learn.



Vice-Chancellor Dr Ganesh Chand delivering his key note address to students at the Convocation held at the Panatina Pavilion

It is also your responsibility to demand that the lecturer teaches you well. If your lecturer is not on time, doesn't prepare well for class, always absent, you must report that to the Dean. You can demand that and no one will penalize you, I can assure you that. Students are equal partners in the University.

All of you will get some qualifications at the end of the day, a certificate, a diploma or a degree. There are hundreds of thousands of other students around the world who started their classes this week as well. You are not alone; you're in a community of millions of students, all aiming to get a qualification or the other. If you're getting a degree, we at SINU want you to be as good, if not better than those getting a degree in other Universities, the same goes for diplomas and certificates.

SINU is determined to be the best University in the region; are you confident, comfortable and ready to make SINU the best?

You have to stir through this world of studentship. Learning comes from making mistakes as well. Do not be scared of making mistakes. Sometimes students are scared to ask questions thinking that it might be a mistake and will embarrass them. At the University you have the license to make mistakes.

Once you go on the job, then you must have learned everything necessary, and there is no room for mistakes. Do not be scared of questioning your lecturers.

There are many things that we have to collectively do, as the Vice-Chancellor; I'm very embarrassed about the long queue you have to go through during enrolment. That is going to change so that you will not spend hours or days for enrolment next semester. We need your corporation, support, and suggestions on how we should improve.

When you graduate, we want you to be a proud graduand of SINU. That is what we in management, we in the academia and we in the support services endeavour to deliver. That is what is expected of the government and people of the Solomon Islands.

I wish all of you well and I pray that you will become model students of SINU, each and every one of you.

Thank you very much.

NHA signs MOU with SINU

The National Hosting Authority (NHA) of the 2023 Pacific Games signed a memorandum of understanding with SINU for the construction of some of the facilities for the PG2023 at the Panatina Campus. The breakthrough of negotiations came through an understanding that SINU will continue to maintain ownership of the land that was allocated for the construction and that any use and maintenance after the games will be subjected to an agreement between the SINU and the National Government.

The MOU also stated that SINU council will allow portion of the Panatina land to construct the multi-purpose futsal stadium, swimming pool and tennis courts as planned by the NHA. It further stated that the multi-purpose

hall is a national project gifted to the Solomon Islands Government (SIG) by the Government and people of Indonesian, therefore, SINU and SIG through the National Sports Council (NSC) will enter into a User Access Agreement to ensure the land and facilities remain dedicated for sports in the interest of the Solomon Islands public.

SINU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ganesh Chand and NHA Executive Director (Ag) Mr. Christian Nieng signed the agreement at the National Hosting Authority Office at Town Ground.

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SINU and MPS Signs MOU

The Ministry of Public Service (MPS) and SINU through the Centre for Productivity, Professional Development & Lifelong Learning (CPPDL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding to provide Capacity Development Programme for MPS.

The MOU is to support the Solomon Islands Public Service through the Institute of Public Administration and Management (IPAM) in the formulation and implementation of the public service administration of human resource capacity development strategy and promotes coherence and integrated delivery of its capacity development work.

The MOU includes designing, implementing and sustaining Capacity Development Programme for MPS in the following areas; Building Executive Capacity in the Public Service for better Governance, Programme to strengthen middle-level managers for Career Executive Services, Training and career development program for administration staffs and Training in Diplomacy and Negotiating skills with the inclusion of local experts.

Speaking during the signing ceremony, Acting Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice Chancellor Corporate (PVCC) Mr. John Usuramo highlighted that since its establishment in 2013, SINU as a dual-mode institution has focused almost exclusively on award courses for full-time students. “The

needs for human resource development in the country has now expanded beyond producing people with formal qualifications at the Certificate, Diploma, Degree and Post Graduate levels,” said Mr. Usuramo.

“A major perceived demand is for training for people already in the workforce. By law, SINU is tasked with the responsibility of “improving the skills and knowledge of the existing workforce through education and training” (s6a (11), SINU Act 2012). In advancing this responsibility, SINU took the lead in discussing with MPS and its training institute (IPAM) to explore opportunities where SINU could design and provided needed training programs to help improve the skills and knowledge of the existing government workforce,” said the PVCC

“For the past 2 years, SINU ventured into limited short course offerings through the BICs and established a dynamic Workforce Training Program (WTP) section, and through this, to improve the skills and knowledge of the existing workforce through education and training. The professional training programs designed so far and together with new programs designed as a result of the needs of stakeholders, will be offered to the existing workforce,” PVCC concluded.

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From Left: Undersecretary of MPS Mr. David Surera and Pro-Vice Chancellor Corporate Mr. John T. Usuramo shake hands after the signing of MOU.



Career Opportunities

SYSTEM ANALYST — ICT Department

The Systems Analyst (SA) is responsible for effective provisioning, installation/configuration, operation, and maintenance of systems hardware and software and related infrastructure. The Systems Analyst participates in technical research and development to enable continuing innovation within the infrastructure. SA ensures that systems hardware, operating systems, software systems, and related procedures adhere to university needs to offer efficient study and learning environment for staff and students.

SA will assist project teams with technical issues in the Initiation and Planning phases of standard Project Management Methodology. These activities include the definition of needs, benefits, and technical strategy; research & development within the project life-cycle; technical analysis and design; and support of operations staff in executing, testing and rolling-out the solutions. Participation on projects is focused on smoothing the transition of projects from development staff to production staff by performing operations activities within the project life-cycle.

Systems Analyst is accountable for the following systems: Windows systems and VMWare systems that support virtual infrastructure and software; Windows and Application systems that support Attache', student management system, staff and students' emails, students' Moodle system and Library systems (Koha and DSpace). Responsibilities on these systems include SA engineering and provisioning, operations and support, maintenance and research and development to ensure continual innovation.

Assistant Minute Secretary — University Secretariat

The Assistant Minute Secretary provides executive and administrative support to the Secretary to the University Council and the Manager of University Secretariat.

ASSISTANT ANALYST, LIBRARY & STUDENT MOODLE SYSTEM — ICT Department

To provide and maintain library and students' Moodle database. In addition, the officer shall be responsible for management and maintenance of:

- Library database center.
- Students Moodle database;

The incumbent is also required to provide technical support for staff and students in three campuses.

In addition, he/she will be required to provide other duties and responsibilities under the direction of the Director, ICT Department, when/where required.

Principal Records Management Officer— University Secretariat

This position is created to proactively provides, develop and support a culture of high quality records management practice across the University and to put in place support systems and practices which facilitates regulatory compliance with relevant laws of Solomon Islands and applicable policies of the University.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE DOWNLOADED HERE:

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

Closing Date: 13 March 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.

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Founded in 2013, SINU is striving to be one of the Best Education and Research Institute in the Region.

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."