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Summer winds down in Pohnpei

Inaugural "Growing Up" Camp reaches outer-island boys

Moch Island, Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia - July 23, 2010 - The inaugural Camp Boys to Men: Mortlocks Style was held June 16-19, 2010 on Moch Island in the Mortlocks region of Chuuk State. Peace Corps Volunteers Alex Plum (M75, Michigan), Trevor Ramsey-Macomber (M76, New York), and Dan Lebednik (M76,

Pennsylvania) directed the camp, with the assistance of four men facilitators (camp counselors) from the islands of Satowan, Kuttu, Ta, and Moch of the Satowan Atoll, Mortlocks Region, Chuuk State, Federated States of Micronesia. 22 boys from those

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Pohnpei Public Library summer reading program

The Pohnpei Public Library Summer Reading 2010 generated a lot of interest, resulting in a variety of participants. A total of 100 students registered and participated in this year's program. The first group (K-5 to 4th graders) began on July 19 and ended 23, 2010 and the second group (4th to 8th

graders) began on July 26 and ended on July 30, 2010. Both groups ended with a brief certificate ceremony where certificates of Completion were awarded to each participant.

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Pakin Atoll builds basketball court with Australian aid

Apurou D. Johnson

The community of Pakin Atoll, with financial assistance from the Australian Embassy, constructed it's first-ever basketball court on July 19th. The project represented the first cooperation between the Australian Embassy and Pakin and involved nearly a hundred different people.

The Australian Embassy, acting through its Direct Aid Program, awarded Pakin's NGO, Pakin Community Association, Inc., a grant to build a basketball court "to serve as a recreational facility for the youth of Pakin." Like many rural communities of Pohnpei, Pakin's majority consists of youths aged under 25 and severely lacks facilities for its isolated area. Addressing this need for development remains a key focus of both outer island communities and the Australian Embassy.

Several parties assisted in the primary coordination of the project, including EMC Construction and Peace Corps Volunteer Apurou D. Johnson. The Governor's Office allowed Pakin to use one of its ships for the transport of building materials to the atoll and over seventy persons participated in the actual construction of the half-court which was planned and executed within two days. Traditional island leaders such as Pius Siden also assisted in the logistics of organizing labor for the project.

Upon its completion, Pakin had its first official construction for athletic purposes, thus allowing for future opportunities in coaching and activity organization focusing on physical education and skill development. PCA President Aisek Artui composed a letter of appreciation to the Australian Embassy and future projects built upon the established relationship between the two islands are currently being pursued.



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Law enforcement chiefs discuss safety and security issues regarding regional developments

Between Monday and Thursday of last week, two important security meetings were held in Pohnpei. Senior police executives from throughout the Micronesian region, including FSM, CNMI and Australia met in Pohnpei to discuss approaches to respond to regional crime and security issues.

The first meeting held on Monday and Tuesday was the FSM Heads of Law Enforcement Conference. Attendees at the meeting were from each of the FSM State and National police departments, FSM Immigration, Customs, the FSM Public Auditor and postal services. Two representatives from the Australian Federal Police also attended the meeting and spoke about the Australian funded Pacific Policing Development Program (PPDP) and the assistance available to law enforcement agencies throughout this region.

The two day Micronesia Police Executive Association (MPEA) meeting followed the Heads of Law enforcement conference. During both meetings a number of presentations were given relating to the expansion

of the Pohnpei airport to accommodate larger international aircraft, the Guam build-up and changes to immigration in Saipan.

The attendees were advised that the extensions to the Pohnpei airport will result in larger numbers of people travelling to the FSM. A National Task Force has been established to examine a range of issues relating to increases in flight arrivals from Philippines, Palau and possibly Japan. Security matters of concern are immigration and other border breaches including the introduction of invasive plants and animals. Opportunities for transnational crime activities such as drug trafficking, money laundering and people smuggling were also discussed.

Chairperson of the Heads of Law Enforcement meeting, Pohnpei State Chief of Police, Joe Roby, told the Kaselehlie Press, "The value of forums such as these is immeasurable. The opportunity for senior police executives to meet like this and discuss important safety and security issues allows for law enforcement agencies to be more effective in their efforts to make our

communities safer. Officials attending the meetings were also very happy with the advice given by the Australia Federal Police representatives regarding the support which can be provided to our departments."

A strategy was also developed proposing for the FSM to host the Pacific Islands

Chiefs of Police (PICP) Conference in Pohnpei in 2011. PICP is the peak forum for police chiefs throughout the Pacific region. The FSM bid to host PICP in FSM will be delivered to the next PICP meeting to be held in Brisbane, Australia at the end of this month.



Pohnpei gets nod to host Micronesia Games in 2014 FSM state last hosted the event in 2002

By Maripet L. Poso

KOROR, Palau (Palau Horizon, Aug. 18, 2010) – Pohnpei will be hosting the next Micronesian Games, which happen in 2014. The first time that Pohnpei hosted the quadrennial multi-sport event was in 2002.

During the closing ceremony of the 7th Micronesian Games held on Tuesday afternoon at the Palau Track and Field, the Micronesian Games flag was officially handed over to Pohnpei.

"We're very happy and excited about it," Mike Loyola, Chef de Mission of Pohnpei delegation, said in an inter-

view. He said they really prepared well for their bidding proposal. "We gathered the support of our leaders back in Pohnpei, our traditional leaders, national government leaders, as well as State leaders."

Loyola added that they found out that everybody else backed out in the bidding. "When we presented our bid, other bidders did not submit theirs. Maybe they wanted to go to Pohnpei for the next Micro Games," Loyola said.

Loyola said they hosted the Micro Games back in 2002, and they learned a lot from Palau and Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands, which

hosted the Micro Games back in 2006. "We're going to try to follow what Palau and Saipan did," Loyola said. "We will try to do our best."

First thing that they're going to do, according to Loyola, is to solicit funding in cash and in kind. "Next is we will upgrade our facilities, make sure that the sleeping quarters for the athletes are okay; and food and security are good. Those things are very important."

"To our sister state in the east, Pohnpei, which will be hosting the next Micro Games, congratulations," Frank Kyota, Chairman of the Micronesian Games,

said during his speech at the closing ceremony. "As the sun sets in the west, we welcome its rise in the east. We are in good hands. The journey of the Micronesian Games continues."

William Keldermans, President of the Micronesian Games Council, also congratulated Pohnpei. He said Pohnpei submitted a bid to the council, and the council approved.

He went on to say, "...that the camaraderie, the friendship, the spirits he saw among the athletes in this year's Micronesian games will continue throughout the 2014 Micro Games in Pohnpei."

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Secretary Skilling connects with health educators in Japan for assistance in FSM

FSM Information Services

August 18, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei - The Secretary of Health and Social Affairs, Honorable Vita Skilling, visited Japan from July 26 to August 4, 2010, on an invitation by the Association of Medical Educators in the Western Pacific Region (AMEWPR). The visit was sponsored by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF).

The purpose of Skilling's visit was to present an outline of the human resource needs and training needs for health development in the FSM, at the joint symposium of the AMEWPR and the Japan Society of Medical Educators. In order that the Japanese medical educators could evaluate the proper types of training that may be needed to practice in a developing country such as the FSM, Skilling highlighted the fact that the FSM does not yet have any medical schools.

During her visit, Skilling toured two Japanese medical schools, the Japan International Cooperation Agency office, a biomedical

equipment company and other agencies. Also, through collaboration between the Sasakawa Peace Foundation and the Embassy of the FSM to Japan, Skilling paid a courtesy call to the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

It is hoped this visit will strengthen the prospect of obtaining training assistance in the FSM's health sector from the NGOs in Japan, to complement the assistance that the Government of Japan is already providing for the FSM.

SPF, established in Japan since 1986, per its mission statement, seeks to contribute to the welfare of humanity and the sound development of the international community, and thus to world peace, through activities that foster international interaction and cooperation. SPF provides grants for, and when necessary, implements by itself, projects that are intended to help resolve common challenges facing the international community and challenges facing Japan in its relations with other countries, but that are difficult for the state or businesses to undertake.

President Mori signs partnership for development agreement with Australia

FSM Information Services

August 13, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei - On August 4, 2010, while in Vanuatu, attending the 41st Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting in Vanuatu, President Mori signed a Partnership for Development Agreement with the Government of Australia.

The Agreement is a reflection of the Australian Government's commitments made in their Port Moresby Declaration. The Declaration, signed by the Australian Prime Minister in March 2008, established Australia's intentions for a new approach towards the Pacific region via Partnership for Development Agreements, to improve governance, increase investment in economic infrastructure, and achieve better outcomes in health and education with Pacific island nations. Other aspects of the Declaration include assisting Pacific island nations to achieve their Millennium Development Goals and meet

the challenge of climate change mitigation.

The Agreement, executed by Mori, provides that the Government of Australia will support the FSM's pursuit of sustainable economic growth strategies; deliver a jointly determined program of technical, policy and financial support to assist FSM in implementing its development strategies; and facilitate donor coordination. The Agreement provides that, in return, the FSM Government will pursue its development through appropriate budgets, laws, policies, strategies and programs; will optimize the use of aid to achieve this development; and will continue to work towards its Millennium Development Goals.

The parties to the Agreement further agreed that they will initially focus on three key areas: financial stability and economic development, with an emphasis on tax reform; environmental management, with an emphasis on legislation and legal reform; and coordination of development assistance.



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PIDB Board forms task force, elects new officers

The Pacific Islands Development Bank (PIDB) Board of Governors held a special meeting in Palau on Friday, July 30, primarily to review and address the bank's capacity and resource base, vital to its growth and expansion strategy. While the bank has consistently grown in total assets and loan balances in the past five years, increasing its financial resources and capacity remains one of its immediate and highest priorities. The Board, recognizing that need, formed a four-member special Task Force whose main task and objective is to identify and pursue various funding and capitalization sources. "PIDB plays a significant and expanding role in promoting and facilitating the economic development of our island communities", said Gov. Felix Camacho, Chairman of the PIDB Board of Governors. He added that "we need to secure the necessary resources the bank needs in order to carry out its mission and purpose and forming the Task Force is timely". Aren Palik, Bank President & CEO, indicated that the bank has been undercapitalized since its inception and cautioned that securing additional capitalization and funding will not be an easy task. "With the ongoing global recession and the economic and financial challenges faced by many industrialized countries, securing additional capital especially through soft loans will not be easy". Palik added, "the Task Force will work diligently and collaborate with our member governments and development partners as we pursue funding from both public and private sources".

Governor Robert Weilbacher of Kosrae reported in the meeting that Kosrae has made another purchase of capital stock worth \$50,000. This increases Kosrae's total contributed capital in the bank to \$700,000. Yap, Palau, Guam, Pohnpei, and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands have already completed its required membership equity capital of \$1 million. Chuuk State has contributed \$251,000. Chairman Camacho thanked Governor Weilbacher for Kosrae's continued commitment, especially in these difficult times.

The Board also approved the final terms and conditions of a loan facility between PIDB and FSM Development Bank and discussed the status of Marshall Islands membership in the bank, expressing hope that RMI will soon join the bank with its first membership installment payment. The Board, before adjourning, also elected the following new Officers: Governor Sebastian Anefal of Yap, Chairman, Governor John Ehsa of Pohnpei, Vice Chairman, and Vice President and Minister of Finance Kerai Mariur of Palau, Secretary. Outgoing Chairman Camacho thanked members for their support, adding that it has truly been an honor to serve as Chairman of the Board.

Two days earlier, the bank's Board of Directors also held its regular meeting and to facilitate the Board of Governors meeting. Among others, the Board reviewed its 2nd quarter operational performance, investment report, adequacy of allowance for loan

loss reserve, and took action on commercial loan requests. The seven-member board is chaired by the Bank's President and CEO.

Pacific Islands Development Bank (PIDB) is a regional development finance institution, created by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), to assist and contribute to the economic and social development of its member nations and States, individually

and collectively, and to promote economic cooperation among them. Current members of the bank include the Republic of Palau, Island of Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the FSM States of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae. Its corporate office is located in Guam. To learn more about the bank and its products and services, visit www.pacificidb.com.



Sitting (from left): Governor John Ehsa (Vice Chairman), Governor Felix Camacho (Chairman), Governor Benigno Fitial, Governor Kerai Mariur (Secretary), Governor Robert Weilbacher, Governor Sebastian Anefal.

Standing (from left): Governor Charles Chieng, Governor/Director Secilil Eldebechel, Director Lourdes Perez, Bank President and Board of Directors Chairman Aren Palik, Speaker Judy Won Pat (proxy for Governor Ben Pangelinan), Governor Ilai Abraham, Governor/Director Thomas Pablo, Governor/Director Diego Benavente, Director Micahel Gaan.



Poison Centers Ready to Handle Your Medicine Mistakes

One of the common misconceptions surrounding poison centers is that they are aimed primarily at children who've gotten into something they shouldn't have. While poison centers do take such calls, they also take plenty of calls from people who've made mistakes when taking their medicine. In 2008, 10.6 percent of all poison exposures occurred as a result of "therapeutic errors," including taking the wrong medicine or inadvertently taking doses too close together.

The Nebraska and FSM Regional Poison Center offers the following tips aimed at taking medicine safely:

- Never take medicine that isn't intended for you, and never give a person medicine not intended for them. Do not use another person's prescription, even if it is similar to one you may be taking.
- Do not give a child medicine or vitamins intended for adults.
- Never use a household spoon to measure liquids because the volume in such a spoon could vary widely and the dose would not be accurate.
- Make sure after refilling a prescription that the pills look the same as the previous month. Put pills in a place where they cannot be found by children. If the directions are not clear or appear to have changed, ask the pharmacist or your doctor as soon as you notice it. If side effects occur when taking medicine, call your doctor or pharmacist to check and see if you should stop the drug.
- Some drugs include warnings that they should not be taken with certain drugs, supplements, foods or alcohol. Be sure you know if this applies to your medicines.
- Never take medicine in the dark, and use glasses or a magnifier to read the label if necessary before taking each dose. Some poison exposures occur when people accidentally take medicine intended for their pets, or used ear drops in their eyes, or inhaled a spray product intended for the nose.
- Store all medicines out of the sight of teens and others who may try to take them out of curiosity or for abuse purposes. If there are strong pain killers or other potent drugs in the home, consider locking them up separately from other medicines.
- Maintain an up-to-date list of all medicines for each family member, including prescription and over-the-counter drugs, as well as supplements. Show the list to your doctor at clinic visits, and verify each time you go to the pharmacy for refills or buy a new medicine. Be sure you have any allergies listed as well. Having this information when you travel is also very important.
- When using medicine administered by a "patch," take off one patch before applying the next one. In the case of topical products, wash off the skin before applying more.
- Don't flush old medicines down the toilet. Instead, mix them with an inedible substance like coffee grounds or kitty litter, then dispose of them in a sealed bag or other container in the trash. If you are worried or have a question about how to take medicine safely, call the poison center. Dial 288, wait for operator, then 800-222-1222 or call F S M Department of Health & Social Affairs, 320 2872/8300 or your local pharmacy.

... Boys to men

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four islands attended the camp, which focused on the importance of attending high school and related study skills; abstinence and HIV/AIDS education and healthy relationships; and substance abuse and mental health awareness.

PCVs Plum, Ramsey-Macomber, and Lebednik authored a grant through the Australian government's Direct Aid Program to fund the camp – educational supplies, recreational materials, gasoline for transportation to/from camp, food, and honorariums to the camp workers. Plum recognized the municipal government of Moch Island and the Moch school community for their willingness to host the camp “and get these young men of the Mortlocks off on a good foot.”

“Well, I think it was a success,” said Ramsey-Macomber. “They came here sticking to themselves, but look at them now – they’ve made new friends and I don’t see any two from the same island sitting next to one another.” Also making this point, Rev. Simion Haidy, associate pastor of Satowan Protestant Church and the adult facilitator from that island, in his closing remarks thanked the camp for bringing the boys together, relating how nervous and shy they were about coming here, but how happy and relaxed they have become over the course of the camp. “(The Satowan boys) thought they would be sleeping together in the same room – so we only brought one big mat. When we got here and saw they were split up, they got really upset. But, even after one hour, it was okay again because they started to make friends.”

The boys participated in learner-centered workshops during the camp's three morning group ses-

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The Theme for this year was “Island Readers” and the participants learned Reading and Library skills that were geared towards this year's theme. Guest speakers, Mrs. Carmina Lihpai, Former Head Librarian, Mr. Tony Sarapio, Pohnpei Studies, Mr. Eric Ernest, Pingelap Atoll School Librarian and Mr. Alex Plum, Chuuk Peace-Corp Volunteer were also invited to do the Readings to the participants.

The Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the parents for allowing their children to participate in the Program, Peace-Corp Office and the volunteers for their enthusiasm and hard work that they had provided during the two weeks program. With all these efforts and participation, this year's Summer Reading Program was a successful one. Special Thanks go out to the following for their time they spent during the two weeks program:

Peace Corp Volunteers

Jenny Borgwardt
Kate Fosdick
Kate Mutchler
Heather Lillis
Amber Ham
Mollie Wright
Ruthanne Swanson



Other Volunteers

Cory Abraham
Lathan Edward
Chris Johnson

sions to discuss and learn about the camp's three educational topics. After lunch, team builders and ice-breakers helped form bonds which were cemented during the volleyball, capture the flag, and soccer games they played. Free time saw a lot of chess, card-playing, swimming, and just hanging out. “We realized pretty quick that what we were doing was just brand new out here,” said Lebednik. “Learner-focused discussions, youth involvement, and opportunities for their own leadership just haven't been presented to them before. So it was huge that they could take the next step in their maturity.”

“I think if we're successful, we're going to still be hearing about this “first camp” over the course of several months, if not years. And when next school year starts, I bet we'll have a new batch of 8th graders wanting to attend. And if that's how it goes, I think building the local capacity is going to get easier, and we're going to see this thing really get some traction,” said Plum.

After the camp t-shirts were handed out, the group pictures taken, and the handshakes

and goodbyes made, the boys walked off down the path to their homes and waiting boats. As one camper returned to his home on the island, his brother offered him the rest of his cigarette. “Nevermind. I'm quitting,” he said.

Alex Plum is a Peace Corps Volunteer in Micronesia, where he teaches ESL and helps facilitate community development on an outer-island. “Camp Boys to Men” is the first project he created to intentionally reach out and address the issues and challenges facing young men as they grow up.



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“I choose local. The best local foods are breadfruit and banana. I eat just a little, not much, and I’m full.”

Asher Hallens



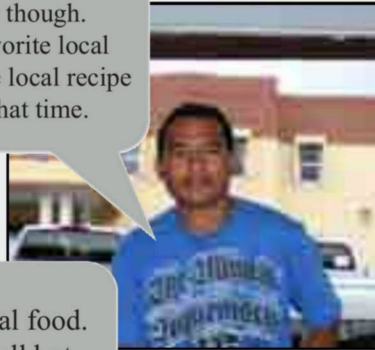
Local... Yam
I plant plenty yams. It’s good for my body and it’s easy to cook. Sometimes I eat rice, but local food is the best.

Rod Robert



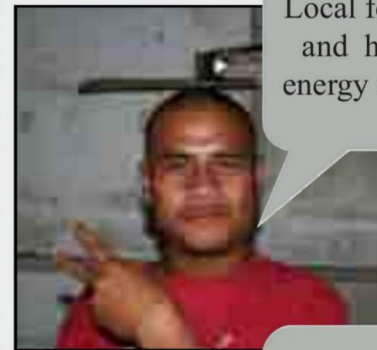
Most of what I eat is local food. If I eat local food it makes me feel strong and healthy. When I eat rice it doesn’t make me feel strong but it gives me energy.. maybe for only one hour though. I can’t choose only one favorite local food. It depends on what the local recipe is or what I’m eating at that time.

Molden Henley



Local food... I like breadfruit... any kind of breadfruit. Local food makes me strong and healthy. It gives me energy and protects me from diseases.

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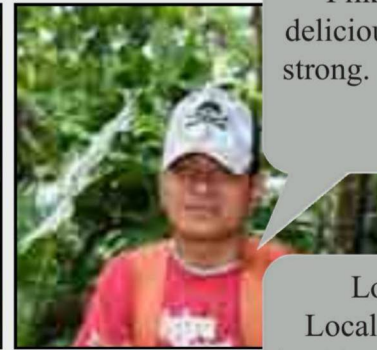
Rice!
I always eat rice and local food. When I eat rice I feel full but when I eat only local food I feel hungry again quickly and want to eat again. If I eat rice and local food I say, “I’m full enough!”

Marlyn Branish



Local... Taro
I like taro because it’s delicious and makes me feel strong. Also it’s easy for me to plant.

Eric Hedson



Local food for me. My favorite is uht sukuuk. When I eat local food I feel very full and have much energy.

Jeanette Feagley



Local! ...tiny taro. Local food is best for my health. The thing I like about local food is that it gives me energy and has so many vitamins inside.

Clinton Ladore





**AusAID Program Manager, Pohnpei
Position Information**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the position of Program Manager for AusAID's Development Co-operation Program undertaken at the Australian Embassy, Pohnpei. The 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 administer the Pacific Partnership for Development Program in the three North Pacific states and to administer AusAID's Scholarships and Volunteers Programs in the North Pacific. He/she will manage the North Pacific Program Small Grants Scheme and will manage components of Australia's development assistance program in the three North Pacific states. The Program Manager will also supervise an AusAID Program Assistant to undertake specific program tasks to support implementation of AusAID's North Pacific Program. 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 multi-cultural environment will be highly regarded.

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FSM participates in 2010 Shanghai World Expo

Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia

August 2, 2010

FSM Embassy, Beijing - Under the leadership of the Commissioner General, Mr. Marion Henry and coordination of Mr. Bermane Aldis of the Tourism Unit of the Department of Resources and Development (R&D), the Embassy is pleased to report that since the opening on May 2010 and until to the scheduled conclusion on October 31, 2010, the FSM booth at the Shanghai World Expo is being manned by Mr. Michael Buchun of Yap, Mr. Petewon Betwell of Chuuk, Mr. Larry Ittu of Kosrae, and Mr. Tang Huiyong a native of China who use to work in Palikir with the Department of Economic Affairs under an FAO scheme. The overall Expo theme is "Better Cities, Better Life". In support of the Expo theme, the Pacific Pavilion which hosts exhibitions from the FSM, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Tonga, Samoa, Fiji, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Marshall Islands, Nauru and Niue as well as the South Pacific Tourism Organization and the Pacific Islands Forum, has portrayed the theme "Pacific, an Inspiration for Better Cities." The FSM, has chosen the

theme of "FSM Traditional Knowledge, A Foundation for Better Cities." The purpose of the FSM theme is to support the Pacific and Expo themes, but more importantly to select a theme that is encompassing of all that the FSM can share with the world community. Under this theme, the FSM is showcasing its traditional navigational skills, the architecture of the Nan Madol and Lelu Ruins, food preservation skills such as the Chuukese "kon", the Pohnpei "mahr" and the Kosrae "fava". In addition, it showcases a stable currency through the Yap stone money. Other exhibitory items being portrayed include wooden carvings and handicrafts from all four states, a canoe from Yap and pepper, coconut oil, noni tea, and other traditional products.

President Mori and his delegation visited the booth on the first day of its opening in May 2010. A delegation to be headed by Vice President Alik Alik is scheduled to visit Shanghai during the FSM Expo National Day on August 29, 2010. As of August 1, 2010, the total number of visitors to the Shanghai World Expo is 35,507,500, which is well over fifty percent of the expected 70 million who are projected to visit the Shanghai World Expo site by the end of this grand event.



(From L-R) Mr. Petewon Betwell, Mr. Tang Huiyong, Mr. Larry Ittu, and Mr. Michael Buchun are the four permanent staff manning the FSM booth at the Shanghai World Expo

Pacific Lineman Training Program receives continued support

US Department of the Interior

Washington, DC - The Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Tony Babauta signed a \$439,500 grant award providing strong support for the Pacific Lineman Training Program (PLTP). The grant will extend the PLTP for an additional year and provide a new class of participants with valuable training which is recognized by the Department of Labor as equivalent to professional linemen certification programs on the U.S. mainland. Participating utilities, from each island, will provide \$406,070 in combined matching contributions; bringing the total funding resulting from this grant to \$845,570.

"The Pacific Lineman Training Program has been an exemplary model for building capacity and bolstering our workforce commitment and development throughout the U.S. Pacific Insular Areas. I am excited about the results generated by this program where support is largely geared towards the advancement of successful technical and

vocational training programs that stand as a valuable resource throughout the region," said Assistant Secretary Babauta.

In 2009, the Pacific Lineman Training Program provided a total of 38 weeks of professional lineman training and more than 1,600 hours of instruction, both in the classroom and hands-on training in the field. In addition, six veteran linemen from Yap completed the Advance Certification class and received their U.S. Department of Labor certification.

"In the last five years, the Office of Insular Affairs has funded over \$2.2 million for the Pacific Lineman Training Program to further develop a cadre of knowledgeable, professional lineman that provide their communities and the utilities service with safe and efficient electricity transmission and field expertise. This is an optimal opportunity to further expand our commitment to job creation while building on existing programs that leverage opportunities for future participants," added Babauta.

Astronomical Tide Prediction August 23 - September 5, 2010

	Pohnpei				Chuuk							
Monday	08/23	02:36AM	4.1	08/30	05:11AM	3.2	08/23	01:44AM	2.0	08/30	03:33AM	1.1
		09:18AM	0.7		11:15AM	1.0		09:27AM	0.0		09:36AM	0.1
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		09:34AM	0.6		05:30AM	2.9		09:21AM	0.0		09:31AM	0.1
		03:33PM	3.3		11:31AM	1.1		03:02PM	0.9		04:55PM	1.7
		09:10PM	1.0		06:24PM	3.6		07:41PM	0.4			
Wednesday	08/25	03:24AM	4.2	09/01	12:57AM	1.8	08/25	02:26AM	2.0	09/01	09:18AM	0.0
		09:51AM	0.6		05:43AM	2.5		09:20AM	0.1		05:33PM	1.6
		03:52PM	3.5		11:43AM	1.3		03:02PM	1.1			
		09:37PM	1.0		07:16PM	3.4		08:13PM	0.3			
Thursday	08/26	03:46AM	4.1	09/02	11:35AM	1.6	08/26	02:45AM	1.9	09/02	08:54AM	-0.1
		10:07AM	0.6		09:19PM	3.2		09:22AM	0.1		06:52PM	1.5
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		10:03PM	1.0					08:44PM	0.3			
Friday	08/27	04:08AM	4.0	09/03	07:54AM	1.6	08/27	03:03AM	1.8	09/03	08:33AM	-0.2
		10:24AM	0.6		11:51PM	3.5		09:26AM	0.1		11:39PM	1.7
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Saturday	08/28	04:29AM	3.8	09/04	07:45AM	1.3	08/28	03:19AM	1.6	09/04	08:28AM	-0.3
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		10:59PM	1.1					09:45PM	0.4			
Sunday	08/29	04:50AM	3.6	09/05	12:56AM	3.9	08/29	03:30AM	1.4	09/05	12:27AM	1.9
		10:58AM	0.8		08:03AM	0.9		09:34AM	0.1		08:34AM	-0.3
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Four FSM students completed studies in China

Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia in Beijing

August 2, 2010

The FSM Embassy is pleased to announce that the following students Mr. Francis Anefal, Ms. Philomina Abraham, Ms. Melyda George and Ms. Cheryl Killion have completed their study in China under the terms of their scholarships provided by the Chinese Government.

Mr. Francis Anefal who is a native of the Island of Yap came to China to take up his studies in 2005. Mr. Anefal graduated from Central China (Huazhong) Normal University, Wuhan City, Hubei Province in June with a B.A. degree in Chinese Literature. Mr. Anefal has returned to Yap but will return to China in September after his short summer break to pursue a Master's degree in International Politics from his same University in Wuhan. Mr. Francis

Anefal is amongst thirteen successful applicants that the Chinese Government has screened and selected to be awarded full scholarships during the upcoming 2010/2011 school year. The list of successful applicants can be found on the Chinese Embassy website link: <http://fm.china-embassy.org/eng/xwdt/t720137.htm>

Ms. Philomina Abraham and Ms. Melita George of Kosrae, along with Ms. Cheryl Killion of Chuuk all came to China in 2006 under the scholarship program and were attending the University of Science and Technology of Beijing enrolling in a four year certificate program devoting their studies to the Chinese language. Their Chinese training is completed this year and all three students have returned to their home islands in the FSM.

The Embassy wishes to extend its sincere congratulations to the four students who have completed their studies in China and further wishes to encourage FSM students to take advantage of the educational opportunity that the Chinese Government is providing to the FSM each year. The Embassy recommends interested students to contact the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Embassy in Palikir for more information regarding scholarship opportunities in China.



Mr. Francis Anefal, Ms. Philomina Abraham, Ms. Melyda George, Ms. Cheryl Killion

WHO opens country liaison office in Palikir

FSM Information Services

August 16, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei - The World Health Organization (WHO) opened their new Country Liaison Office (CLO), within the Department of Health and Social Affairs (DHSA) offices, in Palikir, Pohnpei, on August 10, 2010. This new WHO Office is the first one ever established by the organization to cover the North Pacific region; it will provide services for the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. It is also the first new CLO created by the WHO in 30 years.

On that same day, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), in conjunction with the DHSA, hosted an opening ceremony for the launch of the new CLO in Palikir, by unveiling the WHO's new plaque located at the entrance of the DHSA offices. Present at the ceremony were Vice President Alik; Dr. Shin Young-soo, Director of the WHO Western Pacific Regional Office; Dr. Chen Ken, WHO Representative for the South Pacific; Dr. Boris Pavlin, FSM Liaison Officer for WHO; Ambassador Prahar of the US Embassy; Ambassador Cox of the Australian Embassy; representatives from the Japanese and Chinese Embassies; Secretary Skilling, DHSA; Deputy Secretary Chigiyal, DFA; Secretary Itimai, TC&I; Dr. Mauricio, Director of Archives; John Ehsa, Governor of Pohnpei; Dr. Elizabeth Keller, Pohnpei State Director of Health, and many distinguished guests.

The Government and the people of this Nation are very honored and thankful to WHO, said Chigiyal. As a small island developing nation and as a member of this global health family, the FSM will continue to play its part in advancing WHO's mission, regionally and globally, by doing the best we can in improving health for our own, as well as by supporting the strategies and work of WHO.

The CLO will work with the DHSA on such health issues as diabetes, heart disease, infectious diseases, injury prevention, health system strengthening, and tobacco control; as well as assist the FSM, Palau and RMI with detecting and responding to outbreaks of infectious diseases such as multi-drug-resistant TB and dengue. The CLO will also coordinate and provide training for health professionals in the North Pacific region.

Dr. Chen Ken said that after many years of negotiations for the establishment of the CLO in FSM: this is a dream come true!

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FSM Embassy launches its official website

Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia, Beijing

August 2, 2010,
FSM Embassy, Beijing - In efforts to further promote the FSM in China, and to keep FSM citizens at home and abroad abreast on the activities of the FSM Embassy in Beijing, the Embassy is pleased to report that it has launched its official website which can be accessed at www.fsmembassy.cn

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Under the supervision of the Deputy Executive Director (DED), the CPM is responsible for the overall management of the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) Conservation Program from program development, financial and technical reporting, to resource mobilization, knowledge management and partnership development. This includes the effective management of the full MCT Conservation Grant portfolio, including advised funds, intermediary grant-making, in lieu fee program, invasive species network support and pass-through grants. Tasks include program strategy development, individual project concept design, technical support to MCT grantees and other partners, monitoring and evaluation - to ensure compliance with the overall approved MCT grant-making strategy and policies, Operations Manual, MCT standards, and advised fund agreements. The CPM will also supervise the Conservation Program staff, including making grant and project assignments and conducting performance evaluations.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES (INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO):

- Direct and advise the development of a formal MCT Grant-Making Strategy for approval by the Board of Trustees.
- Set annual performance parameters and objectives for MCT's Conservation Program and funds portfolio, assess the performance and provide recommendations.
- Ensure the maintenance and management of MCT Conservation Program records and files including grantee projects, donor files and other related documents.
- Issue and implement Calls for Proposals as agreed with the Executive Secretariat.
- Responsible for monitoring the implementation of approved projects including gathering and compilation of monitoring and evaluation data from MCT funded projects and distill best practices and facilitate their dissemination to counterparts and partners.
- Responsibility for relations with the Grants Technical Committee, and ensuring the swift assessment of concept papers and full proposals.
- Seek out and identify contacts of mutual interest to MCT and grantees and assist with networking, including identifying learning exchange opportunities, potential donors and technical assistance resources.

- Build strategic partnerships with conservation and other partners, such as donors, foundations, private sector and civil society, in Micronesia and internationally to promote MCT and mobilize resources.
- In collaboration with the MCT Capacity-Building unit, assess the staff and organizational needs of MCT partners and grantees and participate in the development and delivery of capacity-building activities.
- Work with MC Coordinator in building strategic partnerships with development partners, such as donors, foundations, private sector and civil society, to promote MC and mobilize resources.
- Contribute to MC and MCT's efforts to develop effective MC national, regional and global networks for technical support and knowledge management, within the MCT MC Advised Fund(s) program and with external institutions, including academia.
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Ambassador Akillino H. Susaia presents credentials to President HU Jintao

FSM Embassy in Beijing

August 10, 2010 - On July 30, 2010 at 10:00 am, His Excellency Ambassador Akillino Harris Susaia presented his credentials to His Excellency Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China in an official ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China.

After accepting the credentials, President Hu escorted Ambassador Susaia to a meeting room in the Great Hall of the People where the two had a conversation. President Hu Jintao welcomed Ambassador Susaia to China and congratulated him for his appointment and for being the first resident Ambassador of the Federated States of Micronesia to China. President Hu Jintao noted Ambassador Susaia's prior experience as a cabinet official in the FSM National Government and said he believes this experience will be valuable to both the FSM and China. President Hu also encouraged the Ambassador to work closely with all the relevant Ministries of his Government to provide the needed coordination and assistance on how the relationship between the FSM and China can be effectively implemented and sustained.

In responding to President Hu Jintao, Ambassador Susaia conveyed greetings from President Emanuel Mori, the people, and Government of the Federated States of Micronesia. Ambassador Susaia thanked Presi-

dent Hu Jintao for accepting his credentials and said that he would do his best to contribute to the enhancement of the FSM-China Model Relationship.

Ambassador Susaia extended FSM's sincere appreciation for the continued support and assistance by China to the FSM's nation-building efforts through the provisioning of grant aid assistance, scholarships, technical assistance, and humanitarian aid. With regards to FSM's foreign policy towards China, Ambassador Susaia assured President Hu Jintao of FSM's commitment to its "One China Policy." In closing, Ambassador Susaia conveyed to President Hu Jintao FSM's desire to construct a permanent Chancery in Beijing and solicited his assistance towards the approval of a land parcel in Beijing for this Chancery.

ssador Susaia's brief statement by reiterating his deep appreciation towards the FSM's commitment to its One-China policy and re-



Ambassador Susaia (L) presents his letter of credentials to President Hu Jintao(R)

affirmed China's commitment to maintain the cooperative relations with the FSM both at the bilateral and international levels.

Staffing Ambassador Susaia to his Presentation of Credentials Ceremony and meeting with President Hu Jintao was First Secretary Vincent K. Sivas. FSM and China established diplomatic relationship on September

11, 1989. China established its Embassy in the FSM in February of 1990 and posted its first resident Ambassador in June 1991. Currently Ambassador Zhang Weidong is the resident Ambassador of China in the FSM. FSM officially opened its Embassy in Beijing in April 2007 and Ambassador Akillino H. Susaia is the FSM's first resident Ambassador to China.

Opinion Editorial LAW AND ECONOMICS

How much is a life worth?

Martin Mix

The three men from Pohnpei who were lost at sea owe their lives to good luck. Two drifted to the Mortlocks in two weeks. One drifted to Palau in two months. All of the money that was spent on these two searches did not help.

All three of these men would have been home after one day if they had taken an EPIRB with them.

An epirb is a small radio that sends a signal to a satellite. When a signal is received the authorities in Pohnpei would be contacted and told that an emergency signal had been received. The authorities in Pohnpei would be told exactly where the signal came from.

The authorities in Pohnpei could then send a patrol boat or a private boat to help the boat that was in trouble.

The rescue would take two days at the most.

Epirbs cost from \$200.00 up according to Amazon.com. You can get a really good one for \$500.00.

It costs \$250,000.00 for the US Coast Guard to bring an airplane and search for a lost boat. At \$500.00 each it is possible to buy five hundred epirbs for the same money that it takes to do one US Coast Guard search.

It seems like a no-brainer that the US government should want to save money by having an epirb on every boat that goes outside the reef. They could give away epirbs to every boat that goes outside and it would be cheaper than doing one search per year.

I contacted the US Coast Guard with this idea. They are aware of the savings but the man I was in contact with said it was a bureaucratic nightmare. US Department of State, US Department of Defense, FSM Government, Pohnpei State Government are all involved. There are questions about giving away government property and about maintenance.

One official involved in disaster control feels that the people on the boat should care enough about their lives to have an epirb on the boat. I agree with

him. If a person goes outside without an epirb it means that the person does not care enough about his own life to make sure that he is safe. If the person on the boat does not care about his life then why should the government care about his life?

The FSM Petroleum Corporation is providing epirbs for the Pohnpei Fishing Club boats. This is a great start. It seems to me, though, that the Fishing Club members are among those boat owners who can most likely afford to buy an epirb.

The question is how to get an epirb into every boat that goes outside the reef.

The answer is with legislation absolutely prohibiting the state from looking for a lost boat. If a boat without an epirb is lost then the family of the lost people will have to pay the cost of the search.

If this seems too harsh perhaps the US Government, the FSM Government and the Pohnpei State Government can come up with a way to help the boat owners get epirbs.

The US will save \$250,000 for every search that the Coast Guard will not have to do. The FSM will save the money it takes to send the patrol boats out looking. Pohnpei State will save the cost of looking for the lost boat.

Requiring an epirb on every boat that goes outside will save the three governments money. More important is that it absolutely guarantees that the boat will be found within one day.

The three governments need to figure out a way to help but the epirbs if it is truly impossible for the boat owner to buy an epirb.

Until there is an epirb on every boat the US, the FSM and Pohnpei State will keep on spending all that money that could be used to buy epirbs.

Most important of all is that no boats will be lost. No lives will be put at risk.

Letter to the Editor

The most important point in your article on moving the dump site from Dekehtik to Palikir is covered by the statement: "transportation will be a component".

Transportation is more than a "component". Transportation is by far the most important factor that will make the idea work or not work.

Who is going to pay the cost to carry the trash from Dekehtik to Palikir? The equipment will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to buy. It will cost tens of thousands of dollars each year to operate and maintain this equipment. This is in addition to the trash service we now have.

The road to the Palikir site will have to be upgraded and maintained to carry the big trucks that will move the trash. These trucks require a road in good condition.

Experience has shown that individuals will not take their trash to Dekehtik if it costs too much to do that. Individuals will not take their trash to Palikir because it is too expensive to drive there.

Who is going to pay to move the trash from Dekehtik to Palikir?

As soon as a definite and ongoing funding source to buy and operate

and maintain the equipment is found I will back the Palikir site. Until that ongoing funding source is found then talk of moving the dump site is just that – talk only.

Martin Mix

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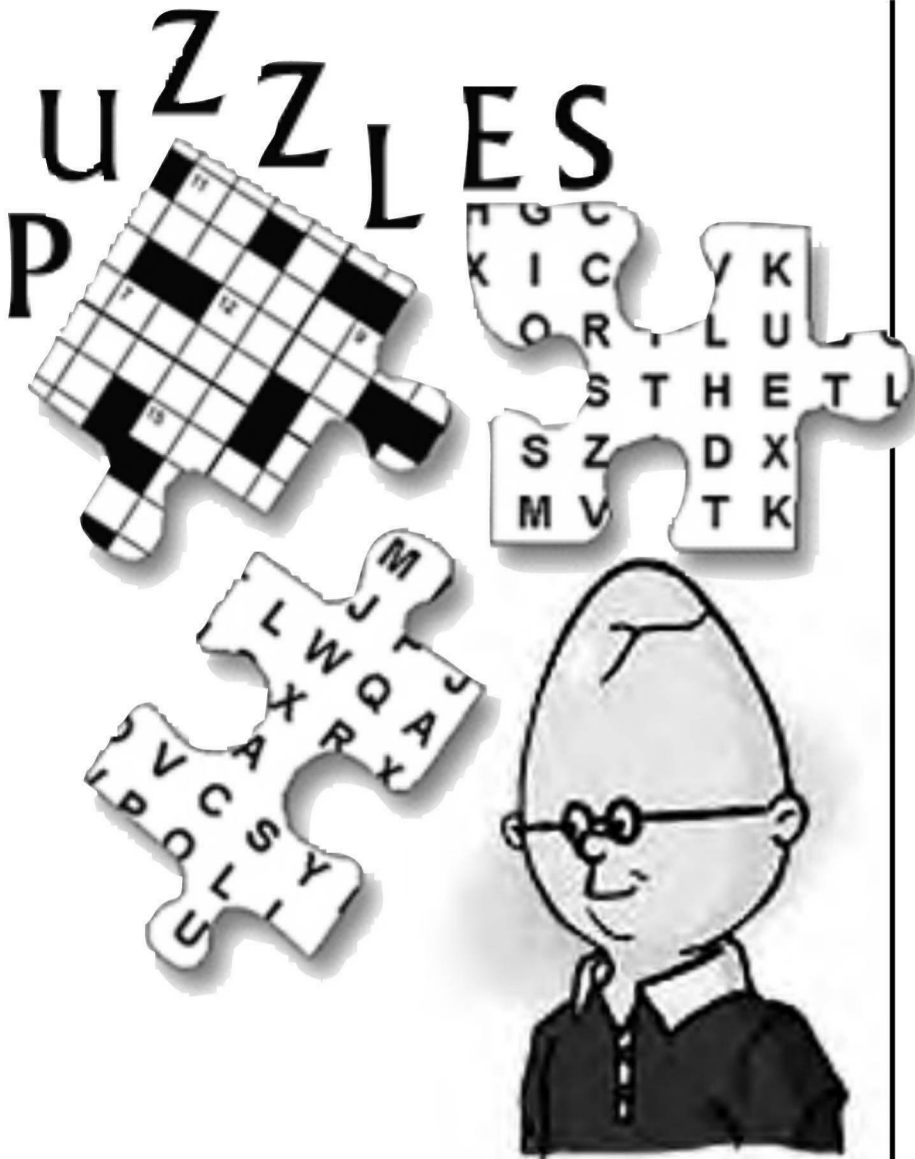
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See if you can find all twenty hidden countries.

- Vladimir and Olga are Soviet names.
- Have you ever heard an animal talk in dialect?
- The children put on galoshes to go out in the rain.
- Extra tuition will help an amateur to improve his painting.
- In the United Nations we denounce the wholesale ban on atomic weapons
- Rash decisions may lead to trouble so thorough analysis is required.
- The king and queen eat breakfast and lunch in a fine palace.
- Such a display could be either really grand or rather disappointing.
- Give the dog a bone and give him a little water.
- If an iron pipe rusts you just have to shrug and accept it.

Crossword - community

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I know right from wrong - wrong is the fun one!

think about it: Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died



Island Inspiration:

English 101: why does "monosyllabic" have 5 syllables

The best mind-altering drug is truth

Daffy Definition: Yoga - Exercise for posers

Papa Says:

Stupid should hurt



Discover wildlife... Have children



Mama Says:

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There once was a man from Algiers Who tried growing corn in his ears When the temperature rose He leapt to his toes Now popping is all that he hears.

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Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Kia's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Public Welcome.
The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.
Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the High Tides Restaurant. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at: - rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com
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“Go Local” at 2nd China-Pacific Forum on Agricultural Cooperation

July 6, 2010 (FSM Embassy, Beijing) Organized by the Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China, the second China-Pacific Island Countries Forum on Agricultural Cooperation was held in Xiamen, Fujian Province, China from July



Ms. Emihner Johnson delivers presentation during the Forum on Agricultural Cooperation

Mwoakilloa joins the Go Local Agroforestry and Health Project

By Mona J. Tara

Mwoakilloa community has been added to the Go Local Agroforestry and Health Project in Pohnpei as a team from the Island Food Community of Pohnpei arrived on August 5, 2010. A one-day workshop was given on the Project Concept and the importance to grow and eat more local food. Over 50 adults and children attended the workshop. The Standard talk on the nutritional value of our own local food or “pein sakatail” was given by Ms. Emihner Johnson, the community local food educator. There was a great interest as the community shared the concerns they have regarding the consumption of local food. Ms. Johnson emphasized the importance of eating our own locally grown food as this would help prevent diseases like diabetes, heart problems and cancer. She also explained in detail the CHEEF benefits of growing and eating locally grown food. Everyone was excited after the lessons were given claiming that now that they know that they can go back to eating more locally grown food such as giant swamp taro, breadfruit, bananas and pandanus.

A Go Local Agroforestry and Health Baseline Survey was also carried out in order to understand better what the community is eating, what varieties of tree crops they are growing, their health knowledge and their waist cir-

cumference, which is an important health indicator for overweight and obesity. This information is also valuable for project evaluation purposes. IFCP would like to thank the Mayor, Mwoakilloa Municipal Government and staff for organizing a delicious all local food reception after the meeting. The participants gave positive comments on the fact that the dinner served had no rice and everyone enjoyed the dinner.

Special thanks are given to the funding agencies for making this visit possible: Secretariat of the Pacific Community Lifestyles Health Section, Food and Agriculture Organization, and US Forestry. Island Food Community of Pohnpei would like to thank Caroline Islands Air for inserting our trip in their busy schedules and Pohnpei State Department of Health services for allowing us to use their facility.

5-8, 2010. The Forum themed on promoting cooperation with companies to enhance food security brought together government officials from respective Ministries of the Chinese central and provincial governments of China, various researchers and private sector representatives to exchange views and information with the participating Pacific Island Countries on agriculture and food security. Participating Pacific island countries to the forum included: Cook Islands, FSM, Fiji, Niue, PNG, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu.

The Forum provided an overview of the current cooperation between China and the Pacific Island Countries, and also provided the opportunity for represented countries and companies to give country and company presentations to report on agriculture related matters and to seek cooperation between the two sides. The dispatching of Chinese technicians in agriculture and animal husbandry, to the human resource development programs in China, all have played a critical role in the development of agriculture production and food security in the Pacific. China has taken measures within its capacity to assist with food security issues. Building on the success of the first Agriculture Forum that was held in Wuxi, Jiangsu Province in 2009, and noting that companies and enterprises are a dynamic element for economic development, this year's Agriculture Forum encouraged more cooperation with Chinese companies for the purpose of investment and foreign trade.

Representing the FSM in this important Forum was Ms. Emihner Johnson who is a local food educator working for the Island Food Community of Pohnpei, Micronesia. Ms. Johnson chaired a segment of the Forum and also did an excellent job in preaching the “Go Local” campaign from the FSM. Equipped with data and scientific analysis of local food found in Micronesia, she shared her experiences and accomplishments through the Island Food Community of Pohnpei. In her presentation she reiterated the same observations that were raised by other Pacific representatives on the need

to improve and utilize more local products. In her presentation, Ms. Johnson educated the audience to revert back to local foods and save the large sum of money that is spent on imported food products (\$17 million for Pohnpei) and at the same time save your health.

In light of the current agriculture cooperation that exists between FSM and China, Ms. Johnson thanked the Chinese Government for their continued assistance towards the pilot farm project in Madolenihmw, Pohnpei. The Farm covers an area of 80,000 square meters and has successfully produced over forty varieties of vegetables and fruits and has trained over six hundred local farmers. The products produced locally from the farm in Madolenihmw compliments the efforts of the Island Food Community of Pohnpei to encourage more people to consume local food for the “CHEEF” benefits. CHEEF is an acronym used by the Island Food Community referring to “Culture, Health, Economic, Environment, and Food security.

The agriculture cooperation forum provided a good platform for the exchange of information between the participants. Both sides have agreed that the forum was successful and have intensified discussions between China and the Pacific island countries. For future cooperation, the Chinese side has proposed that should the Pacific be willing to host the next forum, the Chinese side is willing to attend in order to gain a understanding of the Pacific environment in the areas of agriculture, investment, trade, etc. With regards to projects, the Chinese side has welcomed participating countries to follow up on the concluded forum and to also submit concrete and well designed project proposals for consideration.

Aside from participants from the respective capitals in the Pacific, invitations were extended to the Pacific island missions based in Beijing. First Secretary, Vincent Sivas represented the FSM Embassy at the Forum.



Kosrae Campus produces 20 graduates

College of Micronesia-FSM

Twenty students participated in the graduation ceremony held at COM-FSM Kosrae Campus last July 22, 2010.

Regent Lyndon Cornelius conferred the certificate of achievements and degrees to the graduates who have completed their studies by fall 2009, spring 2010 and summer 2010.

The name of the graduates and their courses are as follows:

Certificate of Achievement in Carpentry
Robert Tulensru.

Certificate of Achievement in Agriculture

and Food Technology
Roland George, Norman Jonithan Jr. and Benjamin Neth.

Associate of Applied Science in Electronics Technology
Moody Kilafwasru, Wallus Lakutak, Benton Nena, Hiroki Noda and Ludick Talley.

A.S. in Teacher Education-Elementary
Tatasy Alikxa, Carlos Cianchini, Kun Elley, Rollinson Jonas, Berswina Lonno, Vertileya Mongkeya, Sorlin Olter, Bee-Jane Paulino, Edna Shrew, Bond Sighrah, Elaine Wakuk and Tulensru Wakuk.

Mr. Paul Hadik who attended the commencement ceremony on behalf of Governor

Weilbacher received the graduates, "come to the department of education and fill out a job application", he invited. Witnessing the event were state senators, corporate leaders, parents, spouses and children of graduates, Senator Paliknoa Welly, and friends of the College.



Pohnpei's Ronald Reyes graduates Security Responses to Terrorism Course

Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies
Public Affairs

HONOLULU – Mr. Ronald I. Reyes, Safety and Security Manager, Pohnpei Port Authority, from Kolonia, Pohnpei, graduated August 5, from the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies' Comprehensive Security Responses to Terrorism (CSRT) Course in Honolulu. Reyes received his diploma from APCSS Director, retired U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Ed Smith.

Reyes joined 81 other military and civilian participants who attended the four-week course, from 37 locations, primarily throughout the Asia-Pacific region, as well as other far reaches of the globe.

Participating in the CSRT course were representatives from Afghanistan, American Samoa, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Brazil, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Djibouti, Egypt, El Salvador, Fiji, Guam, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Laos, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives and Mauritius. They also came from Mexico, Micronesia, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Turkey, Tuvalu, United States and Vietnam.

The Comprehensive Security Responses to Terrorism Course provides key states in the Asia-Pacific region and other designated countries, the operational and strategic-level skills necessary to enhance their ability to combat terrorism and to cooperate with other regional nations. The course is designed to

build relationships between and among the United States and current and future counterterrorism practitioners of participating countries, develop the trust and confidence necessary for increased information sharing, and identify ways to reduce obstacles to cooperation in the international struggle against those who use terror to promote their goals.

The Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies is a Department of Defense academic institute that addresses regional and global security issues. Military and civilian representatives of the U.S. and Asia-Pacific nations participate in our comprehensive program of executive education, professional exchanges and outreach events, both in Hawaii and throughout the Asia-Pacific region. APCSS' mission is to educate, connect, and empower security practitioners to advance Asia-Pacific security.

Since opening in 1995, the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies has had representatives from 94 countries attend courses at the Center for a total of 5,174 alumni.



Ronald I. Reyes is presented his graduation certificate from APCSS Director, retired Lt. Gen. Ed Smith on Thursday, August 5, 2010

1st Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick Memorial Scholarship awarded

By Jim Tobin

The first Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick Memorial Scholarship award ceremony was held at the FSMNOC/Micronesia Red Cross conference room in Kolonia on Friday, August 13. A \$10,000 scholarship was presented to Ramsie Joab, from Awak, Pohnpei. The ceremony was attended by leaders of the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs, FSM National Olympic Committee and College of Micronesia-FSM, and Pretrick and Joab family members. The program included an opening prayer by Reverend Bethwel Henry and remarks from Penny Weilbacher, Chairwoman, Dr. Pretrick Memorial Scholarship Committee, Joseph Habuchmai, Acting President of COM-FSM and Moses Pretrick, on behalf of the Pretrick family.

During her short remarks, Chairwoman Weilbacher stated: "our selection process was completed in May. Ramsie Joab, a Student Services personnel at the COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus, was unanimously selected as the first recipient of this unique scholarship. Ramsie is a very promising young man whose heart is in sports. He has had many accomplishments in the area of sports. The committee has high hope

that Ramsie will return to Pohnpei with a bachelor's degree in Sports Science from the University of Hawaii at Hilo in two years. We hope he will get a teaching position at COM-FSM and continue to work with the College students as well as with youth in the community."

Dr. Pretrick was the formal Secretary of the FSM National Government Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs and the founding President of the FSM National Olympic Committee. Dr. Pretrick passed away in May 2007. Last year, Penny Weilbacher, Iris Falcam, Moses Pretrick, Lore Nena and Jim Tobin formed the Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick Memorial Scholarship Committee. The committee was later approved by the Department of Justice, FSM National Government as a certified Non-Profit Corporation. Mrs. Weilbacher was elected the Penny is the Chairwoman, Iris Falcam as Co-Chairwoman, Tobin as Secretary/Treasurer with Pretrick and Nena as Committee Members. Suzie Yoma joined as the fifth committee member replacing the late Iris Falcam. The committee's goal is to award one \$10,000 scholarship annually to a FSM citizen who wishes to attend a 4-year university with a goal to receive a bachelor's de-

gree in physical education or a sport related field. The scholarship is for a 3rd or 4th year student.

Joab departed Pohnpei on August 16 to Hilo, Hawaii, with University of Hawaii Hilo student registration starting on August 19.

