

## SINU launches Green Campus Initiative

The Solomon Islands National University (SINU) on Thursday 02-11-2023 launches its Green Campus Initiative.

SINU Vice Chancellor Professor Transform Aqorau together with Ministry of Environment Climate Change and Disaster Management (MECCDM) and Pacific Climate Change Centre (PCCC) launched the Green Campus Initiative at the Kukum campus.

Speaking during the brief launching ceremony, Prof. Aqorau thanked PCCC, SPREP and MECCDM for supporting the initiative stating trees play an important role pivotal to clear air and environment which significant to health and wellbeing of people.

As someone who grew up in Honiara when the town still covered with green environment, the Vice Chancellor said Honiara is losing its beauty where he said the mission now is to turn SINU into what Honiara used to be in the past.

"And so here at SINU we also want to replicate and ensure that we green our campus because the Honiara is losing its original green beauty and is no longer here."

"We cannot beautify the whole city, but let us beautify our campuses so that they can be botanical centres right in the middle of our city where you and your family can come and enjoy."

"I would like to thank SPREP and the Ministry of Environment, this is essentially, this is your project that you decided to implement through the university so I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Ministry of Environment."

"Thank you to the hard working grounds people who have been working very hard to make sure this project becomes reality."

Also speaking during the launching, representative from the Ministry of Environment Hendry Tufah thanked SINU for hosting the Green Campus Initiative and SPREP for funding the initiative.



PCCC Manger Ofa Ma'asi-Kaisamy speaking at the event.



IPD Director and PVCC who also present at the event.



Reps from MECCDM, PCCC and SINU VC involved in tree planting at SINU.



MECCDM rep Hendry Tufah speaking at the launching.

"I grew up in Honiara, right in the middle of the town at Pt Cruz where the Anthony Saru building is now."

"I just want to share with us that the place used to be beautiful covered with green trees across the town from King George down to White River."

We have lost that beauty, and I'm really feeling sorry for the

Mr. Tufah said this initiative is not only towards greening of the games, but also towards the future.

"We started with the trees but in a long run we would like to dwell further into other green initiatives which are available out there which we can tap into."

With at, he said SINU is the only institution, the largest and highest that we have and see an opportunity to promote this kind of initiative.

Also speaking during the launching ceremony PCCC Manger Ofa Ma'asi-Kaisamy thanked the Ministry of Environment and SINU for driving the initiative where she said that is the most important part of the SPREP assistance through PCCC is having hands to drive the initiative at the national level.



Group photo taking at the launching event

younger generation today because you are not able to live and experience what Honiara used to be like."

"Therefore, for me I'd like to turn SINU to what Honiara use to be like."

"We plant more trees here to create a shady environment that families, students and staff will come here and study and sit under a beautiful place."



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# Awareness conducted to illegally occupants

In the past 20 years Solomon Islands National University (SINU) has recorded an influx in the number of illegal settlers who settled and build private houses on SINU land.

Illegal settlers start occupying SINU lands since the ethnic tension in year 2000, and to this day some even claimed they got those occupied lands from Lunga Mamata and Tandai house of chiefs.

Those illegal occupants since then grew in number and becoming a hindrance to SINU as they occupied land that they were supposed not to occupy.

This year SINU issued those illegal settlers legal notice to evacuate lands they occupied illegally as SINU also has plans in place to develop those occupied lands.

While there is a certain degree of resistance coming from those illegal settlers claiming that they have occupied those land for a long time and should be entitled for those occupied lands, SINU maintained its position that those occupied lands are rightly belongs to SINU and should be vacated.

In the month of September and October this year, SINU security guards, Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) Community Policing Unit, together with National Hosting Authority (NHA) held awareness talks with the following communities; Tanakake, Green Point, Yellow Bamboo, and Sun set Valley reminding them of the need to vacate SINU land.

SINU Acting Chief Security Memorio Roy told Univois that the aim of the awareness talk is to inform illegal settlers settling into SINU land at Panatina campus to move out and find alternative land as SINU need those illegally occupied land for development expansion.

Moreover, Mr.Roy said the awareness talk is to inform illegal settlers that SINU will commence its security fencing project to fence SINU boundary.

Furthermore, he said the awareness is to inform illegal settlers of the SINU-NHA intention to impose no go zones during the Pacific Games and that settlers must find alternative access during the games period.

## New footpath and kitchen for SINU Kukum campus

The Solomon Islands National University (SINU) this week witnessed the completion of a new footpath and kitchen project at the Kukum campus.

Work on the two projects which started a month ago successfully completed this week and are now serving their purposes.

The completion of the new 200 meters' long footpath means SINU staff, students, and athletes from Pacific Games participating countries

who are residing at SINU Kukum campus are now using the footpath.

The new footpath runs for the SINU eastern gate to SINU kitchen.



Newly built kitchen at Kukum

On the other hand, the newly built kitchen has now serving its purpose as athletes from Pacific Games participating counties having their meals served from the new kitchen. According to Project Construction Supervisor Allan Alulu from the Properties, Facilities and Projects Department said his team is happy to deliver the two projects on time.

Speaking to Univois Mr. Alulu said his team has been busy for the past two weeks trying to deliver the footpath and kitchen project on time before the Pacific Games started this coming weekend.



Director Property (Acting) Mr. Nix Hudson Maekasia and project supervisor Allan Alulu inspecting the new footpath.

Now that the two projects have been delivered, the Project Construction Supervisor thanked those who involved in the project in one way or the other for the successful implementation of the projects.

## Food safety training held successfully

Food vendors who will be selling food at the SINU village at Panatina campus during the Pacific Games underwent a one-day food handling and safety training on Wednesday 01-11-2023.

The aim of the training is to equip food handlers with knowledge on how to handle food safely and aware of consequences to customers.



Participants

The objective of the training is to; understand what food safety is, know the hazards associated with food, understand good hygiene practices, know the requirements of food handlers, know the pure food Act govern food activities, role and duties of

and regulation that and understand the health inspectors.

According to Honiara who facilitated the refers to the condition preserve the quality of tamination and food-poisoning.

Those who underwent awarded with certification and were given green the SINU village during the Pacific Games period.



Workshop facilitator

City Council officers training, food safety and practices that food to prevent con-bome illness and

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## SINU Staff involves in Safe Green Games Clean-up campaign



The Solomon Islands National University (SINU) staff on Wednesday 03-11-2023 actively participated in a Safe Green Games Clean-up campaign.

Staff members from all SINU campuses - Kukum, Ranadi, and Panatina whole heartily embraced the Green Games Clean-up initiative taking time out from their busy schedules to contribute to the cleanliness of their respective campuses and the surrounding areas.

The aim of the clean-up campaign is to keep the campuses clean as SINU prepares to host some of the sporting contingents from participating countries who will be competing in the Pacific Games starting in two weeks' time.

Commencing at 1:30pm the clean-up campaign successfully concluded at around 3:00pm.





## SINU participates in International Forum on Climate Change in China

A representative from the Solomon Islands National University (SINU) last month participated in the International Forum on Pacific Islands Countries Response to Climate Change (PICC 2023) recently held in Qingdao City, Shandong Province, China.

Dr. Lindon Havimana who is a current senior lecturer under the Fisheries Department at SINU attended the two days' event held from 21-22 October and did an eye-opening presentation on how coastal communities in Solomon Islands are responding to the impacts of climate change.

Dr. Havimana's presentation specifically focuses on food security and adaptation. Apart from the presentation, Dr. Havimana also co-chaired one of the plenary sessions.

Dr. Havimana said although, the trip was his first to China, he said the experience he gained for the trip was superb and worth it where

The occasion was graced with the presence of students, pursuing their masters and PhD studies at the Academy of Future Ocean, and international students currently enrolled at Ocean



Dr. Lindon Havimana chatting with Professor Keith Alverson (center) and Professor Jianping Li (right).



he thanked the office of the SINU Vice Chancellor for seeing it fit to nominate him to attend the forum on behalf of SINU.

"I had the opportunity to also witness presentations delivered by masters and PhD students from Academy of Future Ocean, and as well accorded a tour around the University observing the teaching, training and research facilities".

Dr. Havimana shared the view that SINU is fortunate to build ties with the renowned world class university, adding Oceania University of China (OUC) continues to produce cutting edge research in oceanography and fisheries and potentially a great pathway for SINU

University of China.

The forum covered broad range of subjects including climate and ocean sciences, global environmental agreements, legal options for climate refuges, traditional knowledge and nature based solutions, significance of ecological process in carbon cycle and neutrality, offshore renewable energy, technology and structures toward attaining carbon neutrality and so forth.

The trip was made possible following the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between SINU and Ocean University of China back in May this year.

The two Universities have agreed to promote programs including the exchange of academic staff, joint research in ocean, fisheries and climate change.

Another area of their collaboration includes collaborating in joint international conferences, annual works and camps, and other academic and cultural exchanges of mutual interest and benefits.

The next group to benefit under the agreement will be Mr. Clarence Cheon, Miss. Serema Kwato'o and Miss. Shirlene Hiru, who are currently engaged by the Department of Fisheries Studies as research assistants.

The trio have been accepted to attend a short training on tackling climate change risks and protecting marine environment and will be traveling to Qingdao in China next week.



Participants attending the Conference organized by COCN.

The forum which was organized by Centre for Ocean Carbon Neutrality (COCN) and OUC brought together leaders from Qingdao Municipal Authority, academics from China, Solomon Islands, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong and Korea.

Over two hundred participants, representing various institutions and universities in China attended the two days' event.



Dr. Lindon Havimana doing a presentation at the International Forum on Pacific Islands Countries Response to Climate Change in China.



# SINU staff profile

**Name:** Rosemary Kolosu

**Province:** Malaita

**Age:** 27

**Work station:** Kukum Campus

**Department:** Institutional Planning Division

**Job title:** Assistant Planning Officer

**Qualification:** Bachelor of Commerce (Economics & Official Statistic)

**How long have you been working here?** 3 Years

**Tell us about your job:** I work mainly on monitoring and reporting on University's Strategic Plans and collating/analysing all relevant institutional data of the university and producing relevant reports.

**Why SINU?** I choose SINU because it is the only tertiary institution in the Solomon Islands that provide quality education to students.

**What do you like about SINU and your job?** I like SINU because this is the place to meet and help new people and like fulfilling the Strategic Plans of the university.



## SINUGSA elects new executive

The Solomon Islands National University (SINU) General Staff on Monday 6-11-2023 elected a new executive to lead SINUGSA forward in the next three years.

The new executive has replaced the outgoing executive which no longer operative after some of its executive members have moved on from SINU and undertake jobs elsewhere.

Nomination for candidates from the new executive started on Friday 3-11-2023 and closed on Monday 6-11-2023, which followed by casting of votes from General Staff to elect a new executive.

Counting was done on the same day as the new executive was announced with a new president elect as Mr. Elliot Dora.

The vice president elect is Mr. Obed Zutu, new Secretary elect is Mr. Peter Maclean Qora, and new Assistant Secretary is Mr. Cypriano Nuake, and new Treasurer elect is Mrs. Grace Leziton who happens to be the only female in the new executive.

The new SINUGSA executive on Monday 13-11-2023 held its first formal general meeting to discuss the way forward for SINUGSA.



**SINUGSA new executive**

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