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FSM plans survey of citizen migrants in US and Guam

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM—Anxious to gain a better understanding of the living circumstances of the estimated 50,000 plus FSM citizens currently living in Guam, Hawai'i, and the continental United States, the FSM government is preparing to conduct a confidential survey.

The Public Information Officer for the FSM, Marz Akapito said that President Manny Mori has long wanted to conduct a survey of FSM citizens living in Guam and the U.S. and it is still his desire to do so but that nothing is yet final.

Some FSM Senators, in "off journal" conversations on the floor of the FSM Congress have mentioned a survey to be conducted with the help of Father Hezel. But the fact that it was actively being pursued first came onto our radar screen through a Facebook posting on the "Kolonians" group. The posting included a link to a confidential online questionnaire asking for names,

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The survey is expected to take approximately four months to complete once it has begun in earnest and is not a "full census" of all FSM migrants to Guam and the U.S.

Sociologist, Father Frances Hezel, former director of the Micronesia Seminar (MicSem), and demographer Mike Levin who has conducted several censuses in the FSM and in many other places throughout the world have been contacted about the possibility of conducting the survey.

Early list building work has already begun even though, according to the FSM Office of Statistics, Budget, and Overseas Coordination (SBOC), the funding is in no way set in concrete. A SBOC official said that the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) has indicated some possible willingness to consider the prospect of funding the survey but that SBOC has not yet completed its funding proposal.



Photo provided by the Press Office of Governor Eddie B. Calvo

Acting Governor Ray Tenorio, Federated States of Micronesia President Emanuel "Manny" Mori, and Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs discuss various issues and challenges affecting the FSM community on Guam during a meeting at Adelup on Wednesday, October 19, 2011. Pictured from left: Assistant Secretary Babauta, Acting Governor Tenorio and President Mori. President Mori also met with FSM citizens residing in Guam during his visit.

Kenit and Lukas sentenced for Human Trafficking in U.S. court

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

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Seattle, Washington—According to several Washington state news reports, a Micronesian couple who were indicted in March of this year for crimes surrounding the virtual imprisonment of an 18-year-old woman in their Longview, WA home were sentenced for the crime.

Edk Kenit, 28, and Choimina Luka, 30 were sentenced by U.S. District Judge Robert J. Bryan of the Western District of Washington. Kenit was sentenced to three years six months in prison. Lukas was sentenced to one year and eight months in prison. Both prison terms will be followed by three years of supervised release upon their completion. Kenit and Luka each faced a possible maximum term of five years.

The forced labor scheme was uncovered in an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the Seattle Police Department's High Risk Victims Unit and the Longview Police Department.

Kenit and Lukas each pleaded guilty in July to compelling the woman's servitude by withholding documents. They admitted in court that in March 2010 they recruited the woman known in court documents only by the initials, "S.S." to travel from Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia to be their domestic servant. They said that they arranged for her passport and travel to the United States and admitted that when S.S. arrived they confiscated her passport as part of their scheme to compel her to work as their domestic servant providing full-time childcare, cooking and cleaning services without compensation.

Kenit and Lukas also admitted that they applied for a Social Security card in the victim's name and then withheld it from her. They also compelled her to get a full-time job at Foster Farms, local chicken processing plant but did not let her keep her own paychecks. They required her to cash her paycheck and give all of the money to them. The job at Foster Farms lasted for five months

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JEMCO cuts \$1.6 million from annual Compact scholarships Decision may have been based on FSM's own flawed statistics

By Arlynne Chugen and Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Beginning in the spring of 2013, FSM's graduating students will face stiffer competition for scholarships due to JEMCO budget cuts for the program based in part, on the FSM's own flawed statistics.

The Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) resolved in its September meeting to slash scholarship funding to one million dollars beginning in fiscal year 2013; down from its previous level of \$2.6 million;

The resolution passed with three votes in favor and two against. JEMCO members consist of three members from the United States and two from the FSM - the two votes against the resolution were from the FSM.

The JEMCO resolution says, "FSM Government statistics indicate that 94 percent of scholarship students did not achieve a degree by 2010."

But FSM officials say that their own statistics were misinterpreted by the JEMCO.

Kemsky Sigrah, Education Specialist in the Office of Statistics, Budget and Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance and Compact Management (SBOC) wrote in an email that there was some confusion at the JEMCO meeting regarding the derivation of the quoted 94 percent failure rate.

He wrote that during the meeting a representative of the FSM National Department of Education (NDOE), the department that prepared the statistics that were submitted to the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) disputed the JEMCO interpretation of the statistics.

Sigrah wrote that the statistics were based on data that included 92 graduates who were scholarship recipients and also included 1,387 undergraduates who received scholarships.

The 1,387 undergraduates have not yet

completed their scholarship funded education. The fact that a freshman, a sophomore, a junior or even a senior has not yet graduated from college should not be considered as "scholarship failures."

But if there were a total of 1,479 students before 2010 ended, a 100 percent success rate would mean that just over 379 people would graduate that year. This presupposes that each and every student who earns a Compact Scholarship earns that same scholarship in each of his or her four years of college. It's an assumption that cannot be made and that fact amongst many other variables complicates matters which made the NDOE task that much more difficult.

Just the same, the scholarship failure rate could not have been anywhere near 94 percent.

JEMCO members acknowledged at the meeting that there were inadequacies in the data that were presented by the FSM.

"It was made clear by US members at the JEMCO meeting that whether the 94 percent figure is correct or not, the fact is (the) scholarship (program in the FSM) is not well administered," Kemsky Sigrah wrote in his email.

Suzanne L. Gallen, the Assistant Director of the Division of Compact Management in the Office of SBOC, wrote in an email that even though members of JEMCO agreed the figure may be inaccurate, the resolution still garnered enough votes for passage.

Gallen was a FSM representative at the meeting.

Tim Donahue, Educational Specialist/ Grants Manager of the Office of Insular Affairs within the US Department of Interior, said that the scholarship issue is not new and this resolution should not have come with a surprise. He said that in previous years scholarship programs have been urged to modify their policies and while national policies have been amended, state policies have yet to be modified.

responded that although JEMCO members support higher education, they also realize that the current scholarship programs have not been successful in garnering the anticipated number of college degrees.

"One unavoidable conclusion is that students are under-prepared for post-secondary academic work," Donahue wrote. He also wrote that Compact resources should be focused more on primary and secondary education systems and basic education than on post-secondary scholarships.

Resolution 2011-4 set other stipulations for the scholarship programs. JEMCO resolved that effective in Fiscal Year 2013:

- 1) Compact-funded scholarships must only be awarded to students accepted into degree credit course work or an FSM approved training program. Scholarship funding must not support remedial academic work.
- 2) Compact-funded scholarships must be provided directly to the educational institution instead of directly to the students.
- 3) Compact-funded scholarships may only be released for continuing students upon submission of transcript demonstrating successful completion of the previous quarter/semester's work.
- 4) Students must maintain a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 to continue to receive a Compact-funded scholarship.
- 5) A yearly update of all students receiving Compact-funded scholarships must be submitted no later than July 1 each year to the Government of the US and FSM National Department of Education for audit purposes. The report shall contain the following: students; name of college or training program, numbers of years on scholarship, total to-date amount of scholarship funds received, major, GPA and expected year of graduation.
- 6) The yearly update must further include data on number of graduates each year by degree and certificate types.

Requests for comments made to US JEMCO member Nikolao Pula and FSM JEMCO member Secretary Lorin Robert remained unanswered at press time.

When asked about JEMCO's justification for cutting scholarship funding, Donahue

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Guam's FSM Community leaders meet with President Mori

FSM Information Services

October 18, 2011

Tamuning, Guam—In preparation for the open forum with FSM citizens on Guam scheduled for October 19, a group of community leaders from various FSM organizations in Guam had a panel discussion with President Manny Mori at the Ramada Hotel Conference Room in Tamuning.

Over thirty active grass-roots and church organization leaders participated in the meeting.

Mr. Robert Ruecho, newly confirmed FSM Consul General of Guam and his predecessor, newly confirmed FSM Ambassador to Fiji, Gerson A. Jackson were both present at the coordinating meeting.

The meeting was arranged primarily to allow for candid discussions between FSM community leaders on Guam and the President on issues of interest to both parties.

"I am here to listen to you on what particular interests you want addressed at this upcoming meeting—what your expectations are", President Mori said.

The President told the leaders that their input on the issues that should be discussed at the forum was necessary in order to ensure that the discussions truly addressed their concerns and so that results of the meeting can be further

pursued after the meeting.

The leaders of the FSM Association of Guam pointed out that a number of meetings and a "leadership retreat" had taken place with the help of the FSM Consulate Office. The meetings had been designed to encourage solidarity amongst the various organizations and to create strategized plans for the groups to form a more legitimate network recognized by the larger Guam society and the FSM in order to be able to address concerns and issues effectively.

The visiting FSM delegation and the community leaders agreed that the forum discussion with citizens would include a question and answer session to be directed to the President, his delegation and also to Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Mr. Tony Babauta who would also be attending the community forum on the next day. The Q&A session would include questions regarding immigration provisions under the Compact, immigrants' responsibilities to their hosts, and many other issues including proposed measures for resolving concerns raised by certain members of the United States Congress and leaders of jurisdictions affected by FSM migration, especially Guam and the State of Hawaii.

The Guam based community leaders agreed

to participate at the forum by facilitating discussions that related directly to FSM citizen responsibilities, certain government regulations and youth and parenting challenges.

Amongst the participants at the meeting were Mr. Sam Ilesugam, President of the FSM Association of Guam; Reverend Justin George, President of the FSM Church Leaders of Guam; Mr. Julio Suda, FSM Association board member; Ms. Cindy Chugrad, board member; Mr. Tedson Timothy, board member; Soupun

John Uruo, board member; Mr. Simeon Kihleng, President of the Pohnpei Association of Guam, and Rev. Koisimy Rudolph, a long time resident of Guam.


(Editor's note: Though the FSM Public Information Office issued a press release on the planning meeting for the President's meeting with FSM citizens in Guam there was nothing released from that office regarding the open forum itself.

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Acting Governor Ray Tenorio (center), Federated States of Micronesia President Emanuel "Manny" Mori (right of center) and Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs (left of center) discuss various issues and challenges affecting the FSM community on Guam during a meeting at Adelup on Wednesday, October 19, 2011. Photo provided by the Press Office of Governor Eddie Calvo




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Pohnpei General Election to be held on November 8

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

October 21, 2011

Pohnpei, FSM—In accordance with Pohnpei's Constitution, the General Election for the offices of Governor, Lt. Governor and the Pohnpei State Legislature will be held on the second Tuesday of November on November 8. The Office of the Election Commissioner says that polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m.

Polling places have been arranged for each municipality, the other islands, and some polling places in the U.S. and its territories. Madolenihmw will have 28 ballot boxes. Kitti will have 27. Sokehs will have 16 and Nett will have 11 ballot boxes. U will have nine and Kolonia will have seven. Mwoakilloa, Pingelap, Sapwuafik, Nukuoro and Kapingamarangi each will have two ballot boxes, one on each of the islands. Outer islanders living on Pohnpei's big island can place their votes at the Nanpepper polling place with the exception of those from Kapingamarangi. They will be able to cast their vote at the Pohnrakiet polling place.

Pohnpei voters living in Guam can cast their votes at Mayor en Mangilao Ohpis. The polling place in Saipan is the Round House at Garapan Central Park. Voters in Honolulu, Hawai'i will vote at the Pohnpei House. In Maui, Hawai'i votes may be cast at the Kahului Union Church in Classroom 15. The polling place in Hilo is the home of Bensis Henry. In the Continental U.S. there

are two polling places. Voters can cast their vote in Kansas City, Missouri at the home of Herbert Hebel. Cincinatti, Ohio voters can vote at the home of Lanny Warren.

The deadline for submission of applications for absentee ballots for Pohnpeian voters living in the continental United States in areas other than in Kansas City, MO or Cincinatti, OH will have closed by the time of this publication. The deadline for those applications was October 29, Pohnpei time.

According to the office of the Attorney General, alcohol sales are banned in Pohnpei by statute on Election Day until after the closure of the Pohnpei polling places at 7:00 p.m.

The following is a complete listing of candidates for each position (in alphabetical order by last name):

Governor:

Johnny P. David
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John Ehsa
Herman Semes

Lt. Governor:

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Kiomy Albert Kilmede
Welson Panuel
Marcelo Peterson

Legislature Seats:

Madolenihmw:

Benskin B. Etse

Bellarmino Helgenberger
Charles Johnson
Selihna M. Johnson
Welfred Mudong
Shelten G. Neth
Nelson N. Pelep
Naiten Phillip
Estephan Santiago
Patterson Shed
Nixon B. Soram

Kitti:

Mike J. Abraham
Disring R. Albert
Dahker D. Daniel
Wincener J. David
Francisco L. Ioanis
Alpino Kerman
McGarry Miguel
Thomas S. Pablo
Patterson K. Paul
Suyser W. Route
Lewis W. Santos

Sokehs:

Eusepio Hadley
Edsin Joseph
Ausen T. Lambert
Rensper M. Liwy
Peter M. Lohn
Albert Roby

Nett:

Salter F. Loyola
Robert P. Nakasone

U:

Ioseph M. Edgar

Aurelio P. Joab

Kolonia:

Gustin S. Harris
Fernando Scaliem
Pelsin H. Susaia
Marvin Yamaguchi

Mwoakilloa:

Ishmael Lebehn
Jefferson Peter
Johnson Sepeti

Pingelap:

Nihlis I. Ernest
Daniel S. William

Sapwuafik:

Stevick A. Edwin
Pelwin Norman

Nukuoro:

Adadahe S. Ezekias
Gerson Lekka
Sendilina Lekka
Benjamin Ludwig
Princeton P. Johnny

Kapingamarangi:

Stiwan Duiiai
Edgar W. Lickaneth
Edward H. Miller
Chester Saick

"Your vote is the most powerful instrument ever developed by man for breaking down injustice."

(Quote on the Pohnpei Election Commission letterhead)

TARIFF CHANGES ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The Board of Directors and Management for the FSM Telecommunications Corporation wishes to inform the general public and its valuable customers that the tariff changes as proposed and posted on July 14, 2011, have been approved in its entirety in our meeting of September 16, 2011. The tariff will be implemented in two phases. The Board is proposing the following implementation schedule:

Phase I of the schedule will take effect on November 1, 2011. Phase II will commence on October 1, 2012.

Service	Phase I (Nov. 1, 2011)	Phase II (Oct. 1, 2012)
*PSTN Residential.....	\$10 per month.....	\$12 per month
PSTN Business.....	\$20 per month.....	\$24 per month
Calling 411 from Landline.....	\$0.15 per call.....	\$0.25 per call
Calling 411 from Mobile.....	\$0.15 per minute.....	\$0.25 per minute
Cell Calls Voice.....	\$0.15 per minute.....	\$0.15 per minute
Cell SMS (Text).....	\$0.06 per message.....	\$0.10 per message

*Caller ID Features will be available to customers (both residential and business) free of charge during Phase I. For Phase II all the Value Added Services (VAS) features (call waiting, call forwarding, speed dialing, etc) will be available to customers free as part of the basic PSTN service.

Should there be any questions or comments regarding this public announcement, please do not hesitate to contact any of your local FSMTC office. Thank you.





NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

Pursuant to the orders of the FSM Supreme Court entered on May 13, 2011 and June 8, 2011, public notice is hereby given that the parcels described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Parcel no. 045-E-30, situated in Lohd-powe section, Madolenihmw Municipality, Pohnpei State, with an approximate area of 7,608 square meters, as described in the Certificate of Title issued on June 2, 2005 and registered as Document No. 20533 at the Registrar, Pohnpei Court of Land Tenure and as further described in cadastral plat no. 045-E-04.

Parcel no. 106-A-02, situated in Lukunot section, Sokehs Municipality, Pohnpei State, with an approximate area of 12,562 square meters, as described in the Certificate of Title issued on August 24, 1995 and registered as Document No. 14476 at the Registrar, Pohnpei Court of Land Tenure and as further described in cadastral plat no. 106-A-00.

- Bids may be submitted for one or both of the parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "December 8, 2011 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Mr Ricky Jano at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Palikir, Pohnpei on Thursday, December 8, 2011 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011.
- The winning bidder shall be conveyed title through a duly issued Court order transferring title to the land, including all improvements on the land, if any, upon delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Development Bank" no later than ten (10) days after notice is given.

FSM Development Bank gives public notice that the parcel described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Parcel no. 009-F-12, land known as "Thilinebut", situated in Keng Village, Welo Municipality, Yap State, with an approximate area of 614 square meters, as described in the Certificate of Title issued on August 31, 2011 and registered as Document no. 5614 at the Registrar, Yap State Land Resources and as further described in cadastral plat no. 009-F-00.

- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "December 8, 2011 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Ms Katherine Gisog at the FSM Development Bank Yap branch office, Colonia, Yap on Thursday, December 8, 2011 between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2011.
- The winning bidder shall be conveyed title through a deed of conveyance transferring title to the parcel, including all improvements on the land, if any, upon delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Development Bank" no later than ten (10) days after notice is given.

- There is no minimum bid amount for any of the parcels.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must clearly state the bid amount for each parcel.
- The winning bidder must be eligible to hold title to land in the Federated States of Micronesia.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The parcels and any improvements thereon, are offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to their condition whatsoever.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-6533, website: www.fsmdb.fm

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and was in addition to the domestic services the couple continued to compel her to provide.

The couple admitted that for the entire time that S.S. lived with them they isolated the victim, forbidding her to have friends. They would not allow her to go out of the house alone or to participate in social gatherings that were not family related.

S.S. escaped after one year of servitude.

A news article by The Daily News (TDN.com) which serves the Lower Columbia area of Washington said that according to court documents culturally, S.S. felt bound to obey her elders. Kenit and Lukas also caused S.S. to believe that she would "suffer serious harm" if she didn't do as they ordered, according to the indictment. During the last month of her imprisonment, Kenit also forced himself on S.S. sexually, according to court documents.

"The defendant's exploitation of a vulnerable young woman is reprehensible," said Thomas E. Perez, assistant attorney general for the Civil Rights Division. "Human trafficking is a scourge on the Justice Department will continue to vigorously prosecute persons who engage in such intolerable conduct."

"These two defendants preyed on a young and vulnerable member of their own family. They

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brought her to this country with promises of education and travel, and instead forced her to work both in their home and at hard labor to support them economically," said U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Washington Jenny A. Durkan. "Thankfully, an alert neighbor and the Longview Police Department were able to rescue the victim from this abuse."

The case is being prosecuted jointly by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ye-Ting Woo and Trial Attorney Daniel Weiss of the Civil Rights Division's Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit.



MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) provides free legal services to people of limited financial means in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The administrative office is located in Capitol Hill, Saipan. MLSC is seeking applications for the position of Executive Director, who will work at the Capitol Hill Office.

Qualifications:

A J.D. degree, or the equivalent, and at least ten years of relevant professional legal experience, preferably in the area of providing free legal services to those of limited financial means.

General Responsibilities:

The Executive Director acts as the chief executive officer of Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, and is appointed by and accountable to the Board Directors of MLSC. The Executive Director is responsible for insuring the economical and effective delivery of legal services and the maintenance of the highest quality of services and professional standards.

Duties Include:

- Develop and implement strategies to fulfill the goals of MLSC as set by the MLSC Articles of Incorporation and Board of Directors.
- Adopt rules and policies in furtherance of action taken by the Board of Directors.
- Assure implementation of and adherence to MLSC policy, in conjunction with the Deputy Director and as set forth in the Client Service Manual, Office Policies Binder, Personnel Manual, all job descriptions, and other MLSC policies.
- Assure compliance with Legal Services Corporation Regulations and instructions and funding conditions, in conjunction with the Deputy Director.
- Make staff hiring and termination decisions in accordance with personnel policies.
- Propose a budget annually to the Board of Directors, which includes staff size and configuration, staff benefits, office space and equipment, and all other expenditures.
- Supervise the preparation of the annual Refunding Application to the Legal Services Corporation and respond to inquiries regarding the Application.
- Work with Micronesian governments in conjunction with other staff members regarding annual appropriations to MLSC, and coordinate applications for other sources of funds.
- Maintain productive relations with the Board of Directors, Legal Services Corporation, and governmental and non-governmental institutions whose actions have an effect on MLSC.

Compensation and Benefits:

Compensation is dependent upon experience. Benefits include health insurance, annual leaven, sick leave, and employer contribution to a 401(k) program.

Please submit a resume and letter of interest by November 20, 2011, to:

By mail:
Micronesian Legal Service Corporation
P.O. Box 500269
Saipan, MP 96950

By email:
co@mlsnet.org

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addresses, telephone numbers, sex, date of birth, state or U.S. citizenship, names and ages of household members, level of education, and employment status of FSM migrants.

Two days ago a similar posting appeared at the top of the MicSem Discussion Forum (MicSem Forum) asking the anonymous poster's there to fill out the same survey.

That message said that Herman Semes, Jr. is assisting in the survey by gathering preliminary information on FSM migrants to the U.S.

The preliminary FSM citizen list building survey is powered by "Survey Monkey," and information provided there is to be completely confidential. The online survey will only be used to establish contact data for future random selections from the "deep pool" of contact data.

The actual survey will be much more extensive. "Before we randomly select the households to be interviewed in the survey, we need contact information for as many FSM migrants as possible," the MicSem posting said. "Ideally, we would like to have the names of all Micronesians in the U.S., but we know that this is impossible. We'll settle for a very large number so that we have a deep pool from which to select those who will be interviewed. The survey won't carry the weight it should if we don't have thousands of names to select from."

If the face to face survey is funded organizers hope to interview 300 FSM migrants in Guam, another 300 in Hawai'i, and 200 or so in the continental United States all of them randomly selected from the "deep pool" of names and households that is currently being gathered.

"In the course of the survey, we will be doing lengthy interviews with hundreds of Micronesian households in Guam Hawai'i, and the mainland U.S. to gain a reliable picture of how island people are managing their families, educating their children, and interacting with both local communities and their friends and family back in the islands," the MicSem Forum posting said. "Once the survey is completed, we will be writing a report on the findings that will be distributed to our leaders in FSM as well as to U.S. officials who are reviewing those parts of the Compact agreement that touch on the rights of FSM citizens to migrate to the U.S."

The MicSem Forum message was met with no small amount of skepticism regarding the confidentiality of the initial data gathering efforts of the survey takers.

One anonymous poster said that he would be glad to provide the information by phone but that doing so over the Internet was asking too much. The poster wrote that he or she had provided only enough information for a phone contact and no more.

Father Hezel, who posts in the MicSem Forum only rarely and always under his own name, assured the anonymous posters that the only

people who would have access to the personal data would be Mike Levin and himself.

"No one in any government will have access to it," he wrote. "The whole idea of the survey, remember, is to ensure that the U.S. governors and others in Washington have access to reliable information on island migrants so they can avoid biased judgments. The benefits of the survey are obvious to me," he wrote. "I suggest you buy into it with the assurance that your contact information will not be misused."

One of the questions raised by a MicSem Forum poster responding to the message regarding the preliminary survey was that comparatively few FSM citizens have access to computers and that many of them would never see the preliminary survey.

Though Father Hezel did respond by email to our earlier questions about the survey he had not by press time responded to our follow up questions regarding strategies to ensure that indigent FSM migrants would be represented in the survey. His previous email responses had been "off the record."

FSM citizens are allowed to freely travel to the United States to study and to work under the Compact of Free Association between the FSM and the United States. Almost since the inception of that agreement U.S. states have complained to the Federal government that the cost burden of FAS citizens living in their states is higher than the U.S. Government provides in Compact Impact funds.

The FSM and the other Micronesian Freely Associated States (FAS) have been under pressure from influential members of the U.S. Congress including Hawaii's powerful Senator Daniel Inouye, the Dean of the United States Senate and Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, to reduce the financial impact of their citizens who live in the U.S. and its territories.

Hawai'i's Governor Neil Abercrombie said in a report to the U.S. Department of Interior that FAS citizens are costing his state more than 11 times more than the \$10 million it receives annually in Compact Impact funds.

David Gootnick, the lead author of a US Government Accountability Office (GAO) report on Compact Impact mandated by representatives of the U.S. Congress wrote in an email that the GAO report will be completed by the end of October or by early November.

Apparently the GAO report has had several "deadlines" come and go.

In May, FSM Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Lorin Robert said that the GAO report was due to be released in July. He was responding then to our inquiry about FSM reactions to a May 12 letter sent by a committee of high level members of Congress to U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and Secretary of the Interior, Kenneth Salazar seeking support to restrict the flow of FAS citizens. Secretary Robert said the committee should have waited until GAO report they requested was completed.

Over a year earlier, during an interview in April of 2010, Allen Stayman, staff member of the Senate Committee that has oversight of

the Department of the Interior (DOI) said, "So what's going to happen, and I want people (in the FSM) to be aware, is that when this report comes out in nine months there's going to be a problem of political reaction. We can guess what GAO's findings are going to be. There's a very high impact and that's going to trigger these states to want to respond in some way."

"Now is the time to start thinking (in the FSM) about what can be done," Stayman implored. "Be proactive instead of reactive." He said that message was the principal reason for his trip nearly a year and a half ago.

Even while Stayman was giving his interview

his predicted "political reaction" to the State costs of the Compact was not only already well on its way it began not too long after, to escalate and intensify.

The May 12 letter to the Department of State and DOI was not the first volley in the Compact Impact skirmish but it made a resounding noise followed shortly thereafter by a cacophony.

In his committee's Homeland Security budget approved by the Senate last month, Senator Inouye directed the department to "implement all legally allowable grounds of inadmissibility under the Compact which apply to nationals from the FAS."

Kosrae woos United States tourists with Facebook video contest

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press



October 24, 2011

Kosrae, FSM—

"Imagine winning a trip to a Pacific island with legends of buried treasure and famous pirates, stunning coral reefs and awesome scuba diving, unspoiled nature and the warmth of friendly indigenous people. Now's your chance with the Kosrae Visitor Bureau's 'Picture Yourself on Kosrae' Facebook contest." So begins an October 7 press release by the Kosrae Visitor's Bureau inviting contestants to enter video submissions on the Kosrae Facebook page (www.Facebook.com/Kosrae) for a chance to win round trip airfare for one person from anywhere in the Continental United States and Hawaii to the "Island of the Sleeping Lady."

The Kosrae Visitor's Bureau "teamed up with Continental-United to target U.S. and Hawaii travelers," wrote Grant Ismael in an October 20 email. Ismael is the Kosrae Visitor's Bureau Administrator. "The campaign is already shown up in various powerful online media outlets such as CNBC and Market watch," he wrote and attached a few of those Google alerts about the contest.

Though the contest is said to be a "video" contest the October 7 press release says that the video "or photo" that receives the most "Like" votes by the Kosrae Facebook

community of islanders, travel journalists, Kosrae visitors and others in the know about Kosrae's dive and island adventure secrets is the lucky winner.

"Create a short video, no longer than 5 minutes in

length, telling how you would spend your time on this small tropical paradise," the Facebook contest instructions say. "Make us giggle, make us think, impress us with your film or graphic skills (for example, Don your scuba gear and sing us through a day on Kosrae!) The deep blue ocean is the limit, but creativity is key!"

Kosrae has been working hard on developing tourism. In addition to its Facebook page, Kosrae has a web presence at www.kosrae.com. Their Twitter moniker is @KosraeIsland.

Kosrae will always be the "Island of the Sleeping Lady," a phrase that refers to the island's mountainous silhouette that suggests a woman in repose. The Kosrae Visitor's Bureau website doesn't use that phrase at all on its opening page. Instead it has a graphic at the top of the page that contains the words "Kosrae Island magnificent every day."

The Kosrae Visitor's Bureau has been working with the Placemaking Group on this campaign to stimulate tourism to the island.

A check of the Kosrae Facebook page today says that so far 314 people have "liked" the page and 20 are "talking about it," not likely the impact for which the Visitors Bureau had hoped.

The contest is open only to persons residing in the United States who are at least 18 years of age. The timeline for submissions is short. It opened on October 17, 2011 at 01:01 am (PDT) and ends on October 31, 2011 @ 11:59 pm (PDT) the day after this issue of The Kaselehlie Press is published.





**A message by
Speaker Isaac V. Figir**

*On the Occasion of the
Federated States of Micronesia*

Independence Day

November 3, 2011



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On behalf of the 17th Congress let me offer my best wishes to fellow citizens throughout the FSM and outside of its borders on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the independence of the Federated States of Micronesia.



Twenty five years ago, on November 3, 1986, over two hundred years of domination by foreign powers and decades of United Nations Trusteeship came to an end in our islands. In its place a new nation emerged on the world stage, the independent and self-governing Federated States of Micronesia; no longer the ward of other nations. We as a people would decide on our destiny with the aim to build a new promised land. That promise was enshrined in our Constitution: "...we, who have been the wards of other nations, become the proud guardian of our own islands, now and forever."



While twenty five years is but a short moment in world history, it is quite a long time for a human life. During that time span, one generation - perhaps the greatest in our history has passed. That generation included people like Tosiwo Nakayama, John Mangefel, Andon Amaraich, Resio Moses, and Petrus Tun. They, along with the few survivors—Leo Falcam and Bethwel Henry, should never be forgotten. These great men deserve our eternal gratitude. In the FSM, these have been giants among men.



These giants envisioned and charted a future in which our people would be able to achieve self-governance and political independence. This achievement in our history was made twenty five years ago through a process that was both democratic and peaceful. That alone is an achievement of which we should always be proud, given the terrible struggle and violence many nations face as they transition towards independence and self-governance.



Our independence was achieved through the strong united will of our people and the great conviction of our inherent sovereignty.



So as we celebrate the anniversary of our right to govern ourselves, let us also reflect on the tremendous responsibilities that accompany self-governance. We must each review our roles in our communities: as participants, as parents, as elders and as leaders. Let us ask ourselves, what can we do to better ourselves, our communities, our state, and our nation?



Twenty five years ago, at the same time that our new nation became an independent, sovereign nation, we entered into a special partnership with the United States of America through the Compact of Free Association. We entered into that agreement of our own free will. In pursuance of that relationship, our citizens received the privilege of residence in the US in order to learn, to be trained and to work. Many of our citizens did just that and are now contributing to the economy of our great partner.



In furtherance of that special relationship, many citizens of our nation have also put their lives on the line alongside U.S. citizens in a joint effort; a supreme sacrifice to defend freedom, democracy and the U.S. against attacks, as happened after the terrorist attacks of September 11. Their sacrifice should not be forgotten.



We have done much and there is still much that remains to be done. Just the same, our history of 25 years of building democratic institutions and governance, and friendship with the nations of the world is something of which we should be proud. They are notable achievements, and should be the bedrock of our confidence as we face the new challenges of our times.



Thank you and may you enjoy a happy 25th Independence anniversary.



Commitment to protect our natural resources and cultural heritage:

Why and how to ensure our islands environmental future

Conservation Society of Pohnpei

Government and community leaders, conservation organizations, and community members from Kosrae and Pohnpei attended a three day workshop in mid-September, discussing the most recent scientific research on plant, fungal, and stream biodiversity on Pohnpei and Kosrae, including reports of the discovery of many previously undocumented species.

The presenters, representing The New York Botanical Garden, the USDA Forest Service, San Francisco State University, and the National Tropical Botanical Garden, also pointed out how upland forest clearings are altering biodiversity and potentially the stability of the island's ecosystem. The potentially catastrophic results include an increase of sediment in streams that lead to rivers and, ultimately, smother the reef with its rich marine population so that there is not enough light for the coral to survive.

Acknowledging the importance of protecting the islands' resources and cultural heritage, workshop participants jointly produced the "Declaration of Commitment to Protect Our Natural Resources and Cultural Heritage in Partnership for Present and Future Generations on Kosrae and Pohnpei." The preamble of this declaration states:

"The natural resources and cultural heritage of the people of our islands of Kosrae and Pohnpei must be managed and used in a sustainable way to provide sustenance, a healthy environment, and livelihoods for our peoples, now and future generations. From the 13th through the 15th of September 2011, during the "Protecting the upland forest ecosystems of Micronesia" workshop in Kolonia, Pohnpei, we discussed scientific evidence regarding the threats of upland forest degradation to the flora, fauna, and critical habitats. We have the responsibility to our ancestors, our citizens, residents, and visitors to maintain and enhance our current lifestyle in a way that respects all things on earth. In order to accomplish this, we the undersigned make this declaration of solidarity with nature and endorse the following principles in three critical and interrelated areas: Legislation/Policy/Enforcement; Education/Public Awareness; and Research/Local Priorities."

Dialogue from participants led to active discussions on the principles in the three areas. For example, the discussion of legislation, policy, and enforcement included how recent scientific findings indicate that existing laws to protect the spawning patters of grouper need to be revised to better protect this important resource.

During discussions of education and public awareness, participants brainstormed on key messages to motivate and inspire, such as "Soil is precious on land, but poison in the sea," and "Conservation is everyone's responsibility," but participants also realize education messages must be community- specific.

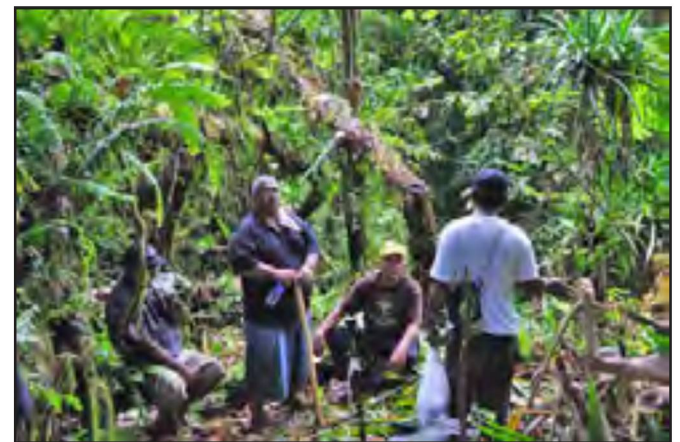
Finally, participants also discussed future research and discussed how local priorities need to continue to be part of guiding the direction of the research, for instance, research that documents traditional farming practices and food crop varieties so that the intellectual property is properly protected. And participants were quick to indicate that the three areas must continue to work together, like putting research results in policy recommendations that can be used to support legislation and education.

At the end of the workshop, participants were motivated by the invigorating discussions and realized that the gathering was a valuable opportunity to learn together and exchange ideas. All participants concluded that it is with a unified partnership that progress will be made.

The entire document can be found on the Micronesia Challenge Website (www.micronesiachallenge.org/) in the FSM link under the biodiversity references link. The Conservation Society of Pohnpei wishes to thank the partners who helped fund and host this meeting: The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG), The National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Kosrae Conservation and Safety Organization (KCSO), FSM Office of Environment and Emergency Management, Micronesia GEF-Small Grants Program and Pohnpei Resource Management Committee (PRMC).



ABOVE:
Remos Livaie, Kosrae Department of Resources and Economic Affairs, uses snorkeling gear to look for stream organisms during a site visit.



RIGHT:
Kosraeans and Pohnpeians discuss Sakau clearings in Pohnpei during a site visit.



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Chinese Experts to survey Okat, Kosrae channel bridge construction

*FSM Information Services
Department of Foreign Affairs press release*

October 25, 2011

Palikir, Pohnpei—On Friday, October 14, 2011, the Honorable Lorin S. Robert, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia, and Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in the FSM, H.E. Zhang Weidong, signed an agreement through friendly consultation to dispatch a group of experts to the FSM to survey the construction project of Channel Bridge in Okat in the State of Kosrae. Both FSM and China agreed that an amount of 450,000 RMB Yuan will be paid from the gratuitous assistance from China under the agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation signed between the two Governments on December 31, 2009 for the experts to conduct the survey. If the survey finds that the project is feasible, the two Governments will sign follow up agreements.

Secretary Lorin Robert thanked the Government of the People's Republic of China through Ambassador Zhang for the generous assistance to the FSM in his remarks. He further said that these continued assistances from China are a symbol of friendly relations between FSM and China.

Ambassador Zhang Weidong, in his responding remarks, congratulated Secretary Robert on his re-appointment as the Secretary of FSM Department of Foreign Affairs. He said that FSM and China are both developing countries and both will learn from each other.

Also present at the signing ceremony were officials from the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs and staff of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China.

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to re-print the coverage done by the Guam newspapers, *The Marianas Variety* or the *Pacific Daily News*.

For readers with computer access, the *Marianas Variety's* coverage of that meeting can be found at:

<http://www.mvariety.com/cnmi-news/local/41061-fsm-community-guam-officials-meet-with-mori>

The *Pacific Daily News* (PDN) coverage of the meeting can be found at:

<http://www.guampdn.com/article/20111020/NEWS01/110200322/FSM-president-Mori-speaks-citizens>

In their coverage, the PDN picked out the following quotes from President Mori as he spoke to FSM citizens living in Guam:

"We are here. You are here, because of our particular relationship with the U.S. under the Compact of Free Association. What the compact provides are not rights, but privileges."

"What we need from you is that you respect the jurisdictions that you're a part of," Mori said. "You have to respect the laws, the cultures. We cannot abuse that relationship, we cannot complicate it.")

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FAS citizens must act now to preserve status in CNMI

By *Maya Kara and Bruce Mailman*
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Just when we thought we had a pretty good handle on how federalization of immigration is affecting various members of the CNMI community, we discovered a new twist. As a result of several email exchanges with federal immigration officials over the course of the last week, we now understand that citizens of the Freely Associated States, or FAS, are not immune from the effects of the CRNA and will need to act affirmatively to preserve their status. The FAS includes the Federated States of Micronesia (Pohnpei, Yap, Chuuk and Kosrae), the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

FAS citizens and the Compacts of Free Association

It is common knowledge that the FAS countries have close ties with the United States as reflected in their respective Compacts of Free Association, which spell out the terms of the relationship. Although FAS citizens are deemed "aliens" because they are not citizens of the United States, they are able to freely travel to and work in the United States and its territories without the need for a visa. This privileged status was recognized under former CNMI labor and immigration law: FAS citizens were freely admitted into the CNMI, worked in the CNMI without the need for a work permit, and were counted as "local hire" for purposes of local preference. So were their immediate relatives, after a successful federal lawsuit in the 1990s. How could the CRNA, which transferred the immigration authority of the CNMI to the United States, affect FAS citizens who had the same status under both CNMI and federal immigration law? Especially since USCIS has offered parole in place to FAS IRs?

Effect of the CRNA on FAS citizens

What really happened when the CRNA became effective on Nov. 28, 2009? We find it useful to think of this event in visual terms: prior to that date, the borders of the United States stopped at Guam; on that date the borders stretched to include the CNMI. On Nov. 27, 2009, we were outside of the U.S. for immigration purposes; beginning on Nov. 28, we were inside. We didn't go anywhere, the border simply rolled over us. It is easy to understand why a person who crosses the U.S. border in the desert far from a border crossing, or who lands on the shores of the U.S. on a secluded beach far from a port of entry should be deemed "illegal." It is more difficult to understand how people, who stayed in one place just living their lives, could become illegal-or potentially so-from one day to the next, without going anywhere. Yet that is exactly what happened in the CNMI.

The legal terminology for all aliens present in the CNMI on the effective day of the CRNA is "present without admission or parole." Generally, aliens "present without admission or parole" are subject to removal (i.e. deportation). The CRNA provided

protection for aliens who had CNMI permits issued prior to that date for a period of up to two years, ending on Nov. 28, 2011. Thus aliens with umbrella permits or other classes of valid CNMI permits were shielded, for two years, from the effects of being present without admission or parole.

How does this apply to FAS citizens? FAS citizens were not issued umbrella permits or any other CNMI permits because, under CNMI law, they didn't need one. Accordingly, they, like every other alien present in the CNMI on Nov. 28, 2009, became "present without admission or parole" but without the protection of umbrella or any other CNMI permit to protect them.

Well, this presents a problem, doesn't it? The Compacts of Free Association say that citizens of FAS countries can freely travel to and work in the United States and its territories. The CRNA, on the other hand, would dictate that FAS citizens present in the CNMI on or after Nov. 28, 2009, are "present without admission or parole" and, therefore, at least theoretically removable. To solve this dilemma, the Department of Homeland Security has come up with a neat solution.

What FAS citizens must do to preserve status

All FAS citizens, who have not left and re-entered the CNMI since Nov. 28, 2009, will need to obtain a Form I-94, (Nonimmigrant Arrival-Departure Record), a document that is normally issued to aliens upon entering the United States at an official port of entry. The Form I-94 is issued by a Customs and Border Protection officer upon a determination that the alien is admissible to the United States. In order to be admitted, the alien must show an appropriate visa, visa waiver, or parole. The Form I-94 is usually stapled into the alien's passport with a stamp showing the expiration date. An alien who does not depart the United States by the expiration date, or who does not obtain an extension of the period of lawful admission, is subject to removal. FAS citizens will not need to exit the CNMI just to obtain an I-94 upon their return. Rather, they can obtain an I-94 by simply visiting CBP at the Francisco C. Ada International Airport on Saipan. Call ahead to get an appointment. Appointments will be scheduled between 10am and 2pm, and again between 5pm and 7pm. According to CBP, these hours should be available seven days a week depending on flights, staffing, and previously scheduled appointments. All processing is conducted at the airport. The CBP number to call is 288-0025.

Because one of our staff is a citizen of Palau, we have had an opportunity to observe how this process works. She called CBP, got an appointment for the same day, went to the airport, and had an I-94 stapled into her passport. The stamp has the date of issue, "Class CFA/P" (Compact of Free Association/Palau) and "Until: D/S" (Duration of Status). So it appears there is no expiration date, although if she leaves the CNMI, she is likely to be issued a new I-94 upon her return. All in all a pretty painless process. Note: All FAS citizens who have left

the CNMI and then re-entered since Nov. 28, 2009, should look at the Form I-94 stapled into their passports when they re-entered. Kudos to CBP.

Do FAS citizens need work authorization?

An issue related to admission is authorization to work. Generally, all nonimmigrant aliens to the U.S. are required to have a valid Employment Authorization Document, or EAD, in order to be legally employed. Formerly, this requirement was of no concern to FAS citizens in the CNMI because, prior to Nov. 28, 2009, the CNMI was not part of the U.S. for immigration purposes and, therefore, no EAD was required.

What about now? We are informed by USCIS, that pursuant to renegotiated Compacts and case law, citizens of FAS countries are no longer required to have EAD to legally work.

USCIS explains it thus: FAS Compact nonimmigrants from any of the three Compact nations are work authorized incident to status under 8 CFR 274a.12(a)(8), and therefore, are not required to obtain EADs in order to work lawfully. However, in order to be lawfully hired by an employer anywhere in the U.S., including the CNMI, the alien will need to be able to present documentation satisfying Form I-9 requirements. An EAD is a Form I-9 "List A" secure document meeting these requirements, and is also useful for other identification purposes; thus, Compact nonimmigrants are encouraged, but are not required, to obtain an EAD. At the present

time USCIS is providing four-year EADs, with no fee, to Compact nonimmigrants who file Form I-765 applications as directed in the form's instructions. Form I-765 and instructions are available for free from USCIS, online at <http://tinyurl.com/yaw8mf>.

If the Compact national has other acceptable Form I-9 documentation, he or she may use that. In the case of RMI and FSM nationals under their amended Compacts-but not Palauans-the valid passport and I-94 showing Compact admission is acceptable. Compact nationals, including Palauans, are also likely to be able to obtain valid driver's licenses and unrestricted Social Security cards, which also are an acceptable I-9 document combination.

In summary, if you are an FAS citizen, and you have not entered the CNMI since Nov. 28, 2009, you will need to go to the airport and get CBP to issue you an I-94. Make sure to have a valid passport and some other form of ID. It is essential that you do this before Nov. 28, 2012.

The information contained in this column is intended as general information only, and not as individual legal advice. Readers should obtain professional legal advice before taking action with respect to their individual situations. Readers may submit questions regarding federalization or immigration issues to the authors by email to lexmarianas@pticom.com. Readers may also e-mail written questions through the Saipan Tribune at editor@saipantribune.com.

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Guest Perspectives

Small is beautiful – but it can also be fragile

As a neighbour to many small island developing states, Australia knows well their vulnerability to climate change. The very existence of countries like Kiribati, the Maldives and the Marshall Islands could be threatened by rising sea levels and more extreme storm surges resulting from global warming.

Yet these and other small developing states are the least responsible for climate change. Small developing states together account for less than one percent of global emissions, and produce an average of 3.3 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions per capita compared to the world average of 4.6 tonnes.

Many small island and coastal states depend on the oceans for their food and livelihoods. Yet marine ecosystems and coral reefs worldwide are in decline due to overfishing and other destructive fishing practices. Ocean acidification and the impacts of climate change also threaten the long term survival of marine species.

Small developing states are especially exposed to natural disasters such as hurricanes, cyclones and droughts, some so severe that entire populations and economies are affected. The tsunami that hit Samoa in 2009 cost that country 22 per cent of its annual GDP.

The international community, over the next several months, has a chance to change the course of sustainable development.

The United Nations Climate Change Conference in Durban at the end of this year provides another opportunity to take concrete steps toward a global climate regime which includes legally binding

mitigation commitments by all major emitters.

The international community will meet again just six months later in Rio de Janeiro for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, also known as the Rio+20 Summit. The Rio+20 Summit presents a further opportunity for the international community to set the world on a more sustainable course and to decide on practical outcomes that integrate the three pillars of sustainable development – the economic, social and environmental.

It is important that the global community makes the most of these opportunities.

The world's population is projected to reach 9 billion by 2050. Coupled with current economic trends, this could bring with it a tripling in consumption of basic natural resources.

Carbon emissions in 2010 were the highest in history, according to the International Energy Agency. And world primary energy demand is estimated to increase by 36 per cent between 2008 and 2035.

Australia knows well that the future prosperity of small developing states depends on global progress towards a more sustainable future.

The world needs to hear the concerns of small developing states to understand fully the challenges we all face. And the world needs to act to help small developing states build their resilience to the threats they face.

From 28-30 October, Australia will host the Commonwealth Heads of Government

Meeting (CHOGM) in Perth, with the themes "Building National Resilience, Building Global Resilience." CHOGM will turn the international community's attention to the importance of building resilience, particularly that of small states, to global crises.

In the lead-up to CHOGM, I will host a meeting of Commonwealth and Developing Small States Foreign Ministers bringing together a diverse range of states from every continent. The meeting will focus on the challenges particular to developing small states in combating climate change and achieving sustainable development, and identify how the Commonwealth can advance these priorities through national and international cooperation.

We will look to pass this message to CHOGM, to the G20 Summit in France in November, to the Durban climate change conference and to Rio+20.

As the United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon made clear in his address to the United Nations General Assembly last month, sustainable development is the imperative of our century.

Through our role in CHOGM and the G20, at Durban and Rio, Australia will be supporting small developing states to ensure that their voices are heard loud and clear.

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Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs



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Foreign interests in the Pacific islands?

Dear Editor,

For quite some time I've been concerned about foreign interests coming into the islands. I'm all for foreign investments in infrastructure and industry but recently it all seems to be getting political.

In particular, the Chinese would love to get a foothold here in Micronesia.

It's disturbing to see the recently offered resolution in the FSM Congress to end the Compact with the US.

In the CNMI, the Governor has offered the Chinese several islands, and in Guam the Speaker of the Legislature has made statements to the UN about Guam's colonization.

Note also the huge project proposed for Yap State.

I think the US should be listening closely and take some actions to heal some old wounds. I don't believe the majority of FSM citizens want to give up on the Compact and their access to the US, nor do the Guam or CNMI residents want to give up their US passports either.

However, the Chinese are on the move, building a large Navy and would welcome any island group joining them.

We in the islands need to do our part too but the US needs to wake up and realize what's going on.

Tom Nielsen
Tamuning, Guam



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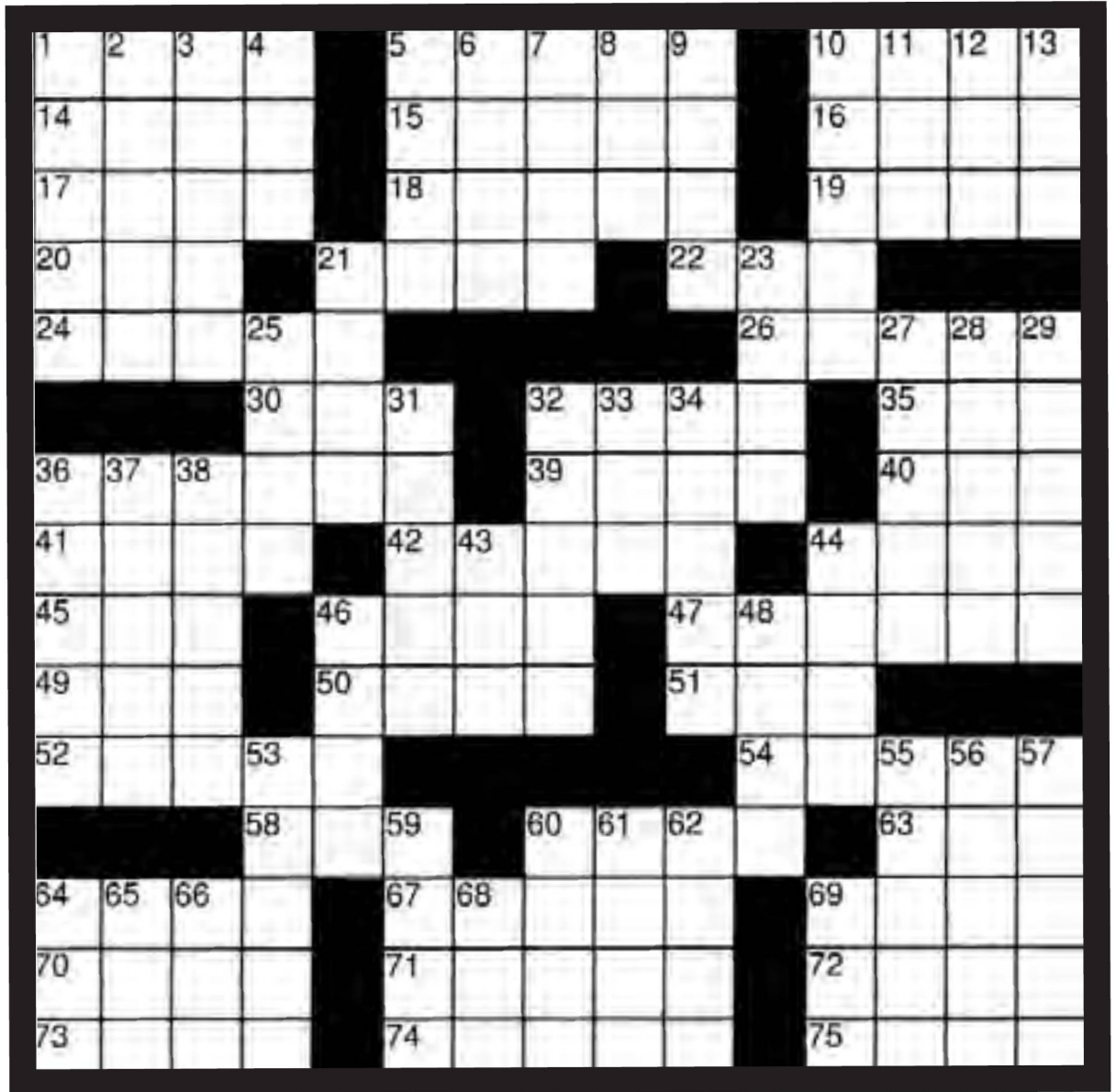
Crossword - Plenty!

ACROSS

1. Baja rahs
5. Stamps
10. Pts. and qts.
14. Cap-___
15. Trash
16. Sand
17. Jazz fans
18. "Halt, salt!"
19. Blvds. and rds.
20. Map abbr.
21. Plan part
22. Tarzan's pal
24. "Walk away ___"
26. Warms
30. Small flap
32. Las Palmas cash
35. RSVP part
36. Cash back
39. Latch ___
40. Jazz gp.
41. Track path
42. Bad lad's grab
44. Bawl
45. Ran
46. Charlatan
47. Warns
49. Change and ___
50. Aardvark snacks
51. Garland
52. Harsh
54. Warmth
58. Flap
60. Nana
63. ___Baba
64. Smart
67. Hallway
69. Dash
70. 24-Karat
71. Gap
72. Staffs
73. Marsh grass
74. ADAs and TAs
75. Flank

DOWN

1. AMPAS award
2. Strand
3. Had
4. Grad. class
5. Bat a gnat
6. Mansard part
7. Stat
8. AF rank
9. ___ trap
10. Match
11. D.C. Cab star
12. Draw
13. AL and WA
21. Pants part
23. "Rats!"
25. Catchall abbr.
27. MTMs
28. Lama's land
29. Smacks
31. Start
32. Standard and ___
33. Naval grad
34. Snach
36. Play parts
37. Match
38. Pass
43. ___ bran
44. Small dam
46. Catch
48. Slant
53. Ran a 10K
55. ___ Lama
56. Chan man
57. Wash
59. Man ___
- Mancha
60. Scams
61. Nap
62. Mars
64. Y class
65. Cast
66. Wrath
68. 1948 pact
69. 911 abbr.



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MGRRGPUOSILVER
LAEUWSKMBKNLD
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LEVCCSAIIBKITN
UYRHEKNUDOMSCG
NFETFPCNRYEERY
CNSAILSITACEEU
HOSALADFFONRTN
HTFKPTMOUYFTIE
CSOFCEOREGANAM
LOIOEDSMNOREWM
CVLFBEGRKCEHCP

BOOTH
BREAD
BREAKFAST
BUSBOY
CASHIER
CHECK
COFFEE
COOK
COURSE
CUISINE
DINNER
DISH
DRINK
ENTREE
FARE
FISH
HOSTESS
KITCHEN
LUNCH

MAITRE D'
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MEAT
MENU
MUSIC
NAPKIN
ORDER
PLATE
RESTAURANT
SALAD
SEAFOOD
SERVICE
SILVER
SOUP
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	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Monday	10/31		11/7		10/31		11/7	
	04:54AM	2.9	01:06AM	3.9	02:53AM	0.5	12:39AM	1.3
	10:22AM	1.5	07:21AM	1.2	08:03AM	0.0	07:01AM	0.1
	05:19PM	4.3	01:41PM	4.2	03:51PM	2.0	01:31PM	1.6
Tuesday	11/1		11/8		11/1		11/8	
	12:18AM	1.7	01:48AM	4.0	07:55AM	0.0	01:21AM	1.2
	05:24AM	2.6	07:51AM	1.0	04:18PM	1.9	07:07AM	0.2
	10:39AM	1.7	02:11PM	4.6			01:42PM	1.9
Wednesday	11/2		11/9		11/2		11/8	
	01:26AM	1.9	02:27AM	4.0	07:33AM	0.0	01:59AM	1.0
	06:09AM	2.4	08:20AM	0.9	04:46PM	1.7	07:11AM	0.2
	10:50AM	2.0	02:44PM	4.9			02:00PM	2.1
Thursday	11/3		11/10		11/3		11/10	
	03:50AM	2.0	03:04AM	3.8	07:03AM	0.0	02:31AM	0.7
	08:47PM	3.5	08:50AM	0.9	05:16PM	1.5	07:11AM	0.2
			03:17PM	5.1			02:23PM	2.3
Friday	11/4		11/11		11/4		11/11	
	05:37AM	1.8	03:41AM	3.6	06:49AM	0.0	02:55AM	0.5
	12:44PM	2.8	09:19AM	1.0	10:16PM	1.3	07:06AM	0.1
	04:38PM	2.6	03:52PM	5.1			02:49PM	2.4
Saturday	11/5		11/12		11/5		10/12	
	06:18AM	1.6	04:17AM	3.4	06:49AM	0.0	03:03AM	0.2
	12:49PM	3.3	09:48AM	1.1	02:19PM	1.2	06:57AM	0.0
	06:16PM	2.2	04:27PM	5.0	06:33PM	1.0	03:15PM	2.4
Sunday	11/6		11/13		11/6		10/13	
	12:16AM	3.7	04:54AM	3.0	06:54AM	0.1	02:36AM	0.1
	06:51AM	1.4	10:16AM	1.3	01:35PM	1.3	06:47AM	-0.1
	01:13PM	3.7	05:04PM	4.8	07:09PM	0.7	03:42PM	2.3
	07:08PM	1.7						

“Go Local” visited public schools around the Pohnpei Island

By *Chizuru Seki (JICA)*
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) has started its public school awareness as part of a local food promotion project for a school year of 2011-2012. In September, IFCP visited to Kolonia, Ohmine, Sekere, Palikir, Lewetik, Awak, Saladak and Rohi Elementary Schools.

During each visit, IFCP standard talk was presented to 6, 7 and 8th graders at each school.

At Kolonia Elementary School, before the presentation, its principal chose two students and assigned a girl to be in favor of junk food and a boy to support local food to do a mental fight. It is not a physical fight but mental. They don't punch or kick each other, but they tried to convince each other by stating good

things about junk food or local food.

A girl who was in support of junk food said that junk food taste delicious. A boy who was in favor of local food said local food was healthy. After the couple rounds, a girl (junk food) overriden a boy (local food). It showed the attitude of the Pohnpeians toward local foods. This is why the IFCP staff makes non-stop effort to educate the public about this crisis which is caused by imported junk foods.

The students learned about the CHEEF benefits of local food in the presentation, so now they can fight against junk food.

CHEEF benefits—five benefits of local food

1. Culture—Micronesian food is unique to this region, you won't find it in the other countries around the world
2. Health—local food, especially

yellow- orange- flesh varieties, is high in beta carotene (provitamin A), other vitamins, minerals and fiber which help you fight against diabetes, heart disease, certain cancers, vitamin A deficiency and anemia

3. Environment—local food remains can go back to soil as the energy for new plants and crops, keeping the environmental cycle going

4. Economy—family can save money by not buying unhealthy imported food (so money won't be sent off island), make money by selling extra local food to the market, and/or purchase local food from markets so the money stays here in Pohnpei

5. Food Security—diversity of local food can fight against hunger, climate changes and unexpected disasters

At Awak Elementary School, after the presentation, its principal asked his

students a question: “Why did IFCP come and talk about the benefits of local food to you (students)?” He explained to his students that adults in Pohnpei were already in the health crisis (one in three adults in FSM has diabetes), but for young students, this is their time to make a better choice. IFCP came to tell students what was going on with adults and what young students can do to live a healthier life.

Students at each elementary school sung a Go Local song after the presentation. Each school students sung a song very well.

IFCP would like to thank those public elementary schools for having us. Acknowledgements are made to the US Forestry Services and Australian AusAID Small Grants Scheme, and SPC Healthy Lifestyle for funding support.



Saladak Elementary



Saladak Elementary



Rohi Elementary



Lewetik Elementary



Kolonia Elementary



Awak Elementary

Island Food Community of Pohnpei training center is utilized for a private school field trip

By *Chizuru Seki (JICA)*
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

10th graders from Calvary Christian Academy (CCA) visited Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) training center in the afternoon of October 12, 2012.

Last school year, IFCP partnered up with 6th graders at CCA for the Pwulopwul ohng me Pwulopwul (Youth to Youth) environmental program coordinated by the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP). 6th graders from last school year learned about many benefits of local food.

With their new knowledge on local foods, students and their teacher, Mrs. Charleen Abraham, made a policy that every Wednesday and Friday, the class eat local food, either at snack time or/and at lunch time. They also prepared all local food gifts for teachers for their birthday.

With a strong bond made between CCA and IFCP last school year, CCA continue to “go local” and now agriculture is a part of their curriculum for the first time.

10th graders from CCA listened to IFCP standard talk and learned about a health crisis in FSM, reasons and the solution to this crisis.

Health crisis in FSM:

- 1 in 3 adults in FSM has diabetes.
- Many people are suffering from heart disease and cancer.
- ½ of children under the age of 5 is vitamin A deficiency.

Possible causes to this health crisis:

- Changes in diet (local food to processed imported food)
- Decrease in physical activity level (lesser hours of working in the garden/land to maintain local food, the increased use of automobile)

Solution to this health crisis: “Let's Go Local!”

“Going local” means to plant, grow, maintain, harvest, cook and eat more local food. By taking care of the garden/land and local food, we can get enough exercise. Pohnpei local food has been scientifically proven to be very nutritious and has many vitamins, minerals and fiber. Beta carotene, pro vitamin A, and total carotenoid levels are very high in local food especially in those yellow, orange flesh varieties such as Utinlap, Karat, Mwahng (giant swamp taro), Kipar (pandanus), Meikole (seeded breadfruit). Beta carotene and other vitamins, minerals and fiber are very important for the body and help the body fight against diabetes, heart disease, certain cancers, vitamin A deficiency and anemia.

The benefits of Pohnpei local food go beyond its health and nutritious advantage.

CHEEF benefits of local food were also presented to 10th graders from CCA. C stands for Culture, H is for Health, first E is Environment, second E stands for Economy and F is for Food Security.

After the presentation at IFCP training center, CCA students took the tour of the banana collection at the back of the training center where it serves as a mini gene bank of local banana varieties.

IFCP training center is a great field trip place for public and private schools and any other groups. There are so many ways to utilize this facility and its banana collection. Students and visitors can learn about very important educational knowledge and benefits of Pohnpei local food, conduct a research, and actually see many varieties of Pohnpei bananas.

If you wish to listen to IFCP standard talk and learn about the CHEEF benefits of local food, please call at 320-3259.

Acknowledgements are made to the US Forestry Services, Australian AusAID Small Grants Scheme, and SPC CePaCT for funding support.

Tretnoff comes in four pounds short in True Value fishing tournament

By Scott Campbell
Pohnpei Fishing Club

Saturday the 22nd of October saw the Pohnpei Fishing Club host the Annual True Value fishing tournament. With \$500 up for grabs for the biggest fish weighing 100 pounds or more the marlin lures were made ready. The weather conditions were perfect; slightly overcast, low swell and very little wind. Ten boats enjoyed the day on the water with plenty of fish caught.

Over the course of the day six marlins and one sail fish were hooked up but not landed. As luck would have it the one marlin that was landed fell 4 pounds short of the required 100 pounds to claim the major prize. Oh so close!

It was still a quality fish and provided Alex Tretnoff first place as the best Male Angler.

Mary Tretnoff's 12 pound wahoo gave her the best Female Angler prize.

Maggie Finnen was the champion Junior Angler with a 6 pound barracuda.

All of the winners took home a \$100 check from True Value.

The Tretnoffs also scored another \$100 for winning the boat weight section of the tournament.

Although not a requirement of the day many fish were donated to the Etscheit Foundation and provided to the Pohnpei State Hospital, including Alex's marlin.

A big thank you goes out to True Value and San Miguel for the prizes provided on the day. It was another very successful tournament for the club and we look forward to having True Value as a tournament sponsor in 2012.

The next tournament is the Budweiser Tournament scheduled for Saturday the 26th of November. There will be a large number of prizes, t-shirts and beer for competitors and a barbecue at the weigh-in.

That will be the final tournament for 2011

so come down and support the Pohnpei Fishing Club and watch the big fish being weighed in.

Registration will be from 6-7pm on Friday 25th at the Pohnpei Surf Club.

Don't forget to 'like' the Pohnpei Fishing Club on Facebook to keep up to date with the latest club news.



RIGHT:

Bill and Paul act as tournament Weigh Masters.

BOTTOM LEFT:

Garry Garsain from True Value, Alex and Mary Tretnoff and Konrad Englberger.

BOTTOM RIGHT

Maggie Finnen – Champion Junior Angler



Thank You, Kalahngan, Danksagung

We, Lois Englberger's family, would like to thank everyone for their support since Lois passed away on September 29, 2011. We have been overwhelmed with messages of how deeply her life's work, her passionate way of living, and her concern for the lives of others have affected so many of you throughout the world.

We are grateful to every one of you for sharing your many messages of condolences.

Thank you to those of you who organized the memorial service for her in Pohnpei.

Thank you to the many people who have stood to support the Island Food Community of Pohnpei, the organization she founded, loved, and served nearly to the end of her days.

Thank you for the donations you have made to Island Food Community in her memory.

Lois led, lived, and loved with passion.

We loved her too and we have been happy to share her with you.

Thank you to all of you who shared your lives with her.

Konrad (husband), Katrina and Tanja (daughters), Doris (mother) and Barbara (sister)