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Health officials frantically search for ways to save the lives of Pacific Islanders

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

August 15, 2011—Health officials and development partners from 22 island nations arrived in the Kingdom of Tonga on August 8 with one common purpose—to develop strategies to eliminate or at least to curb the number one killer of Pacific Islanders—non-communicable diseases.

Speaking on the issue from a purely pragmatic point of view several presenters during the

Pacific NCD Forum reminded participants that the cost of supplying medical care to patients with NCD's is a major source of monetary drain in Pacific Island nations. The economic cost affects the lives of every citizen and resident in the Pacific region.

“The health care costs related to these diseases is (are) formidable, with as much as 60% of the health care budgets in some Pacific Island countries and areas going toward expensive, overseas care. In addition, NCDs contribute to the burden of poverty and retard national development by impeding workforce development,” background materials for the Forum said.

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Pacific NCD forum participants in the Kingdom of Tonga

Long awaited audit of 2010 FSM budget overruns released

DOJ Secretary says that oversight of his department’s budget is not his responsibility

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

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Palikir, Pohnpei—In a six page response to an audit performed by the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor (OPA), Department of Justice (DOJ) Secretary Maketo Robert said that it is not the legal responsibility of FSM department heads to ensure that their departments stay on budget. He claimed that responsibility falls on the shoulders of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA).

Since the Department of Justice would be the Department that would pursue prosecution of those who break national laws, his legal opinion pretty much ended the discussion about whether anyone might one day be prosecuted for violations of the FSM’s Financial Management Act (FMA).

The Department of Justice was the only FSM department found by the auditor to have potentially obligated funds in advance of their availability and to have overspent budget appropriations passed by Congress.

In October 2010 Speaker Isaac Figir wrote to OPA and asked them to perform an audit of fiscal year 2010 expenditures and related appropriations regarding salaries and benefits for four Executive Branch entities. The letter specifically asked auditors to look into the expenditures of the Department of Education, the Department of Justice, specifically the Divisions of Immigration and Labor and the National Police, and the Coconut Development Authority. Speaker Figir also established a Special Committee to investigate the

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Palau and FSM telecoms join forces for broadband connectivity

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

August 9, 2011

Koror, Palau—The telecommunications providers from the Federated States of Micronesia and Palau have joined forces to bid on a retired fiber optic cable that currently stretches between Guam and the Philippines. Success in their joint purchase bid would be the first step toward the end goal of broadband connectivity for Palau and for Yap, FSM.

Palau and Yap have always utilized relatively slow satellite capacity for their communications capacity.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between FSMTC (FSM Telecommunications Corporation) and PNCC (Palau National Communications Corporation) sets up guidelines for the establishment of a "Caroline Cable Consortium."

Guam-Philippines Cable Limited Partnership owns the cable that Palau and the FSM are jointly trying to purchase and later to re-route

to Palau and Yap.

According to Fredy Perman, FSMTC Chief Operating Officer, the owners of the retired cable have laid a new fiber optic cable with three terabytes of capacity and are selling the smaller capacity cable they previously used.

"When a cable is 'retired' it doesn't mean that the cable is bad," Perman explained. He said that the cable could be picked up and re-routed and that is the first step in what the Caroline Cable Consortium is trying to do.

Perman said that last year Samoa and American Samoa teamed up to purchase and re-route another fiber optic cable which saved a substantial amount of money to provide broadband communications capacity for the two countries. The cost savings realized by purchasing that existing cable instead having to buy brand new cable helped to make that project financially possible.

The Caroline Cable Consortium has submitted a maximum bid of \$5 million for the

purchase of the cable between Guam and the Philippines. "That would only be the first step (toward Palau-Yap broadband connectivity)," Perman reiterated. If the consortium wins the purchase bid it will then need to find funding to pay for the cost of picking up the cable and re-routing it. Perman estimates that job would carry an additional price tag of as much as \$30 million.

"The specific purpose of the Partnership will be to acquire, deploy, manage, operate and maintain a new or existing underwater fiber-optic cable to the State of Yap, Federated States of Micronesia and to the Republic of Palau; however, the Parties intend to immediately pursue the acquisition of an existing cable owned by the Guam-Philippines Cable Limited Partnership (the "GP Cable"), for which GP Cable PNCC has tendered and is negotiating a

proposal to purchase," the MOU said.

PNCC and FSMTC would provide cash and property in the ratio of 2/3 provided by PNCC and 1/3 provided by FSMTC. If the purchase bid is successful the initial contributions by the partners would be sufficient to purchase the GP cable.

The two partners will share profits and losses on the same 2:1 ratio.

The Parties intend to finalize the instruments forming the Partnership by no later than August 29, 2011, and will meet in Guam on August 26, 2011, to formally execute those instruments.

The August 9, 2011 MOU was signed by Richard Misech, General Manager, PNCC, John D. Sohl, President/CEO, FSMTC, Mariana Espangel, Chair, PNCC Board, and Esmond Moses, Chair, FSMTC Board.

FSM and China Signed RMB 20 Million Agreement

FSM Information Services

August 12, 2011

Palikir, Pohnpei

(Department of Foreign Affairs): On the occasion of the FSM Leadership inauguration celebration, a signing ceremony took place at the President's conference room immediately after a courtesy call on President Mori and Vice President Alik by the Special Envoy from the People's Republic of China, Mr. Wang who represented China to the inauguration.

Special Envoy Wang expressed the best wishes and congratulations of his government to the President and reaffirmed the existing good relations between the FSM and China. In response, President Mori thanked Special Envoy Wang for the generous support

provided by China on the occasion, and for past assistance and economic cooperation extended to the FSM. The President said they not only contribute to the economic and social development of the nation, but further strengthen our bilateral relations.

Secretary Robert and Ambassador Zhang signed the agreement on behalf of their respective governments for a grant aid of RMB 20 million. Pursuant to the agreement, the grant aid will be used for project(s) to be agreed upon between the two Governments.

Witnessing the signing ceremony were the President and Vice President, Special Envoy from China and his delegation.

CORRECTION:

In the last issue we ran a story entitled "Pohnpei, PUC, and FSMPC sign an MOU for power generation development," that contained an error caused by my leaving out one important word from the sentence when I transmitted the story from off island. The sentence that was published in the last issue said "He (Governor Ehsa) also said that the PUC Board of Directors and PUC General Manager need to sign the MOU along with PUC's legal counsel."

That sentence is incorrect. It should have read, "He also said that the PUC Board of Directors authorized the PUC General Manager and PUC's legal counsel to sign the MOU."

The misinterpretation caused a substantial difference in the meaning of the story and we apologize for any confusion caused by that error.

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

Deadline

Submissions of articles, advertisements, community service items and other items for the next issue of The Kaselehlie Press is:

August 31, 2011

Pohnpei vehicle owners!

Vehicle owners with license tags beginning with "P" or "O" must renew their registrations before the end of August or face ticketing and a late registration fee.

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Celebrating 10 years of Locally Managed Marine Area (LMMA) networks in Pohnpei

Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP)

On the 13th of July 2011, the Locally Managed Marine Areas (LMMA) Network of Pohnpei sets its foot, for the first time on the beautiful Island of Pakin. Situated southwest of Pohnpei with an estimated population of 120 residents, Pakin Island recently joined Pohnpei's network of communities aiming to increase resource management ownership. Being new to the on-going MPA cross-site visits, which assembles Community Conservation Officers (CCOs) from all over Pohnpei to discuss challenges and share success stories on community based marine resource management Pakin communities took the helm in hosting the 8th annual cross-site visit. The three-day event took place on the splendid island of Nikahlap, which serves as the main center for Pakin atoll.

A fleet of CCOs arrived in the lagoon on the morning of July 13th and filled the sandy shores of Nikahlap amazed and ready for the warmest welcoming ceremony ever in cross-site history. Accompanied by the CCOs were partners and agencies working together to improve marine resource management including the newly established Division of Fish and Wildlife, Division of Forestry and Conservation, Office Fisheries and Aquaculture, Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP), and municipal government representatives from Sokehs, U and Madolenihmw. This cross-site sets a new benchmark in partnership for Pohnpei. This cross-site was co-hosted by Mr. Jack Artui the Isonahnken of Sokehs, (the second highest traditional ranking title in the Kingdoms of Pohnpei).

As all the guests and participants were greeted, the event kicked off with a traditional sakau ceremony to join the Indo-Pacific region in launching the celebration of 10 years of Locally Managed Marine Areas (LMMA) Network. There are no other ways to best celebrate a decade without the traditional sakau ceremony and "uhmw" (underground oven) to honor our culture, which have sustained the natural resources and united the people. The ceremony continued throughout the first day with remarks by members of Pohnpei MPA Network followed by a short overview of the LMMA Network by CSP. Although cross-site visits started eight years ago, the work of building LMMA in Pohnpei came to exist exactly ten years ago when the first community-led Marine Protected Areas (MPA) were established. A CCO from Kitti shared one of the inspirational stories ever told about standing alongside the greatest marine conservationist, the late Dakio Paul, fighting the new war on introducing the concept of MPAs in Pohnpei back in mid 1990s. The 10th year ceremony ended with reassurance and high confidence for the CCOs and participating agencies.

On day 2, the participants jumped right into business by starting off with presentations and discussions of status of Pohnpei's Environment followed by results of the community-led fish-monitoring program facilitated by CSP team. Two complementary presentations were also conducted on Geographic Information System (GIS) and Socio-Economic as tools for monitoring and to help guide the CCOs into developing new management action plans for their respective communities. The main event of the cross-site visit started throughout the day by updating community work plans, sharing stories, best practices, and most importantly, the challenges and solutions. From the provoking campaigns to move pigpens away from riverbanks and shorelines to the simplicities of picking up a trash in the water, the CCOs shared their inspiring stories and reported their accomplishments and failures from their 2010 workplans generated during the previous cross-site visit.

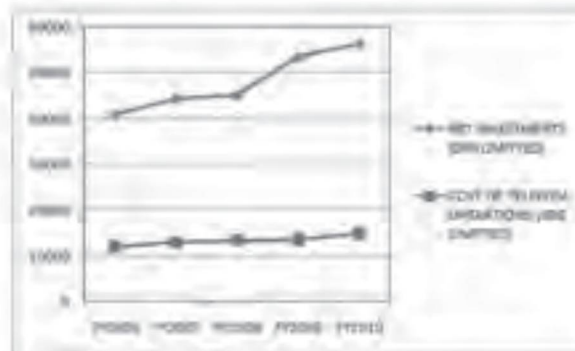
Being the experts in their respective marine managed areas the CCOs started the last day kicking off formulation of action plans for the year 2012. A simple template has been used since the first cross-site visit where CCOs identify problems, develop actions to solve them, assign responsibilities, identify key partner agencies to work with and agree on an expected date to complete each action. Workplan presentations were conducted by the CCOs with comments and inputs from plenary. Although all the workplans were agreed and endorsed by the MPA Executive Committee, CCOs still requires presenting back to their respective communities to obtain blessings from their chiefs.

As a tradition to closing off each cross-site, the CCOs took a vote and nominated Dehphek/Takaieu MPA to be the host community for 2012 annual cross-site visit. "This cross-site wasn't just to bring the communities together to share stories and experiences, but to reconnect our local efforts towards traditional resource management and how best we could incorporate the roles of church groups and more government partners into the network", stated in his closing remarks by one of the leaders of Pakin. It is amazing to see how communities are starting to take control in conservation and management of the marine resources. The 8th annual cross-site visit was a success. On behalf of the MPA Executive Committee, CSP would like to thank all its partners in the Pohnpei MPA Network to the Locally Managed Marine Areas (LMMA) Network in the Indo-Pacific region for all their support and learning. Most importantly, CSP would like to thank Isonahnken of Sokehs and the good people of Pakin for hosting this year. Let us all look forward to a great year ahead with anticipations to hear more exciting stories and results at Dehphek/Takaieu next year.



ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Over the past several years, every industry sector in Micronesia, as well as the entire world, has seen a rise in their cost of operations and investments. The situation is more acute in the telecom industry, which is facing continuous upgrades in technology and infrastructure in order to deliver quality service to its subscribers. FSM Telecommunications Corporation is no different from the rest of the industry, as seen in the graph below.



On July 14, 2011, the FSM Telecommunications Corporation's Board of Directors and Management met and are now proposing to the general public the following changes in telecom's service rates:

1. Residential Phone Lines
New Rate: \$12.00 per month
Old rate: \$8.00 per month
2. Business Telephone Lines
New Rate: \$24.00 per month
Old rate: \$16.00 per month
3. Key System Service (Company or Customer Owned Equipment)
New Rate: \$24.00 per month
Old rate: \$16.00 per month
4. Cell Local Calls (Cell to Cell, Cell to Landline, Landline to Cell)
New Rate: \$0.15 per minute
Old rate: \$0.10 per minute
5. Wireless Service Voicemail Retrieval
New Rate: \$0.15 per minute
Old rate: \$0.10 per minute
6. Directory Assistance (Cell to 411)
New Rate: \$0.25 per call
Old rate: \$0.10 per call
7. Directory Assistance (Landline to 411)
New Rate: \$0.25 per call
Old rate: FREE

You can get a copy of the detailed proposed rates at your local Telecom office. By virtue of Title 21 Chapter 2 Section 228 of the FSM Code, the FSM Telecommunications Corporation wishes to invite comments from the General Public on the new provisional service rates.

Deadline for accepting comments will be August 16th, 2011, which is thirty (30) days from the original posting of this announcement. Comments should be addressed to:

Ludickson Edward,
HR/Admin/ Customer Care Manager,
at 691-320-2740 or
email customerservice@mail.fm



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Pohnpei Legislature passes minimum wage bill

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

August 17, 2011

Pohnpei, FSM—Legislators in Pohnpei today passed amendments to Pohnpei Wage and Hour Law that if signed into law by the Governor would increase the minimum wage in Pohnpei from \$1.35 per hour to \$1.75.

The proposed amendments were submitted to the Pohnpei State Legislature by Senator Bellarmine Helgenberger on December 8 of 2010. They have been the subject of public hearings with the Committee on Finance since that time.

Helgenberger's initial amendments to the wage and hour law (19 PC 3-104) called for an increase to \$2.00 per hour.

The Committee on Finance report on the bill said that representatives from the Department of Treasury and Administration conveyed their support for the initially proposed increase to \$2.00 per hour. Members of the Private Sector said that was too much and would require them to increase their prices which would then negate the value of the bill. Business owners wanted to see a minimum wage increase of only 10% to nearly \$1.50 per hour.

"Your Committee also sees that many educated and skilled Pohnpeian employees are leaving their employment in the private sector for higher paid job(s) in the government or abroad. Your Committee trusts that in order to at least retain and attract educated and skilled employment in the private sector and to better adjust the cost of living, the minimum wage needs to be adjusted to meet the needs of the current private sector workforce. In order to strike a balance between the amount of wage increase as proposed in the bill and the ten percent increase recommended by the private sector representatives, your Committee recommends increasing the

minimum wage to \$1.75 instead of \$2.00," the committee report said.

According to the Pohnpei Legislature's press officer, Salter Lohn, one Senator introduced a floor amendment to restore the initially proposed increase to \$2.00 per hour but that floor amendment was not passed.

Salter said that the vote on second reading of the bill passed the Legislature with only one dissenting vote.

If Pohnpei's Governor Ehsa signs the bill into law the implementation of the increase in minimum wage would go into effect on January 1, 2012. According to the wording of the bill the effective date for the increase would first require a public information program on the new minimum wage requirements to be conducted by the Chief of the Division of Personnel, Labor and Manpower Development.

The bill also adds a requirement that "the Chief" conduct "necessary and appropriate studies of the minimum wage," every three years and at every additional time when he considers an amendment to the existing rate to be appropriate. The Chief would submit recommendations to the Governor for review, approval and further transmittal to the Legislature for its consideration.

"In developing recommended amendments to the minimum wage rate, the Chief shall give consideration to:

- 1) The minimum standard of living which is compatible with decency and health;
- 2) The general economic conditions of the state;
- 3) The compensation practices and conditions of appropriate labor markets;
- 4) The conditions of employment in Pohnpei; and
- 5) Such other matters as the Chief may deem appropriate."

FSM to accede to UN Protocol against trafficking

FSM Congress PIO

PALIKIR, POHNPEI. August 10, 2011 – The First Special Session of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia has adopted a resolution to accede to the United Nations Protocol against Trafficking in Persons.

Through Congressional Resolution 17-15, Congress has authorized the FSM to accede to the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children. The Protocol is a supplemental to the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime.

The resolution was among the legislations adopted before Congress adjourned sine-die on August 6, deferring the remaining legislations and all Executive nominations to the Regular Session in September.

Congress is expected to convene for its Second Regular Session on the 12th of September for a 20-day period unless extended or shortened by resolution.

Establishment of diplomatic relations between the FSM and Georgia

FSM Information Services

August 17, 2011

The Federated States of Micronesia and Georgia, guided by mutual willingness to develop relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries in political, economic, cultural and other fields, signed a joint protocol on 12 August 2011 establishing full diplomatic and consular relations between the two states.

The protocol was signed in New York by Micronesia's Charge d' Affaires, a.i., Mr. Jeem Lippwe and by H.E. Ambassador Alexander Lomaia, Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations.

According to the protocol, the two parties have agreed to base their diplomatic relations on the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961, and their consular relations on the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 24 April 1963.

In line with established practice, the two parties, in a joint letter, notified the United Nations Secretary General, H.E. Ban Ki-Moon, on the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two states.

INVITATION TO BIDDERS



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- Vehicle, Toyota Tacoma, LP# B1266.
- Inspection Date: 10:00 a.m.. 5th September 2011

Yap Terminal

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- Truck, 1997 Volvo Autocar. Cab Chassis. LP#1059-04
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4. The physical transfer of the Goods shall be made on "as-is" basis and the Seller shall not be responsible vis-à-vis the Buyer for warranties and guarantees for workmanship which may normally be applied to the sales of goods under applicable laws. For this reason, it is strongly recommended that prospective bidders or their agents inspect the goods to confirm quantities and condition of the goods prior to submitting their bids.
5. Payment for goods awarded shall be transferred to the account of the Seller as stated on the invoice within 14 days of the issue date of the official invoice.
6. The Seller shall not release goods to the Buyer until payment is made in full and funds have been fully received by the Seller.
7. The goods being sold on Ex-Terminal, and will be available for pick up within 3 working days after payment is fully received by the Seller.
8. The responsibility for the safe handling of the Goods and the risk of accidental destruction or damage of the Goods shall be transferred to the Buyer from the moment when the Parties have signed the Act of Transfer and Acceptance of the goods.
9. The Buyer shall be responsible for permit and approval or other formalities required for operation and maintenance of the Goods from the moment of the handover.
10. The Buyer shall protect, defend, release, indemnify and hold the Seller harmless from and against any claims, actions, liabilities, charges, demands, judgments and expenses (including legal expenses) which may be incurred by the Seller in connection with the failure of the Buyer to perform its obligations under the sales contract.

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Rotary Club Scholarship winners

The Rotary Club of Pohnpei is proud to announce the winners of its school year 2011-2012 scholarships. The Rotary Club has a self-funded scholarship program for college and post graduate students who are FSM citizens. The maximum award per student is \$1,000.00. This year we are happy to announce that the Rotary Club has awarded \$12,000.00 in scholarships. The selected students are listed below.

1. Leighton Edward
Walla Walla University
2. Dayn Iehsi
University of Illinois
3. Charlene Arthur
University of Hawaii at Manoa
4. Delta Lei Bernard
University of Hawaii at Hilo
5. Fritzgerald Weilbacher
University of Guam
6. William Piki
University of Guam
7. Mason Tihpen
Walden University
8. Universe Yamase
Chaminade University
9. Desiree Yamase
Chaminade University
10. Nicole Yamase
Chaminade University
11. Bernice Laaw
COM-FSM
12. Gracelyn Shirai
COM-FSM
13. Kenye Rosemarie Jonas
COM-FSM
14. Leola Primo
COM-FSM
15. Madleen Albert
COM-FSM
16. Mercedes Tinigmow
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17. Mylee Mario
COM-FSM

The Rotary Club wishes to thank all its sponsors and supporters, without whom the money for the scholarships would not be available. Our sponsors have been extremely generous, and this year we were able to increase the total scholarships awarded to \$12,000.00. We also wish to express our best wishes to all our scholarship winners for all the hard work they have put in so far, and for all the challenges they will face in the coming school year.

The Rotary Club will be awarding scholarships again for the 2012-2013 school year, with applications becoming available in February, 2012. We are also having our largest fundraiser of the year on November 5, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at PCR Restaurant, which is our annual quiz night. Please plan on attending so that we can continue to increase our scholarship awards.

Nothing is so firmly believed as what is least known.
Michel de Montaigne, essayist (1533-1592)

Pohnpei's July crime report and arrest statistics

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

August 18, 2011

Pohnpei, FSM—The Pohnpei Department of Public Safety has released its crime statistics for July. While previous reports have included only the numbers of crime reports, the July report also includes total arrests for reported crimes. A total of 199 crime reports were filed and 187 arrests were made during the month.

12 reports were made for Assault and Battery. 11 arrests were made during the month of July. Nett and Sokehs each had four reported cases, Kolonia had three, and Madolenihmw had one reported case.

10 cases of Burglary were reported in Pohnpei in July. Police made three arrests. Kolonia had five reported incidences. Sokehs had three and Nett had two.

Nine cases of Appearing in public under the influence of alcohol were reported. Since that crime is generally reported by police it stands to reason that nine arrests were made. Six arrests for the crime were made in Kolonia, two in Nett, and one in Sokehs.

Careless Driving is another police reported crime. 18 arrests were made for that crime. Eight were in Kolonia. Nett and Sokehs each had three and Madolenihmw had two.

There were 21 arrests for Consuming liquor while under the age of 21. 14 of those arrests were in Kolonia, the most densely populated area in Pohnpei. Six arrests were in Sokehs. Three arrests were in Nett and, one was in U.

91 arrests were made for Disorderly conduct. 35 arrests were made in Kolonia. 21 arrests were made in Sokehs. 18 arrests were made in Nett, 11 in U, four in Madolenihmw and one in Kitti.

Eight arrests were made for Malicious Mischief. Three of those arrests were for crimes in Kolonia. Nett and Sokehs each had two arrests for the crime, and one arrest was made for the crime in U.

Six crime reports were filed and six arrests were made for the crime of Trespass. The police statistics report for "place of occurrence" exceeded the number of reports by three and cannot be relied upon.

Police filed 13 reports and made 13 arrests for Driving while under the influence of alcohol. Seven of the arrests were in Kolonia. Three were in Nett, two in Sokehs and one in Madolenihmw.

Eight cases of Theft were reported in the month of July. Four arrests were made. Crime reports included three from Nett, two from Kolonia, and one each from Madolenihmw, Sokehs, and Kitti.

Kitti had the lowest rate of crime reports in Pohnpei at only three. Madolenihmw had only nine crime reports. U had slightly more with 16 crime reports. Nett crime reports jumped above U to 41. Sokehs had a slightly higher rate of reported crime at 47 total reports. Kolonia, the most densely populated area in Pohnpei and with the highest concentration of police patrols had the worst record at 83 total crime reports.

EXCELLENT CAREER OPPORTUNITY



The FSM Petroleum Corporation is a progressive State Owned Enterprise that values diversity, inclusiveness, and is committed to harnessing the local talent of FSM Citizens. The company employs some of the best people in the industry, and has a mission to develop and train our people *to be the best at what they do* in the Region.

We offer an exciting career opportunity to a suitably qualified and experienced professional based at our Head Office in Kolonia, Pohnpei, FSM. If required, we will invest in further capacity development for the right individual that can demonstrate the appropriate aptitude for this role.

ENGINEERING OFFICER

Reporting to the Project Consultant, your principle responsibilities will support the implementation of the Company's Asset Rehabilitation Program (ARP) that has been designed to ensure our petroleum storage and distribution systems are safe, reliable, and meet international standards. Your work will include contract management and administration, tender design and documentation, technical and administrative support.

Tasks and Duties

The Engineering Officer will work alone on some tasks, but will often be part of a project team who they work closely with. They will deal with a wide range of people from all levels of the organization, in particular close liaison with terminal operations teams.

- Planning and implementing capital projects at major oil storage facilities, small storage depots, customer storage facilities and service stations;
- Management of projects involving the upgrade and/or maintenance of facilities and equipment associated with the operation of our business;
- Ensuring that all projects are in compliance with Vital's Health, Safety, Security & Environment Standards and Statutory regulations;
- Management of contractors and consultants resources to ensure timely completion of work;

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Skills

The Engineering Officer will need to have:

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- good time-management and project management skills;
- computer, desktop publishing skills, AUTO CAD experience;
- the ability to form and maintain relationships through teamwork and networking.

Education/Experience

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in a sealed envelope marked "Engineering Officer", no later than 07th of September 2011.

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matter with then Vice Speaker Frederico Primo as the chair.

The Special Committee did not consist of auditors and the committee was forced to rely on information provided by OPA along with hearings held with department heads. OPA says that it only provided information about audit progress and no details. Strictly speaking that is true. However, an expatriate auditor was fired by OPA for sharing preliminary results with the Special Committee which is against the ethical rules for auditors. The preliminary conclusions that audit supervisor shared with the Special Committee were incorrect and were substantially different from the audit that OPA released on July 25 of this year.

The audit has been a very long time in coming. "The media became involved and a Congressional special committee was formed, tasked with conducting an investigation on the reasons why there were cost overruns and possible violations of the Financial Management Act of 1979 (FMA)," the audit report said in its introduction.

"The conditions described above (which included the request by Speaker Figir to look into possible violations) made it difficult for the Auditors to obtain good information on a timely basis since employees of the Executive Branch were concerned about their jobs and potential prosecution," it continues.

Auditors reviewed documents provided by the Coconut Development Authority and found that CDA had not exceeded its budget. Auditors published seven findings, four of which had to do with the Department of Justice and none of which had to do with CDA.

One of the audit findings had to do with the National Department of Education (NDOE) which permanently lost a nearly half million dollar Supplemental Education Grant for Fiscal Year 2010.

"NDOE lost control of the process," the audit said. "Deliberations between SBOC and Congress caused delay in finalizing the budget and submission to the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) The loss of control was exacerbated when OIA requested additional changes. Agreement on the changes was achieved in late May 2009, and the grant manager stipulated a revised budget acceptable to OIA was required to be submitted by July 1. Through a series of lapses, this deadline was not met and, accordingly, the SEG 09 was not awarded.

"Notwithstanding the loss of SEG 09 funding, in its search for alternate funding, NDOE discovered there were unexpended SEG funds for 2006 and 2008, which it then utilized for Fiscal 2010 expenditures. This averted a major budget crisis for NDOE," the audit said.

The sixth finding in the audit was directed at the Office of SBOC (Statistics, Budget, and Overseas Coordination). The audit essentially said that because internal policies and procedures have not been updated, budget analysts did not have the benefit of clear guidance and budget information. For example, budget allotments were not always

accurate or current.

In finding seven the auditor recommended that the President's office should:

1. Emphasize and require all Department/Agency/Office Heads to provide budget (using quarterly apportionment) compared to expenditures to the President's office on quarterly basis;
2. Make very clear the overall responsibility of the Department/Agency/Office Heads to ensure their obligations and expenditures do not exceed their allotments throughout the year on a quarterly basis.

The first four findings of the audit were for the Department of Justice. Auditors said that payroll expenditures in FY 2010 for the Division of Immigration and Labor (I & L) exceed the original appropriation by \$130,187. Because of the unpredictability of the arrival of ships, Immigration officers whose responsibility it is to control FSM borders are often called upon to perform work on weekends, holidays and after business hours. It's the nature of the job but when DOJ asked for and received authorization for an increase in salaries for I & L officers the Department did not factor in the cost of overtime.

Furthermore, no analysis has been done regarding whether it would be less expensive to hire more officers and avoid overtime or to continue under the present system.

Secretary Robert said that the maximum number of employees for his Department is set by Congress and that he cannot simply increase the number of employees on his own. He did not say in his response whether he had ever looked into the possibility of hiring more officers to serve after hours in order to save money. Neither did he say whether he had ever tried to build a case to do so as his Department did when it requested salary increases.

Auditors did not have in their objectives a mandate to determine whether or not some officers of the Division of I & L might intentionally keep ship bound arrivals waiting for hours seemingly in order to incur overtime hours as many "yachties" have suggested. But since those inbound arrivals often claim that they are then charged an additional fee for after hours processing of immigration, that matter is not likely to have cost the division any more money for overtime than for regular time since the overtime cost is supposedly recouped by fees, however, that practice would certainly increase the booked overtime cost whether the cost is offset by fees or not.

Auditors did say in finding three that employees may have been compensated for time not worked because time cards are not used and employees are not required to sign their attendance records.

Finding two said that in the Divisions of I & L and the National Police, overtime costs totaling \$227,450 for June through September 2010 were not charged to Fiscal Year 2010 but were charged in the following year. Officers were not being paid benefits and overtime for hours they claimed to have worked and were not actually paid until the next fiscal year.

FY 2010 costs were understated by \$227,450 and FY 2011 is so far overstated by \$227,450.

According to the audit the Assistant Secretary of Finance responsible for Payroll said that DOJ did not provide overtime hours to the Department of Finance and Administration until the Supplemental Appropriations were passed by Congress "partially in October, 2010 but largely in January 2011."

DOJ claimed that time reports are not withheld but are provided to the Payroll Section of DFA each pay period regardless of available funds.

The auditor made no determination of which statement

on the matter was accurate and did not mention any useless referral to the Compliance Investigation Division; useless only because CID reports are forwarded on to DOJ for prosecutorial consideration.

Finding four of the audit was also directed to the Department of Justice and its divisions saying that overtime is uncontrolled.

"The audit team found that approval by the Division Chief is given after the overtime is incurred. There was no evidence of overtime being authorized prior to incurring the overtime. The audit team was told that approval is given verbally and sometimes by email and that the emails were subsequently deleted or otherwise not available.

"Consequently, it is difficult for a manager to convince an external party that the overtime approved represented the most economical approach in the circumstances," the audit said.

In the Executive Summary, Public Auditor Haser Hainrick wrote, "DOJ has provided its legal analysis to support its position that it is not its (DOJ's) responsibility to ensure that expenditures do not surpass the approved budget for the department but says that this is a responsibility that is legally vested in the DFA. If this is correct, then we suggest that the President and Congress should revisit this policy matter because we believe that, as

evidenced by the findings of this audit, it would lead to significant budgetary and accountability issues especially when the Department/Office Heads concerned are not legally responsible for their approved budgets. The Department/Office Heads should have ownership of their budgets, at least in as far as budget tracking and monitoring are concerned, while the responsibility of disbursing and accounting for expenditures remain with DFA, for the efficient and effective accountability and management of budgets.

"The appropriation laws designated the allottees of the funds and also assigned to them the responsibility to implement their budgets in accordance with the applicable laws including the Financial Management Act, which prohibits over-expenditure. In as far as the Executive Branch is concerned, the allottee's responsibility which is given to the President would be inherently delegated to the Department/Office Heads who—considering the structure of the Executive Branch—keep their hands on the day-to-day implementation of their own budgets. DOJ has spoken on this issue but this is a suggestion from the perspective of what, we believe, would accord an effective budgetary management in the FSM," Hainrick concluded.

A full reading of the audit which is only 34 pages long is extremely informative and even a tiny bit astounding. It can be found at www.fsmpa.fm.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



IT SUPPORT SERVICES

FSM Petroleum Corporation invites written expressions of interest (EOI) from reputable information technology service companies to provide local and remote IT Support for our systems.

Purpose and Process

The company has installed a network of computers and systems that enable its operations. This network of computers support key operational and financial software that enable the enforcement of core business controls across our operations including the management of sales, bulk fuels inventory, safety and risk management systems.

The Company currently operates seven locations across the four States of the FSM. In general our system includes the following:

- a) A virtual server array and storage area network located in Pohnpei with four 4 physical servers hosting a total of 8 virtual servers;
- b) Four remote location servers complete with UPS systems, tape backup solutions, and remote monitoring software;
- c) A total of 7 local area networks connected into a single managed wide area network, with bandwidth monitoring and filtering;
- d) A fleet of 45 desktop computers and 15 laptop computers;
- e) A total of 15 laser printers with network scanning and printing;
- f) Microsoft Windows Server, Exchange Server, SQL Server, and supporting applications built in mesh topology.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) may follow this EOI process.

During the EOI stage, the respondents can present their general qualifications, expertise and services offered, without the necessity of a detailed proposal. Later, during the request for proposals stage, respondents will be asked to develop proposals in sufficient detail to serve as the basis for selecting a preferred respondent for negotiation of a support contract.

Essential Components in the EOI

A successful Expression of Interest will have the following components:

- A narrative description of the firm's qualifications, services, expertise, and relevant experience.
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- A narrative description of how the firm might, in general, provide support services to the ICT section, including but not limited to:
 - Local and Wide Area Network (Routers, ASAs, Switches);
 - Sever Hardware, OS and Applications;
 - Network attached devices such as Printers, SAN, and WiFi;
 - Desktop Computer Support;
 - Network Security and Monitoring.

Notes

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The FSM National Government and Pohnpei State Co-hosted the 15th MCES

FSM Information Services

August 17, 2011

The Chief Executives of the Governments of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), the Territory of Guam (Guam), the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and its States, Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and the Republic of Palau (Palau) held their fifteenth Micronesia Chief Executives' Summit (MCES15) in Kolonia, Pohnpei, FSM on July 27 – 28, 2011.

The 15th MCES meeting outcome included designation of Guam to host the Office of Micronesia Center for a Sustainable Future (MCSF), the establishment of a Working Group to identify problems facing Micronesian Pension Programs and Social Security Systems and to propose regional solutions, and the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the development of a regional ban on the harvest, possession, sale, offer for sale and trade of shark fins in the oceans of the FSM, RMI, Palau, CNMI, and Guam, and calling for the development of strategic framework in order to implement a marine-based conservation program of action that will establish the world's first Regional Shark Sanctuary in the northern Micronesia Region by 2012. The Summit also resulted in Decisions and Recommendations in the focal areas of Health, Invasive Species, Tourism, Climate Change, Water and Sanitation.

The Summit was opened by His Excellency Johnson Toribiong, President of Palau, as the current Chairman, who delivered his opening statement and turned over the Chairmanship to His Excellency Manny Mori. President Mori, as Chairman and co-host of the 15th MCES, expressed his appreciation to the Chief Executives and members of their respective delegations for their attendance, and extended special welcome to Honorable Eddie Calvo, Governor of Guam, and the Honorable Lyndon Jackson, Governor of Kosrae, who attended the Summit for the first time as newly elected Chief Executives of their respective jurisdictions. President Mori also recognized the attendance of Members of the Diplomatic Corps, staff of the U. S. Department of the Interior, and traditional leaders of Pohnpei. President Mori thanked DOI for funds provided to support MCSF and called on the Chief Executives to identify alternative sources of funding during their summit and the establishment of a physical location of the Center.

The Honorable John Ehsa, Governor of Pohnpei, welcomed each Chief Executive and delegation members to the island of Pohnpei and expressed his appreciation for their attendance in the 15th MCES.

Each of the Chief Executives also delivered opening statements. In his first address to the Micronesian Chief Executives, the Honorable Lyndon Jackson acknowledged the importance of the MCES as a forum to address mutual concerns, formulate initiatives, and take coordinated actions. He emphasized the importance of sound relationships among Micronesian Islands, taking into account each Island's strengths

and weaknesses. Governor Jackson also called attention to the need for collective approach to turn weaknesses into strengths, with a view to addressing specific concerns, such as the infrequency of flights to Kosrae.

In his opening statement, the Honorable Eddie Calvo thanked the Chief Executives for their warm welcome and recognized the role of the MCES as a platform for regional discussions and concerted region-wide actions.

Following the opening ceremonies, reports and recommendations from regional committees established by the Summit were presented, along with presentations and reports on a number of issues of interest as reflected in the 15th MCES Communiqué. The Communiqué and other documents adopted during the Summit could be viewed on www.pohnpeimces.info and www.fsmpio.fm.

Congress passes resolution on human trafficking

FSM Information Services

August 16, 2011

Congressional Resolution 17-15, acceding to the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons (TIP), was received by President Mori on August 11, after Congress unanimously voted in favor of adopting the resolution on the last day of its First Special Session this month.

This resolution states in part that the protocol is the "first international legally binding instrument with agreed upon definition of (TIP)", facilitating the establishment of a unified domestic and international system to investigate, prosecute and deter TIP incidences.

FSM's accession to the protocol stands to increase the number of countries that have ratified the TIP Protocol over 147, a tally dating back to September of 2010 as reported during the 5th Conference of Parties to the UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime (TOC) in the same year.

FSM is one of four Pacific nations that are parties to the UN Convention on TOC and only the second Pacific nation behind Nauru to have formally accepted the TIP Protocol according to information from the UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

President Mori informed Congress during their consultancy meeting on August 2 that he had instructed the Department of Justice to craft necessary legislation in line with the protocol to ensure its applicability and broaden human rights protection in the FSM. The TIP Protocol was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly as UN Resolution 55/25 on November 15, 2000, one of three supplementary measures to the United Nations Convention on Transnational Organized Crime, according to UNODC.

...NCD's

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"Ironically, every one of the risk factors for these diseases, singly or in combination, is preventable. Yet, the prevalence of these risk factors in the Pacific remains unacceptably high," the materials continued.

The cost of expensive medical treatments for indigent immigrants to the United States from the FSM, Palau and the Marshall Islands (Freely Associated States, or FAS) has long been a source of frustration in the U.S. especially for state governments that get stuck with the majority of the bills. That frustration has escalated in light of the current U.S. economy and has recently driven high level members of Congress to push for controlled U.S. immigration policies and for dialysis treatment centers to be created within FAS countries.



Karen Fukofuka, SPC NCD Advisor on Nutrition passionately shares the concepts of serving sizes during the pre-forum media training in the Kingdom of Tonga.



Kippier Lippwe, FSM's Program Manager for the NCD Unit takes part in a physical activity break during Pacific NCD forum in the Kingdom of Tonga

But the issue of NCD's is much more personal than mere economics. In the Pacific region, loved ones, husbands, wives, moms, dads, aunties and uncles are dying or suffering from debilitating diseases far sooner than they might otherwise do had they lived healthier lifestyles.

"NCD's were responsible for 75% of the deaths in Pacific Island nations last year and were the cause of a similar percentage of chronic diseases," said Dr. Chen Ken on the first morning of the NCD Forum.

Dr. Chen is the WHO Representative in the South Pacific. He said that in the Pacific all current indicators show that NCD deaths and chronic diseases are on the rise and that something needs to be done and done quickly.

"Whatever has been done to combat the problem in the past is obviously not enough. The Pacific is in crisis," he said. He challenged the Pacific Island countries to move into crisis mode in their efforts to combat the personal and Pacific wide problem of NCD's.

"Pacific in Crisis—Addressing NCD's to Appropriate Scale," was the theme of the NCD Forum jointly sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).

While speaking to a group of SPC sponsored journalists from eight Pacific nations participating in a pre-forum training on NCD's, Dr. Viliami Puloka, Team Leader of the Healthy Pacific Lifestyle Section of SPC simplistically defined non-communicable diseases as any disease that is not a communicable disease. He said that communicable diseases are caused by viruses, bacteria or by fungi. Communicable diseases can usually be cured by medication. NCD's on the other hand, once acquired are most often lifelong diseases whose symptoms can sometimes be treated by medicine, by dietary changes, or other lifestyle changes. They include heart disease, stroke, cancer, chronic respiratory diseases, diabetes, cirrhosis, and others.

Dr. Puloka used the acronym "SNAP" to help journalists to understand the principal behavioral risk factors that lead to non-communicable diseases: Smoking, Nutrition (unhealthy diet), Alcohol abuse, and insufficient Physical activity.

Health officials recommend that everyone participate in at least 30 minutes of moderate exercise five days a week. They define "moderate" exercise as any exercise during which one can speak but cannot sing. They also say that everyone should have five servings of fruits and vegetables per day.

Most Pacific island nations report that high percentages of their populations are at risk of non-communicable diseases because of obesity, lack of physical exercise, smoking and alcohol abuse.

The problem is not an easy one to tackle because, strictly speaking the problem is not a treatment issue. There is no medicine a doctor can prescribe that would change unhealthy behaviors, lifestyle choices, or perceptions of what "life quality" means. There simply is no one stop solution to the problem of NCD's and forum participants expressed frustration that they most often spend their time "mopping up" after the problem rather than trying to solve it.

It's a hard message that is hard to hear, difficult to assimilate and tough for hearers to change even after they've heard the message. Education alone is not nearly enough.

Richard Thomson, SPC Communications and Media Officer for the Healthy Pacific Lifestyle section reminded journalists that we're all most likely going to die from an NCD someday. "Why should we die earlier, more slowly and much more painfully," he asked. Thomson was trying to convey the vital importance of media involvement in helping to stem the tide of NCDs in the Pacific. He said that members of the media have a responsibility to the people of the Pacific where NCDs are concerned. He said that it is common for media practitioners who live under constant deadlines to deal with the stress through unhealthy habits. He challenged the members of the media present at the forum to not only cover the issue of NCDs in their media outlets but also to personally model healthy lifestyles.

"I believe that no one can be an effective health officer without also being a Bible believing, spirit filled Christian," Dr. Josaia Samuela went so far as to say. Samuela is the Manager of the SPC's Health Advancement Unit. While his comment caused some mouths to drop open in bewilderment others shouted hearty "Amen's!"



Bola Noho, Reporter for Papua New Guinea's Post Courier, shares notes with Mary Rauto of the Fiji Times. Emily Moli, SPC Facilitator and reporter works to update the SPC website for the Pacific NCD Forum at the media table in the Kingdom of Tonga.

Other presenters discussed tax regimes and legislation as a method of controlling access to unhealthy products like cigarettes.

"We all know what we need to do but sometimes we need a bit of outside help to actually do it," Dr. Puloka said.

Health practitioners and policy advisors spent five days sharing their challenges and failures juxtaposed by encouraging success stories of which there were many.

For instance, Samoa completely banned the importation of turkey tails. A village in Tonga declared themselves to be smoke free. Marshall Islands banned the importation of betel nut. Workplace combined aerobic physical activity breaks are spreading like wildfire across the Pacific and SPC has produced a series of aerobic videos from throughout the islands to help with those daily exercise breaks. Some health ministries in the Pacific are leading by example by closing their offices and walking a set distance wearing t-shirts proclaiming the benefits of regular exercise. Some of the

Health Ministers are coming out from behind their desks and actively participating in those exercise promotions. Of course, the Island Food Community of Pohnpei with their nutritional message of "Let's Go Local" was touted as a huge success.

The ideas and success stories were nearly endless.

The sharing of ideas amongst the 22 Pacific nations and the further ideas they might inspire to combat the problem of NCD's when they returned home was the principal purpose for the Forum.

We as Pacificans need to look to our own selves," said Dr. Puloka while addressing the entire assemblage of forum participants. "We need to go local. We need to be original."

"The saddest type of poverty is the poverty of ideas; the poverty of innovation... We (in the Pacific) may not have money. We may be poor in resources but we are not poor in our abilities."

The FSM was represented by Assistant Secretary for Health Marcus Samo, Program Manager of the NCD unit, Kippier Lippwe, and DPCP Coordinator for Chuuk State Moria Shomour. The Managing Editor of the Kaselehlie Press also attended the conference and committed to keeping the issue of NCDs in the public eye in the FSM.

International Youth Day Message

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

The Executive Director of United Nations Population Fund, Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, issued a statement today, August 12, 2011 in celebration of International Youth Day:

"Today on International Youth Day, and every day, youth should be able to participate in decision-making in their families, communities, and nations.

The voices of youth should be heard in meetings within governments and within the United Nations.

Yes, youth participation is a matter of human rights and it is also a matter of being effective at addressing the challenges that we face as humanity.

In our world today there are 1.8 billion young people aged 10 to 24. They constitute more than a quarter of the world's population and nearly 90 per cent of them living in developing nations.

When societies embrace youth as partners, we improve our chances of finding solutions to our most pressing problems.

US Dept. of Interior awards grant to YSPSC

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

In an August 3rd letter to Mr. Faustino Yangmog, General Manager for Yap State Public Service Corporation, the US Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs notified YSPSC that they were awarded a Maintenance Assistance grant in the amount of \$305,000 for continuation of the Pacific Lineman Training Program.

The Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, Mr. Anthony Babauta, informed YSPSC that the award provides partial funding for their request, which was originally submitted in May of this year. The original amount requested by YSPSC to conduct the training program was \$405,350, but this amount was reduced by the Insular Affairs office due to budgetary constraints in the US government sector. Because of the reduced funding, Mr. Babauta requested YSPSC to provide a revised training schedule based on the reduced funding amount.

The Pacific Lineman Training programs aims to train YSPSC workers in the necessary skills needed to perform repair and maintenance for lines and power equipment throughout Yap State and the FSM.

Mr. Babauta also noted that the training program would be reviewed over the next year in order to seek more cost effective alternatives in the future.

Today too many young people are deprived of opportunities, peace and stability. Too many adolescent girls and young women face gender discrimination and violence. And poor sexual and reproductive health is a leading cause of death for adolescent girls in developing countries.

As never before, youth are bombarded with sexually explicit images. There is a growing need for sexuality education and sexual and reproductive health services that meet the needs of young people.

My colleagues and I in UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, are committed to advancing the right to sexual and reproductive health, and advancing gender equality.

Today on International Youth Day, and every day, I call on leaders to engage, empower and listen to young people. Working together we can advance the rights, health and well-being of current and future generations. "

Yap High School construction project

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

The FSM Office of the President Program Management Unit has issued a solicitation for a new construction project at the Yap High School Campus.

The project is to construct one new single story vocational education building and 2 two-story classroom buildings at Yap High School. The work includes, but is not limited to, the construction and all related work such as site demolition work, site utility work, coordination of all construction activities and all related incidental work.

The contract would require that the winning bidder begin construction within 10 days of the award acceptance, with the completion of the construction project within 730 calendar days after construction begins.

The estimated cost range of 4 to 6 million dollars is provided to give prospective bidders an indication of the magnitude of the project. The Government reserves the right to award a contract outside of this range.

There will be a pre-bid conference for interested parties on Monday, Sept. 5th, 2011 at 9:00am at the Small Business Development Center Conference Room. The closing date for this bid is October 10, 2011 at 4:00pm.

For more information, individuals may contact the PMU Resident Engineer, Rob Westerfield, at 350-6195.

The complete bid package is available at <ftp://ftp.pmu.fm> under the directory "Yap High School Bidding Documents" or by visiting the Yap State Government Website at www.yapstategov.org/downloads.html

EXCELLENT CAREER OPPORTUNITY



The FSM Petroleum Corporation is a progressive State Owned Enterprise that values diversity, inclusiveness, and is committed to harnessing the local talent of FSM Citizens. The company employs some of the best people in the industry, and has a mission to develop and train our people *to be the best at what they do* in the Region.

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Tasks and Duties

Our Communication Officer will work alone on some tasks, but will often be part of a project team and a communication team who they work closely with. They will deal with a wide range of people from all levels of the organization. They interact with other relevant organizations, the public and the media, including television, radio and newspaper reporters. They also spend time working with designers and suppliers.

You will be required to implement the company Communication Strategy; arrange publicity for the organization through different outlets; compose, edit, design, record, produce publications such as newsletters, leaflets and brochures; draft news releases, speeches, articles, and regular industry updates; edit and organize the publication of documents; keep staff and clients up to date with company news; and provide the public with information when it is requested.

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Our Communication Officer will need to have:

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in a sealed envelope marked "Communications Officer", and addressed to the no later than 07th of September 2011.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



PROJECT MANAGEMENT & ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY

FSM Petroleum Corporation invites written expressions of interest (EOI) from reputable engineering consultancy practices for Project Management and Engineering Services.

The Company has embarked on an aggressive asset rehabilitation program (ARP) aimed at upgrading the petroleum storage and distribution facilities throughout the FSM to international standards over the next five (5) years. We seek qualified professional service companies to assist in these projects who can assist with the following Scope of Services:

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- Should have highly qualified and experienced project construction, project managers/engineers employed by their company ;
- Should have a minimum Professional Indemnity insurance of \$ 5m;
- Demonstrated experience working with API, NFPA, AS1940, and other standards and codes of practice pertinent to the oil storage and distribution industry.

EOI must include the following:

- Company profile including list of employees and position, qualification and professional membership;
- List of recent projects undertaken

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Pohnpei Campus Training Institute provides computer training

Pohnpei Campus Training Institute

On July 27, 2011, Pohnpei Campus Training Institute (PCTI) held a certificate ceremony for 54 employees from Pohnpei State Government. These 54 employees had completed their in Basic Computer Applications and ACCESS training. The group was split into three groups to accommodate the different training needs. The first group started training in Basic Computer Applications on March 21, 2011 to April 15, 2011. The second group started training in ACCESS on April 25, 2011 to May 20, 2011 and the third group started their ACCESS training on May 23, 2011 to June 6, 2011. The participants came from different departments such as Department of Public Safety, Auditor's Office, Attorney General's Office, DOE, V6AH, and Foreign Investment Office.

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Pohnpei Office

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<p>Position Title: Project Supervisor (Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Education) Duty Station: IOM Head Office for FSM & RMI - Pohnpei Classification: G6 Equivalent Remuneration: US \$935 Nett (Approx. \$1,154 Gross) per month Duration: 3-6 Months Start date: Immediately General functions: Under the direct supervision of the Country Officer and in coordination with the Senior Operations Officer, the successful candidate is responsible for assisting in the implementation and monitoring of all activities related to the Safe School Education Pilot Project in Pohnpei, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).</p>	<p>Position Title: Trainer/s (Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Education) Duty Station: IOM Head Office for FSM & RMI - Pohnpei Classification: G4 Equivalent Remuneration: US \$643 Nett (Approx. \$795 Gross) per month Duration: 3-6 Months Start date: Immediately General functions: Under the overall supervision of the Country Officer and the direct supervision of the Special Project Supervisor the successful candidate will be responsible for implementing the Safe School Education Pilot Project in Pohnpei, the Federated States of Micronesia.</p>
<p>Project Supervision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct focus groups with school-aged children to ensure that the information, education and communication (IEC) materials on climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction for schools are locally appropriate. Assist in the enhancement and finalization of the IEC materials and socialization with the National and State authorities. Be responsible for engaging with national and state-level education authorities and practitioners in Pohnpei State; and possibly other islands within the FSM. Assist in the development and roll-out of the Safe School Education Pilot Project in five municipalities in Pohnpei State. Develop a work plan for the duration of the pilot project highlighting key objectives and activities for educators and other project staff. Assist the Country Officer in the implementation and monitoring of all aspects of the Safe School Education Pilot Project in several schools within Pohnpei State. Assist in carrying out the necessary administrative requirements for accurate monitoring of the pilot project. Coordinate and monitor IOM Disaster Preparedness Trainers to ensure activities are in line with the project document. Brief educators on the core principles contained with the Safe School Educational Pilot Project to ensure understanding and sustainability. Prepare activities to mark the International Day of Natural Disasters on October 12 Ensure that schools have the necessary means to assume control and to further develop the project to adapt to their needs. <p>Other duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist the Country Officer in the preparation of project reports, through the provision of timely information related to the Safe School Educational Pilot Project. Develop bi-weekly reports on the progress and constraints of the project as well as recommendations for improvement or alterations. Provide a comprehensive final report at the project's conclusion Undertake other duties as assigned by the Country Officer 	<p>Project Implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist the Project Supervisor in conducting focus groups with school-aged children to ensure that the information, education and communication (IEC) materials on climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction for schools are locally appropriate. Assist the Project Supervisor in the enhancement and finalization of the IEC materials and socialization with the National and State authorities. Attend meetings with national and state-level education authorities and practitioners in Pohnpei State; and possibly other islands within the FSM. Working directly with educators/teachers in the classroom setting to engaging students on the CCA/DRR Education material. Assist educators/teachers in developing curriculum, lesson plans and activities for the students, based on the IOM Teachers Manual for CCA/DRR Education. Work with educators/teachers to develop innovative and creative ways to integrate CCA/DRR material into the normal curriculum of the students. Assist the DRR Project Supervisor in the implementation and monitoring of all aspects of the CCA/DRR Educational Programme in several schools within Pohnpei State. Assist in carrying out the necessary administrative requirements for accurate monitoring of the programme, including weekly reports. Participate in weekly meetings with the Country Officer and DRR Project Supervisor. Assist in preparing for the International Day of Natural Disasters on October 12. Report to the DRR Project Supervisor as whether or not schools have the necessary means to assume control and to further develop the programme to suit their needs. Undertake other duties as assigned by the DRR Project Supervisor or Country Officer.
<p>Mandatory qualifications/experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A university degree in Education, Social Science, or Psychology or alternatively a combination of relevant education and experience in this field. At least 4 years of work experience, including 2 years of relevant work experience. Ability to manage a small project and staff. Ability to prepare clear and concise reports and a high level of computer literacy. Personal commitment, efficiency, initiative, drive for results, respect for diversity, creative thinking. Ability to work effectively and harmoniously with colleagues from varied cultures and professional background. Able to work under tight timeframes and during weekends and overtime, when required. A thorough knowledge of oral and written forms of English with a proven track record of writing reports and/or professional correspondence. <p>Desirable qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An advanced university degree in Education, Social Science, or Psychology or alternatively a combination of relevant education and experience in this field. Experience working with an international organization, embassy or NGO is advantageous. Verbal fluency in Ponapean would be a distinct advantage. 	<p>Mandatory qualifications/experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 2 years of work experience, including 1 year of relevant work experience. Ability to work with school aged children. Ability to prepare clear and concise reports. Personal commitment, efficiency, initiative, drive for results, respect for diversity, creative thinking. Ability to work effectively and harmoniously with colleagues from varied cultures and professional background. Able to work under tight timeframes and during weekends and overtime, when required. A thorough knowledge of oral and written forms of English with a proven track record of writing reports and/or professional correspondence. <p>Desirable qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A university degree in Social Science, Education, Management, or alternatively a combination of relevant education and experience in this field. Experience working with an international organization, embassy or NGO is advantageous. Verbal fluency in a local language of the FSM.

To Apply: Interested persons must post, hand-deliver or email the following documents to the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

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Leona Sonden chosen as this year's "Miss All Micronesia"

August 18, 2011

Majuro, Marshall Islands-- Leona Sonden of Pohnpei, FSM was voted by members of the Marshall Islands Billfish Club to be the 2011 "Miss All Micronesia" at the "2011 Annual All-Micronesia Fishing Tournament" in Majuro, Marshall Islands scheduled for September 2-3, 2011. Sonden's selection is the first time in history that 'Miss All Micronesia' has been chosen from outside of the Marshall Islands.

Organizers say that the Marshall Islands Billfish Club intends to continue their search for "Miss All Mic" from the other Micronesian countries participating in future tournaments.

Leona is the daughter of John and Tina Sonden and currently lives with her family in Pohnpei, FSM. Her father is of Marshallese descent, grew up in the Marshall Islands and attended Assumption Schools. Leona has 6 sisters and 3 brothers. She attended Calvary Christian Academy and Seventh-Day Adventist High School in Pohnpei and is currently a sophomore at the College of Micronesia in Pohnpei. Leona plans to further her studies at the University of Guam where she will concentrate on Tourism and Hospitality once she receives her AA degree from COM.

Leona is 20yrs old and enjoys listening to music, playing volleyball, swimming, fishing, singing and dancing and especially, hanging out with friends and family. Expanding on her interest in marine science, she plans to minor in Marine Biology along. Two weeks ago, she ventured out of Pohnpei for the first time and came to visit her family in Majuro. She will be on in Majuro until mid September.

The color of the ocean, turquoise blue, is Leona's favorite color. She especially enjoys sinking her teeth into cousin Yetta's homemade lasagna and garlic bread. She also loves Shoreline's fish burgers and fries. She is currently learning some Marshallese while she's in Majuro and plans to continue to practice her Marshallese with her father once she returns to Pohnpei. Leona plans to return to Pohnpei after attending the University of Guam and plans to work in the field of marine, plant and animal conservation, heritage protection and threat management.



Ms All Mic will be sponsored by the Women's Athletic Club and will be featured in the Marshall Islands Journal prior to the Tournament.

The Marshall Islands Billfish Club continues to seek donations and contributions for this year's Annual All Mic Tournament. Those organizations, businesses, or individuals in Pohnpei who are willing to make a donation to the Tournament should contact Larry Hernandez at doitbestlarry@gmail.com.

For more information on the Annual All-Micronesia Tournament, please contact Larry Hernandez at doitbestlarry@gmail.com or Rudy Aliven at rudyaliven@hotmail.com.

Sunset in the Kingdom of Tonga Operation Big Eye 2011 continues success

Taking an evening break from the stresses of dealing with the number one killer of Pacific islanders, participants in the Pacific NCD Forum enjoyed an evening at the Oholei Beach resort and were entertained by traditional dancers at the Hina Cave in the Kingdom of Tonga.



Photos by Bill Jaynes

By Lt. Commander Geoff Hart-Davies
Royal Australian Navy Advisor

The FSM's National Police Maritime Wing patrol boats FSS PALIKIR and FSS MICRONESIA have just returned to Pohnpei following an extremely successful joint fisheries surveillance operation.

Together with patrol boats from the Republic of Palau (ROP) and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), aircraft from the Royal Australian

Air Force, US Navy, US Coast Guard and Surveillance officers from each country and the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) the operation was conducted under a surveillance agreement between the three Micronesian nations and Nauru. Aimed at fostering coordination and cooperation in regional surveillance of the fishing activities occurring in the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) of the participants, the operation covered well in excess of 9,000,000 square kilometres of ocean, and resulted in numerous boardings of fishing vessels, several apprehensions and a number of citations.

With BIG EYE 2011 now successfully completed the FSM patrol boats will continue to keep the momentum of these successes in their efforts to protect the FSM's natural resources. These efforts will continue to be supported by the Australian Government through the Defence Cooperation Programme and Australian Navy personnel based in Pohnpei.



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Yap Cooperative Association to celebrate 61st anniversary

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

YCA will celebrate its 61st Anniversary on Monday August 15, 2011, according to a statement released by the company.

The announcement has stated that a Customer Appreciation Sale will be held during the anniversary to express gratitude and appreciation to its valued customers and their patronage.

The company is giving out big discounts on purchases worth of \$20.00 or more on a cash basis. Discounts of 18% up to 75% will be given on regularly priced items. Different discounts are offered each day depending on the item selection and product type, class or category.

Some of the discounted items include: School supplies, sporting goods, electronics, household appliances and furniture, frozen goods, produce, meats, power tools, building materials, plumbing products and more.

YCA General Store, BG Hardware, Rufan Gas Station and Drops of Life have jointly invited the public to join them as they celebrate the 61st Anniversary throughout next week.

All sales departments will be closed for business on Sunday, August 21, 2011 except Rufan Gas Station. All businesses will resume regular working hours on Monday, August 22, 2011.

Public service corporation gets new bucket truck

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

On August 11, 2011, a brand new Peterbilt Artech/ Bucket Truck arrived in Yap for the YSPSC (Yap State Public Service Corporation) Power Distribution Division.

Just recently, the Department of the Interior (DOI) has granted \$305,000.00 to continue the Pacific Lineman Training (PLT) program in this region, which includes training for YSPSC linemen. The bucket truck could not have arrived at a better time as this segment of the PLT training will be dealing in working with hotline or energized power lines. The PLT training program was denied to some sister utility companies in the region due to lack of adequate equipment(s) such as the bucket truck; and so YSPSC is grateful for receiving the bucket truck. This addition to the YSPSC's existing fleet of equipments will allow the Power Distribution crew to work more efficiently and safely.

YSPSC would like to thank the USDA for all their support and assistance in granting \$100,000.00 make it possible for YSPSC to procure such needed equipment.



The new bucket truck at its home base at the YSPSC compound.

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K-12 scholarships awarded to Micronesian students



Monday, August 1, 2011

Twenty-four students from throughout Micronesia will be awarded K-12 tuition scholarships for the 2011-12 school year.

Habele, a US-based charity, will make the announcement early Monday morning. The group supports students in Micronesia through tuition scholarships as well as donations to public schools and libraries.

The 2011-2012 scholarships winners include students from Eauripik, Fais, Ifaluk, Lamotrek, Ulithi, Woleai and Stawal in Yap State as well as Kuttu in Chuuk State. They will be attending the SDA schools in Yap and Pohnpei, Saint Mary's School on Yap, Yap Catholic High School, Berea Christian High School in Chuuk, the Pohnpei Catholic School and Saramen Chuuk Academy.

Habele received over sixty applications for the 2011-12 tuition scholarships from across the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Palau. The scholarships cover an average of 70 percent of a student's tuition at a private, or "independent," school. Individual and corporate donors in the United States provided the money.

"We believe that each child is unique. No one classroom is appropriate for all students," explained Neil Mellen, a Habele Board Member. Mellen also pointed out that the scholarship program led to smaller class sizes in the public schools as well as cost savings for both the US and Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) governments.

According to the FSM Government, 49 percent of adults over the age of 25 in Micronesia are not high school graduates. Among those enrolling in the College of Micronesia (COM) only ten percent obtain an associate's degree within three years.

Habele was established in 2006 as a "modest first step" in addressing those issues, says Alex Sidles, another Habele board member. "We wanted to –and are still working to– raise parental engagement and expectations. Instruction needs to be dynamic and student-appropriate."

Since that time Habele has provided thousands of reading and textbooks to isolated classrooms throughout the Outer and Lagoon Islands of Yap and Chuuk States. Most recently the all-volunteer group sent 29 boxes of K-5 reading, math and science books to public schools in the Outer Islands of Yap. The donation came through a partnership with Woodland Hills Elementary School in California.

The tuition scholarship winners provide Habele with photos, letters and copies of their report cards throughout the school year. The schools they attend also keep Habele informed of the student's progress in the classroom. "It's a real partnership and we're proud of that," says Sidles.

The announcement included Habele's introduction of the Leona Peterson (1926-2011) Memorial K-12 Scholarship. A native of Waterloo, Iowa, Peterson led the Department of Aging in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI) during the late 1970s and early 80s.

Learn more about Habele on the web at www.habele.org or through their "Habele Fund" Facebook page.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



PORTLAND CEMENT AND STEEL

The FSM Petroleum Corporation has commenced work on the rehabilitation program for the seawall at its bulk petroleum fuels storage facility in Yap. Geotechnical investigations and final engineering designs are expected to be completed on this project by the end of August 2011.

The Company invites Request for Proposals from reputable engineering hardware suppliers for the following seawall construction and building materials.

Quantities will be confirmed on receipt of final engineering designs by the company Engineers, however, are not expected to deviate more than +/- 10% from the estimates provided by our quantity surveyors below.

Part A - Structural Steel Universal Columns (200 metric tons)

- Grade 300 - 310 UC 137 and 250 UC 89 Universal Columns;
- 12m lengths in compliance with AS/NZS 4671 (or Equivalent American/British Standards);

Part B – Reinforcement Steel (30 metric tons)

- Grade 430/Grade 500 Steel to be in compliance with AS/NZS 3679 (or Equivalent American/British Standards);
- Reinforcement sizes to be HD10,12, 16, 20, 25, 32 and HR10,12,16.

Part C – Portland Cement (60 metric tons)

- Cement shall be standard PORTLAND cement manufacture delivered to the batching plant in sealed bags as provided by manufacturer;

Instructions to Bidders

Price and Specification:

- Itemized prices for each Part A through C;
- Proof of Supplier ability to meet the defined quality specifications;
- CIF basis, FSMPC Yap Engineering Facility, Kolonia, Yap, FSM96943;

Delivery

- Delivery by 31 October 2011

The Company shall award this RFP based on a Value-For-Money (VFM) bid assessment process. Interested Bidders are to submit their Proposals via email to ltiegmai@fsmpc.com, or mailed to

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Head Office,
P.O.Box 1762,
Kolonia, Pohnpei,
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in a sealed envelope marked "RFP – Portland Cement and Steel", no later than 19th of August 2011.

Director receives report on review of Pohnpei police

Pohnpei Department of Public Safety

A report on the recent Review of the Pohnpei State Police has been finalized and handed to the Governor of Pohnpei the Honorable John Ehsa on Thursday 18 August by the Director of Public Safety, Mr. Lucas Carlos and the Chief of Pohnpei Police Mr. Joseph Roby.

The report resulted from a public survey conducted in June by members of the Pohnpei State Police who were assisted by experienced members of the Australian Federal Police under their Pacific Police Development Program.

The review is intended to provide greater accountability in the management structure of the police and will identify the future development needs of the organization. This will allow for a better focus of resources to better address the areas of crime impacting on the community.

A wide cross section of the community was interviewed and given the opportunity to have input to the future direction of the police. The community input has now been analyzed and a report outlining the recommendations has been prepared.

Director of Public Safety Mr. Lucas Carlos expressed his thanks to the community for their assistance in making the report possible.

“Without the assistance and input from the community the report would not have been possible. I would like to thank the many citizens of Pohnpei who assisted in making the outcomes of this report a reality. The working team made up of our own officers and members of the Pacific Police

Development Program have worked very hard to achieve the results.” Mr. Lucas said.

The report and the results of the survey will help the Pohnpei Police in shaping their strategic focus and directions for the future.

“It is safe to say that we have been doing policing in the same way for many years. The Chief of Police and I felt that it was time to examine this to ensure we were carrying out our business in line with current policing practices around the Pacific.

“The survey and results will provide us with the directions we need to take the organization into the future to better address crime and safety for the people of Pohnpei” Mr. Lucas said.

The review report contains a number of recommendations for change and improvements in the way police go about their business. Some of the recommendations include; identification of priority areas of crime, a need to improve investigative capabilities, the recruitment of more women into the police, a partnership approach to law enforcement and crime prevention with the traditional leaders, employ civilians to take on administrative roles in the police to put more police on the street.

These are but a few of the recommendations.

Chief of Police, Mr Joe Roby said the report and review would shape the organizational strategic plan to reflect the outcomes of the report.

“I am committed to using this report and survey and where possible, acknowledge and use the recommendations to make the necessary improvements” he said.



Joseph Roby, Chief of Pohnpei Police and Mr. Lucas Carlos, Director of Public Safety present the Pohnpei police review to the Honorable John Ehsa

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in a sealed envelope marked “Terminal Manager (Trainee)”, no later than 07th of September 2011.

Health service to impose charge for ambulance service

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

Colonia, Yap - The Department of Health Services has issued a statement regarding a plan to implement its policy on the service that it has been providing for patients who are transported to and from the hospital in the ambulance.

The Department has stated that it will begin charging \$25.00 for the transportation of patients who will need the assistance of the department as a result of an Emergency Call, Medical Referral Transport and Request for Discharge Transport.

The charges will include the following:

Emergency Calls : Patients who are brought by the ambulance due to an emergency call to the hospital and seen in the OPD unit area (ER, treatment room or Laboratory room).

Medical Referral Transport : All in-patients sent off-island on Medical Referral are transported to the airport by the ambulance and picked up again if needed for transport to the hospital upon their return from the referral hospital after treatment, and

Request for Discharge Transport : When ordered by an in-patient or doctor upon discharge, a patient discharge be transported to his/her home by ambulance, and the fee must be paid in full prior to the patient being transported by the ambulance.

According to the department of health, this service charge policy had been in place but it has never fully been implemented.

The department is inviting questions and comments from the public regarding this statement.

Road maintenance in progress drivers warned

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

The sides of the main roads around Yap, until recently, have been overgrown with weeds, and the potholes on the older paved road are now dangerously deep and cratered. But at the beginning of this month, the road maintenance project restarted, and portions of the roads are now freshly cut and cleared of weeds, and potholes were filled with temporary dirt.

The Department of Public Works & Transportation recently announced that drivers must take precautions when driving through a road segment under maintenance. Contracted maintenance workers may not be able to hear incoming vehicles due to operating machinery.

Drivers are advised to take all necessary precautions and drive safely through these areas for the remainder of the road maintenance project. Also, the general public are respectfully requested to not litter on the road, and to "keep our island clean".

WCHC observes health week

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

The Community Health Center in Yap known as WCHC has scheduled several activities for the public during the "Health Week" from August 7-13, 2011.

Today August 11, 2011, the WCHC is promoting the Health Week by setting up a booth across from the YCA General Store in Colonia where members of the general public could have their free health screening from 10:00am to 3:00pm this afternoon.

The Nimgil Youth Organization had also set up another booth where they displayed local food products for people to have a free taste of the food while at the same time learn how each of the different varieties have been prepared. The Nimgil Youth Organization has been very active in promoting health in its community.

President Mori delivers keynote address at Chuuk Education Symposium, 2011

FSM Information Services

August 16, 2011

President Mori re-affirmed his commitment to education reform in Chuuk by delivering the keynote address at the opening of the annual Chuuk Education Symposium on Monday August 8th. The Chuuk High School gym was full to capacity for the opening ceremony, with teachers, principals and education officials from the Chuuk Department of Education, as well as a team of trainers from the National Department of Education, in attendance. Speakers included Congressman Wesley Simina, Honorable Mark Milo, President of Chuuk Senate, Honorable Johnson Elimo, Acting Governor, and Mr John Sony, representative of the Mayor of Weno Municipality and someone from OIA.

Addressing the theme of the symposium, "Working Together, Hand in Hand, for Chuuk Tomorrow", President Mori challenged the Chuuk leadership, Department of Education and communities of Chuuk to work together to support education reform in Chuuk. He said it was time for the education system to quickly improve its ranking from 4th place to at least 3rd place but the ultimate goal is to work hard toward achieving the 1st place putting an end to the stereotypical image of poor quality and low achievement in Chuuk. "Education of our children is too important to be left with Government to manage. It has to be a community based approach where the mayors, village chiefs, the churches and most especially parents must be involved. It is the only way the reform can work effectively."

In support of the Director, Ms Gardenia Aisek and her management team, the President acknowledged that hard decisions had to be made if the reform plan was to be successful and meet the challenging demands in Chuuk. He urged that attitudes towards education had to change so that principals and teachers were held accountable by school communities in providing quality education. He also recognized that systemic changes were needed to tackle issues such as land ownership disputes that have prevented investments in school infrastructure.

A wide range of workshops on education improvement, curriculum, and assessment, as well as sessions on nutrition, community participation and special education, were conducted by the Chuuk Department of Education. One particularly well attended session, conducted by Mr. Joe Eas, dealt with community participation in turning around low performance schools, demonstrating the commitment of the participants towards meeting the challenges set forth by the President. In addition, a panel of senior managers and specialists conducted a question and answer session on the challenges by His Excellency President Manny Mori and questions to the Education Reform Plan.

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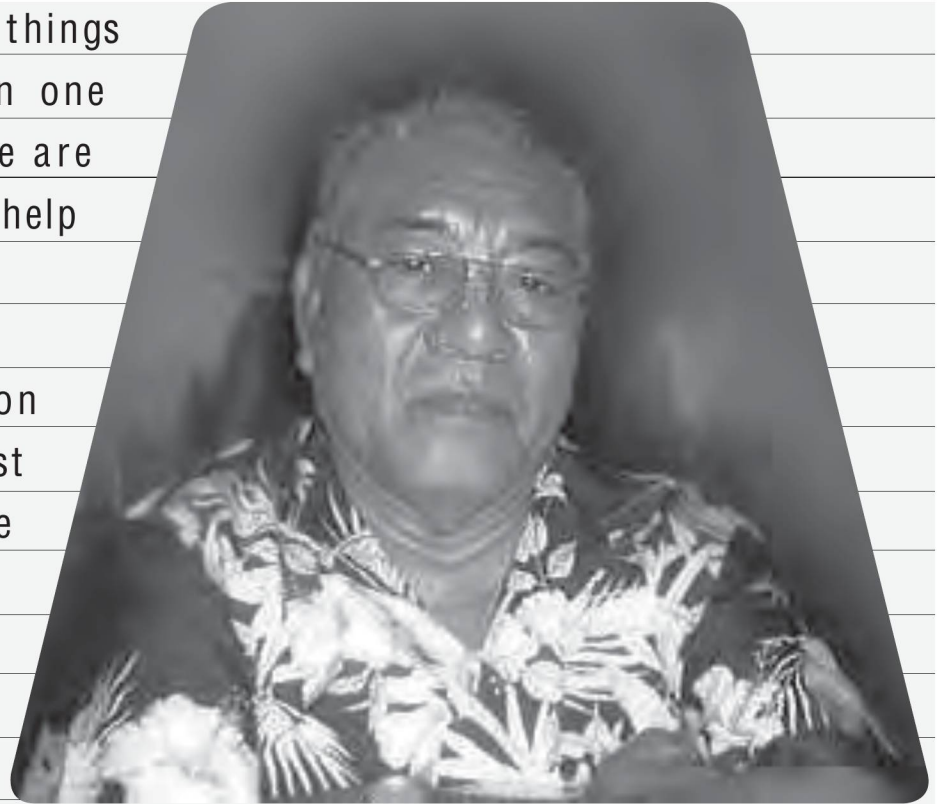
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Losing a loved one is one of the most difficult things one can go through; so much more so when one loses a parent. No words can express what we are feeling right now and I'm sure only time can help us to accept the fact.

Our father, Dr Aminis L David, was born on March 16, 1937 and was laid to rest on August 7, 2011 at his residence in Nanpohnmal . He died from a massive stroke. He had devoted 52 years of his life to Pohnpei Hospital (1959 - 2011) helping the community through his profession.



Our father was one of those hard working fathers that always got his way. His words were the law in our house. We used to fear him never knowing that he was teaching us one of the most valuable lessons in life; the lesson to stand up for what we believe in. As we grew older, we slowly began to understand why he treated us the way that he did. He was very strict as a father but that was only because he cared for us. He was a very compassionate and kind person. We learned that the most important thing that he had was us; his family. We are who we are now because we had a father like him. To everyone, he was a very kind person and was always ready to help. When he helped, he simply helped. He showed his strength until the end.

Let's just remember everything that our father shared with us and everyone. Let's be happy that he has found eternal peace in a new home with our creator.

My brother, Aminis David Jr. and I would like to thank you all for your kind words, messages of sympathy, your generous donations, support and most of all, your friendship with our father.

Our sincerest gratitude to everyone.

Patricia J Panuelo

I Am Always With You

When I am gone, release me,
let me go.

I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with
too many tears,

But be thankful we had so many
good years.

I gave you my love, and you can
only guess
How much you've given me in
happiness.

I thank you for the love that you
have shown,
But now it is time I traveled alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve
you must
Then let your grief be comforted
by trust
That it is only for a while that we
must part,
So treasure the memories within
your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.

And if you need me, call and
I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me,
I will be near
And if you listen with your heart,
you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear

President Mori sets direction for new administration

FSM Information Services

August 12, 2011

At the Inauguration Celebration on July 29, President Manny Mori outlined the direction he will pursue during his second term of office.

In his Inaugural Address, the President itemized fifteen priority areas that his administration will focus on for the next four years. Among these are: progressive implementation of compact infrastructure projects, steady facilitation of private sector development, proactive engagement in climate change negotiations, reforms in government efficiency, further bolstering of long-term improvement in education and health, up-scaling of steady revenue generation, further harmonization of foreign investment regulations, etc.

Furthermore, the President appealed to "fellow citizens" to take part on an individual basis in the endeavor for all-around development by improving self-sufficiency, furthering education, embarking on business ventures and nurturing healthy life-style habits, among others.

The President also made direct appeal to the State governments to foster an open-door policy toward foreign investment, without which, according to the President, sustained economic growth would continue to be impaired.

As an important component of responsible governance, the President urged fellow leaders in the FSM to "lead by good example" and to "always do what is right, irrespective of the consequences to our own political careers".

Words of gratitude were directed to FSM citizens living abroad for their contributions to the economy through remittances and for keeping strong ties with their home country. Citizens abroad were reminded to

be "good ambassadors", respecting rules and requirements of their communities.

The increased participation of Micronesians in the U.S. Armed Forces was raised with words of appreciation regarding the men and women, and their parents, in the military for their "sacrifice for world peace" – one for which some "have paid the ultimate price", according to the President.

President Mori acknowledged the presence of many Micronesian leaders and pledged that his administration will "work closely with (them) in areas of mutual interests including climate change, fisheries, environment, air transportation, trade and migration of FSM citizen".

The Joint-Inauguration Ceremony for the Executive Branch and Legislative Branch of the National Government was attended by Vice President Alik L. Alik and Mrs. Alik, Speaker Isaac V. Figir and Mrs. Figir, Members of the 17th FSM Congress, President Falcam, President Urusemal, all Governors of the FSM States, various other State leaders and their respective delegations, families and friends of the leaders, and some high ranking traditional chiefs from Pohnpei and the other States. Members of the Diplomatic Corp in the FSM and Special Envoy Kikuta of Japan and Special Envoy Wang of the People's Republic of China also witnessed the event.

Also in attendance were: President Johnson Toribiong of the Republic of Palau, President Jurelang Zedkaia of the Republic of Marshall Islands, Governor and Mrs. Fitial of the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas, Governor Calvo of the Territory of Guam, Speaker Won-Pat, Sen. Respicio, and Sen. Barnes of the Guam Legislature, Sen. English and Sen. Hee of the Hawaii State Legislature, a number of dignitaries from the region, representatives of the international agencies, as well as representatives of various foreign and local businesses.

Nett Catholic Church breaks ground

Pohnpei, FSM – On Thursday, June, 17, Ihsu Nahnken of Nett Mr. Salvador Iriarte joined, Vicar of Pohnpei and Kosrae Fr. Julio Angkel, FSM Congressman David Paunelo, Pohnpei State Senator Salter Loyola and Senator Robert Nakasone, Nett District Administrator Adelino Edmund, and a host of local government and traditional dignitaries to celebrate the ground breaking of the new Nett Catholic Church. The upbeat spirit of the ground breaking was not dampened by the rain that occasionally poured down in near horizontal streaks.

Ihsu Nahnken of Nett in his remarks reminded the people of Kahmar and Nett that the construction of this new church is the responsibility of all the people of Nett Municipality. Ihsu ko also stated that the people of Nett is very fortunate that this new church will be built in Kahmar, Nett.

According to Fr. Julio Angkel, Vicar – Pohnpei/Kosrae, that this new church will take one to three years to complete.

The projected value of the new Nett church is anticipated at approximately \$200,000.00.

The Our Lady of Mercy Church of Kolonia / Nett soliciting donations for the new church in Kahmar, Nett. Please send your donations/contributions to this address below:

Our Lady of Mercy Church (OLM)
Kolonia/Nett
P.O. Box 160
Pohnpei, FM 96941
Email address: kenu16@gmail.com



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



HEAD OFFICE COMPLEX

The FSM Petroleum Corporation was established in September 2008 and a decision was made at that time to convert the residential building within the Pohnpei Terminal into office space to temporarily accommodate the Head Office. In 2010, the company leased additional commercial and residential properties to house engineers, and engineering workshops.

Our Pohnpei Terminal master plan requires us to vacate our temporary office facility to make room for the construction of additional bulk storage tanks. This will improve supply security and remove transportation and storage bottlenecks that currently constrain us to a particular mode of supply. Our ultimate aim is to improve transportation efficiency and to further reduce costs.

In 2012, we also anticipate launching new initiatives for renewable and alternate energy, including biofuels and renewable power generation and therefore will require appropriate facilities to effectively establish and nurture these new ventures.

Opportunities

The Company is open to creative options and solutions for the establishment of a permanent head office complex. We will consider either a long term lease or the outright purchase of land for the construction of a new facility, or the lease of existing office space that meets the following minimum requirements.

Option 1: Existing/New Office Space

- Maximum of 400 contiguous ANSI/BOMA Office area square meter (OASM) within the greater city area;
- the Building designated as a Class A office building and shall meet a BOMA 'Green' rating for energy efficiency;
- Lease Term shall be 10yr Firm, however requests 15 (fifteen), 20yr (twenty year) option periods;
- Occupancy at substantial completion (based upon build-out required) by 31 March 2012 or earlier if available;
- Parking: Minimum of 15 on-site with additional 10 spaces within close proximity to building.

Option 2: Vacant Land (Small) - 2,000 square meters

Option 3: Vacant Land (Large) - 6,000 square meters

- Location must be within the greater town and city area, with access to all utilities including sewerage systems;
- Land shall be with Commercial Zone with a Lease Term 25yr Firm with option to renew; or an Outright Purchase option;
- Possession of Site estimated 1st January 2012 or earlier if available.

Notes

Please note the following:

- The Company's decision regarding whether to relocate will be based, in part, on information received in response to this advertisement.
- This is not a Request for Proposals.
- This Expression of Interest is not indicative of any Company obligation to any one providing a response to this advertisement.
- This Expression of Interest is not a basis for negotiation.
- The Company hereby reserves the right not to consider any or all properties identified in response to this advertisement.
- The Company also reserves the right to consider properties identified by other means.
- The Company shall not pay any commissions or broker fees associated with this transaction.

Applicants are invited to submit an Expression of Interest with necessary details to enable our assessment, and telephone contact. Email EoI's can be sent to ltiegmaj@fsmc.com, or mailed to

Administration Manager,
Head Office,
P.O.Box 1762,
Kolonia, Pohnpei,
FSM 96941.

in a sealed envelope marked "EOI – Head Office Complex", no later than 07th of September 2011.

Guest Perspective

Where did our real friends go?

As a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, I have been very saddened to read recent reports of negative attitudes and discrimination directed at our fellow Micronesians by some in the United States. We hear stories about Micronesian schoolchildren being singled out by bullies, Micronesian families being discriminated against by landlords, and Micronesians crowding homeless shelters. Perhaps more disturbingly, this stereotype of Micronesians as victims, scapegoats and scroungers has been fueled by politicians characterizing Micronesian migrants as a drain on government resources, in what has been described as a "Compact Impact problem".

Having recently received an email from a cousin of mine, Hainrick Panuelo, who is in the U.S. Armed Forces in Afghanistan asking what we are doing about the criticisms that are being directed against Micronesians in Hawaii, Guam and elsewhere in the United States, this issue is very personal to me. Micronesians are on the front lines of war zones, fighting alongside American citizens and defending the same freedoms and rights that Americans value so much. There is a disconnect between the United States Government's honoring of our fallen servicemen at the Pohnpei International Airport and the talk of "Compact Impact problems" from American citizens and officials alike.

I also have personal experience of the compromises we have made in voting to support the national interests of the U.S. at the United Nations at the expense of our relations with other developing nations. So, here I say today, where did our real friends go?

Why such a short memory?

Micronesia and the United States have a unique and special relationship, following the U.S. trusteeship of the region. Our Compact of Free Association with the United States permits our citizens to enter, work, and reside in the United States, and grants similar rights to United States citizens who wish to live and work in our islands. While the Compact Impact cost is a mere speck in the totality of the U.S. economy, the immigration provisions of the Compact are a lifeline for small island economies like that of the FSM.

Although some may choose to focus on the benefits Micronesians receive from the United States, the totality of our relationship is more complex. The Compact gives the United States government veto powers over the nearly one million square miles of Micronesia's waters and air space. The U.S. can no more unilaterally create a bottleneck for FSM citizens' rights to freely travel and work in the United States, than the government of the Federated States of Micronesia can revisit the defense provisions of the Compact. Aren't the veto powers over the waters and air space of the FSM that the two countries agreed in the Compact a security and strategic lifeline for the U.S.?

As a student at the time the Compact was signed and as a Congressman now, I have always believed that that is a fair exchange. And so Micronesia shouldn't be looked at as a charity case.



I am not denying that the reliance of some Micronesians on social service programs in the U.S. is a valid concern. The reality is that some of our citizens are not prepared to enter the competitive U.S. job market. Every new migrant group faces this kind of hurdle. Our Compact negotiators on both sides early on foresaw this issue and included compensation provisions in the Compact for the U.S. Federal government to reimburse US territories or States affected by the kind of Compact Impact we are talking about today. So, why such a short memory? We are mostly hearing negative reports about the impact of the Compact. By contrast, every time I travel to the U.S. it makes me proud to see just how many Micronesians are working hard at U.S. airports, in the U.S. tourism and service industry, in the manufacturing industry, in the fields of Maui and on farms elsewhere in the US, in the fast-food industry, and in nursing homes caring for senior citizens. In fact, a great number of our citizens are productive members of the U.S. workforce contributing to the U.S. economy.

Just among my own circle of friends and acquaintances, I know many FSM citizens who are succeeding in the United States.

Len Isotoff from Chuuk is currently the General Manager of Matson Navigation Co. for Guam and Micronesia, and the Chairman of the USO in Guam, a non-profit organization that provides morale and recreational services to members of the U.S. military.

A cousin of mine, Walden Weilbacher from the island of Pohnpei, is the head of the Secretariat of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures based in Guam and an active member of the FSM-Guam Community.

Aren Palik, from the State of Kosrae, is the President and CEO of the Pacific Islands Development Bank based in Guam, which was established in 1989 to help accelerate the economic and social development of member countries.

Vidalino Raator, from the State of Chuuk, is currently Assistant Director at the International Programs Office at Santa Clara University in Northern California and has sent students to more than 105 study abroad program locations in more than 50 countries. Mr. Raator also has a successful home-based web design business..

Rocketchun Holden, an FSM citizen from the island of Pohnpei, employs approximately forty people in the courier business he started fourteen years ago in Idaho, and another twenty in his expanding chain of sushi restaurants.

Mr. Bruce Musrasrik, an FSM citizen from the State of Pohnpei was promoted in June 2007 to Hotel Manager for the Ohana Islander Waikiki which is part of the chain of Ohana Hotels and Resorts.

I also have many well-educated FSM citizen college classmates and friends, too numerous to mention here, living across the United States in gainful employment and contributing to the U.S. economy in their respective professions and skills. Most of these friends have lived in the U.S. for a long time with their families and children. I am encouraged and feel hope for our future as a nation when I see and talk to their well-educated children.

Together with our real friends in the U.S., we need to do more to promote the positive impact that our relationship has on both our nations. I hope that together we can begin to create a climate where American officials and citizens can focus on the benefits, and not just the costs, of the Compact.

One of our founding fathers, the late John Mangefel, said it well during the negotiations when he said, "You cannot put a ship on a canoe, but you can put a canoe on a ship." In other words, when there are challenges to be faced in our relationship, the ship of the United States has more capacity to address them than the FSM canoe.

David W. Panuelo
Congressman – 17th FSM Congress

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Kosrae island attended Micronesian Roadshow in Australia

Kosrae Visitors Bureau

Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia: August 5, 2011 – Kosrae Visitors Bureau (KVB). On July 27, 2011, a road show was held at Grace Hotel in Sydney, Australia to update more than fifty travel wholesalers and media reps in the greater New South Wales area who attended the road show organized by Continental / United Airlines and members of the Micronesia's regional tourism industry.

The road show was represented by reps from Micronesian islands of Yap, Chuuk, Palau, Kosrae, Guam and Continental's Sales and Marketing Manager Lou Sanchez. Kosrae Island is one of the best kept secrets in Micronesia in terms of diving and Kosrae's representatives highlighted Kosrae Island's unique selling points to the members of the travel and media in Australia. Since, it is one of the least known destinations in Micronesia; a lot of interests for potential visitors were shown at the road show. In addition to product seminar presentations, tabletop displays of collateral materials and free giveaways were provided by Kosrae participants.

"KVB continues to maintain its efforts in attracting the leisure visitors to Kosrae and look forward to tap more of Australia's dive

market by collaborating with other tourist's authorities within the region to promote its unique tourism qualities and assets. Micronesia is truly a premiere destination that is still unknown to the world and waiting to be discovered," said Grant Ismael, KVB Administrator / PATA Micronesia Chairman. "We will continue to support Continental / United Airlines' efforts to expand its greater Australian market promotion activities for the dive segment and plan to attend future promotional events in Australia."

Additionally, our contingency participated at the 44th International Sydney Boat Show from July 28-29, 2011. There was some interest in hiking, archaeology, rain forest, snorkeling and the biodiversity of Kosrae. KVB represented by Bruce Brandt and Kosrae Nautilus's Josh Beitz worked the tradeshow with a good mix of various Pacific islands and travel agents in a pavilion of the Pacific Islands.

We would like to take this time to express our very special appreciations to the following entities for coordinating this year's AUS road show: PATA Micronesia Chapter, FSM Department of R&D (FSMVVB), Guam based Continental/United Airlines, Chuuk Visitors Bureau, Palau Visitors Authority, Yap Visitors Bureau, Guam Visitors Bureau and last but not least United's Australia staff and management.

TNS opens registration for canoe festival

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

In preparation for the upcoming Canoe Festival, the Yap Traditional Navigation Society has issued a statement informing all the communities, organizations and individual groups in Yap about the registration for the Third Annual Canoe Festival which will be held from November 11-13, 2011.

The Navigational Society stated that it has been giving out registration forms to teams that are interested to take part in one or all the events that will be scheduled for the festival.

The events for this year's canoe festival will include traditional sailing, traditional fishing, traditional paddling race and international canoe paddling race. Other demonstration activities will also take place during the three-day celebration.

This year's activities will be similar to the activities for the previous festival but there may be some additional activities depending on the Planning Committee's final decision whether it would have enough time for the activities.

In the meantime, the Organizing Committee is preparing for a meeting on Thursday to discuss several issues that are still pending before the committee. The Committee is expected to also discuss the detail of the registration issue when they meet on Thursday.

Go local yellow pencil entertained the Japanese learners in Yap

By Chizuru Seki
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

On August 9th, 2011, Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) presented its Red Pen and Yellow Pencil Messages in the Japanese summer class at Youth Service Center in Colonia, Yap hosted by Chinatsu Nagashima, Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer (JOCV).

IFCP Yellow Pencils were given to the students along with the message "Be Happy—Eat a Banana."

Banana contains the substance called tryptophan which becomes serotonin, the mood enhancer, inside the body. Banana has a power to improve people's mood and generally make people happier.

IFCP Yellow Pencil attracted the students' attention especially younger children's with its changing colors. When the pencil is kept in the cool area, it is orange, but once it is warmed or kept in the room temperature, it will change to yellow.



Senior Program Manager, AusAID

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the position of **Senior Program Manager** for AusAID's Development Co-operation program undertaken at the Australian Embassy, Pohnpei.

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

Other duties will include monitoring, analysing, ensuring that financial and information administration is up-to-date, briefing preparations, assessing reports, providing logistical support and contributing to quality assessments including site visits.

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

Salary:

An attractive salary package commensurate with qualifications will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

Application process:

Interested applicants need to submit a resume/CV and address the Selection Criteria. The Selection Criteria and Duty Statement may be obtained by contacting Erin Magee at erin.magee@ausaid.gov.au

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

Closing date for applications is close of business on 23 September 2011.



UN Joint Presence Federated States of Micronesia invites application for Equity Atlas for Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)

UNICEF is seeking a consultant to collect and analyse data on children, especially social indicators, to produce an FSM Equity Atlas that will provide a clear snapshot of the situation of children in FSM and highlight disparities within the country.

The consultant will be required to:

- Stock take of available data in FSM – emphasis will be made to collaborate and work with various organizations/agencies at the National Government and in the four States to obtain available data that can be used;
- In collaboration with key Government partners and UNICEF, identify core social indicators and country selected indicators on children and women and any other important information as identified by Partners;
- Collect, analyze and present segregated data based on country and state selected indicators Produce a first and final draft report of publishable quality similar to the China Equity Atlas with clear reference to data sources used.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE/COMPETENCE REQUIRED.

- Advanced University degree and at least 7 years of professional work experience in Social work, Sociology, Political science or a related field
- In depth knowledge of substantive social and economic issues and experience in FSM with producing rigorous analysis
- Excellent writing skills in English
- Demonstrated ability to work within established deadlines

REMUNERATION AND TYPE OF CONTRACT:

The selected individual will be awarded a short-term (11 weeks – total of 55 working days) special service agreement (SSA) contract with UNICEF Pacific.

DUTY STATION AND TRAVEL:

The selected consultant will be expected to be based in his/her premises in FSM but travel to the four states. The UN Joint Presence Office will provide basic office support whenever feasible.

Detailed Terms of Reference (ToR) with specifications, concept note and UN Personnel History Form (P11) can be obtained from the UN Joint Presence Office in Pohnpei or UNICEF website:

www.unicef.org/pacificislands or via email to pacificvacancies@unicef.org

Application together with the UN Personnel History Form and Curriculum Vitae should be submitted by 4.00pm Friday 2nd September 2011 by email to pacificvacancies@unicef.org or under confidential cover to:

Country Development Manager
(Consultancy 2011/008 – Equity Atlas Consultant)
UN Joint Presence Office
1 Yakipa Street,
P O Box 2466
Pohnpei, FSM 96941


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- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Kia's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Public Welcome.
- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.
- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
- Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the High Tides Restaurant. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at: - rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com
- Pacific Mission Fellowship - A Bible-based English Worship Service Invites you to join us on Sundays for worship at 9am - 11am, Children's Church for the kids too!. Call: 320-2496
- Pohnpei Island Ladies' Fit Club. Meets every Saturday morning at 8:00 at the Multi-Purpose Youth Center (across from CCA).
All ladies welcome. No charge. Call 922-2569 for more info.

Grand Opening
August 27, 2011
9:00 A.M.

Akoyikoyi Center 
"Awakening Opportunities"
Weno, Chuuk



Equipment provided to help improve literacy for the children of Chuuk.
Donated by the Rotary Club of Tokyo Tsukiji, Rotary Club of Guam
and Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon with matching grants from
Rotary District 2750 and Rotary International.
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Funding for construction of a study room and a solar system for
the center graciously provided by the Australian Agency
for International Development.

Astronomical Tide Prediction
August 22 - September 4, 2011

	Pohnpei		Chuuk	
Monday	08/22/2011	08/29/2011	08/22/2011	08/29/2011
	01:39AM 2.0	03:10AM 4.6	01:30AM 1.0	02:22AM 2.1
	05:39AM 2.3	09:36AM 0.4	09:42AM 0.0	09:24AM -0.1
	12:07PM 1.4	03:37PM 3.8	06:09PM 1.4	03:09PM 1.2
	08:19PM 3.1	09:29PM 0.6		08:18PM 0.3
Tuesday	08/23/2011	08/30/2011	08/23/2011	08/30/2011
	11:36AM 1.6	03:44AM 4.5	09:24AM 0.0	02:50AM 2.0
	11:00PM 3.1	10:03AM 0.4	11:41PM 1.4	09:34AM 0.0
		04:07PM 4.0		03:27PM 1.4
			09:01PM 0.3	
Wednesday	08/24/2011	08/31/2011	08/24/2011	08/31/2011
	08:02AM 1.5	04:17AM 4.3	09:01AM -0.1	03:14AM 1.7
	02:16PM 2.0	10:30AM 0.5		09:38AM 0.2
	04:40PM 1.9	04:39PM 4.2		03:47PM 1.6
	10:46PM 0.7		09:43PM 0.3	
Thursday	08/25/2011	09/01/2011	08/25/2011	09/01/2011
	12:30AM 3.5	04:50AM 4.0	12:18AM 1.7	03:28AM 1.4
	08:02AM 1.2	10:55AM 0.7	08:49AM -0.2	09:33AM 0.2
	01:58PM 2.4	05:11PM 4.1		04:09PM 1.7
	11:25PM 0.9		10:28PM 0.5	
Friday	08/26/2011	09/02/2011	08/26/2011	09/02/2011
	01:19AM 3.8	05:21AM 3.5	12:50AM 1.9	03:25AM 1.0
	08:20AM 0.9	11:19AM 0.9	08:50AM -0.2	09:16AM 0.2
	02:17PM 2.8	05:46PM 4.0	03:16PM 0.7	04:32PM 1.8
	07:30PM 1.4		05:47PM 0.6	11:19PM 0.6
Saturday	08/27/2011	09/03/2011	08/27/2011	09/03/2011
	01:59AM 4.2	12:09AM 1.2	01:21AM 2.1	02:45AM 0.8
	08:44AM 0.6	05:49AM 3.0	08:59AM -0.2	08:54AM 0.0
	02:41PM 3.2	11:41AM 1.2	02:52PM 0.8	04:58PM 1.8
	08:12PM 1.0	06:24PM 3.8	06:49PM 0.5	
Sunday	08/28/2011	09/04/2011	08/28/2011	09/04/2011
	02:35AM 4.4	01:05AM 1.6	01:52AM 2.2	08:39AM -0.1
	09:10AM 0.4	06:15AM 2.5	09:11AM -0.2	05:29PM 1.7
	03:08PM 3.5	11:56AM 1.4	02:56PM 1.0	
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Go Local agroforestry evaluation survey was conducted in Yap Community of Ruu

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The Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) made a visit to Yap State from August 6th to 10th, 2011, for Go Local Agroforestry and Health Improvements project. Go Local Agroforestry project looks into the food production and consumption as well as health knowledge of households in the target communities in all four states of FSM.

With the great assistance of Yap State Division of Forestry and Agriculture and the Yap inter-agency Nutrition Education Council (YINEC), the project evaluation survey was carried out successfully and the 2 year project in Yap was concluded.

The target Yap community of Ruu was newly established with people from the outer Yap island of Fais in 2005. On August 8th, 2011, IFCP and partner agencies visited the community in the afternoon. Mr. Tamdad Sulog, Chief of Agriculture, opened the meeting with a warm appreciation to the community members and reintroduced the IFCP. Nearly 30 men and women gathered together to take the project evaluation survey. The evaluation survey included the same questions as the base-line survey from last year, with new questions such as an open question: "How do you think this project has benefited your community?"

The purpose of the evaluation survey is to see any changes in food intake patterns, varieties of tree crops, health knowledge, and waist circumference in each household in the target community. The result of the survey will be

compared with the result of base-line survey and analyzed by a Public Health graduate student from University of Arizona.

With the completion of the evaluation survey, Go Local Agroforestry and Health Improvements project was concluded in Yap. The interests and needs of continuation of promoting local food and the project in another community were expressed by Mr. Sulog. Carrying out a project with a native community could make it possible to compare the results between the native community and outer island community in Yap.

In the closing, Senator Jesse Raglmar-Subolmar told the community that he had decided to eat only local food for its many benefits. At first, he did not quite eat local food that much and ate imported food once in a while. Then he tried harder to minimize imported foods as much as he can. As a result, he has lost 48 pounds of his weight.

Even though the Go Local Agroforestry and Health Improvements project in Yap was concluded, the IFCP hopes to continue the awareness activities in Yap as well as in other states.

Island Food Community of Pohnpei is grateful to the following for their support: Yap State Forestry and Agriculture, College of Micronesia-FSM Cooperative Research Extension, the US Forest Service, Secretariat of the Pacific Community Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees, AusAID Small Grant Scheme, and Japan International Cooperation Agency.



Participants of the Yap community of Ruu in the Go Local Agroforestry and Health Improvements project held on August 8th, 2011

Go Local messages were extended to people in Yap

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Go Local will be on the air throughout the State of Yap

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) was very happy to be able to participate in a radio program for Yap State during the stay in Yap

from August 6th to 10th, 2011.

The radio program was organized by V6AI Yap Public Broadcasting Station and Yap State Division of Forestry and Agriculture. It was recorded in a question and answer setting.

IFCP Acting Director/Local Food Educator, Emihner Johnson, introduced the IFCP, its mission to promote the production, consumption,

Edible Pohnpei pandanus made its way to Yap

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During the short visit to Yap from August 6th to 10th, 2011, the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) was very happy to see that edible pandanus from Pohnpei sent on a ship to Yap are growing strongly in the green house at Yap State Division of Forestry and Agriculture.

10 immature cuttings of pandanus as planting materials were sent on the ship from Pohnpei to Yap in 2010. Yap Mainland has only a few plants of the edible varieties of pandanus. Pandanus is a very nutritious food and contains rich concentrations of beta-carotene (provitamin A carotenoid), vitamins and minerals. Mr. Tamdad Sulog, Chief of Agriculture, Yap State Division of Forestry and Agriculture, Department of Resources and Development, indicated to the IFCP his interest in obtaining good pandanus planting material so that the people of Yap could start enjoying this delicious and nutritious food.

The trip from Pohnpei to Yap took about three weeks without water and in unfavorable conditions in the storage room. It was a surprise that any of them survived. Happily, five of them survived and are growing well with the care from Yap State Division of Forestry and Agriculture.

One of the surviving five pandanus plants was planted by Senator Jesse Raglmar-Subolmar at Ruu Community. This community was established in 2005 with people from outer

Yap island of Fais, as part of the Go Local Agroforestry and Health Improvements project.

Many pandanus could be found along the road in Yap. However, fruits from those pandanus in Yap give itches to the skin making them not desirable for eating. Also those pandanus leaves are not suitable for weaving, thus cannot be used for their art and craft.

Pohnpei pandanus are scientifically proven to be high in beta carotene, and their roots can hold the soil along the shoreline and help prevent coastal erosion as sea levels change.

It is great to know that pandanus can survive under the challenging conditions. If Pohnpei pandanus grows successfully in Yap, it can serve as one method of food security in Yap.

The State of Chuuk is also asking for Pohnpei pandanus. Increasing production and consumption of pandanus in all four states of FSM will help to improve the health status and food security of this nation.

IFCP would like to thank Senator Jesse Raglmar-Subolmar, the Yap community of Ruu, Yap State Division of Forestry and Agriculture, College of Micronesia-FSM Cooperative Research Extension and Pohnpei Agriculture of the Office of Economic Affairs as well as its funding agencies: the US Forest Service, Secretariat of the Pacific Community Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees, AusAID Small Grant Scheme, and Japan International Cooperation Agency for their support.



IFCP distributes and shares the rare variety of Pandanus to Yap

local marketing, and if feasible exporting of locally grown island foods. IFCP encourages Micronesians to regain the dignity of relying on home food production. Participants attain a greater degree of food security for the state, rescue cultural values, and improving health of the people. IFCP encourages these benefits through its "Let's Go Local" campaign.

Current projects at IFCP: Go Local Agroforestry and Health Improvements project and Characterization of Banana and Pandanus were highlighted in the program.

Before concluding the program, Ms. Johnson introduced the environmentally friendly local charcoal oven and encouraged the interested public to contact Yap State Division of Forestry and Agriculture or the community of Ruu for more information.

The IFCP would like to thank Mr. Tamdad Sulog for coordinating this radio program, as well as V6AI Yap Public Broadcasting Station for this great opportunity to reach out to many people in Yap.



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