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## Chuuk Governor candidates square off at COM 2009 Solutions Forum



Gillian Doone



Redley Killion



Wesley Simina

**DEBATE  
COVERAGE**

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

Weno, Chuuk – On February 16 at the Weno campus of the College of Micronesia, more than a hundred people gathered to hear the views of the three candidates for Chuuk State Governor on issues that will effect the lives of every man, woman, and child in the state for the next four years. Winds periodically blasted through the venue where the 2009 Solutions Forum took place, whipping dust from the “road” into the eyes and lungs of the spectators, a not too subtle reminder of some of the problems that the winner of the election on March 3 will have to face.

The event was broadcast live on the Chuuk state radio station for listeners on Weno and on the lagoon and outer islands. The audio content was also streamed on the Internet. It began just before 10:00 that Monday morning and lasted until after 12:30.

The 2009 Solutions Forum was organized by a committee from the College of Micronesia chaired by Joakim Peter. The committee solicited questions for the candidates from multiple sources in Chuuk and then met to determine which questions would be asked and how they would be worded.

Gillian Doone, Redley Killion, and incumbent Governor Wesley Simina were provided a list of the possible questions in advance of the event. There was a slate of 29 questions. 21 were asked of the candidates.

Joakim Peter was the moderator and time limits were strictly observed and enforced.

The candidates were each given two minutes to respond to the questions and five minutes each for a summation. Candidates answered questions on governance issues, issues of the economy, health, education and environment.

Candidates had been asked to answer the questions in the language of the COM campus, the English language but the candidates answered in a blend of English and Chuukese. Incumbent, Governor Simina spoke entirely in Chuukese.

The Kaselehlie Press relied on the English trans-

lation skills of Joakim Peter and Roger Arnold of the Chuuk Campus of the College of Micronesia in order to cover the event. Representations of candidates’ answers are based on those translations.

Transparency is a major component of democratic governance. The Chuuk State Constitution attempts to ensure transparency in mandating the

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## PUC says because of inflation tariff reform is overdue

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FM – On January 8, 2009 Deloitte and Touche released their independent audit findings of financial activities of Pohnpei Utilities Corporation for fiscal years 2007 and 2008. They found no material weaknesses in financial reporting at PUC.

Included in the audit is a management discussion and analysis of the factors that caused changes in the financial standing of PUC. The document which was prepared by PUC management says that the

existing tariff was approved in 1996 and should be revisited and reformed.

According to the management discussion, in 2008 PUC cut back on salaries by nearly a quarter of a million dollars. They realized a total reduction in expense of nearly \$900,000 but those measures were still not enough to keep the corporation from suffering a loss.

Previous audits have shown that PUC has been operating at a loss nearly every year for at least a decade. Last year’s surge in fuel prices didn’t help the corporation to improve that situation though

in 2008 the loss was \$2.7 million while in 2007 the loss was at over \$3 million for the year. These losses were despite significant PUC cutbacks in all other categories of expense.

Customer demand fell by over 7% in 2008 but in that year PUC collected total power revenues of \$12.6 million, up from \$10.1 million in 2007. The increase in revenue was due to the fuel tariff that PUC had to charge its customers per kilowatt hour. The average fuel tariff per kilowatt hour in 2008 was 34 cents, up from 23 cents in 2007. Customers paid as much as 51 cents per kilowatt hour in 2008.

In 2008, operating revenues at PUC were

\$13.8 million before the corporation was forced to write off over \$200,000 worth of bad customer debts. It cost PUC over \$16.2 million to provide utilities service in Pohnpei.

According to PUC management it cost the utility 52 cents on average to produce and sell one kilowatt hour in 2008 but they charged an average of 44 cents. It also cost \$2.42 to produce and sell 1000 gallons of clean water but the utility charge and average of \$1.80 per 1000 gallons.

PUC says that there are several factors that caused the cost versus price disparity.

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Photos by Bill Jaynes

### ...Chuuk debate

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offices of public auditor and independent prosecutor. As governor for the next four years, are you going to establish and fund these two offices and what are the timelines?

Candidate Gillian Doone promised to fill the offices in 100 days. Candidate Redley Killion promised to nominate qualified people for the position within 30 days.

Governor Simina said that he didn't know how either of those two promises could be kept. He said that it is not the Governor, the Lt. Governor, or the Speaker that makes the choice about filling the positions but that constitutionally the choice is up to the 49 members of the mayor's conference. He said that the US Office of Insular Affairs didn't want to fund the positions and the mayor's conference didn't want them. Most especially, he said, all they will do is prosecute top officials as has recently been done.

Do you support the idea of the CFCC (Chuuk Fi-

nancial Control Commission)? If you say yes, explain. If you say no what are the proper measures on ensuring transparency and accountability?

Killion said that the CFCC is a requirement of Compact funding and that without it there would be no money from the Compact in Chuuk. He said that it isn't a matter of supporting or not supporting it. What is needed in his opinion is improvement of the management of Chuuk's finances so that Chuuk can convince JEMCO that the CFCC is no longer needed.

Governor Simina said that the CFCC was not a requirement of the Compact but one of JEMCO. He said that JEMCO targeted Chuuk because they were unhappy with some of the uses of funding through 2004. Chuuk created the office in 2005 and that Chuuk continues to desire the presence of the CFCC because of the wishes of the U.S. Government. He said that it is important to do the work for accountability in the use of money and that the state needs to support good measures even if it gives the state a bad name.

Doone said that he does not support the CFCC. He said that it is true that JEMCO demanded that Chuuk pass a law to establish the CFCC because

the state was errant in its ways; because it doesn't take care of its money. He said that the CFCC is a bottleneck in the financial matters of Chuuk State. No other state in the FSM has an agency like CFCC because they follow the requirements of JEMCO. He said that the entity could be disbanded if the state can show that they can follow the requirements just as well as any other state.

We have experienced a sudden increase in the cost of living (rice and fuel cost as an example) as the salary remains the same. What are your long term plans to maintain a sustainable standard of living for the people of Chuuk?

Governor Simina had the first opportunity to answer the question. He said that the people of Chuuk have no control over international pricing of commodities and that people throughout the world are facing similar problems. He called on the people of Chuuk to return to its culture and to what they were eating before. He said that the people should be planting taro and bananas which don't cost anything. People should also return to their canoes for transportation, he said.

He said that infrastructure problems like the road and the power problems should be resolved so that investors will be attracted in order to create more income for workers in the private sector.

He said that his administration had increased the salaries of its workers by returning them to 80 hour pay periods. He challenged private sector employers to increase their employees' salaries as a means toward solving the problem.

Doone said almost jokingly that in some ways he was grateful for the increase in the price of rice because it has led some to return to farming. Today, he said, there are children running around

eating taro and bananas for snacks and that this return to culture was good for Chuukese people.

He said that he knew that businesses were facing problems because of infrastructure and for other economic reasons and promised to find ways to provide more funding for the private sector.

Killion agreed that the import export imbalance in Chuuk is a big determinate of increased prices in Chuuk. He challenged the people to continue planting taro, bread fruit and bananas to replace imported food items.

He called for an increase in exportation from Chuuk.

He said that there has been a decline in agricultural products and in livestock production such as pigs and chickens and that the decline needs to be reversed in order to replace imported goods.

He also called for an improvement in Chuuk infrastructure.

In the past years we have experienced a downturn in Chuuk's gross domestic product. Given the infrastructure challenges the state has in doing business (for example, the lack of power, and the Weno roads that tear up rental cars) if you were elected governor of Chuuk State what specific measures are you going to put into place, such as tax breaks and other incentives for local businesses to recover and to ease the burden of doing businesses? What are your plans to ensure stability and growth in Chuuk State's economy for the next four years?

Gillian Doone was the first respondent and said that for Chuuk to give a tax break at this time of

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## ...PUC tariff

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By regulation PUC does not charge customers for depreciation expense which costs them 5 cents per kilowatt hour produced and \$1.05 per 1000 gallons of clean water delivered.

Based on the U.S. consumer price index costs are 40% higher since 1996 when the current approved tariff rate was set. PUC says that because of inflation tariff reform is overdue.

Saying "PUC encountered rough times paying the high cost of fuel in 2008," PUC management was forced to dip into its current assets like investments and the cash they had in banks to make up the difference.

By charging a fuel tariff PUC is supposed to recover its fuel costs but in 2008 they collected \$1.6 million less than the \$11.5 million it cost them for fuel.

PUC's ramshackle office building in downtown Kolonia and the utility's shortage of spare parts such as transformers give evidence that maintenance

funds have been necessarily diverted to cover the cost of fuel. Often when transformers fail in one area of Pohnpei repair crews have been forced to remove transformers from poles in places where there are no customers before they can repair the problem adding hours to the repair process. Currently a brand new transformer for residential service costs the utility \$1,215.

PUC said that the cost of lubrication oil and solvents is not built in to the fuel-pass-through tariff that changes when the cost of fuel changes. They said that last year they spent nearly \$400,000 on lubrication oil and solvents.

PUC said that they are experiencing technical and non-technical line losses of 20.4 percent.

An expert on the subject of utilities delivery not associated with PUC said that technical line losses occur in every electrical service system and that those losses are just a function of the resistance of the lines and in the transformers. A portion of the power is lost due to resistance and is instead converted into heat. He said that in a well maintained system technical line losses usually amount to

less than 5%.

He said that other line losses can occur when power services are incorrectly installed which can cause the meter to register lower power usage than is actually being provided. Other types of line losses include theft of power when meters are completely bypassed by customers. He said that a typical well maintained utility in the United States experiences combined technical and non-technical line losses of around 5%.

The fuel used to produce the power that is lost through technical or non-technical line losses is not billable to a customer and the cost is not recovered by the tariff.

Of the 6,363 customers who have meters in Pohnpei only 311 (nearly 5%) commercial and government customers still have conventional meters. Those customers consume 46% of PUC's annual sales. PUC says that it was only on July 1, 2008 that PUC reduced the billing cycle for those customers from 90 to 45 days. In times of increasing fuel prices those customers are charged a cheaper fuel price than the actual cost of the fuel. They say that this is another factor that

contributed to the mismatch of current revenue and fuel expense.

PUC management projects that 2009 will be financially better. They say that when the world oil price hit \$147 per barrel in July 2008 they were paying \$5.12 per gallon of diesel. As of January 8, 2009 PUC was paying \$2.42 per gallon.

"Since the world oil price has fallen below \$40, PUC anticipates its price to go down as far as \$1.39 per gallon if prices are influenced only by the world market price and the price per barrel remains the same for the rest of the year."

They say that if that happens they could save as much as \$8 million.

Because fuel costs saved are passed on to customers under the approved tariff regulations any savings would not affect PUC's balance sheet. However, because PUC would reduce the cost of power charged to its customers there is a potential for non-fuel revenue sales to increase next year. Non-fuel revenues fund PUC's operations.

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# Congress adjourns Sixth and final Regular Session with major legislations

**FSM Congress Public Information Office**

PALIKIR, POHNPEI. February 16, 2009 – The 15th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia introduced and passed several monumental legislations during its Sixth and final Regular Session before adjourning sine-die on Saturday February 7, 2009.

Leading the measures is a re-passed legislation that was vetoed during the December Special Session. Congressional Act (CA) 15-68 provides for the appointment of FSM's representatives to the Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) and the Joint Trust Fund Committee in accordance with the amended Compact of Free Association between the United States and the FSM. Congress re-passed the measure in its entirety and re-transmitted it to the Office of the President.

The next measure CA 15-76 is an amendment to Public Law 15-55, to allow for reshuffling of funds within the 2009 Budget for the Legislative Branch.

Another legislation calling for amendment of previously allotted funds is CA 15-77. It proposes the amendment of PL 15-32 to change

uses of certain funds previously appropriated for the States of Chuuk and Yap

A monumental legislation that passed Congress is CA 15-78, a legislation that called for amendments to various aspects of the FSM Social Security Act to provide for financial stability of the program. Among the proposed amendments are provisions regarding tax increases, penalties, clarification of benefits and retirement qualifications, in addition it also clarifies the definition of an employer. The legislation also called for amendments to the programs' investments abroad.

Speaker Isaac V. Figir commended members for the unanimous passage of the legislation which had sparked lively discussions in the states. He thanked members for setting aside the various political implications that accompany the passage of such legislation and instead "act directly for the benefit of the people.

"We (have) just saved a very very important program. One that benefits all the people of this nation – thank you very much gentlemen," said the Speaker. He further noted that the legislation is passed with the understanding that Congress will continue to work with the Social Security Administration and States to improve

the program.

Following the passage of the Social Security legislation, Congress went into recess to allow the members' participation in the State and National Leadership Conference from February 4 – 6, 2009. The conference gathered in Palikir the Heads of the four State Governments and the Presiding Officers of the respective Legislatures along with the Leadership of the National Government.

The Leadership placed the issue of infrastructure as their top priority and thus agreed upon an infrastructure legislation that was transmitted to Congress for action.

Congress reconvened at the end of the Leadership Conference and passed the long awaited legislation on Infrastructure, CA. 15-79. The legislation appropriates the sum of \$46,111,340 for funding of public infrastructure projects for the four States and the National Government. According to the legislation, the funding is apportioned as follows: Infrastructure Maintenance Fund - \$2,306,795; Chuuk Public Infrastructure Projects - \$17,482,782; Kosrae Public Infrastructure Projects - \$5,014,798; Pohnpei Public Infrastructure Projects - \$11,644,453; Yap Public Infrastructure Projects - \$7,264,556; and finally the National Government Public Infrastructure Projects at \$2,397,956.

Speaker Figir spoke of the legislations' passage as a "milestone in the infrastructure sector grant process." He highlighted the fact that the legislation is a result of the State and National Leadership Conference, and as such he noted that "for the first time we have a bill that acknowledges our State/National distribution formula; and for the first time, the state and national Leadership agreed quickly on how to proceed on this very important issue."

He thanked the members for passing the Infrastructure legislation expeditiously and encouraged members to help "move the process forward as much as we can; whatever we can do...to expedite the infrastructure process throughout the nation." He referenced the underlying issues of infrastructure projects as not necessarily in the area of appropriations, but that "the bottleneck may be somewhere else..." In that regard, Congress adopted Congressional Resolution 15-200 to possibly address the noted concerns.

Following the passage of the infrastructure legislation, Congress adjourned sine-die on Saturday February 7, 2009. Congress agreed to reconvene for a special session in March 2009, time and venue has yet to be decided.

All the legislative measures passed and adopted from the Sixth Regular Session have been transmitted to the Office of the President for action.



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## Friends of the Crime Lab forms goals for 2009

Friends of the Crime Lab, Inc. a registered 501(c) 3 has released its strategic plan for 2009.

Its goals for the coming year are:

- To identify fundraising targets and solidify efforts to raise the \$5 million needed to build the capacity of the Crime Lab to include DNA, Toxicology and other equipment and training.

- To host a Regional Forensic Science Symposium in November, 2009.

Joey Lopez, Sr., President of Friends said, "To date the board has set the framework for the organization, made significant progress with courtesy calls to relevant stakeholders, and set the direction for 2009."

"We are working with the Judiciary, our elected officials, the Guam Police Department and our educational institutions as well as with crime lab and crime prevention experts to continue to pinpoint where we can best direct our energies"

"Our program reflects the

needs of the community and is designed to support the newly constructed Crime Lab which is due to open in the near future. Thanks to Former Senator Frank Ishizaki, Advisor to the board; we have made contact around the region and in the U.S. Mainland to set the wheels in motion for a symposium to identify forensic needs in our area and how we can meet those needs."

Lopez said Friends of the Crime Lab had received favorable feedback on available grants and sources of funding it might apply for to further its stated aims, and was additionally deep into a writing a business plan. "We are a fledgling organization that would prefer to channel our energies to straightforward and identified goals that we can reach this year."



## AYUDA Foundation receives grant to upgrade and build medical libraries

The Ayuda Foundation has received a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), in the amount of \$389,000.00 to upgrade and build medical libraries in the FSM State of Chuuk, FSM State of Pohnpei and the FSM State of Kosrae; in the Republic of Palau; American Samoa; the Island of Guam; the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

"The AYUDA Foundation was created by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) and the medical libraries funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) are to be established within the hospitals in the APIL member jurisdictions. This will be an excellent opportunity for the medical professionals and providers in those hospitals to have immediate access to cutting edge technology and information on medical procedures and services," stated Walden Weilbacher, APIL Secretariat and Ayuda Foundation Board Member.

"The Mission of the AYUDA Foundation is to improve the delivery of health care services to Micronesia and the Western Pacific region. This is a classic example on how we can effectuate distance learning through resource centers such as medical libraries," stated Carlotta Leon Guerrero, Executive Director, Ayuda Foundation.

The Ayuda Foundation received an RWJF grant in 2007 which was used to rebuild the medical library in the Yap State Hospital in the Federated States of Micronesia, which

had been destroyed by Typhoon Sudal in 2004. The Ayuda Foundation accepted the challenge and provided the expertise of Arlene Cohen, a retired librarian from University of Guam Library, and Alice Hadley, the medical librarian at U.S. Naval Hospital, Guam. These two librarians will be implementing this new grant, designed to replicate the model of the Yap State Hospital Durand Medical Library throughout hospitals in the APIL member islands.

"Dr. Thane Hancock, the medical director at the Yap State Hospital, expressed his enthusiasm and a special thank you to the outstanding work accomplished by the Ayuda Foundation: "Physicians now have access to computers and a resource medical library and can effectively diagnose illnesses and prescribe proper treatments. The new library has become an important resource center for the doctors and health care workers and it eases the burden on the doctors by providing immediate diagnosis and a faster path to recovery for their patients".

Dr. Hancock, on behalf of the physicians at the Yap State Hospital, expresses his sincerest gratitude to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for funding this project. He is inviting other health care workers in the Western Pacific Region to visit the Yap State Hospital Durand Medical Library to see how it is possible to support access to medical information in an isolated Pacific Island.



## Federated States of Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation Signs Contract with Tyco Telecommunications to Construct an International Fiber Optic Connection

More than eight years in the planning, FSMTC has finally executed a contract with Tyco Telecommunications to construct an extension that will enable FSMTC to have international fiber connectivity to Guam. The extension will provide high bandwidth connectivity between the FSM and the rest of the world. The target date of completion is March 2010.

Using the latest undersea cable network technology, this connectivity will enable FSMTC to provide FSM with the same telecommunications access and services available in major countries and cities throughout the world. In particular, the extension will be comprised of a one fiber pair segment that will ultimately enable connectivity through another cable system back to Guam including access to multiple 10 Gbps wavelengths. Since Guam is a regional node, FSMTC will have a variety of onward connectivity options.

This extension represents phase one of FSMTC's submarine fiber cable network plans; the next phase being the development of a domestic inter island cable networks. However, all islands will be able to realize more reliable and expanded services such as improved voice calling and faster Internet as a result of the completion of phase one. Phase one marks the beginning of the deployment of modern submarine fiber networks that will serve government, commercial and private communities for many years to come.

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#### LOCATION

FSMTC Headquarters  
P.O. Box 1210  
Kolonias, Pohnpei FM 96941

#### DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsible for the financial affairs of the Corporation. Serves as the Head of the Finance Department. Directs the financial affairs of the Corporation and prepares financial analyses of operation including financial statement for the guidance of the management. Responsible for the Corporation's financial plans and policies, its accounting practices, the conduct of its relationships with lending institutions and the financial community, the maintenance of the fiscal records, and the preparation of financial reports. The position involves supervision over general accounting, property accounting, internal auditing, cost accounting, and budgetary control. The position is performed under the direct supervision of the President/CEO.

Develop, analyze, and interpret statistical and accounting information in order to appraise operating results in terms of profitability, performance against budget, and other matters bearing on the fiscal soundness and operating effectiveness of the Corporation. Maintains the accounting systems and keep books and all transactions and assets. Maintains the accounting system and safeguard the Corporation accounting records and its assets from being misused or fraud. Establishes objectives and policies for the Corporation and prepares reports that outlined its financial position in the areas of income, expenses, and earnings. Established accounting procedures for the Corporation and prepares Financial Statements on a periodic basis as required by Title 21 of the FSM Codes. Coordinates and directs the preparation of the budget and financial forecasts and maintains other planning and control procedures including the cost accounting system and analyzes and reports variances. Responsible for tax planning to ensure compliance on tax requirements with Federal, State, payroll, and other applicable taxes. Responsible for evaluating the performance of Finance personnel. Recommends training requirements for subordinates; keep the staff at the highest level of skill necessary to meet Corporation needs and objectives. Furnishes and updates management on the financial reports; determines depreciation rates to apply to capitalized items and advises management on desirable operational adjustments. Supervises the Collection functions of the Corporation. Responsible for the Corporation Retirement Plan. Serve as Plan Administrator for the Plan. Performs other related duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** Graduated from a recognized college or university with a Bachelor degree in accounting, business administration, or related field plus at least 7 years of progressively responsible accounting work experience including two (2) years experience in a supervisory capacity.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Applications can be obtained from and returned to: FSM Telecommunications Corporation Headquarters, Kolonias, Pohnpei FM 96941 any of the FSMTC offices in Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap.

## Secretary Salazar: Interior Deploys Firefighters to Assist Australia with Raging Wildland Fires

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 13, 2009—The Department of the Interior will immediately deploy 29 experienced wildland firefighters to Australia to help battle raging wildfires in Victoria State, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced today. The Department of Agriculture's U.S. Forest Service also is sending about 31 wildland firefighters as part of the United States assistance.

"Australia is experiencing an unprecedented wildfire season due to record high temperatures, drought, high wind and low humidity," Secretary Salazar said. "We are dispatching this help in response to an official request under our mutual assistance agreement with Australia. They have helped us many times to battle wildfires in the West and we are eager to demonstrate our gratitude and assist them at this critical time."

More than 180 lives have been lost due to the Australian wildfires, which have burned more than a million acres in the past week. Secretary Salazar also extends the Department's condolences for the loss of life.

On February 11, the State Government of Victoria formally requested U.S. assistance, including two 13-member Burned Area Emergency Rehabilitation teams; one suppression

crew (20 people); three planning chiefs; four operations chiefs; three logistics chiefs; one public information officer; three liaison officers

The wildland firefighters Interior is sending include 18 from the Bureau of Land Management; five from the National Park Service; three from the Bureau of Indian Affairs; and three from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. All are federal employees who will be deployed for up to 35 days. Departures are scheduled to begin today. Australia will reimburse the United States for all expenses, including salaries.

The United States and Australia signed a mutual assistance agreement in 2001. Similar command structures, training and physical requirements allow firefighters from one country to easily blend into the organization of another. Since the agreement was signed, Australia has sent firefighters and managers to the United States in 2002, 2003, 2006 and 2008. The United States sent firefighters and managers to Australia in 2003 and 2007.

The Department of the Interior's Office of International Affairs staff has worked closely with the National Interagency Fire Center, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Embassy in Australia and the Australian Embassy in Washington, D.C. to assure all legal requirements have been met.

For more information, please contact Randy Eardley, at the National Interagency Coordination Center, (208) 387-5895.

## Vice President Alik Alik Attended the Pacific Islands Forum Special Leaders' Retreat

### FSM Information Services

Heads of State and Government of Australia, the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu; and representatives of Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji and Palau; met in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea on January 27, 2009 to discuss the situation in Fiji. Vice President Alik attended on behalf of the FSM.

At the Forum Retreat, the leaders once again expressed their disapproval of the failure of the Fiji Interim Government to demonstrate the necessary political resolve to fulfill the promises made to Forum Leaders in 2007 that it would hold parliamentary elections by March 2009. They agreed that more than two years of rule by an unelected military government, with no clear timetable

for the return of constitutional government to the people, is not acceptable by international standards, and they called on the Interim Government to select an election date by May 1, 2009 and hold elections before the end of December 2009. If the Interim Government does not meet these requests, the Forum Leaders agreed to the suspension of participation by Fiji in all Forum meetings and events and that Fiji would become ineligible to benefit from Forum sponsored regional cooperation initiatives and new financial and technical assistance.

Upon return from Papua New Guinea, Vice President Alik stated that the Forum Leaders were able to agree on a course that would help move forward the election in Fiji. He hopes that FSM can continue to contribute to the positive outcomes that the PIF will have on our region in the future.

### Invitations to bid:

Provision of an Air Conditioning System to the Headquarters Building of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)

The air conditioning system originally supplied to the headquarters building of the WCPFC has become largely inoperable due to the failure of the majority of its motors and compressors. The WCPFC is now urgently seeking bids from qualified firms or individuals for the provision of a cost effective solution to the problem. This may include utilization of those elements of the original system that remain functional. Interested bidders may inspect the building by arrangement with the Receptionist (phone 3201192). Written expressions of interest should be lodged by 13 March 2009, marked Air-Conditioning Bid and be addressed to the Finance and Administration Officer. These may be hand delivered to the Commission, mailed to PO Box 2356 Kolonia, Pohnpei 96941 or emailed to [wcpfc@wcpfc.int](mailto:wcpfc@wcpfc.int). Further inquiries may be made to the Finance and Administration Officer by phoning 3201992. The WCPFC website is [www.wcpfc.int](http://www.wcpfc.int).

### Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Suva, Fiji



The Secretariat is looking to appoint suitably qualified and experienced persons to work as:

**Director, Strategic Partnerships & Coordination Programme; and  
Director, Economic Governance Programme.**

Directors will be accountable to the respective Deputy Secretary General for:

- Team performance and leadership of the Programme;
- Providing support to the Secretary General;
- Policy advice in the relevant policy areas;
- Management and coordination of high-level meetings and relations with members, territories and external partners; and
- Providing timely, high quality policy analysis and advice.

Applicants should have an advanced university degree with substantial relevant experience working on economic, development issues, trade issues and/or international relations. They should also have a sound knowledge of the economic and development concerns of Forum Members, an awareness and understanding of regional issues and extensive experience in analysis and report writing.

Previous managerial experience in leading a team of professionals, familiarity with the issues of Forum members and external agencies and experience in dealing with the media would also be beneficial to this position. Financial management and continuous improvement are core responsibilities of all Director roles. Applicants should be willing to travel economy class.

The appointments will carry a competitive remuneration and benefits package including medical and life insurance. Interested applicants are encouraged to obtain information packages containing the job description and remuneration details, which are available at [www.forumsec.org](http://www.forumsec.org).

Applications, clearly marking the position, should be addressed to the Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Private Mail Bag, Suva and sent electronically to [jobs@forumsec.org.fj](mailto:jobs@forumsec.org.fj). Applications should be received by close of business on 13 March 2009.

To be eligible for this position, an applicant must be a national of a Forum Member Country\*. The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages both men and women to apply. Appointments are normally for three years.

\* 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





Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat  
Suva, Fiji



*The Secretariat seeks a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill the position of Import Management Adviser.*

The Import Management Adviser will be accountable to the Director of the Economic Governance Programme for:

- Providing advice to Forum Island Countries;
- Establishing Fuel Bulk Procurement Project;
- Liaising on the implementation of the Forum Economic Ministers Meetings, Energy Ministers Meetings, Energy Working Group decisions and other Import Management Issues; and
- Provide Assistance to Secretariat Staff.

Applicants should have an advanced university degree in a relevant discipline with substantial experience working on issues relating to the international and regional importation of general goods including pharmaceutical, rice, wheat and petroleum. They should also have a sound knowledge of issues and problems facing Forum Island Countries in relation to import management matters with the ability to coordinate and set priorities relevant to these issues. Applicants must have strong analytical skills with the ability to master new material quickly and be able to work alone or with other professionals, working with minimal direction and to tight deadlines. Applicants with experience working in the international environment (particularly in the Asia Pacific region) will have an advantage over others. Applicants should be willing to travel economy class.

The appointment will carry a competitive remuneration and benefits package including medical and life insurance. The starting salary for the position is approximately SDR35,442. According to the exchange rate used in January 2009, this was equivalent to around FJD91,889. For non-Fijian nationals, this salary may be tax-free. Interested applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package containing the job description and remuneration details, which are available at [www.forumsec.org](http://www.forumsec.org). To be eligible for this position, the applicant must be a national of a Forum Member Country\*.

Applications should be addressed to the Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Private Mail Bag, Suva and can be sent electronically to [jobs@forumsec.org.fj](mailto:jobs@forumsec.org.fj). Applications should be received by close of business on 6 March, 2009.

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Menlau usada **Steven Joseph** en wia emen weliepen Pohnpei nan petehk sapahl en Poahson, ni Mahs 03, 2009



**Pwukoah Kan Me I Tungaleniki De Tungalenikier:**

- SPEAKER en PWIHN EN KOU KOSONNED en WEIN U; 2008-Lel met
- SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT en FSM DEVELOPMENT BANK; 2003-Lel met
- CHAIRMAN en FINANCE COMMITTEE en PWIHN EN KOU KOSONNED en WEIN U, 2000-2008
- MANAGER en FSM BANK POHNPEI BRANCH, 1998-2002
- LOAN OFFICER en BANK en HAWAII; 1995-1998

**Board Kan Me I Patohwen Iang De Iangehr Towe:**

- CHAIRMAN, TRAINING INSTITUTE ADVISORY COUNCIL, 2006-Lel met
- CHAIRMAN, CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF POHNPEI, 2000-2003
- TREASURER, POHNPEI ROTARY CLUB, 1997-1999
- MEMBER, POHNPEI SMALL BUSINESS GUARANTEE FINANCIAL CORP. 1996-2000

**Dahme I Men Iangki Doadoahk Kesempwal Wet?**

- Koupweliki Pwuhng, Roson oh Ieias en tohnwehi.
- Lirohrohki tiahk en wahu oh kapahi kepikipikida kan en Pei wet.
- Pwunodiki sekirou en mwohni en weipokon oh souitar en sahpis en koahpworiment ong tohn Wehi pwehki poaloangoaloangadahn pwukoa me mie nan pwungen dakehn koahpworiment oh ohpis tikitik kan.
- Tihwohki soh wehweh me tohn wehi ketin sapwellimanikihiong mouren iren nan Poahsoan en Kosonned en Pei wet.

**"Peki Sapwellimomwi Usuhs"**

## Signing Ceremony on the Project for Improvement of Pohnpei International Airport in the FSM

Department of Foreign Affairs

Palikir, Pohnpei: January 30, 2009- A signing ceremony took place at the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs between the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, the Honorable Lorin Robert, Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure, the Honorable Francis Itimai, General Manager of Pohnpei Port Authority, Mr. Ieske Iehsi and Leader of the Draft Report Explanation Team, Mr. Shinichi Hamada on the Minutes of Discussions on

the Implementation Review Study on the Project for Improvement of Pohnpei International Airport in the FSM

The agreed minutes of discussions include coordinating and scheduling of this project with the FAA funded Pohnpei runway rehabilitation project and confidentiality clause.

For further information on this release, please contact Department of Foreign Affairs, APAMA Division (691) 320-2613.

## China's ambassador to Tonga walks out of regional conference in Tonga

Radio New Zealand

The opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association's regional conference in Tonga has been marred by a diplomatic incident which saw China's ambassador to Tonga, Fan Quijing, walk out of the event during the opening address.

In the address at Nuku'alofa's Dateline Hotel, the CBA vice-president, Mano Wikranamayake of Sri Lanka, cited last year's contaminated milk scandal in China as an example of the challenges facing media freedom around the world.

However Mr Fan took offence and stormed off the stage he shared

with other dignitaries when Mr Wikranamayake said that China's government suppressed news of the contamination causing the deaths of young children in an attempt to prevent the Beijing Olympics being disrupted.

Afterwards, Mr Wikranamayake said he hadn't meant to be controversial.

"The thing is, this is a media conference and one of the burning issues around the World now is media freedom, particularly in developing countries and it was just an example I used, and I could have used examples from many countries, I just picked this one and it wasn't intended to be offensive, and it was just a comment to illustrate my point."

## Cocoa, copra top earners again in Solomon Islands

Radio New Zealand

Cocoa and copra producers have again made a record-breaking achievement last year, earning a combined 32 million US dollars in export earnings.

Moses Pitakia Pelomo, general manager of Commodities Export Marketing Authority told the Solomon Star newspaper that this is a dramatic achievement.

He says the additional 18 million US dollars earned in 2008 is a 135 percent increase on 2007.

Mr Pelomo said this was a major achievement despite the many inherent problems that producers, traders, exporters and shippers continued to face.

He said 41,810 metric tonne of copra and 4,548 metric tonnes of cocoa were exported from Solomon Islands in 2007.

"for as the LIGHTNING comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the SON OF MAN be."

Matt 24:27

Will you be ready?

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Feb 22-25 2009

With Pastor Crawford



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\*Everyone Welcomed

### Schedule:

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| Sunday Evening  | 7:00pm  |
| Monday Night    | 7:30pm  |
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## Victory Chapel

Former Little Mic Bar (Pohnrakied Rd.)  
Contact number: 320-6325

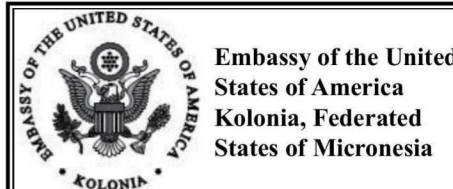


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Embassy of the United States of America  
Kolonia, Federated States of Micronesia

### Change in Operating Hours

Starting March 16, 2009, the Consular Section at the United States Embassy in Kolonia, Pohnpei will have new operating hours.

The Consular Section will be open for American Citizen Services, including passport and notarial services, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8:30am to 12:00pm.

The Consular Section will be open for Visa Services on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:00pm to 4:00pm by appointment only.

### Questions?

For additional information on scheduling appointments or other consular issues, please call the U.S. Embassy at (691) 320-2187.

Telephone: [691] 320-2187  
Fax: [691] 320-2186  
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The Veterinarian will be in Pohnpei for all of your pet and animal needs.

Arrival:  
Fri Feb 27

Departure: Tues  
March 3

# “Pohnpei Surfing” postage stamp released to the world

By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

**Pohnpei, FSM** – As of the week of January 2, 2009 a Pohnpei Surfing postage stamp is now available for sale at post offices in the FSM and for collectors through various philatelic outlets worldwide. The fourteen stamps range in face value from one cent to \$16.50. In the FSM they are being sold over the counter at FSM post offices and at the Philatelic Bureau in Pohnpei.

The project was initially conceived by Alloys Malfitani and approved by Postmaster General Midion Neth who said he approved the project because the stamps show the scenic wonder of Pohnpei in the FSM.

Malfitani operates the “Pohnpei Surf Club” in Pohnpei. Since he opened the club in 2004 Pohnpei has become known as a world class surf destination and has attracted the world’s best and most famous surfers and photographers. Pohnpei surf has also attracted many not so famous but experienced surfers who want to give the now famous tubes of Palikir Pass a try. Both famous and infamous surfers risk getting skunked because of the inconsistency of the surf but when Palikir Pass is going off it’s a once in a lifetime experience.

Palikir Pass is an intermediate and advanced wave, definitely not for the adventure tourist who wants to take a first surf lesson. Malfitani said that because Pohnpei is so far away from other major surfing destinations, so expensive to get to, and because the waves are so inconsistent, surfing in Pohnpei is much less crowded than are other main surfing destinations around the world.

The wave is good for surfing because it is very fast and very hollow due to the shallow reef but it is also an easy wave to photograph. Malfitani said that the waves break very close to where the boats are tied off in the channel and that the angle that sunlight shines right into the face of the waves almost all day long makes the pass just perfect for shooting photographs.

Malfitani asked several visiting surf photographers if they would be willing to donate photos of Pohnpei surf and surfers. Some of the best known surf photographers in the world donated Pohnpei surf shots for use on the stamps.

Photographer Simon Williams who most people know as “Swilly” has visited Pohnpei seven times since 2004 and donated three of his shots for the stamp project. Williams currently lives on the Gold Coast of Australia. His surf pictures have been published in magazines around the world.

Andrew Shield’s photos appear on five of the stamps released last week. He also lives on the Gold Coast of Australia and is another of Australia’s top surf photographers. He calls Pohnpei and Palikir Pass one of his favorite waves to shoot. He has visited Pohnpei four times.

The photo for the two cent stamp was shot by a transplant to Hawaii from Southern California, Mitchell Ferris.

Malfitani calls himself a hobbyist photographer. He provided photos for four of the stamps and is the pictured surfer on two of the stamps, the two cent and 42 cent stamps.

FSM Postmaster General Midion Neth said of the stamps project, “It’s a win-win situation.” The stamps promote the FSM particularly Pohnpei surfing and the sale of the stamps provides

revenue to the FSM General Fund.

He said “None of this cost us a dime.” Malfitani and the photographers donated their work. The stamp’s final design was handled by postal officials and printed by the Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation (IGPC) in New York City, New York on a profit sharing arrangement with the FSM Postal Service. Essentially IGPC has the right to sell the stamps outside of the FSM. IGPC sends a percentage of their sales income to the FSM General Fund on every stamp they sell worldwide.

Neth said, “We were very surprised at the big demand for the stamp both in the United States and in the FSM.”

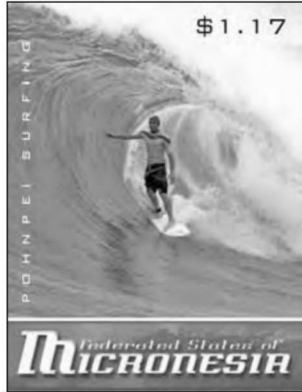
All of the sales income on stamps sold in the FSM stays in the FSM. It’s income that the FSM could use to expand its postal service which Neth says he dearly wants to do especially for outer islanders.

“Because of the Compact (of Free Association with the United States) people of the FSM have relatives, family, and kids going to school outside of the FSM. Some of our young men and women are in the service fighting the war on terrorism,” Neth said. “People in the outer islands want to know how their child is doing or how other family members are doing. They want to hear news from them.”

Right now, postal services to the outer islands is irregular. Mail delivery depends on when the

field trip ship or a plane is going to one of the islands. Chuuk and Yap states currently have contractors that deliver mail to the outer islands but even that service is more limited than it would be if there was more money available to meet those needs.

All money received by the FSM Postal Service goes into the FSM General Fund and then is appropriated by Congress according to the budget request of the Postal Service. “If there is more money generated by projects like the Pohnpei Surfing stamp then we can possibly ask for more money to be appropriated to the Postal Service for expanded services,” said Neth.



# Increasing sorcery-related killings in Papua New Guinea

amnesty.org

Authorities in Papua New Guinea are being urged to take greater action to prevent further killings related to allegations of sorcery.

A father and son became the latest victims on Sunday. Local men in Ban village shot dead 60-year-old Plak Mel Doa and threw his body into a fire. His son, Anis Dua, was dragged from his home and burnt alive. Local people had accused them both of causing the death of a prominent member of the community by sorcery.

There has been an increase in reports of sorcery-related killings over the last year. According to the media there were over

50 such deaths in 2008. This is either because of an actual increase in such incidents or that more incidents are now being reported.

Reports have continued into this year. A village court comprising church pastors and local officials found a 40-year-old man from a village in Unggai-Bena district in the Eastern Highland province guilty of sorcery and sentenced him to death on 30 January. A group of local men then hacked him to death with bush knives.

A group of men stripped a woman naked, gagged and burned her alive at Kerebug rubbish dump in Mount Hagen on 6 January, after she was suspected of practising witchcraft.

“When dozens of people have been killed

after literal witch hunts, it's clear that the government is not doing enough to protect its own citizens and maintain the rule of law,” said Apolosi Bose, Amnesty International's Pacific Islands researcher. “The police and judicial authorities have to step in immediately before another person faces this kind of vigilante violence.”

Amnesty International pointed out that the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary (RPNGC) is often unable to enforce the law. For instance, after the 8 February killings, police reported they visited the crime scene to confirm the men's deaths, but heavily armed locals prevented them from removing the bodies to hospital for autopsies.

“People often don't trust the police or the judiciary and instead blame events on supernatural causes and punish suspected

sorcerers,” Apolosi Bose said. “The Constabulary, the Public Prosecution Office and other relevant authorities should step up efforts to curb vigilante violence and raise awareness in communities about ways in which people can legitimately seek justice.”

Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch sent joint letters to Minister for Justice Hon Dr Alan Marat and Police Commissioner Gari Baki on 26 January, expressing concern at ongoing reports of sorcery related killings, particularly of women, and called for greater action from the authorities to curb the violence and murders. To date, there has been no response.

The organization has called on the RPNGC to vigorously pursue investigations of all cases and ensure that the perpetrators are brought to justice.

## Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat Suva, Fiji



### The Secretariat is looking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced person to work as International Legal Adviser.

The International Legal Adviser will be accountable to the Director, Political Governance & Security Programme for:

- Regional legal cooperation and integration;
- Legal assistance to Forum Island Countries;
- Policy Analysis and Advice on legal, governance and security issues;
- Management of the Forum's treaty depositary role and assistance in the provision of other in-house legal advice and services; and
- Representation of the Forum's interests to relevant international bodies and meetings.

Applicants should have an advanced university degree in law with substantial relevant experience working on international or regional legal issues, preferably in the Pacific region. They should have a sound knowledge of regional legal issues relevant to the role of the Forum Secretariat and of political governance and security issues in the Pacific region. Applicants with work experience, in international law and/or public law will have an advantage as will those with demonstrated ability to provide high quality legal and policy advice at the highest levels. Applicants should be willing to travel economy class.

The appointment will carry a competitive remuneration and benefits package including medical and life insurance. The starting salary for the position is approximately SDR35,442. According to the exchange rate used in January 2009, this was equivalent to around FJD91,889. For non-Fijian nationals, this salary may be tax-free. Interested applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package containing the job description and remuneration details, which are available at [www.forumsec.org](http://www.forumsec.org). To be eligible for this position, the applicant must be a national of a Forum Member Country\*.

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## Love Chuuk?

[WWW.ChuukReform.org](http://WWW.ChuukReform.org)

### VACANCY

#### VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM (VMS) OPERATIONS OFFICER SUPPORT LEVEL POSITION



The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) invites applications from suitably experienced and qualified individuals for the Support Staff post of Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Operations Officer to be based at its headquarters at Kolonia, Pohnpei State, Federated States of Micronesia. Information about the WCPFC is available at [www.wcpfc.int](http://www.wcpfc.int). Working as a member of a small, multi-national team in a challenging environment, the successful candidate, who will report to the VMS Manager, will share responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the Commission VMS. This includes monitoring the operation of the Secretariat-based Commission VMS hardware and software, and providing regular reports to the VMS Manager on these matters. The VMS is a computer/GIS satellite-based interactive system that receives and processes information about the positions of authorized fishing vessels in high seas in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

The starting salary for this position will be about USD14,000 a year together with the other benefits available to Commission staff including health insurance. A four-year contract with options for renewals is available after a successful probation period. The appointee will be expected to commence duties in April 2009. The suitable applicants will have:

- an Associate Degree in computer studies or equivalent tertiary qualification and/or at least three (3) years relevant practical experience;
- good working knowledge of Microsoft Excel and Word. Knowledge of database applications would be an advantage;
- good English and report writing skills;
- good experience with a networked computer environment;
- good interpersonal skills;
- demonstrated initiative and problem solving skills;
- demonstrated team skills and be able to demonstrate adherence to the Commission's information security policy;
- an ability to work with limited supervision once fully trained.

Additional information, including terms of reference, qualifications and experience requirements and conditions of employment, are available on request from Mr Albert Carlot, VMS Manager, WCPFC Secretariat ([albert.carlot@wcpfc.int](mailto:albert.carlot@wcpfc.int) or telephone +691 320 1992). Applications, which close on 6 March 2009, should be addressed to the Executive Director, WCPFC Secretariat, P.O. Box 2356, Kolonia, Pohnpei State, Federated States of Micronesia 96941, and clearly identified as an application for the post of VMS Operations Officer. Applications delivered via e-mail or hand delivered will be accepted.

## ...Chuuk debate

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financial crisis would be impractical.

He postulated that revenue increases could be made in Chuuk if import solutions could be found and gave as example the importation of salt when Chuuk is sitting in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. He asked why someone in Chuuk didn't make its own salt.

He said that tourism to Chuuk State was an unexplored revenue resource for no good reason since the people of Chuuk are sitting on a great natural treasure. Chuuk tourism should be marketed and promoted more efficiently.

Fisheries, he said, is a capital intensive program and that he plans to stay out of that business if he is elected.

Redley Killion said that most of the taxes paid by business owners in Chuuk goes to the National Government in the form of Gross Revenue taxes, withholding taxes, and Social Security. The only way those taxes could be reduced would be through negotiations with the National Government. Sales tax is the only Chuuk State controlled tax.

He spoke of a former plan that was never implemented to create tax relief for businesses. The money saved could be reinvested and the returns on those investments would provide increased future tax revenues.

He said that the government could return to its original plans of 20 to 25 years ago to develop fish processing in Chuuk as a means of generating revenue. Coconut industries in Chuuk have been run down but could be revived, he said.

Government, said Governor Simina, is not in the business of bailing out businesses when they fail. If businesses are good they will survive. If they are not they will fail. That is the nature of democracy and capitalism, Simina said.

Though the economy is shrinking there are certain ways that the government can help. Sales tax is not one of them since that cost is passed on to the consumer. He said that the state government should negotiate with the national government for a break on national taxes.

The government, he said should help to make it easier for businesses to get financing from local banks and from the FSM Development Bank. He said that it should help to find ways to help local farmers and fishermen to find markets to export their products.

He encouraged remittance from Chuukese citizens living abroad saying that way there will be more to spend and states will survive.

He closed his comments by encouraging local business owner to get goods more appropriate for the market they serve.

It has been identified in previous years that fisheries, tourism, and agriculture will provide stability in our state economy. Do you still support this? Why or why not?

Killion fielded this question first saying that he still believes that those three industries are still the foundation. We have lots of ocean and lots of fish, he said. Our land mass is small but still sufficient for agriculture. Our islands are unique and beautiful and we should encourage tourism he said.

Killion said that the service industry should be improved to help foster tourism.

The copra industry should be revived because all islands have coconuts.

He said that the government should work to build skills in its young people so that they can work even outside of the country in order to bring back money to Chuuk.

Simina said that Chuuk has to be realistic about what can and cannot happen. He said that his administration as been working to increase farming and to help farmers find a market for their produce.

Simina described tourism in Chuuk as stable.

He said that his administration has been negotiating with a big company to try to put Chuuk Fishing and Tuna Industries back on track and that project will provide approximately 100 additional jobs in Chuuk.



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Plans are under way, he said, for an international fishing port that may bring as many as 5000 jobs to Chuuk.

The key, he said, is to work on the small ways of increasing revenues and then to move on toward the bigger ones.

Doone expressed doubt that Chuuk could attract a project that would provide 5000 jobs. He said the plan was too unrealistic and not possible. He said that Micronesia is small and should work on a number of micro projects. Agriculture projects, he said, produce immediate results to help the economy.

He reiterated his message that fisheries ventures are impractical.

Because of the roads and other problems of infrastructure in Chuuk tourists go from the airport to the hotel or dive boat operated. He said that the state needs to improve its infrastructure if it is to attract tourists to spend their money outside of their resorts.

What specific regulations do you see as necessary to regulate responsible and appropriate foreign investment policies?

Simina said that he'd rather see no regulation at all. He said that foreign investment needs to be deregulated because it is the fastest way to create income for the islands.

He balanced the statement by saying that regulations that do exist should correct for problems of conflict of interest and that they should guard against "criminality".

He suggested that deregulation should be for foreign businesses who provide service that local businesses don't handle.

Candidate Doone said that foreign investors don't need restrictions they need protection. He agreed that restrictions should be lifted if those restrictions discourage foreign investment. "Let's be practical again", he said. We need to develop our own local economy first and what we cannot do we invite foreigners to do.

"I don't agree that we shouldn't regulate foreign investment," Killion said. We should regulate but also support development of Chuuk.

He said that while in previous days the National Government monitored foreign investment now the power is in the states' hands and that each state must prioritize what kinds of businesses to contact. The problem, he said, with the transfer of power over foreign investment regulations is that it is not clear who makes decisions on who can or cannot come in and some foreign businesses compete with local businesses.

We want foreign investment to employ people and to bring in new people, Killion said, but the foreign investment policy in Chuuk has failed. It needs to be revised so that not just any business that wants to come in can do so.

Job training is a major contributing factor to economic growth. Because of the scarcity of skilled labor and professionals here in Chuuk, what are your plans for the next four years to promote job training?

Doone said that he felt that the problem is a challenge for COM and said that he felt that the school is focused too much on the academic arena and needs to concentrate more on work force development.

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## ...Chuuk debate

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Killion said that different approaches are required for job training for those in different positions. Training, he said, is necessary for government workers already employed as well as for those people of Chuuk who are unemployed but willing to work. He pointed to WIA as a program that is currently available for the latter group.

He said that COM should be involved in job training for young people who are readying themselves to enter the labor market who have no skills. He encouraged COM to expand not just academically but in the area of skill building for its students. He encouraged them to continue looking into the possibility of training new nurses and paramedical professionals who could work in Chuuk as well as outside of the country.

Simina said that Chuuk currently has no facility or program to train skilled laborers or professionals because COM is only a two year college. He said that the long term goal is for COM to become a four year college and possibly even a graduate school.

He said that there are already programs in place for job training including teacher training and hospital training. Included in the 2010 budget is money to work together with COM to develop a nurse training program.

He said that under the capacity building sector grants of the Compact there is "lots of money" to offer training in the private sector for people to learn to do accounting and other skills important to help the private sector.

About one third of the overall number of teachers working in the Chuuk State School system have not met any teacher certification as required by law. What are the ongoing problems of this stagnant situation, and what are the long term solutions?

Chuuk is behind in meeting the requirements of the teacher certification law, said Redley Killion. We might want to see if the law is good or not. He said that some teachers are not certified but good.

He called on the listeners to remember the teachers they had who were good but didn't have a college education but because they valued the job they were doing they did their jobs well and were good teachers.

He said that one problem was the political hiring of teachers. Some teachers are hired because they have contacts though they have little to no education. Others with educations are not hired even though they have Bachelor's degrees just because they are on the wrong side of the politics.

The bottom line is for teachers to do their jobs, show up, prepare their lesson plans and teach. Never mind if they are not certified said Killion.

Simina responded next and spoke directly to the teachers saying if it was the decision of the Chuuk state government uncertified teachers would not lose their jobs. He said the government would continue to help those teachers to continue their education and training because he knows how would affect the teachers if they lost their jobs like his fellow candidates want them to do.

He said that his administration would promote in place programs like on the job teacher training for college credit.

He said that he would continue to ask the FSM Department of Education not to rush to enforce the law requiring certification.

There are teacher shortages but there are remedies, said Simina. He has issued a memo allowing schools who have teacher shortages to rehire teachers who have degrees but are retired.

The government continues teacher training during summers.

World Teach teachers are substituting for Chuuk State teachers so that those teachers can go back to school to further their own educations.

He said that his administration is working on incentive plans for students majoring in education and that most of all they are working to prevent disruption to teachers in their work.

Doone said that it wouldn't matter if all of the teachers were certified or not. He said that there is a serious problem with education in Chuuk.

As the governor for the four next years, how do you balance regional realities and needs against state unity to produce responsible and comprehensive economic development? (The moderator gave the Faichuuk move for statehood as an example)

Faichuuk statehood is impractical at this moment, said Gillian Doone. I'm being very realistic. I understand their desire because it's the key to get the development they want but even the National Government won't support it at this time, he said.

To continue state unity Chuuk needs to look at development beyond Weno.

Having made that statement, Doone promised to find a way to get projects to Faichuuk and to other outer islands.

He ended his answer with an apology to the people of Faichuuk saying that he was just being realistic.

Redley Killion was the next respondent. He talked about the introduction of the idea of statehood for Faichuuk and for the Mortlocks several years ago. The political reality is that Congress needs to approve the move first and that Chuuk does not have enough senators in Congress to get the idea through.

Though there is a political problem the fact is that basic infrastructure needs like roads, water, power and a port are important for the lagoon and outer islands.

He said that this is the best time to get infrastructure needs funded because they are awarded by a demonstration of need rather than by region. Chuuk still has plenty of unmet needs. Chuuk needs to make a compelling case and show the FSM, and U.S. governments, and JEMCO that Chuuk still has needs.

Simina once again spoke straight to the people of Faichuuk and said if you want to be a state you have to strive for it. He called the desire for statehood their given right.

He said that he wanted to know what the roots of the issue were. One of the people he knows from Faichuuk told him that the reason was economic development for the outlying island. Simina said that he felt the reasons were deeper than that.

He said that he will give the leaders of Faichuuk every opportunity to pursue the idea but if it doesn't happen it's just the way that the political system works.

In the meantime he promised to continue to advocate for development in the lagoon and outer islands just like what has happened in Weno. He said that government people are already work-

ing in the islands toward easements for roads and other things.

He challenged the people of Faichuuk saying that if the issue is really economic development they should think about how they can contribute to his administrations' efforts there.

Our state has been struggling with maintaining electrical power to customers, what are your long term solutions to fix the problems?

Killion said that he wondered where the source of the problem was. Was it cash flow, management or other issues. He pointed out Kosrae's utility service and said that state had significantly fewer customers to service than does CPUC yet their power is on 24 hours a day even with that low customer base. Chuuk on the other hand sometimes has power. He said that he believes that the issue is one of management.

Simina said that CPUC has been facing cash flow problems to run the generators. He said that experts have come to evaluate the problem and found three causes: the customer base is not sufficient; there is a management problem; and there is a maintenance problem.

He said that all of those issues are being addressed by the ADB in a collaboration with the US government and that once that effort is complete everything will be alright with power delivery in Chuuk.

Simina said that Chuuk needs to also focus on other geographic areas other than just Weno to gain a bigger customer base.

He talked about an experiment of having the government through the Utilities Task Force to help make decisions at CPUC though that is CPUC's responsibility. So far, he said, the experiment has worked.

Doone said that the problem at CPUC is based on many factors, political, managerial, and many others. One of the problems, he said is that some customers are getting free power because there are power poles on their land. Collections are insufficient to cover overhead expenses of CPUC.

He said that he believes that if the utility was well managed even the customer base in Weno would be sufficient.

By policy and practice, the Chuuk State Government provides limited health care coverage. What is your recommendation to provide full and comprehensive health care for all citizens?

Killion said that all people in Chuuk should have health care. He said that though we understand that those people who pay for health insurance are covered but what about those that are not covered? What do we do with them?

Perhaps, he said, we could ask for an annual appropriation from the government or the Department of Health Services but that he was not certain that JEMCO would approve such a plan.

He promised to look into other sources of funding for full health services for all citizens of Chuuk.

Simina said that there is no such thing as universal health coverage. Who wouldn't want all of their people to be covered but even the United States can't cover every one. There are realities to face. Chuuk is in a financial crisis.

He said that in Chuuk 75% of the population is not covered under a health plan. His administration has budgeted \$250,000 in the 2010 budget to help to provide health service to those who are not under a health care plan.

People should remember, he said, that the Chuuk State Hospital provides free services to Chuukese citizens who don't have insurance, he said. His administration is also working to provide funding for private clinics to provide service to uninsured patients.

He warned the listeners saying that if they that full coverage is going to happen over night they should think again because of Chuuk's severely limited financial resources. He said that he will continue to ask the FSM and US governments along with JEMCO for help on the matter.

Doone said that the issue of health insurance coverage is not a uniquely Chuukese issue. Internationally the same issue is a problem.

He said that money is already set aside to assist patients who aren't covered by insurance. \$12 million as already been designated for the health sector and that should be sufficient to deal with the problem.

He suggested that there should be an amendment to law that private sector businesses mandatorily offer insurance to their employees.

Candidates spoke out on issues of the environment saying that the environment is an important aspect of Chuukese life that deserves to be protected. One candidate said that violators of environmental laws should be punished more severely than they currently are.

The candidates, in alphabetical order offered their closing statements before the 2009 Solutions Forum came to a close.

Candidate Gillian Doone was the first to speak. He said that at events like the forum, candidates always have good answer to questions but that the point in the long run was what those candidates actually do. He claimed that he is not a politician but a practical person with practical answers.

Candidate Redley Killion picked up on the theme established by Doone and said that by virtue of the fact that all three of the candidates were running for public office all of them were politicians. That fact did not eliminate the possibility that he would make practical decisions. He said that during his time in Congress he stepped on a lot of toes because he was not acting like a politician. He said that ultimately he hoped that voters would make their choices based on the answers provided at the forum and other places.

He said that the Chuuk administration had waited too long to get infrastructure projects off the ground in Chuuk. He said that if he'd been governor for the last four years he would already have had \$100 million in infrastructure projects off the ground.

Candidate Governor Wesley Simina was the last to speak. He launched an offensive against the other two candidates. He asked the listeners if they really wanted leaders who weren't willing to work with them like a politician would do. He said that he ran for office because he wanted to be a politician for the people and that politicians listen and work with their constituents. He said the other two didn't have the heart and that they didn't really care.

He said that when he came to office in 2005 the government was already in financial trouble and that the leaders in power were people like Redley Killion. He said that his administration inherited a mess and that they have been working hard to solve Chuuk's problems but that the solutions can't happen overnight. He asked the listeners to give him more time.

The Gubernatorial election will take place on March 3, 2009.

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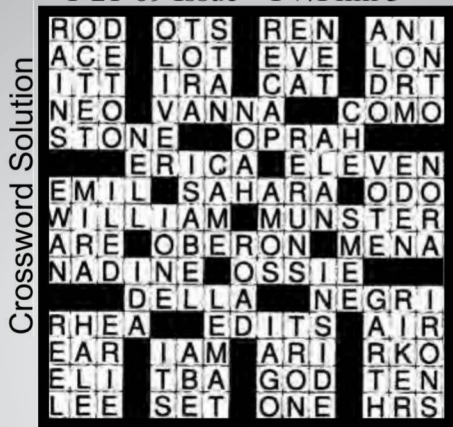
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4 Letters- aqua, quad, quay, quip.  
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# Pohnpei's cookin' with charcoal ovens!

By: *Kathay Larsen*  
*Island Food Community of Pohnpei*

On Saturday, January 24, 2008, an educational workshop was held at Capital Fabricators in Nanpohnmal, sponsored by the Island Food Community of Pohnpei, regarding the use of charcoal cooking ovens. Ten participants learned about the charcoal ovens that Capital Fabricators & Trading Co. builds for IFCP through a project supported by the Global Environment Fund (GEF) Small Grants Program. The draw of these ovens is that they provide an easy, environmentally friendly, healthy and cost-saving way to cook food. It is environmentally friendly because the oven releases less carbon emission into the environment when compared to open air fires. It's also a healthy cooking option as opposed to the more common method of frying food. Finally, it saves money as you do not need to purchase kerosene or use cash power to cook.

The training seminar lasted approximately three hours wherein staff from Island Food, along with staff from Capital Fabricators, discussed the dynamics of the oven, and the importance of using it for healthy cooking.

Bing Bardelas of Capital Fabricators elaborated on how the oven was constructed, and then treated the group to an actual demonstration of how to use the oven. Bing heated up the charcoal and then put it in the oven for about 10 minutes before putting in the marinated chicken that he had prepared for this demonstration. You can however cook most any food in this oven. This oven allows for more efficient cooking and gets rid of unhealthy gases from the charcoal. The cooking time for the marinated chicken was about one hour. The chicken had a nice smoky taste to it. Bing pointed out that the oven should be kept under cover and the inside of the oven should be cleaned about every second use, in order to avoid a build-up of fats on the walls of the oven. This maintenance is similar to the use of electric ovens.

Your fuel can be either store bought charcoal, home-made charcoal from hard wood, or coconut shells. You place the charcoal or coconut shells in a metal tray, and this is put on the bottom of the oven. There are two height adjustable shelves in the oven. Foods requiring the highest temperatures can be put on the lower shelf closer to the charcoal. Depending on the type of food you plan to cook, you cover or contain it appropriately, shut the door and walk away until it's done.

You can prepare two different dishes at the same time however be aware that should they require different cooking times, you will need to check frequently so that one does not overcook. You may not want to mix some food scents, such as fish and fruit. Whatever food you choose, just prepare it the same as you would any food, i.e. spices, marinades, etc, prior to cooking, then place it appropriately in the oven. Your food will have just a hint of nice smoky flavour to it. This really adds a nice touch to fish, other meats, and root crops.

The ovens are approximately three feet tall, two feet deep and two feet wide. They are made from a fire resistant and termite proof material. All of the materials can be purchased here in Pohnpei. The designer, Bing Bardelas, of Capital Fabricators & Trading Co. has been working with Island Food Community of Pohnpei for more than a year, constantly perfecting the design. He welcomes feedback from users of the ovens, so that he can make improvements where necessary.



*Island Food Community of Pohnpei thanks the workshop participants and Bing and the staff at Capital Fabricators & Trading Co. for their hard work and continued efforts to improve the oven. Of course, none of this would be possible without funding from GEF Small Grants Program, to whom we are ever grateful for supporting this and other Island Food Community of Pohnpei activities.*

*If you are interested in more information regarding the charcoal ovens, please contact the Island Food Community of Pohnpei at 320-3259, College of Micronesia-FSM Cooperative Extension Services at 320-5731, or Capital Fabricators & Trading Co. at 320-2623. Bing at Capital Fabricators & Trading Co. offers a seminar showing how to build and use the ovens for those persons interested.*

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## Okinawan Spinach

By Maria Neth

### Ingredients

- 2 canned mackerel
- 2 handfuls Okinawan spinach, amount can be vary, more or less
- 1 green starfruit
- 2 local gingers (sohn-ga)
- 20 pcs. Luwadawadmarer (Centella asiatica)\*
- 1 tsp oil
- Pinch of salt

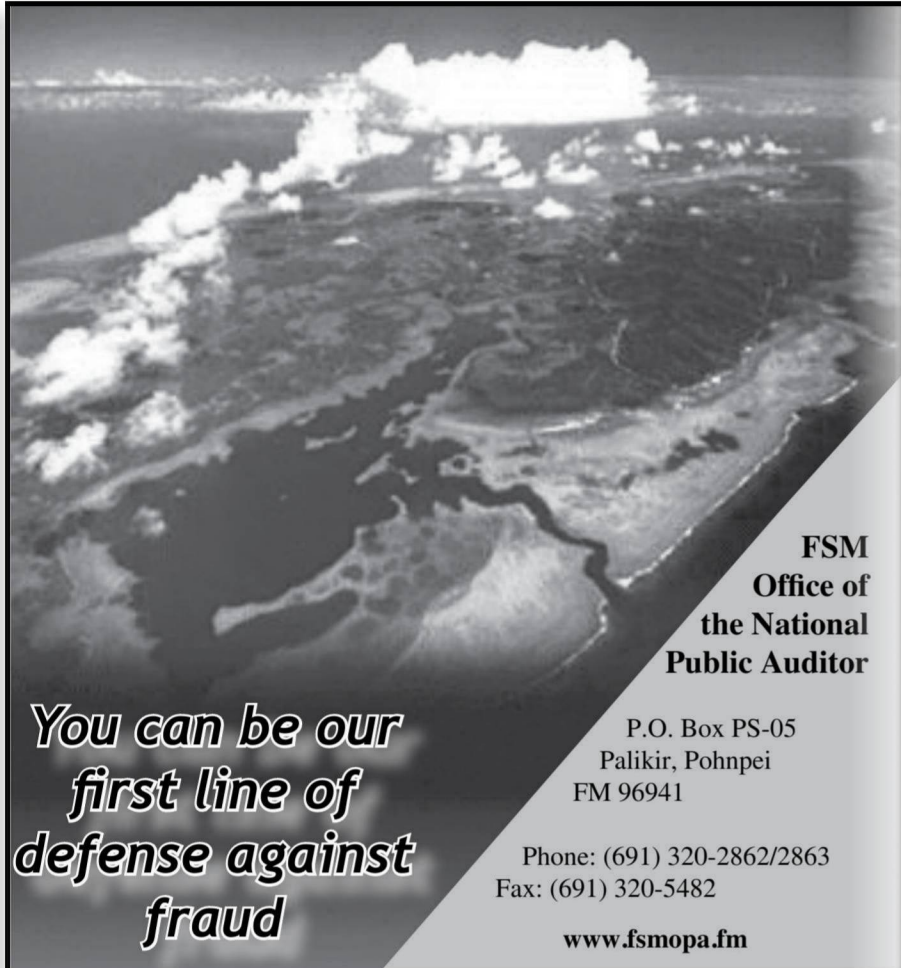
### Method:

1. Heat oil in a frying pan.
2. Add local ginger and mackerel to the oil
3. Add salt.
4. Stir in spinach, liwadawadmarer and starfruit.
5. Let it cook for 2 minutes and take off the heat.

\* Luwadawadmarer (Centella asiatica) is a naturalized plant of Pohnpei. See its description and photo in the Plants of Pohnpei booklet produced by the Conservation Society of Pohnpei in 2008.

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#### WHAT IS FRAUD?

- Fraud is cheating for profit
- Fraud is characterized by acts of guile, trickery, concealment, or breach of confidence, which are used to gain some unfair or dishonest advantage
- The object may be to:
  - gain money, property, or services; or
  - avoid payment of money, property, or services
- Fraud is a crime that takes money away from essential government programs

#### FRAUD INDICATORS

- An employee living beyond their apparent means
- An inappropriate relationship between a contractor and a government employee
- A government employee receiving gifts or benefits from a contractor who works for the government
- False timecard reporting
- Contractor fixing prices
- Contractor not delivering goods or services for which they were paid
- Contractor delivering substandard quality work

#### WHO CAN REPORT?

Anyone can and should report suspicious activity, whether you may be a government employee, contractor or public citizen. Each of you has a responsibility to combat fraud. Do your part by reporting illegal activity today.

#### WHO CAN COMMIT FRAUD?

- Government employees and officials
- Contractors
- Private citizens

#### WHEN TO REPORT?

You should report any suspicious activity as soon as you observe it. Generally, if you feel something may be fraudulent, you should report it. Trust your intuition. You can be our first line of defense against fraud. It's your own money that you are protecting

#### PROTECTING YOUR IDENTITY

- The ONPA can keep your identity confidential. Do not worry that by reporting fraud it will compromise your job or standing within the community

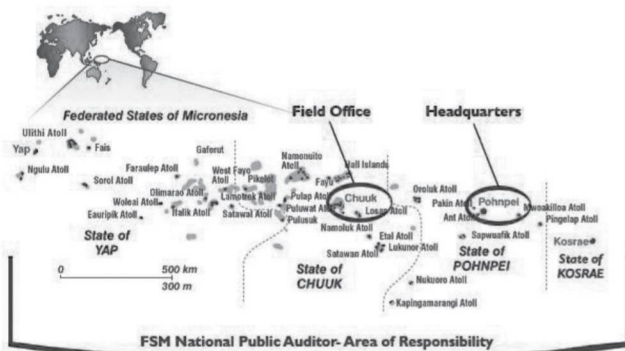
#### HOW TO REPORT FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY

- Call: ONPA Hotline at (691)320-6768
- Call: ONPA Office at (691)320-2862/2863 (ask for CID)
- Fax: (691)320-5482 (Attn: CID)
- Mail to: Office of National Public Auditor, ATTN: CID P.O. Box PS-05, Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941
- On-line: <http://www.fsmopa.fm/hotline/complaint.htm>



### OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC AUDITOR (ONPA) OVERVIEW

Mission: We conduct audits and investigations to recommend improvements in government operations, efficiency and accountability for the public's benefit.



### COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATION DIVISION (CID)

- CID is the Public Auditor's investigative arm
- An agreement between FSM Department of Justice and ONPA provides authority to conduct criminal investigations
- CID Mission Areas:

