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IOM Conducts Annual Review



The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Micronesia conducted its annual review at Cupid's Bar and Grille on the evening of October 2nd, 2014. Attendees included representatives of the traditional leaders, national, state and local government, the Australian, Chinese, Japanese, and US ambassadors, US Department of Interior, representatives of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, the Micronesia Red Cross Society, the Australian Volunteers, the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, the United Nations Joint Presence, Actuoka Insurance, Moylans Insurance, MedPharm, Bank of the FSM, College of Micronesia, the Kaselehlie Press, media, FSM Telecommunications, the Rotary Club, women representatives, other NGOs, members of the business community of Pohnpei, Grace's Bakery, LYON, the Jesuit Order, and the NOAA.

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Pohnpei Legislature considering a bill to lock down personal records

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

October 6, 2014

Pohnpei, FSM— FamilySearch.com has placed an indelible watermark across each digital copy of vital records documents it obtained from the Pohnpei Supreme Court. The watermark clearly says that the online document is not an official copy.

FamilySearch.com, the genealogical research site operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints disagrees with the assertion of Salomon Saimon of the Micronesia Legal Services that the records that it posted on its website are “self-authenticating” documents that could be used for the purposes of identity theft.

“This (the watermark) does not completely fix my concerns for the people of Pohnpei as far as these records are concerned, however the stated actions by LDS have abated some of the egregious acts that were disturbing to many Pohnpeians,” Salomon Saimon of Micronesia Legal Services wrote in an email. “Balancing the latest development and my workload, I have decided that this will be enough for now, pending the legislative action. This does not rule out a suit if Pohnpei Legislature does not do its duty in protecting Pohnpeians.”

Saimon wrote that his proposed bill has been introduced in the legislature for action and is now in committee.

The section in Saimon’s bill that discusses the “Legislative Findings” was apparently written before FamilySearch.com embedded the watermark since no mention was made of that change in circumstances. The bill still refers to the documents as “self authenticating”.

Lee A. Wright, an attorney at the U.S. law firm Kirton McConkie that represents Family Search International, provided a lengthy legal explanation as to why the documents on the FamilySearch.com are not self authenticating and therefore could not be used to apply for passports, accounts, or licenses. His legal explanation was based both on U.S. law and Pohnpei State rules for legal documents. His explanation came in a letter to Stephen

V. Finnen who represents the Corporation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

“Mr. Saimon seems to believe that birth and death records published on FamilySearch’s website may be used for identity theft,” Wright’s letter said. “Such is possible but not probable. Individuals may seek to present as original documents copies taken from the Internet, but banks, credit card companies, government immigration offices and driver’s license bureaus will invariably reject such copies because they lack the appropriate government seal or certification.”

Saimon’s bill asserts that the posting of “certain non-public information” could cause more harm than just identity theft. It says that the information could “jeopardize the fabric of family structures”. The bill says that “due to the legal nature of birth records and death records, this vital statistical information shall be deemed confidential and shall be protected.”

The bill also asserts that “birth and death records are not necessary for genealogical information and research, an entirely different societal function, the apparent purpose of FamilySearch.com in many jurisdictions.”

The bill, if passed into law would set up highly restrictive rules about who could obtain Pohnpei records of birth and death and under what specific legal conditions.

The bill would also require any current online reporting of birth and death of Pohnpeians by parties other than the Pohnpei Supreme Court to be “shut down and erased in its entirety and made not available on the World Wide Web forever unless so authorized by enactment of a statute by this legislature in the future.” It would require

all copies that were previously given to third parties to be immediately returned to the Pohnpei Supreme Court within six months of the signing of the bill into law.

Parties that don’t pull down online vital statistics regarding Pohnpeians would face imprisonment of not more than five years, nor less than one year, and/or a fine of a million dollars if the bill is passed into law.

Wright wrote that he had reviewed vital records legislation in “most countries globally, and in all of the states and provinces of the U.S. and Canada on behalf of FamilySearch. I have never seen legislation quite like the proposed draft—it is far outside what is typical and throws the proverbial ‘baby out with the bathwater’. It converts records that are readily available to the public into private, non-public, confidential information. It is not unusual for some legislation to protect potentially embarrassing or sensitive information but unusual to permanently block access to harmless vital facts.”

“The proposed legislation further fails to recognize that such data has benefit for research, and it certainly fails to address the fact that, while certain access can be restricted or other precautions taken, there is a time when the risk of misuse of vital records is trumped by the need for public access for historical and family history purposes,” Wright wrote.

He offered to provide examples of legislation from around the globe and expressed his hope that “any legislation enacted in Pohnpei would not vindictively target FamilySearch and that it will instead focus on the issue of fairly considering both the risks of identity theft...as well as the public’s desire for access to records of the people and history of Pohnpei.”

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Pacific strikes \$90 million tuna deal for US Treaty in 2015 FFA applauds Pacific negotiations

FFA Headquarters

October 7th, 2014

Honiara — An historic agreement was reached at the negotiation session between the Governments of the 17 FFA members and the United States of America this week in Honolulu. The deal, struck in the dying minutes of a three-day negotiation session, provides for US flagged purse seine vessels to fish 8,300 days in the region in 2015 in return for a payment of USD 90 million made up by industry and US-Government contributions.

FFA Director-General, James Movick, heralded the deal, expected to be the most valuable fisheries access agreement ever reached in the world, as an outstanding success. “We have been renegotiating this Treaty since 2009, when its total value was in the order of \$21 million,” he said. “During that time, the Pacific Island Parties were able to secure an increase to \$42 million in 2011, and then again to \$63 million in 2012. The package that has now been agreed substantially builds on that, and reflects very well the outstanding progress made by the Parties to Nauru Agreement (PNA) in building the value of their purse seine fisheries”.

The negotiation has been a challenging one by any standards according to FFA Deputy Director-General Wez Norris, who lead the technical team assisting the FFA members in the negotiations. “Any collective Treaty negotiation is hard, each participant is a Sovereign Government charged with securing outcomes that are in the best interests of the countries and the people they represent,” he said. “Over the course of the negotiations, we have faced and overcome many significant challenges – challenges that have threatened to render regional solidarity. However, reaching an agreement of this magnitude demonstrates clearly that this is a worthwhile investment by the Pacific, and if anything, heralds even stronger ties for the future”.

The two FFA executives agree that by any standard, the deal negotiated by the Pacific Parties is a good one. “At \$90 million, the 2015 deal provides sufficient rewards to all Parties in respect of the access to their fisheries resources that is being provided” Norris notes.

DG Movick described the outcome of these negotiations as a superb example of regional cooperation and team effort and testimony to the increased expertise and capabilities of regional officials.

The Director General especially recognised “the high degree of commitment and cooperation of the national participants in the negotiating process, supported by the very hard work and excellence of advice provided by Deputy Director Norris and the technical team from FFA secretariat, and the PNA Office.

He says Pacific Leaders and fisheries Ministers have all “played a key oversight role in the negotiations so far and our view is that the negotiation team has more than done justice to their directions in securing this arrangement for 2015.”

“It would be remiss not to acknowledge the role of the US in being able to reach this agreement,” says Movick. “Both the Government and Industry have been active in the negotiation and we all hope to bed down a longer term arrangement in the future”.

“The Treaty has been in place as a multilateral access agreement for just over 25 years now. All Parties recognize that the fishery is so different today compared to when it was first negotiated, that some fundamental changes are required to ensure that it really is to the mutual benefit of all Parties, and to the US vessels” Movick said.

“Rights based management and collective action, as best manifested in the PNA vessel day scheme

(VDS), has been highly successful in allowing the Pacific to secure high returns from the fishery. Our challenge is to find ways for arrangements like the US Treaty to enhance, and not undermine the achievements of the VDS.

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FSM's Island Research and Education Initiative wins prestigious international award



will forever be able to point to the achievement of the international award when submitting future grant applications.

UNESCO's webpage says that the Wenhui Award for Educational Innovation,

established by the National Commission of the People's Republic of China for UNESCO, and coordinated by the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Programme of Educational Innovation for Development (APEID), aims to recognize the contributions of educators and institutions which have optimized the potential of education and the human innovative spirit to address and resolve pressing issues and problems facing our world today.

For 2014, the theme of the Wenhui Award is Innovation in Lifelong Learning: Bridging to the Future, in line with UNESCO's vision of education and the post-2015 education agenda to underscore the importance of learning throughout life for human fulfillment, peace, sustainable development, economic growth, gender equality and responsible global citizenship. The Award also recognized the potential of information and communication technology to support lifelong learning now and in the future.

Individuals or institutions in UNESCO Member States



in Asia and the Pacific region which have designed and implemented significant educational innovations leading to improved access to, and quality in, education in relation to the theme for 2014 were eligible for the Award. More specifically, the jury looked for educational innovations that helped to promote and enhance lifelong learning for now and in the future; improved the quality of teaching and learning in enhancing lifelong learning; and fostered indigenous wisdom and ingenuity, as well as 21st century knowledge and technology, in educational innovations for lifelong learning.

Danko Taborosi said that iREI is a small Non-Governmental Organization that is well known for its work in a few Pacific Island nations. "But to be recognized by the highest educational authority on the planet, that's something about which to be very proud," he exclaimed.

He said that iREI's nomination for the award was made by the FSM UNESCO National Commission which is chaired by Wayne Mendiola. Augustine Kohler is the Secretary General for the national commission. He said that Dr. Rufino

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By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei, FSM—Last week UNESCO Bangkok (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization) announced the two winners of this year's prestigious Wenhui award. The FSM's Island Research and Education Initiative (iREI) was one of the two winners of this year's award.

iREI will receive a Certificate of Excellence and prize money of US\$ 20,000 at the China Hangzhou International Conference on Educational Innovations.

Further, funding entities love funding organizations that have a demonstrated and recognized track record. Though iREI officials didn't say so themselves, there is no question that the organization

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Mauricio, the FSM's Director of the Department of Education also supported the nomination.

Taborosi said that while many of iREI's publications have featured innovations such as pop up illustrations, the main innovation of iREI is the iREI model itself. He said that the main innovation is the fact that a small NGO run primarily through volunteer contributions could partner with educators and authors and together create local educational materials for a fraction of the cost of materials developed outside of the region and in a much more appropriate way—a way that is relevant to the lives and cultures of the students and therefore more applicable as a learning tool.

The text of UNESCO's description of iREI on the webpage announcing the award follows:

Winner: Local Content Children's Books and Schoolbooks for Micronesia
Island Research & Education Initiative, Micronesia

A small nation with a population of just over 100,000 people, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) consists of hundreds of islands, each with its own indigenous cultures, traditions, languages and dialects.

While this diversity is a source of national pride, it also presents a huge challenge to the education authorities. The small population, compounded by the multiple linguistic, cultural and geographical characteristics of individual islands, makes it exceedingly difficult for state entities and private publishing companies to produce textbooks and educational resources. As a result, Micronesian students have been using educational materials from other countries which have been created for different contexts, settings and languages. Consequently, students have struggled to comprehend the core curriculum concepts, from mother tongue literacy to fundamentals of science and social studies, because the books they have been using are not suited to the local curricula or relevant to Micronesia and the students' own background. This lack of locally relevant educational materials has been identified as one of the key reasons for students' low performance in elementary and secondary schools, leading to difficulties in pursuing higher levels of education in Micronesia.

To address this dilemma, the Island Research & Education Initiative (IREI), a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO), decided to pursue a comprehensive, intensive and long-term project to develop local textbooks and educational materials which can be used in schools and at home to fill the gaps. Founded in 2005, IREI is made up of a group

of educators, scientists, artists, linguists and other individuals who contribute time, experience and skills to achieve their common goal of protecting and promoting the cultural and environmental legacies of western Pacific islands and their people. Since 2009, working closely with the FSM National Department of Education and the four State Departments of Education, IREI has published over 100 titles in 19 different languages including children's picture books, exercise and activity books, colouring books, alphabet primers, fundamentals of reading and counting, illustrated traditional stories and legends, environmental education books, science books, geography primers and atlases. Most of the work – curriculum research, coordination, planning, writing, artwork development, graphics processing, layout, design – are performed pro-bono or on a volunteer basis by IREI members and collaborators, which reduces the production costs substantially. Nonetheless, the high quality of the products can match that of major publishers in developed countries. The books are printed in exact quantities as required by the schools, thus ensuring the costs are kept at a minimum and borne by the recipients. Once published, the books are delivered to the National and State Departments of Education who will manage the storage and distribution processes. These books are used as official textbooks in elementary and secondary schools and are generally the only locally-relevant

books available to students. The support for the production of materials for the pre-primary children comes from international aid, foundations and private donors, and the distribution of the materials which are given out free of charge as gifts to children and their families is through partner networks on the Micronesian islands.

While the impact on school performance is beyond the scope of IREI's mandate, the enhanced interest in the written word, improved native tongue literacy and learning effectiveness are clearly evident. The reliance of a network of specialists, experts, curriculum developers, artists, individuals as well as the local distribution centres located across thousands of kilometres of ocean to reach remote rural communities have contributed to the success of IREI's efforts. IREI plans to create a comprehensive body of textbooks for all curriculum subjects, for all grade levels, and in different Micronesian languages so that they can be used, refined, and continued to be use indefinitely in schools and by generations of children in their homes and family settings throughout Micronesia. This ever increasing availability of books and resources ensures that the overall beneficiaries of the project will also include the entire educational community, including parents/caretakers at home, educators in schools, curriculum developers and planners.

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Congress session addresses national budget and infrastructure needs of states

Palikir, Pohnpei – Congress tackled the National Government's budget for fiscal year 2015 and approved over \$7million for various infrastructure needs of the four states during its recently concluded Fifth Regular Session of the 18th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Known as the national budget session, the September Sessions mainly involve the national budget and matters financial in nature. During its recent session Congress passed Congressional Act (CA) 18-92 to approve a budget of \$55,098,704 to fund the operation of the three branches of the National Government, its agencies, various programs, grants, subsidies, contributions and capital and human resources development for fiscal year 2015;

Through CA 18-94, Congress lifted the restriction on the President to allow him to reprogram funds to support operations of the Executive Branch;

Congress approved the sum of \$1,200,000 in CA 18-96 to provide \$300,000 to each of the four states for improvement of their infrastructure facilities and also

as Infrastructure Matching Funds;

To better serve the needs of the State of Pohnpei and streamline its services Congress established, through CA 18-97, the Pohnpei State Commission on Improvement Projects;

CA 18-98 is a two-fold measure which first requires the President, in the event of an override, to assign a new public law number to the legislative measure to avoid confusion. And the second part is to return the overridden and newly numbered measure to Congress within two working days;

Through CA 18-99, Congress appropriated \$5,421,600 for infrastructure improvements in the states of Chuuk and Kosrae with \$5,200,000 towards the Weno Road Project in Chuuk and the remaining \$221,600 for redesign of the Kosrae State Hospital;

CA 18-100 extended the lapse date for funds appropriated towards operations of the Project Management Unit under fiscal year 2014;

Congress passed another measure for infrastructure through CA 18-101, to appropriate \$550,000 as Matching Fund for the Airport Improvement Project in the State of Chuuk; and

Finally before it adjourned, Congress passed CA 18-102, to adopt

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Iso Nahnken of Nett sent his blessings, expressed his full support of IOM, and congratulated the outgoing Chief of Mission, Mr. Ashley Carl, for his outstanding leadership. His wife, Nahnkeniei Nett, was present.

Addressing the guests, Mr. Carl offered thanks to the guests, introduced the incoming Chief of Mission, Mr. Stuart Simpson, and offered his reflections on IOM's recent history in Micronesia. Mr. Carl, the first Chief of Mission stated that when he arrived in 2009, IOM had no vehicles, offices, or staff, but that today IOM has sub offices in all states of the FSM, in Majuro,

RMI, and plans a presence in the Republic of Palau. Mr. Carl reflected that as he learned to adjust to the various unique aspects of life in Micronesia, he began to see it as "a teacher, a friend, and [a] home." He introduced Mr. Simpson, who was previously Chief of Mission in Mozambique.

The speech was followed by presentations summarizing the accomplishments of IOM's three main programs: the USAID-funded PREPARE program focusing on disaster risk reduction, response, and reconstruction, the Australian funded CADRE program focusing on climate change education and outreach in the schools and communities, and the FSM-government supported MRC focusing on pre-departure orientation for migrants and human trafficking education, since the founding of IOM Micronesia. During the course of the event several guests expressed amazement at the accomplishments, rapidly delivered within the space of several years, which they had not previously been fully aware of.



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Pohnpei, FSM- In 2006, governments from the island nations of Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and Republic of Marshall Islands, together with US territories Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) signed an agreement to protect 30 percent of near shore marine resources and 20 percent of terrestrial resources across all of Micronesia by the year 2020. This signed declaration is called the Micronesia Challenge.

With a commitment of this scale and magnitude, all signatories have continuously emphasized one thing – everyone can play a role in achieving these conservation goals. The success of such a challenge lies in the ability of various organizations, agencies, communities, and individuals to unite and collaborate. The Micronesia Challenge is a team effort, where every single and small contribution counts.

This was the foundation of a two-day conservation learning symposium hosted by the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) and Rare, a US-based social marketing organization that trains local leaders in over 50 countries to be environmental stewards. Over the last two years, MCT and Rare have worked with 11 local partners across the region on programs aimed at increasing local community pride, support, and involvement in marine and watershed conservation. These local partners were invited to Pohnpei to share their insights and results of their programs with each other as well as with a wider audience, comprising both youth and adults from around the island.

Held on September 17th and 18th, the theme of the symposium was “Strengthening community resilience through behavior change

and local solutions”. It was both a shared celebration of conservation championship and a showcase of various local conservation initiatives from across the region.

Day One

Around 80 people gathered at Governor’s Hall for a morning of informative activities, inspiring talks, dancing mascots, and a conservation gallery. High school students from Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School, young officers of CSP’s Environmental Youth Ambassadors joined various village chiefs and leaders, as well as local community conservation volunteers to find out more about community-driven conservation.

Pohnpei State Governor, Honorable John Ehsa, officially opened the learning symposium by emphasizing the state’s commitment to conservation as a pillar for growth, and the Micronesia Challenge “as its strategy for development because it enhances our food security and livelihoods, health and development, as well as tourism opportunities”.

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Seabees return to Pohnpei for five CCAD projects

The Embassy of the United States of America in Kolonia Dispensary.

The U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Unit 133 from Gulfport, Missouri arrived on September 15 to tackle five new Construction Civic Action Duty (CCAD) projects. The Seabees efforts will keep them busy until the end of the year, and will benefit local communities. No Compact money is used for these projects, as the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) fully funds CCAD activities.

The Pohnpei State Government identified the five high-priority projects for the Seabees. They have already started the first two. The team has broken ground on a changing house at the Pohnpei swimming pool. The new facility will feature separate men's and women's changing rooms complete with showers and restrooms. They have also begun work at the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) office building to repair extensive termite damage. This will require a complete rebuild of all non-concrete portions of the building. The Seabees have already gutted the structure and are installing new plumbing fixtures, wiring, doors, trusses, and roofing.

The team will also renovate three other sites: Kolonia Elementary, the Sokehs Dispensary, and the Pohnlangas

This is the second time a CCAD team has visited Pohnpei. On their previous tour they renovated the Pohnpei Public Library, the Department of Public Health Substance Abuse Clinic, and buildings at PICS and Ohmine Elementary Schools.

Initially, the CCAD program was proposed during the U.S. - FSM Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) in August 2010 to enhance U.S.-FSM partnership and cooperation. The CCAD program rotates deployments, visiting a different FSM state every six months. Thus each state will receive CCAD assistance every two years. This is contingent on the respective State Governments submitting a list of suitable projects for JCM review.

The CCAD program provides a number of direct benefits to the islands in addition to the finished construction projects. The program purchases all materials from on-island vendors, which helps stimulate the island's economy. Additionally, the CCAD team trains local apprentices. The Pohnpei Department of Education (DOE) selected eight people to work alongside the current CCAD team. The apprenticeship program provides an opportunity not only for the Seabees to share their engineering and construction skills but also for them to



learn from local workers.

The U.S. Department of Defense funds one hundred percent of the CCAD program. They cover all the military labor expenses and the building materials. There is no cost to Pohnpei State or the FSM National Government. It is fully separate from Compact funding.

The funding mechanism for CCAD is also separate from the Humanitarian Aid for the Federated States of Micronesia (HAFSM). Pohnpei residents may remember Pohnpei State Governor, John Ehsa, chose HAFSM to renovate the Pohnpei State Hospital in April 2013. The HAFSM program

tackles larger projects. In the case of HAFSM, the DOD provides all the labor, but Compact funds pay for materials. Just like CCAD, these materials are purchased from local vendors. HAFSM also features an apprenticeship program for skills and knowledge transfer, which ultimately benefits the local labor market with more qualified workers.

The Seabees are working six days a week, and will be active not only at the construction sites, but will also provide tutoring to PICS high school seniors who are taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test in order to qualify to join the U.S. military.





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the 2014 annotated version of the FSM Code to initialize the process of its publication and dissemination.

In its continuing efforts to assist the financially strapped states, Congress passed measures for various public projects and social programs to support ongoing endeavors in the four states to meet the economic and social needs of the people.

Congress had in CA 18-93, changed the use and allottee of certain funds previously appropriated for public projects and social programs in the states of Kosrae and Pohnpei;

Through CA 18-95, Congress changed the use of certain funds previously appropriated for public projects and social programs in the State of Chuuk to be utilized instead towards road improvement and land transportation; and

Congress changed the use of certain funds previously appropriated for public projects and social programs in the State of Pohnpei through CA 18-103 and CA 18-104.

All the Congressional Acts were transmitted to the President for his signature otherwise the measures automatically become law without his signature 30 days after the Congress' transmittal date.

In addition to the Congressional Acts, various Congressional Resolutions were also adopted to support efforts and programs of the National Government. A majority of the resolutions were grants to assist the various

programs and services under the National Department of Health and Social Affairs, but the non-grant related measures included:

Congressional Resolution (CR) No. 18-192 – expressed the sadness and condolences of the 18th FSM Congress at the passing of the Honorable Martin G. Yinug. The late Yinug was the head of the Third Branch of the National Government, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia.

In light of communications received by Congress that the Unified Revenue Authority would begin its mandate to administer FSM tax, Congress adopted C.R. NO. 18-220, and urged the President to delay implementation of the URA until further review and after all components of tax reform are in place.

Congress also adopted two resolutions to ratify certain Treaties to which FSM is a party and those resolutions included:

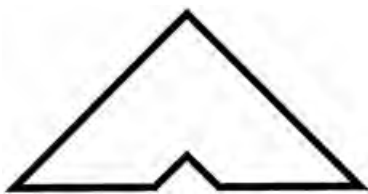
C.R. 18-42, to ratify the Amendment of the Third Arrangement Implementing the Nauru Agreement signed in July 2013 Concerning Cooperation in the Management of Fisheries of Common Interest to remove the closure of the Eastern High Seas; and

C.R. 18-133, to ratify the 2010 Amendment to the Cotonou Agreement between the European Community and the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group states in order to strengthen the objectives of the agreement and ensure access to its benefits under the Economic Development Fund.

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Letter to the Editor

You see your candidates now— will you see them again?

In less than a month, Kosraeans will head to the polls to elect a new governor, lieutenant governor, and a new batch of legislators. Highly visible on the roads and within neighborhoods throughout the different municipalities in Kosrae today, you'll start to see the omnipresent candidates frequently doing the usual gimmicks... house to house calls, rolling down the windows of their cars, showing their faces at funerals, participating more in social and church activities and doing other crazy things they don't usually do.

Remember—don't be fooled again by their new behaviors and actions and hold on tight to what you really know about them. Equally, remember we need honest, practical, and trustworthy people who can change the policies that are affecting the daily lives of our people. We need honest people and not liars who could swear to their dead and loved ones without any feeling of guilt.

Given the deteriorating state of the economic affairs of our beloved State (extremely high cost of living, absence of any meaningful developmental projects, a weak private sector, etc.). We need people with the suitable leadership qualities who can lead us through the "stormy and turbulent waters" ahead.

During a recent trip to Kosrae in these past few days, I was saddened to note the prices of some basic grocery and bakery items in stores.

We need people who will challenge the status quo and leave self-interest aside. We need people who could walk the walk, and talk the talk, which simply means "backing up one's talk with action". What we often hear are a lot of talk and very little action from our elected officials. They don't walk it like they talk it, or they don't practice what they preach.

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Two nominations were also adopted during the Fifth Regular Session:

C.R. 18-176, confirmed Roger Arnold to serve as a member representing the State of Chuuk on the Board of Directors of the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority; and

C.R. 18-218, confirmed Tulensru E. Waguk to serve as a State of Kosrae representative on the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia.

Through C.R. NO. 18-217, Congress thanked Mr. John Nowakowski for his services as a staff attorney to Body since 2012. Since joining Congress, Nowakowski had also served as the Congressional representative on the National Law Day committee.

Congress adopted a ceiling of \$69 million in C.R. 18-216 as estimated funds for appropriation from the General Fund. And finally Congress adopted C.R. 18-219 to request the Speaker to call for a Special Session in November.

The remaining resolutions addressed the funding needs of various programs currently in service throughout the Nation along with potential services available for the benefit of the Nation. Among the bigger grants were:

C.R. 18-196, which accepted an International Development Association Grant of \$14,400,000, to fund the implementation of

the FSM Energy Sector Development Project; and

C.R. 18-211, which accepted the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration Grant Agreement of \$5,000,000 to fund the Chuuk International Airport Project.

Measures for the various programs under the Department of Health and Social Affairs included:

C.R. 18-189, which accepted a grant of \$6,000 from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to fund the completion of the World Heritage nomination file for Nan Madol and Lelu ruins;

C.R. 18-190, accepted a grant of \$164,470 from the U.S. Department of the Interior through the Office of Insular Affairs' Technical Assistance Program, to fund the updating of the Peer Review Manual and conducting Peer Reviews of the Office of Public Auditors for the nine (9) U.S. Territories and Compact nations;

C.R. 18-193, accepted a grant of \$501,420 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency, to fund the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs LAUNCH Project;

C.R. 18-197, accepted a grant of \$42,000 from the US Department of Health and Human Service Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to fund the FSM Immunization and Vaccines for Children Program;

C.R. 18-198, accepted a grant of \$82,878 from the US Department of

Health and Human Service Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to fund the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Program;

C.R. 18-199, accepted a grant of \$22,716 from the US Department of Health and Human Service Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to fund the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Program;

C.R. 18-200, accepted a grant of \$644,741 from the US Department of Health and Human Service, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, to fund the implementation of the FSM Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Program;

C.R. 18-201, accepted a grant of \$40,694 from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, to fund HIV related programs within the FSM;

C.R. 18-202, accepted a grant of \$50,000 from the US Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Public Health Surveillance Program Office, to fund the implementation of the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System;

C.R. 18-205, accepted a grant of \$376,250 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, to fund the FSM Oral Health Workforce activities;

C.R. 18-206, accepted a grant of \$99,145 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention, to fund the FSM Preventive Health and Health Services Project;

C.R. 18-212, accepted a grant of \$39,300 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, to fund the FSM Emergency Medical Services Children Program;

And finally, C.R. 18-209, approved the submission of the FY 2015-2017 Grant Application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, to fund the State System Development Initiative Program in the FSM in the amount of \$300,000.

Congress also adopted two measures to accept grants for programs under the Division of Social Affairs, and they included:

C.R. 18-210, which accepted a grant of \$98,360 from the US National Park Services, to fund the Historic Preservation Fund Program in the State of Yap; and

C.R. 18-215, for a grant of \$98,360 from the U.S. Historic Preservation Fund through the National Park Services, to fund the operating administrative costs and project funds for the Kosrae Office of History and Culture Preservation.

Congress had adjourned one day earlier than its scheduled 20-days session having convened on September 15, 2014. In accordance with the recently adopted measure, a November Special Session may soon be called by the Speaker.

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World Food Day

By *WFD Committee*

Thursday 16th October is World Food Day and will be celebrated at the Spanish Wall with a huge community event showcasing local food crops and products, handicraft, livestock, competitions and booths.

The theme of this year's World Food Day is "Family Farming: Feeding the World, Caring for the Earth" to 'stress the vast potential family farmers have to eradicate hunger and preserve natural resources'.

Family farming, the major system of agriculture in Pohnpei, has an important socio-economic, environmental and cultural role:

□ Family and small-scale farming are inextricably linked to world food security.

□ Family farming preserves traditional food products, while contributing to a balanced diet and safeguarding the world's agro-biodiversity and the sustainable use of natural resources.

□ Family farming represents an opportunity to boost local economies, especially when combined with specific policies aimed at social protection and well-being of communities.

Pohnpei World Food Day Committee understands these important benefits and is thus planning a large community event

to bring attention to the benefits of local food and family farmers. The activities will include:

- ECE Schools engagement through song, dance and skit contests based on WFD theme
- Cooking contests for freshly prepared local food and processed (long storage) local food OCT 15 IFCP Office 10am-12pm register dish and written recipe
- Crop and livestock contests to improve crop/livestock quality and diversity
- Handicraft contest based on local food tree materials to revitalize traditional cultural skills
- Fishing contest
- Entertainment of traditional dancing and singing
- Small business vendors promoting local food products
- Information and display booths from each agency to increase public awareness

The community event will be held at the Spanish Wall 10am-3pm, however some activities will also be held in the lead up to October 16 such as the cooking contest and school involvement.

Be proud of local food and be a part of the event by entering in the competitions or coming along to enjoy the music, activities, food and stalls!



Fruit Leather entered into the Processed Food Contest WFD 2013 winning the 1st Place for Karat category

Bananas displayed for the Crop Contest WFD 2013

Organizing committee partners:

College of Micronesia-FSM, Conservation Society of Pohnpei, Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Land & Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Agency, FSM Research & Development, German Technical Cooperation, International Organization of Migration, Island Food Community of Pohnpei, Micronesia Red Cross Society, National Oceanic Resource Management Authority, Office of Economic Affairs Agriculture, Office of Emergency & Environmental Management, Pohnpei Consumer Organization, Pohnpei Farmers' Association, Pohnpei State Government, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and others.



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MCT and Rare's visiting regional partners from Palau, CNMI, Guam, and neighboring states of Chuuk and Kosrae then lead everyone in two fun and interactive sessions. Adults and youth alike were up and running around the room, brainstorming and working together. The first focused on stewardship and responsible resource use. The key takeaway was the need to be aware of one's habits when it comes to consuming and wastefulness, as all natural resources are finite. In the second activity, the focus was on the importance of monitoring resources and tracking progress on protecting and sustaining it.

To cap off the morning, Eugene Joseph, director of the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP), gave a brief presentation on the multi-stakeholder efforts to improve management of fisheries around the island. According to him, any conservation effort needs to involve local community as much as possible to increase success and sustainability. His parting words to symposium attendees, "Let not you walk out the door feeling today is just another fun workshop, but put what you learn into everyday practice".

Letting those words sink in, everyone was given time to walk around the room and take a look at the gallery of 10 community-driven conservation initiatives happening all over the region – from reforestation efforts

of landowners in CNMI to local fishermen volunteering to monitor their protected fish breeding sites here in FSM.

The message was clear. Little initiatives by any person who cares about their environment can and does go a long way. Both youth and adults alike were all smiles as they pledged to commit to conservation and One Micronesia by signing their names on a huge banner to be displayed at the MCT office. It was a morning well spent.

Day Two

Representatives from various national and state offices, local governments, nonprofit organizations, and donor agencies were invited to attend a more strategic second day of the learning symposium. The objective was to provide an opportunity for dialogue and collaboration among the different local and regional initiatives related to conservation.

Ann Singeo of the Ebiil Society in Palau and Angel Jonathan of the Conservation Society of Pohnpei presented the results of their two-year community conservation programs. With training and technical assistance provided by Rare, Ann and Angel were just two of the 11 partners across Micronesia who successfully increased their respective community support and involvement in marine and watershed management through social marketing - a method of creatively tapping into community pride and local knowledge to encourage positive behavior change. Rare refers to their program as the Pride Campaign.



"The Rare Pride Campaigns have really allowed us to bring the Micronesia Challenge message to the community level and has leveraged community participation and leadership in our programs", Willy Kostka, Executive Director of MCT, had to say of the partnership between MCT and Rare.

Following the presentations, Khanh Nguyen, Program Director of Rare's Micronesia Program, together with other Rare staff facilitated roundtable groups for participants to share key insights and recommendations. Conversations varied from curiosity on social marketing to the need for cross site learning exchanges and information networking. Discussions were rich, engaging, and certainly

concluded the symposium on a positive and hopeful note.

There is always much to be done in the field of conservation, and it's easy for environmental issues to become overwhelming and daunting. The Micronesia Challenge was appropriately named because there are no easy solutions and quick fixes. However, as this learning symposium demonstrated, there are many small but valuable success stories happening all over the region that move conservation forward. It's creating and finding these opportunities to be involved and participate in one's own capacity. The dream of One Micronesia is based on individual efforts collectively contributing to a whole.

