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U.S. Embassy Kolonia brings a piece of America to the FSM for the 4th of July

The U.S. Embassy in Kolonia marked the 238th birthday of the United States of America with a large celebration, welcoming nearly 400 American Citizens, dignitaries, and other distinguished guests. The celebration started with 70 students from the Talent Search Program (TSP) surprising the crowd with a rendition of "America the Beautiful," followed by an a cappella performance of the FSM and U.S. national anthems by the Santos Vocal Band.



Peace Corps Volunteers sang a combination of folk and traditional American songs

Talent Search Program members surprised the crowd by singing "America the Beautiful"



Captain America made a guest appearance

Ambassador Rosen provided remarks in which she discussed the challenges of democracy by saying that all parties must learn the art of compromise in order to reach an agreement that all can live by. Additionally she congratulated the FSM government for their progress in fighting Trafficking in Persons (TIP), highlighting the improvements made this year, which included prosecuting their first TIP case. She also said, "The current measles outbreak in the FSM has highlighted the

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President Mori vetoes telecom "Open Access Entity" Act

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

July 9, 2014

Palikir, Pohnpei—Citing multiple reasons for his decision, FSM's President Mori vetoed Congressional Act 18-75 to delay the implementation of Chapter three of the Telecommunications Act until May 12, 2015.

Chapter three establishes an "Open Access Entity" to manage fiber-optic connectivity, an expensive endeavor for which there is

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Pohnpei, FSM—President Mori sent Congress a scathing denouncement of its special projects bills when he line item vetoed all but \$260,000 of a \$5.1 million Public Projects and Social Programs Act (CA 18-76). The \$260,000 will be used for expenses during the 8th Micronesia Games.

“I reiterate that I do not oppose well thought out and transparent public projects and social programs. However, I will continue to oppose public projects and social programs that I know have not

gone through transparent and thorough deliberation, such as the many public project appropriations contained in this Act,” he said in his official letter of veto.

“When are we going to stop appropriating money that follows no plan? The appropriations continually are passed without a purpose and fail to show how the appropriations improve the standard of living and create sustainable employment,” he wrote. “Such appropriations create false hope in the minds of our people that the money flow will continue and fosters a welfare dependency on government—waiting for government to provide handouts instead of encouraging our people to find innovative ways to improve

their standard of living.”

He accused Congress of having a double standard regarding hearings, one standard for the Executive Branch and another for Congress. “Budget requests from the Executive Branch are meticulously and critically reviewed during public hearings, which we welcome, but no such transparent public hearings are held for the Congressional appropriations for public projects and programs.”

He said that during a period of 10 years Congress appropriated \$40 million for special projects and that \$10 million of that amount had been appropriated in the last five months alone.

“Congress has not produced

verifiable reports showing that the appropriation for public projects and social programs have created sustainable benefits that are tangible and measurable,” he wrote.

At press time Congress was in special session. One of the items on its agenda is deliberation regarding any action it might take regarding the President’s veto of their Act.

Editor’s Note: Just before press time we learned that Congress overturned the President’s veto during their July 10, 2014 session day.

Migrant Resource Center prepares students for study in Hawaii and warns about the risk of human trafficking

International Organization for Migration

Kolonia, Pohnpei FSM –The Migrant Resource Center – Micronesia has been providing pre-departure orientation for migrants and anti-human trafficking awareness trainings since its founding in March of 2013 as the first Migrant Resource Center in the region.

During the MRC’s first year of operation, it provided awareness raising on human trafficking to over 5,550 high school

students, members of the civil society, women, youth, representatives from local non-governmental organizations and people living with disabilities. Over 250 people have completed a 2 ½ day pre-departure orientation designed to help ensure smooth integration into the United States.

During the month of June of this year, the MRC provided pre-departure orientation training and anti-human trafficking training to three high school students on a walk-in basis. Two of the students migrated

immediately after the training, travelling to Honolulu, Hawaii to further their education; this was their first time travel experience abroad. Upon their arrival in Hawaii, one of the students wrote to the MRC Coordinator praising the training as invaluable to them as immigrants: "We arrived in Hawaii safely. Thank you so much for the training."

During the month of June, a total of 34 members of the Pohnpei Youth Organization, in collaboration with the State and National Departments of Health, participated in the anti-human trafficking training. Meanwhile, the MRC conducted

anti-human trafficking awareness raising for more than 350 members of the Kosrae/ Pohnpei Youth at PATS, Madolenihmw Members (29 in total) of the Peidie community in Sokehs municipality participated in both the pre-departure orientation training as well as anti-human trafficking, and included police officers, women and youth. In July, 36 Gear Up students attended the anti-human trafficking training.

For further information on Human Trafficking or to find out how you can join the next Pre-departure Orientation Training please contact: mremicronesia@iom.int or telephone: (691) 320 8898



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PNI Swim Club thanks Ambassador Beven

By **Jim Tobin**

The Pohnpei Swim Club and FSM National Olympic Committee invited Australian Ambassador Dr. Terry Beven to a short appreciation ceremony on Wednesday, July 2, at the Pohnpei Swimming Pool. The Pohnpei Swimming community wanted to thank the Australian Embassy and Ambassador Beven for the many Australian aid grants that helped fund many swimming pool operation projects the past few years. From 2012-2014 various Australian Government grants including: Australian Outreach Program (ASOP), Direct Aid Program (DAP) and Small Grants Scheme (SGS) funded the purchase of a state of the art pool operation equipment including:

copper/silver ionization system, pool water salt system, commercial pool pump and pool lane lines.

At the short ceremony, Sweeter Daniel, President of the Pohnpei Swimming Club, thanked the Australian Embassy and Ambassador Beven. A new large appreciation plaque was unveiled on the pool pump building thanking the Australian Embassy. Sweeter also stated that the swimming pool has state of art equipment and is one of the best outdoor pools in the Oceania region. She closed by saying that the Australian Embassy has been the biggest local supporter of the Pohnpei Swimming Pool and Swimming development program since the pool re-opened last year.



Pohnpei Governor addresses Bills, Education, Measles, and Micronesia Games

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

July 1, 2014

Pohnpei, FSM—Today, Pohnpei’s Governor John Ehsa held a press conference. During the conference he discussed the bills he had sent to the Legislature, the Pohnpei measles outbreak, school test results, and the preparations for the 8th Micronesia Games.

Legislative bills

In time for its May regular session the Governor sent two bills to the Legislature which he said, “until now” are still pending. One was designed to establish a Trust Fund for Pohnpei State.

“Word on the ‘Strategic Development Plan’ is out, and there are interested donors already available and waiting for creation of the Trust Fund,” he said.

The other involves the creation of the United Revenue Authority. While he said that he appreciated the work the legislature had done thus far, and that he understands the current position of the legislature, he recommended a compromise position to demonstrate that the state is willing to undertake reforms to move Pohnpei forward. He said that his bill (12-12 sic) would allow other states to move ahead with the reforms but that it should contain a proviso for a two or three “wait-and-see” period to give Pohnpei an opportunity to review the pros and cons for the proposed system before finally deciding whether Pohnpei “will participate or not”.

In the interim he requested that the Legislature pass 163-13, the Services Tax Bill, as a compromise in order to mitigate the negative effects of the step down in the Compact funds.

The English language agenda of his press conference said that the Governor also submitted LB No. 264-14 dealing with the re-organization of the Executive Branch of the government.

LB 264-14 proposed that the Department of Education’s Division of Primary Education be renamed to the Division of Elementary Education. It also recommended that a new Division of Support Services be added to the Department of Education. It proposes that the Department of Land and Natural Resources should be renamed as the “Department of Land” in order to “give back authorization and care of natural resources to those departments that are already overseeing the responsibilities related to natural resources, such as marine resource protection and enforcement to be placed under the Division of Fish and Wildlife of the Department of Public Safety.”

He said that the functions of the Offices of Fisheries and Aquaculture would be reworded under the bill to specially provide for the function of Marine Conservation and the function of Marine Development.

The proposed Executive re-organization would dissolve the office of Economic Affairs and create a new Department of Tourism, Agriculture, and Economic Resources. The new department would include the Division



of Agriculture, the Division of Forestry, and the Division of Tourism and Historic Preservation.

He said that the Pohnpei State Legislature had passed a \$6.1 million dollar appropriation under the Health Sector Compact Assistance. \$71,000 of that allocation was for prevention of non-communicable diseases.

Measles Outbreak

“Pohnpei is currently experiencing an outbreak of measles,” the Governor’s English

language version of his agenda said. “The first measles case was reported at the Pohnpei Department of Health Services on May 26, 2014. Subsequently, more cases were reported and reached their peak in mid June 2014. As of June 25, 2014, 55 cases have been reported. Infants and young children are mostly affected, particularly those with no measles immunity acquired through vaccination or exposure to the wild measles virus.

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currently no identified funding.

Congress is in special session this week. One of the items up for consideration during the session is the possibility of overturning the veto of CA-18-75. At press time, Congress had not yet acted on the matter.

In his veto letter, President Mori pointed out that because Congress did not hold any public hearings nor issue any committee reports explaining the rationale behind the moratorium, the process was not transparent and its purpose is unclear. "The Act does not address any relevant issues involved in this matter; rather, it casts serious doubt upon our Nation's resolve to embrace the needed reforms in the telecommunications sector for our people's benefit," he wrote in his official letter notifying Speaker Dohsis Halbert of his decision to veto.

The President wrote that he had reviewed the Congressional Journal on its deliberations on the "moratorium" (CA 18-75). He "sympathized" with Congress for being "confused" about the World Bank funding process but said that Congress should have sought clarification "in a timely manner" from the interested and involved parties rather than taking the "extreme action of passing the moratorium without being fully aware of the possible consequences of taking such an action."

Congress passed the Act that liberalized the FSM's telecommunications industry on April 1 of this year. President Mori signed it into law on April 3. The committee report adopted by Congress before it passed the bill put in writing its disappointment that the Executive Branch had been dealing with the World Bank for about three years before it brought Congress into the process in September of 2013. "A lot of the policy decisions envisioned by this bill would have benefitted from earlier consultation with Congress, which would have made this whole process smoother," the report said.

In his letter vetoing CA-18-75, President Mori wrote that his immediate concern was whether or not the moratorium in the Act would adversely impact FSM's ability to access ICT (Information and Communications Technology) grant funding from the World Bank. He claimed that the initial response by the World Bank after they learned of the Act was one of "confusion and concern, given its (World Bank's) assurance that IDA 17 (International Development Association) funding for the ICT project is forthcoming and its continuing efforts to increase national funds for the Kosrae and Chuuk portions of the project."

He added that Palau had also expressed concerns about what effect the moratorium would have on the timing for the Palau-Yap portion of the project.

"Thus, based on the feedback that we have received, we can only conclude that if the moratorium became law, it would pose a significant threat to our ability to implement the proposed ICT project," he wrote.

According to the President's veto letter, since the last time the FSM ICT taskforce had an opportunity to brief the Congress, it has moved forward with "the project". He wrote that the taskforce has moved "toward the completion of the environmental and social assessments, the hiring of a project manager for the Palau-Yap portion of the project, obtaining independent consultancy advice on optimal overall design for the FSM given its funding resources and existing infrastructure, and finalizing the project design for submission to the World Bank in July."

He wrote that the regulator, defined in Chapter 3 of the Telecommunications bill would be prioritized once the World Bank funding "is in place" but did not specify when that would be.

"However, even if financing is in place, a moratorium may effectively delay the FSM in moving forward with the fiber optic cable project," he wrote and added that a project manager is expected to be chosen by mid-July, and that the intent is to have a supplier chosen for the not yet funded project, by the end of the calendar year.

"If the moratorium stands, the FSM may be unable to enter into project-related agreements with suppliers and development partners such as Palau and the World Bank. This inability, in turn, jeopardizes the FSM's opportunity to participate in a joint venture with Palau for a Palau-Yap cable and secure regional funding," he wrote. "Implementation of the Chuuk and Kosrae connectivity projects may be similarly affected," he added.

Congress expressed angst during its last session over the surprise springing of a World Bank funded energy project instead of the funding for telecommunications that it had been working to secure.

In order to clear up Congress' "confusion", President Mori explained that the FSM identified telecommunications and energy as its two top priority projects for World Bank funding. He wrote that "part of the World Bank's financing process is to have an alternative project as a backup in the event the primary project fails to meet all of the Bank's requirements for approval within the allotted time frame."

He explained that since the priority telecommunications project didn't meet the World Bank's deadlines and requirements, the Bank then moved the Energy project up to a priority position so that the FSM would not lose any of the IDA 16 funding that had originally been slotted for the telecommunications project.

The World Bank representative who spoke with The Kaselehlie Press several months ago, before Congress passed the Telecommunications Liberalization Act, explained that IDA funding is for funding of regional projects under a multi-lateral funding scheme. She explained that if that telecommunications funding scheme couldn't be arranged in time for the meeting of the IDA, the FSM's energy plan was waiting in the wings under a bi-lateral arrangement that didn't involve IDA-16 funding and therefore didn't jeopardize the multi-lateral funding scheme for telecommunications in the FSM.

President Mori wrote that CA 18-75 was additionally flawed because Congress did not act to impose a moratorium on Chapter 2 of Title 21 that eliminates FSM Telecommunications Corporation as the sole provider of telecommunications services. By eliminating Chapter 3 of Title 21 until May 12 of next year, the law as it would stand under CA 18-75 might introduce the possibility that a competitor could come into the telecommunications market with no regulatory safeguards

in place. Such a competitor could come into the market and "exploit the market and thereby disrupt the transition to a free, regulated telecommunications market."

As his final reason for vetoing the bill, President Mori said that Pohnpei is moving on with the installation of the upgrade to 3G cell phone data services. He claimed that it could only do so because Pohnpei has a fiber optic cable but that Yap, Chuuk, and Kosrae could not do so without fiber optic cable. "They, too, need and deserve efficient, reliable, and affordable communications services," he concluded.

An FSMTC official verified today that FSMTC is moving next to provide 3G services in Yap, Chuuk, and Kosrae over the next few weeks. He said that 3G data service is not dependent upon direct fiber optic connectivity. He said that it is not true that FSMTC cannot provide Yap, Chuuk, and Kosrae with 3G service. He agreed that bandwidth would currently be a problem that direct connectivity to a fiber optic line in each state would solve.

In terms of affordability, FSMTC has in fact introduced 3G wireless data services in Pohnpei. 3G service provides 1 megabit per second transmission speeds both for transmission and receipt of data. Currently the service can be accessed in Pohnpei for 10 cents per megabyte transmitted or received. Just a few minutes of listening to an online radio station under the current pricing scheme could wipe out a prepaid Telcard in short order.

Technicians are still working on programming the as yet unannounced package rates for 3G service in the FSM that will be much less expensive than the "per megabyte" rate. 3G users in the FSM will pay the same amount for the service based on data exchange no matter how fast they receive it.

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cooperation between the US and FSM when confronting concerns impacting us all. The US Center for Disease Control (CDC) has been working with local health officials since shortly after we were advised of the outbreak and within two weeks over 21,000 individuals were inoculated against the measles.”

FSM Vice President Alik L. Alik also provided remarks in which he highlighted the special and unique relationship of the USA and FSM. He also discussed the combined effort the two countries are making to meet the challenges of 2023.

Following the formal ceremony, the U.S. Embassy staff hosted an American style lunch of hamburgers, hotdogs, and vegi-burgers.

Peace Corps Volunteers and trainees painted children’s faces and sang a combination of folk and traditional American songs. The day culminated with the appearance of Captain America, who proved to be popular for photos taken with many members of the audience.

Monitoring Pacific vessel catches

New technology for monitoring catches of vessels fishing in Pacific Island waters is being tested on two large Chinese Taipei flagged tuna longliners. The vessels were fitted with video electronic monitoring systems in early March before fishing in the Solomon Islands EEZ (exclusive economic zone) for a trip of almost 80 days. The electronic monitoring system, or ‘e-monitoring’, installed onboard uses high-definition video cameras, GPS and a central unit to record all events and video footage. The main aim of the project is to investigate how e-monitoring works for collecting accurate information on the fishing activities of tuna longline fishing vessels.

This information, including catch number and type, is critical in providing the best scientific and management advice to ensure sustainable fishing. The e-monitoring data collected from these first trips is now being analysed by experienced longline fisheries observers. The analysis will take twenty working days for each vessel. The ‘dry’ observers will record all aspects of the fishing activity, including identifying fishing locations, the catch composition, and the fate of any bycatch taken.

As part of the project, the e-monitoring results will be compared to the information collected by two independent fisheries observers, who were also assigned to each



FSMTC services and support for the 8th Micronesian Games 2014

On Friday, July 4, representatives of FSM Telecommunications Corporation and Pohnpei True Value presented donations of goods and services to the organizers of the 8th Micronesian Games during a short ceremony at FSMTC headquarters.

“FSMTC will provide a wide range of communications and support services to ensure the success of the games. This is done with an array of in-kind support and services that would be needed anyway for the smooth operation of the games which could become big budgetary costs for the MicroGames organizing committee,” an FSMTC press release said. “Our business partners have indicated real interest in underwriting the costs and ensuring that our support and services are prominent.”

The press release provided a bullet pointed list of items that FSMTC and its partners have provided, or will be providing for the games:

- Special edition 8th MicroGames FSMTelCards to commemorate the games in all 4 states of the FSM. A portion of those will be donated for use in complimentary welcome kits for arriving team leaders, coaches, and VIP’s as well as to provide support to the games. (Total value \$2,000 or 400 pcs of \$5)
- Live Internet-based audio streaming via public radio broadcasts of the games. Any radio station can patch into the audio streaming. Total value \$1,000
- Wi-Fi Hotspot coverage at Games venues and Media Center for high speed Internet access. Total value over \$2,000
- ADSL upgrade to FSMNOC office for high speed internet access and smooth operation of games accreditation. Total value over \$1,000
- Upgrade of telecom infrastructure for 3G cellular to ensure



reliable coverage and capacity for the expected extra traffic. Total value over \$1.2 million

- Telephone phone lines to game venues and athletes village for local calls. Total value over \$1,000
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- Special edition 8th Micro Games cellular phones to be given to officials coordinating and providing support to the games. 70 basic cell phones (including SIMs) with logos of FSMTC and ACCLINKs (co-sponsor) and the 8th Micro Games. Total value \$2,100.
- 8th Micro Games Welcome Banners and Sports Venues Banners. ACCLINKs will co-sponsor the banners with FSMTC. Total value over \$1,000
- Special Edition 8th MicroGames marketing products such as Umbrellas, Hats, and T-Shirts, being donated by FSMTC. Joint sponsors from ACCLINKs, True Value, and Etscheit Enterprises. Total Value over \$14,000.



Telecom and True Value representatives present donations to Micronesia Games representatives

vessel to carry out their regular task of observing and recording the catch.

Preliminary findings will be presented at the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission’s annual Scientific Committee meeting to be held in Majuro in August this year.

Implementing e-monitoring technology in all or parts of the Western and Central Pacific Ocean fisheries will require logistical and legal frameworks to be put in place at national and regional levels. The Secretariat of the Pacific Community’s (SPC) knowledge and experience in managing observer data and the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency’s (FFA) expertise in fisheries legislative mechanisms mean that an SPC/ FFA partnership will be paramount if the decision is made to advance e-monitoring in the region.

The project partners are Tri Marine, National Fisheries Developments (NFD), Yi Man Fishing Company, Satlink, FFA, SPC, and Solomon Islands Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR). The International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF) is also a major contributor through support of the Regional Electronic Reporting Coordinator position contracted by SPC.

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PNA increases fishing day price to US \$8,000 for 2015

Majuro, Marshall Islands: Ministers from the eight members of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) agreed Friday June 13 to far-reaching decisions that will increase their nations' economic benefits from the tuna fishery, while expanding management and conservation measures over tuna stocks.

The Ninth Meeting of PNA Ministers meeting in Majuro June 12-13, 2014 agreed to raise the fishing day fee from the current benchmark of US\$6,000 to US\$8,000 starting January 1, 2015.

"The decision to increase the benchmark fee next January will greatly benefit PNA members," said Dr. Transform Aqorau, the organization's CEO, after the meeting wrapped up Friday. "With the decisions approved by the Ministers in Majuro, PNA will continue to increase the share of the tuna industry flowing to our islands. In addition to economic benefits, capping the number of fishing days available in 2014 and 2015 will help sustain and conserve tuna resources for the future, while increasing the value of fishing days."

The decision to raise the fishing day benchmark has implications for the United States Treaty and the PNA is putting the U.S. government and its tuna industry on notice that they will have to increase the amount provided in the treaty to meet the new minimum benchmark fishing day fee in 2015 and beyond. "We won't agree to anything after 2015 unless it reflects the new benchmark price," said Dr. Aqorau. The next United States Treaty negotiating session is in Auckland in July.

In increasing the fishing day benchmark to US\$8,000, Ministers reaffirmed that the benchmark is intended to apply to foreign fishing vessels and that ongoing consideration was essential for domestic fleets.

Implementation of a Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) for purse seiners fishing in PNA waters has resulted in a nearly four-fold increase in revenues to the eight member nations since 2010. The Ministers noted with appreciation the positive response to their call in 2013 for improved management of non-fishing days in the VDS, which has led to a standardized definition for non-fishing days throughout PNA waters and a tightening of previous loopholes that the fishing industry exploited in 2013.

"These changes have contributed to improving the effectiveness of the VDS in limiting fishing effort and making days more valuable in 2014," said Dr. Aqorau. Ministers also noted that trading between Parties had increased and this improved the effectiveness and value of the VDS.

Other key decisions include:

- Ministers endorsed the recommendations from Officials to set the Total Allowable Effort for 2014 and 2015 at 44,623 days per year.

- Ministers welcomed progress on development of the first VDS for longline fishing vessels. At the meeting, the new longline VDS plan was signed by Federated States of Micronesia and Marshall Islands.

- With the benchmark price set to increase to US\$8,000 in 2015, Ministers agreed that the financial terms of the United States Treaty fall well short of what is now the regional norm. The Ministers called for amendment to the financial arrangement for 2015 and beyond to reflect the increasing value of access being provided to the U.S. fleet. The Ministers also reaffirmed that national laws must apply to U.S. vessels, in the same way that they apply to other vessels fishing in PNA waters. PNA Ministers supported the Forum Fisheries Commission decision to reach agreement on outstanding issues with the U.S. at the next session to be held in New Zealand in July.

- Ministers confirmed the economic importance of domestic purse seine development to some Parties to promote sustainable national economic development, including such developments as the FSM Agreement (FSMA). Ministers also noted the significant concerns raised by some Parties about the lack of adequate financial return for the value of access granted to FSMA vessels.

- Despite welcoming progress made by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) in adopting and applying measures to conserve and manage tuna stocks, the Ministers noted with concern shortfalls in measures adopted at the last Commission meeting for conservation and management of bigeye tuna, arising largely from the continuing opposition by some fishing states to apply effective measures for management of high seas fishing. Ministers called on the WCPFC to ensure a greater contribution to bigeye tuna conservation from the distant water longline fleets that largely benefit from this stock from catches taken in the high seas.

- Ministers also expressed grave concern over continuing abuse of WCPFC measures by some fishing states to obstruct the domestic tuna development of Small Island Developing States and strongly supported the WCPFC requirement for Commission Members to support the ongoing development and strengthening of the VDS to manage the purse seine fishery. Ministers called on all members of the WCPFC to ensure that conservation measures do not transfer a disproportionate burden to Small Island Developing States in accordance with the WCPFC Convention and the WCPFC-endorsed resolution on the Special Requirements of Small Island Developing States.

- Ministers signed a resolution to formalise the amendment to the Third Implementing Arrangement that was agreed to by Ministers in July 2013 to remove the prohibition of fishing in the Eastern High Seas area adjacent to PNA waters.

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Camp GLOW Shines on for its 10th Summer

By **Matthew Brown**
Peace Corps Volunteer

"I love Camp GLOW because it is fun and educational," said Ohmine student Rae-Ann Marie Rettin, giving the camp the highest praise any of us could hope for. During the weekend of May 9th through 11th, Rae-Ann and other eighth grade girls from all across Pohnpei attended the 10th annual session of Camp GLOW (Girls Leading Our World). Camp GLOW is part of a Peace Corps global initiative intended to empower young women and to help them become healthy, helpful, and successful members of their communities. In order to attend the camp, the girls demonstrated their commitment to women's empowerment by attending Camp GLOW sessions at their schools and by writing an essay.

This year, with over 140 girls set to attend, the Peace Corps split the camp into two sessions. The first round of the camp was held at PATS with over eighty girls from Ohmine, Awak, Lukop, Sapwhilap, and Pohnlangas Elementary Schools in attendance. Peace Corps Volunteers and their local counterpart teachers instructed campers on topics including gender, hygiene, nutrition, first aid, and climate change, among others.

Also, the Peace Corps partnered with a number of local NGOs and organizations to bring some fantastic sessions to our campers. The International Organization of Migration (IOM) conducted a fun and informative session about the common natural disasters that could affect Pohnpei. Campers were then allowed hands on experience with radios, generators, solar water stills, and other tools that they might need to operate in the event of a natural disaster. Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) ran an interesting session on local food and nutrition, complete with posters, bags, and other prizes for the girls and their schools.

The second round of Camp GLOW, held at Nihco Marine Park, involved girls from Pehleing, Palikir, Rohi, and Seinwar Elementary Schools. The second session of camp, held from June 13th through 15th, saw the return of IOM and their Disaster Preparedness Sessions, as well as some new special guest speakers. On Saturday afternoon, Marstella Jack and Bestina Benjamin from the Pohnpei Women's Council led an informational session on Women's Rights and the Age of Consent in Pohnpei. Later that day, they returned with Lululeen from the Office of Social Affairs for a cultural presentation where the girls learned how to weave baskets and make bracelets. And of course, no trip to Nihco Marine Park would be complete without a dip in the lagoon.

Besides informational sessions, campers at both sessions enjoyed a number of games and activities. The girls learned Tae-kwondo, yoga, rugby, songs, and fun games that



Campers showing off their new Camp GLOW T-shirts at PATS's beautiful campus



Peace Corps Volunteer Alex Laszlo gets the girls psyched up and ready for Camp GLOW

promoted leadership and teamwork. Each night, campers were given time to ask questions about the topics they had learned, or any other areas of interest, at "Nahs Talk"

Specialist for the Peace Corps (691-320-2531).

We would like to offer our sincerest gratitude to Kate McDermott, Luan Gilmete, Yolanda Joab, Rick Herman,

and Mark Adams from IOM and Mr. Adelino from IFCP for putting together such great sessions. Also, thank you to the Micronesia Red Cross Society for providing us with instructional dummies for our CPR/First Aid session. Special thanks also goes out to Lululeen of the Office of Social Affairs, Marstella Jack and Bestina Benjamin from the Pohnpei Women's Council, and the staff at Nihco Marine Park for letting us use their wonderful accommodations. Finally, thank you to Deacon Nennis and Sister Christina for letting us use the fantastic facilities at PATS. We look forward to working with all of you again in the near future.

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Language:

Thorough knowledge of English and Chuukese

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...Press Conference

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“On June 16, 2014, a mass emergency vaccination campaign was launched to prevent measles in Pohnpei. In this campaign, all children as young as 6 months old to adults until the age of 49, regardless of previous history in getting MMR dose(s) will receive a MMR dose. The MMR vaccine is very safe and does not cause any major side effects. Even if you have been previously vaccinated or have received an MMR vaccine in the past, getting an additional dose of the vaccine is still safe. The whole campaign will last for 4 weeks. Several vaccination teams are going to the communities vaccinating individuals.

“As of June 26, 2014, 19,102 individuals (62% of the target population) had received their vaccines. We have 2 more weeks for the vaccination. Anyone who has not received

their MMR vaccine is urged to get their dose in the communities during the community visits or at public health. In order to successfully control the outbreak, 95% of the entire target population will receive a dose of the MMR vaccine during the campaign.

“In addition to the emergency vaccination campaign, several actions such as disease surveillance, epidemiological investigation, patient management, and community awareness on measles are currently underway.

“The health and well-being of the citizens of Pohnpei state is a public health priority and the vaccination campaign strives to maintain this”, the Governor's statement said.

School Test results

70 percent of elementary school students passed the High School entrance examination as compared to 76 percent last year.

His evaluation of the College of Micronesia

Entrance Test for the three State High Schools led him to state that the overall test scores this year were favorable as compared to last year's results.

In 2013, 38 percent of Pohnpei Island

Central School (PICS) made test scores high enough for a degree entry program. In 2014 the percentage had fallen to 32 percent. 29 percent of Madolenihmw High School's (MHS) students had scores sufficient to be accepted into a degree program in 2013. 30 percent of MHS students had high enough scores this year. In 2013, 35 percent of students tested at Nanpei Memorial High School (NMHS) had scores high enough for acceptance into a degree program at COM-FSM. This year 37 percent qualified for the degree program.

At PICS, 26 percent of students qualified for a certificate program in 2013. This year 40 percent of students qualified. 47 percent of MHS students' test scores qualified for the certificate program in 2013. This year 49 percent of them did so. At NMHS, 39 percent of students qualified for a certificate program in 2013. This year it was 45 percent.

The failure rate on the test isn't particularly good but seems to be improving amongst all of the Pohnpei High Schools, though only by a small margin.

In 2013, 36 percent of PICS students did not meet the basic entry requirements for the College of Micronesia. In 2014, only 28 percent of students tested did not meet basic entry requirements.

At MHS 37 percent did not meet entry requirements. In 2014, only 22 percent didn't test well.

In 2013, 27 percent of students at NMHS didn't pass the COMET, but in 2014, only 19 percent of its students didn't meet the minimum requirements for the test.

8th Micronesia Games

The Governor was not expansive in his pre-conference English language materials on the preparations for the 8th Micronesia Games.

He said that the venues for the games are set and that there will be 14 sports.

Charter flights for the delegations that will participate in the games will arrive beginning on July 17.

Transportation for athletes is set. At the time of the press conference, 33 buses and mini vans from the Department of Education had been arranged.

Registration and issuance of IDs is in progress. Donations for the games are still coming in. Volunteers are still being enlisted.

The Department of Health is working hard for the prevention of contagious diseases and are especially vigilant given the recent outbreak of measles.

He strongly suggested that visitors be vaccinated against measles at least two weeks prior to the start of the games.

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The Forum's administrative arm is the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, based in Suva, Fiji. It acts as the Secretariat for Forum-related events, implements decisions by the Leaders, facilitates the delivery of development assistance to member states, and undertakes the political and legal mandates of Forum meetings.

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About the Opportunities

Exciting opportunities exist for the dual international positions:

- Non State Actor (NSA) Programme Manager; and
- NSA Grant Management Officer.

Non-State Actor (NSA) PROGRAMME MANAGER

Reporting to the Director Strategic Partnerships & Coordination Programme, the Non-state actor (NSA) Programme Manager will effectively manage and implement the EU-funded NSA Policy Engagement Programme and support NSA engagement activities across the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (including engagement with civil society, private sector, and academia).

Responsibilities will include (but are not limited to):

- Effectively managing the programming process for the Non State Actor Policy Engagement Programme
- Effectively administering, implementing, and monitoring the activities of the Non State Actor Policy Engagement Programme
- Building effective working relationships with NSAs, development partners and programme staff at the Secretariat to support NSA policy engagement.

Applicants should have an advanced Masters degree in management, business, or social science. Candidates should have 10 years of relevant experience in development work including programme management for similar-size programmes involving civil society organisations. The candidate should have experience in working with non state actors on a national and/or regional basis.

The salary will be in the range of SDR34,026 to SDR51,040 per annum. At the 1 April 2014 exchange rate this salary range was equivalent to FJD98,426 to FJD147,642.

NSA GRANT MANAGEMENT OFFICER

Reporting to the NSA Programme Manager, the NSA Grant Management Officer will support the implementation of the European Union (EU)-funded NSA Policy Engagement Programme, and in particular ensure good management of grant disbursements to NSAs.

Responsibilities will include (but are not limited to):

- Providing accurate and timely information to NSAs and relevant stakeholders on the NSA Policy Engagement Programme grant facility;
- Effectively managing and supporting the grant applications process;
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- Assisting the programme manager with oversight and reporting.

PREL recognizes educational efforts made by the Chuuk Women's Council

On Wednesday, June 25, 2014, ten Chuuk Women's Council (CWC) members received Certificates of Completion from Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL) for completing training and the administration of the Short Assessments for Literacy (SAL) at Mwan Elementary School. SAL is a formative assessment tool developed by PREL on Chuukese and English literacy for grades K5-3. The piloting success at Mwan was made possible with participation of the ten CWC members, who completed SAL training offered by the Pilot DLA project, and sat side-by-side with each student in grades K5-3 to administer SAL.

SAL was introduced to the Chuuk Department of Education (DOE) as part of the Pilot Dual Language Arts (DLA) Curriculum Framework project. The project is funded by the Chuuk DOE and led by PREL in collaboration with the DOE. SAL measures Chuukese and English literacy skills through the five categories of alphabetic understanding, fluency, reading comprehension strategies (recall and locate), and writing. Each student is assessed individually, and is asked to read or listen to a text followed by oral questions and a writing prompt. The SAL administrator records students' responses and uses rubrics to determine each student's performance level (advanced, proficient, developing, or beginner) for each category. SAL is designed for administration at least three times during a school year, so that teachers document students' literacy development, and act on the information immediately to make informed decisions about teaching and learning.

PREL Senior Specialist Destin Penland stressed the importance of the SAL for both the DOE and individual teachers because the results provide a better understanding of what areas students are struggling with, allowing for more targeted lessons to be created. He advocated for additional opportunities for students to read, write, listen, and speak in both Chuukese and English. He believes that given more chances to practice, and increased exposure, the students are capable of great things. The CWC is working to make such increased opportunities a reality through its initiatives for both parents and their children. Thanks to a grant from the government of Japan, the CWC is currently expanding the SM Poll Center to have a second floor which will host a children and youth learning center that includes a library. The library will be open to the community and host various learning and development activities for families.

Penland along with CWC board member Nely Mori Ruben handed out the certificates to the following SAL Administrators: Merina Francis, Batsipa Sarafin, Ermina Conrad, Rosalina Pakiu, Reptsina Joseph, Sally Poll, Suomi Phaynid, Sunshine Ranik, Siperia Ruben, and Mary Rose Nakayama. The hard work of these women allowed for the pilot of the SAL to be a success and their continued dedication to Mwan Elementary School and the Chuuk Educational System is to be commended. Though the SAL results indicate there is still much work to be done, the assessment provides a critical starting point for targeting needs and tracking progress.

Applicants should have an advanced university degree in management or accounting or other relevant discipline. Candidates should have up to 5 years of relevant experience in grant management or project financial management and administration of similar financial volume with strong knowledge in planning for and implementing grants and following financial procedures.

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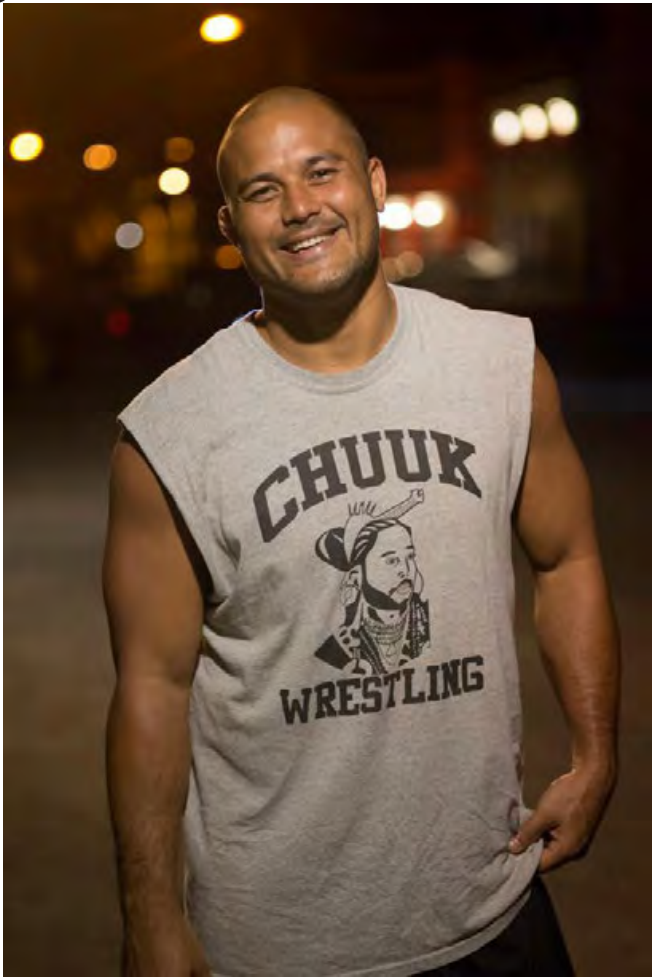
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Deadline for applications is at 5pm (Fiji time), 1 August 2014.

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



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John Tarkong, Jr., Coach Youngho Ko, Palau NOC and the people of Palau who opened their arms and islands to welcome Keitani to train and live there.

Thanks to Ginger Mida for her efforts that resulted in Keitani's commemorative stamps "FSM Olympian".

FSM wrestling coach Larry Uwelur, FSMNOC and others who supported Keitani during his competitive years. To Yap State and Yap Sport for bringing Kei to work in yiuir 2013 Yap Games!

Thanks to Jacob Clark, Keitani's training partner and friend, USA Coach Chandler, Larry Slater, Cory "Spins" Taylor, and Guam's Joey Lopez, and the wrestling family!

Thanks to all Keitani's friends and fellow athletes - too many to mention and you know who you are - from Chuuk who supported him in his climb from Penia, Weene to London!

A very special thanks to my mother Etta Mae Kallis who didn't make the 1936 Berlin Olympics, but whose stories were told to my children about her achievements in US Track & Field.

There is a saying in sports, *"If you can't see it, you can't dream it!"*

Elias Rodriquez came to Chuuk many years ago to run in the Chuuk Track & Field Games. Keitani, Curtis & Kimberly were very young. Elias was magnificent, winning almost every event he entered. It was then that Keitani saw a great Micronesian athlete of superior ability and dedication. When Elias represented FSM in the 2000 Sydney Olympics, it brought the dream closer. Keitani saw Elias, a fellow Micronesian, achieve his Olympic dream.

Thank you Elias for letting Keitani see it, dream it, and help make him an Olympian.



On behalf of the Graham family and Chineina's extended family in Chuuk, Sokehs, Madolenihmw and elsewhere. Thank you all. May the games bring our athletes from across Micronesia together in competition, friendship and honor!

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Salt Reduction Program held at RSP Elementary School

By Caitlin Hanson
MAHI International

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) partnered with volunteers from MAHI International to bring a weeklong Salt Reduction and Health Advocacy Program to Rohie Soledi Peidie (RSP) Elementary School in Sokehs Pah. RSP was the pilot school for a health program that will hopefully spread to all the elementary schools throughout Pohnpei.

With NCDs (Non-Communicable Diseases), such as cardiovascular disease and diabetes, being the leading cause of death among the populations of Micronesia, Island Food Community of Pohnpei has decided to take a stand. One of the simplest, most cost effective ways to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease, hypertension, stroke and a range of other illnesses is to decrease daily sodium intake in our diet. The World Health Organization recommended daily salt intake is 5 grams or 1 small teaspoon. Many foods commonly eaten in Pohnpei are very high in salt, therefore most people eat more than the daily recommended levels. IFCP built a program around this idea and targeted it towards elementary age students who can make healthy choices in their lives now, before they create unhealthy dieting habits in the future.

Memiap – Uht Nectar (Papaya-Banana Nectar)

Ingredients

1 cup ripe papaya, mashed
1 cup ripe banana, mashed
1 cup coconut water or coconut milk
1/3 cup water
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Health Notes

Papaya is a highly nutritious fruit, it provides you with a huge amount of vitamin C and
A. It is also a good source of potassium and calcium.
You can also eat the seeds, which are a bit spicy.

Method

- Pass the papaya and banana through a coarse sieve
- Combine all the ingredients and stir until thoroughly blended
- Pour over cracked ice until chilled and enjoy

President Mori updates Congress on Weno Road Project status: construction could start by early August

FSMIS

July 10, 2014

In a July 9th letter to Speaker Dohsis Halbert, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) President Manny Mori updated Congress on the status of the Weno Road Phase 1 Project on the Island of Weno in Chuuk.

President Mori told Congress that the two infrastructure sector grants for the road project suspended by the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), United States Department of the Interior, have been freed. He stated that such decision cleared the way for approximately \$4.5 million of funds already available, -- remaining funds from the \$26.2 million water, sewer, road and drainage phase 1 project.

President Mori stressed that the Program Management Unit (PMU) at the FSM Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure, "anticipates receipt of independent cost estimates and construction schedule from Stanley Consultants before the



Salt reduction awareness by IFCP

From May 19th through the 23rd IFCP and MAHI International volunteers visited RSP and gave presentations on the dangers of high-sodium diets, cooking demonstrations, lessons on reading nutrition labels, and presentations and activities on the importance of exercise. On the final day of the program IFCP provided RSP students with healthy lunches and MAHI volunteers conducted sport competitions in basketball, soccer, volleyball and foot races. Prizes were given to the winners. Pohnpei State Public Health members also attended the program on the final day and set up a free health clinic for parents of the students to check their blood pressure and blood sugar levels.

The pilot program was a huge success; the students at RSP being excited about what was learned and ready to make healthier choices in their lives. Island Food Community of Pohnpei is hoping to spread this program and health message with other schools across the island and ultimately increase the quality of life for all the people on Pohnpei.

Environmental Club Learns about Food Mileage

By April Turner

Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Food mileage is the distance food travels from farm to fork, so in the case of Pohnpei this is a long way if you buy imported foods. 35 students at Ohmine and Kolonia Elementary Schools who are involved in the Environmental Protection Agency's Environment Clubs, coordinated by Takahiro Hamagawa, heard about the environmental impact of imported food from a guest speaker of Island Food Community of Pohnpei.

Through hands-on activities the students learnt how to read product labels to determine the location of manufacture and simulated food transportation journeys of Koolaid and Karat banana to understand the different transportation processes of local and imported foods. Mathematics was also incorporated as students calculated the

food mileage of popular Pohnpeian foods of Koolaid and ramen.

Food mileage relates to the E for Environment in the CHEEF benefits of local food because:

- Chemicals used in conventional farming harms soil, air, water & animals
- Electricity & water used and waste & pollution caused by food production processes
- Greenhouse Gas emissions from transportation (more than 5000 miles from USA to Pohnpei!)
- Plastic & paper packaging harming nature

The global food system produces 40% of carbon emissions (FAO 2006) so the food we eat is a big contributor to climate change.

By eating local food grown organically in Pohnpei we are reducing our food mileage and environmental impact. Let's Go Local!



Students read role cards for the 5000 mile journey of Koolaid from manufacture in USA to the consumer in Pohnpei

Pohnpei tax office issues new form for collection of recycling fee

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

July 10, 2014

Pohnpei, FSM—When Pohnpei's business owners went to pay their sales taxes this month they were given a form letter explaining the "Recycling Fee" and were required to sign saying that they had received the letter.

Andonia Ladore, Acting Chief of the Division of Revenue and Taxation said that the letter was issued in order to resolve some confusion amongst business establishments regarding the implementation of the beverage container fee. She said that there had been confusion about how to pay the fee and that some businesses had been including the fee on their sales tax forms.

She said that she felt that most, if

not all importers had been complying with the law and that the letter was not issued due to any non-compliance issues.

The letter did not mention a new form for businesses to use in order to pay the fee but Ladore said that the main purpose of the letter was to introduce a new form that businesses will need to use in order to pay the six-cent-per-imported-can fee. It reminded importers that the fee is due on the 15th of the month following the arrival of imported beverage containers. It also reminded importers that penalties and charges will be computed for failure to report recycling fees or for late filing.

"The purpose and aim of the Recycling Program is to establish a self-supported, sage and efficient system of beverage container disposal throughout Pohnpei," the letter says.

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JICA Micronesia Math Seminar 2014 in Pohnpei



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open class sessions which were held at Awak and Ohmine Elementary School. During the open class sessions, participants get to actually observe and participate in the math class activities. Moreover, the seminar also gives the participants an opportunity to exchange opinions and lessons to deepen their understandings of what they have gleaned from the initial training and the open class lessons.

JICA Volunteer Coordinator Ms. Hiroko Kumano and Chief of Curriculum &

Instruction, Mr. Reynold Albert from Pohnpei State Department of Education welcomed all participants which include JICA volunteers and Counterparts, the Director of Chuuk State Education, Principals and few of their teachers from respective elementary schools on Pohnpei, DOE Math Specialist and Professors from Japan. The 4-day math seminar ended with inspiring words of encouragement and appreciation from National Department of Education, the Honorable Dr. Rufino Mauricio.

From the 22nd to the 25th of June, JICA FSM volunteers in the Education field of Math hosted the second year of a 3-year JICA Regional Math Seminar with the theme "Student-Centered Approach". With the goal of improving teaching skills for math in primary education, representatives from the three Micronesia island countries, mainly the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) and Republic of Palau (ROP) convened in Pohnpei state for a 4-day seminar.

The math seminar was held at Small Business Center, COM Pohnpei Campus with the objective to improving students' skills on calculation. Participants shared their math teaching techniques from their respective island countries and also observed

JICA Micronesia Math seminar was first established in Palau in 2004 for regional trainings for quality improvement of primary math education for the Pacific. Teachers are trained to help our developing countries by improving their teaching skills.



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New JICA volunteers welcomed

JICA FSM

On July 7, 2014, FSM Department of Foreign Affairs welcomed six new JICA volunteers to the Federated States of Micronesia. The Japan International Cooperation Agency has been dispatching volunteers into the FSM since 1989. JICA volunteers have been assisting in priority sectors in Education, Health, Environment, Agriculture, Fisheries, Tourism and other fields. Currently, twenty-four volunteers; 16 Senior Volunteers and 8 JOCV (Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer), are serving in the FSM including the six new volunteers who all will serve two years in their respective posts.

The new dispatched group consists of three senior volunteers and three JOCV members. Dispatched to Yap state, SV Mr. Hisafumi Kotobuki is assigned to Yap Fishing Authority and JOCV Ms. Nanae Yasukawa to Dalipebinaw Community School. For Pohnpei, JOCV Ms. Yuka Onishi has been assigned to Kolonia Elementary School while SV Ms. Mayuko Nakanishi is assigned to the National Government at the Department of Health & Social Affairs. Lastly for Kosrae State, SV Mr. Morio Nojiri has been assigned to the Department of Infrastructure/ Public Works and JOCV Mr. Ryu Fujita to Utwe Elementary School. All new volunteers are ready to embark on their new journey in the FSM. The aim of the volunteers is to develop better life for the local people and the community.



FSM Department of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Carson Mongkeya & Ms. Stacy Yleizah welcomed new Volunteers

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REPORTS TO: President/CEO
Opening Date: June 25, 2014
Closing Date: July 25, 2014

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The noise level in the work area is typically that of a moderately quiet office environment.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

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Delegates discuss successes and challenges in national climate change adaptation projects

Secretariat of the Pacific Community

Delegations from nine Pacific Island countries met at the Millennium Hall in Alofi, Niue from 23 to 27 June, 2014 to share experiences, discuss lessons learnt thus far and plan the completion of nine national climate change adaptation projects. These activities are all part of the Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States (GCCA: PSIS) project funded with EUR 11.4 million by the European Union.

Participants from GCCA: PSIS project countries Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Tonga and Tuvalu visited project sites in Niue, also a project country. These included a purpose built rainwater tank moulding facility and homes where rainwater harvesting systems have been installed.

'We have manufactured 5000-litre tanks for all of the island's households. We have completed building 50% of the concrete slabs used to support the tanks at peoples' homes and we have successfully installed 35% of the completed systems so far,' says Haden Talagi, GCCA: PSIS Project Coordinator in Niue.

The GCCA: PSIS project began in 2011, and implementation in all nine countries is due for completion by the end of June 2015. The delegations attended a project steering committee meeting where open and frank

panel discussions were convened to discuss the successes and challenges experienced by each implementing country.

'Sharing information in the panel sessions is particularly useful,' says Claudette Wharton from Nauru, 'and it gives us ideas for what would work well in our own situations.'

Peniamina Leavai from the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme also appreciated the panel discussion approach. 'I like the fact that the islands are freely sharing – in a diplomatic fashion – the challenges and issues they are experiencing,' he said. 'It shows there is a need to modify government systems so that countries can better cope with the additional burden of climate change which comes on top of existing priorities.'

A highlight of the meeting was video productions demonstrating lessons learnt in the implementation of project activities so far. Each country delegation prepared a 5-minute video featuring their country's individual highlights and challenges.

Teina Rongo, GCCA: PSIS Country Coordinator in Cook Islands says, 'To me, the adaptation project documentaries developed by each county reflected the diversity of all the projects involved in this GCCA: PSIS project. I found the way they put forth their projects through the documentaries to be quite diverse and innovative.'



Hon. Toke Talagi, Premier of Niue and European Union Ambassador for the Pacific, HE Andrew Jacobs attend the fourth steering committee meeting of the Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States project in Alofi, Niue

'The adaptation project documentaries bring me a little closer to the people of the project countries because they showed me their needs and values and how GCCA: PSIS is making a difference,' says Belinda Hadley, GCCA: PSIS Climate Change Coordinator in FSM.

On the final day of the meeting, participants discussed the project's exit strategy and continuation of activities initiated by the project. This included suggestions from the German Agency for International

Cooperation, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and University of the South Pacific that could transition activities into new projects coming on stream and identification of potential opportunities to replicate and up-scale the completed activities.

The GCCA: PSIS project is implemented regionally by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and nationally by each of the participating governments.

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2005	~\$150M	~\$150M
2006	~\$200M	~\$200M
2007	~\$250M	~\$250M
2008	~\$300M	~\$300M
2009	~\$350M	~\$350M
2010	~\$400M	~\$400M
2011	~\$450M	~\$450M
2012	~\$500M	~\$500M

PROJECT FUNDING

Country	Funding (\$M)
Pohnpei	\$66.8M
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Kosrae	\$50.5M
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