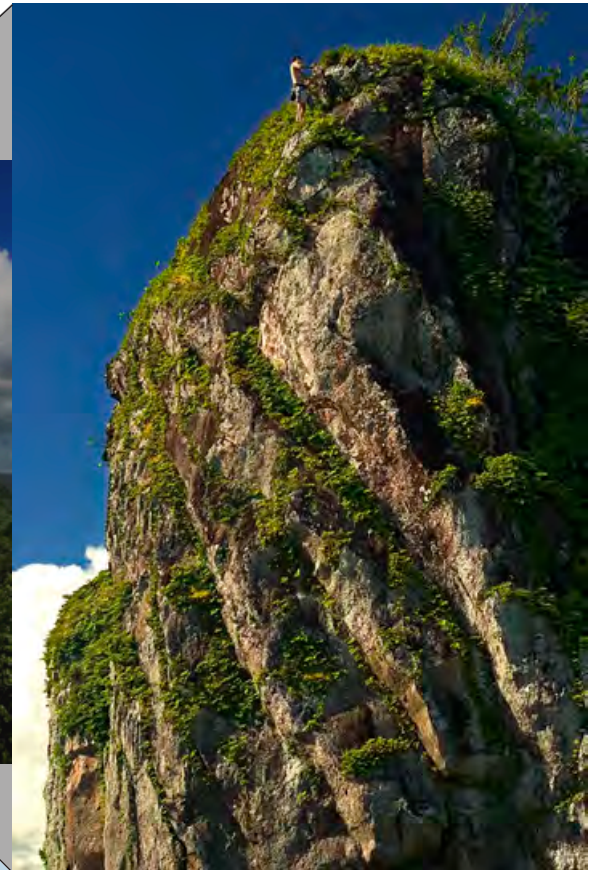


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## President Mori goes on deep subsea venture in MV Alucia's submersible



*FSM Information Services*

*November 16, 2012*

After taking a tour of the various high-tech work stations aboard the MV Alucia with Mr. Raymond T. Dalio, owner of the vessel, President Manny Mori went 1500 feet underwater yesterday in a deep-diving manned submersible used for subsea explorations. He returned inland from what might have been an historic tour for the FSM President via the vessel's five-passenger helicopter.

The famous MV Alucia has made anchorage in Pohnpei on a journey through Micronesia that will include stopovers in Chuuk, Yap and Palau over the next several days.

As a unique exploration and cruise vessel, a handful of adventurous visitors, many of them friends of Mr. Dalio, have flown in to Pohnpei and took advantage of the site-seeing programs organized by its busy crew. Many of these visitors checked out Pohnpei's well known locations at waterfalls, sampled the island's nutritious bananas and bandanus crops and took aerial tours of the barrier reef wave breakers and the famous Nan Madol site.

Scuba dives and kayaking also added more water challenges to the visiting adventurers.

While on the ship, President Mori and *See "MV Alucia" on page 5*

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## Pohnpei Governor and Legislature come to terms over lawsuit

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

November 26, 2012

**Pohnpei, FSM**—On November 8, 2012, Governor John Ehsa filed suit against the Pohnpei State Legislature. The suit asked the court to overturn the Legislature's resolution that retroactively cancelled the Governor's Emergency Executive Order regarding PUC. The suit was filed at Pohnpei State Supreme Court; however, since that time the Governor and the Legislature have "made peace". According to the Chief Clerk of the Pohnpei Supreme Court, last week Governor Ehsa filed a motion to drop the lawsuit.

Governor Ehsa said that he and members of the legislature met on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, and "made peace". He said that he felt that it was important that the Executive and Legislative branches work together rather than bicker over things that have been done in the past. "There are many other major challenges in front of Pohnpei State including the URA (Unified Revenue Authority). We just felt it was best to remove any source of contention," he said by phone this afternoon.

Some of his staff members disagree with his move saying that the Court should be allowed to rule on the lawsuit, but the Governor decided that it was much more important to move forward on other issues for the good of Pohnpei. He also said that he has come to think that the issues in his former case against the legislature are moot anyway.

"Of course, we still have the other case, and we'll have to wait for the Court to decide on that," he said, "but it is important for the two branches to carry on and move forward."

The Governor's lawsuit, which has now been withdrawn had asked the Court to declare:

1. "That the Legislature exceeded its authority by determining the constitutionality of governor Ehsa's declaration of emergency

issued by Emergency Executive Order No. 01-12 in accordance with Article 13, Section 9(1) of the Pohnpei Constitution.

2. That Legislative Resolution No. 28-12 is null and void as being unconstitutional.

3. The Legislature exceeded its authority by retroactively revoke(ing) an executive order issued under Article 13 Section 9(1) of the Pohnpei Constitution."

Along with the 39 page lawsuit, the Governor included a copy of a 2009 PUC resolution that said that an "Emergency Condition Exists" in the power generation capacities of the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation, and respectfully requesting the Pohnpei State Government to assist by providing funds for the purpose of purchasing a standby generator." His suit argued that since the time that PUC passed its resolution the utility's ability to generate power has only become worse.

He also included a copy of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government and PUC to "address Emergency condition of generators". That MOU, also signed in 2009 is still active. He also provided a copy of another MOU with PUC signed in 2011. That MOU again characterized the power generation capacity of PUC as being in a state of emergency.

The lawsuit cited the opinion of several consultants from several countries, all of whom said that Pohnpei's power situation is at a critical turning point. It included a report by the Asian Development Bank regarding the power generation crisis.

A 2011 resolution passed by the Pohnpei State Legislature was also included as an exhibit along with the 39 page lawsuit. In it the Pohnpei State Legislature referred to an expert report

of 2010 that said that power generation could fail at any time.

He included a copy of the PUC law passed by PSL in July of this year in which the Legislature itself found that "power generation in Pohnpei is facing a severe crisis that requires unprecedented action in order to prevent severe disruption of power shortages to the people of Pohnpei." The first section of that bill listed the intent of the legislature when they passed the bill. "It is the intent of the legislation to enable swift and vigorous action," it said, and listed four specific areas in which the swift and vigorous action should take place. It enabled the Governor to institute new leadership at PUC that can immediately take effective action to solve the power solution. The intent of the bill was also to enable PUC "to enter into partnership, joint venture, and other creative financing arrangement that will encourage and permit new capital investment in power generation infrastructure."

Included with the lawsuit was a copy of the PSL committee report and the resolution that overturned the Governor's Emergency Executive Order regarding PUC in which the legislature, despite documented history, said that the state of Pohnpei's power generation does not rise to the level of an emergency. The committee report gives as one of the committee's principal reasons for recommending that the EEO be repealed, is that the order was unconstitutional. Ehsa's lawsuit claimed that consideration of constitutionality is a function of the court and not of the Legislature.

He further argued that while the legislature is allowed by law to repeal a Governor's executive order, it is not allowed to repeal it retroactively. Again, he claimed, that role is in the purview of the court and not the legislature.

To reiterate, after a conciliatory meeting with members of the Legislature, Governor Ehsa filed a motion at the Supreme Court to withdraw his lawsuit.

## President Mori accepts credentials from Dr. Joachim Heidorn as Ambassador of Germany in FSM

FSM Information Services

November 16, 2012

In the morning of November 13, President Manny Mori received H.E. Joachim Heidorn as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Federated States of Micronesia, replacing H.E. Weber-Loch whose service officially ended in September, 2011.

President Manny Mori welcomed Ambassador Heidorn to Pohnpei and conveyed his greetings to President Joachim Gauck through the Ambassador.

President Mori acknowledged the good relations between his country and Germany and expressed interest in enhancing more bilateral as well as multilateral engagements.

The President also expressed gratitude for the assistance extended to the FSM through Germany's Small Scale Project Scheme in certain areas that include Agriculture and food production, Historic Preservation, Climate Change and Diplomatic Training.

After presenting his credentials to President Mori, Ambassador Heidorn expressed his gratitude to the President for accepting him.

"I deem it a great privilege to be entrusted by my President and Government with the challenging task to represent my country to the Federated States of Micronesia..."

"Germany and its partners in the European Union have a strong interest in further enhancing co-operation and dialogue with their partners in Asia and in promoting our common values of democracy, rule of law, respect for human rights, political stability, and market economy and free world trade as well as the preservation of our natural resources", said Ambassador Gauck.

The Ambassador also said, "A top priority for our government remains the task to mitigate the effects of global climate change".

Ambassador Heidorn is cross-accredited out of Manila, representing his country at the same time in the Republic of Palau and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Germany and FSM formally established diplomatic ties in April 1992.

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## Plaintiffs argue against Governor Ehsa's motions on PUC matter

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

November 21, 2012

**Pohnpei, FSM**—The attorney for the plaintiffs in the lawsuit against Governor Ehsa and Pohnpei State over the Governor's Executive Order concerning Pohnpei Utilities Corporation has filed its oppositions to two motions of Governor Ehsa.

The defense moved that the court should issue a stay on the temporary injunction while the appeals court hears their complaint because Pohnpei State was not added as a defendant.

Plaintiffs argue that the Court should not do so because the defense provided no strong showing that they are likely to prevail. The court granted the defendant's motion to dismiss, but only if the plaintiffs did not amend their complaints within ten days in order to add Pohnpei State as a defendant. Plaintiffs met the court's requirement.

Plaintiffs further argue that if the defendants felt that the hearing on October 15 was prejudicial to the defendant for whatever reason, a motion could have been filed to continue the hearing, and that the defendant had over two weeks to make such a move. Further, at the hearing the defendants made no objection to the hearing continuing forward. They in fact helped to expedite and streamline the hearing by stipulating (agreeing) to the authenticity of all of the plaintiff's exhibits.

Defense argued that they had submitted evidence that showed that Wilbur Walter had delinquent accounts with PUC and was therefore disqualified as a PUC board member.

Plaintiffs argued that Governor Ehsa's attorney had the opportunity at the hearing to confront Mr. Walter with any evidence showing that Walter was delinquent on utilities accounts after he testified that he had never been more than three months delinquent. The Governor's attorney failed to do so. For that reason plaintiffs argue that the defendant is not likely to prevail on that particular argument.

In their separate motion to reconsider the issuance of a temporary injunction on the Governor's Executive Order regarding PUC, defendants argued that Governor Ehsa is not a real "party in interest" because EIG winning the bid was the work of the Evaluation and Selection Committee, and the acting General Manager, not the Governor.

Plaintiffs counter that the defendants "truly are missing the point". Only the PUC Board has the authority to approve contracts in amounts over \$25,000. They further argue that the members of the Evaluation and Selection Committee were "basically forced" to pick a company within a few hours after PUC was instructed on the day before, to execute an MOU with the company "it had chosen". "Therefore the Court should not reconsider its injunction on this ground because the

Governor's Executive Order is what violates the law and that makes him the real party in interest," the plaintiff's argument says.

Plaintiffs argue that the Court was cognizant of Pohnpei State law when it ruled to dismiss only if the plaintiffs did not add Pohnpei State as a defendant within 10 days. They argue that the law that requires Pohnpei State to be named as a defendant whenever a State employee is named as a defendant, does not state that an action against a State employee must be dismissed if it fails to do so.

Again, plaintiffs argued that the injunction hearing proceeded conditionally, and that the defendant did not object to the hearing taking place.

Defendants argued that the complaints served on them were improper because the Attorney General did not give his prior approval as to the form of the complaints as per title 58, Chapter 2, section 208-(2). Because they were improper the Court should reconsider its motion to dismiss.

Plaintiffs argued that the referenced section of the Pohnpei State Code "is not about seeking the approval of the Attorney General before any case against employee or (the) State can be filed. If that were the case the Attorney General would have unlimited power to prevent any and all actions against an employee or the State brought by a third party by simply not pre-approving the form of the complaint. On the contrary, that section is

about the Attorney General's duty to protect the State by requiring that he explain to employees that are sued, of their rights and responsibilities." They argue that the court should not reconsider its decision to grant a temporary injunction based on that particular defense argument.

Defendants said that they provided evidence that PUC Board Member Wilbur Walter and Francisco Mendiola owed arrears to PUC, and as such were not qualified to be members of the Board. They argue that the Court did not consider utility bills attached to their Motion to Dismiss, and that it should have done so.

Plaintiffs argue that the utility bills were never authenticated by a witness through an affidavit or at the injunction hearing, therefore, the Court properly did not review the utilities bills as such would not be considered to be admissible evidence. Additionally, Defendant's legal counsel had opportunity to cross examine Walter when he was on the witness stand in Court about the alleged utilities billings being three or more months overdue but he failed to do so. When the lawyer for the Defense asked Walter if he had arrears in excess of three months he answered that he did not. The Defense attorney did not question Walter further on that matter.

Plaintiffs pointed out that since Walter's term as a PUC Board Member has since expired and since he was replaced as a Board member, the issue is moot.

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## FSM President welcomes the Forum Compact Peer Review asking for frank but fair and accurate assessment

*Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat*

**November 15th**

**Pohnpei, FSM** - The President of the Federated States of Micronesia, H.E Emanuel Mori has welcomed the peer review of FSM and urged the peer review team to be frank but also fair and accurate in its assessment of the country's processes and systems.



The FSM Peer Review Team consists of Mr Catolina Kijiner from the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Ms Noumea Simi representing the Government of Samoa, Mr Johnson Naviti of the Vanuatu Government and Mr Asif Chida from the UNDP Pacific Centre in Fiji.

The FSM peer review continues the series of peer reviews across the Pacific as part of the Cairns Compact on Strengthening Development Coordination (Forum Compact) to review FIC's national development planning, budgeting, public financial and aid management processes and systems. FSM is the 9th Forum Island Country to undertake this process.

FSM has also specifically requested that in recognition of the pressing challenges facing the country, the Peer Review Team should also consider the suitability of the existing policy environment for promoting private sector development.

In a meeting with the peer review team on 14 November in Palikir, Pohnpei, President Mori urged the peer review team to take into consideration the special circumstances of FSM having a loose federation with three layers of government operating in the four semi autonomous states and a national government.

With funding under the Compact of Free Association with the United States expected to end in 2023 the Government of FSM is now discussing policies that will enable the country to fill the gap that will be left in its budget.

H.E Mori explained that some of the measures his Government has been pursuing include encouraging more investment in the FSM Trust Fund, increasing revenue including introducing tax reforms, scaling back on government expenditure and developing the private sector.

"There is a need to enable investment in the FSM both domestic and foreign direct investment," President Mori said.

"The Government needs to provide what the private sector needs to develop. Our development partners must align their assistance to FSM to fit in with these policies we are embarking on."

"There a lot of opportunities available to us. We just need to work out our internal arrangements. The development partners are behind us. We the people of FSM need to decide whether to continue to have the easy life of eating from the shops or we develop ourselves," said Mr Mori.

The Government is establishing a 2023 Taskforce to provide recommendations to policy makers on how to address the expected fiscal challenges in the next 10 years and beyond.

The Peer Review Team, which is in the FSM from 12 – 28 November 2012, will hold consultations with representatives of government departments, non-government organizations, the private sector and the development partners. The Team will also consult with the states of Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap.

At the end of the consultations, the Team will produce a report that will include recommendations for the FSM Government and its development partners. The report will only be released after it has been endorsed by the Government of FSM.



## Governor of Kosrae appreciates inclusion in Forum Compact Peer Review

*Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat*

Kosrae, FSM, 20 November 2012 - The state of Kosrae in the Federated States of Micronesia appreciates inclusion in the Cairns Compact on Strengthening Development Coordination (Forum Compact) Peer Review process currently underway in the FSM.

The FSM peer review continues the series of peer reviews across the Pacific as part of a review of Forum island countries' national development planning, budgeting, public financial and aid management processes and systems. FSM is the 9th Forum Island Country to undertake this process.

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After consultation with the national government at the capital Palikir, the Peer Review team divided into two groups to visit the four states. One group is visiting Yap and Chuuk and the other group covering Kosrae and Pohnpei states.

At his meeting with peer review team members on 16 November, Kosrae state Governor, Hon. Lyndon Jackson, accompanied by the Acting Speaker of the Kosrae State Legislature, Mr Palikun Shrew and the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Mr Bob Skilling commended the peer review for including the FSM states in its consultations.

"We appreciate the extension of the peer review consultation to the states to enable the team to consider the relationship that exists between the four states and the national government of FSM," said Governor Jackson.

He explained that "FSM is entering a very critical period in its economic development with the money from the Compact of Free Association with the United States ending in 2023 and as a state of FSM, Kosrae must now find ways and means to fill up the gap that will be left in its budget."

"We look forward to learning from you and exchanging information. Kosrae wants to hear how things have been done in the other countries of the Pacific."



The peer review team members briefed the Kosrae state leaders on changes that were taking place elsewhere in the Pacific in respect of planning, budgeting and aid management, particularly in small countries such as Nauru, Kiribati and Niue which have hosted peer reviews. They underlined that the key to attracting development assistance that matches a country's needs is the capacity to set a clear direction for development and implement it with the resources available now; and to understand development partner systems and motivations and develop strategic aid relationships.

Kosrae Governor Jackson informed the peer review team that his government was the first state in FSM to pass the necessary legislation for tax reforms and has established an ODA unit to find other development partners who will be willing to assist in the economic development of his state leading up to 2023.

Governor Jackson also acknowledged the important role that the private state plays in the economic development of Kosrae and his government's dialogue with the state's Chamber of Commerce through their inclusion in important government coordinated meetings.

At a separate meeting on 17 November with members of the Kosrae Chamber of Commerce, Chamber President Witson Phillip confirmed to the peer review team the dialogue his members have with the state government.

"The Kosrae state government invites us to the State Leadership meetings and the Chamber has used these opportunities to advocate the interest of its members," said Mr Phillip.

He added: "Some of our members have received assistance from the Kosrae state government but we are not directly involved in the discussions in the allocation to the private sector in the state's budget. We want to be able to discuss with the state government what projects our members want to be included in the state budget."

With a population of about 5,000 people, Kosrae, a 109 square kilometre island, is the smallest of the four states of FSM. It is the only state without any outer islands. Tofol is the capital of Kosrae state.



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**Spotlight on Ocean Resources at  
CRGA 42**

*Secretariat of the Pacific  
Community (SPC)*



*An SPC staff member conducts sub-regional training on biological sampling of fish species in Fiji.*

**Tuesday 13 November 2012**

**Noumea, New Caledonia** - 'With water covering some 98.5 per cent of the region's total area, it is not surprising that many countries and territories regard marine resources as the key to their future development,' says Dr Jimmie Rodgers, Director-General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

'But benefitting from ocean resources is a complex challenge involving technical issues, including international law, a wide range of stakeholders and often competing priorities. In fact, we know much less about the ocean than the land.'

The annual meeting of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community's governing body, which is under way this week at its headquarters in Noumea, will look at some of these key challenges and proposed solutions for responsible use and conservation of our ocean.

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2012 has seen unprecedented interest in oceans at both global and regional levels. The theme of the 43rd Pacific Islands Forum, 'Large Ocean Island States - the Pacific Challenge' focused attention on what is the region's greatest natural asset. The Rio+20 process, the launch of the World Bank's Global Partnership for Oceans and our very own Pacific Oceanscape initiative are examples of commitments that acknowledge the

value of our oceans.

The 42nd Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (CRGA), the annual meeting of SPC's governing body, started yesterday and runs until 16 November 2012. It brings together government representatives from SPC's 26 member countries, and observers from regional and international agencies.

**...MV Alucia**

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Mr. Dalio discussed possible collaborative engagements, given the Alucia's experience in science-based explorations, and potential deep water studies that could benefit the FSM and contribute to greater learning on marine life.

A conservation enthusiast himself, Mr. Dalio expressed interest in further understanding of the FSM's efforts in conservation management of its tuna stocks, tourism potential, climate change characteristics and coping practices and the impacts of fisheries with interest in maximizing potential economic returns.

At the end of his trip, President Mori gained an enhanced appreciation of the deep and was encouraged to follow through with Mr. Dalio on the array of support MV Alucia can provide to the future of the FSM.

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The ADB program in the FSM covers various sectors, ranging from infrastructure planning and services, water supply, renewable energy and energy policy, to social services (e.g. education) and public administration.

For further details, kindly refer to the Asian Development Bank's website ([www.adb.org](http://www.adb.org)). The invitation for expression of interest is expected to be announced on 1 October, 2012.

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**NB. ALL OF THE SELECTION CRITERIA NEED TO BE ADDRESSED WITHIN THE WRITTEN APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR INTERVIEW. AN EXAMPLE OF HOW TO ADDRESS THE SELECTION CRITERIA IS INCLUDED IN THE APPLICATION PACK AS A GUIDE.**

**SEND SUPPORTING STATEMENT TO THE SELECTION CRITERIA AND RESUME/CV TO:**

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Email [michael.kulesza@dfat.gov.au](mailto:michael.kulesza@dfat.gov.au)

Application  
closing date Noon  
on Monday 3  
December 2012.

## Charity wraps up successful listening tour in Yap

### Habele

Habele Directors and supporters just completed their 2012 "Listening Tour" in Yap State, Micronesia. Meetings were held with state government officials, traditional chiefs, public and private school educators, as well as parents and community members in the villages. Also attending the meetings was Nils Winkler, CEO of Yapital, a European-based electronic payments company. Yapital sponsored the Statewide Dictionary Project, delivering 1,000 dictionaries to middle school students, as part of its ongoing partnership with Habele to support K-12 students across Yap State.

passed a resolution officially praising Habele's six years of service to the students of Yap. The Speaker and Governor both communicated their belief that targeting support for students in intermediate and high school grades remains the best use of the charity's limited resources.

The Council of Tamol and other traditional leaders encouraged Habele to expand its mission to serve all economically disadvantaged students, rather than only those from outer and distant lagoon islands.

Principals and teachers told Habele Directors that after school programs such as Waa'gey (traditional canoe carving and weaving) and the Vex Robotics clubs have been genuine "game changers" for participating students. They asked for support to expand these extracurricular efforts during the Director's site visit to schools on Yap and in the Outer Islands.

Shortly before the trip, Yap State Legislators

The Women's' associations and the Waa'gey traditional skills programs also thanked Habele for its donations of materials and funds. They both asked for Habele's support in raising awareness of their work outside of Micronesia. Finally, public and private school educators asked Habele to repeat the statewide "Dictionary For Every Eighth Grader" donation on a yearly basis.



Habele Directors Meet with Saint Mary's School Principal Timothy Moon



Habele Directors meet with Habele Scholarship Winners and Families

Regina Raigetel, a Habele Director, explained, "The feedback was constructive; the encouragement thrilling. Parents and educators communicated a genuine sense of gratitude. They want Habele to grow and gave us specific, actionable program ideas."

"The social and economic challenges faced by Yap -and all of Micronesia- represent an opportunity for Habele," said Neil Mellen, another Habele Board Director. "Our targeted programs for students are academically effective and economically efficient. Habele's slow-and-steady grassroots growth strategy is being validated by praise and encouragement among official leaders and, more importantly, 'back in the villages.'" "As the only US-based nonprofit solely serving students in Micronesia, Habele's position remains unique and our ability to affect positive change enormous," added Raigetel.

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## H.E. Serdar Kilic accredited as Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to the FSM

FSM Information Services

November 20, 2012

On November 15, President Manny Mori accepted credentials for Mr. Serdar Kilic to become the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkey to the Federated States of Micronesia.

At the start of the ceremony, President Mori congratulated Ambassador Kilic for being the first Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to be accredited to the FSM, cultivating the relatively fresh diplomacy formalized in Japan on December 15, 2006.

President Mori expressed appreciation for Turkey's past efforts at the United Nations and its active role in coordinating with the Pacific Island States which took momentum from its 2008 meeting that created the Istanbul Declaration of Promotion Cooperation between Turkey and the Pacific Island States.

The President also wished for success towards Turkey's candidature to the United Nations Security Council, stressing the importance FSM places on the council in relation to climate change as a security threat to vulnerable island nations.

After thanking President Mori for the historic moment of being the first accredited Ambassador of his country to FSM, Ambassador Kilic stressed appreciation for the President's words regarding membership on the UN Security Council and spoke of his country's readiness to enhance the partnership with the FSM.

Being a world-class tourism destination, ranked 7th in the world this year, the Ambassador also touched upon his country's interest in the 2020 World Expo in spite of his awareness that the FSM is not a member of the International Exhibition Bureau (BIE), the World Expo governing body.

At the close of the brief ceremony, the Ambassador highlighted that Turkey, through its International Cooperation and Coordination Agency, is open to collaborate with the FSM in development areas of mutual interests. The current Turkish Ambassador is cross-accredited to the FSM from his post in Japan.

## Movick appointed DG of Forum Fisheries Agency

**Kolonia, Pohnpei** - On November 10, 2012, Mr. James T. Movick of the Federated States of Micronesia became the new Director General (DG) of the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) based in Honiara, Solomon Islands. Mr. Movick was previously the Deputy Director General of the FFA from June 2010 until he was appointed by the Forum Fisheries Committee (FFC), the governing body of the FFA earlier this year in Tonga to succeed Mr. Dan Sua of Samoa. Mr. Movick was nominated by the President of the FSM as FSM's candidate for the post when the term of the current Director General Mr. Dan Sua was to cease in November 2012.



Mr. Movick has extensive experience in fisheries development and management having served as a special advisor to the Department of Resources and Development on commercial development of FSM's tuna fisheries, President of the National Fisheries Corporation, CEO of the Pohnpei Fisheries Corporation and served as Chairman of the FSM National Offshore Tuna Fisheries Association. Prior to his involvement in fisheries, he served as a government diplomat with FSM Department of External Affairs (now Foreign Affairs) and was also the founding member and Chairman of the Pacific Island Private Sector Organization (PIPSO) and was an active member of the Pacific Island Tuna Industry Association (PITIA) which serves 14 members of the Forum countries.

Forum Fisheries Agency is a regional organization established back in 1979 to provide fisheries management, development, legal and economic advice to its 17 member countries. Mr. Movick is the first FSM national to serve as the Director General of the FFA since its establishment. Mr. Movick is joined by his wife Herolyn and children Louisa, Edward, Harry and granddaughters Chantel and Mereina during his new role as Director General. James is the son of the late Dr. Eliuel Pretrick and proudly calls Kousapw Pwudoi in Kitt, Pohnpei State as his home.

Mr. Movick will be making his first official visit to FSM in early 2013 as Director General of FFA.

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



#### Technical Services Agreement PLANT AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

The FSM Petroleum Corporation has operations throughout the FSM and Guam, and are involved in the inland commercial, international aviation, international marine, and retail service station sectors. Our primary mandate is to ensure a *secure supply* of petroleum products at the *lowest long-run-average-cost* for the Nation.

The company has significant investment in portable and stationary plant and equipment, including fire pumps, electrical switchgear, standby generators, bulk tanker trucks, forklifts, mobile compressors, welding machines, and passenger motor vehicles. We have inherited an aging fleet from wide variety manufacturers. Due to this diversity and the remoteness of our facilities, we require a strong *preventative maintenance system*, independent *oversight*, and a *regimented maintenance* program to ensure the ongoing availability and reliability of critical equipment while we implement a replacement and standardisation program over the next five (5) years.

We therefore seek the services of an appropriately qualified *mechanical and maintenance service contractor* to provide technical support services to our in-house engineering and maintenance team over the next five (5) years.

#### Summary of Required Services

- Assist in the acquisition of OEM operating and maintenance manuals for all existing plant and equipment;
- Review OEM recommendations, and based on age and condition, develop specific maintenance programs aimed at extending life, improving operability, and ultimately the reliability of equipment;
- Develop and implement an *on-the-job* (OJT) training program aimed at the rapid up-skilling and certification of our in-house team to an agreed international benchmark;
- To complete at least one visit per annum to each location to perform the following:
  - Complete an audit of the effectiveness of the *preventative maintenance system*, including practises, procedures, policies, and record keeping;
  - review the incident and fault reporting database, and through a process of root cause analysis, identify any systemic issues that need to be addressed over the longer term.

#### Qualifications and Experience

A well established *maintenance service provider* that has a proven ability to maintain a wide variety of plant and equipment in remote locations and has the appropriate accreditation and experience for provision of OEM maintenance / training / or audit services.

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## High seas closed to fishing, says PNA to Tuna Commission members

Parties to the Nauru Agreement

MONDAY 19 NOVEMBER, 2012

**PACIFIC REGION** - With just two weeks until fishing nations and Pacific Islands meet at the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) meeting, the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) said it will not bow to pressure to open the high seas to foreign fishing.

Each year the WCPFC brings together the Pacific Island countries, Asian nations, US, EU and other foreign fishers to meet and decide rules for fishing of tuna throughout the Western and Central Pacific Ocean, the world's largest tuna fishery, supplying 50% of the global tuna supply. This year the Commission must decide on a conservation and management measure for tuna at its annual meeting from 2-6 December in Manila, Philippines.

Overfishing of bigeye tuna, a popular sashimi fish, caught by longline fishing and as bycatch in purse seine fishing, is a problem in the region, despite healthy levels of other tunas such as skipjack tuna (commonly used for canned tuna).

Science indicates that the PNA's closure of high seas areas bordering their national waters (sometimes called 'high seas pockets') had a significant effect in reducing bigeye tuna catch, in conjunction with other measures (such as controls on Fish Aggregating Devices or

FADs).

PNA Chair Nanette Malsol said: "In 2008, PNA decided to close high seas to foreign fishing vessels, a move that was a world first, leading the way in conservation. The WCPFC members also supported this high seas closure that year. While recently, some members have been talking about reopening the high seas, this is a vital part of PNA's conservation and management of tuna."

Philippines have an exemption for 36 of its boats to fish in the high seas area around Palau, FSM and Papua New Guinea and other countries are pressing for high seas management areas rather than complete closure of the high seas pockets.

PNA Chair Nanette Malsol further commented: "Fishing nations should know that no matter what happens at the WCPFC, the high seas around PNA countries will remain closed. Rather than pressurizing us to reduce our conservation and management standards, the PNA is calling on the distant water fishing nations to increase their standards by taking voluntary conservation and management measures this year at WCPFC."

The PNA are eight countries that cooperate to manage the world's largest sustainable tuna purse seine fishery - Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Tuvalu, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

## JICA donates 5,000 ICT kits

Japan International Cooperation Agency



Inspector Mr. Uriel Duwey, Environmental Health Coordinator Mr. Moses Pretrick, JICA Resident Representative Mr. Kaoru Iwasaki, Inspector Mrs. Shin Maycin

JICA Micronesia has donated 5,000 Immuno-Chromatographic Test (ICT) kits and medical supplies to support the Pacific Program to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (PacELF) in FSM. JICA handed over the equipment on November 5, 2012 to FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs (DHSA). Environmental Health Coordinator, Mr. Moses E. Pretrick, along with support staff assisted in ensuring proper storage area and inspection of kits. The kits are planned to be distributed to four FSM States and to be utilized at secondary schools in the first and second quarters of 2013. Since 2001, the Japanese government through JICA has donated Diethyl Carbamazine (DEC) and ICT filarial antigen Test kits to the Pacific countries in support of PacELF program in collaboration with WHO. The program is currently in the Phase 3 (2010-2014) and several remarkable outcomes have been confirmed through the program. It has been contributing to healthy lives and wellness in the FSM. JICA sees the Health sector as a priority issue in the FSM and will continue support this area.

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The Leo Etscheit Foundation would like to thank the following:

- Pohnpei State Hospital - Department of Public Health - Cancer Program - HIV/ Aids Program - Non-Communicable Disease Program - Pohnpei Island Food Community (PIFC)
- Micronesia Red Cross Society (MRCS) - Pohnpei Women Advisory Council - FSM NOC

In 1899, Leo Etscheit was born in Pohnpei.

Leo Etscheit was the oldest son of five (5) children of his father Dominik Etscheit and Mother Florentine Etscheit.

Between 1925 to 1980, Leo Etscheit was a well-respected merchant who had a small business in Pohnpei known as "Leo Store" just below the Protestant Church.

Between 1925 to 1980, Leo Etscheit had experienced and always seen the Pohnpei people in the local hospital who suffered from a lack of regular and quality food, and absence of any stimulating or attractive diversions to take the mind off the suffering of the ill confined to the hospital. Leo Etscheit had been treated for his poor health in the Pohnpei State Hospital while he lived in Pohnpei. Further, Leo's youngest brother was Dr. Robert Etscheit who served as a source of medical knowledge for Leo. Because of his experience in the Trust Territory Ponape Hospital, Leo sought to make the care and treatment of the people of Pohnpei confined as in-patients in the Pohnpei State Hospital as good and pleasant as possible with a perpetual gift of a lot of money. It follows that Leo's 1970 Last Will & Testament confirmed in writing his intent to make a valuable gift to the people of Pohnpei happier and more pleased with any stay required as an in-patient at the Pohnpei State Hospital.

In 1986, the Leo Etscheit Foundation and Memorial Fund were created with an opening deposit of nearly 1,800,000.00. In Pohnpei State Court, a probate order confirmed the Creation of the Trust by Estate of Leo Etscheit in PCA 77-80. The Trustees of the Leo Etscheit Foundation & Memorial Fund are always the Governor of Pohnpei State, a duly appointed representative of Leo Etscheit family, and a third member appointed by other two trustees.

For the future, the Trustees will continue to serve and distribute income and benefits for the benefits of the in-patients at Pohnpei State Hospital as well as the Liberation Day Games.

## Donation of humanitarian cargo for Chuuk arrives Nov 20th

## Guam school kids reach out to Chuuk students

*Ayuda Foundation*

*November 20, 2012*

**CHUUK** - Students from Guam have donated 200 boxes of school supplies for kids in Chuuk's school system. In addition to the rulers, pencils, notebooks, crayons and back packs, Carlotta Leon Guerrero, Executive Director of the non-profit, the AyudaFoundation also collected tens of thousands of school textbooks and library books.

Ayuda is a division of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) and put the donation together at the request of the APIL member from Chuuk, Senator Stephen Nelson who has worked with us to make sure the cargo correctly clears all Chuuk State regulations required of donated goods.

The cargo has been consigned to the Chuuk Women's Council where it will be sorted, inventoried and distributed. CWC President, Kiki Stinnett says the women are looking forward to this project because in addition to the school books and supplies, there is a considerable amount of donated linens, office furniture, and thousands of slippers for children.

The donated linens are courtesy of Pacific Laundry and the Guam Reef Hotel and the women have talked about being able to help patients confined to their beds with the donated sheets, blankets and pillow cases.

The Ayuda Foundation usually donates humanitarian cargo for Chuuk to the Pohnpei based hospital/cargo ship the Sea Haven for distribution to the outer islands of Chuuk. With our new partnership with our APIL members and the Chuuk Women's Council, we hope to increase our efforts to help our friends and neighbors in Weno, and the lagoon islands.

## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from local organizations to support in the implementation of the AusAID-funded Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Education (CADRE) Program.

Any interested organizations should have demonstrated experience in participatory, community empowerment processes and activities. Moreover, organizations must possess capacity to engage in the climate change and disaster risk reduction sector.

### Scope of Engagement

In particular IOM is seeking agencies interested in conducting any or all of the following climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction activities:

1. Year 8 science - Disaster risk and climate change awareness training modules
2. Community Risk Identification and Mapping.
3. Community Action Planning.
4. Distribution of climate change and disaster risk awareness raising materials.
5. Technical assessments and reports on specific hazards, such as:
  - a) Landslides
  - b) Drought and water harvesting
  - c) Coastal storm surge
  - d) Flooding
  - e) Typhoon
  - f) Other community identified risks.
6. Provide recommendations for adaptation and mitigation to identified climate-induced hazards and climate impacts.



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### Target Schools and Communities for Assistance

IOM has dedicated funding and training opportunities for local organizations with skills and experience to conduct any of the above activities in any of the following school/communities:

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<b>Chuuk</b> Sapuk Elementary School P&P Elementary School Mechitiw Elementary School Iras Demo School Mwan Elementary School Neauo Elementary School St. Cecilia Elementary School Berea Christian School SDA School Sino Elementary School (Tonoas) Kuchuwua Elementary School (Tonoas) Nechap Elementary School (Tonoas) UFO Elementary School (Fefan) Sapore Elementary School (Fefan)	<b>Yap</b> Tomakaw Elementary School Delepebinaw Elementary School Gilman Elementary School Bael Elementary School Ramuu' Elementary School
	<b>Majuro</b> Laura Public High School Marshall Christian High School Baptist Mission High School Seventh Day Adventist High School Coop High School Assumption High School Marshall Islands High School Rita Christian High School Baptist Christian Academy H.S.
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### Eligible Applicants

Local non-governmental organizations, Red Cross Societies, educational institutions.

### Application & Submission Information

Please send a short expression of interest (no more than 2 pages) of your organization including relevant experience to date to your nearest IOM office or to email address: [micronesiaenquiries@iom.int](mailto:micronesiaenquiries@iom.int).

Also indicate which schools/communities you would be interested in working with. Further information can then be provided and terms and conditions outlined.

*Please note this is **not** a call for proposals but an opportunity for IOM to collect information on potential future partnerships.*

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## GEAR UP receives In-Kind Award and professional development

### COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

Dr. Wesley Hickey, Associate Professor and Superintendent Program Coordinator and Dr. Peggy Gill, Professor of Educational Leadership, of the University of Texas-Tyler contributed more than \$13,000 of in-kind services to GEAR UP Pohnpei for 5 days of professional development during the month of September at COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus.

Over the course of the professional development workshops, between 20-25 Pohnpei Department of Education and GEAR UP teachers, tutors, coordinators, and staff received extensive training on how to conduct simple experiments using readily available resources and linking them with writing activities. The workshops were interactive, self-exploratory, and encouraged student-centered activities; all important concepts that are often neglected within the educational system.

Results of the evaluation demonstrated that nearly 100% of the participants had already implemented the lessons within 1-3 days of receiving the training and reported an increase in confidence when teaching science-related information. More importantly, through the activities, teachers were able to critique and provide constructive feedbacks on their own writing samples; the first step in developing competency in student-centered writing lessons.

The consultants were not only effective in the delivering the training but also in developing good working relations with the GEAR UP staff. Everyone immediately connected with the consultants, which contributed to the positive outcomes of the workshop. GEAR UP strives to develop effective educators who are dedicated to the island youth. GEAR UP would like to thank Peggy and Wes and the University of Texas-Tyler for their time, money, and dedication to Pohnpei educators and youth.

GEAR UP is a match grant program, which requires community “buy-in” to encourage sustainability, a catalyst for lasting partnerships of schools, institutions of higher education, the community, and leverage for local assets and resources. This “match” ensures that every federal dollar received will be matched with cash or in-kind contributions from local sources, which ultimately strengthens the program and assist in reaching the goals of the project.



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# Now in Pohnpei—world class rock climbing!

Photos by Alex Zuccarelli  
By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

November 10, 2012  
Sokehs Ridge, Pohnpei, FSM—When I tried

to explain to people that I was going to go rock climbing for the first time in a dozen years, and that I was going to do it at Sokehs Rock, Pohnpei's distinctive landmark, their eyes tended to glaze over.

“Yes,” they said, “I’ve climbed Sokehs Rock many times.”

“But, I’m not talking about holding on to the electric conduit like some kind of handrail, and scrambling up the back side of Sokehs Rock. That’s not much more than a steep hike,” I whined. “I’m talking about REAL rock climbing. You know what I’m talking

“Get your left hand up, and pinch that nib of rock. Kick your right foot out—snag a really nice heel lock. Get that double finger pocket, and then crank up to a jug. That’s what it’s all about.”  
--Sung to the tune of ‘The Hokey Pokey’

formations in Pohnpei, but none have ever really seriously tried to develop the sport until fairly recently.

Further, the climbers who have been “putting up climbing routes” on the spire just southeast of Sokehs Rock for the last couple of years, kept their efforts as a closely guarded secret that they shared only with a few friends, and always with the dire instruction, “Keep it to yourself!”

The proverbial “cat” is out of the bag and that cat is climbing—well—like a cat let out of a bag.

Pohnpei’s developing rock climbing sport has its own Facebook community group. (You can “like” it at: [www.facebook.com/climbpohnpei](http://www.facebook.com/climbpohnpei)). It’s also listed on the website of “The Mountain Project” (<http://www.mountainproject>). Pohnpei is not listed on the destinations page anywhere that I could find on that website, but type “Micronesia” into the search box and FSM will be one of the areas listed there.

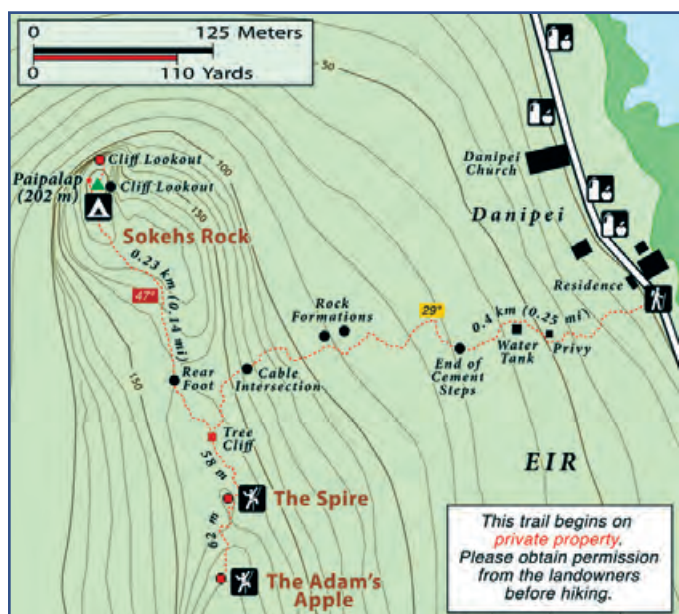


photo and map provided by Alex Zuccarelli

Matthew Mann cranking on overhanging rock in Pohnpei

about, right? Vertical rock, carabiners, ropes, belaying—you know—REAL rock climbing!”

“Uh huh, okay, yeah, well whatever—have fun,” my friends said, and continued on to the next subject, completely uninterested in mine.

Fair enough—a few visitors to Pohnpei have climbed rock

## But how do they get the rope up there? Everything you might not have wanted to know about climbing

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

As a former active climber I was asked how climbers get the rope up there more than any other question about rock climbing. The answer I gave seldom varied—they take it with them. In the very early days of climbing, when climbing ropes were made of hemp rather than the high tech ropes of today which are made of nylon with a kernmantle weave, the strongest climber took “the sharp end” of the rope. He was the lead climber and he climbed with the mantra, “the leader must not fall.” To fall would have been death, and likely the rope would also have dragged the second climber off the rock or mountain as well. He brought the rope with him only to aid the second climber in his ascent.



Today, the lead climber—the climber on “the sharp end”—relies on intermediate points of protection such as wedges, or cams, to which she clips the rope. This is called “traditional” climbing. If a climber clips to fixed points of protection such as a bolt it is called “sport” climbing. Pohnpei’s established rock climbing routes are sport climbing routes. If a lead climber falls at any point during the climb she falls twice the distance between herself and the last point of protection.



The second climber is the “belayer”. The word “belay” means to stop. Nowadays climbers can use any one of several different kinds of belaying devices that rely on friction but the end goal is the same—to stop a falling climber. Before belay devices were invented, the belayer wrapped the rope around his or her body in order to provide the necessary friction to stop a fall—this is known as a “body belay”.

As mentioned in the article on Pohnpei climbing, climbers also sometimes use a top-rope for climbing. In this method a climber goes to the top of a crag by an easy route and hooks the rope to anchors on the top. The rope runs to the ground in a sort of pulley system. If a climber on a top rope takes a fall they will fall only the distance that the rope stretches.

Modern climbing ropes are designed to stretch—they are dynamic ropes as opposed to static ropes. If the rope didn’t stretch, the force of a fall would be too much for a falling climber’s body, and on all points of the system. The force could be sufficient to snap the rope, to break a carabiner (the device that clips the rope to the points of protection), to cause an anchor to fail, or to break the lead climber’s bones.



In the U.S., climbers use a rating system established at Yosemite National Park by the climbing community there. Most of the rest of the world uses a different rating system. The Yosemite system, a decimal number, was a little short sighted. There were only ever supposed to have been 10

## ...Rock climbing

Continued from page 13

of establishing sport routes, especially in the tropical environment of Pohnpei. Mann used only marine grade stainless steel bolts. He said they would last for more than 20 years even if they were immersed in salt water. Each placement is quite expensive--\$20 each. He has placed 60 bolts on the wall and there are currently six routes established that range from 5.11b to 5.12d.

There is also a 5.10d top-rope route that was established by Daniel Moor when he visited Pohnpei.

Climbers will instantly know what these ratings mean and a great deal of consideration is put into them. Future climbers will rely on the rating to tell them if the route is within their abilities. They also will judge the first ascenders who initially establish the rating. Mann and White had a lengthy discussion about whether the 5.11b route they were climbing on the day I went with them should be upgraded to 5.11c due to a hold that broke in the middle of a crux section on the route. Ultimately they decided to leave the rating the same.

## ...The rope

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degrees of difficulty, 0 to 9. The first number in the rating system is the class—class 5, which is essentially, roped climbing. The second number is the degree of difficulty of the “crux” moves on the route—the most difficult rock climbing moves. In the early days of climbing the ratings ran from 5.1 to 5.9. It was sensible for the time but it didn’t take long before climbers began climbing harder routes than the system could accommodate. A more difficult rating had to be added—5.10, and the decimal system broke down. Once ratings get to the double digits climbers can also add a “-”, a “+”, or the letters “a”, “b”, “c”, or “d”. A 5.10+ route would be a route that is in the harder range of the 5.10 spectrum. A 5.10- would be in the easier range. The letters are just a further subdivision of the climbs in 5.10 rating.

Rock climbing routes are getting harder and harder, and in October, Adam Ondra climbed what is now considered to be the hardest route in the world, in Norway—a 5.15c.

Modern climbers have their own language that can be a bit disconcerting to those who have never been exposed to it. A description of the moves on a route is called “Beta”, after the now defunct type of video tape. Climbers who want to know ask, “What’s the Beta?” When providing beta either on the ground or while a climber is on the route (which it is not courteous to do unless asked) a climber will use words like “sloper”, “layback”, “heel hook”, “pocket”, “jug”, “mantel”, “chimney”, “chicken head”, “stem”, “smear”, “crux”, “bombproof”, “bomber”, and a whole host of other words that would be confusing to the uninitiated.

Incidentally, climbers who complete a climb they’ve been working on don’t climb it, they “send it” but only if they do it “free” or “clean” which means that they didn’t fall, they didn’t hold onto anything other than the rock, and they didn’t rest on the rope. That kind of an ascent is a “redpoint” ascent but only if they’ve already worked on it and fallen. A climber can “flash” a route by climbing it without falls or resting either with or without receiving Beta, but if they receive beta on a route, they can never climb the route “on-sight”.

I know, it’s all very confusing. Welcome to the world of rock climbing.

For non-climbers we have provided an inset article to explain ratings among other things.

There are likely several “traditional” routes on Sokehs Rock that have not been climbed and the likelihood is good that some of those routes will be moderate when they are climbed.

Mann hasn’t finished establishing routes, and there are still a few routes that have yet to see a clean ascent. Part of the reason that he asked for secrecy as he was establishing the routes is that he wants to be the person who bags the first ascents.

The rock climbing is truly magnificent on clean basalt. I’m very much out of shape, and was only able to get to the fifth bolt on the route we worked on but the rock was of surprisingly good quality, and dry after four days of rain.

The approach to the crags crosses private property in Danpei, Sokehs. Climbers are urged to respect the rights and privacy of the property owners, and ask permission before ascending the steep trail.

Most hikers who are in shape will find the trail to be only moderately strenuous. It dang near killed me. Mann said that White had set a speed record of 12 minutes with a pack. A good pace for me would be more like 45 minutes. The belay sites are sloping, and somewhat uncomfortable but sufficient.

We didn’t hike out quite early enough on the day that I went and had to struggle down the path on slippery rocks in the twilight hours. Watch your step. After having climbed difficult rock climbing routes all afternoon without incident, Mann slipped on a rock and nearly broke his ribs, not 40 feet from the road.

Pohnpei rock climbing will not likely be a draw for climbers to come to Pohnpei just for the climbing. There aren’t enough routes, but it is one more thing a tourist who is an expert climber can do.

*The “route” to the top of Sokehs Rock that I derided as a just a “steep hike” is rated at 5.6R (see the inset article for an explanation of climbing ratings). The “R” rating means that there is very little to protect a climber if they should fall. Severe injury or even death could result from such a fall. The 200 foot climb up the back of Sokehs Rock is not to be underestimated.*



Photos by  
Bill Jaynes

Jonathan White, now a “super rock jock”, on probably the easiest bit of rock he climbed all day



Matthew Mann two moves below the contested bit of rock that threatened to make the route a 5.12c.



## College of Micronesia – FSM

# Employment Opportunity

The College of Micronesia-FSM is advertising for the following vacancies. Serious inquiries can be made to the Human Resources Office at email address [hro@comfsm.fm](mailto:hro@comfsm.fm) and telephone number (691)320-2482 or visit us at [www.comfsm.fm](http://www.comfsm.fm) for application, details, and requirements.

Positions	Location	Annual Salary	Closing Date
Education Specialist	Pohnpei	\$13,457.00- \$19,488.00	November 29, 2012
Environmental Science Instructor	Chuuk	\$16,131.00-\$17,819.00	November 30, 2012
English Instructor	Kosrae	\$16,131.00-\$17,819.00	November 30, 2012
Education Instructor	Kosrae	\$16,131.00-\$17,819.00	November 30, 2012
Maintenance Worker	Kosrae	\$5,562.00	November 30, 2012
Security Officer [4 positions]	Kosrae	\$5,196.00	November 30, 2012
Researcher	Pohnpei	\$17,643.00-\$26,450.00	December 12, 2012
Director of Residential and Student Life	Pohnpei	\$14,452.00	December 19, 2012
Research Assistant	Chuuk	\$6,710.00	December 19, 2012
IT Technician II	Chuuk	\$6,565.00	December 19, 2012

## USDOJ investigates Babauta for allegations of wrong doing

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

November 26, 2012

**Pacific region**—Pacific area newspapers have widely reported that the U.S. Department of the Interior placed Anthony Babauta on administrative leave pending investigation of allegations of wrong doing.

Babauta is the U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs. His responsibilities include the Pacific Island region.

Details in all of the Pacific region newspapers were scarce.

The Pacific Daily News said that the Interior Department's inspector general is reviewing travel in the Office of Insular Affairs. PDN also reported that investigators are looking into a grant that Babauta's office awarded.

All of the newspapers in the insular areas provided quotes from government leaders in their own governments saying that they respect the process and that it would be inappropriate to speak about the allegations until the process runs its course.

President Barack Obama appointed Babauta in July of 2009. He was confirmed in September of that year. Babauta is a native of Guam.

The Saipan Tribune reported that Eileen Sobeck, U.S. Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, has been designated acting Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs while Babauta is on administrative leave.

## CETC celebrates 49th graduation

Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

Twenty-four women from Wallis and Futuna, Vanuatu, Tuvalu, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, Kiribati and Fiji are poised to return to their countries and communities to put into practice the skills and knowledge gained during seven months of studies at the Community Education Training Centre (CETC), a section of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) located at Narere, just outside Suva.

This was CETC's 49th graduation ceremony and, as usual, many guests, relatives and friends were invited to watch the graduates receive their Level III Certificates in Applied Community Development Studies.

In her welcoming address, SPC Deputy Director-General, Ms Fekitamoeola 'Utoikamanu referred to the recommendation of the 2012 Independent External Review of SPC that the programme be transferred to another training institution, possibly USP.

The last offering of this programme will be in 2013, the 50th year of the CETC programme, which, she said, 'has continued to be a source of light to many of the facilitators who graduate from the Centre year after year.'

During his keynote address, His Excellency Mr Gerson Jackson, Ambassador for the Federated States of Micronesia, said he would be remiss if he didn't mention the invaluable role CETC has played in developing the skills of the women who had enrolled in the training programme in the past four decades.

His Excellency pointed out that, like the approximately 1700 women who had preceded

them at CETC, today's graduates had newly acquired skills and competencies that would enable them to effect change and eliminate 'existing obstacles and artificial barriers that have stood in the way of empowering women to be more productive members of their societies and communities and, equally important, our region'.

H.E. Mr Jackson reminded the women that sustainability and environmental impacts have become major issues, cutting across most sectors in the region, so they should do their part to ensure that 'new and ongoing development projects are sustainable and environment-friendly'.

He also suggested that the new graduates should be aware of the 'existing international and regional instruments for political, social and economic development and environmental management that aim to empower women within the region...as they offer the critically important financing and operational tool that you will need to ensure your success'.

Demonstrating the potential of the graduates for future success were Faafetai Vaevaina from Samoa, recipient of the Excellence award, and Taota Niuatui from Tuvalu, who received the Leadership award.

A highlight of the ceremony was student power point presentations of the process and results of the two-week community outreach programmes they undertook as an essential component of the course, where they facilitated and completed development projects that were prioritised by the Fiji communities they worked with.

Along with graduates' families and friends, guests attending the ceremony included the High Commissioners of Kiribati, Solomon Islands and Nauru; the First Secretary at the Tuvalu High Commission; the Taiwan Trade Representative; the Director of ILO; and representatives from the British High Commission and the Vanuatu, Indonesian and United States Embassies, the US Peace Corps and the Japan International Cooperation Agency.

### Employment Opportunity EO No: 2013- 019

**Class Definition:** The position of Agronomy Researcher is directly responsible to the State Coordinator for Cooperative Research and Extensions with management support from the Pohnpei Campus Director and the VPCRE. The CRE/AES and this position serve and share responsibilities across the FSM. The position is based in and is primarily responsible for activities in the state of Pohnpei. Furthermore, the position is governed by a MOU with the government of Pohnpei State establishing the responsibilities of the State and of COM-FSM/CRE.

**Duties:** Maintain 3-4 Hatch funded research projects applicable to the state needs and develop in consultation with state and national stakeholders and based on the COM 5 Year Plan of Work. Seek outside funding for applicable projects; Conduct tests of field crops suitable for the conditions in Pohnpei State. Assist the state administration to develop plans and processes to address Food Security issues; Assist the state in arranging necessary technical help/training within the available budget. Assist the state to identify necessary, potential and possible activities to address the identified concerns of the state. Assist the state to identify and address the on-going and future goals for agriculture development within the state and the FSM. Assist in the development and delivery of formal education within the Agriculture Science specialty to students of COM-FSM on time and budget availability. Provide 25% of time responsibility to support and conduct extension activities with the Pohnpei Cooperative Extension Services including formulation of research findings in a format suitable for extension use and 75% of time responsibility for research. Report and publish research results in appropriate peer review format. Perform other duties suitable to the capabilities of the researcher and the facilities.

**Minimum Qualifications:** Master degree in Agronomy from a US accredited University or a non-USA institution with applicants credentials equated to US standards in the field required with research experience in the specialty for two years. Foreign credentials must be equated to US standards using World Education Services at <http://www.wes.org>. PhD in the field of work is preferred with four years of work experience. Ability to travel and work in resource poor conditions. Ability to work in a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary team. Proven ability to develop grant proposal and secure funding from sources other than state and colleges based funding. Proven ability to manage people and funds to satisfy the audit requirements of national and/or international funding agencies. Ability to formulate and work in a team setting, to develop and encourage collaboration with State, National, Federal, Regional and international partners when possible and when necessary. A strong background in Soil Science would be a plus. Contact: Applications are available at the College of Micronesia-FSM Human Resources Office, state campus sites or the college's website at [www.comfsm.fm](http://www.comfsm.fm).

**Process:** Applicants must submit an interest letter, resume, COM-FSM Employment Application form, official college transcripts are to be mailed directly from schools to HRO, and 3 up to date letters of recommendation to Human Resources Office at the address above or send via E-mail to [hro@comfsm.fm](mailto:hro@comfsm.fm) no later than December 12, 2012. Applications will be reviewed immediately following closing.

The College reserves the right to request or require from any applicant additional documentation or certification in addition to the minimum requirements stated in this advertisement in order to be considered for this position. All persons applying must meet or exceed any additional qualifications required in the COM-FSM Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual.

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Phone: 691-320-2480 Fax: 691-320-2479

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November 13, 2012

**Closing Date:**

December 12, 2012

**Position and Salary:**

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Researcher [Agronomy]

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*"Position is eligible for extended benefits"*

**Location:**

Pohnpei Campus/CRE

P.O. Box 614

Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941

# SPC introduces new approaches to climate change

Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

Tuesday 13 November 2012

**Noumea, New Caledonia** - Regional government delegates meeting in Noumea this week at the headquarters of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community will discuss the new approaches to climate change adaptation that the organisation is using to assist Pacific Island countries and territories tackle the 21st century challenge.

'Climate change is projected to increase the frequency and severity of natural disasters, and affect infrastructure, transport, marine ecosystems, agricultural food production and health, as well as access to safe drinking water,' says Dr Jimmie Rodgers, SPC Director-General.

SPC is taking a cross-cutting approach to climate

change adaptation, recognising that tackling just one aspect of an issue is unlikely to lead to long-term sustainable solutions.

For example, a 'ridge-to-reef' approach being trialled in Choiseul Province, Solomon Islands, combines work across several sectors, including agriculture, forestry, water, infrastructure, fisheries and health, together with the efforts of landowning communities, the government, other development partners and regional agencies.

Another project the organisation is implementing in Vava'u, Tonga, integrates land-based water management elements with coastal zone management and near-shore fisheries.

To work effectively, this approach needs commitment from national-level stakeholders and willingness on the part of government ministries and communities to work together. The organisation is also working with countries and development partners to design and implement integrated, 'one team' methods.

The 42nd Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (CRGA), the annual meeting of SPC's governing body, is being held from 12 to 16 November 2012 at its headquarters in Noumea.



An SPC staff carries out a survey of barrier reef topography in Saipan, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

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### FSM Insurance Board GENERAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT No. 12-01 (October 15, 2012)

Section 301 of the FSM Insurance Act as codified under Title 37 FSMC stipulates that *no insurance business shall be carried on in the Federated States of Micronesia unless the person or company engaging in insurance business is either licensed or registered by the FSM Insurance Board.* Any person engaging in insurance business in the FSM contrary to the provisions and requirements of the Act will be subject to the applicable provisions of the Act.

**Following are registered insurers and respective licensed agents in the FSM:**

Registered Insurers:	Licensed Agents:
1. First Net Insurance Company -----	Moylan's Insurance Underwriters (FSM), Inc.
2. Dongbu Insurance Company -----	Moylan's Insurance Underwriters (FSM), Inc.
3. NetCare Life and Health Insurance Co. -----	Moylan's Insurance Underwriters (FSM), Inc.
4. Pacific Indemnity Insurance Company -----	Actouka Executive Insurance Underwriters

**Following are licensed insurance agents and brokers in the FSM:**

- 1. AGENTS: } Moylan's Insurance Underwriters (FSM), Inc.  
              } Actouka Executive Insurance Underwriters
- 2. BROKERS: } Oceania Insurance Company, Inc.  
              } Micronesia Insurance Brokers Company, Ltd.

**The General Public should also note the following pending registration applications of foreign insurers:**

- 1. Federal Insurance Company
- 2. Century Insurance Co., Ltd.

Statutory Mandates of the Board: (1) to regulate insurance business, (2) to undertake the licensing and supervision of insurers, insurance agents, insurance brokers, and insurance solicitors, (3) to protect the interests of policy owners, and (4) to promote the soundness, stability and development of the insurance system in the FSM.

The general public, insurance policyholders, insured residents and businesses, prospective insureds, insurers, and insurance intermediaries are encouraged to direct queries or comments to:

FSM Insurance Board  
Town Plaza Building, Suite 12  
P.O. Box K-2980  
Kolonia, Pohnpei, FM 96941  
Phone: (691) 320-3423 or 5426; Fax: (691) 320-1523  
Website: [www.fsminsuranceboard.com](http://www.fsminsuranceboard.com)

## High level meeting on Chuuk education reform

FSM Information Services

**CHUUK, FSM** — A high-level meeting on the future of education for Chuuk State was held in Weno, Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia from November 2-3, 2012. Participating members included representatives of the three principal parties: the Chuuk State Government, the FSM National Government, and the United States of America. Observing the meeting were representatives of the five regions of Chuuk State, from the Mid-continent Research for Education and Learning (McREL), and the Pacific Resources for Education and Learning (PREL).

The meeting was initiated by the Chairman of the Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO), Mr. Nikolao Pula, who expressed concern regarding that Committee's disappointment and frustration with the lack of progress on education reforms in Chuuk State. Chairman Pula therefore requested a meeting in which he would join the President of the Federate States of Micronesia, H.E. Emanuel Mori, in Chuuk with the collective leadership of Chuuk State to achieve consensus and accelerate sensible reforms to improve educational outcomes for the children of Chuuk State.

The structure of the meeting included presentations by the four key stakeholders within Chuuk State. First, The Governor, the Hon. Johnson Elimo, presented several strong commitments and proposed an Advisory Group mechanism to monitor progress on behalf of the principal parties. Second, the Legislature, represented by Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Hon. Innocente

Oneisom, and by the Floor Leader of the House of Senate, the Hon. Alonso Cholymay, reported on their recent actions to pass a Department of Education Reorganization bill and a bill to transfer personnel management to the Department of Education. Third, the Chairman of the Chuuk Board of Education, Johannes Berdon, presented the reform actions completed by the Board and the reform actions they will complete going forward, as well as the Board's newly adopted commitment statement to guide their work. Fourth, the Chuuk Department of Education was represented by three officials: Executive Director, Gardenia Aisek; Chief of Curriculum and Instruction, Johndy Nakamura; and Chief of Secondary Schools, Bersita Elimo. Their presentations also focused on reform actions completed and reform actions they will complete going forward, as well as a summary of the encouraging results of the Chuuk High School pilot program. The department's presentation was augmented by a presentation on a community involvement initiative, "Adopt a School," given by the President of the Chuuk Women's Council, Christina Stinnett.

A ten-point synthesis of the reform commitments of the Chuuk State Leadership was presented by Rev. Arthur Leger, SJ. That presentation, entitled "The Way Forward: Specific Program of Action for Chuuk State Education Reform," is attached hereto and forms a part of this communique'.

Throughout the meeting, there was an active and open dialogue among the principals and gathered observers, leading to greater clarity and understanding of the events that

necessitated the High Level Meeting, and to greater clarity on the reform commitments being made by the Chuuk State Leadership. Both the FSM National Government and the United States government delegation provided support and encouragement. Specifically, the JEMCO Chairman committed to recommend to his colleagues favorable consideration of full funding of the FY2013 Education Sector Grant for Chuuk State, as well as favorable consideration for a special project-based proposal to fund non-recurrent reform implementation expenses. The Chairman did note that the grant will embed references to the commitments put forward by the Chuuk State Leadership to timely implementation of their specific program of action. The meeting ended on a positive note, including the commitment by the Governor of Chuuk State to ensure that reform progress would indeed be among his administration's highest priorities, and would be featured in the State's presentation at the planned mid-year JEMCO meeting, which the Governor also offered to host in Chuuk State, as a show of the confidence gained through the preparation for and the dialogue during this High Level Meeting.

The Way Forward: Specific Program of Action for Chuuk State Education Reform:

1. Design and Implement CDOE Personnel Management System
  1. Develop and execute an RFP for development of Human Resource and Personnel system
  2. Implement CDOE Reorganization Law
    1. Complete position descriptions and fill positions primarily through

internal transfers

3. Recruit and Hire Two Resident Education Consultant.

1. Education Reform Implementation Expert

2. School Management Expert

4. Continue Chuuk High School Pilot Program and Replicate in One Additional High School.

1. Assess performance improvements and document lessons learned

2. Assign existing consultant to Faichuk High School for 2013-2014 school year.

5. Revise FY2013 ESG Budget and Prepare FY2013 Reform Budget as Project-Based Proposal

1. Submit for CBOE and Legislature authorization, and subsequent JEMCO consideration (November 9, 2012)

6. Reset CERP Goals, Objectives and Timeline to Reflect Endorsed Recommendations of the Reform Review and Subsequent Events

1. Include CDOE management team and recruited consultants, completed by end FY2013 Q2.

7. Accelerate Community Involvement

1. Through regional service centers, advance beyond educational reform awareness to educational reform engagement and ownership.

8. Fully Integrate the Facilities Master Plan into the Reform Program

1. Complete review and outreach through the regional service centers

2. CBOE to endorse with detailed timeline

9. Develop FY2014 CDOE Budget in Conformance with LTFP Commitments

10. Organize and Implement Advisory Group

1. Identify and confirm members no later than FY2013 Q2.

2. Confirm scope of advisory support and reporting expectations

### Recruitment of Local Staff for the Embassy of Japan in the FSM

The Embassy of Japan in the FSM is recruiting 1 (one) local staff. Anyone who is eligible is welcome to apply sending the necessary documents to the address below no later than December 12, 2012.

**(1) Job Specifications**

Providing assistance to accounting, consular, and administration divisions of the Embassy of Japan.

**(2) Number of vacancy**

1 (one)

**(3) Qualification Requirements**

- a) FSM citizen or non FSM citizen with working permit.
- b) Fluent in English
- c) Holder of Japanese-Language Proficiency Test N1, or native speaker of Japanese.
- d) College-educated or higher qualification holders
- e) Capable of using computers (Word, Excel, internet browsers)

**(4) Terms of Employment**

- a) Working venue is the Embassy of Japan in the FSM, Pami Building 3F, Kolonia, Pohnpei 96941 FSM
- b) Basic working hours are from 08:30 to 17:15, Mon-Fri. excluding the holidays of the Embassy (Lunch break 12:00- 13:00)

c) Salary will be decided based on the certain standards in FSM and will be paid in US Dollars.

**(5) Period of Application**

Until December 12, 2012

**(6) How to apply**

Please send your resume either in English or Japanese, a photo, and the copy of your degree or the proof of your most recent employment.

If you are not native Japanese speaker, please include the copy of Japanese Language Proficiency N1 certification.

**(7) Selection Process**

After receiving application documents, the Embassy will select the candidates in the following procedures;

- a) Those who pass the initial document screening will be invited to come to the Embassy for an interview. Please note that the Embassy will NOT contact those who do not pass the initial document screening.
- b) Considering the result of interviews, the Embassy will inform the result to all of the final candidate around December 14, 2012

\* Please note that the Embassy will NOT return any of the documents submitted.

Please contact the Embassy of Japan in the FSM for any questions. 320-5465

*Analyzing humor is like  
dissecting a frog. Few  
people are interested and  
the frog dies of it.*

**E. B. White**

*My computer beat me at  
checkers, but I sure beat  
it at kickboxing.*

**Emo Philips**

## U.S. Embassy funds piggery demonstration site

*Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia*

On Monday, November 19, Ambassador Rosen participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for a new U.S. funded dry litter piggery at the College of Micronesia National Campus. The piggery will serve as a demonstration site to assist farmers with learning new methods for decreasing adverse environmental impacts caused by raising pigs.

USDA Natural Resources and Conservation Services estimates that there are over 3,000 piggeries on Pohnpei. The impact of these piggeries can be found in local streams and rivers after farmers wash the daily pig waste into nearby water sources, making the rivers unsafe for swimming. E. coli, cholera, and leptospirosis are serious illnesses which may be caused by swimming in water contaminated by pig waste.

Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease that affects humans and animals. It is caused by bacteria of the genus *Leptospira*. In humans, it can cause a wide range of symptoms, some of which may be mistaken for other diseases. Some infected persons, however, may have no symptoms at all. Without treatment, leptospirosis may lead to kidney damage, meningitis, liver failure, respiratory

distress, and sometimes even death.

Pohnpei law requires all piggeries to be built at least 50 feet from the nearest stream, river, or shoreline. The number of the piggeries not in compliance with the existing law is unknown. Dry litter piggeries do not use water to wash pig pens, and can help alleviate the problem of pig waste contaminating Pohnpei's fragile ecosystem.

Dry litter piggeries use wood chips to line the floors of the piggeries. The waste materials are then composted, producing high temperatures, which destroy leptospirosis and other harmful bacteria. The finished compost can then be put on crops, as a safe and sustainable fertilizer.

The issue of pig waste pollution in fresh water sources has brought the entire diplomatic corps together with all local Embassies (Peoples Republic of China, Japan, Australia, and the U.S.) promoting environmentally sound and sustainable pig farming practices. The Embassy of Japan provided the Pohnpei State Government with two large wood chippers to assist in production of wood chips, and the Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China assists local

farmers by installing biogas plants to create reusable energy using pig waste. A number of other projects are currently under consideration, and other members of the international donor community are considering funding projects to reduce pollution caused by pig waste.

There are currently four dry litter piggeries projects in operation or in the process of being built. AusAID has

funded an operational dry litter piggery at the Sei Farm. The IWRM (Integrated Water Resources Management) has funded a piggery project in Nett as part of the Nett Watershed Management Intervention along the Nanpil River. The latest piggery project is at COM-FSM and is funded by the U.S. A fourth project was initiated by a private sector farmer using his own funds. The current project on the COM-FSM campus is expected to be completed and operational by the end of December.



*Kiyoshi Phillip (Dean of Agriculture – COM), Snyder Biza, (Chair of the Math/Science Department), Jim Currie (V.P. Extension Office – COM), Joseph Habuchmai (V.P. Administrative Services – COM), Ambassador Doria Rosen, 2 COM agriculture students.*

### NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on December 22, 2011, public notice is hereby given that the parcel described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Parcel No. 055-D-14, land known as “Kinakapw”, together with any improvements thereon, situated in Madolenihmw Municipality, Pohnpei State, with an area of 10,112 square meters, more or less, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 055-D-02, registered at the Pohnpei Court of Land Tenure, Office of the Registrar.

- There is no minimum bid amount for the parcel.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “January 17, 2013 Land Auction” by personal delivery to Mr Ricky Jano at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Palikir, Pohnpei State on Thursday, January 17, 2013, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2013.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must clearly state the bid amount for the parcel.
- The winning bidder will be notified by a duly issued Court order transferring title to the land, including all buildings, fixtures, equipment, and other improvements on the land, upon delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the “FSM Development Bank” no later than ten (10) days after notice is given. The winning bidder must be eligible to hold title to land in the FSM.
- 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 parcel and any improvements thereon are offered for sale “as-is” with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.
- 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](mailto:noras@fsmdb.fm), website: [www.fsmdb.fm](http://www.fsmdb.fm)

## IMF issues its report on the FSM Economy

By *Bill Jaynes*  
*The Kaselehlle Press*

November 26, 2012

**Pohnpei, FSM**— One of the perks of FSM membership in the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is a bi-annual economic consultation with economists whose expert advice the FSM government can use to inform its own economic planning. After a 10 day study of the FSM's economic data, IMF Mission members rolled out their concluding statement during a press conference at the Pohnpei Port Authority last Monday.

As was the case during last year's interim consultation, only one media representative was present at the press conference. The message of this year's IMF mission was much the same as their interim report in 2011.

If the IMF report could be boiled down to just a few words, they would be that the FSM needs to focus more of its attention on private sector development, and it needs to make annual contributions to the Compact Trust Fund far above what it has done. But that would be an oversimplification of a very complex economic report.

The full report of the IMF Mission's visit to the FSM can be found at [www.imf.org/external/np/ms/2012/111912.htm](http://www.imf.org/external/np/ms/2012/111912.htm).

"The discussions focused on policies to ensure long-term sustainability through strengthening fiscal management and promoting the private sector," the report began. "The (FSM) economy is expected to continue to expand at a moderate pace, supported mainly by new construction activities and a growing fisheries sector, but faces headwinds over the medium-term from the gradual decline of Compact grants and the lack of a vibrant private sector. In that context, a comprehensive package of a medium-term fiscal consolidation plan with tax reforms and targeted expenditure cuts, as well as structural reforms to nourish private sector growth is essential to secure fiscal and economic sustainability."

Over the next 12 pages, the language of the report continues in similar fashion—tightly worded and highly technical.

Akihiko Yoshida, Advisor for the Asia and Pacific Department of the IMF Mission said that the FSM's definition of a balanced budget has been "revenue = expense plus previous year's surplus". He suggested that a more appropriate equation would cut out the "prior year's surplus" portion of the FSM's

equation, and that amount and more should be invested for the FSM's future.

The IMF consultants called President Mori's establishment of the "2023 Planning Committee", a "welcome development". The aim of the committee is to develop a realistic action plan for addressing the "looming budgetary shortfall in FY2024 (fiscal year 2024) and beyond."

Among other FSM economic concerns, the President's committee is considering how to deal with the fact that the "projected investment returns from the CTF (Compact Trust Fund) will fall short of the Compact grants to be replaced by as much as \$16 million in FY2011 prices (about 5 percent of Gross Domestic Product)."

The website of the FSM Office of SBOC says that FSM GDP was \$297.5 million in 2010. Their website does not list 2011 GDP figures for FSM. The website is out of date, as evidenced by the fact that it lists personnel that haven't worked for SBOC for several years. According to the IMF report, SBOC has promised that they will update their website to reflect more current FSM data.

The IMF report said that in the short term, the FSM economy grew in 2011, but only by a few percentage points. Still, "the economy remains dependent on the large public sector (40 percent of GDP, including public enterprises), although there are signs of a further growth pick up in the fisheries and agriculture sectors," the report said.

The FSM "public sector" contribution to FSM GDP has remained at about the same level for many years—about 40 percent of GDP. IMF recommends "keeping public wages in check in

order to reduce the large public-private sector wage gap; and advancing the public enterprises reform to encourage new entrants for more competition in the provision of infrastructure services including through increasing private sector participation in public enterprises, where feasible."

Regarding the FSM's first ever Development Partner's Forum, held in early November, the IMF mission said, "It is essential to keep the momentum and ensure the forum is followed by concrete action plans with strong engagement by stakeholders."

Inflation reached 7.8 percent in FY2009. In FY 2011, inflation went down to 4.6 percent. "However, the last quarter of 2011 recorded a 6.5 percent increase (year-on-year) reflecting the rise in international food prices, which compose about 46 percent of the consumption basket," the IMF report said.

"...Authorities noted the tendency of the price level to keep elevated in the FSM," the report said. In other words, FSM's own authorities said that once prices go up in the FSM they don't tend to go down.

The report said that public debt remains at a relatively low level, but underfunding in the Compact Trust Fund assets and declining balance of the Social Security fund pose long term challenges.

Gross public debt is \$87.1 million, which is below 30 percent of GDP. Most of that debt is owed to the Asian Development Bank on concessional terms.

The report said that in FY2011, the assets of social security fund decreased from \$42.4 million in 2010 to \$40.4 million in 2011 with benefit payments still exceeding contribution revenue, making the future of that program uncertain even after reforms.

According to the IMF report, the world economy has affected FSM tourism, the greatly touted "savior" of the FSM economy. "Visitor arrival declined significantly in FY2011 to 20 percent below the FY2009 peak," the report said.

The IMF report predicts that FSM's "economic growth will likely slow in the near term, as the private sector falls short of offsetting the declining public sector demand from Compact grants reduction."

"The banking sector is well capitalized and with sufficient liquidity, but renders little support to the private sector, with a low loan-to-deposit ratio (33 percent at end-FY2011)", the report said. "While deposits are steadily increasing over the past three years, (the) majority of them are invested by banks in safe financial assets rather than being lent to the private sector, apparently due to lack of bankable projects." It noted that the introduction of the Secured Transactions Act in 2006 "has facilitated the taking of immovable property as collateral, and did help the banks to extend loans to those customers they would not have been able to lend to before, but it has not so far led to boosting commercial lending."

When consumers have easier access to money, business owners can charge more for their products and services, which on the face of things seems like a win-win situation. However, the report said that increasing the availability of consumer loans may actually have contributed to the increase of inflation in recent years.

The report said that the FSM Development Bank should return to its intrinsic role of fostering new businesses in order to complement private banks instead of engaging in consumer lending in direct competition with private banks.

Again, the full report of the IMF Mission in the FSM can be viewed at [www.imf.org/external/np/ms/2012/111912.htm](http://www.imf.org/external/np/ms/2012/111912.htm).

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# GEAR UP “Make The Best Students”

## COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

The GEAR UP program is back in action, providing comprehensive after-school sessions on Mondays through Fridays at PICS High School for 400 ninth grade students.

The students have their reasons for considering the program to be better than before. “Boys are separated from the girls,” said Michael Christian. Leniva Jonathan is excited about the “new kinds of classes, students, and teachers.”

Beginning the first week of October, GEAR UP students enrolled in classes such as algebra, phonics, chemical engineering, physical education and ACT test prep. Instructors from Awak, Saladak, PICS, Kolonia, Nett, COM-FSM, and Sekere led classes and introduced students to the new curriculum as well as helping students learn new skills. The new skills will not only benefit GEAR UP students but also

improve their classroom performances, and quality of their contribution to their schools and communities. In addition, volunteers from Australia and the U.S.A. are contributing their efforts to ensure that all GEAR UP students receive the highest quality of instruction.

This year’s students are grouped by gender, a new design that has shown positive results both in student and teacher responses. More importantly, student assessment and data are driving the program so that students “identify the fields of study that [they are] slow in and focus on improving [their] abilities,” said Miltralynn Dadius.

On Thursdays, students meet in their chosen clubs to plan for the GEAR UP Family Christmas Program scheduled for December 15th at Pohnpei Campus gym. Clubs this year include Theater, Art, Math, Environment, Ambassadors, and Music/Dance.

Students are also receiving computer instructions on Saturdays in the newly furnished GEAR UP computer lab at

Pohnpei Campus. Each Saturday students complete one or two workshops on Aspirations to Action, a comprehensive curriculum that engages students in expanding their dreams, acquiring key information, and developing personal skills. It is organized around three broad college access concepts of awareness, preparation, and financial literacy. It walks students through the step-by-step process of turning their aspirations into effective actions.



When asked why GEAR UP is important, all 35 students had a different response. However, the overall understanding was that without GEAR UP, the students believe that they would not be as successful today nor in the future. Students and teachers believe that GEAR UP does more than just, “help me pass the COMET” commented Gerald Route.



KM Sakai responded that it will “help [us] go to the States and make [us] the best students.” GEAR UP is here to not only educate, but also to “teach [us] how to respect others,” said Jeff Soar.

## Jamie’s Mate

Hello everyone and welcome to this chess column which is brand new to the readers. Well, chess is one of these sports where there is no running around, but a lot of thinking is required.

For those who know how to play chess, you will know that it is played on an 8x8 board. The pawns move forward 2 squares on their first move then 1 move after. The knights, better known as horses have the unusual move of moving in an “L” shape (2 squares across and 1 square up or 2 squares up and 1 square across). Then we have our bishops which move diagonally. Rooks, better known as castles because of their shape, move vertically and horizontally.



Now we move on to the most important pieces of the game, the queen and king. The queen has the same powers as the rooks and bishops and the king has the same power as the queen except it can only move 1 square at a time.

So now that we know the basics to start a game of chess, let’s have a look at the starting position and a small game.

This is the starting position for a game of chess and there are numbers and letters that correspond to the squares. The letters run horizontal (a-h), and numbers run vertically (1-8). These run left to right and bottom to top.

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. f3 dxe4 4. fxe4 e5 5. Nf3 exd4 6. Bc4 Bb4+




We can see now that the bishop is giving check to the king and there are 2 options for the king. One is to block and the other is to move the king. White decides to block with the pawn and we will now see what happens in the rest of the game.

7. c3 dxc3 8. Bxf7+ Kxf7 9. Qxd8 cxb2+ 10. Ke2 bxa1=Q 11. Ng5+ Kg6 12. Qe8+ Kh6 13. Ne6+ g5 14. Bxg5#

We have now seen the finish to this game. I hope you have enjoyed this article on chess and please provide your thoughts about this column to your editor.

Jamie Kenmure



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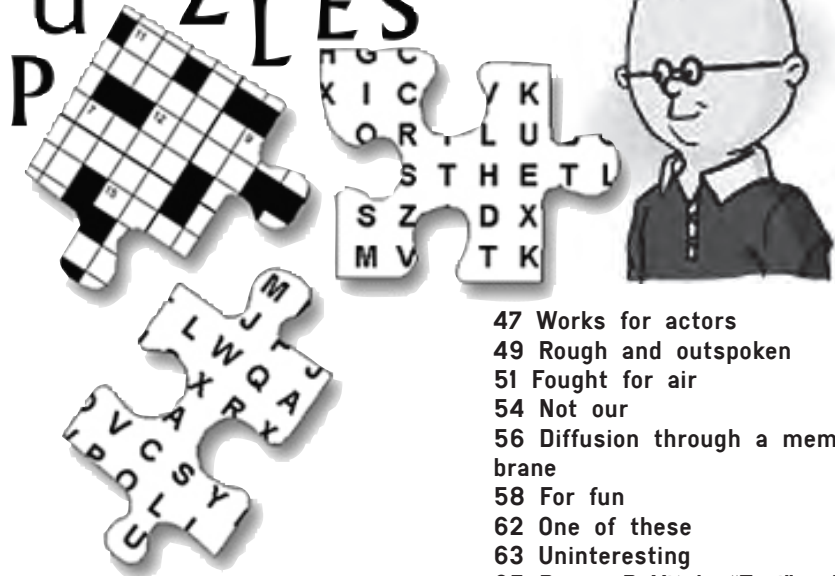
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# PUZZLES



- 47 Works for actors
- 49 Rough and outspoken
- 51 Fought for air
- 54 Not our
- 56 Diffusion through a membrane
- 58 For fun
- 62 One of these
- 63 Uninteresting
- 65 Danny DeVito's "Taxi" role
- 66 "Women and Love" author
- 67 Tel \_
- 68 Touch of color
- 69 Rushed
- 70 Computer command
- 71 Readily available

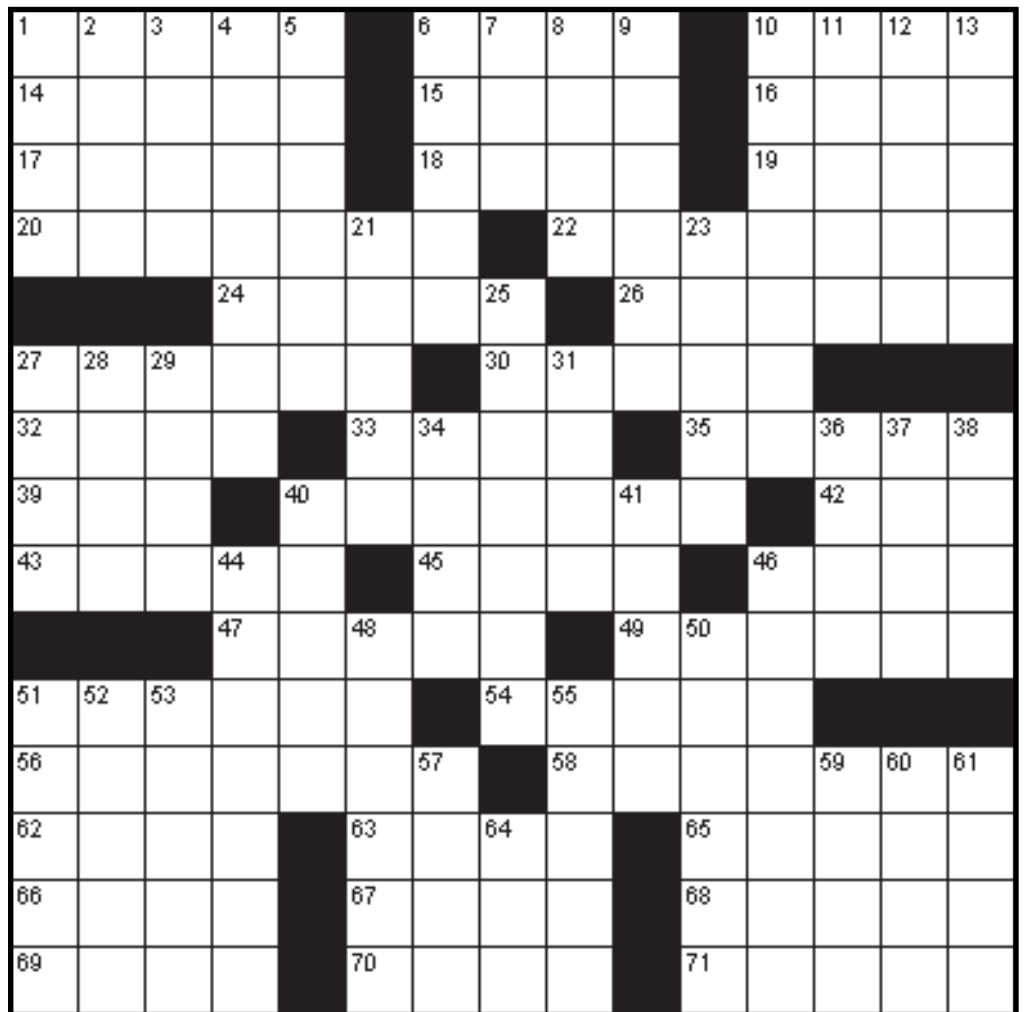
## Across

- 1 Lights
- 6 Thomas \_ Edison
- 10 Actor Lugosi
- 14 Banish
- 15 Great Trek participant
- 16 Berserk
- 17 Funny man Woody
- 18 "Touched \_ Angel"
- 19 Persian fairy
- 20 Must
- 22 Speaker's spot
- 24 Billy, Nanny and the kids?
- 26 English counties
- 27 Heraldic dragon
- 30 Orbital point
- 32 Weeding tools
- 33 Commotion
- 35 D-day beach
- 39 Like some vbs.
- 40 Checkpoint sites
- 42 Yang's opposite
- 43 Words of agreement
- 45 "I \_ Kick Out Of You"
- 46 Hang in the balance

## Down

- 1 "Ryan's Daughter" director
- 2 Wheel support
- 3 Race distance
- 4 Promises
- 5 It picks up readings
- 6 Monks' head
- 7 Frequent Powell co-star
- 8 Calf's flesh
- 9 TV's "Gunsmoke" star
- 10 Christening
- 11 Mideast prince
- 12 Mr Moto portrayer Peter
- 13 Actor Claude
- 21 So much, to Solti
- 23 Aegean island
- 25 Most pathetic
- 27 Caprice
- 28 Days gone by

# Crossword



- 29 Green, in heraldry
- 31 Longfellow, e.g.
- 34 Wild party
- 36 Passing remarks?
- 37 Helpful suggestion
- 38 Capp of comics
- 40 Tree trunks
- 41 Track events
- 44 Anti
- 46 Filch
- 48 Gymwear name
- 50 Commercial area of Venice
- 51 Ancient invaders
- 52 On board
- 53 Afflict
- 55 Reduce by 50 percent
- 57 Fiji's capital
- 59 Female relative
- 60 Baltic port
- 61 Retain
- 64 Actress Ullmann

# Word Search - It's Soon -

- Buffoonery
- Burlesque
- Clowning
- Comedy
- Drollery
- Farce
- Gags
- Japes
- Jests
- Jocularly
- Jokes
- Nonsense
- Parody
- Puns
- Raillery
- Satire
- Slapstick
- Wisecracks
- Witticism



# President Mori to attend a Special Pacific ACP Leaders Meeting in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

FSM Information Services

November 20, 2012

At the invitation of the Honorable Peter O'Neill, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, President Manny Mori and First Lady Emma Nelson-Mori left Pohnpei to PNG on Saturday, November 17, 2012, where the President will attend a Special Leaders Meeting of the Pacific African Caribbean States (PACPS), which is scheduled for November 21, 2012, in Port Moresby.

During the Special Leaders Meeting, President Mori and other Pacific ACP Leaders will discuss a number of issues of critical importance to the economic development of the region, the status on the Multilateral Fisheries Treaty negotiations with the United States, progress in the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) negotiations between the European Union and the PACPS, as well as Fiji's participation in PACP meetings.

The fourteen PACPS are: Cook Islands, FSM, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, PNG, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

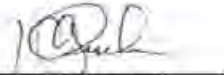
Accompanying President Mori and First Lady Emma Nelson-Mori to the Special Pacific ACP Meeting are the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, the Honorable Lorin S. Robert; and the Trade Policy Adviser at the FSM Department of Resources and Development, Mr. Jean Bertrand Azapmo.

Further details on the Special Pacific ACP Leaders Meeting will be released at a later date.

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## Blue Plate Café is serving “Go Local” dishes from Rainbownesia Bento Project

By *Chizuru Seki (JICA)*

*Island Food Community of Pohnpei*

Blue Plate Café at COM-FSM Pohnpei Campus is now serving two dishes (Cabbage Fish Rolls and Fish in Banana leaf) created during the Rainbownesia Bento Project in September by two Japanese University students and students from Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM) at COM-FSM PNI in their menu.

Cabbage Fish Rolls is fish balls wrapped in steamed cabbage. Fish in Banana leaf is veggie stuffed fish steamed in banana leaf. Both dishes come with pieces of steamed local food and green salad.

Blue Plate Café is a hands-on teaching classroom which provides a great learning opportunity for HTM students. All meals are prepared and served by HTM students instructed by Ms. Anna Dela Cruz and Ms. Joyce Roby.

They are open on every Thursday from 11:30am to 1:00pm. The last opening is 6 December 2012 prior to final exams. Have a lunch at Blue Plate Café and support them with building a foundation in hospitality

and tourism management.

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) appreciates Blue Plate Café and HTM students for utilizing local food in their menu. IFCP would like to recommend them to include a drinking coconut in their drink menu.

Special Thanks are given to Pohnpei State Government Subsidy, the US Embassy, UNESCO, Division of Public Health of Pohnpei Department of Health Services, Children’s Healthy Living Program (University of Hawaii), Australian Embassy and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for their funding support.



*Fish in Banana Leaf*

## Australian Embassy gives support to IFCP Pandanus Fair

By *Chizuru Seki (JICA)*

*Island Food Community of Pohnpei*

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) received \$5,321.00 under the Australian Direct Aid Program to the Federated States of Micronesia for the project called: Pandanus Fair on Mwoakilloa atoll.

To encourage the project of planting Pandanus by the shoreline conducted by women of Mwoakilloa, a Pandanus Fair will be coordinated by IFCP on Mwoakilloa atoll for the purpose of promoting health, supporting food security, enhancing climate change resiliency, and sustaining economic development.

At the Pandanus Fair on Mwoakilloa, pandanus recipes and dishes, as well as handicraft products of pandanus, will be exhibited.

The fair is tentatively scheduled for December 2012 on Mwoakilloa atoll. Details of the fair are subject to change due to transportation means and other reasons.

IFCP would like to express gratitude to the Australian Embassy for their support on the fair.

Special Thanks are given to Australian Embassy, Pohnpei State

Government Subsidy, the US Embassy, UNESCO, Division of Public Health of Pohnpei Department of Health Services, Children’s Healthy Living Program (University of Hawaii) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for their funding support.



*Australian Ambassador Martin Quinn presented the check to Ms. Emihner Johnson, Island Food Community of Pohnpei while Second Secretary Mr. Casey Parker and Ms. Mona Tara look on.*

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## CHL local advisory council first meeting

By *Emihner Johnson*

*Acting Executive Director, Island Food Community of Pohnpei*

The Pohnpei Local Advisory Council held its first meeting after the Pohnpei State Governor Ehsa Executive Order became effective in April 2012, to establish the Local Advisory Council (LAC) for the Children Healthy Living (CHL) Program. The Children Healthy Living program is a regional project funded by USDA based out of the University of Hawaii that aims to build social, cultural, political, economic and physical built environments that will promote active play and intake of healthy

food to prevent young child obesity in the Pacific Region. The target areas for this program include, the Freely Associated States (FAS), CNMI, Guam, Hawaii, American Samoa, and Alaska.

The Pohnpei LAC consists of representatives from the Department of Health Services, Department of Education, (ECE and Curriculum & Instruction), NGO, Women Group, Business Community, COM Land Grant-Cooperative Extension Services, Office of Economic Affairs, Agriculture, Clergy, Office of Social Affairs, Traditional leaders.

On November 15, 2012, the LAC got together at Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) at 10:30am to get an overview of the project, roles and responsibilities of the LAC, project expectations, election of officers, and discussions on the way forward for this project. Pohnpei LAC is fortunate to have the presence of Dr. Jonathan Deenik, the FAS Lead Co-Investigator who is based at University of Hawaii and Dr. Rally Jim, FAS Project Manager, based here at the College of Micronesia National Campus in Palikir.

Lunch was served while the LAC elected Dr. Eliaser Johnson as the Chairman and Ms. Rihna Jimmy as the secretary. The meeting adjourned at 1pm.

Special thanks are extended to Children’s Healthy Living Program (University of Hawaii), Pohnpei State Government Subsidy, the US Embassy, UNESCO, Division of Public Health of Pohnpei Department of Health Services, Australian Embassy and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for their funding support.

## Pohnpei Tide Table

Unfortunately we are only able to provide listing for Pohnpei tides. If anyone knows where to find full FSM tide listings please contact [Kpress@mail.fm](mailto:Kpress@mail.fm)

Date	Day	High Tide	High Tide	Low Tide	Low Tide	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
12	Mo	144am 3.5	207pm 4.7	736am 1.1	840pm 0.9	614am	603pm	410am	424pm
13	Tu	226am 3.5	242pm 4.9	809am 0.9	921pm 0.7	614am	603pm	509am	520pm
14	We	307am 3.4	318pm 5.1	843am 0.9	1002pm 0.6	614am	603pm	611am	620pm
15	Th	347am 3.3	355pm 5.1	917am 0.9	1045pm 0.7	614am	603pm	715am	723pm
16	Fr	427am 3.1	433pm 5.0	950am 1.1	1129pm 0.8	615am	603pm	819am	826pm
17	Sa	510am 2.9	513pm 4.7	1025am 1.3		615am	603pm	920am	928pm
18	Su	557am 2.7	555pm 4.3	1217am 1.0	1100am 1.6	615am	603pm	1017am	1027pm
19	Mo	659am 2.5	643pm 3.9	112am 1.3	1140am 1.9	616am	603pm	1110am	1122pm
20	Tu	839am 2.5	745pm 3.5	219am 1.5	1241pm 2.3	616am	603pm	1159am	
21	We	1055am 2.7	923pm 3.1	340am 1.6	316pm 2.5	616am	603pm	1244pm	1213am
22	Th	1204pm 3.1	1109pm 3.0	454am 1.6	550pm 2.3	617am	604pm	127pm	102am
23	Fr	1243pm 3.5		547am 1.6	701pm 2.0	617am	604pm	209pm	150am
24	Sa	1221am 2.9	114pm 3.8	625am 1.5	746pm 1.7	618am	604pm	251pm	236am
25	Su	110am 2.9	142pm 4.1	656am 1.4	821pm 1.4	618am	604pm	333pm	322am



# ADAPTING TO THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

As our climate changes, natural hazards such as storms, flooding, landslides, drought and extreme high tides may become worse.



Get ready for natural hazards by having an emergency plan. Know your evacuation route and prepare an emergency kit. Make an alarm for your community and agree on a safe place to gather.



Take care of mangroves and other plants on the shore to protect against tsunamis, storm surge and high tides. Build new buildings away from the shore and rivers so they don't flood and are protected from storms. Prevent risk of landslides by building in safe areas and don't farm or cut trees on steep slopes. Plant trees on steep areas and along the shore to prevent erosion.



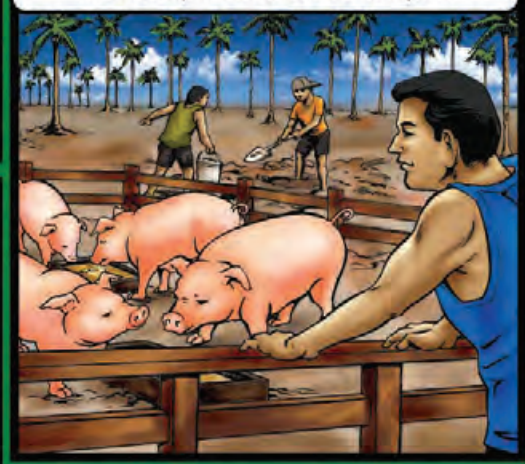
Bad weather can affect your health and food supply. During droughts (very dry times), make sure your water tank is not leaking. Don't waste water and use it only for important needs. Make sure your crops and animals have enough food and water.



Climate change may lead to less fish to eat. Care for your ocean and lagoon and don't catch more fish than you need. Support conservation in your community and respect fishing and conservation laws.



Animal waste and garbage can harm our environment and affect our health and food supply. Don't throw garbage in the water; instead take it to the dump. Build piggens away from the shore and rivers. Use animal and plant waste to make compost.



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