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Keep your dreams alive with Flexible Open and Distance Education.



National Capital District Flexible Open and Distance Education students listening to the officers from Don Bosco Institution speaking during 2023 Career Expo at Port Moresby National School of Excellence in Port Moresby. Picture curtsy of Lorraine A Jimal.

FODE students have the equal opportunity like other students in the system schools, they are privileged to participate in school's career expo since 2017. They apply into any institutions of their choices.

FODE has taken one step at a time but in a totally advance and quality way of teaching and learning in a short period of time.

With FODE students learn to manage their time and attitude towards their studies,.

Highlights of the interesting stories and FODE developments inside.

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FODE participate in National Capital District Schools Career Expo 2023.

FODE provide another pathway to keep student's dream alive.

FLEXIBLE Open and Distance Education is another pathway to keep anyone's dream alive after leaving school with poor grades.

PC Central English Assistant Coordinator, Mr. Kenneth Bade explained the requirements and how to enroll in FODE if you score low grades in your subjects.

"There is no other place to upgrade apart from FODE, the only government upgrading system in the country, many institutions and universities prefer FODE students," he told the grade 12 students who attended the 2023 school's expo at Port Moresby National School of Excellence.

He warned students of any institution who charge students over K200 fees to upgrade is only after money and you must be wise in making choices.

It cost K150 to upgrade a subject with FODE and he further explained that, upgrading marks with FODE will not change the Grade 12 certificate; however, it only changes the mark with an attainment certificate for students to re-apply into the institutions of their choices.

Students have two examinations, one in July and the other one in October. FODE students are privileged as they have ample time to complete their lessons before they can sit for examinations.

With FODE, if students do not complete their lessons on time, they can sit the October exam. Mr. Bade said FODE teachers follow up on their students marks to ensure they get into the institutions they re-apply for.

Mr. Bade encouraged students to do well in their national examinations while they are in the system schools. If they do not do well, FODE is another pathway to upgrade their marks before applying and pursuing their studies.

FODE has been part of the expo since 2017 and this year is another year, they participated again with 35 other schools in NCD...



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Around 4,00 students from both NCD and Central had an opportunity to attend and learned about other institutions, organizations, courses and the requirements to enter if they are interested.

Mr. Bade said FODE students had missed out on the first chances and with this pathway they learned to manage their time to compete their studies.

FODE centers established throughout the country and anyone who wish to keep their dreams alive can enroll and pursue their dreams anywhere.

The expo started on Monday August 14, 2023, at 9 am with the remarks from the invited guests and 10 students from each school was given 10 minutes each to the information booth.

The institutions included both private and government organisations.

With the theme, “Information is Power,” several speeches were given by invited guests and the opening remarks was heard from the NCD guidance officer Mrs. Elsie Tauye.

Mrs. Tauye said that the expo is a crucial time for students to decide on their future carrier path and teachers from different schools to meet each others as well.

The expo ended on Friday August 18, 2023, with presentations of certificates to the participating schools and institutions. ***



NCD FODE students listening to the officer from University of Papua New Guinea explaining the programs and requirements to UPNG during the career expo at Port Moresby National School of Excellence.

**Picture courtesy of
LORRAINE JIMAL.**

With FODE age, physical appearance, time and money doesn't matter as long as you have the ability and the right mind to study and prosper in life.



National Prayer and Repentance Day observed by FODE Staff and Students.

AS the country prepares to observe the National Prayer and Repentance Day on August 26, 2023, Flexible Open and Distance Education staff, coordinators and students have also gathered and shared the theme and the gospel this morning (Wednesday August 23, 2023) at the FODE headquarters in Port Moresby.

With the theme “I love Papua New Guinea”, everyone listened to the Scripture taken from 2 Chronicles 7:14 and it said, *“Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways. I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.”*

Six-Mile Tabernacle of Prayer Senior Pastor Walter Kaumi encouraged students to be serious and pray for the country’s economy and peace in the society at this time in this repentance day.

He said the institution had taken the right initiative to observe the day as they are the future leaders of this country and one day, they will lead the country. “You will never go wrong in your decisions making and you will be successful and be one of the best institutions in the country,” he said.

Pastor Kaumi encouraged students to put God first in every decision they make. Deputy Principal Curriculum, Dr. Janet Subagan Mondez said, that whatever status and situation everyone had in personal, social, and economic lives, everyone has the dignity that is worth to be respected. “We have to love each other and let us always seek in each other and be the witness of Christ because we are created in his image and likeness,” she said.

She thanked everyone on behalf of the FODE family, administration, and all the 22 FODE Provincial Centers are offered back to God and all the things we do will be for His greater glory. “Let us take this week to repent, reflect and continue caring for each other and be the true children of God. From there we can truly say that I love Papua New Guinea,” she said. ***



FODE students, teachers and coordinators observing the national prayer and repentance day at the headquarters, Port Moresby.

FODE midyear exams marking completed.

FODE NCD and Central teachers have completed student's mid-year exams marking on a high note and satisfaction in Port Moresby in July 2023.

After spending a week marking English, Mathematics, Science, Social Science, Business Studies, Accounting, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Information and Communication Technology and Personal Development at Crown Hotel in Port Moresby.

FODE deputy principal curriculum Dr. Janet Subagan Mondez said, about 6,500 combined examination answer sheets from various examinable subjects from upgraders in the 22 provincial centers and registered centers were marked.

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Pictures of the teachers and support staff during marking.



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Central Province has launched the roll out program in several Secondary and Vocational Education and Training (VET) schools in Central to assist students.

The launching took place in Port Moresby and attended by schools' principals and managers of VET schools in Central.

FODE has issued them the learning materials of tablets which contain lessons for students.

This will be piloted in certain schools and if it is successful, it will be rollout in other schools as well. FODE have been bridging the gap by providing second pathway, so that no one is left behind which upholds the Government's aim of leaving no one behind.

Meanwhile FODE services have been taking another step in an online platform to six piloted project sites in the country. Which had seen NICTA onboard to assist with the online services through a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Department of Education to assist FODE.

FODE principal Mr., Anthony Rayappan said, FODE was privileged to have the partnership with both Department of Information and Technology and National Information and Communication for choosing FODE to enable students learning through technology.

"We are privileged to have Reelae a big company to manage Australia and PNG, we are thankful for your support," he said.

Mr. Rayappan also thanked Education Secretary Dr Uke Kombra who signed the MoA between NICTA and DoE in rolling out Flexible Distance Education services using online platform to six piloted sites in the country. More FODE centers will be added after the piloted project.

The MoA came because of an earlier successful trial run by DoE on the website-based School and Learning Management System early this year in Port Moresby.



FODE principal Mr. Anthony Rayappan presenting learning materials to Central vocational and secondary schools teachers during the launching. Picture courtesy of FODE.

The project will be trialed in six locations targeting 3,700 students at an estimated cost of K600 000 for a period of two years.

The areas including NCD Head Office, Central NCD Head Office in NCD, Daru, Lae Goroka and Tari Town.

Through this agreement NICTA will be responsible for content digitalization, broadband connectivity, training, and smart devices while DoE will be responsible for Information Technology audit, infrastructure, skill, staff, administration, security, and sustainability plan for the project.

With governments motto of leaving no one behind, the department of education through its FODE has been providing another pat way for students in the form of upgrading and standard curriculum using FODE.



MoA signing with DoE and NICTA.

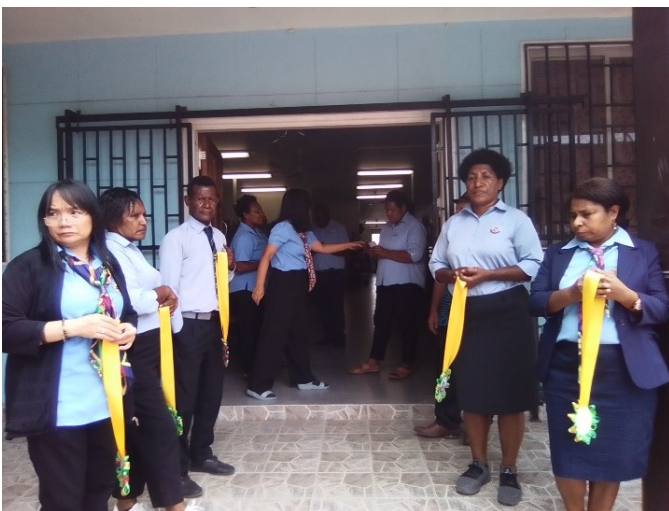


FODE Principal Mr. Anthony Rayappan and acting first assistant secretary Mr. Andrew Angobe during the MoA signing.



FODE receive K1million from Gulf Government to deliver services to Gulf .

AFTER two years of waiting the Flexible Open and Distance Education (FODE) is content to deliver services to the Gulf Province. This was made possible after the Provincial Government presented a cheque of K1million to the institution on Monday August 28 at the headquarters in Port Moresby. Deputy secretary Walipe Wingi, FODE principal Mr. Anthony Rayappan received the cheque. And witnessed by FODE Inclusive Education heads, both FODE and education senior staff. FODE Principal Mr. Anthony Rayappan said, “we will plan, secure more funds and we will deliver services in your province.” He assure Gulf Governor and his people that they would not fail them. Mr. Rayappan said that the organization understood the struggles and challenges of the province to excess such services and he assured them that FODE would deliver. “We are going to make it successful with support from our Karema PC and Gulf Provincial Government, we will ensure FODE service is delivered in your Province.” Mr. Rayappan said. The building would be an iconic building in Kerema town that would include four classrooms, a library, and a conference room. He thanked the Gulf Province for trusting FODE, Education senior staff, FODE Inclusive Education heads, and everyone who contributed to deliver successful FODE services to the citizens. Mr. Rayappan said it was not easy to materialize and what the Gulf Government had supported FODE is an eyeopener for other provinces to...



Pictures shows the FODE staff and division staff during the cheque presentation.

Deputy education secretary Walipe Wingi has encouraged the citizens to see FODE as a transformed institutions from its humble beginning as College of Distance Education to FODE.

“We are the biggest government open learning institution in the country.” He said.

Mr. Wingi said that the institution could converted into an open university where students could manage their own studies at their own time someday. He further explained that previously, FODE was under the general education services, which now a division of its own and recognized.

“FODE curriculum is realign to the mainstream. We have one examination and one certification,” he said. He thanked the Gulf Governor for the support and urged other provinces to support FODE in their province as well. “We assure you that FODE will be at your doorstep. So Kerema, FODE is coming to you.” He said. Gulf Governor Christopher Seseve Haiveta said, this was their contributions to support FODE in the province. “This is the little thing we can do to assist you; it is my privilege and honor to be with you today,” he said. This will not only benefit Kerema people but other citizens living in Kerema as well. He said it took two years for them to present the cheque due to elections and other issues. He conveyed his appreciation to Education Secretary and Minister, and thanked the provincial education coordinators for the support. “FODE is the best alternative to improve literacy and level of understanding in Gulf, we trust you FODE,” he said. He added that FODE students’ timetable will be slotted in the system schools’ timetable to allow FODE to have classes and tutorials daily as well, so no one is left behind.



Group photo showing the presentation of the dummy cheque to FODE, education heads by Gulf Governor Gulf Governor Christopher Seseve Haiveta.



New Calendar for FODE and Inclusive Education Division 2023.



From left: FODE and Inclusive Education assistant secretary provincial support management and coordination Mrs. Erica Inai, principal Mr. Anthony Rayappan and Division acting assistant secretary for program management and coordination Mr. Adrian Tapora.

A small but significant event for the FODE and Inclusive Education Division as they launch a new Calander for the first time in a while.

Division Acting Assistant Secretary for Program Management and Coordination Mr. Adrian Tapora said, the Calander would enable the organization to work towards achieving their goal.

This Calendar will allow the organization to keep tracks on their daily, monthly, or even yearly events, be organized and plan a head to meet their events deadlines.

He said this would also reflects and links the organization to their various department plans and policies.

“In order for the department and division to function properly we should have a calendar, so all our plans and functions are captured on,” he said.

Mr. Tapora also clarified that the division roles are policy implementations while FODE HQ is responsible for teaching and learning.

He thanked the staff and everyone for the successful launching of the Calander as it would give a clear picture of what and how the year would end for the organization.

FODE and Inclusive Education Provincial Support Management and Coordination Assistant Secretary Mrs. Erica Inai said, though it was nearly the end of the year, but it is a milestone for the division to had it launch.

She said this during an interview with FODE media that, they were happy as they had gotten this of their back.

“We are happy at least we get things off our shoulder and finally launch this as we have been waiting for this moment,” she said.

The division have been waiting for a while to launch it due to funding issues and finally they got it off.

She said the copies would be sent out to the provinces immediately.

She thanked FODE HQ for the support and commitment for the successful launch.



The five staff from the division who witnessed the calendar launching at FODE HQ.

The program took place at the FODE HQ witnessed by staff from the division and the HQ.



Teachers and staff from FODE HQ listening to FODE and Inclusive Education Provincial Support Management and Coordination Assistant Secretary Mrs. Erica Inai speaking during the launching.



48th Independence Celebrations 2023 @FODE HQ.



Staff, students, and parents celebrating 48th Independence at FODE HQ.

FODE staff, students pre-48th Independence celebrations.

It is an overwhelming moment for the teachers, staff when walking into the arena with PNG colors to celebrate the pre 48th Independence Celebrations on Thursday September 14, at the headquarters.

The campus packed with students, staff, and the families all in their PNG colors.

It is a tradition and annual thing for staff and students to celebrate, observe and

reflect on their behaviors and activities and be more productive in the years to come.

Flexible Open and Distance Education Principal Mr. Anthony Rayappan said, the Independence was a time to stand tall among all the nations and showcasing our distinct identity.

“Every year we celebrate independence we must think, embrace and respect those forefathers, leaders and the freedom fighters during the freedom moment,” he said.

He said it was a time to reflect on the freedom fighter’s messages and the struggles they went through to get the nation this far.

“Today we are enjoying the fruit of the seed they saw 48 years ago,” he said.

He further stated that this year theme was not only to commemorate the 48th years of Independence, but also lays a foundation for the upcoming 50th Golden Jubilee in 2025.

He said the forefathers had done their part and the challenge was on this future going forward now.

“We are going to full fill their dream lets also remember our forefathers and everyone in pour families work together to achieve their dreams,” he told the students and staff.





Be proud of which culture we come from and celebrate with unity and pride lets be happy for the freedom we have and look after our country's future.. One people, one Country.

*Happy Birthday Papua New Guinea.. ****



FODE students received online Learning Management System (LMS) Certificate.

FIFTY students from FODE NCD and FODE Central have received the certificate for the online Learning Management System class.

According to FODE it was a piloted project where grade 10 science students from the two centers have tried out the digitalized learning of science subjects within three months.

This certificate will add to other certificates that they will receive and serve as a reference to their curriculum vitae when seeking jobs as well.

Grade 10 students from FODE Central Laya Kara said, LMS helped her discovered many things she was not sure about, like problem solving, science equations and other basic grade 10 science units.

“It motivated me to want to continue learn using LMS because I can see things and understand better,” she said.

The 18-year-old was interested to take up the class after noting that she needed improvements on science knowledges and score good grades in her assignments and exams.

Kara said from her experiences if LMS was introduced throughout FODE centers in the country, it would help students going forward and she thanked FODE and the Reelae company for their support in helping students like her.

FODE Principal Mr. Anthony Rayappan said, it was a good start for the students who showed interest and completed the lessons.

“I can see the eagerness and enthusiasm in the students in the digitalized learning,” he told the students.

He said FODE is very proud of the partnership with the Reelae company to provide the digitized learning for the students. PC Central and NCD was two among the other piloted project centers and it would be roll out in all centers very soon.

“We must be fortunate that we have a digitalized system for learning so students can use their devices to do exams, activities and tests,” he said.

“Let’s not think that we are failures anymore, we are same and equal to others in the system school, be proud in our uniforms while attending the tutorials,” he said.

He added that the Education Department also is liaising with the department of higher education to consider FODE students grade 10 and 12 in the online selection students.



“FODE has taken another step in the digitalized teaching and learning.

Just like any other system FODE is delivering same and standard curriculum in a different mode.

FODE online Learning Management System (LMS) students teachers and Reelae CEO and Co-Founder Mr. Samson Korawali (center).



PC Jiwaka Roll-Out FODE in TVET and Secondary schools.



Four secondary schools are implementing FODE Roll-Out Program as instructed in a circular by the Education Secretary Dr. Uke Kombra.

According to Provincial Coordinator Mr. Pell Bund, Minj, Fatima, Kudjup and Banz Secondary Principals allowed their teachers to teach and use their classrooms for FODE students. All the deputy principals in each school have incorporated timetable for FODE students.

FODE is another pathway for the students to upgrade their marks and enter to tertiary institutions. Mr bund said FODE give young people hope and keep them busy and keep them away from illegal activities and cause chaos in the society.

Other institutions involved in delivering FODE including Christian Leader Training College (CLTC), Maria Kwin TVET, Fatima TVET, Kuli TVET, Dalnamb TVET, Wara Tuman Bible College and Banz Lutheran College.

He said next year going forward the PC Jiwaka will Roll-Out to other TVET, Secondary and High Schools.

This is in line with the Government priority – **‘Education for all & Leaving No child behind’**.

Implementing FODE Strategic Plan 2021-2025: increase enrolment and give access to all student who wish to complete Grade 7,8,9,10,11 & 12.

“Our enrolment is increasing, for instance in 2018 our enrolment was 70 but last year was 1,400 and this year enrolment is more and yet to finalize and confirm.” Mr. Bund said.

He thanked all the institutions for incorporating FODE Roll-Out saying it was a government plan and policy and it is good for our children’s education in this province.
