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▲ The students at the Rabaul Historical Society's Museum at the New Guinea Club.

Fourth-year Bachelor of Sustainable International Tourism students recently led a small group of tourists on a land tour of Rabaul.

This was part of their internal assessment for the module, *T413 Being a Tour Guide*.

Tourism Course Coordinator and lecturer Hannah Woolcott said their performance was measured according to criteria such as knowledge of sites, communication, leadership, organisation and safe conduct.

"Their 'tour groups' consisted of first-year BSIT students undertaking *SIT111 Introduction to Tourism*. As 'tourists', they had to rate their tour guides out of 18 stars, and the ratings counted towards the BSIT4 students'



▲ At the Hot Springs at the foot of Mt Tavurvur.

assessment marks. The tour guides were also independently assessed by the course leader and tutors on the day," Ms Woolcott said.

She added that while serving as internal practical assessment for the fourth years, the first years had the opportunity to learn about the popular land tour sites in Rabaul District.

Sites visited were the Rababa Hot Springs at the foot of Mt Tavurvur,

the Japanese Imperial Commander Yamamoto's War Bunker, the Rabaul Historical Society's museum at the New Guinea Club, Submarine Base, the Volcanological Observatory, the Japanese Hospital and Barge Tunnels at Karavia and the Chinese War Memorial.

The final year students will be pioneer graduates of the University's Bachelor of Sustainable International Tourism program in 2022.

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To develop into a sustainable University through delivery of innovative research, quality teaching and learning, developing staff and students as alumni agents for positive change.

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# Galuwa commends University

**THE country's economy cannot be improved outside the education system.**

This is the sentiment of Augustine Galuwa (pictured right), a two-time graduate of the University.

Congratulating PNG UNRE on its 25th Anniversary this year, Mr Galuwa said various governments of the day, educators, civil society and students have agreed that education is a tool for socio-economic transformation of nations and ensures competitiveness in the global marketplace.

"(if this is so) then the economy cannot be improved outside the education system," he said.

"This celebration is taking place at a critical time in the development of our nation as we are experiencing a slow rate of improvement in our economy and the education system is facing dramatic challenges in producing quality outcomes for our nation."

He called on the government and relevant industry stakeholders to recognise this and work towards improving the education system and supporting existing schools, colleges and universities for quality human resources for the country.

Commending the University's achievement despite all its challenges, Mr Galuwa said he hoped PNG UNRE will continue to graduate well educated and disciplined citizens who will play prominent roles in the socio-economic, cultural and political development of Papua New Guinea.

"25 years in the life of an institution is no easy accomplishment. After two decades of existence, I'm sure that you have come of age as a vibrant educational institution offering high quality training to Papua New Guineans," he said.

"Celebrations like these are occasions for remembering and saluting the founders and the



dedicated lecturers and staff... ancillary staff, technical officers, medical personnel, cleaners, drivers, security officers and others, both past and present who in diverse ways have and continue to commit themselves to nurturing and shaping the young minds entrusted to them to make them useful citizens. Without the

contributions of these illustrious people, I believe we would not be here celebrating this day. I also believe that this is an occasion to take stock of the activities of the University to determine how far the vision, mission and core values of the institution are being attained."

Mr Galuwa is employed at the National Fisheries Authority as the Senior Licensing Officer. He began employment there in 2009, after graduating from the University as one of seven pioneer Diploma in Fisheries and Marine Resources Management graduates.

After several years in the field, he returned for studies and graduated with a Bachelors degree in 2016.

"Congratulations. Yumi sanap strong. God bless UNRE."



▲ Augustine Galuwa (right) was one of seven students who were the pioneer Diploma graduates of the Fisheries and Marine Resources program in 2008. In this photo he is being congratulated by then Chancellor Sir Rabbie Namaliu at the graduation ceremony in Kavieng.

## PNG UNRE joins BSP Merchant School Fee Payment Facility

**PARENTS** and guardians of students at PNG UNRE can now pay tuition fees to the University in real time using a unique school code via Bank South Pacific's Mobile Banking.

The PNG UNRE school code is 50071, however only customers registered for BSP Mobile Banking \*131# can access this service.

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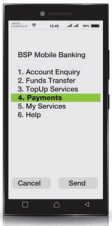
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## Planning for 2022 Vudal World Food Day field day event begins

**PLANNING** has begun for this year's Vudal World Food Day field day event.

World Food Day (WFD) which is commemorated on October 16, the anniversary of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, will be observed at the University on October 13 and 14 this year.

The event will be hosted at Kairak Centre for Sustainable Rural Development.

This year's WFD theme is *Leave no one behind. Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life.*

According to information released by FAO, although there has been progress towards building a better world, too many people have been left behind. These are people who are unable to benefit from human development, innovation and economic growth.

The paper said a sustainable world is one where everyone counts

so governments, the private sector, academic and civil society and individuals need to work together to prioritize the right of all people to food, food security, nutrition, peace and equality.

Planned activities at the Vudal event will include displays by academic departments and other sections of the University, model farm displays, machinery displays, livestock display, snake eating display, testimonies from stakeholders, students and the public, Baining Fire Dance, live band and others.

A float involving external stakeholders is being organised for October 12 as awareness of the event.

The WFD Committee which met on Monday to kick-start planning of the event will meet again on Monday July 11.

All members of the committee, especially reps from academic departments are asked to attend with budgets of their displays.

## UNRE Farm harvests cocoa

Despite the threat of Cocoa Pod Borer and competition from Oil Palm and Balsa, UNRE Farm continues to persevere in its endeavor to promote cocoa production. These pics are evident of the success of investing in a commodity that was once the identity of ENBP. A ton harvested, bagged and ready for sale. Well done team!

- Words and pictures by UNRE Farm Manager Alex Nugi.





ARTICLE FROM THE ARCHIVES

# Fisheries program comes of age

November 2009

History was made in sleepy Kavieng, New Ireland province recently when five students including two females graduated with Bachelor's degrees in fisheries and marine resources from PNG University of Natural Resources & Environment (UNRE), formerly known as University of Vudal.

*"I, Sir Rabbie Namaliu, Chancellor of Papua New Guinea University of Natural Resources & Environment, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Statutes, Regulation and By-Laws of the University, now confer the Degrees, to those who have successfully completed the academic requirements of their course as laid down and duly prescribed by the Academic Board and approved by the Council, and today, their names included in the 2009 roll of graduates of the University."*

These were the words that signified the coming of age of the University's Fisheries and Marine Resources (FMR) program on last Friday when UNRE Chancellor Sir Rabbie Namaliu conferred Bachelor's degrees on five FMR pioneer graduates – Christopher Binabat, Joseph Kendou, Robinson Liu, Priscilla Warambin and Jane Wungen (pictured above).

The graduation marked a new era in the higher education sector of Papua New Guinea as it reintroduced into the workforce, fisheries and marine resources graduates.

The country's last strictly-fisheries degree graduates graduated in 1983 from the University of Technology in Lae.

The programme then became a part of the University of PNG's marine biology curriculum; hence, last Friday's graduation marked a milestone achievement for higher education and paves the way forward for the fisheries industry, both in PNG and the South Pacific.

While the programme's first seven diploma students graduated last year,



last Friday's ceremony marked its coming of age and the culmination of the effort of various institutions in PNG and abroad, particularly Germany.

National Fisheries Authority (NFA), PNG UNRE, German Technical Cooperation (GTZ), University of Bremen's Centre for Marine Tropical Ecology (ZMT) and the Office of Higher Education (OHE), all contributed in their various capacities towards the successful establishment and administering of the academic course.

Guests at last Friday's graduation in Kavieng included, New Ireland Governor Sir Julius Chan, UNRE Chancellor Sir Rabbie Namaliu and Pro Chancellor Margaret Elias and NFA managing director Sylvester Pokajam.

While the moment was no doubt a proud one for the five graduands and their families, it was a prouder moment for the University, NFA, GTZ, ZMT, OHE and all those who collectively contributed to making the academic programme a success since its inception in 2006.

Many challenges including the lack of funding and teaching staff faced the programme designers when it was on the drawing board in 2005, but with determination and perseverance; and the strong professional will to bring into the higher education training a much-needed skill that was lacking, they overcame these.

The fruits of their labour are the

two female and three male students who will go down in history books as not only the first degree graduands of the programme but also as the first fisheries degree graduands in the country after more than 20 years.

With the world now focusing more and more on the sustainable use and conservation of natural resources and environment, the introduction of this course could not have

come at a better time for the fisheries sector in the country as well as the South Pacific and the world as it provides a skilled and better qualified workforce for an industry that is rising internationally as a mainstay in the economy.

Also graduating on the day were 16 students who were awarded diplomas in fisheries and marine resources by Sir Rabbie.

They are the second batch of diplomats under the programme, the first group of seven students graduating in the inaugural FMR graduation ceremony last year.

Since the first 20 students were admitted in 2006, there has been an increase in applications from students throughout the country wanting to gain entry into the programme.

This year's first year students also included seven Solomon Islands students who applied for the programme to help develop their country's fisheries and marine resources.

They move to UNRE's affiliated campus, National Fisheries College, for their second year of study. UNRE expects to take in more Solomon Islanders for the same course next year.

For now, however, all eyes are on the five degree pioneers, who made history for the fisheries and marine resources programme, higher education training and the fisheries sector.