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FSM Investigator in Charge releases preliminary report on crash of Air Niugini flight PX 073

By *Bill Jaynes*
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Federated States of Micronesia—The FSM Department of Transportation, Communications, and Infrastructure (DTC&I) has released its preliminary report on the crash into the lagoon of Air Niugini Flight PX 073. The report represents no more than a statement of facts as they are known at this time with no analysis or conclusions drawn.

of the crash.

The preliminary report lists the agencies that have been involved in the investigation including investigators from the Papua New Guinea Accident Investigation Commission, the US National Transportation Safety Board, the Federal Aviation Administration, and Boeing. Technical advisers from the US National Weather Service are assisting the US Accredited Representative.

The DTC&I is responsible for the “no-blame” safety investigation. The preliminary report is based on the investigation carried out by DTC&I at the date of its publication. It contains factual information, and safety actions taken and proposed.

The report discusses the factual history of the flight.

“On Friday 28 September 2018, a Boeing 737-8BK aircraft, registered P2-PXE, was being operated by



Air Niugini Limited, on a scheduled passenger flight from Pohnpei to Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia.

“At 23:45 UTC1 (09:45 local time) the aircraft impacted the water of Chuuk Lagoon about 1,500 ft (460 m) short of the runway 04 threshold, during its approach to runway

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Pohnpei police execute search warrants and arrest three for alleged bid rigging on infrastructure projects

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei—On October 22, Pohnpei Supreme Court Justice Joseph issued a search warrant on seven homes and offices. The warrant said that the Court is satisfied that probable cause exists to believe that ZJ Construction Co., Zaiger Sonden, Emerenciano Canama, and Jack Yakana conspired to engage in bid rigging and collusion to obtain contracts in favor of ZJ Construction Co. in violation of 61 PC 6.147, "Cheating"; in violation of 61 PC 6-141, "Grand Larceny." Moreover, the Court found probable cause to believe that Emerenciano Canama's and Jack Yakana's conduct amounts to a violation of 61 PC 10-112, "Misconduct in Public Office".

"Probable cause" does not mean that the men have been convicted of anything and are presumed to be innocent unless otherwise proven in a court of law.

Yesterday the warrant was executed at the residential and business premises of Emerenciano Canama, the residential premises of Zaiger Sonden and his business office, "ZJ Construction Company", the residence of Jack Yakana, and the Transportation and Infrastructure office where Canama and Yakana work or did work, and the Project Management Office of the Pohnpei Government. State police officers executed the warrant seizing personal and business records, document, computers, hard drives, flash drives, electronic data storage devices, emails, bank records, check book registers, passbook saving accounts, bank statements, business books and records, files and other documents related to 20 Pohnpei infrastructure projects.

Additionally, officers arrested Sonden, Yakana and Canama based on arrest warrants issued by the Court. Though today was UN Day in the FSM, a national holiday, Associate Justice Nickontro Johnny held a hearing at just before 5:00 this evening. He released the defendants based on a surety and the surrender of their passports to the court.

On October 11, based on an examination of the Office of Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) by a Joint Investigative Team, the Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) issued a Management Advisory Report to Acting Administrator of T&I, Mr. Ricky Lebehn. The investigation team consisted of one representative from each of the Department of Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General and from the Compliance Investigation Division OPA. "The special review was brought on by allegations of impropriety with T&I bidding and awarding processes," the letter said.

The report advised the Acting Director that the Attorney General would commence an investigation that could lead to possible prosecution "relating to potential collusion, fraud, abuse and corrupt practices resulting (that were) identified and reported by the Joint Investigation Team."

The report informed Lebehn that of the total of 30 construction projects with an aggregate value of \$1,180,030.16 awarded during FY 2017, 15 projects totaling \$651,421.51 were awarded to ZJ Construction, a total of 50% of the contracts and 55 percent of the total project funds.

The team selected an in-depth examination, including on-site visits of ten projects each with a contract value of \$20,000 and higher. T&I had awarded all those contracts to ZJ

Construction.

The report said that a majority of contract files reviewed showed that the company was a non-responsive and non-responsible bidder. There were instances where contracts were awarded to ZJ Construction even though they were not the lowest responsible bidder. The company's bids also often did not include a detail of its qualifications and other items usually required in bids.

The report said there was an appearance of collusion, conflict of interest and mismanagement of the contract bidding and award process. It alleged that the State Government Architect exerted his influence to divert business to ZJ Construction. It alleged that he directly leaked information to his wife who worked as an Auto-CAD operator for the company. It implied that leak may have powered the bids that ZJ Construction submitted to T&I. Most of the bid proposals submitted by the company were within 10 percent of the government estimates and were also the closest in terms of quantity of materials when those quantities were not published in the invitations to bid.

"The Administrator/Contracting Officer of T&I admitted not following the bidding laws required under the Financial Management Regulations," the report alleged. "He also admitted to negligence for not reviewing bid proposals thoroughly and awarding projects for efficient and effective implementation of the projects."

The report included photos and other information from their site visits to six of the reviewed infrastructure projects. At each of the sites it found examples of materials that were not the quality of materials that were bid, or items such as new doors required

under the scope of work that were not provided at all, or work that was said to have been complete that did not work or did not last longer than one use, or overdue jobs that had barely even begun though they had long ago been scheduled for completion, or other discrepancies, or all of the above.

The report made several recommendations to T&I in order to keep the problems they found in the bidding process from happening again.

"Open competitive bidding is a transparent procurement method in which bids from competing contractors, suppliers or vendors are invited by openly advertising the scope, specifications and terms and conditions of the proposed contract as well as the criteria by which the bids will be evaluated," Pohnpei Attorney General Dana Smith wrote in a draft press release. "Competitive bidding aims to obtain the best value for the government by stimulating competition and preventing favoritism. As a result, the government can obtain goods and services at the lowest price."

He continued, "The government Contracting Officer and those other government officers responsible for the fair administration of the contracting process have a fiduciary duty to protect the interest of the people of Pohnpei and its Treasury. When the procurement process fails this breakdown may allow corruption in the award of public contracts. Here in Pohnpei, one result has been that many contractors refuse to even submit bids for government projects because they believe that the process is rigged and that only one or two contractors get all the work. Mismanagement of the procurement process results in waste of limited financial resources, loss of value and increased cost to the tax payers."

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Municipal Council Association holds its third annual summit in Madolenihmw



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Madolenihmw, Pohnpei—Beginning on October 19, the Municipal Council Association held its third annual summit at the new gymnasium in Pohnlangas, Madolenihmw.

During the next two days, council members from each of Pohnpei’s municipalities heard presentations on a variety of topics and participated in question and answer discussions.

On the first day they had presentations on the security aspect of the Compact of Free Association with the United States by FSM’s Department of Foreign Affairs. Churchill Edward presented on behalf of the Department of Education, and Alexander Narruhn presented on FSM Social Security.

On the next day they heard a presentation on the economic aspect of the Compact of Free Association, presented by Palikkun Kilafwasru. After the morning break they had a panel discussion on pre and post 2023, presented by the JCRP Committee. In the afternoon, that panel discussion continued from the viewpoint of Pohnpei and National leaders.



Vice President meets with “Raise Your Text” regarding teacher absenteeism

FSM Information Services

October 19th, 2018

The Honorable Yosiwo P. George, Vice President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), along with Secretary Kalwin Kephas, Consultant Vishnu Karki, and Chief of Basic Education Wayne Mendiola of the FSM Department of Education including Special Assistant to the Office of the President, Mr. Herman Semes Jr, met with the Raise Your Text team on October 19th, 2018 to discuss an ongoing project concerning teacher absenteeism in FSM schools. “This is an important issue,” said Vice President Yosiwo George, “I’m interested to see if this tool is effective.”

Raise Your Text is a startup company whose primary product is a community development platform that reduces teacher absenteeism through an anonymous accountability model via mobile phones and email. Through a memorandum of understanding with Pohnpei Department of Education, Raise Your Text has been conducting a pilot of its program in Pohnpei schools which has—so far—seen statistically interesting results, where in elementary schools for example ~96.8% of Raise Your Text teachers have been present in the classroom compared with ~91.4% of non-pilot program teachers in all schools. At pilot elementary schools specifically, the attendance rates are 98.6% for pilot teachers versus 96.8% of non-pilot teachers at pilot schools. For all low accredited schools the rate Raise Your Text pilot teachers were present was 98% of the time, compared to 85.7% for non-pilot teachers. The first data report covers the first five weeks of the academic year.

Presently funded exclusively by D-Prize through an entrepreneurial grant, their pilot will end on November 2nd and their funding will cease by December 1st.

“When I was a Peace Corps Volunteer at Salapwuk,” said Raise Your Text CEO Nicholas Canfield, “I’d see students walk five or six miles in the morning only to have no teacher at the school, and to be told to go home. I want today’s students to have a voice in their education, and for communities to become energized about this issue.”

“We,” said Richard Clark—Chief

Development Officer of Raise Your Text, and an adviser at the Pohnpei Department of Education—“released our five-week data report two weeks ago, and we’ll have another data report at the conclusion of the pilot. So far the data is promising, but the issue is that our datasets and timelines are too small to show statistically strong as opposed to merely interesting results. What we want to do is determine if we can get additional funding through the FSM National Government, so we can extend the pilot period in Pohnpei to the end of the academic year. By getting more data, we can determine if Raise Your Text is genuinely effective; and, if it is effective, then we see if the FSM wants to expand it throughout the rest of Pohnpei DOE and the other FSM State DOEs.”

“It would be exciting to see if we can implement this in the FSM National Government itself,” said Special Assistant Herman Semes Jr, “at least to give us the data for leadership to see how absenteeism may have an impact on performance and cost to the National Government.” Such information may be very useful for our leaders to know.

So far the Raise Your Text program is popular among school principals in Pohnpei State, and many school leadership staff have requested that the program be expanded to all teachers in all schools. It’s also popular with teachers, with many at Ohmine Elementary School using it to reach out to students and parents about preparing for their exams.

However, while Raise Your Text is showing promising results, its future is still to be determined. “Neither teacher policing nor teacher incentives work as a silo,” said Consultant Vishnu Karki, noting in the meeting that any policing program must be married to an incentive program. “We haven’t made up our mind yet,” he said, regarding the adoption of Raise Your Text into the National Department of Education. “The data so far is too small—but we’re interested in the next data report.”

Raise Your Text is co-founded by Nicholas Canfield, Richard Clark, and Prathima Appaji.

“Okeanos Foundation for the Sea” to place “vaka” in Pohnpei for outer islands service

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Pohnpei—Managing Director of the Pohnpei operation for Okeanos Foundation for the Sea, Jack Yakana says that next month a 50 foot “Vaka” (catamaran) will arrive in Pohnpei with the intention of serving Pohnpei’s outer islands. He says the vessel has 12 bunks available that accommodate seven passengers and five crew members. It is capable of additionally carrying three tons of freight. Since it only has a draft of two and half feet, it can get much closer to the shores of the outer islands.

The Okeanos Foundation for the Sea is a German philanthropic non-profit organization with a US entity that supports Pacific island states in their efforts to operate and also to build fossil-fuel free traditional sailing canoes (vakas) for their daily passenger and cargo transportation needs, culturally based education and research.

Okeanos’ mission is to empower Pacific Island people to implement traditionally based sustainable sea transportation to ensure independence, cultural revival and ocean stewardship.

Yakana said that Pohnpei State has committed to \$220,000 worth of pre-booked charters. He said that amount represents a savings to the state.

There are, however, limitations to what the vessel will carry. It can’t carry animals or construction supplies. It will, however, be able to carry food, produce, fuel, humanitarian relief items, and other items.

The traditionally navigated vessel has one sail and a backup motor that runs on coconut fuel. It is also solar powered. Yakana said that because the vessel will



visit only one island at a time, it will be able to stay at each island for as long as is needed for projects such as research operations, health projects such as vaccination programs, education, and other projects requiring stays longer than the field trip ship is able to accommodate.

The vessel is internationally certified as being seaworthy and vessels like it, including the larger 72 foot long vessel, have already logged several thousand miles in long ocean passages like one crossing from New Zealand to San Francisco.

He said that Okeanos plans to establish a school in Pohnpei to train people in the art of traditional navigations practices. It also will establish a boat yard for maintenance of the vessel.

The Okeanos Vaka Motu non-profit operations are conducted by Pacific islands-led social enterprises that offer traditionally based sustainable sea transportation to meet day-to-day needs. The company already has vessels in operation in nine Pacific islands countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, New Zealand, Samoa, Tahiti, Tonga, Vanuatu, Marshall Islands, and the

Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas. Okeanos says that it has already trained hundreds of previously inexperienced sailors in the art of traditional navigation.

FSM will be the 10th Pacific Island nation to receive placement of a vaka starting with Pohnpei. Yap is scheduled to receive a vaka vessel in April.

Okeanos Foundation and its social enterprises share a vision for a sustainable, fossil fuel free future built upon respect for traditional knowledge, environmental stewardship, biodiversity and holistic place-based education and development strategies.

The foundation develops, funds and implements projects that inspire and initiate positive change for people and the environment – while increasing awareness of the threats our oceans face in tandem with realistic future solutions.

Yakana said that when he learned of the mission and purpose of Okeanos Foundation for the Sea, he was so supportive of it that he left his position at Pohnpei Transportation and Infrastructure to help.

Japan provides funding for the reconstruction of the Xavier High School Library

Embassy of Japan

September 25, 2018

Chuuk—Under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects, the Japanese government provided \$80,491 to the reconstruction of the Xavier High School Library that was heavily damaged by Typhoon Maysak in 2015.

Xavier High School has long been a bastion of excellence in learning in Micronesia. Many of today’s Micronesian leaders are alumni of the school.

The new library will increase confidence among students and teachers. It will also allow them to have a safe space where they can do research, study, use computers, and work on group projects.

In his address, His Excellency Ryoichi Horie, the Ambassador of Japan hoped that the newly renovated library would contribute to a better atmosphere for study at the school.

He also added that he was glad to be back

in Xavier High School to hear more songs prepared by the students. The Ambassador and Madam shared a lovely song too to the Xavier High School Students.

Mr. Martin K. Carl, Principal of Xavier High School expressed his sincere gratitude for the generous assistance. He said that the library would be used to educate students through research, cooperative learning, and group study and seminar meetings for students.

Mrs. Eleanor S. Mori, Board Member of Xavier High School said that she was honored to be invited to join the special ceremony and conveyed her deepest gratitude to the Ambassador and the people of Japan. Mr. Shota Shigeta, Student Body Association President and Ms. Winneta Irons, Girls’ Representative also expressed their sincere appreciation to the Japan Government.

The ceremony was witnessed by the board member, teachers, staff and students of Xavier High School and an Embassy staff member.



German Cemetery and Sokehs Mass Grave restored in Pohnpei

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Pohnpei—As rain fell as it often does in Pohnpei, dozens of people witnessed the inauguration celebration of the rehabilitation project of the German Cemetery and Sokehs Mass Grave this afternoon. The ceremony took place at the site of the German Cemetery which is located behind the Kepinle Church.

The sign on the new fence that has been installed around the grave markers says, “Working for Peace—seeking reconciliation across the graves this cemetery site serves as a historical reminder of events during the German Administration of 1899 to 1914.”

The project was funded by the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in partnership with the Division of Historic Preservation, Department of Land, Pohnpei State Government and the Rotary Club of Pohnpei.

Augustine Kohler served as the Master of Ceremonies for the inauguration of the site. He said in both good and bad ways, the German Administration had an impact on Pohnpei. He reminded the audience that



though he is from Sokehs where the Sokehs rebellion and subsequent executions took place, he has a German last name.

Senior Pastor Bethwel Henry, of the Kepinle Protestant Church, and one of the FSM’s Founding Fathers gave the opening prayer. Acting Kolonia Town Mayor Vitus Susaia gave opening remarks.

Delihna Ehmes, History Professor at the College of Micronesia FSM, spoke on the importance of history as a lesson for the future. One of her students, Cynthia Fredrick also spoke in a quiet voice on the same topic but it was difficult to hear what she had to say.

First Secretary Thorsten Gottfried, Cultural Affairs, The Embassy of the Federated Republic of Germany, Manila also spoke to



the crowd. He sensitively talked about the importance of remembering saying that what has been done cannot be undone but should always be remembered.

Before being seated, he additionally provided a brand new, powerful weed eater for general maintenance.

Governor Marcelo Peterson thanked the German government for support of the restoration of the two historic sites before

Augustine Kohler gave his closing remarks.

The cost of the project was \$5,500. More work was able to be done for that amount of money due in part to the logistics service of the Rotary Club of Pohnpei.

After the ceremony, guests walked through the cemetery to view the more than 100 year old grave sites of German citizens who died in Pohnpei during the German Administration which was from 1899 to 1914.

Japan funded program for strengthening legislative capacity in Pacific Island countries launches

Embassy of Japan

September 13, 2018

Palikir, Pohnpei—On September 13, 2018 His Excellency Ryoichi Horie, Ambassador of Japan attended the launching event of the Strengthening Legislatures’ Capacity in the Pacific Island Countries Project at the FSM Congress in Palikir, Pohnpei.

The project “Strengthening Legislatures’ Capacity in the Pacific Island Countries” is a three-year project (2018-2020) that focuses of strengthening the six Pacific Parliaments: Federated States of Micronesia, Independent State of Samoa, Republic of Fiji, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands. The goal of the projects is for the lawmaking bodies to become more effective, efficient, inclusive and transparent. The project contributes to strengthening the capacity of legislatures to undertake their legislative, oversight and representation mandates, with a special focus on engaging with key development issues. It aims to build capacities of Members of Parliament and the professional skills of parliamentary staff, as well as parliaments and the budget process.

The Government of Japan signed an “Exchange of Note” for the program with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on March 5, 2018 in Suva, Fiji. The

project is implemented by the UNDP through funding of USD 5.2 million provided by the Government of Japan.

The Hon. Wesley Simina, Speaker of the FSM Congress thanked the Government of Japan and UNDP for the opportunity to learn more about the roles of the Congress in the democratic system. He said that the program would provide a variety of trainings that target not only the congress members but also the staff members of the FSM Congress.

His Excellency Ryoichi Horie, Ambassador of Japan presented his remarks stating that Japan has been providing technical assistance in the field of capacity building. He said that Japan adopted the democratic parliamentary system more than one hundred years ago and has been continuously changing and improving the democratic system since then. He added that each country should develop and improve its democracy based upon its own culture. He said that he hoped the project would improve the democracy and political systems of the FSM.

Following Ambassador Horie’s remarks, Mr. Jean-Raphael Giullani, the Parliamentary Development Specialist of UNDP congratulated FSM Congress for launching the project and expressed his sincere gratitude to the Government of Japan.

INVITATION TO BID



The Yap Office of Planning and Budget/ Project Management Office is Requesting for Proposals for the provision of professional services to perform Engineering Assessment and Testing of two (2) steel potable water tanks located in Yap State, FSM to be received on or before 3:00 P.M. Yap time, November 1, 2018.

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Congressman Panuelo paid a courtesy visit on Governor Eddie Baza Calvo of the Government of Guam



The FSM Congressman David W. Panuelo who is the Chairman of the Committee on Resources and Development of the FSM Congress, was here on Guam to attend several bilateral consultations between the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority and several Distant Water Fishing Nations. While in Guam, the Congressman paid a courtesy visit on Governor Eddie Baza Calvo of the Government of Guam on October 18, 2018 at 2:30 pm.

Accompanying the Congressman were his staff (Staff Attorney Alik K. Jackson) and Foreign Service Officer Willie Williander from the FSM Consulate Office in Guam. Accompanying Governor Eddie Calvo was his Special Assistant Vincent Leon Guerrero.

The short visit was to keep pace with leadership of the two governments, which is important for the amicable relationship benefiting our citizens. Governor Calvo was very excited to inform the

Congressman of some of his achievements during his tenure in office, especially such achievements that benefited the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia who made Guam their home away from home.

Congressman David W. Panuelo shared with Governor Calvo some of the important developments in the FSM including the substantial growth of the FSM Trust Fund, the status of the FSM/US Trust Fund, the law that established the Joint Compact Review & Planning Committee to prepare for the renegotiations of the Compact, FSM/US Compact relations and other developments.

Governor Eddie Baza Calvo thank Congressman Panuelo of the recent funding appropriated by the FSM Congress in the amount of \$200,000 to assist in the humanitarian relief efforts to those affected by typhoon Mangkhut in Rota, CNMI and Guam.

The visit ended with a sense of mutual understanding to keep connected and continue on the talk on development and recruitment of skilled labors to the growing Guam labor force.

Governor Eddie Baza Calvo was excited in sharing his fond memories visiting Pohnpei and his experience drinking sakau and the calming effect of the kava plant.

...Air Niugini

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04 at Chuuk International Airport. As the aircraft settled in the water, it turned clockwise through 210 degrees and drifted 460 ft (140 m) south east of the runway 04 extended centreline, with the nose of the aircraft pointing about 265 deg.

“There were 12 crew members and 35 passengers on board. Six passengers were seriously injured, and one passenger was fatally injured.

“The 12 crew members and 34 passengers exited the aircraft and were promptly rescued and brought to shore by U.S. Navy divers (who were the first on scene), Chuuk State Government boats, Red Cross, Transco, and more than twenty privately-owned boats. Local divers located the fatally injured passenger in the aircraft 3 days after the accident.”

The report lists one fatal injury, six serious injuries, and the rest as minor or nil among the 47 souls who were aboard the plane. It provided a diagram showing where each passenger was assigned to have been seated and what classification of injuries they sustained.

The report says only that the rear fuselage behind the wing had fractured during the impact sequence. It draws no conclusions as to whether or not the fracture of the fuselage may have contributed to the severity of the injuries of the passengers who upon personal observation, were seated very near where I observed that a hole had opened up in the side of the plane.

The report lists the pilot in command as a male from Papua New Guinea who was 52 years old. That pilot had accrued 19,780.7 hours of flight time, 4,987 of those in command and 2,276.4 hours of those command hours on a Boeing 737. During the 30 day prior to the crash into the lagoon he had flown 44.3 hours, 18.5 of those hours during the seven days previous. He had 10.3 hours off prior to the flight on September 28 and was operating on approximately 5 and a half hours of sleep before the flight.

The copilot was a male from Australia who was 35 years old. He had a total flying time of 4618 hours, 1820 of them in command. 368 of those hours were at the controls of a Boeing 737. He was operating on approximately 6.6 hours of sleep from the night before.

The report also listed statistics regarding the age, equipment and airworthiness rating of the Boeing 737-8BK.

The report said that “the Chuuk Terminal Aerodrome Forecast that was in effect at 22:00 on 27 September was as follows:

Wind 100 degrees at 14 knots with gusts up to 25 knots. The visibility was 5 statute miles. Showers of rain to be expected with cloud scattered at 800 feet and overcast at 5000 feet.”

As the plane approached Chuuk it provided the following conditions the flight would experience.

“Wind direction variable at 5 knots, visibility 14 statute miles, scattered cumulonimbus cloud at 1,200 feet, broken cumulus at 12,000 feet, overcast at 28,000 feet, temperature 26 degrees C, dewpoint 25, altimeter setting for QNH2 2973.”

The flight data recorder was on its rack within the aircraft and was recovered by local divers. The cockpit voice recorder was recovered from the seabed by US Navy divers about 440 feet back along the flight path, in the area ahead of the first point of water impact.

“The initial examination of video taken by the divers showed that the main landing gear separated from the aircraft during the water impact. The rear fuselage behind the wing had fractured during the impact sequence.

“The aircraft sank in 90 feet of water to the Chuuk Lagoon seabed.”

“The areas of organizational and management information which may have directly or indirectly influenced the operation of the aircraft is the subject of the ongoing investigation. The organizational and management investigation may include, but not be limited to, the aircraft operator; the air traffic services; aerodrome and weather service agencies.”

“The investigation is continuing and will include, but will not be limited to, further examination and analysis of aircraft, crew, recorded data, aircraft operator, management and organization data, weather and airport facilities.”

Section two of the report entitled “Analysis” is reserved for the final report that will be issued by 11 months from today.

Section three, entitled “Conclusions” with subheads, “Findings” and “Causes and Contributing Factors” are also reserved for the Final Report.

It is not the FSM’s role in the investigation to provide a definitive answer as to who, or what was the cause of the accident.

The report said that as a result of the accident “Chuuk and Pohnpei Airport categories have been changed from CAT B to CAT X (CAT X being more restrictive) operations by Air Niugini Limited.

“Other similar airports in the Air Niugini Boeing network are being reviewed and may be re-categorized accordingly.”

The report did not define what the differences are between those categories, only that the safety action proposed would be that the Category X training requirements for Flight Crew should be initiated.

A copy of the full report can be found at:
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/vihiizmlmy5idxl/P2-PXE%20TC%26I%2018-1004%20Prelim%20Report.pdf?dl=0>

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Pohnpei True Value fishing tournament nets good fish and great prizes

Pohnpei Fishing Club

October 7, 2018

Pohnpei—The True Value tournament went off without a hitch last weekend and everyone had a great time. For once in recent history, the weather cooperated and we didn't get drenched at the weigh-in. 15 boats went out and they all brought in some nice fish.

We want to thank all of the sponsors that supported the tournament: Pohnpei True Value, San Miguel, Ambros Guam, Jonquil, Monje, Hardiflex, Pryzm, Nihon Tekkan and House of Travel.

The sponsors really supported the fishing club. Each boat registering and going out received a free case of Red Horse, a huge free cooler, hats and t-shirts. Everyone is completely geared up until the next event.

The weigh in was at the causeway in Dekehtik and a good crowd joined us for the festivities. Good food, good music, and good fun.

All of the anglers were competing heavily for the prizes, and there were good prizes on offer.

The winner was Alex Wichep with an 89 pound sailfish; a really nice fish and a top catch.

Below are the winners and the prizes:

Grand Prize:
89lb. Sailfish Alex Wichep who won a round trip ticket to Guam provide by House of Travel and two lures provided by Pryzm.

Biggest Fish:
Yellowfin - 63.5lb Tommy Reiher who won a refrigerator and two lures
Wahoo - 24lb Lara Trott who was awarded a nice barbecue and two lures
Wahoo - 22.5lb Konrad Engleberger who was awarded a five piece dining set and two lures

Biggest of species each of whom won a \$150 True Value Gift Certificate:

Barricuda - 13.5lb Esparanza Guiuai
Skipjack - 17.5lb Welber David
Mahi Mahi - 9lb Wilson Jano
Wahoo - 21lb Steve Finnen
Yellowfin - 14lb Welber David

Lady Angler
Wahoo- 20lb Lara Trott - \$100.00 True Value Gift Certificate

Junior Angler:
Skipjace - 16.5lb Rayken Spencer - \$100.00 True Value Gift Certificate

Congratulations to all the winners. We want to encourage everyone to support the sponsors, and drink your Red Horse responsibly.

Thanks also to everyone who helped out: Bill, Tina, Praise, Cel and all the guys on the floating dock.

See you next month at the Bud tournament, November 10.



COM-FSM EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Alvin Sinem is a Fishing Assistant Professor at COM-FSM/FMI Campus since 2007. He was born in Chuuk and graduated in 1991 from Chuuk High School. Instead of going off to Guam or the US mainland to further his education, he enrolled at COM-FSM FMI Campus September 2003 and graduated May 2005 with these achievement awards:

- o Mater's Special Award for outstanding performance in all navigation courses offered at the institute.
- o Class 5 Masters in maritime studies.
- o Class 6 Master/Engineer for fishing techniques and maritime studies.
- o Certificate of Completion in Maritime Studies for multi-purpose rating.

During his employment at the college, he was recognized for additional accomplishments that included: Faculty of the Year 2015, Good Health Award for both year 2014 and 2015, and Students' Choice Award in 2014 and again in 2017.

When he was asked his reason for choosing to study at COM-FSM/FMI Campus, this is what he said.

I picked FSM-FMI because it offers the courses I was interested in. I had been working on smaller vessels, the NFC long-line fishing vessels and a couple of small passenger vessels belonging to different private companies and municipal governments in Chuuk State for around seven to eight years before I came to FSM-FMI in 2003. I started my career as a seafarer back in 1994 after I graduated from the Micronesian Maritime and Fisheries Academy (MMFA) in Yap.

Alvin is teaching the same courses he once took while a student and he described it as

Working here is fun because I work with students from the four states of FSM, namely Kosrea, Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap. I feel the students relate to me easier and quickly because of my prior experience as a student.

When asked about his most proud moment working at his alma mater, he confirmed working now with his previous instructors is his proudest moment. He is not only working alongside them but learning and facing new challenges together as colleagues. Alvin remained in Yap and at FSM-FMI after his studies completed to assist the instructors. He said he "enjoy the traditional beautiful and peaceful Island of Yap".

His advice to students.....

Never give up hope despite challenges because challenges are part of your success.

- *Always be prepared because failing to prepare is preparing to fail.*
- *Keep doing, Stop doing, and Start doing; Keeping doing the good things you know, Stop doing the things that affected your study and your life, and Start doing the good things you know you haven't done.*

If you have not decided where and what to study, perhaps these may help as Alvin pointed out.

These are some benefits for students who study at FSM-FMI:

- *Discipline at FSM-FMI is enforced on a daily basis, this help to shape the students to become good citizen of our nation.*
- *Students learn modern technology in Marine Navigation, Marine Engineering, and fishing.*
- *Some of the FSM-FMI graduates are working on the FSS Voyager, MV Navigator, the FSM surveillance boat, fishing boats belonging to Japanese companies, and some with NORMA. As far as I know the parents of the graduates working on Japanese fishing boats are receiving money from their kids.*



Employment



Opportunities

College of Micronesia – FSM Mission Statement

The College of Micronesia-FSM is a learner-centered institution of higher education that is committed to the success of the Federated States of Micronesia by providing academic and career & technical educational programs characterized by continuous improvement and best practices.

Values

COMMITMENT EXCELLENCE TEAM
LEARNER-CENTEREDNESS WORK
PROFESSIONALISM

The College of Micronesia-FSM is searching for qualified candidates to fill the following positions:

Positions	Location	Annual Salary	Closing Date
Grant Writer	National Campus	\$22,625.00 - \$25, 242.00	October 30, 2018
Security Officer	Yap Campus	\$5,196.00	October 31, 2018
Director-Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE)	National Campus	\$30,194.00	November 04, 2018
Bookstore Manager	National Campus	\$15,039.00 - \$16,946.00	November 09, 2018
Instructional Coordinator	Yap & FSM-FMI Campus	\$17,643.00 - \$19,880.00	November 10, 2018
English Instructor	National Campus	\$16,131.00-\$17,819.00	November 24, 2018
Social Science Instructor	National Campus	\$16,131.00-\$17,819.00	November 24, 2018

Serious inquiries can be made to the Human Resources Office at email address hro@comfsm.fm and telephone number (691) 320-2482 extension numbers 130, 131, 192 or visit us at www.comfsm.fm.

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Student Success: Meet Grace Corcoran

A citizen of Melbourne, Australia, Grace Katherine Corcoran is working toward a double bachelor's degree in Applied Public Health and Global Studies at the Australian Catholic University. Through a scholarship, Grace was offered a choice to study in any one of 44 countries. When she saw that the Federated States of Micronesia was one of the countries offered, she researched online and discovered COM-FSM.

That research led her to choose the College from among many choices.

"I really enjoy my subjects I am studying Micronesian Culture, History of Micronesia, Micronesia Government and Politics and Geography of the Pacific. I didn't really know anything about the FSM or Micronesia before I got here and these classes are teaching me so much. My favorite thing about the FSM though, is the people- everyone has been so friendly and welcoming.

Everyone here has had such different experiences to me so I am learning so much from everyone".

She said that the reason she chose COM-FSM was because she wanted a place that was different from Melbourne. That reasoning solidified her decision to come to a Pacific Island country.

During her free time Grace loves to read, exercise, and explore the island and all its amazing sights, especially the waterfalls. She also recently became a certified scuba diver. "I love being in the water and so have been snorkeling quite a few times while I have been here. I also love to travel and explore the world."

Grace has been doing volunteer work since she has been here. She reads books at story hour at the public library in Pohnpei. Three times a week she tutors a boy from Kolonia Elementary school. Once a week she does volunteer work at the public health clinic.

Grace also participates in clubs at the College including the Center for Entrepreneurship, YSO, LGBTQ+, Micro-Japan and Women are D.O.P.E. She also helped form the group called Sport, Rec and Fun.

Tell us how the college helped you become successful! Share your story by emailing us at alumnisuccess@comfsm.fm. We want to hear about your achievements.

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SECTION I**INVITATION TO BID**

1. The Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC) has received funds from the FSM Compact Public Infrastructure Sector Grand towards the purchase of 3-Phase Prepaid Cash Power Meters. It is intended that the proceeds of this grant be applied to eligible payment under the contract for the SUPPLY OF 3-PHASE PREPAID CASH POWER METERS. The Pohnpei Utilities Corporation is referred to in the document as “the Purchaser”.

2. Interested eligible bidders may obtain a complete set of the bidding documents by emailing nanson@mypuc.fm or kgilimete@yahoo.com. The RFP Packages will be available starting October 26, 2018. The documents will be email to the eligible bidder upon request to the email address below:

Mr. Nixon Anson
General Manager
Pohnpei Utilities Corporation
PUC Building
P.O. Box C
Kolonias, Pohnpei, FM 96941
Federated States of Micronesia
Telephone: (691) 320-2374
Emailing: nanson@mypuc.fm or kgilimete@yahoo.com

3. In the case of submission by international courier, you are asked to take special note of the remoteness of the Federated States of Micronesia, the frequency of airline transportation services, and the effects which these factors have on mail and courier services.

4. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of two percent (2%) of total bid price and must be delivered in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders on or before 4:00 p.m. Monday, November 26, 2018 Pohnpei time and will be publicly opened immediately thereafter. All bidders are responsible for the time difference.

5. The Pohnpei Utilities Corporation will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of bids.

6. Bids will be opened in the presence of those bidders who choose to attend in the Conference Room, Pohnpei Utilities Corporation, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941.

7. The Pohnpei Utilities Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of PUC. All proposals shall become the property of PUC.

Global Handwashing Day celebrated in Pohnpei for the first time.

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia— Global Handwashing Day was celebrated at the Pohnpei Governor’s office conference Room on October 19, 2018. The day culminates celebrations, events, and other advocacy campaigns in the country. The event is spearheaded by the Department of Health and Social Affairs with support from Department of Education; Environmental Protection Agency; Micronesian Productions and UNICEF.

Health and Environment champions from Kolonia and Ohmine Central schools all participated in the event and provided special numbers to advocate for handwashing with soap to make everyone healthy.

The children made a call for government to promote simple and effective habits and be made available to children especially in schools to reduce the alarming rate of under 5 mortality in the country. According to UNICEF, FSM ranks the 3rd highest in the Pacific in terms of under 5 deaths.

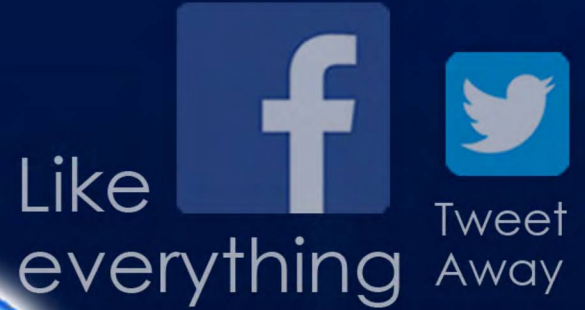
Simple habit of handwashing with soap especially during preparation of food and before meal can significantly reduce these deaths.

In 2017, more than 500 million people promoted the simple, life-saving act of handwashing with soap on Global Handwashing Day. The day was founded by the Global Handwashing Partnership in 2008 to help communities, advocates, and leaders spread the word about handwashing with soap. Hands are the leading carriers of germs that cause diarrhea and respiratory infections like pneumonia. Handwashing at critical

times – such as before a meal or after using the toilet – stops the spread of disease-causing germs. Consistent handwashing with

soap reduces the incidence of diarrhea by nearly half and respiratory infections by 25% among children under 5. Handwashing with soap is a simple, but critical, way to ensure overall health. This year’s Global Handwashing Day theme, “Clean Hands – a recipe for health,” emphasizes the linkages between handwashing and food. Handwashing is an important part of keeping food safe, preventing diseases, and helping children grow strong. Yet, handwashing is not practiced as consistently or as thoroughly as it should be. Diarrheal disease limits the body’s ability to absorb nutrition from food and is a major cause of death in low resource settings. Handwashing with soap is an effective way to prevent these losses. Critical food-related times for handwashing with soap include: before cooking or preparing food, before eating, and before feeding someone (including breastfeeding). The contamination of food can lead to a wide range of illnesses and outbreaks, many of which are particularly dangerous for young children and people with compromised immune systems. Global Handwashing Day raises awareness of the importance of handwashing and encourages action to promote and sustain handwashing habits. Organizations and individuals can celebrate Global Handwashing Day by planning an event, participating in a digital campaign, or simply spreading the word about the importance of handwashing.

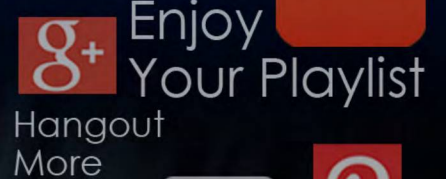




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Parliaments demand immediate action on climate change

International Parliamentary Union

October 18, 2018

Geneva—With catastrophic climate change threatening to hit many parts of the world in just over a decade, 149 national parliaments have adopted an emergency resolution calling for decisive action. Concluding the 139th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the resolution, called Climate change – Let us not cross the line, follows the report published last week by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). According to the IPCC report, limiting global warming to 1.5°C requires urgent and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society.

The emergency resolution was adopted in the context of the Assembly's umbrella theme of science, technology and innovation to bridge the widening gap between policy-making and science.

Gabriela Cuevas, IPU President, said "I believe that more than ever, the international community must center the majority of its efforts to attain the urgent transformation our world requires if we are to avert the environmental crisis foreseen by the UN and by the scientific community. Through the adoption of the emergency item on Climate Change, the IPU expresses its commitment to supporting national parliaments in the implementation of all relevant public policies, budgeting strategies and resource mobilization for the efficient and adequate adoption of the Paris Agreement. Time is of the essence for this situation; we call on all our parliamentarians to act now to preserve environmental balance."

Martin Chungong, IPU Secretary General, said "Parliaments are instrumental in preventing the world from crossing the line of no return. This resolution is a call to action for MPs to translate the Paris Agreement into concrete national legislation and adequate budget allocations. The global parliamentary community owes it to the people it represents, especially the younger generations, to take action now."

Led by a coalition of Small Island Developing States (SIDS), the IPU resolution urges all parliaments to

spearhead national efforts to combat climate change. It calls for IPU member parliaments to support the implementation of the 2016 Paris Agreement, included mobilizing resources and simplifying procedures for accessing climate change funding. The resolution calls for all countries to work more closely with SIDS to meet ambitious targets to mitigate the worst effects of climate change.

SIDS face major and specific challenges in the next few years. MPs at the IPU Assembly presented various examples of climate change that are already affecting the lives of the people they represent. Villages are being relocated because of rising sea levels in Fiji and other small Pacific island states; scarcity of water and desertification are threatening the well-being and survival of many in Africa and the Middle East.

Special guest, Henk Rogers, Founder of the Blue Planet Foundation in Hawaii, spoke of the power of children to change the way we live by influencing their families and communities. He also emphasized the importance of strong partnerships. For example, Hawaii has passed legislation to encourage clean energy in partnership with electricity companies.

For many years, the IPU has been calling for legislative action on climate change and risk reduction. Since 2009, it has organized parliamentary meetings at each Global Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Climate Change (COPs) to increase the parliamentary contribution to global negotiations. With the adoption of this emergency resolution, the IPU will mobilize its member parliaments at the COP24 taking place in Krakow, Poland, later this year.

The 139th IPU Assembly brought together over 1500 delegates including 56 Speakers of Parliament, 52 Deputy Speakers, and over 750 MPs. Women MPs accounted for 33% of the total number of MPs in attendance, one of the highest percentages at an IPU Assembly. Young MPs under 45 made up 19% of the parliamentarians, the first time that the IPU is tracking this statistic.



Request For Bids

Periodic Auditing Consultant

Who we are:

The Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT), formally established in 2002, is a charitable and irrevocable corporation organized to manage and provide funds for the accomplishment of the following vision for Micronesia: "Enduring partnerships that conserve our land and sea to improve the quality of life for communities across Pohnpei." In order to accomplish this vision our stated mission is "We build partnerships, raise and manage funds, make grants, influence policy and provide conservation and financing expertise." Based on the island of Pohnpei, MCT is the region's only conservation trust fund. MCT supports conservation across Micronesia by: providing financial support; building the capacity of Micronesians and Micronesian organizations to design and manage conservation programs, and providing a regional forum to bring people from government, private enterprise, and community and non-profit organizations together to collectively address the challenges of natural resource management and climate change adaptation in Micronesia.

MCT maintains 510(c)3 tax exempt status with the US Internal Revenue Service and is accredited as an implementing organization to both the Adaptation Fund and the Green Climate Fund. MCT also manages an endowment fund for the Micronesia Challenge and a separate fund for the Yela Conservation Easement. Together these endowments total over US\$22million. MCT also manages approximately US\$1-2million annually in sinking funds.

Statement of Need:

MCT is seeking a qualified consultant/auditor to serve as a periodic internal auditor. The current size of organization and level of staff competence and skill does not warrant full time CFO and/or internal auditor. The qualifications of the current staff are more than sufficient for the daily and routine financial management functions of the organization. What is currently required is a quarterly review of financial statements and reports to the Board of Trustees prepared by the Finance Officer, as well as ad hoc support from time to time with more complex issues and requirements, as well as periodic reviews of compliance with internal financial management policies and procedures. Below is a more comprehensive list of the specific services required.

Services Required:

- Test the operation and tweak the design of existing financial controls
- Perform inquiries and testing as needed to identify and resolve vulnerabilities
- Develop new audit programs to ensure adequate financial controls
- Make recommendations to financial management about software, policies and audit triggers
- Create and update internal audit plan
- Review prepared financial statements and reports to the MCT Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis.
- Preparation of annual IRS form 990
- Annual negotiation of US Federal Indirect Cost Rate
- Assistance with preparation of annual trial balance and pre-audit documentation and requirements.
- Ad hoc assistance to the Finance Officer (4 hours/month)

Submission details:

Please include in proposal:

- Description of qualifications
- Three written references
- Proposed schedule of activities
- Proposed rate

Please submit a bid of no longer than five pages (excluding appendices if any) to Lisa Andon, Deputy Executive Director at deputy@ourmicronesia.org by November 9, 2018. For further information, please contact either Lisa Andon or Meileen Albert, Finance Officer (finance@ourmicronesia.org) at 320-5670.



Vacancies

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

About the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (Forum Secretariat) is the region's premier political and economic policy organisation, with a vision of helping to create a region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity, so that all Pacific people can lead free, healthy, and productive lives.

The international organisation works to achieve this vision by fostering cooperation between governments, collaboration with international agencies, and by representing the interests of its members - including directly engaging with community members in order to identify pressing needs of the region.

The Forum Secretariat has undergone an organisational restructure, with a view to achieve greater consistency across the organisation in the way workforce capability is developed, and capability gaps are identified and addressed. As such, the organisation has produced a highly professional workforce that is capable of creating and delivering high quality outcomes for the people of its member countries.

About the Opportunity

The Forum Secretariat is now looking for a full-time Management Accountant to join the team in Suva, Fiji.

Reporting to the Team Leader Finance, this role is tasked to develop the Annual and Revised Budgets and Forecasts, manage all aspects of the Forum Secretariat's donor funding including reconciliation of the relevant ledger accounts, to provide timely and accurate monthly project and management financial reports and advice to project managers, cash flow management and investments, assist in preparation of annual financial reports, and development of financial policies and procedures including the finance manual. Some key areas of responsibility will include (but will not be limited to):

- Budget Formulation and Forecasting;
- Budget monitoring and analysis;
- Donor Fund Management;
- Cash Flow and Investment;
- Assist in preparation of Annual Accounts;
- Review of Financial Policies and Procedures; and
- Management of the Management accounts unit.

The Forum Secretariat is seeking a strategic and proficient individual who holds an Accounting degree with at least three years' work experience as a management and financial accounting in a regional or international organisation. Experience in project and donor fund management would be beneficial to applicants interested in this position. Applicants with demonstrated experience in managing a financial accounting system with ability to work to deadlines especially as it relates to financial analysis and reporting and providing budget monitoring reports would be essential.

About the Benefits

The appointment carries a competitive remuneration and benefits package including medical and life insurance. The salary will be in the range of SDR 29,526 to SDR 44,289 per annum. At the 1 September 2018 exchange rate this salary range was equivalent to FJD87,252 to FJD130,878. For non-Fijian nationals, this salary may be tax-free.

To be eligible for these positions, the applicant must be a national of one of the following Forum member countries*. Applicants must be willing to travel periodically via economy class.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply through our website: www.forumsec.org where an information package containing the job description and remuneration details is also available. Candidates must include in either their application or Curriculum Vitae the full contact details of three referees. The Forum Secretariat is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Deadline for applications is at 5pm (Fiji time), 16 November 2018.

* Member States of the Pacific Islands Forum: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

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Friday November 7, 2018

Japan provides a street sweeper to Chuuk

Embassy of Japan in the FSM

September 25, 2018

Chuuk—During a ceremony at the Chuuk Transportation and Public Works office, Ambassador Ryoichi Horie turned over the keys to a new street sweeper to Chuuk government officials. The ceremony was held on September 25, 2018.

The street sweeper was provided to Chuuk under an Economic and Social Development Program (FY2015) grant from the Japanese government. The provided equipment will be used for cleaning up the roads in Chuuk State.

In his address, His Excellency Ryoichi Horie, the Ambassador of Japan stated that the street sweeper would profit

the people of Chuuk through the improvement of road conditions. He encouraged the department staff to conduct proper care and maintenance in order for the equipment to last as long as possible.

Mr. Tos Nakayama, Director of Transportation and Public Works, acknowledged the generous grant and the variety of continuous support of Japan to the FSM. He also emphasized that the provided equipment would maintain the cleanliness of the roads.

The ceremony was witnessed by the staff of Chuuk State Government, the Chuuk Transportation and Public Works and the Embassy of Japan.



Handover of a key



Notice of Inactive Bank Accounts



Bank of the FSM currently maintains accounts for the following individuals & groups:

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Dais F Alokoa	P.O. Box 293	Tofol	KOS	Global Technical Services, Inc.	P.O. Box 757	Colonia	YAP
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Sepe B Reseky	P.O. Box 313	Tofol	KOS	Tomil Catholic Church (TCC)	P.O. Box 1123	Colonia	YAP
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Magdane Namelo	P.O.Box 654	Weno	CHK	Donna Maree Wrembeck	P.O. Box 1974	Kolonia	PNI
Mercedes S Edward	Satawal Island	Weno	CHK	Goh K Wee	P.O. Box 548	Kolonia	PNI
Merisa Angei	P.O.Box 451	Weno	CHK	JICA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, FSM	P.O. Box G	Kolonia	PNI
Mizpah Christian School	Mwan Village	Weno	CHK	Kapingamarangi Municipal Gov't	Kapinga Village	Kolonia	PNI
Mizpah Special Project	Mwan Village	Weno	CHK	Kapingamarangi Youth Commission			
Nema Municipality	P.O. Box 2307	Weno	CHK	Inc.	P.O. Box 1274	Kolonia	PNI
Nomwin Municipality	P.O. Box 834	Weno	CHK	Mand Development Association	P.O. Box 771	Kolonia	PNI
Philip E Kravitz	Neuo Village	Weno	CHK	Marshall Islands Holdings, INC.	P.O. Box J	Majuro	Marshall
Roberto S Valdez	Mwan Village	Weno	CHK	Micronesia Red Cross Society	P.O. Box 2405	Kolonia	PNI
SHIP/HOOPS Akoyikoyi Sch. Bldg Proj.	P.O. Box 1704	Weno	CHK	Micronesia Registration Advisors, Inc.	P.O. Box 902	Kolonia	PNI
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TERCY MARTIN	Kuttu Island	Weno	CHK	Mr. John Eldridge	P.O. Box K2989	Kolonia	PNI
Tesmina Simina	P.O. Box 1396	Weno	CHK	Mr. Ki Yeol Jang	P.O. Box 973	Kolonia	PNI
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As required by FSM law, the Bank wishes to inform these customers that accounts will be closed and the funds transferred to the FSM Secretary of Finance in January 2019. If your account appears on this list, you can avoid having your funds turned over to the Secretary of Finance by making a deposit or withdrawal to the account before December 31, 2018.

Kosraean:

In fwal nuke pusren Masap lun FSM, Bank FSM inge akkalemye nusin Customers nukewa ,ma e akkalemyeyuk lung inge la account lowos ma akkalemyeyuk inge e tufwa kauli a money ka an ac tuhfeh itukyan nusin Secretary lun Finance ke FSM National Government ke January 2019. In oralla account se lom an tia putatyan nuke oakwuk ku oiya se inge, kom enenu in tuku nu Bank FSM oralla sie deposit ku withdrawal nuke account san meet liki December 31, 2018.

Chuukese:

Sia awora ei esinesin ngeni ami kei aramas, mwicheichen aramas, ika sopai mi affat itemi assan pun faan pungun annukun FSM, masowan ami kei accounts epuene lo ngeni ach ewe FSM Finance lon January 2019, ika pwe ese wor mwokutukutun uttut (withdrawal) ika isonanong (deposit) lon me mwen December 31, 2018 Ach anean pwe kopwe chuuto rech ach sipue annisfengen won om kei account.

Yapese:

Tan e Motochiyal nu FSM, Bank e badag ni nge yog ko pi customer rok ney ni rayan I January 2019, maran close nag e pi account ney, man pii e salpiy riy ko FSM Secretary ko Finance. Fa'an ra be mug e account rom ko re list ney, ma rayog ni dabni pii e salpiy rom ko Secretary ko Finance faanra ngamub mu deposit fa mub mu withdraw nag e salpiy ko account rom u m'on ko December 31, 2018.

Pohnpeian:

E kostonndier sang ni ruwes en kosonned en FSM me FSM Bank udahn pahn pakairkiheng aramas oh pwihn en aramas me sansalehr powe, me epwelpen amwail tungol de sapwellimomwail nekinek nan Bank en FSM pahn katoktokidi nan sounpwong en January pahr 2019. Mwoni koaros me patpato nan nekinek pwukat pahn kesepwillang FSM Secretary en Finance. Ma mwaromwi iang sansal powe ah komwi kak pwaredo de ketido oh kapidohi de kasauwada omwi tungol de sapwellimomwi nekinek sang nan FSM Bank mwohn December 31, 2018 ma komw sohte kupwuriki omwi tungol de sapwellimomwi nekinek en kepideklang FSM Secretary en Finance.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
TRIAL DIVISION - POHNPEI STATE

FISHY CHOPPERS, LTD.,

Plaintiff,

v.

F/V MARITA 88, her engines, tackle, machinery, equipment,
appurtenances, etc.

In Rem Defendant,

JOHANNA SEAFOODS LIMITED, JOHANNA-SUBIC SEAFOODS
CORPORATION, KUROSHIO COMPANY LTD., HELICOPTER
AERIAL SURVEYS PTY LTD. d/b/a Tropic Helicopters,

CIVIL ACTION No. 2018-023

**NOTICE OF ARREST
THE VESSEL F/V MARITA 88**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 2, 2018, pursuant to process issued in the above-entitled action, at the request of Plaintiff Fishy Choppers, Ltd., the Vessel F/V MARITA 88, now being in the harbor of Pohnpei State, FSM, together with its engines, machinery, tackle, equipment and appurtenances, etc. [the "Vessel"], was arrested by the FSM National Police.

Pursuant to Rules C(4) and (6), FSM Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, be advised:

1. All interested persons and entities claiming entitlement of possession of the Vessel or an interest in the Vessel that is subject to this action in rem must file their Claims with the Clerk of the FSM Supreme Court Pohnpei Trial Division within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this Notice of Arrest.
2. An answer to Plaintiff's Complaint against Vessel in Rem must be filed and served within twenty (20) days of the date of publication of this Notice of Arrest, otherwise default may be entered and the Vessel condemned and sold.
3. Applications for Intervention under FSM Rule of Civil Procedure 24 by persons claiming maritime liens or other interests shall be filed within the time fixed by the Court.
4. A copy of any Claim, Answer or Application for Intervention must be served upon Plaintiff's attorney, Michael J. Sipos, Esq. Ace Commercial Building, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 2069, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941, Telephone: (691) 320-6450, E-mail: MSipos@mail.fm
5. The name, address and telephone number of the Clerk of the Court is:

Sandy Albert
Chief Clerk of Courts
FSM Supreme Court
P.O. Box PS-J
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941
Tel. (691) 320-2357

Dated: Kolonia, Pohnpei State, FSM, October 16, 2018

The Regional Invasive Species Council and partners meet on Guam

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9 October 2018

The Micronesia Chief Executives Regional Invasive Species Council (RISC) met on Guam during September for a week-long workshop with partners to improve regional efforts towards addressing impacts and reducing risks from invasive species. Invasive species is the name given to non-native organisms which establish and cause significant impacts, or which can potentially establish and cause impacts. The jurisdictions of Micronesia have numerous established invasive species and many others which threaten to invade. The council and its partners work on behalf of the Micronesia leadership which established the council in 2005 to reduce impacts to the region and its communities from invasive species both through reducing risk of new invasive species arriving but also through improved management of those already established.

Invasive species impacts are cross cutting, negatively impacting all sectors. Addressing impacts and risks from invasive species is of the highest priority and is considered a top-level concern along with climate change. Some of the most concerning invasive species for Micronesia include:

- Brown Treesnake established on Guam
- Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle established in Guam, Palau, Hawaii and elsewhere
- Little Fire Ant established in Guam, Yap and Hawaii
- Black Sock Disease established on many islands already
- Red Imported Fire Ant established in the US Mainland, China, Australia and the port of Osaka Japan

These and many other invasive species threatening the region or already impacting some islands and threatening others with invasion and establishment. If these and other invasive species do become established they will cause extensive impacts to natural resources and biodiversity, climate resilience, culture and way of life, health, economics and security. We know this because these and other invasive species are causing significant impacts to areas and islands where they are already established.

To reduce risks and impacts from invasive species, 38 members and supporters of the council spent the week advancing priorities with a focus on: addressing climate change risk reduction, addressing invasive species within protected areas, improving

inspection processes at the regional shipping hub on Guam, addressing regional concerns with Coconut Rhinoceros Beetles and invasive ants, and many other topics.

The RISC and its partners will continue to move these and other efforts forward and report out on successes and general activities through various mechanisms including updating of the Regional Biosecurity Plan for Micronesia and Hawaii strategic actions, reporting to leadership at the 24th Micronesia Islands Forum in 2019 and various partnering and outreach initiatives such as newsletters, websites and through the Honolulu Challenge on Invasive Species.

In addition, the council would also like to remind residents and visitors to Micronesia that reducing risk and impacts from invasive species is both a regional and local community effort that requires everyone to participate by ensuring that they are not accidentally transporting pest organisms and that they rapidly report to local authorities any potential new pests encountered, enabling authorities to engage and remove pests before they become firmly established.

In Micronesia, we are all biosecurity officers and we all need to do our part in protecting our islands, our homes and communities from invasive species.



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