

ROTARY CLUB HONIARA DONATION



Left to right: Mr. Rudgard Palapu, Mr. Tony Rayner, & Mrs. Clara Devi

On Wednesday 24th February, 2021 FNMHS received a donation from Rotary Club Honiara.

FNMHS staff representatives Clara Devi and Rudgard Palapu were present at the Rotary Club warehouse for the handover from Director of Projects Honiara Rotary club, Tony Rayner.

Rotary Club Honiara receive donations of all kinds directly from Rotary Australia. Various institutions, schools, hospitals and private agencies who have members within the Rotary club would collect items that are sent in containers to various Pacific Island countries like Vanuatu, PNG and Solomon Islands”.

Fortunately, Rotary Club Honiara have donated over 20 cartons of Medical textbooks to our SINU library for our FNMHS staff and students. They recently had a container full of wheelchairs, school desks, chairs and educational reading materials distributed to the community as well.

“Medical textbooks and beds also come into the country. We try to get the right material that is acceptable to the Ministry of Health and that donations sent over is needed and would help the people of Solomon Islands”, Mr. Rayner said.

“On behalf of Rotary Club Honiara, I am happy to donate these books to FNMHS. Rotary Club Honiara would like to help SINU obtain these resourceful materials that would be great for the FNMHS students.”

“Hopefully, it is of use to your faculty and students as reference books that would be used in conjunction with their research”, stated Mr. Rayner.

Mr. Rudgard Palapu expressed his appreciation for Rotary Club Honiara’s kind donation on behalf of SINU, especially FNMHS. “I must assure that it will be accessed by all our FNMHS students and it is indeed a great contribution to our National University”, concluded Mr. Palapu.

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2021 ORIENTATION DAY

On Friday 19th February, SINU Kukum campus was filled with eager first year students who attended the 2021 SINU new student orientation.

Orientation Host Mr. Estee Lonamei (Senior PRO), welcomed the students and gave a brief introduction about SINU and other important academic updates were also relayed to the students. Students also had the opportunity to have a question and answer session before the official tour began.

The half-day program included introductions to faculties located within SINU Kukum Campus, the orientation kicked off at the Faculty of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry complex, they then visited the School of Business Management area.

They finished their tour off at the Faculty of Nursing and Medicine Health Sciences car park and everyone was dismissed by 12 pm.

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Students who attended the orientation



Mr. Samson Bisafo (HOD STHM) delivering his speech to students during STHM Convocation

SINU FACULTY CONVOCATIONS



FNMHS STAFF SPEAKING TO STUDENTS

Mandatory Faculty convocations took place during the first week of semester for various faculties & schools such as: Faculty of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry, School of Business and Management, Faculty of Nursing, Medicine & Health Sciences and Faculty of Education & Humanities.

The orientation's main agenda is to ensure that students become acquainted with the faculty's staff members, their school environment and most importantly student information that will guide them during the academic year 2021.

Faculty staff further discussed the university's academic standards, information on preparing for study-tools, personal safety and wellbeing as well as important school regulations that all students must adhere to.

The School of Tourism & Hospitality Management organized an orientation program for their continuing and newly admitted students on Friday February 26th at the Lokol Fusion Café foyer.

"Approximately 400 graduates are out there in the job market, since 2015 the school has refocused its objective to diversify programs offered into more specific fields to ensure that it meets demands of the industry," stated Head of School (STHM) Mr. Samson Bisafo.

"The school also believes that advance learning and teaching must be of high-quality standards."

"On behalf of the school of Tourism and Hospitality staff, we would like to wish all of you the very best in your studies and we trust your experience as a student at this school will be rewarding," said Mr. Bisafo.

They also highlighted the values and functions of the School of Tourism and they also talked about the educational opportunities available to students and learning support services provided by the University.

Afterwards, new students were given the opportunity to make a short visit around the school headed by student volunteers. They were also entertained by STH staff with welcome performances.

Many new students applauded the staff for the successful program and said that they learnt a lot of important information that will direct them here at SINU. Orientations guide the smooth transition for students into tertiary level. It is important that our students are socially and academically integrated into SINU campus life as they experience what our National University has to offer.

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STUDENT PROFILE



Name: Dick Mark

Program: Diploma in Travel & Tourism (Final year)

Province: Vella La Vella, Western Province

Campus: Kukum

Interests/Hobbies: Playing guitar, playing any sport that involves running, watching movies .

Why did you choose SINU?

I chose SINU because it was my next best alternative to pursue my studies. It was difficult for me to apply overseas and I thought to myself, why not apply to our National University. It was easier for me to enroll here instead. Once I applied and got accepted, I was really happy because I saw that SINU especially the School of Tourism & Hospitality Management offered great courses which really fall in line with my interests. I know that it will benefit me and it can help shape my future by studying here.

What are your career goals? Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

My main goal is to work in Solomon Islands Tourism Industry. To become either a supervisor or manager in any travel or even hospitality industry. Our tourism industry is weak and needs to be strengthened so that it can provide employment and generate income for our country and people. I would like to be able to contribute back to our tourism industry with my qualification and knowledge. Thus, I hope to be a leader in the tourism industry. As for now, if they do offer any bachelor programs for this program, then I will definitely apply and go further with my studies to ensure I get to where I want to be 10 years from now.

What is your favourite course?

I have a few favourites which I would like to mention. My favourite units are PDE406 'Pacific Destination' and the second one is TR544 'Travel & Tourism Business Planning'. These courses are focused on different Pacific Island destinations, tourist attractions, how transport and accommodation are planned for tourists, in terms of how they are marketed and managed properly.

What/ who inspires you?

My year 12 teacher inspired me to take this course. She was a tourism major and she worked at the former Solomon Islands Visitors Bureau now known as Tourism Solomons. During class, she would always talk about the tourism industry and its importance in our country. Tourism is indeed an interesting field, but people always think negatively about it saying that it is a low paying job and it would not benefit us. But if you have an interest in developing our tourism sector, ensuring that tourists enjoy their stay in our country, they will want to visit again. This will definitely impact our economy in a positive way. After hearing her stories about travelling I was motivated to take this course because I am keen on travelling, seeing different sights and experiencing different cultures.

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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."

FOR512 STUDENTS WORKBASE LEARNING

The 2020 final year students majoring in Diploma in Tropical Forestry (FOR512) are prepared to do a 3-month work-based attachment at the Ministry of Forestry & Research.

Under the existing MOU between SINU FAFF Department and Ministry of Forestry & Research, students completing their final year in Diploma of Forestry (FOR512) are required to engage in a 3-month work based practical at any forestry related organization: MFR, JICA, Kolombangara Forest Products Ltd and Eagon Pacific.

However for this group of students, KFPL is unable to host them because of their commitment to the Cadet Take-in Program. The program includes former SINU forestry and survey students who are accepted as cadets before being officially recruited at KFPL based on their performance.

In spite of this, students in the next group will be able to do their work attachment at KFPL from September to November of this year. This current cohort comprises of 18 students: 10 of them are 2020 final year students; 2 students are redo-practical students; and 6 of them are Ministry of Forestry & Research (In-service Students). Their attachment has commenced as of Monday 1st March and will end on Friday 28th May 2021. They will rotate among different divisions of the Ministry after a period of 2 weeks within the next 3 months.

Present at the briefing were FAFF staff: Peter Mahoa, Laren Gomese, Claire Oiire, (HOD Forestry), students and



FAFF Staff and Students with MFR staff

SINU PRO. They were accompanied by the hosts MFR Deputy Secretary (Administration) Mr. Wilfred Atomea, Forest officers (Supervisors) Mykne Sirikolo and Minnie Fahu.

Mr. Atomea encouraged the students, "with their qualification, they are not limited to work only at the Ministry of Forestry & Research. There are opportunities out there such as NGO's and forestry projects which they can pursue their career in. "Have the drive to gain experience, knowledge and acquire skills that will help you operate at a higher level of managing our offices and forests", Mr. Atomea stated.

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