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U.S. Army welcomes 29 new Micronesian soldiers

By The Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On June 17, twenty-nine F.S.M. citizens (22 from Pohnpei, seven from Kosrae) took the oath of enlistment into the United States Army at the U.S. Embassy in Pohnpei.

Following an invocation by First Sergeant Frank Semens (Retired), Guam Detachment Recruiting Commander First Sergeant Yong Fox and Portland Battalion Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Crow provided

opening remarks. In his own remarks, U.S. Ambassador to the F.S.M. Peter A. Prahar, himself a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, said, "When we put on the uniform, we come to realize that we have joined something greater than ourselves: an organization with a mission and an ethic that will embrace you, give you purpose and direction, and keep you going in good times and bad." F.S.M. Department of Foreign Affairs Secretary Lorin Robert then told the enlistees that "... [t]his is your day. This is your day of personal victory, celebrating your achievement, well deserved, as a source of pride for you and your family."

Master of Ceremonies Sergeant Nelson Jack introduced the individual inductees and Honolulu Military Enlistment Processing Station (MEPS) First Lieutenant Christine Leimbach administered the oath, assisted by Future Soldier Non-Commissioned Officer-in-Charge Staff Sergeant Walter Asher of Kosrae.

The enlistees from Pohnpei include: Private Harvey Allen, Pvt. Nadine Anson, Pvt. Tasha Anson, Pvt. Castro George, Pvt. Lloyd Daniel, Pvt. Raynardsen Dannis, Pvt. Jordan Ehpel, Pvt. Leason Hedson, Pvt. Jay Joseph, Pvt. Jeffrey Kleespie, Pvt. Danston Ladore, Pvt. Diamondra Lemiel, Pvt. Mackson Neth, Pvt. Marvin Obispo, Private 1st Class Lory Ohry, Pvt. Marson Robert, Pvt. Xner Rodriquez, Pvt. Kevin Samuel, Pvt. Melissa Santos, Pvt. Francis Sohl Jr., and Pvt. Marisa Stallings.

The enlistees from Kosrae include: Pvt. John Alokoa, Pvt. Larry Asher, Pvt. Chuck George, Pvt. Sisado Olter, Pfc. Alokoa Palik, Pvt. Robert Talley, and Pvt. Hedges Tilfas.

The Compact of Free Association enables Micronesians to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, which they have done honorably since World War II. While serving their three to four year commitment, enlistees will have the opportunity to acquire technical and career-related expertise. Under the G.I. Bill, Micronesian enlistees are also eligible for U.S. higher education tuition assistance.

The new soldiers will depart for basic training at one of five Stateside training centers in October and November.



Ambassador Prahar (center) stands with the twenty-nine enlistees and Guam Recruiting Detachment (L-R) SSG Asher, ISG Fox, SFC Thomas Asis and SFC Jack following the enlistment ceremony on June 17.

Former U.S. Soldier remembered in Kosrae

By The Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

Kosrae FSM—On May 22, the remains of the late U.S. Army Sergeant Leilani Mongkeya arrived at Kosrae International Airport in Kosrae aboard Continental flight CO957. SGT Mongkeya medically retired from the U.S. Military in March 2009. Mogkeya died on May 7 in El Paso, Texas.

That same day the family and friends of the late-sergeant escorted her remains to the Mongkeya Residence in Tofof, Kosrae, where a funeral was held in her honor. U.S. Embassy Management Officer JoEllen Gorg provided remarks, while the U.S. Military Honor Guard presented the flag to SGT Mogkeya's father, Shrew Mongkeya.

Sergeant Leilani Mongkeya joined the U.S. Army in 2004. She is survived by her father Shrew, mother Lorinda, son Darios Jr., and sisters Suwanita, MariLinda, and Linsen.



Sergeant 1st Class Archivaldo Freire presents Shrew Mongkeya with his daughter's flag at the funeral service held in her honor May 22.

News reports on new scientific study of Pacific atolls "spin" out of control

*By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press*

Pohnpei, FSM—If Internet news stories and blog postings are at all accurate, doubters seem to be convinced that a recently accepted peer reviewed study has fully and completely debunked the claims of Pacific Island Nations that many of their islands will be uninhabitable as a result of climate change caused sea level rise.

The thirteen page report encapsulates years of scientific study by Paul S. Kench of the University of Auckland in New Zealand and, Arthur P. Webb of the South Pacific Applied Geosciences Commission in Fiji. The report is entitled, "The dynamic response of reef islands to sea-level rise: Evidence from multi-decadal analysis of island change in the Central Pacific."

Their study concluded that 60 years of evidence proves that the shores of many atoll islands in the Pacific are broadening rather than narrowing as had been previously assumed.

"How are global warming believers going to spin this one," one responder asked in a comment on an internet blog posting based on news stories about the report. The blogger didn't appear to have read the thirteen page technical report nor had that person bothered to

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Some US businesses still unwilling to ship to FSM by USPS-if at all

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—Address a package that includes the ZIP code 90210 and, because of the hit 1990's television show, postal employees around the world would likely know that the package is bound for Beverly Hills, California. Address a package to 96941, 96942, 96943, or 96944 with the US Postal Service assigned two letter abbreviation of FM (Federated States of Micronesia, or FSM) and sometimes even in the United States, postal employees may give you blank stares.

It's not a new United States Postal Service regulation that mail bound for the FSM should be treated as U.S. domestic mail. Throughout the first Compact of Free Association between the U.S. and the FSM, mail destined for the Freely Associated States which includes the FSM was handled in the U.S. as domestic mail.

In January of 2006, after the Compact of Free Association between the U.S. and the FSM (Compact II) had taken effect, the United States Postal Service (USPS) essentially cancelled the ZIP codes that had previously applied to the FSM. It didn't mean that mail could not be sent to the FSM but it did mean that all mail would be treated as international mail which costs significantly more than domestic mail.

In November of 2007 the USPS reversed their 2006 decision and reinstated domestic styled priority mail services for the FSM. They said that the application of international rates to the Freely Associated States had observable effects on the economy and business correspondence of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the FSM.

"The Postal Service had considered a number of business solutions to lessen that impact. Technological and other obstacles currently make other solutions imprac-

ticable. Therefore, to allow the governments of the RMI and the FSM to continue to pursue appropriate long term solutions to this problem without adversely impacting the economies of the parties and the lives of their people, the Postal Service takes this step to return the parties and their people to the position they held prior to the application of the international mail schedule to them," USPS representative wrote in the October 31, 2007 issue of the Federal Register.

The US Postal Service updated the manuals that postal employees use to guide their actions to reinstate US domestic styled and priced postal services to the FSM and the RMI. Just the same, some US Postal employees are not familiar with the FSM or the RMI and after two and half years some still are not up to speed on the changes in the Domestic Mail Manual in regards to the FSM and the RMI.

Even with reinstated domestic type mail services to the FSM and the RMI it can be difficult to find companies who will ship to the countries. Sometimes a potential customer of a US based business can send a copy of the changed postal regulations to that business's shipping department and the problem is solved. The pages in the regulations that applies to the FSM and the RMI can be found at <http://pe.usps.com/text/dmm300/608.htm>.

Though US businesses can ship to the FSM they are not in any way required to do so.

"The decision whether to ship to the FSM lies totally with the private company," wrote Mr. Leo Tudela in an email. Tudela is the Director of Asia-Pacific International Relations for the U.S. Postal Service. "For example, the USPS has been notified recently that WalMart will no longer ship to any destination that does not support Electronic Delivery Confirmation. Thus, WalMart will no longer ship to the RMI, the FSM, Palau, and the CNMI for ex-

ample, as these destinations do not offer electronic delivery confirmation. WalMart must be able to obtain electronic proof of delivery else it will not ship to that destination."

FSM's Assistant Post Master General Jack Jack said that some time before he started work with the FSM Postal Service the USPS provided the FSM with equipment that would allow for electronic delivery confirmation. He said that in the estimation of the US Postal Service the cost for that service was just too high, not because of electronic communication expense but because the volume was so low. It just wasn't worth it to have the equipment here and the USPS removed it. "Nothing has changed because of the fiber optic," Jack said.

Some customers in the FSM recently began to notice a change in the shipping policies of companies in the United States from whom they'd previously successfully done business. Tudela said that no USPS regulations had changed that might have caused that shift.

"The US Postal Service has not made any recent policy changes regarding shipment to the FSM and the rest of the Freely Association States (FAS), with the exception of a cigarette and smokeless tobacco mailability ban which will go into effect later this month, which affects not only the FSM but most of the United States and all of the FAS. These products will no longer be mailable," wrote Tudela.

"On a broader scale, the USPS knows of companies that simply will not ship outside the United States. Please be aware, that while mail shipped to the FSM uses US domestic zip codes and rates for postage, it is not domestic mail. The FSM as well as all of the FAS mail is 'treated as domestic mail.' Many companies will not ship to Guam and the CNMI US Post Offices. The US military in Guam for example, also wants companies to ship to them but companies refuse. Please note that many on-line companies will not ship even to Hawaii or may only ship to the 'lower 48.' Again, the decision to where a company will ship is solely that of the in-

dividual company. Even if a company will ship to a certain geographic area, it may not use the US Postal Service, but rather UPS or FEDEX, even if the customer specifically requests USPS. The reason for this is that many companies want to ship with only one provider for many different reasons, including being able to provide bundled discounted pricing, if contractually all their shipments are sent with that one vendor (shipper)," Tudela wrote.

While the US Postal Service treats FSM and RMI bound mail as if were domestic mail, UPS, FEDEX, DHL and other private services do not, and the companies charge an international shipping rate to send mail to the countries.

The FSM has not changed its postal regulations in any way that would hinder shipping to the FSM from the United States either.

The FSM Postmaster General did send out a press release recently saying that mail from outside of the FSM or the United States of America should include an extra line following the ZIP code that says "United States of America."

This is not some nefarious United States of America plan to usurp FSM sovereignty. It simply helps to insure that mail sent from locations other than in the United States and the FSM arrives where it is supposed arrive.

"It took my mother more than two hours to send a package to me from France," one recently arrived resident of the FSM said. "It wasn't some small post office. It's a huge post office in Paris...Pohnpei wasn't in their computer."

She said that if she had seen the FSM Postmaster's press release it could have saved her mother a great deal of time.

"The USPS has been trying to convince the private companies to ship to these areas, but some of them still continue not to ship for the reason above," Tudela wrote. "The USPS will continue to follow up with the private companies to have a favorable response."

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Rotary celebrates 20 years of service in Pohnpei

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM—The Rotary Club of Pohnpei celebrated its 20th anniversary on the evening of June 10, 2010 at Club Cupid in Nanpohnmal. Over the years the Rotary Club has raised thousands of dollars locally and from sister Rotary Clubs from around the world. They've put that money to good use for many good causes in Pohnpei.

On the day of the celebration, Rotarians met at the Pohnpei Public Library to celebrate the donation of two new computers for the library's computer room. The computers were donated by the Rotary Club of Tumon Bay in Guam. Mr. Don Clark was on hand to present the computers to the library.

Penny Weilbacher, a founding board member of the Pohnpei Public Library said that during the school year the library attracts 200 to 300 students after school. Of the users of the library, she said 80 to 90 percent of them are children. "That was exactly our intention when we founded the library."

She thanked the Rotary Club for their donation of new metal shelving for the library that took place several months ago and put in a bid for the Rotary to help the library to find a way to get a new roof. Currently, when it rains, employees must place buckets around the library to catch the

dripping water from the leaking ceiling. Mr. Clark said that he would make it a priority to raise the issue with his own home Rotary Club.

It's what the Rotary Club does. It helps the community and even if the Pohnpei Rotary Club can't do it themselves they seek help from other donors who might be willing to help in Pohnpei.

The Power Point Presentation prepared by Freddie Ricafrente, club treasurer was presented at the anniversary celebration. It said that since the club was founded in 1990 it has had 136 members and currently has 22 members, 10 of whom are women or 45% of the membership.

The presentation listed dozens of Pohnpei Rotary club accomplishments in their 20 year history that included donations of books, community clean up projects, medical missions to the FSM, PATS fundraisers, facilitation of the donation of over \$90,000 to the COM Endowment Fund, medical and dental equipment, supplies, a new ambulance and VHF radio equipment donations to the Pohnpei State Hospital, donation of solar powered water

purification equipment to five schools to the Mand community, donation of portable dental equipment to the PMA Ship Hospital, donation of handheld stop signs and reflective vests, donation of a fire truck to the Pohnpei Fire Station, donation of a school bus to Pohnpei's Early Childhood Education program, four Low Vision projects to provide vision correction for achromatopsia patients, donation of sports equipment to the Salvation Army Youth Center, donation of 400 water stills for Chuuk outer islands, donations of soccer goals, basketball backboards, and other donations to the tennis club, and much more.

The presentation also listed projects on which the club is currently working.

The Rotary Club holds an annual Quiz Night each November to raise money for the club's scholarship project. Last year the club raised over \$9000 for scholarship. On the first Friday of every month the club holds a raffle at Coco Marina that also benefits the scholarship program.

The Pohnpei Rotary Club meets at 12:15 pm each Thursday. Individuals interested in the possibility of joining the club are welcome to attend.



Mr. Don Clark, representative of the Rotary club of Tumon Bay, and Rotary Club of Pohnpei President Noel Boylan



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FSM National and State CCC Coalitions Attended CCCLI in Los Angeles

By **Robert Jackson**
FSM National CCC Member

The FSM National Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition members were among over 400 members of the Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalitions from the U.S., U.S. affiliated Pacific Island Jurisdictions, Virgin Island, Puerto Rico and the Comprehensive Cancer Control National Partners who attended a Comprehensive Cancer Control Leadership Institute (CCCLI) held at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza hotel in Los Angeles, California during the week of June 7-10, 2010. There are CCC Coalitions in each of the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Island Jurisdictions of American Samoa, Territory of Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the four FSM States and the FSM National Government.

The meeting was funded by the Comprehensive Cancer Control National Partners, which included the American Cancer Society, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, Association of State and Territorial Health Officers, C-Change, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Health Resources and Services Administration, Intercultural Cancer Council, Lance Armstrong Foundation, National

Association of Chronic Disease Directors, National Association of County and City Health Officials, North American Association of Central Cancer Registries, National Cancer Institute, and Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The National partners footed the bills for everyone attending the meeting, which covered round trip airfares, hotel room costs, ground transportation and allowances.

The theme of the meeting was "Partner in Progress: Collaborating to Conquer Cancer". Numerous speakers commended on past and continuing efforts on early discovery, diagnosis, prevention, and palliative care and encouraged continuing use of research based or evidence based prevention and intervention techniques and resources. Plenary sessions were conducted on the future of comprehensive cancer control and health care policy and reform and concurrent workshops were provided on survivorship and quality of life, prevention, early

detection, treatment, and infrastructure.

The FSM National Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition was represented by the National CCC Coalition Coordinator, Mr. Amato Elymore and Coalition members, Senator Dohsis Halbert and Mr. Robert Jackson. At this juncture of the Comprehensive Cancer Control efforts, it is critically important to embrace the partnership of policy makers to push some of the issues on tobacco control, nutrition, and physical activities and Senator Halbert was joined by other policy makers from American Samoa, Hawaii, Yap, Kosrae, and Chuuk at the meeting.



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- There is no minimum bid amount for the parcel or lot.
- Bids may be placed on one or more parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "July 1, 2010 Land Auction" by personal delivery to FSM Development Bank, Corporate Office, Namio Building, 2nd floor, Kolonia, Pohnpei or to at any Bank branch in Kosrae, Chuuk or Yap, on Thursday, July 1, 2010 between 12:00 p.m. noon and 4:00 p.m. Bids may also be mailed to FSM Development Bank, Attn: Nora E Sigrah, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941
- The deadline for receipt of bids by the Bank will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 1, 2010.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must clearly state the bid amount separately for each parcel.
- The winning bidder for each parcel will be notified in writing. Payment by cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Development Bank" must be made no later than ten (10) days after notice is given. The winning bidders must be eligible to hold title to land in the FSM.
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- Bids may be rejected at the discretion of the Bank.

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



Pohnpei meeting of Pacific Islands Forum Trade Ministers advances PACER Plus

By Misa Telefoni Retzlaff, Samoan Deputy Prime Minister; Simon Crean, Australian Minister for Trade; and Murray McCully, New Zealand Minister for Foreign Affairs

We are greatly encouraged by the decisions adopted at the Pacific Islands Forum Trade Ministers' Meeting held in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, on 29 April, which we had the honour to participate in. These decisions will help ensure that the negotiations for a new regional trade and economic agreement, known as PACER Plus, will lead to lasting benefits for Forum Island countries.

Trade Ministers gathered in Pohnpei were pleased to hear that the Chief Trade Adviser, Dr Christopher Noonan, had started work, and they encouraged him to move swiftly to finalise the establishment of his office. The Office of the Chief Trade Adviser will

provide valuable, independent advice and support to Forum Island countries during the PACER Plus negotiations.

Trade Ministers accepted Australia's offer to support a technical workshop on customs issues in late August/early September and Solomon Islands' offer to host the next PACER Plus Officials' Meeting later this year. We are convinced these meetings will be important occasions for further discussions on how PACER Plus can create opportunities for the region.

At the meeting in Pohnpei, Trade Ministers also discussed the fundamental importance of shipping, aviation, telecommunications and water infrastructure to increased trade in goods and services in the region. Ministers agreed that these matters should be added to the existing priority PACER Plus negotiating issues relating to goods trade, development assistance, and regional la-

bour mobility.

On the issue of regional labour mobility, there is a strong desire to promote the skills development of Forum Island country workers to enable them to work on major projects in the region where foreign workers are required, such as Guam's military build-up and PNG's LNG project.

We see building the capacity of Pacific nations as an essential element of PACER Plus - putting substance into the "Plus". This is because trade liberalisation is not an end in itself. We also need to make sure that the economies of the Forum Island countries are made stronger and more competitive to enable them to take advantage of opportunities that will arise from the outcomes of the PACER Plus negotiations.

Forum Trade Ministers also endorsed plans to hold annual discussions on PACER Plus

with non-state actors. We believe these discussions will be important opportunities to engage business groups, community groups and other organisations interested in PACER Plus. These discussions will usefully complement national consultations currently underway.

Forum Island countries are currently recovering from the global economic crisis and moving towards increased involvement in regional and global trade. It is our conviction that a PACER Plus agreement which takes account of the individual circumstances of Forum Island countries will make a substantial contribution to facilitating greater access to markets for goods and services, thereby creating jobs, enhancing the private sector and raising standards of living. We were encouraged to see at Pohnpei that this goal is shared by our ministerial colleagues around the region and we are optimistic that good progress can be made on PACER Plus between now and the next meeting of Forum Trade Ministers scheduled for April next year.

UOG and Micronesian Center for a Sustainable Future Sign MOU

University of Guam President Robert A. Underwood and Emanuel Mori, Secretary General of the Micronesian Center for a Sustainable Future, Inc. (MCSF) and President of the Federated States of Micronesia, signed a memorandum of understanding on June 20 to encourage collaboration between the two organizations regarding projects that promote

environmental sustainability.

MCSF is a regional intergovernmental organization whose board of directors includes the head of states and governments of nine of the Micronesian U.S. Insular Areas. MCSF was launched during the Micronesian Chiefs Executive Summit and is working to form strategic alliances that promote sustainability throughout the region.



Bruce Best, UOG; John Peterson, UOG; Robert A. Underwood, UOG president; Emanuel Mori, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Marion Henry, acting secretary, Dept of Resources and Development, and Gerson Jackson, FSM Consul General for Guam.

NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

Pursuant to orders of the FSM Supreme Court entered August 18, 2009 and May 13, 2010, public notice is hereby given that the apartment building located on public land Parcel No. 018-A-17 in Chinatown on Nan Kepin Kotoa Street, immediately adjacent to the "Pastries, Inc." building, will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:



- The minimum bid amount is \$ 120,000.00.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Chinatown Apartment Building Auction" by personal delivery to the filing window of the Office of the Chief Clerk of Courts of the FSM Supreme Court - Pohnpei trial division in Palikir.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2010.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, and e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- The winning bidder will be issued a court order transferring title to the building and appurtenant structures on the property (including all stock, inventory, improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment located on or within the premises - other than that owned by building tenants) following delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Supreme Court" no later than ten (10) days after the notice of award is served.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The property is offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.
- The winning bidder will take title subject to any valid lease agreement favoring existing building tenants under the same terms and conditions lawfully in effect at the time of the award.
- The building and improvements subject to this auction are located on leased public land. The winning bidder will receive a court ordered assignment of the current lessee's rights to Parcel No. 018-A-17 for use in applying for a new lease, any award of which will be subject to and determined by the Pohnpei State public land authorities having responsibility for the issuance of such leases.
- This auction is subject to cancellation at any time prior to the entry of the court order designating the winning bidder.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to the National Justice Ombudsman at the FSM Supreme Court or Nora E Sigrav, Legal Counsel, FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei FM 96941, phone: 691-320-2840, fax: 691-320-6533/320-2842, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, website: www.fsmdb.fm



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interview the scientists who wrote it.

According to Dr. Webb, who was one of the two authors of the report, the only “spin” so far has been from “less than honest reports (that) are indicating that islands are ‘growing not sinking,’” he wrote in an email. “This is categorically wrong! Our paper says that the outer edges—i.e. the shorelines have, over the last 50 years or so, responded to sea-level rise (of about 120mm over that time) and in many cases the area of islands has increased—not decreased as so commonly thought.”

Of course “area” only takes into account two dimensions. It doesn’t include the third dimension of height.

“The critical point here,” wrote Dr. Webb, “is that the land area within (the atoll islands) is not building vertically and thus, even if the shores are accreting (building) this will ultimately not prevent the greater land area from becoming submerged as sea level rises.”

“The overall vulnerability of the atoll communities has not changed, the land is extremely low lying and sea level rates are increasing,” he wrote.

Dr. Kench responded to our email from the Maldives where he and Dr. Webb were at press time, attending a meeting. Though Dr. Kench didn’t specifically answer our questions regarding the fuller context of his reported quotes, he did say, “The results suggest that Pacific Island communities will face major environmental challenges over the coming century. Our work has begun to identify the way islands will change. The challenge for island communities is how they can adapt to the changes expected over the coming years.”

While Dr. Kench’s email response was short and poignant, Dr. Webb had much more to say. His response was equally poignant, “The positive shoreline response is encouraging, however, given sea level rise rates

are increasing and other climate change stressors such as bleaching and acidification are less likely to have been a major issue 50 years ago, this resilience may not last – we just don’t know and there’s so little research in these environments that we have very limited information to guide us with regards to what future response may be.

“What is for sure,” Dr. Webb continued, “is that the island’s natural sedimentary systems will not just sit and be unresponsive. This study shows that they are responsive and as my colleague Paul Kench has noted ‘It has long been thought that as the sea level goes up, islands will sit there.’ (The reported quote by Dr. Kench included the words, ‘and drown. But they won’t.’) The islands will respond but we must be very careful to point out that ‘response’ does not necessarily mean that the islands will be maintained in the form we recognise today, that is, we do not know how long an island with soils for agriculture, complex vegetation, good fresh groundwater reserves, etc. can be maintained. Indeed, given what we understand of increasing rates of sea level rise we may be talking about relatively inhospitable gravel banks as the ‘response’ to the next 100 years of sea level rise. The point is we do not know at this time, and guessing does us all no favours – we need sustained, good quality research to bring improved answers to atoll communities who deserve to have the best facts possible.”

On the question of vertical growth measurement of the islands the two scientists studied, Dr. Webb said, “This study did not measure vertical change nor does it suggest that whole island vertical growth has occurred. Whilst I was compiling this present research on historic shoreline response I found that the results fit my field observations well, in that many atoll shorelines in rural areas appeared to be ‘healthy’ or functional, that is, they continue to build and provide protection to the land behind. What concerns me deeply however is the very limited evidence I have seen of any vertical building in these central Pacific atoll islands.

“It is important to note (that) I have not at this time seen evidence which suggests

widespread deposition of sand or gravel which could build the entire island vertically. I have seen isolated cases in the immediate vicinity of the beach system but not of widespread deposition over the larger land surface of the islands. Given the importance of this question, it again deserves appropriate and dedicated research. Until we see evidence which suggests otherwise, we assume island wide vertical building is not occurring, so even if shorelines remain resilient for the immediate future it would seem the greater land mass of the islands will remain very low lying (presently often less than 1m above the high tide mark) and ultimately this land will become subject to more and more frequent flooding.

“This phenomenon can be seen in Fongafale the main settlement on Funafuti, Tuvalu. Here the shoreline berm (highest part of the beach) is well above sea level, however the interior of the island is very low lying and this area floods with seawater every high spring tide. It follows that as sea levels continue to increase this flooding will obviously become more frequent and deeper, gradually rendering more and more land useless.”

As to what should be done next, Dr. Webb said, “Until a few weeks ago a great many people thought that all atoll shores were uniformly erosive and this has been rather unhelpful for those who work in the field of shoreline processes. The research presented in our paper changes our understanding of this aspect of climate change impacts in these Pacific island atolls. It does not suggest that these environments are not profoundly challenged by the myriad of other climate change impacts, but it does bring new important information on shoreline processes. This evidence of shoreline resilience is welcome news for those who at this time are still dependant on functional shorelines for protection.

“It is particularly important for those involved in climate change adaptation projects in the shoreline zone. Understanding that shores can still be naturally resilient changes the way we approach coastal adaptation and will assist us to make better decisions about adaptation in the coastal zone. It also means that addressing existing poor

management practices in shoreline zones is an excellent ‘no regrets’ approach to climate change adaptation. In other words, we can view shorelines in the same way we are now managing tropical coral reef areas, by removing stress on the reef system through improved catchment management, reduced fishing pressure, etc. we hope to bolster the natural resilience of the reef system to climate change stress. Likewise, if we maintain shoreline processes and remove stress such as beach mining, inappropriate engineering etc. we can reasonably hope to bolster the natural resilience of the shoreline to climate change stress.”

Dr. Kench read all of his colleague’s quotes before our newspaper went to press. Apparently the two scientists are in agreement. “Well done,” he exclaimed!

Some skeptical bloggers say that Pacific Island Nations have been capitalizing on the climate change phenomenon of sea level rise in order to mobilize massive amounts of financial aid but that as a result of Kench and Webb’s new report, all of that funding should stop.

“I have heard over and over again also that the developed countries have ‘pledged’ billions of dollars for climate change ‘mitigation’ and ‘adaptation’ works but we have seen little of this yet,” wrote Marion Henry, Acting Secretary for the Department of Resources and Development for the Federated States of Micronesia.

Henry said that he has told many of his international colleagues, “No amount of funding is going to raise my atoll island above sea level after sinking due to sea level rise.”

“We should be celebrating the fact that the Pacific Islands are producing world class science and take very seriously the need for greater understanding as we face climate change stress – wouldn’t that have been a nice positive spin,” Dr. Webb asked?

“How are global warming believers going to spin this one?”

Perhaps accurately reported authoritative sources will do.

China agrees to pay for maintenance of Yap vessel

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei: June 17, 2010. Ambassador Weidong Zhang of the Chinese Embassy and Lorin Robert, FSM Secretary of Foreign Affairs, signed today a letter agreement stipulating that the Chinese Government will provide maintenance to the Yap cargo-passenger vessel donated by the People’s Republic of China.

The Chinese Government will be responsible for the return trip of the vessel to the shipyard and all maintenance work performed on the vessel. The Chinese Government also committed to training crew members. All costs shall be paid

out of the gratuitous assistance granted under the Agreement on the Economic and Technical Cooperation signed by the People’s Republic of China and the FSM on December 26, 2008, and July 9, 2009.

Prior to sending the vessel back to its shipyard, the Chinese Government will send a team to Yap, assisted by FSM technicians, to conduct a survey of the vessel. “This is an important agreement,” said Zhang, “guaranteeing Yap’s basic needs in the areas of transportation and communication.”

U.S. promotes effective environmental legislation in Pacific

FSM Information Services

Kolonia, Pohnpei (U.S. Embassy): June 16, 2010. On June 15-17, government legal experts and environmental specialists from the FSM are attending a three day workshop in Koror, Palau, to build capacity for environmental protection and natural resource management. The workshop is funded by the U.S. Embassy through its Regional Environment Office for the Pacific and facilitated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA), with assistance from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Oceania Office.

The three-day training course titled “Principles of Environmental Compliance and Enforcement” will enable participants to develop their own management approaches to

environmental problems, to draft enforceable requirements where appropriate, to design unique compliance strategies and enforcement programs and to role-play in a negotiation session to resolve a specific enforcement case.

In addition to F.S.M. participants, State counsels, environmental specialists and environmental and marine enforcement officers from Palau and the Marshall Islands will participate in this training.

The workshop will be conducted by Mr. Davis Jones, Associate Director, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, U.S. EPA, and Ms. Emma Wangi, Environmental Legal Officer for IUCN-Oceania based in Suva, Fiji.

The U.S. is committed to assisting Pacific Island Countries promote good environmental governance and achieve sustainable management of their natural resources.



Request for Proposals

Pohnpei Port Authority is soliciting proposals from Businesses or Individuals interested in leasing for office space units located in the Seaport Building on the Pohnpei Fisheries Dock at Dekehtik, Pohnpei State.

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Proposals should include the nature of business to be conducted and other relevant information regarding the businesses or the individuals.

Proposals will be accepted from June 16, 2010 until 5:00 PM on July 23, 2010.

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Congress session adopts compact budget, Telecom measure and others

FSM Congress News

Palikir, Pohnpei – The Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia adjourned its Fourth Regular Session late Sunday May 30th with the adoption of the resolution on the compact portion of the national budget and other measures of national importance.

May sessions are traditionally referred to as Budget Sessions since it primarily focuses on the national government budget, especially the compact portion. Since its convening of May 11th, the Congress has met with national Departments, Offices, Agencies and entities partially or wholly funded through the Compact of Free Association between the FSM and the United States.

The President's proposed national government budget for Fiscal Year 2010 is \$53,044,445, with the compact portion of the budget at 4.3 million or 15%. The proposed FY-11 national budget is further apportioned as follows: 73.5% from Domestic Revenue; 8.3% from US Federal Programs; 2.2% from the Supplemental Educational Grant; 0.7% from other foreign assistance and the compact portion rounding out with 15.3%.

Congress had, through Congressional

Resolution 16-96, approved the proposed 4,403,340 compact portion of the FY-11 national budget with a few changes. A total amount of 115,511 was deleted from the operations budget of the National Department of Education and transferred instead to the National Scholarship. Another change under the resolution is to reduce the requested Public Infrastructure Sector Grant to \$0.

Other Resolutions adopted during the Fourth Regular Session include:

- **C.R. 16-73**, to approve a ¥530,000,000 financial grant from the Government of Japan towards implementation of the project for Introduction of Clean Energy by Solar Electricity Generation System;
- **C.R. 16-83**, to extend deepest sympathies and condolences of the FSM Congress to the family and friends of former First Lady Iris Green Falcam for a long and distinguished professional career serving the nation and the people of the FSM through the numerous roles she held and the capacity in which they were executed;
- **C.R. 16-85**, to set the ceiling for estimated funds available for appropriation for Fiscal year 2010;
- **C.R. 16-87**, to revoke the President's declaration of emergency for repair of the FSS Independence;
- **C.R. 16-89**, to urge the President to restrict access to the FSM's Exclusive Eco-

nomie Zone and to bid out fishing rights on an exclusive basis to one country;

- **C.R. 16-92**, to approve the € 1.4 million financial assistance from the European community to the Eight Pacific ACP states for disaster management and risk reduction; and
- **C.R. 16-97**, to approve a 6.85 million RMB (US 1million) financial assistance from the Government of the People's Republic of China towards the FSM Trust Fund.

Two nomination resolutions were also placed on the last day of session for consideration, but were defeated:

- **C.R. 16-82**, the nomination of Marion Henry for the post of Secretary of Department of Resources and Development; and
- **C.R. 16-95**, the nomination of Albert T. Welly for the post of National Elections Director.

Along with the Resolutions, Congress passed on second and final reading, the following Congressional Acts:

- **C.A. 16-34**, is an Act amending certain sections of Title 21 of the FSM Code relating to the appointment, composition and term limits for the FSM Telecommunications Corporation Board of Directors;
- **C.A. 16-35**, is an Act to change the use of certain funds previously appropriated for economic and social projects in the States of Chuuk, Pohnpei and Yap;

- **C.A. 16-36**, is an Act to decrease the tax rate imposed on major corporations from 25.5% to 21%;

- **C.A. 16-37**, is an Act to appropriate the sum of 78,000 to fund the needed repair of the FSS Independence and for the replenishment of the funds expended under the state of emergency declared on May 11, 2010;

- **C.A. 16-38**, is an Act to separate the functions of the Insurance Commissioner and its Board from that of the Banking Commissioner and its Board, and for other purposes;

- **C.A. 16-39**, is an Act to appropriate 764,615 as supplemental funding to the FY 2010 Budget.

And the final measure passed during the Fourth Regular Session of the 16th FSM Congress is:

- **C.A. 16-40**, an Act to establish a National Merit Scholarship Program to assist selected high school valedictorians with annual funding toward their college of choice.

An exhausted Congress finally adjourned sine-die on May 30, 2010 with the adopted and passed legislative measures transmitted to the Office of the President for appropriate action.

Editor's note: The above press release was inadvertently omitted from the last issue of The Kaselehlie Press. We apologize for that oversight. Meanwhile, President Mori vetoed Telecom bill 16-34 above.

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Unicorn still pursuing resort hotel and casino in Pohnpei

Pohnpei Office of the Public Affairs

June 15, 2010

Pohnpei, FSM—The proponent for the development of a premier hotel/resort in Lukop Madolenihmw, Unicorn International, a Hong Kong based company and a subsidiary of Hotung Group made an unexpected visit to Pohnpei last week. It will be recalled that the company visited Pohnpei last year. At the helm of the group, is a world renowned philanthropist, world leader and industrialist, accompanied by the President of the company, Ambassador-at-Large Kerri Zhou and Ambassador-at-Large Tzeng Cheng who through his indefatigable efforts brought this project into fruition.

The group made an ocular inspection on the proposed project site (meaning, they went and saw it.) They were impressed on the natural landscape and beauty of the area befitting an ideal hideaway with five star hotel amenities.

Exchanges of communications and messages ensued thereafter which finally concluded in the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement. The MOU mandates the State Governor of Pohnpei to file to the Pohnpei Legislature a "bill for an omnibus development statute" to give clearance to the Governor and authority for the development of the project. Further, the "bill shall provide

for an exclusive casino gambling license, for regulation of the gambling activities and shall address the potential social, cultural and environmental impacts.

Along with this project and upon the passage of the Omnibus Bill the State Governor and Unicorn International will enter into negotiations for a detailed agreement for the construction and management of the proposed MICRONESIAN TOURISM COMPLEX.

The delay in passing the Omnibus Bill prompted Ambassadors-at-Large Ms. Kerri Zhou and Mr. Solomon Cheng to make an unannounced visit to Pohnpei to personally follow up the status of the project. A lengthy discussion regarding the project is made leading to the invitation to the State Governor and the State Legislature Speaker was extended to visit Macau by the mid-part of June 2010 to feel and see the experience of a once sleeping fishing village metamorphosed into a progressive and modern region by opening its doors for tourism and gambling with the least impact into its traditions and culture. The legacy of history is preserved and its people remain unperturbed in the midst of modernity especially the influence of gambling casinos. The Federated States of Micronesia has many natural beauties and landscapes to offer and it is a defining moment for the delegation to learn from Macau.

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Kosrae recieves medical Library

By Arlene Cohen and Alice Hadley

June 21, 2010

Kosrae, FSM-Access to medical and health information in Kosrae grew by leaps and bounds on June 11, 2010 when the Kosrae State Hospital opened their new Medical Library. Over 40 people attended the Grand Opening for the library, which is combined with the WHO Pacific Online Health Learning Network (POLHN) Computer Lab. This combination, open to the entire community, provides access to both print and electronic medical and health information to support patient care, staff continuing education, student research, and community health education. As part of the project, Kenya Edmond was appointed as the first Medical Librarian in Kosrae.

The Kosrae Medical Library was project of the AYUDA Foundation and spearheaded by Don Post, the Director of Health Services for Kosrae, who worked together with Arlene Cohen, a retired University of Guam Librarian and Alice Hadley, the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Medical Librarian, using a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), awarded to the Ayuda Foundation in Guam. The AYUDA Foundation was founded by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) and its mission is to improve the delivery of health care services to the member entities in APIL.

This medical library is the seventh to be established in the US affiliated Pacific Islands with funding from the RWJF. This exciting endeavor began in 2007 when the RWJF awarded the Ayuda Foundation a year-long grant for \$49,000 to support the rebuilding of the Yap State Medical Library destroyed by Typhoon Sudal in 2004. Soon after the Yap State Hospital Library was established another RWJF grant was awarded to establish medical libraries in the eight other US affiliated Pacific Islands.

After setting up the Kosrae State Hospital Medical Library, Cohen traveled to Chuuk and met with Julio Marar, the Director of Health Services and Dr. Julius Caesar Arsenal, Chief Surgeon at the hospital to discuss establishing the Chuuk State Medical Library, planned for opening in September, 2010. Dr. Arsenal, when reviewing the core list of books purchased for the medical libraries, said "A fantastic list of new books covering so many clinical areas. I can't wait to hold them in my hands!"

Realizing the importance of this project, Dr. Mark Durand, the former Yap State Director of Health Services wrote, "A lot of health workers get comfortable with their current practice and wait for workshops to come around for new ideas. A library is more than a physical installa-

tion; it is the manifestation of a state of mind which values inquiry and fostering new ideas."

By having easy access to books, the Internet and other information resources, we foster-- as Dr. Durand went on to say-- local "information power" for those ready to embrace it. By establishing these medical libraries, we convey an important message that you can take the initiative to

question and a resource center exists to support that questioning.

This project would not have been possible without the supportive partnerships established between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Ayuda Foundation, PIHOA (The Pacific Islands Health Officers Association), the health ministers and directors throughout the region, and the expertise of Cohen and Hadley. These partnerships provided the seeds to grow these medical libraries into the much needed resource they provide.



College puts on "agriculture is more than farming" 2010

FSM Information Services

Kolonia, Pohnpei (College of Micronesia): June 22, 2010. The College's Instructional Affairs department in collaboration with the Cooperative Research and Extension department, just completed a 5-day Agriculture summer program with the theme "Agriculture is More Than Farming."

The program, organized by CariPac Coordinator Toota Currie of Pohnpei Campus, attracted a total headcount of 116 student par-

ticipants. High school students from Calvary Christian Academy, Nanpei Memorial High School, Madewlenhmw High School, Pohnpei agriculture students and some students from COM-FSM, participated in the June 14 - 18 summer program funded by USDA CariPac.

The first three days of workshops were held at Pohnpei Campus and the remaining two days at the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center. For five days, the students were engaged in activities introducing natural

science as fun. They learned about career opportunities, new agriculture practices, nutritional value of local food and ways to market it. Students were also introduced to safe water catchment, aquaculture farming such as pearl farming, and government services such as the quarantine office that controls and protects the islands' natural resources. The program included field trips for the students to Nett Point Pearl farm and the Pilot farm in Madewlenhmw.

Students had fun with lots of food and out-

door games associated with agriculture. One of the student participants claimed that this was the first time they had been introduced to agriculture in this type of format, and looked forward to next summer, with the hope that there will be more demonstrations on how to cook local food in a more traditional way.

Professors from COM-FSM and representatives from FSM government agencies, as well as regional and local NGO's, served as speakers and facilitators for the summer program.

COM graduates 113 during spring commencement exercises

FSM Information Services

Kolonia, Pohnpei (College of Micronesia): June 10, 2010 - The College of Micronesia-FSM National and Pohnpei campuses held their 51st Commencement Exercises on May 14, 2010. The

commencement exercises were held at the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center, with the Graduation theme of "Dawn of a New Beginning" for the proud 113 graduates.

The College honored the two valedictor-

ians, Nick Santiago of National Campus and Deatra Iehsi of Pohnpei Campus. The commencement speaker was the Social Sciences Division Chair Professor Mariana Ben Dereas.

Of the most popular degrees, the College

saw a total of 36 students graduating with an Associate of Science Degree, a majority in the field of Computer Information Systems; 25 students graduating with a degree in Teacher Preparation and/or Teacher Education; and another 26 students graduating with a Liberal Arts Degree.

200k grant for Yap socially disadvantaged farmers

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei: June 16, 2010. The College of Micronesia-FSM has been selected to receive an award in the amount of \$200,000 for the project: Small Farm Outreach and Technical Assistance Program for Socially Disadvantaged Outer Island Population in Yap.

The major goal of the project

is to enhance outreach, technical assistance and education efforts to reach the outer island population. According to an award letter from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Office of Advocacy and Outreach, the project will enhance the coordination of outreach, technical assistance and education efforts for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers and to provide techni-

cal assistance for business creation in the economically challenged rural communities served by the college.

Mr. Anderson Neal Jr., the Socially Disadvantaged Farmer and Rancher Program Coordinator, thanks the College on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture's Office of Advocacy and Outreach (OAO), for submitting the competitive proposal to par-

ticipate in the Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (OASDFR) Competitive Grant Program.

The grant was applied for by Dr. Murukesan Krishnapillai, the Researcher at the Agricultural Experiment Station of Yap Campus. The final Grant Award Package will be forwarded to Dr. Muru for his signature within two weeks.

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President Mori Meets Ambassador-Designate Robert Kawaii of New Zealand

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei: June 14, 2010 – On the morning of June 14, 2010, President Mori met with Ambassador-designate Robert Kawaii of New Zealand to officially receive Kawaii's letters of credence.

A letter of credence is an official letter sent by one head of state to another head of state that formally grants diplomatic accreditation to a named individual to be their ambassador in the country of the head of state receiving the letter.

The ceremony was attended by Ambassadors Shoji Sato of Japan, Weidong Zhang of the People's Republic of China, Susan Cox of Australia, and William Douglass, Deputy Chief of Mission of the US Embassy, as well as members of the Cabinet.

"New Zealand's relationship with FSM has always been strong," said Kawaii, "however, New Zealand would like to do more, as both countries face common issues such as climate change and the need to develop sustainable fisheries."

Mori confirmed that FSM and New Zealand, through the Pacific Islands Forum, have worked side by side on such regional issues and confirmed that climate change has become "the number one security threat to the survival of small island states." He said that FSM and New Zealand have "to continue to work in solidarity and in cooperation to ensure the resiliency and adaptability of our islands and peoples."

Mori also expressed gratitude and appreciation for New Zealand's assistance in human resource development, maritime aerial surveillance and community development in FSM.

Following the ceremonial, Mori and Kawaii held a short private meeting. The President focused on three main topics: he specifically requested assistance from New Zealand to support educational reform in FSM, he emphasized the need for the two countries to cooperate in order to increase fishing surveillance in the southern region of FSM, and he asked Kawaii to spotlight any practical solutions instituted in Kiribati as a result of the effects of climate change.

Kawaii explained that the Kiribati population has no desire to re-locate, a measure under consider-

ation by the Kiribati government to address sea level rise; he states that Kiribati has more pressing issues than sea level rise, such as health and education. To address those specific concerns, Kawaii explained that the New Zealand government is analyzing the possibility of building sub-divisions in the northern region of the island to relieve the densely populated south end of the island. Mori explained that FSM was watching closely what was being done in Kiribati, to learn from their experience in handling sea level rise, should such measures be needed in FSM in the future. Both agreed that any population re-location should be seen as a last resort.



Ambassador of New Zealand to the FSM Robert Kawaii, and Ambassador of India to the FSM Yogendra Kumar

Ambassador Yogendra Kumar accredited as Ambassador of India to the FSM

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei: June 16, 2010 - Following the accreditation ceremony of Ambassador Kawaii of New Zealand to the FSM, another accreditation ceremony was held in the afternoon of June 14, 2010, during which Ambassador Yogendra Kumar of India presented his Letter of Credence to President Mori.

Kumar praised FSM's achievements in political stability with established democratic traditions. He noted that "in this era of globalization, FSM

has been able to preserve its unique cultural heritage, which is a testimony to the wisdom of its leaders." Kumar also emphasized India's admiration of FSM's leadership role at the international level in highlighting the dangers of climate change in the region.

Kumar expressed his government's gratefulness for FSM's support of India's candidature for both a permanent seat and a non-permanent seat in the proposed restructuring of the UN Security Council. President Mori elaborated that one of the key factors in FSM's support of India's membership bids to the UN Security Council was "India's leadership role as a developing country in terms of South-South Cooperation," as well as the influence and respect garnered by India in the developed world.

Mori drew attention to the fact that financial assistance provided by the government of India had enabled the FSM Coconut Development Authority (CDA) to purchase equipment to improve the production of an assortment of coconut-related products.

After the ceremony and delivery of their respective speeches, Mori and Kumar held a brief private meeting. During this meeting, Kumar underlined that pursuant to the India Technical and Economic Cooperation Programs, training slots and scholarships were currently available for FSM mid-level officials. He further spotlighted that a portion of the grant given to the CDA had not been fully utilized and that India would be willing to potentially increase the grant for specific projects.

Mori thanked Kumar for the government of India's grant to CDA and added that any additional funds available could be used to pre-plant young coconut trees, as well as jumpstart cot

tage industries such as developing the commercialization of coconut oil to replace diesel fuel. This brought Mori to underscore FSM's need for assistance in the areas of training for small business entrepreneurs. Kumar confirmed that India will be able to assist FSM in these areas.

Later that evening, in order to celebrate this historic milestone, Kumar held a reception at Ocean View Plaza Hotel, attended by government officials and members of the diplomatic corps.

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Opinion Editorial LAW AND ECONOMICS

By *Martin Mix*
Kaselehlie Press

You pay for convenience

If you are at the post office and need to go to the hospital but don't have a car you will probably take a taxi. It is easier to pay one dollar rather than walk. You are paying for the convenience of not having to walk. That is natural. That is the way that people have always acted on Pohnpei since money got plentiful.

We have given up a lot of things for the sake of convenience like walking but let's cut to the chase, as they say, and talk about a convenience that we all are paying for every day starting at breakfast.

The convenience that is most present and most important in our lives today are the "fast foods" - rice, ramen, flour and snacks. We are paying for this convenience with our economic well being. We are paying for this convenience with obesity, high blood pressure and heart disease. We are paying for this convenience with our political future.

If we can not feed ourselves at the end of Compact II we can not bargain with the US on anything like an even basis. You don't

argue too hard with the guy who is feeding you.

Even if we choose not to associate with the US at the end of Compact II we will be in a much stronger political position if we show that we can feed ourselves.

Another convenience that we are paying for is sakau. Take out and pohn takai are great. There is no problem with sakau selling for \$4.00 or more a bottle. The farmers and people doing the work are getting the money.

The difference between sakau and the fast foods is that the fast foods all come from outside. The money for growing and processing sakau all gets spent here.

If the fast foods become more expensive we will, of course, eat more bananas, taro, yams, breadfruit and potatoes.

Prices for our own crops will go up. Farmers will make more money. The money spent will be spent at least twice on Pohnpei instead of once.

There are downside issues. The most important is cost. Rice is the cheapest starch you can buy for your family unless you grow your own crops. If the prices for local starches go up if the price for rice goes up it means that more of your household money will be used for buying food.

Another downside issue is that if we eat more local starches someone in the household is going to be spending more time cooking.

Do we have the political will to change our culture to help the farmers and fishermen?

Do we have the political will to change our culture to gain some economic and therefore political power?

Who among us would rather peel and boil a breadfruit instead of making a pot of rice?

I would, but I don't like rice. More important, I don't cook breadfruit so someone else in the house will have to do it.

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Letter to the Editor

Litter, whose problem is it?

Dear Editor:

The problem of littering has reached an alarming level where we all concerned and good residents of this beautiful island of Pohnpei should practically take things into our own hands to arrest this quandary from overtaking our beautiful ocean fronts, roadsides, mountains, mangrove areas, rivers, streams, and many other more beautiful landscapes and sceneries.

Littering and how can we solve this problem has been discussed here in this forum and in many other forums nevertheless there has not been any concrete effort to put this problem at bay or at least minimize this lingering problem. Today we witnessed the ever growing problem of littering. We see trash thrown all over our beautiful island. Although there are laws and ordinances to regulate this problem, the enforcement of these laws obviously is lacking. We are increasingly becoming a society living in a pool of trash.

We have seen the efforts of the government and many non-governmental organizations doing clean up campaigns. These campaigns have helped cleaned up our trashes however only momentarily. What we need in addition to clean up campaigns in order to sustain the cleanliness of our pristine environments is in many folds

associated with the human factor of our attitude towards our beautiful island. Although many of us are educated, we still have a no care attitude towards keeping our island beautifully clean. It is incumbent upon us all the residents of this island to keep this island clean and stop throwing trash all over the island.

Many times when I have the opportunity to be among visitors and tourists that come to this island, I often I hear that Pohnpei indeed is a beautiful island but these visitors are always quick to point out the problem of littering. Littering has reached proportionately an alarming level where you, me and all of us should be pro-active in combating this problem by simply doing the right things. Dispose your trash at legally designated dump areas, don't throw trash from your vehicles, and if you see other people throwing trash or littering anywhere simply tell them to refrain from that kind of activity. Most importantly, let's start and continue teaching our kids about this problem of littering so that one day they may not end up living an island littered with trash all over, an environment not conducive to sustainable living and development.

Sincerely,
A J Alik
Concerned Citizen/Resident

K-Press Perspective

A twelve year old is my new hero!!

Keith Davis of Annawan, Illinois is my new hero. I can't recall a single time in my life, even when I was little boy when I had a hero who was only 12 years old. But it's the truth, the young Master Davis is my new found hero. He doesn't think he deserves that status. But then he's completely unaware of how many times I've nearly walked out the door of The Kaselehlie Press never to return. The next time that happens I'll think of Keith.

He returned an email I wrote to him a couple of days ago that said, "I've never thought of myself as inspirational!" He even used the Courier font, a real old time newspaper man's font from the type setting days! How cool is that?

The town where Keith lives has a population of 900 and has only one newspaper, "The Annawan News." Keith has been the sole employee of that newspaper since he started it when he was nine years old. That's right, nine years old!! He has advertisers, subscribers, and even a web site (www.annawantimes.com). He puts out an eight page newspaper in his town each and every Thursday. He takes the photos, he does the layout, he does the editing, and he gets up early on the mornings when he needs to update his webpage.

Keith, at 12 years of age, knows more about deadlines and commitments than many people my age know. The day after this newspaper comes out I will be four times older than Keith.

"We don't have a paper in town, and the ones around us don't really cover a lot of local news," the seventh-grader said. "I had to start it so we can have that kind of

news."

Right on, my young friend! That's exactly it! It needs to be done but no one's doing it? Why not do it yourself? You understood at nine years old the very thing I've said so many times in my editorials. You could have said, "It's too big and I'm too small," but you didn't. You could have lost interest as so many young people do, but you didn't! Man, I've got goosebumps!!

And now, Keith Davis is certified by the Illinois Press Association, "a distinction that puts him on the level with some of the most prestigious publications in the state," said Kate Allt who wrote an article for ABC Chicago about Keith.

Davis had petitioned the Illinois Press Association numerous times, but few people took the young reporter seriously until his story made it to the upper echelons of the organization.

"Our executive director said that he was doing a really good thing and wanted to make him an honorary member," said David Porter, communications and marketing director for the IPA.

My wife sent me a link to Allt's article with a suggestion that maybe I should start looking for reporters in the elementary schools on island. Maybe she's right. Is it possible that there's another Keith Davis in Pohnpei? If so I'll add you to my list of heroes but for now, I've got a Google alert on Keith Davis and The Annawan Times. I'm going to be watching to see just how far this young rising star goes! Right now it looks like the sky is the limit!

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

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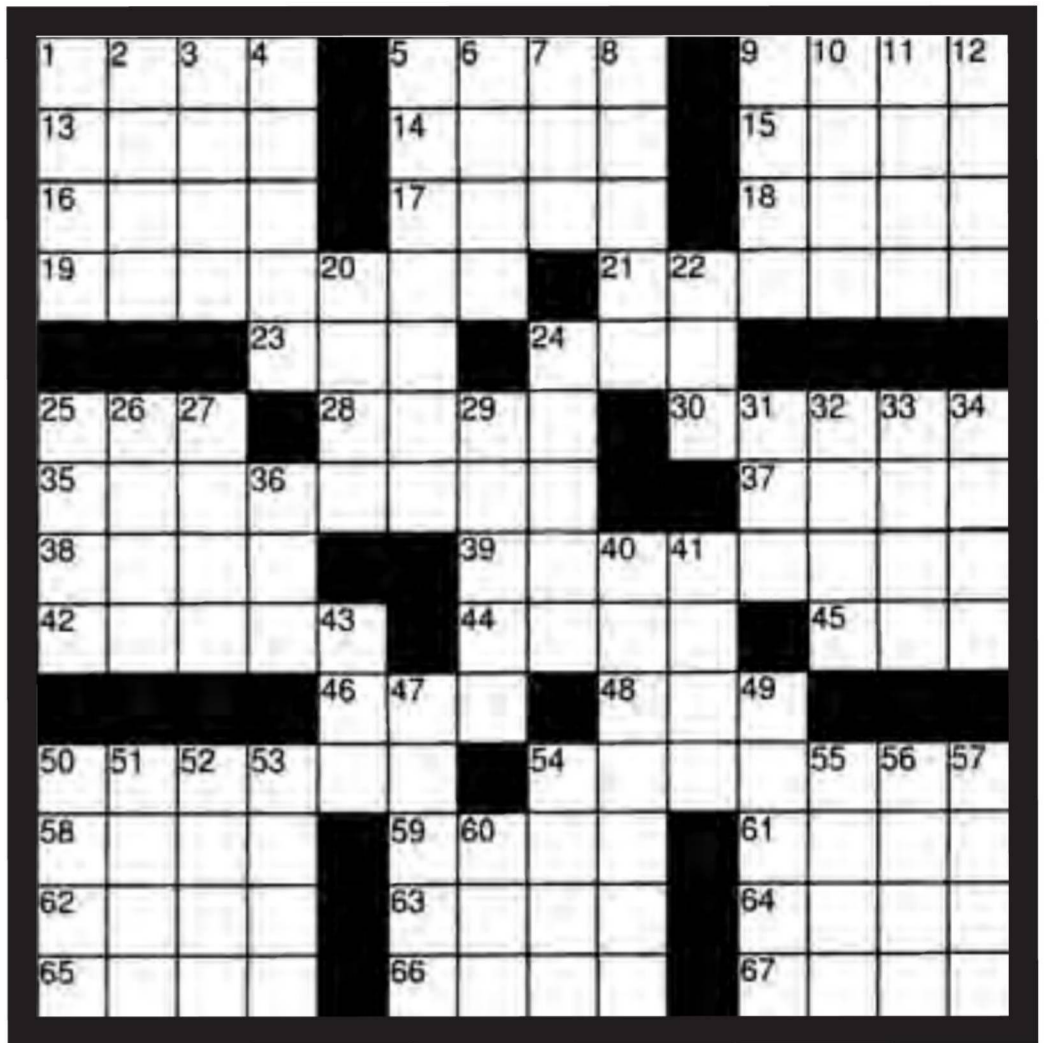
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9. Social slight
13. Shampoo additive
14. Uh-uh
15. Manuel's money
16. Eat in splendor
17. Dancer's duds
18. Lopped off
19. Tracing aid
21. Guard
23. Hey!
24. The Boston _____ Party
25. Common breakfast ingredient
28. Weak, like an excuse
30. Work for the copy center
35. Container in a coven
37. With the fat removed
38. Aggravate
39. "Scarborough Fair" herb
42. Like a rejected draftee
44. Babe's cart
45. Gender
46. Unpleased response
48. Keep a _____ on it!
50. However
54. Surgical sewing
58. Passageway
59. Leave out
61. Go elsewhere
62. On an _____ keel

63. Bargain event
64. Ballerina's move
65. Flat-topped hill
66. Stepped on
67. Kennel cry

DOWN

1. Paw parts
2. Came to earth
3. Megaphone shape
4. Itsy-bitsy
5. Not hawklike
6. Ump's cry
7. Befitting
8. Recycling aim
9. Bridge bit
10. Queue call
11. Netizen
12. _____ of work
20. Arctic weather
22. Muff preceder
24. Choir member
25. Shade of brown
26. Profit
27. Big gap
29. Special effect
31. A Nightmare on _____ Street
32. Like two _____ in a pod
33. Like steak tartare
34. Jet black
36. Luau loop



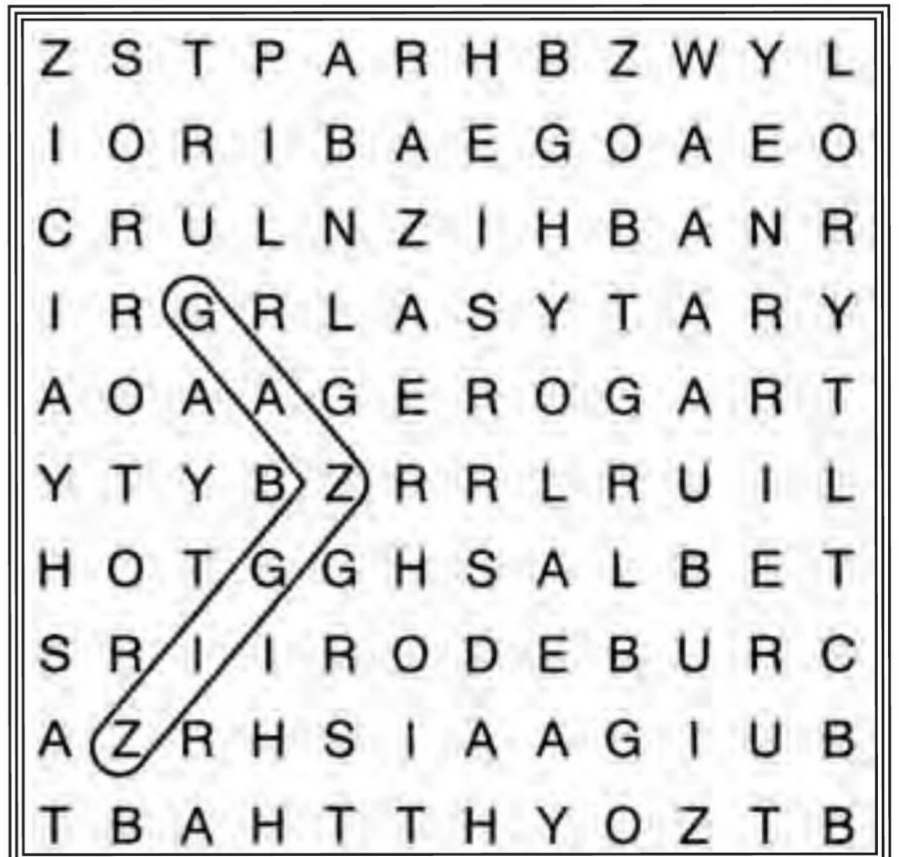
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K Press Puzzle Pleasure

Zig Zag

Instead of reading in a straight line, each word has one bend in it. One word has been looped for you.

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|-------------------|--------|
| ZIGZAG | RADISH |
| ARTIST | ROTARY |
| CRULLER | SHOWER |
| HABIT | SORBET |
| LEATHER | YOGURT |
| RABBIT | |



K.P. Crazy Korner

Me Time:

I am not childish...
You stinky poophead.

Island Inspiration:

English Pobody's
101: Nerfect

Silence is Compliance

Pessimist-- What an optimist calls a realist.

Math
101

THINK ABOUT IT: If at first you don't succeed--Don't try bungee jumping

Computer Corner

How do I set my laser printer to "stun"?



Don't act dumb just because you know how.

Papa Says:



Mama Says:
I shout because you are hard of understanding



ANOTHER CLASSIC

LIMERICK BROUGHT TO YOU BY

TRASHBUSTERS

We were painting the church steeple gray,
When the wind blew our brushes away.
We said to the pastor,
"We've had a disaster!"
He calmly replied, "Let us spray."

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- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome. For details, call 320-8365.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at China Star 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
- Pacific Mission Fellowship - A Bible-based English Worship Service Invites you to join us on Sundays for worship at 9am - 11am, Children's Church for the kids too!. Call: 320-2496
- Ultimate Frisbee pick-up game every Tuesday 5:45pm at the Spanish Wall. All levels welcome! Call 320.2439 for more details

Yap Community of Ruu Holds Go Local Workshop

By **Emihner Johnson**

The community of Ruu in Yap was happy to hold a Go Local Agroforestry and Health workshop to promote local food production and consumption on May 21 and 22, 2010, with the support of the Department of Resources and Development (R&D), the Yap Inter-agency Nutrition Education Council (YINEC), and the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP). This community was newly established in 2005 with people from the outer Yapese island of Fais.

Over 30 men and women participated each day in this 2-day workshop, coordinated by Denitha Palemar. On the first day, as part of the workshop, a survey was conducted on the present diet and about the crops and varieties grown by households. The results of the survey presented on the second day showed the importance and need to increase consumption of local food, fruits and vegetables and to increase the number of crop varieties planted. For example, few of the 22 households consumed yellow-fleshed banana varieties and few households were growing these and abuch (garlic pear, *Craeteva speciosa*) on their land. The members of the Ruu community decided to plant more yellow-variety bananas, abuch and breadfruit and coconut varieties.

A workshop on the local charcoal oven and demonstration on how to use the oven was done on the second day. This oven was made in Pohnpei by Capital Fabricators and was presented to the community as part of the project. The women who attended the workshop were so eager to use the oven that they even had a draw on who gets to use the oven. A plan was put in place to allow each household to use the oven on a rotation basis, one week per household.

All of the participants were interested in owning a charcoal oven because it can use coconut shells as well as firewood for the charcoal.

At a farewell dinner held at the Pathway Hotel as hosted by the Department of R&D. Mr. John Solith, Deputy Director of R&D, and Mr. Tamdad Sulog, Chief of Agriculture, thanked the IFCP on behalf of the Director. Mr. Sulog was so interested

in the work that he requested for assistance on a second similar project including the Go Local Baseline Survey to be conducted in a different village in Yap, for comparison purposes.

Warm thanks are given to the US Forestry, Secretariat of the Pacific Community Healthy Pacific Lifestyle Section, Global Greengrant Fund and Global Environmental Facility Small Grant Program for funding support.

Participants of the Yap, Community of Ruu "Go Local" workshop, held in Yap on May 21 and 22



Astronomical Tide Prediction June 28 - July 11, 2010

	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Monday	06/28	07/05	06/28	07/05				
	04:02AM 4.3	02:17AM 2.0	02:54AM 2.3	03:09AM 1.2				
	11:01AM 0.5	07:19AM 2.5	11:18AM -0.1	11:55AM 0.3				
	04:45PM 2.5	02:16PM 1.2	04:23PM 0.2					
Tuesday	06/29	07/06	06/29	07/06				
	04:32AM 4.2	04:49AM 2.0	03:20AM 2.3	12:17AM 1.3				
	11:27AM 0.5	08:26AM 2.1	11:29AM 0.0	11:37AM 0.2				
	05:16PM 2.6	03:14PM 1.3	04:24PM 0.3	11:48PM 1.5				
Wednesday	06/30	07/07	06/30	07/07				
	04:59AM 4.0	07:06AM 1.6	03:43AM 2.2	10:27AM 0.1				
	11:52AM 0.6	11:16AM 1.9	11:39AM 0.1					
	05:47PM 2.6	04:39PM 1.4	04:36PM 0.4					
Thursday	07/01	07/08	07/01	07/08				
	05:25AM 3.8	12:25AM 3.4	04:02AM 2.0	12:14AM 1.8				
	12:16PM 0.7	07:59AM 1.2	11:46AM 0.2	09:40AM -0.1				
	06:19PM 2.7	01:10PM 1.9	04:56PM 0.6					
Friday	07/02	07/09	07/02	07/09				
	05:51AM 3.5	01:18AM 3.8	04:17AM 1.8	12:47AM 2.0				
	12:41PM 0.9	08:37AM 0.8	11:52AM 0.2	09:40AM -0.3				
	06:55PM 2.7	02:10PM 2.1	05:26PM 0.7					
Saturday	07/03	07/10	07/03	07/10				
	12:11AM 1.6	02:03AM 4.1	04:23AM 1.6	01:22AM 2.2				
	06:16AM 3.2	09:12AM 0.5	11:55AM 0.3	09:57AM -0.4				
	01:06PM 1.0	02:55PM 2.3	06:11PM 0.9					
Sunday	07/04	07/11	07/04	07/11				
	12:59AM 1.8	02:46AM 4.4	04:12AM 1.4	01:57AM 2.4				
	06:44AM 2.9	09:47AM 0.2	11:57AM 0.3	10:22AM -0.5				
	01:37PM 1.1	03:34PM 2.5						
	08:35PM 2.8	08:45PM 0.8						

Ripe and mature breadfruit in coconut cream

1 breadfruit, mature
1 breadfruit, half-ripe
1 coconut, grated

1. Wash, peel and core breadfruit and cut into pieces.
2. Boil breadfruit in water until cooked, and drain.
3. Mash the breadfruit.
4. Add a little water to the grated coconut and squeeze the coconut cream over the mashed breadfruit.

Breadfruit and coconut balls

3-5 breadfruits, (smooth-skinned varieties)
3-4 coconuts, grated

1. Wash, peel and core breadfruit and cut into pieces.
2. Boil breadfruit in water.
3. Remove a portion of the breadfruit and mash while still hot. The remaining breadfruit should be left cooking over a low heat to keep it warm for mashing (this keeps it sticky and holds the balls together).

President Mori signs bills into law

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei: June 11, 2010 – On June 4, 2010, President Mori signed into law Congressional Act No. 16-37 authorizing the appropriation of \$78,000 from the FSM General Fund for FY2010, for payment of the urgently needed repair work of FSS Independence. A recent survey made by maritime surveyor BAE Systems Australia Defense Pty Ltd., revealed that almost all compartments of the boat are affected by extensive corrosion.

The un-seaworthiness of any national patrol boats cripples the Nation's law enforcement capabilities and at sea emergency response operations; hence, President Mori thanked Congress for promptly addressing the needs of FSS Independence.

On that same date, President Mori also signed into law Congressional Act No. 16-39. This Public Law provides for the appropriation of \$764,615 from the General Fund, for supplemental funding of the FY2010 Budget covering the operations of all branches of the National Government of the FSM. These additional funds will finance amongst other things: FSM's participation in this summer's Micronesian Games in Palau, certain legislative branch salaries and travel expenses, and needed recruitment and repatriation costs for the Department of Finance and Administration.

President Mori meets with executive director of Asia Development Bank

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei: June 18, 2010. On June 18, 2010, President Mori met with Phil Bowen, Executive Director of Asia Development Bank (ADB), and Sally Pedersen, ADB Specialist.

Mori expressed to Bowen, the FSM Government's gratitude for the renewed relationship between FSM and ADB. Mori then brought attention to FSM's interest in receiving expert advice from ADB for investments in both the public and private sector.

Bowen and Mori both agreed that infrastructure and education should be the priorities in the public sector. Mori specified that in the private sector, investing in tourism, in technologies to ensure higher crop yields and obtaining seed-money to allow for entrepreneurship in connection with the Guam build-up are all key items.

The ADB representatives stated they may also be able to provide assistance in performing a feasibility study for the future development of the submarine fiber-optic cable in Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap.

USDA Announces Implementation of Program for Geographically Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers

USDA

WASHINGTON, June 16, 2010 – American farmers and ranchers outside the 48 contiguous United States that experience high transportation costs will soon see relief through funding authorized through the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill).

"The Obama Administration believes farm programs should provide the stability and predictability agricultural producers need," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "American producers outside the contiguous States often have to take extraordinary measures to transport needed items to their farms and ranches, and then experience substantial costs when they transport their farm output to markets. This program will provide relief to eligible producers who are at a competitive disadvantage."

Vilsack said recent rising fuel costs have made this competitive disadvantage worse. The payments announced today through the Farm Service Agency (FSA) are intended to offset a portion of the costs of transporting agricultural inputs and products over long distances.

The Reimbursement Transportation Cost Payment Program for Geographically Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers (RTCP) assists farmers and ranchers in Alaska, Hawaii, and areas including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands and Republic of Palau who paid to transport either an agricultural commodity or an input used to produce an agricultural commodity.

The Agricultural, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 (2010 Agricultural Appropriations Bill) provided \$2.6 million for this Farm Bill program in fiscal year 2010.

Sign-up for RTCP will begin on Aug. 2, 2010, and end on Sept. 10, 2010. Applicants must file their RTCP application for benefits at with their local FSA county office no later than Sept. 10, 2010, and applicants also will have until Nov. 1, 2010, to provide supporting documentation of actual costs of transporting agricultural inputs and commodities in fiscal year 2010 to the FSA county office.

FSM students participate in Japanese Student Exchange program

*By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press*

Pohnpei, FSM—Ambassador of Japan to the Federated States of Micronesia, Shoji Sato hosted a dinner at his home on June 17 for ten 8th grade students from throughout Pohnpei who are participating in the 2010 Student Exchange Program with Japan. Also present at the dinner celebration were the two student chaperones who will be traveling with the young people and Director of Social Affairs Senelli Singeo.

The Student Exchange Program began in 2002 and was initiated by former Prime Minister of Japan, Mr. Yoshiro Mori. Since the beginning of the program, 625 students from the FSM have visited Japan.

The ten Pohnpei students participating in this year's student exchange were hand selected and are the top students from their schools.

Ambassador Sato, who spoke in fluent Pohnpeian, introduced the students to Japanese culture through a series of short films covering the four seasons of the year and various types of sports Japanese people participate in and enjoy.

"I am sure you will get great experiences in Japan. Even though Japan and Micronesia have very different features of nature and ways of life, we also have very close historical relationship and there are many Micronesians who have Japanese ancestors," Ambassador Sato told the young people. "So please, carefully see, hear and feel whatever you have in Japan and I hope after you come back from Japan, you will consider Japan your second native country."

The students began their trip to Japan on Saturday June 19.

In July a group of students will be visiting the FSM from Japan to experience the way of life and culture here.



U.S. Embassy Kolonia July 4th Open House for U.S. Citizens and U.S. Veterans

Sunday, July 4, 2010 from 11:00am until 2:00pm

In honor of America's Independence Day, the U.S. Embassy invites all U.S. citizens, U.S. veterans, and their families to visit our embassy grounds in Nett, Pohnpei. Guests may arrive and leave at any time during the open house hours. The event is informal, so t-shirts and shorts are fine.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies, and soda provided

Live Music by "Wetter Than Seattle"

Restrictions

- U.S. citizens **MUST** bring a U.S. passport to gain admission.
- U.S. veterans please bring a photo ID (driver's license, passport, etc.).
- Non U.S. citizen spouses and non U.S. citizen children (age 17 and under only) are welcome to attend with the U.S. citizen.
- Non U.S. citizen spouses must show some form of photo ID (driver's license, passport, etc.) to gain admission.

* Cameras and cell phones not allowed on Embassy compound *