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Embassy celebrates U.S. Independence Day



“Dry litter” Piggery project to curb unmanaged piggeries waste

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

June 28, 2012

Pohnpei, FSM—Representatives of the Piggery Advisory Council, members of Pohnpei State government, and the diplomatic corps gathered this morning to celebrate the handing over of a \$61,550 from the Japanese government. The money was provided by the Embassy of Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects and will be used to purchase two “tow behind” wood chippers as the basis for a Dry Litter Piggery Support Project.

“One of the main topics at PALM 6 held in Okinawa last month is how to protect human security in the island countries. The dry litter system is a desirable model to enhance human

security with simple approaches using low cost local resources. It will prevent various diseases and pollution from harming the residents. We are fortunate to possess beautiful nature such as the waterfalls, the rivers, and the mangrove trees. However, at the same time we possess the responsibility to protect these heritages,” Japan’s Ambassador Eiichi Suzuki said during the ceremony.

Although the Guest Perspective by Mr. Paul Lake in this issue gives a much fuller explanation of the Dry Litter Piggery Support Project, essentially the idea is that wood chips would be used in pig pens. The wood chips, along with pig waste can then be gathered and easily turned into compost. Mr. Lake said that the process of decomposition that occurs in composting generates enough heat to kill off eColi and other harmful pollutants that are found in

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U.S. claims significant advancement in Tuna Treaty negotiations

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

July 3, 2012

Pohnpei, FSM—A spokesperson from the U.S. Embassy in Suva, Fiji said today that significant advancements have been made in Tuna Treaty negotiations between the U.S. and the sixteen member nations of the Pacific Island Forum.

Since 1988, the United States' tuna purse seine fleet has operated in the Western and Central Pacific under the terms of a Treaty with the sixteen independent States of the Pacific Forum. This mutually beneficial Treaty arrangement has provided unique access to Pacific fisheries for the U.S. tuna fleet and has served as a vehicle for the Pacific Island Parties to receive hundreds of millions of dollars in revenues, U.S. Government economic development funding and assistance with sustainable fisheries management and

combating illegal fishing. The United States is working closely with the Pacific Island Parties to negotiate an extension of this important Treaty beyond the current period, ending in June 2013.

A press release from the U.S. Embassy said that the central issue in the negotiations on the Tuna Treaty has been the level fishing opportunities afforded to the U.S. purse-seine fleet

in waters under the jurisdiction of the Pacific Island Parties and the overall financial package. On June 22, at the most recent negotiations in Auckland, New Zealand, the United States and the Pacific Island Parties reached agreement on this critical issue.

“The agreement reached meets or exceeds the benchmarks articulated by Pacific Island Party Leaders over the course of negotiations by providing:

- \$63 million dollars annually to the Pacific Island Parties over the next 10 years, for a total of \$630 million;
- A payment per vessel day that is more than 50 percent higher than the \$5,000 per day regional benchmark price established by Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA);
- A 17% return on the value of the fish caught by U.S. vessels licensed under the Treaty under current conditions, which exceeds the 10% average rate of return desired by Pacific Island Leaders; and
- Fair compensation for fishing opportunities in the waters under the jurisdiction of non-PNA States.

“This agreement on the overall financial package is a significant advancement in the negotiations, and creates a strong foundation on which the United States and our Pacific Island partners can continue to build a prosperous and sustainable future for the peoples of the Pacific region.

“The United States looks forward to working with the Pacific Island Parties to address remaining technical issues and to reaching an early agreement to extend the Treaty,” the press release concluded.

Yap OPA and office of AG sign MOU to develop mutual cooperation in investigating and prosecuting financial crimes

Office of the State Public Auditor
Yap State Government

July 02, 2012

Yap State- the office of the Yap State Public Auditor (OPA) and office of the Attorney General (OAG) signed and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding

(MOU) to work collaboratively and mutually when it comes to criminal investigations relating to government finances and resources. The office of the Yap State Public Auditor, Compliance Investigation Division receives allegations of fraud, waste and mismanagement where they conduct a preliminary inquiry to determine whether or not there is justifiable suspicion to refer the matter to the Office of Attorney General. Pursuant to the MOU, all parties agree to work together to investigate and prosecute financial crimes. The MOU is a commitment between the parties in their efforts to fight fraud and corruption in government. The signing ceremony includes Acting AG Jeremiah Luther, Public Auditor Ronald Yow, Chief of Police Fanian Bamngin for the Division of Public Safety and Chief Investigator Sophia Pretrick of the Compliance Investigation Division.



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ROTC Cadets to train Upward Bound students

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Eight U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Cadets have begun the first-ever U.S. Army Cultural Understanding and Language Proficiency Program in the Federated States of Micronesia. The Cadets will provide instruction to Upward Bound students in English, math, science, and physical training from June 26 to July 13 at the Pohnpei Islands Central School (PICS). The Cadets are under the command of U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Michael Feret, CULP Program Coordinator-FSM.

On Monday, June 25, Dr. Joseph Daisy, President of the College of Micronesia, Stephen Yarofalig, Student Services Specialist Counselor with the Upward Bound Program at COM-FSM, Maria Dison, Acting Director of COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus, and Lieutenant Colonel Feret signed a Memorandum of

Understanding welcoming the eight ROTC Cadets to the Upward Bound Program on Pohnpei. The U.S. Department of Education's Upward Bound is designed to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

Ranging in age from 18 to 24 the ROTC Cadets are currently working towards their bachelor degrees. The Cadets and university they are attending are: Melissa Fellrath - Columbus State University; Zhe Pan - Temple University; Samuel Watts - Minnesota State University; Andrew Munger - Wake Forest University; Daniel McRoy - Western Kentucky University; Maychee Zah - University of Georgia; Stephen Cherry - Stephen F. Austin University; and Jack Wood - Lewis University.

Prior to the Cadets' departure from the U.S. they were required to research and brief each

other on what they had learned about the FSM. U.S. Ambassador Prahar met the Cadets upon their arrival on Pohnpei and listened to a brief synopsis of their reports. The Ambassador complimented the Cadets on what they had already learned about the FSM's economy, transportation, energy, history, religions, education, and health. He urged them to make the most of this opportunity to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the FSM.

The CULP Program is designed to prepare newly commissioned U.S. Army lieutenants to lead with confidence and competence in a joint, interagency, intergovernmental, and multinational environment. It is part of the Army's broader effort to evolve the officer corps toward multilingualism and increased

appreciation and understanding of other cultures. Cadets are deployed in some 80 countries during the summer immersion program.

The Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps was formed when President Woodrow Wilson signed the National Defense Act of 1916. Since its inception, Army ROTC has provided leadership and military training at schools and universities across the country and commissioned more than a half million officers. It is the largest commissioning source in the U.S. Armed Forces. Army ROTC is a diverse group of men and women with more than 20,000 Cadets currently enrolled. Women have been an integral part of Army ROTC since the first group of women was commissioned in 1976. Today, women constitute twenty percent of the Cadets.



Stephen Yarofalig, Maria Dison, Dr. Joseph Daisy, U.S. Ambassador Peter A. Prahar, and LTC Michael Feret



ROTC Cadets outside the College of Micronesia Campus



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Pohnpei Legislature considering greatly changed PUC bill

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

July 2, 2012

Pohnpei, FSM— A May 23 committee report by Pohnpei State Legislature's Committee on Public Works, Transportation, and Communication (PWTC) indicates that the committee does not entirely agree with Governor Ehsa's Pohnpei Utilities Corporation bill (LB 42-12).

In its current incarnation (LB 42-12 LD 1) the bill bears very little resemblance to the bill that the Governor proposed.

The committee report says that the amendments it made to the Governor's bill essentially accomplish four main tasks. They allow for the renewal of the board. They establish due diligence procedures to be followed by PUC when it enters into power purchase agreements. They establish a new system of utilities rates reviews to replace RPPU (Residential Properties and Public Utilities board). Lastly, they establish a system of renewable energy tariffs so that PUC customers can reduce their power bills by installing their own renewable energy systems.

Plans for PUC Board

Uncomfortable with the Governor's plan to allow him or any future Governor to replace the entire sitting PUC board by virtue of an Executive Order, the committee report says its plan is for "renewal" of the Board in a "systematic and logical manner."

The Governor's stated wish to remove the entire current board is incorporated into the committee's amendments to the bill but it is a one-time removal of the board and does not allow for the Governor or future Governors to remove future boards by Executive Order. If the bill passes in its current form, the terms of all of the current board members will essentially expire upon passage of the bill.

Rather than accepting the Governor's plan for selection of new board members the bill would instead require the Governor to submit to the Legislature, two nominees to serve one year terms, two to serve two year terms, two to serve three year terms and one to serve a four year term.

The implication of the pending bill is that each of the nominees would require the advice and consent of the Pohnpei State Legislature.

It also adds requirements regarding the composition of the board saying that four members should be from the public sector and three members from the private sector. It sets up standards prohibiting members to serve who have delinquent bills at PUC of over three months.

Outsourcing of power generation

The committee was additionally concerned with the Governor's plan for outsourcing of power generation. "The (Governor's) bill provides for a general grant of authority, but is silent on the procurement processes and is without language requiring transparency in the selection of independent power producers or decisions to enter into partnerships, joint venture and 'creative' financing arrangements with other entities," the committee report said.

The bill outlines systems that require an independent feasibility study before any power purchase agreement can be entered into by PUC.

It also requires that any plan to enter into a power purchase agreement must first be approved by the Governor. If an agreement between PUC and the governor cannot be reached within 180 of the original submission of the feasibility to the Governor's office "the issue may be

transmitted to the Legislature by either the Office of the Governor or the Board of Directors of PUC with a recommendation for statutory action."

It says that the independent generator of power must have demonstrated the capability of consistently delivering not less than two megawatts of reliable electric power to the PUC grid within one year of the date of the signing of the power purchase agreement. The bill does not say what would happen if that standard is not achieved.

It says that the purchase price of power from the independent generator of power cannot exceed the current costs incurred by PUC for the production of the same amount of electricity, inclusive of production operating expenses and the depreciation of generation equipment. The calculation would not include the costs incurred by PUC in the distribution and transmission to the general public of the power whether purchased or produced by PUC.

Residential Properties and Public Utilities board to be replaced by a "process"

The committee agreed that the Residential Properties and Public Utilities board which is empowered by law to set tariffs for power should be abolished. But the committee report said that the Governor's bill left a vacuum in terms of checks and balances and recommended that a rate review "process" should fill the void.

The rate review process that legislators have written into the bill could require as much as 210 days before any tariff change recommended by PUC could be implemented. The bill also would suspend any rate increases implemented by PUC in calendar year 2012 until after a rate review is conducted as described in the bill.

The tariff the bill to which the bill refers, is a separate issue from the fuel surcharge which is figured based as a function of the cost of fuel over the number of kilowatt hours sold.

The tariff "process"

Within 30 days of a PUC tariff increase announcement the Governor

would be charged to establish a selection panel consisting of the Administrators of the Office of Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Office of Economic Affairs, the Director of the Department of Treasury and Administration, a prominent member of the business community recommended by the Pohnpei Chamber of Commerce, and a representative of the residential population appointed by the Governor after consultation with the chief executives of the local governments of Pohnpei.

Once formed the panel would put out a call for proposals for independent contractors to evaluate any proposed changes in the tariff rate. The panel is required to make a report to the Governor within 10 working days following the deadline for the submission of proposals. The report must include a description of the panel's method of selection for the recommended contractor.

The selected contractor would then have 90 days to submit a preliminary report of their findings to the Governor, the Legislature, and to PUC.

Of the many factors that the contractor would need to study, the public's ability to pay for any increase in the tariff is at the top of the list in the bill. Actual costs and effectiveness of service are also on the list.

Within 30 days following the submission of the preliminary report the firm or organization, with the assistance of the Office of the Governor, will be required to hold one or more public hearings on the report. "The purpose of the hearings shall be to solicit comments on the preliminary report for possible modifications to the final recommendations of the firm or organization..."

After the public hearings are completed the firm or organization will then have yet another 30 days to submit its final report to the Governor, Legislature and PUC.

The cost of financing the reviews by independent firms or organizations

would be borne "jointly and equally" by the Governor and PUC.

Alternative power stimulus

Lastly, the bill sets up statutes to encourage the development of renewable and sustainable power sources at the consumer level.

The bill defines a renewable energy source as "solar, hydroelectric, wind, methane gas produced from organic or animal wastes, bio-mass, bio-diesel, ocean waves, and tidal flows."

Essentially, the bill says that a home or business that generates power provided by renewable energy systems not exceeding 50 kilowatts of power generation capacity, could earn power credits for power provided to the PUC power grid. Those credits could be used to pay for power that the customer consumes.

The outward and inward bound power would be measured by a "feed-in meter" which, according to the pending bill, PUC would be required to install at the customer's expense within 90 days of a customer request.

Renewable power generators are not free and batteries to store power generated by renewable energy systems are a major portion of the expense. Emanuele Taibi of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community says that batteries can cost upwards of \$2000 each and some systems require more than 20 batteries in order to be self sufficient.

He says that a renewable energy system can be connected directly to a "feed-in meter" without the use of batteries. The trade off is that when the PUC grid is off, as happens when their generators are down, power could not upload to the grid nor download from the grid.

In other words, an independent power producer without a battery would be in the same boat with the rest of us when the power is down. However, without the expense of batteries a renewable energy system could pay for itself pretty quickly considering that PUC is currently charging close to 56 cents per kilowatt hour.

At press time the "PUC bill" was still in its first draft stage and could change substantially before and after this article is release on Monday, July 9, 2012. The legislature will begin to consider it on Thursday July 5.

Current Employment Opportunities:

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Student Services Specialist I	Chuuk	\$7,884.00 - \$8,884.00	July 13, 2012
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Campus Dean - Chuuk Campus	Chuuk	\$24,184.00 - \$27,251.00	August 1, 2012



US Senate confirms Doria Rosen to be US Ambassador to FSM

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

June 29, 2012

Washington D.C.—

The United States Senate today confirmed the nomination of Dorothea-Maria Rosen to be the next United States Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia. She will replace Ambassador Peter Prahar who will be leaving the position in early August.



strengthen the bonds of friendship that undergird our entire relationship with the FSM. I will also work to ensure that U.S. assistance is visible and recognized, and complements the efforts of other regional donors.

“If confirmed, my overarching goal will be to strengthen the positive

relationship our two countries have enjoyed for decades and to support the people and government of the FSM as they work towards a more prosperous future.

“In closing, I can think of no greater honor or opportunity than to lead the U.S. Mission in the Federated States of Micronesia and work with our valued Micronesian friends and allies on these and other important issues. It is a time of renewed focus on our role in the Pacific and I am excited to be part of it. If confirmed by the Senate, I look forward to working with this Committee, the Congress, and others in the U.S. government who seek to invigorate our relationship with Micronesia, across a range of interests relating to security, good governance, economic and budgetary self-reliance, health, education, and environmental protection. I believe that coordination between the executive and legislative branches will be important to this endeavor.”

This will be Ambassador-designate Rosen’s first ambassadorship.

According to her testimony in front of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on May 16, 2012 Rosen’s early background was in education. She later studied law and says that she remains interested in education and rule of law issues. After admission to the New York State Bar joined the U.S. Army. She said that as a Judge Advocate General Captain she served in the International Law Division at Headquarters US Army Europe in Heidelberg, Germany. While she was in Germany she passed the Foreign Service Exam and has been a member of the US Foreign Service since 1981.

Currently Rosen is Diplomat in Residence for the Midwest based in Chicago, Illinois.

“If confirmed,” she said in her testimony in front of the committee, “I will seek to apply my interagency experience, which will be critically important in the FSM, where so many domestic federal agencies operate side by side with foreign affairs and defense colleagues.”

“If confirmed, I will work with the FSM to help attain its Compact development goals; these include a significant increase in the standard of living of the citizens of the FSM and a reduction in their economy’s dependence on public sector employment funded by foreign contributions. To reach those goals I will seek to improve the business climate, fiscal policies, and capacity to govern, while reducing dependence on foreign assistance. I will also seek to ensure that U.S. assistance programs are implemented consistent with well-informed assessments from those on the ground. I will continue to work with others who are concerned with the economic impact of Compact State migrants on U.S. states and territories.

“If confirmed, I will coordinate closely with the Department of the Interior, which has primary responsibility for implementing the Compact’s economic provisions. I also look forward to working with the Department of Defense’s Pacific Command on continued security and humanitarian assistance activities in the FSM. I will also continue our close cooperation with the United States Coast Guard to implement the Shiprider agreement with FSM and other maritime security arrangements. These activities

The biography released by the White house says:

Dorothea-Maria (Doria) Rosen, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, currently serves as the Diplomat-in-Residence for the Midwest region, based out of the University of Illinois at Chicago. Prior to this position, she was the Deputy Principal Officer in Frankfurt, Germany. From 2004 to 2008, Ms. Rosen served as the Consul General in Bern, Switzerland. From 2001 to 2004, she was Deputy Chief of Mission in Reykjavik, Iceland. Other overseas positions include: Visa Branch Chief in Frankfurt, Germany (1996-1999); Nonimmigrant Visa Chief in Manila, Philippines (1994-1996); Political Military Officer in Berlin, Germany (1991-1994); Consular Officer in Accra, Ghana (1989-1991); Deputy Chief Immigrant Visa Section in Seoul, South Korea (1988-1989); and Vice Consul in Stuttgart, Germany (1983-1986) and Bucharest, Romania (1981-1983). In Washington, Ms. Rosen has served as Director of the Office of Public and Diplomatic Liaison in the Bureau of Consular Affairs (1999-2001) and as an analyst in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research (1986-1988). Prior to entering the Foreign Service, Ms. Rosen served as an Army Reservist from 1979 to 1981. From 1976 to 1979, she served on active duty in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps in Heidelberg, Germany. She holds an A.B. from Vassar College and a J.D. from Hofstra University Law School.

Assistant Program Manager, AusAID



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Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the position of Assistant Program Manager for AusAID’s Development Co-operation program, based at the Australian Embassy, Pohnpei.

The *Assistant Program Manager* will work with, and under the direction of the Senior Program Manager, AusAID Pohnpei. The Assistant Program Manager is responsible for administering AusAID scholarships, the Micronesia Small Grants Scheme, and other development assistance activities as endorsed by AusAID.

The person that we are seeking will have experience in program or project management and implementation, with strong organisational, time management and administrative skills. He/she will use initiative and be able to work with minimal supervision. A high-level of communication and writing skills as well as sound computer skills are required.

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Application process:

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Once complete, please email your application addressing the Selection Criteria, together with your resume/CV to leah.briones@dfat.gov.au

Closing date for applications is close of business on 17 July 2012.

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- Organize a review of existing food safety education for rural communities and identify key partners to engage in food safety education activities.
- Organize training of trainers in methods for reviewing food handling and reviewing agricultural practices related to animal feed, pesticide usage and application of fertilizers in rural communities.
- Support a survey of practices to identify those good practices not being followed in rural communities.
- Development of training materials (drawing on available FAO guidelines and materials) aimed at improving application of good agricultural practices and of good hygienic practices in food production and basic primary processing and train trainers in how to implement effective communication for behaviour change using these materials and using existing training/extension systems where available.
- Provide ongoing advice to those who have been trained in field training and review the outcomes of efforts to conduct training by these trainers in rural communities.
- Prepare an interim and final report.

Qualifications: Food scientist, veterinary officer, environmental health, agriculture, agricultural extension, or adult education. Experience in practices of food hygiene and food safety applied from production to consumption is essential and experience in working with rural communities to achieve behaviour change is recommended.

Interested applicants should submit their applications, curriculum vitae and all supporting documents to the FSM Secretary of Health and Social Affairs by the **deadline of Friday July 27, 2012** at the following address:

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Should there be any questions or need for additional information on this consultancy or the FAO Project on Strengthening of Food Control Systems in FSM, please contact Moses E. Pretrick at telephone 320-8300 or e-mail mpretrick@fsmhealth.fm

Destiny Library Manager-New Database

By Lester Ezekias

The New Database called the Destiny Library Manager has been installed and ready for our patrons and students to use. Pohnpei Public Library received a grant from the Direct Aid Program (DAP) totaling \$8,829.80, an Australian Embassy initiative to address humanitarian hardships in developing countries a year ago. The grant for "Technology Upgrade", provided 4 new desktop computers, 4 back-up batteries, and a copy of the Destiny Library Manager Program, an updated electronic cataloguing software.

The Library Destiny Manager is set up as a web browser database (destiny.) that is connected via our Wi-Fi router. Therefore, all patrons can access it when they are connected to our wireless network at the PPL. Moreover, all our computers can access the database through our ADSL internet connection. This project has provided the students and patrons with technological advanced skills to better prepare them for the modern world. Instead of pulling out the card catalog and scanning through, the database has made the searching ability more economical and efficient. Users can simply type in their search terms into the title, author or subject and it will immediately display a list of the resources and their locations. Patrons can go directly from the database to the web browser and log into the internet to search for library-related materials that are not available in the PPL database.

Furthermore, the Destiny Manager has increased staff efficiency with regards to cataloguing all incoming books. PPL is constantly receiving donated books, so there is much need to input the information so that books can immediately be shelved for the patrons. Destiny allows the user to download book-related material quickly from Marc Record, a book database with all cataloguing information, and input it directly into the Library Destiny Manger. Moreover, we are able to complete the cataloguing from not only the one computer, but from all computers that are connected to the Wi-Fi. Therefore, more people, including volunteers, have acquired the cataloguing skills and increased the number of books available to the public. The Library Destiny Manager had not only been beneficial for our patrons but also for the PPL staff and volunteers.

With regards to book check-out, interlibrary loan, and patron information, Destiny Manager is a user-friendly system that has revolutionized the Circulation Desk at PPL. Library staff can easily locate patrons, print reports on overdue items, and calculate fines for the patrons. More importantly, we can now create statistical reports on collections to determine books that may need to be sorted from our collection or books that are popular among our patrons.

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Desirable Qualifications

Bachelor Degree; with further graduate studies an added advantage. Additional years of professional level working experience; particularly for an Embassy, development agency, United Nations agency or international organization an added advantage.

Experience working in the education and/or environmental and/or disaster management sectors highly beneficial, and experience supervising staff advantageous.

Language

Fluency in English and a local language of Chuuk is essential for this position.

Grade and Salary

Grade: National Officer - A
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Trainer

(3 positions: Pohnpei, Chuuk & Yap)

General functions

Under the overall supervision of the Program Manager and the direct supervision of the Head of Unit or Head of the sub-office, the successful candidate will be responsible for assisting in the implementation of the Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Education (CADRE) Program in schools and communities in Pohnpei, Chuuk, or Yap (Federated States of Micronesia).

Mandatory qualifications/experience:

Applicants must have: a) At least 4 years of work experience, including 1 year of relevant work experience. b) Ability to work with school-aged children. c) Ability to prepare clear and concise reports. d) Personal commitment, efficiency, initiative, drive for results, respect for diversity, patience, and creative thinking. e) Ability to work effectively and harmoniously with colleagues from varied cultures and professional backgrounds. f) Ability to work under tight timeframes and during weekends and overtime, when required. g) A thorough knowledge of oral and written forms of English with a proven track record of writing reports and/or professional correspondence.

Desirable qualifications:

- a) A college diploma and/or university degree in social science, education, management, or alternatively a combination of relevant education and experience in this field.
- b) Experience working with an international organization, embassy, or NGO is advantageous.

Language

Verbal and written fluency in English and one or more local languages of the FSM is essential for this position.

Grade / Salary Range

Grade: G4 - G5
Salary: US \$643 – \$779 Net per month, incl. social security and taxes (\$795 – \$962 Gross)
Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Application Acceptance Dates

July 05 - July 26, 2012

For details and job descriptions, e-mail us at:
HRmicronesia@iom.int or pick up a ToR from your nearest IOM office.

Due to the high volume of applications received by IOM, only short-listed candidates will be contacted directly and applications will be processed on a rolling basis.

US Ambassador's US Independence Day address

July 4, 2012

As you know, in the United States, the Fourth of July weekend is a time to get together with family and friends, kick back, and enjoy a little time off – maybe even play or watch a little baseball.

For us Americans living overseas, it is also an opportunity for us to share our culture and our spirit with our friends in other countries, to open our doors, and to make new friends and build new partnerships.

But it is also a time when all us Americans – at home and abroad – can and should remind ourselves of the spirit and values that have inspired our country since its founding and sustained it for 236 years - those rights which are enshrined and guaranteed in our founding documents.

This year we have been reminded again that these are not just American values; they have truly universal appeal.

They are values we share with our friends and partners here in the FSM, with whom we share a commitment to the values of democracy, the rule of law, and respect for human rights.

We think in particular this year of the efforts of the people of North Africa and the Middle East who are striving – and in some cases risking and losing their lives – in efforts to claim these universal rights and freedoms.

The peoples of Libya, Egypt, Syria, and elsewhere are struggling to get, at long last, governments of the people, by the people, and for the people. They strive, at long last,

for governments that are worthy of them and their aspirations.

We salute their courage.

And as we salute their courage, their struggle can and should remind us Americans of the many challenges generations before us have faced in order to create the nation the United States is today.

We remind ourselves how unlikely it was that a small band of patriots could win independence from a powerful empire.

We remind ourselves how unlikely it was that they and their successors would go on to form what has been called “the first new nation” – one built on the truly revolutionary principle that government should be of the people, by the people, and for the people.

We remind ourselves how unlikely it was that commitment to this principle would survive and become even stronger in the face of the enormous challenges America has faced in the last two centuries.

Among these challenges – any one of which had the potential to destroy a democratic government – were:

- a civil war, the bloodiest war in American history, which was fought to end the horror of slavery;
- two world wars and numerous other conflicts fought to defend our freedom and the freedom of others;
- a flu pandemic in 1918, described

as “the greatest medical holocaust in history,” which left millions dead in its wake;

- depressions, recessions, and financial panics that have repeatedly tested our commitment to free markets and our capacity to ensure they are indeed free, transparent, and not driven to excess;

- the social and economic upheavals of the industrial revolution and urbanization, upheavals that touched every American and created a society profoundly different from that of the original 13 states; and

- five decades of Cold War, which tested our resolve to defend both ourselves and other free nations, and more than demonstrated that our country’s resolve to do so is indeed unshakeable.

On the Fourth of July, too, we remind ourselves that old challenges remain and new ones have arisen.

Today, we are engaged in a global effort to defeat those who would use terror to impose their will upon others.

Today, we are battling a lingering economic crisis, one that has left nearly one fifth of the working population of the United States either unemployed or underemployed, and has cast a shadow over the lives of many people around the world, including those here in the FSM.

Today, while fighting terrorism and dealing with the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, the United States is at the same time struggling to solve longstanding and deep-rooted problems, including:

- spiraling health care costs that threaten the financial security of our national and state governments while leaving millions of citizens without access to medical care;

- schooling that in too many cases is leaving our children without the skills to needed compete in a global economy and to lead lives rich with economic opportunity and choice;

- dependence on foreign oil and carbon-based energy sources which threatens not only our economy and national security, but potentially the long-term viability of many countries; and

- a divisive and potentially paralyzing debate over the role of government in the 21st century and the proper proportions of the nation’s wealth that should be devoted to public and private purposes.

I can assure you that these are real challenges that won’t be solved by infusions of cash or a few quick deals.

Solutions will require entrepreneurship, innovation, and risk-taking.

Solutions will require the hard give-and-take involved in making good laws and good public policy.

Solutions will require leadership at all levels of public and private life.

Sometimes, the list of challenges confronting us is so daunting, so overwhelming, that many simply throw up their hands in defeat.

But the history of the United States demonstrates, above all, that the challenge of even the most daunting tasks can be met.

For example, Mr. Vice President, I know the issue of greenhouse gas emissions and global warming is of special relevance to the FSM.

So I am proud to point to the May 24th report of the International Energy Agency that the United States has seen the largest reduction in carbon dioxide pollution in the past six years in comparison with every other country and region in the world: 7.7 percent.

This was not accomplished by conferences. This was not accomplished by rhetoric and declarations. This was accomplished by making hard choices and sound public policy: switching from coal to natural gas in power generation; establishing higher fuel efficiency standards for vehicles; and the doubling of the use of renewable energy sources like solar and wind power.

Mr. Vice President, we have a long way to go to meet President Obama’s goal, as set in the Copenhagen Accord, of a 17 percent reduction by 2020.

But on this Fourth of July, I think Americans have another thing they can be proud of about their country: We are making progress – one of the few countries that is – in tackling this severe threat facing all of us.

On the Fourth of July, it is also right that we remind ourselves of how much we owe to the efforts and sacrifices that American men and women have made and are making today in order to overcome these challenges.

Let me acknowledge today:

- the men and women who have served and who serve today in the U.S. Armed Forces – including, I am proud to acknowledge, men and women from the Federated States of Micronesia, nine of whom have made the ultimate sacrifice;

- the men and women who teach in our schools, work in our hospitals and other public institutions; and

- all those men and women who live law-abiding and productive lives.

It is men and women like these who, time after time, have risen to overcome the trials and adversities confronting the United States and the free world.

So it is right, on this day, the Fourth of July, to remember these men and women. They are the ones who have ensured that the promise of America, begun more than two centuries ago, has come closer and closer to fulfillment.

And as we Americans celebrate today the spirit and values that have defined us as a people for more than two centuries and have inspired countless others around the world, let me add that we welcome the opportunity to confront these challenges with like-minded people around the world, including our friends in the FSM.

U.S. Embassy Celebrates Fourth of July

U.S. Embassy, Kolonia

The U.S. Embassy in Pohnpei marked the 236th anniversary of United States Independence with a Fourth of July Celebration on the Embassy grounds. U.S. citizens, veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families, dignitaries from the FSM and Pohnpei governments, and students enrolled in U.S.

Department of Education Upward Bound and Gear-Up Programs attended the event.

Peace Corp Volunteers provided face painting for the kids. The International Organization for Migration, Island Food Community, Education USA, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service manned displays. The embassy offered information to U.S. citizens desiring to register to vote. A straw vote was held, and President Barack Obama was reelected in a close race.

FSM Vice President Alik Alik spoke of the U.S.’s long history with Micronesia and the positive impact it has had on the Islands.

Ambassador Prahar observed that the Fourth of July is “a time when all us Americans – at home and abroad – can and should remind ourselves of the spirit and values that have inspired our country since its founding and sustained it for 236 years - those rights which are enshrined and guaranteed in our founding documents. They are values we share with our friends and partners here in the FSM, with whom we share a commitment to the values of democracy, the rule of law, and respect for human rights.

The celebration also served as a farewell for the Ambassador, Deputy Chief of Mission Lori Dando, and Economic/Consular Officer David Reynolds

Pelsiano Saimon was recognized for his service to eight ambassadors since the embassy opened in 1986. The longest-serving employee of the U.S. embassy, Mr. Saimon will retire after Ambassador Prahar leaves in early August





The FSM Petroleum Corporation and its energy services subsidiary, Vital Energy Incorporated (Vital), as part of the company's long-term strategy and commitment to foster sustainable development in the region, is seeking EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST from qualified firms for the implementation of renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in all five or more of our terminal locations throughout Micronesia.

It is anticipated that these projects will primarily be a combination of either turn-key, grid-tied / standalone solar systems, or for small power purchase agreements for small systems ranging from 50kw to 175kw in size for each location. There will be future requirements to increase the capacities in some locations up to 1MW in size taking the total solar generation capacity of the company to approximately 3MW.

Part of the energy efficiency requirements may include, but not limited to: energy audit, LED lighting upgrading, motor control modifications, and other feasible energy efficiencies offered.

This is not a request for proposals, but call for expressions of interest. Please include in your letter of interest company brochures and or qualifying documentation to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer at petrocorp@fsmc.com no later than July 25, 2012.

Senior Program Manager, AusAID



Australian Government AusAID

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the position of Senior Program Manager for AusAID's Development Cooperation program, based at the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei.

The Senior Program Manager is responsible for AusAID's Development Assistance Program in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau. He/she will be required to manage and implement development assistance programs including the Pacific Partnership for Development, the Pacific Technical Assistance Mechanism and the AusAID scholarship programs.

The person that we are seeking will have a solid experience in project management and implementation, with strong organisational and administrative skills. He/she will use initiative and be able to work with minimal supervision. High-quality communication and writing skills and sound computer skills are required. Relevant tertiary qualifications and experience in working in a multicultural environment will be highly regarded.

Salary:

The salary offered to the successful applicant will be in accordance with the AusAID Pohnpei Salary Scale, commensurate with experience and qualifications and within the range of USD30,000 - USD45,000.

Application process:

The Selection Criteria and Duty Statement may be obtained by contacting Erin Magee at erin.magee@ausaid.gov.au

Once complete, please email your application addressing the Selection Criteria, together with your resume/CV to erin.magee@ausaid.gov.au.

Please note earliest start date for the position is 19 November 2012.

Closing date for applications is close of business on 27 July 2012.

INVITATION FOR BID

The Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC) is soliciting seal bid proposals from interested party/parties for Pohnpei Power Generation Upgrades.

Sealed bids shall be received by the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation until 2:00 pm on August 31, 2012 at which time all bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid envelopes shall be clearly marked as to the project name, Pohnpei Power Generation Upgrades, upon submission. Bid proposals shall be submitted by mail and must be received no later the designated date and time at the address below.

Bidding package is readily available at the Office of Planning & Engineering Services of the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation.

All bidders are required to submit their Qualification Statement along with the bid proposal/proposals. Any prospective bidder who fails to provide such document is subject to disqualification from the bidding.

The Pohnpei Utilities Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in the bid documents. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the submission of bids without the consent of the General Manager. The Pohnpei Utilities Corporation shall not be responsible for any cost associated with the rejection of any bid or bids nor the withdrawal of any bid or bids.

All inquiries or concerns by the Bidder are to be presented no later than August 15, 2012.

Thank you.
Feliciano M. Perman
General Manager/CEO
Pohnpei Utilities Corporation

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Kolonias, Pohnpei FM 96941



Twin (2) Honda BF155 AKX Outboard motors for sale. Both motors and accessories are all brand new, still on their original boxes/case. Included are (two of each), Aluminum propellers, 33 c gear and shift cables, 20 ft remote control harnesses, five gauge instrument pack (10-65 mph speedometer, 7K tack/hour meter, trim meter, volt meter, fuel gauge) and one dual top mount remote control.

Motors are in Pohnpei ready to be picked up and installed.

Asking price for both motors is \$17,500.00 all accessories included.

For more information please call (691) 920 7343 or 320 7845

... "Dry Litter"

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pig waste. Not only would the project save many gallons of water that are currently being used to clean pig pens on a daily basis but pig waste would not be channeled into Pohnpei's streams and rivers.

One of the two wood chippers will be used at the training farm of the College of Micronesia FSM National campus where farmers will be able to learn about the method of Dry Litter Piggery management for use in their own farms. The other chipper will be maintained by Pohnpei Agriculture. Pig farmers will be able to request wood chipping services from that department.

Governor Ehsa said during his remarks that piggeries management is one of the most important things that can be done for Pohnpei's environment.

U.S. Ambassador Peter Prahar said, "There is a lot of money spent on different projects in Micronesia, but I see none more important for human health than the issue of unmanaged piggery waste. As we have heard, this waste has an incredibly adverse affect on water quality and public health, especially on Pohnpei. The presence of unmanaged pig waste harms the environment, pollutes drinking water, and exposes the public to debilitating and potentially fatal diseases such as leptospirosis."

All of the countries with Embassies in Pohnpei have at one time or another supported projects to help to curb piggeries caused pollution of the environment. USDA-NRCS has been providing and will continue to provide technical assistance to the dry litter piggeries project. The Embassy of the People's Republic of China has facilitated the selection process for the construction of several biogas operations to be built in Pohnpei over the next two years. Very recently, members of the Piggery Advisory Council, working with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, applied for and were awarded a grant from AusAID to fund the dry litter piggery being built at Sei Pepper Farm in Kitti.

"I am sure that those of you my age who were raised on Pohnpei remember growing up swimming in the local rivers without the hazards that children face today. I hope that by working together the children of the next generation will have the same luxury," Ambassador Prahar said.

"Our joint efforts in this project are a model of transparency and coordination amongst donors," he said.

"Japan's contribution today is an important step forward in the ability for farmers to help reduce the impacts of unmanaged pig waste on Pohnpei. Thank you Ambassador Suzuki, and thank you all for your important contributions and hard work on the issue," he concluded.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement Number: 12-04

The U.S. Embassy in Kolonia is seeking an individual for the position of Security Guard in the Post Security Office (PSO).

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

The incumbent provides security services to safeguard U.S. Government personnel, facilities and property. The employee provides access control and screens of all visitors and vehicles entering U.S. Government facilities. The incumbent provides fixed post security and conduct roving patrols on the Mission Chancery and residential compounds.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact Randy Calvert at (691) 320-2187.

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates/All Sources
POSITION: Security Guard, LES-2 (four positions)
OPENING DATE: June 29, 2012
CLOSING DATE: July 13, 2012
WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week
SALARY: \$5,731 p.a. (Starting salary)
(Position Grade: LES-2)

NOTE: ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

Excellent Career Opportunity



The FSM Petroleum Corporation is a progressive state owned enterprise that values diversity and inclusiveness, and is committed to harnessing the local talent of Micronesians. We operate throughout Micronesia, with operations in Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Yap and Guam. The company employs some of the best people in the industry, and has a mission to develop and train our people to be the best at what they do in the Region.

Succession planning for key roles within the organisation is a core component of our risk management system. We wish to recruit an appropriately qualified individual as an understudy to the incumbent Chief Financial Officer. This is one of a number of planned succession positions to be advertised over time. This exciting career development opportunity is available to a suitably qualified professional, and based at our Head Office, Pohnpei, Kolonia, FSM.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (Designate)

Reporting to the Chief Financial Officer, your principle responsibilities will be to support the efficient operations of the FSMPC group of companies, and to improve and enhance our Financial Operational Excellence program.

The Chief Financial Officer (Designate) will work closely with the Executive Management Team in a structured personal development program, exposing them to a wide area of our operations. Over a four (4) year period you will deal with a wide range of people at all levels of the organization, from terminal operations, engineering, finance and administration. You will gain the highest levels of competency in our established Financial Operational Excellence Program, including:

- Targets and Resources Planning;
- Financial and Accounting Policies and Procedures;
- Proactive Working Capital Management;
- Contracting and Procurement Policies and Procedures;
- Management Information Reporting;
- Balanced Scorecard;
- Insurance Strategy; and
- Risk Management.

We are seeking an individual that works well under pressure, is able and willing to take personal leadership for their professional development.

Qualifications

- Due to the nature of the work you must be accurate, enthusiastic, responsible, and have the ability able to travel throughout the Region to engage effectively with our operating units across Micronesia.
- You would be able to converse in the vernacular of at least one of our major operating locations and have a high proficiency in the English language;
- You would need to have recently graduated college, with a Bachelors Degree majoring in accounting and/or finance OR have an equivalent level of professional exposure and experience; and
- Ideally, you would have commenced, or plan to commence your credits towards the achievement of a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

Salary

We offer an excellent remuneration package, a structured career development program, and an opportunity to work in a performance – oriented enterprise.

E-Mail resumes to the Administration Manager by 15 July 2012
employment@fsmc.com

The FSM Petroleum Corporation is an Equal Opportunity Employer

What is Accreditation?

Often people ask, "What is accreditation and do we really need it?"

Accreditation is not required, and it is a voluntary undertaking whereby the college agrees to meet eligibility requirements and Commission policies, and to meet or exceed standards as set forth by the Commission. The Commission is made up of 19 peers from both the college sector and the public sector including 3 administrators, 5 faculty, 5 public members, and a representative each from the California Community College Chancellor's Office, Western Pacific colleges, Hawaii Community Colleges, Independent colleges, ACSCU WASC, and the Commission on Schools WASC (K-12).

When a college is accredited, one can have confidence in the quality assurance of the education offered and the integrity of the institution. This goes a long way towards assuring a student her/his degree will have value, will be accepted towards transfer credit by another institution, and will encourage a prospective employer regarding the graduate's quality. College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) must also be accredited in order for our students to be able to apply U.S. Pell Grant awards towards tuition and book fees at the institution.

COM-FSM is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). This Commission covers California, Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the FSM. One can access more information on the Commission at <http://www.accjc.org/>

ACCREDITATION
A look into the accreditation of COM-FSM by Joseph M. Daisy,
Ed.D., President, COM-FSM

Recent Accreditation History

COM-FSM was placed on warning sanction by the ACCJC, WASC on June 30, 2010. The college submitted a Follow-Up Report March 15, 2011 to address recommendations, and an evaluation of progress was made by a visiting team sent by the Commission. Subsequently, the Commission released an action letter dated June 30, 2011 placing COM-FSM on probation with four remaining recommendations. The term warning is used when a college deviates slightly from Commission expectations, whereas the term probation is used to indicate significant deviation from expectations.

This last year, COM-FSM submitted a Follow-Up Report on March 15, 2012, experienced a two-member Commission team visit April 23 - 25, 2012, from which a Follow-Up Evaluation Report was generated, submitted a Supplemental Report May 15, 2012, and appeared before the Commission on June 8, 2012. All reports and the Commission presentation can be retrieved from <http://www.comfsm.fm/?q=reports-archive>. The college is expected to fully evidence recommendations in order to have sanctions removed.

Current Accreditation Status

When an institution is placed on sanction by the Commission, U.S. Department of Education regulations require that the institution to be in full compliance within a two-year time frame, frequently referred to as the "two-year rule". COM-FSM anxiously awaited the latest Commission

action letter, as the time frame for the two-year rule has now elapsed. The ACCJC, WASC July 2, 2012, action letter was received by COM-FSM and was communicated to both the college community and the public. A copy of the action letter can be retrieved from <http://www.comfsm.fm/accreditation/files/7-4/College-of-Micronesia-FSM-July-2-2012.pdf>.

The Commission has announced the college shall continue another year on probation with a combined Follow-Up and Midterm Report due on March, 15, 2013, followed by a team visit. Though we are on probation, this is incredibly good news, as the college has been allowed to continue beyond the two-year rule, a decision the Commission does not make lightly.

The Commission action letter stated, "College of Micronesia [sic] has made significant progress in addressing the issues and deficiencies that were identified in the 2010 comprehensive evaluation team report and the team's recommendations." Changes to college governance and communications were noted as "impressive" and the Commission further noted increased involvement of personnel in "designing and implementing plans for improvement" as "an important accomplishment."

The Commission posited COM-FSM is on a "sound path toward improvement" and stated their confidence in the college to "demonstrate full compliance and resolution of all issues by March 2013."

You may note the action letter lists several recommendations, and that is because our Midterm Report must contain a review of all recommendations identified in 2010.

The Year Ahead

COM-FSM will be working on a focused report, which is a combined Follow-Up and Midterm Report due on March 15, 2013, in which all action letter recommendations will be specifically addressed. The college takes great pride in the progress made and will continue with vigorous momentum towards fully evidencing all recommendations as we move towards a clear goal of full reaffirmation.

The college will provide further evidence towards the combined Follow-Up and Midterm Report during both the team visit (likely to occur later in March or April, 2013) and in an appearance before the ACCJC at the June, 2013 Commission hearings.

Further, the spring 2013 semester requires an additional report, one required of all ACCJC accredited institutions, on standards relating to Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs).

As emphasized in the Commission action letter, we are still an accredited institution.

COM-FSM is dedicated to continued hard work and a shared commitment towards continuous improvements and quality assurance as we together grow a model institution for the Pacific, serving our students with pride.

*Warmest Regards, Joseph M. Daisy,
Ed.D., President, COM-FSM*

IMPORTANT PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
NOTICE OF SERVICE DISCONNECTION

THE FSM TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION WOULD LIKE TO INFORM ALL CUSTOMERS THAT EFFECTIVE JULY 16, 2012, DISCONNECTION OF SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE ON ALL ACCOUNTS WITH OUTSTANDING BALANCES. TO AVOID DISCONNECTION AND RECONNECTION FEES FOR DISCONNECTED SERVICES, PLEASE SETTLE YOUR OUTSTANDING BILLS NOW.

FOR MORE DETAIL, PLEASE CALL OUR COLLECTIONS REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE AT 320-2740 DURING WORKING HOURS.

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PAKAIR OHNG KOAROS ME SAPWELIMANKI DE TUNGOALENKI SAHPIS KAN SANG FSM TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION. PALI WET MEN KAPEHSEIONG KOAROS ME PALI WET PAHN TEPDAHR IREHDI DE LOPUKALA SAHPIS KAN OHNG KOAROS ME SOLAHR PWAIN ISEPEN SAHPIS PWUKAT TEPDAHR NI JULY 16, 2012 KOHLA. PWEHN IREHDI LOPLAHN SAHPIS OH IANGAHKI RECONNECTION FEE, KOMW KETDO OH PWAIN SANG ISAIS PWUKAT.

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Guest Perspective

Pig farmers are healthier, happier, and more prosperous



Paul Lake
Piggery Advisory Council Chair

Pohnpeians are well aware that pigs are very important. Traditionally, pigs play an important role in tributes to the Kings of municipalities and Chiefs of villages. Other important occasions also require the presence of pigs, including annual family celebrations or paying respect to loved ones who have passed away. These cultural responsibilities basically require that each family raise pigs and it is the largest of the pigs that are the most prized. This equates to a lot of pigs being raised on Pohnpei, and some very large pigs at that.

Although pigs arrived on Pohnpei with the visiting ships within the last two centuries, their importance cannot be understated. They have been woven into the cultural fabric along with yams and Sakau.

Early on, pigs roamed freely scavenging for food and water. More recently, municipalities instituted regulations that required pig farmers to confine their animals. Raising pigs in pens requires farmers to provide food and water as well as to tend to the daily maintenance of cleaning the pens. The most common method of piggery cleaning is with water. Farmers spray down the pigs and their pens once or twice daily.

It is fortunate that Pohnpei receives abundant rainfall but with thousands of piggeries on Pohnpei, the amount of water used to wash pens daily amounts to millions of gallons of water per year. Every drop of fresh water used to clean pig pens becomes polluted water, which is usually washed onto the ground, directly into fresh water creeks or into the lagoon.

This is the basis for the problem: most piggeries on Pohnpei do not have an associated waste management system. This contaminated water contains nutrients that harm the environment and pathogens that can make people sick, including eColi and Leptospira. The latter causes Leptospirosis, a

disease that can lead to internal organ failure and death.

A study was conducted here last year by researcher Susannah Colt. Working with the two hospitals and health clinics, in preliminary results, she determined that approximately 25% of people presenting with flu-like symptoms actually had Leptospirosis. This is an astounding figure.

A study in American Samoa of the population at-large found that 17% of the population have or recently had Leptospirosis and that a certain number of people are dying each year from the disease.

For more than a decade, conservation partners on Pohnpei such as the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Pohnpei State Office of Economic Affairs - Agriculture, College of Micronesia Cooperative Research and Extension and the Cooperative Extension Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, have been promoting an improved wash down system for raising pigs. This system continues to utilize water to wash down pig pens but it captures the solid manure for composting and deposits the liquid waste onto agroforestry crops, like banana, as fertilizer.

In December 2011, the standing committee called the Piggery Advisory Council was formed. Comprised of technical, regulatory, and public health agencies, along with non-governmental organizations and individual farmers, the Piggery Advisory Council formed to conduct educational outreach and facilitate change in piggery management to sustainable systems.

One system being promoted by the Council is the Dry Litter Piggery System. No water is used in the daily maintenance of the piggery and therefore there is no runoff to pollute the land and the water. An integral part of the dry litter piggery is that wood chips are used to absorb the pig waste. The mixture is then composted to make fertilizer for the farm or garden. Heat is formed during the composting

process sufficient to kill Leptospira. Because of these benefits, places like American Samoa have widely adopted this system and by the end of the year, there will be 60 dry litter piggeries there.

Very recently, members of the Piggery Advisory Council, working with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, applied and were awarded a grant from AusAID to fund the dry litter piggery being built at Sei Pepper Farm in Kittu.

The Council's vision is 'Pig Farmers are Healthier, Happier, and more Prosperous.' This vision is worth explaining in more detail. We see Pig Farmers as representing all people living on Pohnpei because of the important role that pigs have here. "Healthier" speaks to the island environment free from excess nutrients in water affecting coral reefs and fisheries, as well as the removal of pathogens that threaten the health of citizens who recreate, bathe, or do their laundry in local rivers. When people can raise pigs sustainably and continue to meet traditional or cultural obligations, they are "Happier". And finally, by providing information and promoting locally available feeds, genetic material, and technical information, farmers will also be more "Prosperous".

Piggery Advisory Council members work closely with researchers from the University of Hawaii, especially Glen Fukumoto. Mr. Fukumoto has worked extensively in the Pacific region on these very issues and conducted the Piggery Assessments of Pohnpei, an informative document describing the benchmark condition on Pohnpei and providing ideas for improvement and goals that the Piggery Advisory Council take seriously. He also worked with student researcher, Marta Hura, and the Pohnpei State Environmental Protection Agency to start water quality investigations of rivers on Pohnpei. Her results were startling, finding that some rivers exceed Pohnpei EPA regulations for the presence of pathogens by many times. This means that people can become sick by swimming in some rivers, including famous Pohnpei landmarks like Kepirohi Waterfall. Just as importantly though, Ms. Hura's study found that not all rivers on Pohnpei are polluted.

With this kind of assistance from outside researchers, the Piggery Advisory Council has been providing information on the impacts of unmanaged pig waste to policy makers, including the Governor and his cabinet members, and members of the Pohnpei State Legislature. A presentation on the matter has been given at COM-FSM's agriculture class as well.

The Piggery Advisory Council, especially through Cooperative Extension Service Agent Mark Kostka, has been working with a University of Hawaii graduate student, James Harmon, to conduct research on compost production and application on Saimon Mix's farm in Sokehs. He also managed to acquire a small wood chipper from Sustainable Land Management for use at the farm to support Mr. Mix's dry litter piggery and compost production.

Further work to support improvement of piggery management is the presence of a NRCS engineer from Utah, Jonathan Bingham. Mr.

Bingham is on-island for 10 weeks to provide training in surveying techniques to NRCS staff and partners. This will provide the skills needed to request assistance with designs for new piggeries. He was brought to Pohnpei through the U.S. Embassy's Embassy Science Fellow Program.

Working closely with the Office of Economic Affairs - Agriculture, the Piggery Advisory Council helped to develop requirements and criteria for the selection of farmers who will receive one of the new biogas systems that the Embassy of the People's Republic of China is generously building in the next two years.

Finally, we'd like to thank the Embassy of Japan for funding the application submitted by the Piggery Advisory Council for two brand new 38 horse power wood chippers to support dry litter piggery operations.

One of these wood chippers will be housed at the College of Micronesia-FSM campus farm. The farm has long maintained an educational piggery and compost facility. Under the direction of Professor Kiyoshi Phillip, the farm will construct a new dry litter piggery funded by the U.S. Compact of Free Association. The Embassy of Japan's gift of a wood chipper will provide the means to manage the new dry litter piggery and increase production of compost at their facility. Along with the other new dry litter piggeries on Pohnpei, the College facility will be an important demonstration site for pig farmers to see how effective a dry litter piggery can be to reduce pollution and create compost for their farms.

The other wood chipper will be managed by Office of Economic Affairs - Agriculture for use by pig farmers in each of the municipalities who wish to build a dry litter piggery or retrofit their existing piggery to be managed with dry litter. Each farmer that converts their piggery to the dry litter system will reduce the amount of polluted water that threatens public health.

This all represents a groundswell of activity. There is much more to be done. At this point, we can form new partnerships with agencies like the Pohnpei Utility Corporation. When performing roadside vegetation maintenance to protect their lines, the vegetation can be put through the wood chippers and to create a supply of wood chips for pig farmers with dry litter piggeries.

We will continue to work with the Governor and Pohnpei State Departments on reasonable alternatives for sustainable piggery designs and update regulations and policies to specifically include language regarding piggeries.

The problem of unmanaged pig waste occurs on many islands in the Pacific region. The extent of the problem did not occur overnight and likewise it will take time to resolve. The Piggery Advisory Council understands that no one organization has all of the financial resources or technical capacity to work alone with farmers on Pohnpei but we are here as a group to provide information to farmers, hold workshops at demonstrations sites of progressive farmers who understand the importance and need for change, and to connect donor organizations like the Embassy of Japan who are willing to invest in the healthy future of Pohnpei.

Australian Volunteers International launches North Pacific Program

Australian Volunteers International

June 12, 2012

Pohnpei, FSM—June marks an important month for Australian Volunteers International (AVI) as they open the doors to a new office in Pohnpei in the North Pacific and welcome the first of many international volunteers to begin working with local communities in this region.

The AVI expansion, supported by the Australian Government – AusAID, will see volunteers working with communities in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Palau. This aims to address the issues of local skills shortages in priority areas identified in the Partnership for Development between the Australian Government and the Governments of these North Pacific countries.

The first AVID volunteers will have arrived by the end of June will consist of three South Australian residents: Wally Stewart, who will soon begin his plumber trainer assignment at the Majuro Water Sewer Company; Soe Myint, who will work as an electrician on Ebeye Island at Kwajalein Atoll Joint Utility Resource; and Elissa McKenzie who will

begin working as an administrator for the Ministry of Health in Palau.

In September, AVI will also welcome Queensland residents, Sian and her partner Dougal Nivison and their three children to Kosrae in FSM. During their two year assignment Sian will volunteer for the Office of Overseas Development Assistance in Tofol.

AVI's In-country Manager, Annie Himmelsteib, said the new office in the FSM is an exciting development for AVI and the countries of the North Pacific.

"We are thrilled to open AVI's North Pacific office. This expansion highlights the Australian Government's commitment to the Pacific Partnerships for Development and AVI's pledge to support the Governments of RMI, FSM and Palau to respond to the Millennium Development Goal targets," she said.

"We are looking forward to meeting each of the volunteers and know their contributions will be well received by the local communities. Their efforts will promote increased 'know how', reciprocal learning and contribute to the sustainability of small Pacific nations.

"In the near future we will also be looking to fill a number of positions in the North Pacific region including a vocational education course development mentor in agriculture and animal husbandry, a distribution and renewable energy technician, a water operations and maintenance technician, and a power distribution technician trainer."

Through the AVID program, an Australian Government AusAID initiative, all volunteers receive financial support, including airfares, visas, accommodation, a living allowance, insurance, and pre-departure training, in-country and post-assignment support.



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IFCP supported GEAR UP Summer School program by promoting “LET’S GO LOCAL.”

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

At Kolonia Elementary School, Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) presented the importance of “Going Local” and its CHEEF (Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food Security) benefits of local food as a partner organization of GEAR UP Summer School program organized by FSM-COM Pohnpei Campus on July 3, 2012.

After the presentation, Mrs. Mona J Tara, IFCP Office manager, picked two students, a boy and a girl, and asked them to share what they know about imported unhealthy food and locally grown healthy food.

First, Mrs. Tara asked a girl to choose her favorite junk food with a reason. A girl told us her favorite junk food is ramen with Kool Aid ® because it tastes good.

Then, Mrs. Tara asked a boy to comment on a girl’s answer. He said that ramen with Kool Aid ® is not healthy; and in fact, many children are having stomach problems and taken to a hospital because of eating too much junk food. He continued, “but with local food, you will not get sick by eating it.”

Students are more aware of the side effect of unhealthy imported junk food, and many benefits of local food.

When students start making healthy actions based on their knowledge about local food and imported food, they are making changes in their future. To live a healthy long life, young generations need to act now, eating healthy local food and stay away from unhealthy processed imported food.

IFCP would like to thank GEAR UP Summer School Program for inviting us to conduct our educational awareness workshop.

Special thanks are given to IFCP funding sources: SPC Healthy Life-Style, UNESCO, Division of Public Health of Pohnpei Department of Health Services, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).



Gear Up Summer School Students and Teachers at Kolonia Elementary School



Students hold a debate on unhealthy imported food

Pohnpei Catholic School Summer School took a field trip to IFCP training center.

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

In the morning of June 29, 2012, about 60 students and teachers from Pohnpei Catholic School visited Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) as a part of its summer school program.

A JICA volunteer at IFCP, Ms. Chizuru Seki, gave a power point presentation and talked about IFCP encouraging people to “go local (means to plant, grow, maintain, harvest, cook and eat)” for the CHEEF benefits of local food.

CHEEF benefits are the five benefits of local food people will gain by going local.

C stands for Culture. Food is a part of culture. By going local, people will remember and be able to pass on the planting, growing, maintaining, harvesting and cooking skills to the next generation.

H stands for health. Micronesian traditional 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. 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 first E is for Environment. Local food is environmental friendly. Its remaining can go back to soil and provide energy for new plants and crops, keeping the environmental cycle going.

The second E comes from

Economy. Planting and growing their own local food, family can spend minimum money on their food expenses. They can also make money by selling extra local food to the market.

F stands for Food Security. Secure your food for the future. Diversity of local food can fight against hunger, climate changes and unexpected disasters. Think ahead of time and start planting local food now. It will be too late to start planting when a disaster happens because that is when we need indigenous local food to keep us going.

After the presentation, students took the tour of the banana collection at the back of the training center where over 20 cultivars of Pohnpei bananas grow.

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.

IFCP would like to thank Pohnpei Catholic School for coming to its training center and the generous donation.

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PCS Summer School Students and Teachers at IFCP Training Center



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