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### KPMG interviews third year Accounting students

On Friday August 7, two senior staff members from KPMG Nadi visited the campus to conduct interviews as part of their annual recruitment drive. A total of 14 third year students were interviewed for the position of Graduate Accountants. A number have proceeded to a 2nd interview. The staff partner and the department are hopeful that a number of offers will be made. The major CA firms have been recruiting on university campuses for many years, and it is very encouraging and gives further recognition of the quality of the accounting programme, that they are now including The University of Fiji in this process. We expect that the percentage of offers in relation to the number interviewed will be far better than other institutions. The interview panel stated that they were very impressed with the students and commented on comparability with other institutions in Fiji and off shore.

### Campus Visit by the Russian Ambassador

The Russian Ambassador to Australia, HE Mr. Alexander Blokhin, and the Economic and Political Counselor, Mr. Sergei Derevyagin, were on an official visit to Fiji from 20-22 July 2009. Both the ambassador and the Counselor found time to visit the University of Fiji on 22 July and tour the Umanand Prasad Medical School. They were accompanied to the University by Fiji's High Commissioner to Australia, HE Mr. Kamlesh Arya, and Mrs. Urmila Arya. After a meeting with the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar and the Deans, the University hosted a lunch for the ambassador and accompanying guests. Preliminary discussions were held with the Ambassador on the possibility of establishing a Centre for Russian Studies at the Saweni Campus, and the possibility of providing a Chair in Computer Science/IT, and some essential medical equipment for the UPSM. Detailed proposals are under preparation, and will be forwarded to the Ambassador very soon.

### Open Day Postponement

The University's inaugural Open Day that was scheduled from September 17 - 18 has been postponed to mid next year. The marketing department will keep students, staff and other stakeholders updated on a revised date.



*The Russian ambassador to Australia, Mr. Alexander Blokhin with Dr. Prasad, Pandit Kamlesh Arya, Professor Muralidhar, Mr. Krishna Rai, Mrs. Arya and other delegates*



*The Russian Ambassador takes a tour of the University*

## A presentation on ProQuest

The University Library organized a Presentation on the ProQuest database system on Thursday 27 August. Mr. John Hall, the area manager from ProQuest New Zealand conducted the presentation in the library. ProQuest is one of the World's Largest aggregated full-text databases which has the ability to search 12,000 journals, 3,000 industry reports, 45,000 company profiles, 30,000 dissertation, conference proceedings, case studies, medical references, 500 worlds daily newspapers and many e-books within seconds. ProQuest is an information partner, creating indispensable research solutions that connect people and information. Through innovative, user-centered discovery technology, ProQuest offers billions of pages of global content that includes historical newspapers, dissertations, and uniquely relevant resources for researchers of any age and sophistication. The presentation covered features on all major areas of Business, Arts, Language & Literature, Science & Technology, and Medical Sciences. The University library subscribed to ProQuest last year.



Mr. John Hall conducting an information session on ProQuest



Staff and students of various departments attended the ProQuest seminar

## Christina Clark is Miss University of Fiji

For the first time ever, The University of Fiji will be represented in this year's Sugar Festival. Nineteen year old Christina Clark has been selected to be Miss University of Fiji and will be the face of the University in the week long carnival. Christina Clark is an ex-student of Nadi Muslim College and the daughter of Air Pacific Pilot Captain Chris Clark. This project is managed by the University of Fiji Students' Association (UFSA) with strong support from the Marketing department.

"It is an absolute honour to represent the University of Fiji and promote this lovely institute to potential students in the western region and in Fiji" said Christina. In another statement she added that she wishes be an advocate of higher education and encourage people to enroll in the many programmes that the University offers. "I wish to highlight the importance of higher education and how it can help to eradicate poverty" she added.

## New University Website

The University's new website was launched on Tuesday September 1. The website provides easy navigation and information is better organized and easily accessible. The home page has a list of 'News' and 'Events' which provides better accessibility to news items within the University. Some very slight structural changes have been made to provide users with a better web experience .

The employment opportunity section has now been categorized into 'Academic', 'Academic related' and 'Support'. The 'application form' section has been improved in terms of form categorization.

The 'programmes' page now has different categories of programmes offered at the University such as *Undergraduate*, *Postgraduate*, *'Foundation Studies'* and *'Unclassified studies.'*

The website is a priority area for the marketing department and all efforts will be made to ensure that it is updated regularly. The website also has a link to the University's Library Management System through the 'Support Services' page.