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Students from South Guadalcanal in Guadalcanal Province will now have the opportunity to study at their own pace, in their own time, and within their own communities.

This milestone follows the successful signing of an educational Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the South Guadalcanal Constituency and the Solomon Islands National University (SINU) Centre for Distance and Flexible Learning (CDFL).

The MoU was signed on Thursday 29 May at the Kukum Lecture Theatre Boardroom by SINU Vice Chancellor (VC), Professor Transform Aqorau, and Member of Parliament (MP) for South Guadalcanal, Honourable Roland Seleso, in the presence of officials from both parties.

In his remarks during the signing ceremony, Prof. Aqorau described the occasion as a significant milestone in SINU's journey toward making tertiary education more accessible, affordable, and inclusive for all Solomon Islanders, regardless of their location.

"Our vision at SINU is that no one should be denied the opportunity to learn and better themselves because of geography or circumstance," said Prof. Aqorau.

"With the rapid advances in communication technology, we are witnessing a transformation in how knowledge is delivered. It is now possible for students in even the most remote corners of our nation to pursue higher education without leaving their homes, families, and communities."

He acknowledged the unique challenges of South Guadalcanal's terrain, emphasizing the importance of this partnership in addressing long-standing barriers to education.

"By enabling our people in South Guadalcanal to stay at home while earning their qualifications, we are not only bridging the gap of distance but also empowering individuals and strengthening communities."

"Development is a shared responsibility, and it is only through strategic partnerships—like the one we are celebrating today—that true progress can be made."

Prof. Aqorau highlighted the importance of working hand in hand with National and Provincial Governments, local communities, and Members of Parliament to build a resilient, educated, and prosperous Solomon Islands.

On a personal note, he shared that his great-grandfather hails from Levu Village in the Talise District of South Guadalcanal, making this partnership especially meaningful for him.



MP for South Guadalcanal Honourable Roland Seleso and VC Professor Transform Aqorau showing copies of the signed MPU.

"To give back to the land and people of my ancestors in the most meaningful way I know—through education—is a matter of great personal pride and fulfilment."

The Vice Chancellor also congratulated Hon. Seleso for his vision and thanked the SINU CDFL staff for their commitment in making the MoU a reality.

In response, MP Roland Seleso expressed his appreciation to SINU for its commitment to expanding educational access through the Distance and Flexible Learning model.

"This initiative is especially important for our rural and remote communities, where access to higher education has often been limited," said Hon. Seleso.

"Whether they are young people aiming to further their studies or working adults balancing family and professional responsibilities, this program provides a pathway to growth and opportunity."

He announced that a school within the South Guadalcanal Constituency has been earmarked to host the program, with his office committed to providing the necessary infrastructure, equipment, and reliable internet connectivity.

"We have already allocated funding to support and sustain this initiative to ensure its success. This is a major step forward and lays the foundation for future collaborations that will empower our people and strengthen our communities."

Mr. Obed Zutu, Manager of SINU CDFL, also extended his gratitude to the South Guadalcanal Constituency.

"Our office is ready and committed to working alongside the constituency to deliver much-needed education to the electorate," Mr. Zutu stated.

Home Economics Students Gain Confidence through Fashion and Product Showcase



The Faculty of Education and Humanities (FEH) at Solomon Islands National University (SINU) proudly hosted a vibrant showcase Friday 30 May, highlighting the talents of Year 2 Home Economics students from the *Apparel Design and Flat Pattern Making* unit (HEC602).

Held at the FEH New Complex Balcony, the runway event was a celebration of creativity and self-expression under the theme “**Design in Harmony with Nature.**” Students presented their original designs in a lively fashion show that not only displayed their technical skills and innovation but also boosted their confidence and allowed them to express their individuality through fashion.

The showcase served as more than just a visual exhibition—it was a platform for empowerment. By walking the runway in garments, they designed and created themselves, students embraced their artistic vision and reinforced the importance of personal expression in education.

A highlight of the event was the participation of a male student who confidently modelled his above-the-knee *Sulu*, promoting inclusivity in design and challenging traditional gender norms in the field of Home Economics.

Faculty members, students, and university staff—including the Dean of the Faculty, Dr. Patricia Rodie—came together to support and celebrate the achievements of the young designers. Their presence contributed to a memorable event filled with encouragement, inspiration, and a shared sense of accomplishment.

This showcase marked a significant milestone in the students’ academic journey, fostering both professional growth and personal empowerment.



SINU Taekwondo Club Grades 47 Students in First-Ever Promotion Test!



The Solomon Islands National University Taekwondo Club (SINU-TC) has proudly completed its first-ever grading promotion test, marking a significant milestone in the club's development since its establishment. Held on Wednesday 4th June, the grading saw a total of 47 students assessed and promoted to new belt levels. The grading was conducted by SINU-TC Chief Instructor Mr. Wilson Saeni, in accordance with the Solomon Islands Taekwondo Federation (SITF) and World Taekwondo Federation standards.

Of the students graded:
4 were promoted from Yellow One,
13 from Yellow Two,
9 from Yellow Three, and
21 from Blue One.

Mr. Saeni stated that this was the first grading for the year, with a second session scheduled for October 2025. He also confirmed that all students successfully met the technical and physical requirements to progress to their next level and were awarded their belts at the conclusion of the test.

"I would like to thank the students for their commitment, and the parents for their ongoing support over the past five months of training," said Mr. Saeni.

"I also wish to acknowledge my assistant instructors for their hard work in preparing the students."

Mr. Saeni encouraged all students to continue their training journey with discipline and determination, with the goal of becoming future professional fighters and Taekwondo instructors who can help grow the sport in Solomon Islands.

With the grading process now completed, the SINU Taekwondo Club is turning its focus toward preparing for a national tournament set to take place in the next two weeks.

This achievement marks another step forward in SINU's commitment to developing well-rounded students through both academic and extracurricular excellence.





SINU Acknowledges Professor Angela Hill for Her Outstanding Contribution to Academic Quality and Policy Reforms

The Solomon Islands National University (SINU) formally acknowledged Professor Angela Hill on Friday, 6th June 2025, at the conclusion of its Senate meeting, in recognition of her exceptional contributions to the university's Academic Policy Review and Curriculum Reform initiatives.

Professor Hill, a distinguished academic and higher education leader, joined SINU earlier this year under the Australian Volunteers Program, funded by the Australian Government and managed by Australian Volunteers International (AVI).

With a remarkable career that includes serving as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education) at Edith Cowan University and holding the prestigious title of Principal Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (PFHEA), Professor Hill brought invaluable global expertise to SINU's reform journey.

Her international experience spans countries such as Pakistan, New Zealand, and Mauritius, demonstrating her deep commitment to advancing education governance and curriculum development.

Commencing her in-country placement on 31st March 2025, Professor Hill worked intensively with key university units—including the Standards and Quality Office (SQO), the Pro Vice-Chancellor Academic (PVCA), Student Academic Services (SAS), and all Faculties and Teaching Units.

Her work has significantly supported SINU's preparation for tertiary provider registration and programme accreditation with the Solomon Islands Tertiary and Skills Authority (SITESA).

Although her in-country assignment concluded on the 6th of June, Professor Hill will continue her support remotely from Townsville, Australia, until December 2025. She is scheduled to return to Australia on 15th June after a brief break in the Western Province.

During her farewell ceremony, Associate Professor Eric Katovai, Pro Vice-Chancellor Academic and Chair of Senate, praised Professor Hill's "outstanding contribution to SINU" and highlighted the "significant progress already made in ensuring the university's academic programmes and processes meet national, regional, and international standards."

Mr. Stanley Houma, Manager of the Standards and Quality Office also expressed heartfelt appreciation for Professor Hill's generosity in sharing her expertise and affirmed the university's continued collaboration with her for the remainder of her engagement.

In a gesture of gratitude and cultural respect, SINU presented Professor Hill with traditional Solomon Islands artefacts as tokens of appreciation.

Professor Hill's time at SINU has not only advanced key academic reforms but also inspired the university community through her humility, diligence, and unwavering passion for higher education.

Her legacy will remain a cornerstone in SINU's pursuit of academic excellence and international recognition.

Staff Profile

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Province: Malaita

Age: 39

Workstation: Kukum Campus

Department: Marketing and Public Relations Office (MPRO).

Job title: Media and Public Relations Officer.

Qualification: I graduated with Bachelor Arts from the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG): Majoring in Journalism and Public Relations, and Information and Communication Science (ICS).

How long have you been working here? I joined SINU in October of 2023; this is my second year working at the University.

Tell us about your job: My job involves the following: Preparing of press releases for SINU Facebook page, and for the mainstream media, do photoshoots, conduct interviews, and responsible for the Univois fortnightly newsletter. My role is to promote the positive image of the university to the mass.

What do you like about SINU and your job? It's always a pleasure to work with the one and only national university in the country. I like working here because it offers me the opportunity to get to know, interview, and mingle with staff of different caliber. Working at SINU is a win-win situation as SINU also looked after my family by providing us accommodation on campus.

I like my job because it allows me to promote the positive image of this university and enable me to communicate with staff from both corporate and academic.



About us:

Solomon Islands National University (SINU) is the Prime and ONLY National University of Solomon Islands.

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.



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