

# Vice-Chancellor's Report to Council

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Semester 1 concluded with over 40 000 exams administered across a two-week period. With grades being released on 9 July, it will be a quick turnaround before classes start again on 15 July.

With the end of Semester 1 many staff took leave as I did from 2 to 11 July.

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This year we saw a record-breaking number of students attend our annual Te Rā Tūhura | Discovery Day on 6 June. Over 1,700 students and careers advisors attended to explore the wide range of learning opportunities available at UC.

We hosted MP Andy Foster during his visit to Christchurch. After our meeting covering a briefing on the UC Strategy, student success and research priorities, he visited the UCSA, hosted by Luc MacKay.

Over two days in June, Arts' Global, Cultural and Language Studies Department hosted Spanish Day, Japanese Day and German Day with over 1,000 students attending from 15 different Canterbury High Schools. Students were able to explore various opportunities related to studying languages at UC and



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The staff survey results were released to all staff in mid-June and there were two staff hui where the results were presented and discussed. The results will be discussed in more detail at Faculty and Service Unit levels, and plans developed to focus on areas for improvement.

HIT Lab NZ is running weekly game evenings, led by its students. These are advertised as a chance to nurture relationships within the lab and develop an appreciation of great game design.

The University Health Centre received Foundation Standards reaccreditation from the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners. The standards are legislative, regulatory and clinical requirements for all general practices in New Zealand, and a benchmark by which a practice can measure its current quality of care and progress toward health equity outcomes.

The University's recently formalised framework of support for pan-university Communities of Practice (CoP) recognises the value in sustaining group activities that facilitate cross-organisational collaboration and peer support. The framework, developed by

I was invited to join the Prime Minister's business delegation to Japan during 16-19 June. Supported by New Zealand Trade and Enterprise and Education New Zealand, the visit reflected the Government's commitment to lifting its engagement with Japan, diversifying trade and accelerating New Zealand's economic growth. UC extended invitations to our Japanese university partners and alumni to attend a reception hosted by the Prime Minister. The attendance of President Hitoshi Takahashi of Sendai University reflects the strength of the relationship between our institutions.

The Electrical Power Engineering (EPE) Centre was pleased to host a delegation from Japan's New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organisation, who are seeking to collaborate on a project led by Professor Neville Watson (ECE) and managed by EPE Centre.

UC Law hosted the Asia-Pacific Disaster Law Conference during 25-27 June. Nearly 100 attendees