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**SPEECH AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF COCA COLA GAMES**

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**ANZ Stadium Sat. 26th April, 2014**

**LAUCALA BAY 1600 Hours**

To our Young Athletes,

The Parents and Guardians,

Organisers of the Coca Cola Games,

The Supporters,

Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am honoured and delighted to be among our young athletes and officiate the closing of one of the biggest sports events in Fiji.

I thank the Sponsors and Organisers and for making this event again a successful one, more so all the students who participated and making this event more competitive as ever.

Every year we see the Coca Cola Games grow to another level and witness the increase of young athletes who continue to perform above expectations.

The last two days we witnessed the display of sheer determination, the will to win, the camaraderie and the courage to punch above your weight with your fellow competitors. Fiji needs people like you and who can dream of achieving your goal and do something about.

Congratulations to ……………………………………….. for winning the Girls category and ……………………………….for winning the Boys category. I encourage you to congratulate your fellow competitors who have brought the best of you.

I congratulate everyone who participated here today. I congratulate the organisers for making this event successful. I congratulate all parents and supports in believing in our young athletes and allowing them the chance to live their dreams.

This event is not only to improve and enhance competitions, but it is an ARENA for friendship to be fostered forever – as young Fijian Athletes with common dream to make Fiji proud.

Again, I would like to say that I am proud to be among all of our students, our children, our Young Athletes who are bred and trained in our very own backyard. You have the potential to progress and make Fiji proud.

I wish every student the very best in your endeavours and take time to enjoy your holidays responsibly.

Thank you – Vinaka vakalevu.

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