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The All-New Japan-Pacific ICT Center

In a formal function that incorporated Fijian traditional ceremonies, his Excellency the President of the Republic of Fiji Ratu Epeli Nailatikau and the Japanese Ambassador to Fiji, His Excellency Mr Yutaka Yoshizawa opened the Japan-Pacific ICT Centre on





6 July 2010. This was an extremely important event in the history of the University, as this gift worth F\$43 million from the people of Japan includes office space, PC labs with 360 computers, 20 high-end servers, cutting-edge audio-visual equipment, and incubator spaces to encourage entrepreneurialism. Japan has been a valued and important donor to USP, and its contribution will assist ICT development in the region. The second phase which is the construction of a 307 seat multi-purpose theatre commenced in May 2010 and is expected to be completed by end 2011.

USP Bookcentre

USP Book Centre specializes in books about the Pacific - its people & politics, history & geography, culture & traditions, flora & fauna, language & literature, travel, crafts and many more...

Community Recreation Centre

The Community Recreation Centre (CRC), which consists of a gymnasium, a swimming pool, tennis courts, a squash court and sporting fields, provides a wide range of recreational and sporting opportunities for all USP students, Staff, Alumni and Community members to enjoy.



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Library

The Main Library of the University of the South Pacific based at Laucala Campus was first established in 1969, a year after the University was founded in 1968. The current three-storey building was opened in 1988 with funding from the Australian Government. It has an area of 6,500 square meters, 780 seats for readers. The USP Library network, comprising 22 libraries that are located across the USP member countries offers more than 1 million books, 26,000 full text titles accessible via multidisciplinary databases with 24/7 access from the Library website, and over 300 print serial subscriptions. The Main Library uses the Spydus integrated library system.





The Oceania Center for Arts Culture and Pacific Studies

The Oceania Centre for Arts, Culture and Pacific Studies (also known as The Oceania Centre and OCAC-PS) is the heart and soul of the University of the South Pacific (USP). Located at USP's Laucala Campus, OCACPS uniquely blends formal academic programs in Pacific Studies with non-formal programs in the creative arts.

Since 1997, The Oceania Centre has developed a reputation throughout the region, and internationally, as the leader in the development of uniquely Oceanic, contemporary arts and artists. Both the Red Wave collective (Visual Arts) and the Oceania Dance Theatre were nurtured at The Oceania Centre.

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The addition of the academic program of Pacific Studies in 2008, to form OCACPS, allows the merging of formal academic teaching and research programs with the creative arts. This partnership will allow the Oceania Centre for Arts, Culture and Pacific Studies to reinforce its reputation as the leader in the fields of Oceanic cultures and creativity into the future.

SUVA CITY THE CAPITAL OF FIJI





Location

The city of Suva sits on a hilly peninsula between Laucala Bay and Suva Harbour on the south-eastern side of Viti Levu. Suva is Fiji's capital city. It is the major commercial and political centre of Fiji, and the largest urban area in the South Pacific outside of Australia and New Zealand. Suva is mostly surrounded by sea. As the capital, Suva has a Parliament House and many overseas embassies. Suva is home to a variety of South Pacific educational institutions including the University of the South Pacific, the Fiji School of Medicine, the Fiji National University and the Institute of Technology Australia. This vibrant multi-cultural capital has a population of about 200,000, and a large selection of shops and restaurants. The main tourist attractions in Suva include:

- Colo-I-Suva Forest Park
- Golf Course at Rifle Range
- Bowling Club
- Fiji Museum
- Suva City Tour
- Queen Elizabeth Drive/Foreshore
- Takashi Suzuki Garden
- Sukuna Park
- Heritage buildings
- Thurston Gardens
- National Aquatic Centre
- Suva Market
- Handicraft Centre
- Government House
- Albert Park

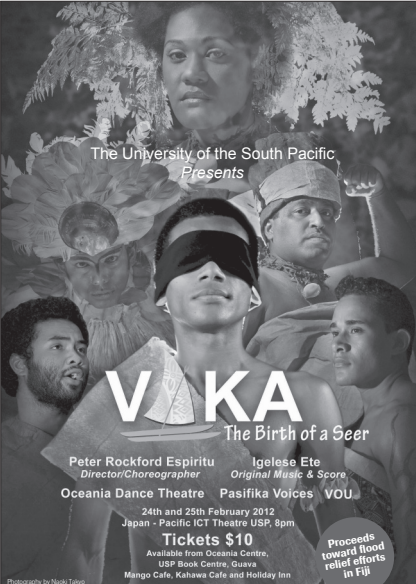


Fiji Weather

Fiji weather is distinctly tropical. Overall, temperatures between November and April (summer) are slightly higher than the winter months, as is the humidity and the resulting tropical downpours. Light cotton clothes are advisable at all times - only between May and October (winter) will a light sweater be needed for nights and early mornings.

By the end of April, Fiji experiences a more moderate climate. Temperatures are comfortably warm by day (27C) and pleasantly cool at night (19C) when a light jumper may be necessary. By midwinter (July), many parts of the country welcome rain - the hills around Nadi turn brown and water shortages occur on the smaller islands. However, on the eastern sides of the larger islands, notably Suva, Savusavu and Taveuni, rainfall is never far away keeping the air clear and scenery green year round.





The University of the South Pacific
Presents

VKA

The Birth of a Seer

Peter Rockford Espritu
Director/Choreographer

Igelese Ete
Original Music & Score





Oceania Dance Theatre Pasifika Voices VOJ

24th and 25th February 2012
Japan - Pacific ICT Theatre USP, 8pm

Tickets \$10
Available from Oceania Centre,
USP Book Centre, Quava
Mango Cafe, Kahawa Cafe and Holiday Inn

Proceeds toward flood relief efforts in Fiji

Photography by Naeke Takaia

   The Fiji Times 

USPHOPE FUNDRAISING DINNER

for those who lost their lives and possessions through
natural disasters in Japan, Christchurch and Fiji

Date: Thursday 23 February 2012

Time: 6pm-7pm: Exhibition opening and Cocktail

7.00pm: Dinner

Venue: Oceania Centre for Arts, Culture & Pacific Studies

ALL WELCOME

Includes Opening of Special Gallery

Exhibition and Cocktail

Entertainment - OCACPS Dance Group

Contact Laijipa Naulivou on
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Dress Code: Bula

Table for 10 people will cost \$1,000 or \$100 per head



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