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# Congress bill does NOT overturn telecommunications liberalization law

By Bill Jaynes  
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**June 11, 2014**  
**Palikir, Pohnpei**—During its fourth regular session the FSM Congress passed a bill to delay the effective date of Chapter Three of the Telecommunications Act of 2014 until May 12, 2015.

No committee report was adopted to support the delaying act.

At press time President Mori had not yet signed the act into law but had also not acted to veto the Congressional Act.

There is some misunderstanding amongst FSM citizens about the Congressional Act including at least one FSM State lawmaker who seems to think that it reversed the entire liberalization law.

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## Sun sets on FSM Revenue Administration Act

By Bill Jaynes  
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**June 11, 2014**  
**Palikir, Pohnpei**—When Congress last extended the so called "sunset clause" for the FSM Revenue Administration Act, popularly known as the Tax Reform bill, several members said that they would not extend it again unless all of the States passed enabling legislation. Congress has extended the deadline seven times before.

Legal Counsel for the FSM Congress, Lam Dang said that Senators had often expressed that one country can't have separate tax regimes which would be the case if the Tax Reform measure was passed without enabling legislation in each of the FSM's States.

The originally passed Tax Reform bill contained a date by which all of the States would need to have passed their own enabling legislation. If any State had not passed its

own legislation to allow for the new tax regime by the deadline date, the entire bill would be null and void.

President Mori asked Congress several times to entirely eliminate the sunset clause from the bill in order to give the States enough time to pass their own necessary legislation. Senators were not so inclined and the debate on the matter was sometimes heated. In the end they took no action before the end of the fourth regular session. The last extended deadline was May 31, 2014 which has now passed.

FSM's Vice President Alik Alik who has chaired the Tax Reform Committee kindly returned our phone call. His initial answers to our questions were mono-syllabic. Principally we wanted to know if the Tax

Reform bill was now dead. "Yes," he responded. After answering several other questions with the same answer he said that he would be convening the Executive Steering Committee on Tax Reform to decide what next needs to be done.

He believes that another bill can be introduced to accomplish the same purposes.

"There's a real need for it," he said and added that many people think that the tax reform proposals are just for the purpose of raising funds for the government but while that is important, it's more important to develop the private sector. He and many others have long argued that the provisions of the proposed tax reforms would do that.

The Chuuk and Kosrae governments have both passed their own enabling legislation but Pohnpei and Yap have not done so.

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# Pohnpei students join growing chorus of support for shark protections in FSM

## More than 8,300 Micronesian students sign petition in support of national shark law

On May 26, 2014 dozens of student members of the Youth Environment Ambassador Club from Nanpei Memorial High School and Madolenihmw High School arrived at the national congress in Pohnpei to demonstrate their strong support for shark protections in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). The students' presence coincided with a Resources and Development Committee hearing on pending legislation to create a shark sanctuary in FSM's exclusive economic zone. They join more than 8,300 Micronesian students who have signed a petition in support of an FSM shark sanctuary. The student signers come from all four states of FSM, Palau, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Guam.

in state waters. It also follows a recent resolution by Pohnpei's traditional leaders who called on the Congress to pass legislation for the creation of a shark sanctuary in FSM's national waters.

"I'm so pleased to see Micronesia's next generation standing up for shark protection in FSM," said Willy Kostka, Executive Director of the Micronesia Conservation Trust. "Healthy oceans need sharks, and the creation of a shark sanctuary will ensure that our future generations will reap the environmental and economic benefits of shark protections."

Their support comes in the wake of Chuuk's recent passage of its shark protection law—making it the fourth and final state in FSM to protect sharks

FSM committed to a regional shark sanctuary at the Micronesia Chief Executive Summit (MCES) in 2011. The resolution, which was



in the enforcement of our respective shark protection laws," wrote deBrum.

The Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) also passed a resolution in 2013 calling for a Pacific islands regional shark sanctuary, further demonstrating the widespread support across Micronesia for a shark

signed by President Mori in 2011, was reconfirmed at the 2013 meeting. Since the agreement was signed, all the MCES members have passed shark protection laws and the FSM will be considering its own shark protection bill in its regular session in September or in an earlier special session.

In a letter to FSM Resources and Development Chairman David Panuelo, Tony deBrum, Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) said that RMI remains steadfast in its commitment to the protection of sharks.

"The Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands looks forward to working cooperatively and collaboratively with the FSM national and state governments

sanctuary.

"I am eagerly awaiting FSM's creation of a shark sanctuary, joining with Guam and the rest of Micronesia," said Vice Speaker BJ Cruz of Guam who sponsored Guam's shark protection law. "Students in Guam were an integral part of the passage of our shark protection legislation, and I am delighted to see them standing up for a shark sanctuary in FSM as well."

"The passage of FSM's shark sanctuary law would put Pacific islands on the global stage as conservation leaders and maintain our oceans for future generations," said Carlotta Leon Guerrero, senior advisor to The Pew Charitable Trusts' global shark conservation campaign.

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## Japan Ambassador Sakai takes up post in the FSM

At the Nation's capitol, a newly appointed Japan Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, H.E. Masaki Sakai, presented the letter of recall for his predecessor and his letter of credence to President Manny Mori on Friday, May 30th at the President's Office.

President Mori welcomed Ambassador Sakai and congratulated him on his new assignment. He noted that the Ambassador has a strong background in fisheries and agriculture.

On this occasion, President Mori also stated his appreciation for the many

support the Government of Japan has extended to the FSM in infrastructure improvement as well as other expert and technical assistants in the field of health, education, fisheries, and other. He also mentioned the "Kizuna" program as a vital element in the long relationship the counties have cherished, which got formalized in the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1988.

In responding, Ambassador Sakai thanked the President for the warm welcome extended to him and his wife since they arrived a week ago.

The Ambassador said he intended to work very hard with everyone in making sure the relations between Japan and the FSM remains strong. He also noted that the President is aware of his fisheries and agriculture background. And he concurred with the President that the Kizuna special relationship between Japan and the FSM is a core element that deepens diplomatic ties.

Ambassador Sakai replaces Ambassador Eiichi Suzuki whose assignment ended on May 15, 2014.

For more information, contact the Department at 320-2641 or email [fsmpio@mail.fm](mailto:fsmpio@mail.fm).

## Congress overrides veto on "Our Airline" service subsidy

### FSM Information Services

June 2, 2014

A supplemental appropriation for Congress included an amount of \$1,000,000 earmarked as a subsidy for Our Airline to extend services to the States of Kosrae and Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Our Airline is the former Air Nauru, the flag carrier airline for the Republic of Nauru with air service that connects the Marshall Islands to the South Pacific region and Australia.

On April 17th, during the 3rd Special Session of the FSM Congress, President Manny Mori first line item vetoed the subsidy request included as part of an amendment bill to Public Law 18-15, the FY14 budget law. Congress took no action in response to this decision to veto at that time.

Later, the subsidy request reappeared during the final days of the recently concluded 4th Regular Session in Congressional Act No 18-66 -- "an act to appropriate a supplemental budget of \$1,294,000".

Out of this amount, \$1 million was appropriated for the airline service and \$294,000 was appropriated for Congressional representation fund. President Mori maintained his decision to veto the \$1,000,000 air service subsidy and signed into law the representation fund portion of the Act.

President Mori stated his reasons for deciding to veto the subsidy in his May 28th message to Congress:

"While I agree on the importance of seeking air service alternatives for our nation, I prefer that we wait for the Airline Task Force to conduct and submit a cost-benefit analysis to support the \$1,000,000 subsidy, as explained in my transmittal of Public Law No. 18-54. Absent this analysis, I am again

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## GEF Small Grants Programme funds Tamil Marine Conservation Area

Sean G Kadannged



**Front Row (From Left to Right):** Steven Mar (Tamil Municipal Chief), David Yow (Tamil Council Member and TRCT Vice-Chairman of Education and Awareness Sub-Committee), Peter Tharngan (President of Tamil Resources Conservation Trusts (TRCT)), John Mooteb (TRCT Advisor), John Kadannged (Chief of Maa' Village), Patterson Shed (NC for GEF-SGP FSM), Christina Fillmed (GEF-SGP Steering Committee Member and TRCT's Local Partner EPA), Dr. Margie Falanruw (TRCT's Resource and Advisor), Tom Fetan (Tamil Council Chairman and TRCT's Advisor)

**Back Row (From Left to Right):** Stan Filefiney (Tamil Council Member), Cyril Pong (TRCT's Vice-President), Nicholas Gamagag (TRCT Board Member), Henry Giltamag (TRCT Board member), Vitus Foneg (Tamil Council Member, Chief of Bugol village and TRCT Chairman of Education and Awareness Sub-Committee), Raymond Pitmag (TRCT Secretary), Javez Mooteb (TRCT Chairman of Monitoring Sub-Committee), Jesse Faimau (Tamil Council Vice Chairman and TRCT's Advisor), Paul Yarmad (TRCT Board Member), Peter Ruechugrad (Tamil Council Advisor), Ivan E. Kadannged (TRCT Member)

**By Sean Kadannged**  
**Tamil Resources Conservation Trust**

On May 9th, 2014 the Tamil Resources Conservation Trust (TRCT) was granted funding from the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme FSM in the amount of \$50,000, and launched its first project. The 18 month project, "Tamil Marine Conservation Area with Tamil Resources Conservation Trust", has a goal to sustain and increase fish abundance and marine biodiversity in Tamil's near-shore marine area to contribute toward food security for the Municipality, neighboring communities, and Yap state in the years to come.

This project contributes to TRCT's long term goal and efforts towards protecting and managing Tamil's natural resources for the betterment of livelihoods today and for future generations of the

Tamil municipality, Yap State, and Micronesia region. The implementation of this project will include the following:

Activity 1: Effectively implement a Marine Conserved Area.

Activity 2: Monitor and protect area from poachers by developing and implementing a system that integrates both modern surveillance and enforcement methods and Tamil's traditional practices of resource management.

Activity 3: Conduct marine resource assessments within the area to track changes over time and to use the data to help drive management decisions.

Activity 4: Develop and conduct education and awareness outreach activities in the community and Yap State to increase project knowledge, importance, and support.

Tamil's village Chiefs, Council and local partners such as Yap Community Action Program (YapCAP), Yap State Resources and Development (R&D), and other communities who manage or support MPAs are an important component to the success of this project. Both local partners and other regional partners, specifically The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) and Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT), have been involved in the project design and are integral contributors to the success of TRCT today. Working together with partners has taught us and the Tamil municipality so much, which has greatly impacted the community's perception towards our own environment, increased our knowledge about the condition of our environment, and emphasized the need and urgency to take the lead and manage our own natural resources effectively. Special recognition to TNC, PICRC, YapCAP, MCT and the GEF Small Grants Programme for their commitment towards TRCT's Tamil MCA project's implementation and success.

## ...Telecom

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Yap's Senator Jesse Raglmar-Subolmar wrote in a Facebook posting and on a blog site that the FSM Congress did not pass the telecommunications liberalization bill in time to access funding offered by the World Bank that would eventually land a fiber optic cable in the FSM State. He further wrote that World Bank's consideration of funding for a Yap fiber optic cable was "now again being bamboozled by" the bill to delay implementation of the telecommunications liberalization law.

In fact, the FSM Congress passed the telecommunications liberalization act, and President Mori signed it into law just in time to meet its own part of the World Bank's multi-national IDA-16 funding scheme that also involved Palau. Without the full participation of each of the countries involved in the multi-lateral funding scheme, the IDA-16 could not go through.

At least one of the countries did not meet the requirements for the IDA-16 and it wasn't the FSM. Officials from the Republic of Palau have not yet determined how they will fund their portion of the deal.

The bill affects ONLY chapter three of the telecommunications liberalization law which has to do with the establishment of an Open Access Entity which the FSM won't have the money to develop until funding is available. The telecommunications industry in the FSM is STILL liberalized and FSM Telecommunications Corporation is no longer a government mandated monopoly.

Senator Raglmar-Subolmar surmised in his posting, "That will delay further the project which the World Bank has agreed to consider under IDA17, since the project couldn't meet the deadlines for IDA16 of the World Bank and one of the delays was the late approval by Congress of PL no. 18-52 and now the Congress has seen fit to delay the implementation of the project under IDA17 also."

There has been no indication that delaying

the implementation of the bill will push back World Bank's consideration of a multi-lateral ID-17 grant that would help to pay for the landing of a fiber optic cable in Yap and in Palau at some point in the future.

A World Bank spokesperson who visited the KPress office several months ago said that the World Bank could not provide funding for a telecommunications provider that was legally mandated to be a monopoly as was the case at that time in the FSM. The FSM would not be able to access World Bank's proffered funding until there was a legal environment that allowed for competitive telecommunications operators in the FSM.

The World Bank spokesperson said that the bank could not be viewed as funding a specific monopoly operator.

She said that the World Bank does not lobby for reform in any country and that previous news and opinion items that we have published regarding a World Bank agenda for telecom reform have not been correct. She said that the World Bank responded to specific requests by the FSM government

for improvement of telecommunications services in its geographically separated country.

The World Bank did not initiate the bill to liberalize the telecommunications industry in the FSM. The FSM did.

FSM Senators said that they felt they had been blindsided by the announcement of an alternative plan for World Bank funding.

The World Bank Communications Officer who visited KPress several months ago told us then that if for any reason the multilateral plan for the landing of a fiber optic cable in Yap and in Palau should fail there was a bilateral plan for funding of electrical power that it was also working on at the request of the FSM government.

The official at the FSM Department of Resources and Development who worked with the World Bank on that alternative funding arrangement did not return our phone calls and we have no details on what specifically that multi-million dollar arrangement will fund.

## World Bank announces first country partnership strategy with the FSM

June 6, 2014

**WASHINGTON D.C** - The World Bank Group (WBG) has this week announced its first Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) with the Federated States of Micronesia for the period 2014 - 2017. The strategy integrates the country's own development objectives and focuses on key areas of engagement where the World Bank Group can support the Government and work with other partners to address the country's most important development needs.

"The World Bank Group is pleased to launch our first partnership strategy with the Federated States of Micronesia," said Franz Drees-Gross, World Bank Country Director for the Pacific Islands. "We are excited to be strengthening our engagement in Micronesia and are committed to supporting the Government's strategy for sustained growth, which is closely aligned with the World Bank Group's twin goals of ending extreme poverty and building shared prosperity."

The CPS aims to alleviate the two main causes of poverty and hardship in FSM – the lack of opportunities to earn income and inadequate access to services – by improving the environment for businesses and promoting improved service delivery.

The areas of engagement throughout the period of the Country Partnership Strategy in FSM include:

- Improving electricity supply and efficiency while setting the stage to increase the use of renewable energy,
- Enhancing telecommunications access and affordability,
- Increasing fishing revenue while managing fisheries sustainably,
- Strengthening the investment climate, and
- Improving the management of the impacts of climate change and natural hazards.

Extensive consultations were held during the preparation of the CPS over a period of 12 months. In addition to holding discussions with the national government, the WBG held consultations with the government in each of the four states and met with NGO representatives, development partners, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), private sector representatives and other civil society groups such as the women's councils.

The first World Bank project to be implemented under the new CPS is the US\$14.4 million Energy Sector Development project financed by a grant from the International Development Association (IDA), the arm of the World Bank Group that provides interest-free credits and grants to the world's poorest countries as well as many small island developing states. This project, which was just approved by the World Bank's Board on May 29, 2014 will increase the available power generation capacity and efficiency of the four state power utilities with the aim of making electricity supply more sustainable and affordable.

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### Background

The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Petroleum Corporation (PetroCorp) and its energy services subsidiary, Vital Energy Incorporated (Vital), as part of the company's long-term strategy and commitment to foster sustainable development in the region, is seeking EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST from qualified individuals, firms or consortiums for a TURNKEY PROJECT for two coconut processing facilities (CPFs).

The FSM Congress has recently amended the FSM PetroCorp law to assume the authority of the national Coconut Development Authority (CDA), combining the mandate of the CDA with the technical and financial capability of Vital. This development is a means for the FSM to fulfill the productive capacity of the coco resource, rapidly reengage a larger segment of farmers in the sector and to revive the coconut industry as a sustainable economic driver. Vital is currently in process of working together with the CDA in the transition and the subsequent long-term sector strategy of FSM.

Vital has conducted a Rapid Coconut Resource Assessment that comprised the use of geosatellite imagery, field tested by site visits throughout the FSM. The assessment included a detailed Fruit Component Analysis on the characteristics of the coconut fruits in the different ecoregions of the FSM. The study confirmed that the sustainable coconut harvest for the FSM is over 100,000 nuts per day from a total FSM wide forestry of 1.3 million trees. Appropriately developed and managed, the sector has a potential to create in excess \$4.0MM per annum in new economic activity, over 500 new jobs in both formal and informal employment within the next 5 years and produce approximately 10MWh/year of electricity from biomass (coconut shell).

Vital has allocated funding for the establishment of both Copra and Whole Coconut Processing Facilities (CPFs) with initial capacity requirements of up to 5,000 metric tons of copra per annum and 5,000 nuts per day, with an expansion capability of up to 10,000 nuts per day, respectively.

### Key Milestones:

It is envisioned that the turnkey project would have the following key milestones:

- Development of a project charter and user design specifications that would deliver CPFs that would achieve best-in-class oil extraction rates and that exceed the CNO and VCO APCC quality standards <sup>1</sup>
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Expressions of Interest	Due by 20 June 2014
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Contract Awarded	15 September 2014

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## Mwoakillese in Pohnpei celebrate 29th anniversary of their constitution

By **Johnson Sepeti**  
Mwoakilloa Chief Magistrate

The Mwoakilloa community of Pohnpei gathered at the Mwoakilloa local government house in Nan Pepper, Kolonia on the morning of June 5, 2014 for their annual Constitution Day holiday. Among those present were senior citizens of the Mwoakilloa community of Pohnpei, church leaders, local government officials and several members of the Mwoakilloa Island 1986 constitution convention and Mwoakilloa, Pohnpei state legislature the Hon. Ishmeal Lebehn. The gathering was blessed with the presence of the First FSM Congress Speaker, the Hon.

Bethwel Henry and the Hon. Akilino Susaia, FSM ambassador to China.

Though the holiday was festive in nature, the mood was solemn, overshadowed by the recent passing of the President of the Mwoakilloa Island Constitution Convention, and former Mwoakilloa municipality Legislature representative, the late Hon. Sailas Henry.

The program for the day commenced with a welcome message from Mr. Johnson Sepeti, the Chief Magistrate Representative of Mwoakilloa. As is the standard and tradition of the Mwoakilloa Constitution Day Holiday

program activities, a pledge of allegiance symbolized by the recital of the Mwoakilloa anthem and honoring of the Mwoakilloa municipal flag is observed by all present.

The program then proceeded with the main event of the day with a reading of the preamble of the Mwoakilloa constitution by Mr. Maskie Jim, a member of the delegation of the constitution convention of Mwoakilloa, followed by a moment of silent prayer for all the late members of the constitution

convention and a recapitulation of the constitution and making of the constitution by the honorary guest of the day the Hon. Bethwel Henry.

In his speech, Mr. Henry expressed his sympathy and condolences to the family of the President of the Mwoakilloa constitution convention the Late Mr. Sailas Henry. Mr.

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### ... Our Airline

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compelled to line item veto the \$1,000,000 appropriation for the airline subsidy. As a matter of fact, there is no committee report that explains the rationale for the airline subsidy and the strategy employed to recoup it. Also, there is no justification given as to why two states could not be accommodated in the subsidized airline services. These are major considerations that require in-depth analysis before the National Government can knowingly commit its resources."

In response, Congress chose to override the President's veto, which in effect, has made available the appropriation of \$1,000,000 to Our Airline to be taken out of the general funds of the FSM for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

A May 30th Congressional Standing Committee Report No. 18-162 states:

"Your Committee on Ways and Means held a meeting on May 29, 2014, to discuss

the grounds for the line item veto. Your Committee notes that the reason stated in the veto message did not say there was a lack of funds available for the airline subsidy. Furthermore, your Committee notes that the veto message did not point to a problem with the drafting or raise a legal/constitutional objection to the airline subsidy. The veto message merely questioned the economic wisdom of the subsidy that your Committee had already determined was in the best interest of the FSM."

The Committee report goes on to say, "Your Committee assumes therefore that the line item veto is merely the result of some policy decision. Your Committee has revisited the items subjected to veto, has found the vetoed items to be consistent with sound public policy, and therefore disagrees with the decision to veto".

Whether in response to the President's request for a cost-benefit analysis or for some sort of guidance, Congress has not made available for public understanding of its determination that the \$1,000,000 subsidy to Our Airline is "in the best interest of the FSM" as the Committee report underscores.

### ... Revenue

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Pohnpei's Governor Ehsa has gone on record saying that he supports the FSM's Tax Reform bill but the legislature had not passed enabling legislation before the most decent deadline passed.

Yap also has not passed legislation allowing for the mechanisms of the proposed tax regime. Their hesitation seems to have been derived from opposing interpretations of their constitution. The legislature has said that the constitution does not allow

for assignment of taxing authority to an outside entity. A legal opinion from their executive branch opines that nothing in their constitution bars Yap from passing the legislation that would allow for the FSM proposed tax regime revamp.

On the national level, the Executive Branch has consistently said that tax reform could legally move forward without the participation of all of the States. Congress has said that it would not pass the bill without 100 percent participation of the States.

The end result is that the sun has set on the tax reform bill.

**FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA  
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## Environmental club members clean up their schools and Kolonia Town

By Takahiro Hamagawa  
Environmental Protection Agency

“What can we do to make our schools better?” Some Ohmine and Kolonia Elementary School students recently answered this question in style by improving their school environments. They are members of Ohmine and Kolonia’s Environmental Clubs, and they have been learning about environmental issues once a week after school since February. The focus of the clubs is to “practice what we learn,” meaning that after each informational session club members try to find some way to share that information with other students. The Environmental Protection Agency has been coordinating their program, and members have had about 20 sessions since the program began.

Clubs at both schools developed School Action Plans and took steps to carry those plans out. After some discussion of various ways the schools could be improved, members settled on having a ‘Clean up Week’ at Ohmine and Kolonia. Students independently negotiated plans with principals from both schools and got approval to take action. Clubs each took about one week (26th – 30th May at Ohmine school, 29th and 30th May, 3rd June at Kolonia school) to highlight environmental issues to students at their respective schools. Members got into pairs, went into lower-grade classrooms, and explained the importance of waste management and caring for our environment.

Following these brief remarks, they picked trash up at each school with the younger students. The clubs, which are made up of 7th graders, targeted 1st to 5th grade students. Students had to be brave to speak in front of younger grades, and this was a big accomplishment for them. Members at Ohmine School also sold local food at recess to promote local food for students, using the proceeds to buy trash bags for their “Clean-up Week”. Meanwhile, members at Kolonia School requested that their principal ban selling junk food at recess because they thought students should eat healthier food.

After cleaning up both schools, the clubs took their mission to the streets of Kolonia Town. Cooperating with a Japanese group called “The United Labor Union on Information Technology in Tokyo,” members picked up trash from three different directions (Kolonia Elementary, Ohmine Elementary and Palm Terrace). The clean-up ended halfway down Dekehtik causeway after an hour’s hard work the blazing sun on the afternoon of June 3rd.

Club members not only have learned about environmental issues but have voluntarily improved their schools and community. Environmental problems are difficult to see sometimes; however, each action (big and small) effects our environment. It is the hope of Ohmine and Kolonia’s Environmental Clubs that our brave minds and actions will inspire the minds of our families, friends and the people of Pohnpei.



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# Another professional volunteer supports IFCP!

By April Turner  
*Island Food Community of Pohnpei*

Island Food Community of Pohnpei has been blessed with professional volunteers assisting us to achieve our mission. Most recently Nihandini Santi has been applying her communication and marketing skills to redesign the IFCP brochure and develop an information postcard targeting donors/community and youth, respectively.

With IFCP, Ms. Santi has been photographing influential community members who act as role models for the Go Local campaign as well as our activities in schools. These high quality photos can now be used for any future media work of IFCP.

The brochure and information postcard are bright and colorful and reflect the wonderful array of local foods that can be found in Pohnpei, which are consistent with IFCP brand identity in promoting our island foods. Information about the benefits of local food, how people can support IFCP and what we do are all included.

IFCP is now looking for donor support to print these excellent awareness materials.



Front page of new IFCP information postcard aimed at young students

## FARMERS & COMMUNITY

Start planning for World Food Day 2014 October 16th

Begin planting for crop competitions & Start preparing recipes for your chance to win many prizes!

## New Executive Director at IFCP

By *Island Food Community of Pohnpei*

Island Food Community of Pohnpei's new Executive Director began this month. Mr. Rainer Jimmy has been appointed due to his excellent administrative and networking skills and his long standing work in Pohnpei with IFCP as a Board Member and project volunteer. He has much hard work ahead of him but we are sure he is up to the task!



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## Planting pandanus to protect Pohnpei

*International Organization for Migration*

World Environment Day is designated by the United Nations as the 'people's day to do something positive for the environment. It is celebrated each year in over 100 countries around the world. Pohnpei planned a unique collective effort to honor World Environment Day 2014.

Thursday, June 5th was a bright sunny day in the municipality of U – a perfect day for action. 250 elementary school-children in U joined together with the five women's organizations that make up the U organization for women (UOW), and friends from the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP), USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Island Food, Australian Embassy representatives and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to plant over 300 pandanus along the coast of U. The UOW prepared 792 pandanus branches for World Environment Day planting commenced on WED and continued into the weekend. The UOW initiated this effort and hopes to plant a total of 1,829 pandanus along the coast line over the next year. The collective effort spurred by World Environment Day accomplished 43% of the total effort needed to protect the coast line in U. The U municipal government identified the need when Officer Danis Kilmete conducted a survey in early 2014 to establish the quantity of pandanus needed to further strengthen the shoreline. It was the women, school-children, and other volunteers that took the next step to accumulate and plant the necessary pandanus as a celebration of WED and also a demonstration of what an empowered community can achieve in the way of climate change



adaptation. IOM and CSP helped with coordination and implementation as requested by UOW. CSP, USDA NRCS, Island Food, and the Australian embassy also gave short presentations to school children and other participants to ensure they understood how planting pandanus strengthens the coast from climate change impacts, such as – coastal erosion, storm surge, and wave inundation.

"Together 7 of us planted 30 pandanus! We planted them to hold the soil, to protect the Pohnpei shoreline from big waves, and of course to eat the delicious fruit" – Darren Cliffe, 8th grade student, Saladak Elementary School

Pandanus is embedded in the history and culture of the Pacific islands; it is a traditional food, a source of raw materials for handicrafts, and is especially important on smaller islands and atolls due to its saltwater resistant qualities. It provides material for housing, components of medicine, and in some cultures was even the primary source of clothing. It can also help reduce coastal erosion.



## Pohnpei professionals participate in first ever Career week at Seinwar Elementary

*By Bill Jaynes*

*The Kaselehlie Press*

*June 4, 2014*

**Seinwar, Kitti, FSM**—The soon to be graduating 8th grade students of Seinwar Elementary School took part in a career week at the school. This was the school's first career week. Next year organizers hope to expand the concept further by bringing speakers in for the other grades on a quarterly basis.

The Career Week was organized by Raynold Pretrick and Rodrigo Tompsin, Seinwar's eighth grade teachers; Erin Quinlan, a Peace Corps volunteer assigned to the school; and Principal Benjamin Saimon.

During "Career Week" students were treated to presentations by local professionals including a few Seinwar alumni.

Quinlan said that Dr. Josephine Saimon, an alumna of Seinwar, was able to relate well to the students and to motivate them to work towards their goals. She told about her experiences in education at Seinwar Elementary School, Xavier High School, the College of Micronesia FSM, and medical school in Fiji where she attended after receiving a full scholarship.

Senators Francisco Ioanis, also an alumna of Seinwar, was joined by Senators McGarry Miguel, and Dahker Daniel. Quinlan said that they were very inspiring for the students and gave insight about the local government.

Andrew Falcam and Iakop Ioanis represented the Conservation Society of Pohnpei. Ioanis is another of the alumna that spoke during Career Week. Jasmine Mendiola represented MERIP. The two presentations provided excellent information about working with Pohnpei's natural resources and how to protect and

cultivate what we have. Mendiola also spoke about how her experiences in school and with Upward Bound were helpful to her.

Shirley Jano, a professor at the College of Micronesia FSM spoke about her time in college in the United States, the importance of learning English, and the qualities of a successful teaching career.

Stevenson Frederick of Nanpei Memorial High School talked about careers in education.

Bill Jaynes, The Editor of The Kaselehlie Press spoke insufferably about the responsibilities

of a journalist, and the details and difficulties of producing a newspaper. He encouraged students who are interested in a career in journalism to also consider the possibility of including studies in marketing in college. He also stressed the importance of deadlines and commitments and challenged the students to start learning that importance right now just by turning in their homework assignments on time. He told them that one side benefit of journalism is the large number of subjects about which we must learn and challenged them to never stop learning no matter how old they are.

Students also heard a presentation from the Pohnpei Department of Public Safety, and one from Trueleen Joseph of the United States Peace Corps.

*[Editor's Personal Note: A week after I made my own presentation to the eighth graders of Seinwar Elementary School one of the teachers delivered a multi-page handmade "Thank You" card with messages and signatures from each of the students in the class. It was a precious act that I will never personally forget and I will look forward to covering their graduation from Nanpei Memorial High School in four years.]*



*U.S. Peace Corps volunteer Erin Quinlan with Seinwar Elementary School eighth graders*

# Congress update

June 12, 2014

**PALIKIR, POHNPEI.** June 12, 2014 – Congress adjourned its Fourth Regular Session with measures that included the repositioning of the Nation's coconut development under the Petroleum Corporation, the establishment of state sub-accounts in the FSM Trust Fund, and a moratorium placed on the Telecom Act of 2014, among many others.

## State of the Nation

Congress had invited the President to address the Congress and the Nation on his Administration's accomplishments for the past year and its aspirations for the upcoming year. The President delivered his message to Congress on May 29th in front of a packed Chamber and to the whole Nation through live broadcast.

## Deadline expires on Nation's Tax Reform efforts

The deadline has expired on the Nation's long drawn out effort to reform its tax systems into a single unified entity. During the Special Session in April, Congress had once more extended the deadline for implementing the Nation's tax reform to allow the Task Reform Task Force to get everyone on board. The report from the Committee on Ways and Means in April had urged more actions from the TRTF noting that the latest extension is premised on the understanding that the Task Force would "do what it can to bring in all the states, including working with and finding creative solutions for the states that are still reluctant. If that requires a change in personnel in the Task Force, that is something for the President to consider, but your committee is impatient for results."

Following lengthy floor discussions, Congress had extended through Public Law 18-51 the sunset clause, noting that "if any of the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia have not passed into law value added tax legislation as of midnight May 31, 2014, this act is null and void."

Without information from the Task Force on its progress, Congress adjourned on May 31, 2014 without extending the sunset clause.

## Moratorium on Telecom Act of 2014

Congress has placed a moratorium on certain provisions of the recently enacted Telecommunications Act of 2014. Through Congressional Act (CA) 18-75, Congress has delayed the effective date of Chapter 3 of the Telecom Act until May 2015, but maintained the provision to liberalize telecommunication services in the FSM. A decision based on information given to Congress that the expected grant from the World Bank toward fiber optic was no longer available for the FSM. Chapter 3 is the establishment of the Nation's independent regulatory authority on telecommunications and setting forth of its powers and duties along with prerogatives in its enhancement of affordable services to the Nation.

## State sub-Accounts in the FSM Trust Fund

Another measure was CA 18-73, which established sub accounts for the state governments in the FSM Trust Fund with each state to appoint its government representative

to the Board of Trustees. Congress' purpose for the measure is to provide a mechanism for additional income for the States come 2023 and in addition it is in line with the National Government's plan to give more money and financial autonomy to the States. The measure was vetoed in an earlier form for vagueness in the service terms and removal of board members, among others. Those concerns have been detailed in the new Act for board members to serve a four-year term of office with each government having the authority to remove its representative on the Board.

## Licensing clarification and establishment of Captive Insurance Revolving Fund

Another outcome of the Fourth Regular Session is CA 18-77, a two-fold measure which first, clarified the authority of the Insurance Board which basically allowed the Board's discretion in the renewal of insurance licenses. The second part of measure called for the establishment of an Insurance Revolving Fund where the fees collected from said licenses would be deposited with a threshold of \$50,000 placed on the fund by Congress.

## Dissolution of Coconut Development Authority

A major measure passed by Congress was the merger of the Coconut Development Authority (CDA) under the Nation's Petroleum Corporation. The CDA had been struggling under various setbacks for a while and has been heavily subsidized by the National Government. After lengthy consultations and feasibility studies by both Congress and the entities involved, Congress passed CA 18-70, to dissolve the CDA and repose the Nation's responsibilities for coconut development under the FSM Petroleum Corporation. Upon becoming law, the FSM Petroleum Corporation will assume the authority to engage in the manufacturing and processing of biofuel and other products derived from the coconut tree as well as collection, marketing, selling, and distribution of all other products derived from the coconut tree within the parameters established by the law.

## Smoking ban of 150 feet from national facilities

Another measure that resurfaced this session was the ban on smoking within 150 feet of national government facilities. The measure had died in the 17th Congress in a previous form for vagueness on the perimeters of the smoking area. With the perimeter of the smoking areas defined and to support the Department of Health and Social Affairs' work to control and prevent tobacco use, and to promote good health in general for the Nation, Congress passed CA 18-74, and defined a ban on smoking within 150 feet of property that is leased or owned by the National Government.

## Supplemental for the Legislative Branch

Congress also passed CA 18-66, which supplemented the Legislative Branch budget with \$1,294,000: \$294,000 to address certain aspects of Congress administration and operation, while \$1,000,000 is to override President's veto of the Nation's investment in the 'Our Air' service route.

## Acts for Public Projects and Social Programs in the States

In its continuing efforts to assist the states who are currently undergoing financial shortfalls, Congress has again passed measures for various public projects and social programs to support ongoing endeavors in the four states to meet the economic and social needs of the people. A majority of the measures involved changes in the use of funds previously appropriated and those measures included the following:

CA 18-64 changed the use of certain funds previously appropriated for social programs in the State of Yap to instead enable the participation of the Health Department in an Asia Pacific Nurse Leadership Conference.

CA 18-65 changed the use of funds previously appropriated for public projects and social programs, first in the State of Chuuk, which re-directed assistance to the various Youth and Sports activities; subsidized various non-government programs along with various programs under the Departments of Health and of Education which requested assistance from Congress. And in the State of Kosrae, the measure subsidized the state's obligations towards the Micronesian Shipping Commission.

CA 18-67 and CA 18-68 changed the allottee of funds previously appropriated for certain public projects and social programs in Election District One of the State of Pohnpei to Chief Magistrate of the Sokehs Municipal Government.

CA 18-69 changed the use of certain funds previously appropriated for social programs in the State of Yap, specifically for the Yap Women Associations supplement/matching.

CA 18-71 changed the use of certain funds previously appropriated for public projects and social programs in the State of Kosrae to be used instead for: the State General Elections; the Kosrae Port Authority; the Department of Health for the Asia Pacific Nursing Leadership Conference; the Department of Economic Affairs' seedling program.

CA 18-72 changed the use of certain funds previously appropriated for social programs in the State of Kosrae to be used instead to assist with transportation needs of the Small Business Center.

CA 18-76 appropriated \$5.1 million from the General Fund of the FSM to fund public projects and social programs in the States of Yap, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Chuuk. Apportioned per population the funding breakdown is as follows:

The State of Yap received \$750,000 which it directed towards various public projects and social programs among which the major bulk of the funding was directed to the states' transportation boat along with POL for the existing field trip services; towards the states medical referral revolving fund; and the various youth and sports summer programs; marine management programs and improvement projects among others;

The State of Kosrae received \$750,000 a majority of which was directed towards the various social programs under the state's Department of Health and Department of Education; and the state's various needs for grants, subsidies and matching funds, among many others.

The amount of \$1,450,000 was allocated to the State of Pohnpei, with \$400,000 to Pohnpei At-large and \$350,000 to the three FSM Election Districts in the state. Of the amount apportioned to Pohnpei At-Large, \$260,000 was earmarked for the hosting cost of the Micro Games in July 2014 with the remaining balance to be expended upon allocation breakdown. The remaining election districts allocated their portions in accordance to their breakdowns.

The amount of \$2,150,000 was allocated to the State of Chuuk with \$400,000 to Chuuk At-Large and \$350,000 to the five FSM Election Districts in the state. Allocation of the funding is in accordance to the breakdown of social programs and public projects in each election district.

In addition to the Congressional Acts, various Resolutions were also adopted, most of which were grants to assist the various programs and services under the National Department of Health and Social Affairs.

Following the passage and adoption of measures pending before the Body, the 18th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia adjourned its Fourth Regular Session on May 31, 2014.



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# USDA RD provides handicap van to Pohnpei Consumer Organization

On June 2, Charge d’Affaires Miguel Ordonez presented the Pohnpei Consumer Organization (PCO) with the keys to a wheelchair accessible van. The \$34,790 van was jointly financed by a USDA Rural Development grant for \$26,228 and matching funds from PCO of \$8,742. PCO president Nelpet Perez accepted the keys on behalf of the organization. After the turnover, the van operator provided a demonstration of the operation of the wheelchair lift gate. The van will be used in U municipality.



Embassy of the United States of America in Kolonia

# Kosrae Conservation Group receives environmental grant

On May 27, DCM Miguel Ordonez presented Andy George, executive director of the Kosrae Conservation and Safety Organization (KCSO) with a \$24,960 check to fund a partnership between the KCSO and the University of Guam Marine Lab to develop reef monitoring and ecosystem management policies on Kosrae. The grant was funded by the State Department Regional Environmental Office in Suva.

# Ayuda Foundation donates swimsuits to Pohnpei Swim Club

On Friday May 23, DCM Miguel Ordonez presented the Pohnpei Swim Club with 137 swimsuits. The swimsuits were donated by Ayuda Foundation of Guam. The Ayuda Foundation works closely with the Embassy to encourage youth programs and sports activities with the aim of improving fitness and health, and reducing non-communicable diseases (NCD) among FSM citizens.



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Proposal will be accepted from June 15 to July 25 no later than 5:00PM.

Pohnpei Port Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposal received in connection with the above subject proposal solicitation. Additional information regarding this request proposal can be obtained from the office of the General Manger or the Marketing division of Pohnpei Port Authority, Dekehtik, Pohnpei State, telephone No; 320-2793/2682 or by email netse@mail.fm or freelabraham@yahoo.com.



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- Particle
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- DOWN**
- Biblical boat
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  - Lyric poem
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- Pop ingredient, once
- Press down
- Idyllic places
- Newspaper page
- Hodgepodge
- Corporate symbols
- Stack
- Clappers
- Mosque officials
- Acid rain cause
- Gush
- Romulus or Remus
- Ingenious
- Puts up
- That girl
- They're temporary
- Buffalo's lake
- One's impact on global warming
- Jason's ship
- Church officer
- "Wanna \_\_\_?"
- Vacation spot
- Puts on cargo
- Empty a boat
- Bohemian dance
- Global warming cause
- Bicker
- Go quickly
- Streets in Strasbourg
- Bergamot and perilla, e.g.
- Like a pocket protector, perhaps
- Fencer's item
- Nice!
- Close race decider
- Slippery ones

Down

- Small woods
- Kind of den
- Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
- Experts
- Bean curd
- Winglike
- Obey
- Put forward
- Magical drink
- Tyrannize
- "Yikes!"
- Seward Peninsula city
- Leaky tire sound
- Conversation starter
- Be behind
- Charged particle
- Bistro
- Small hill
- Nursery item
- Fork feature
- Cobblestone
- Mark for life
- Fabled racer
- Units of work
- \_\_\_ cracker
- Idiot box
- A Kennedy
- Warms up
- Least refined
- Hermano de mi mama
- Evening do
- Ushered
- Jeweler's glass
- Show respect, in a way
- Beasts of burden

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MOON  
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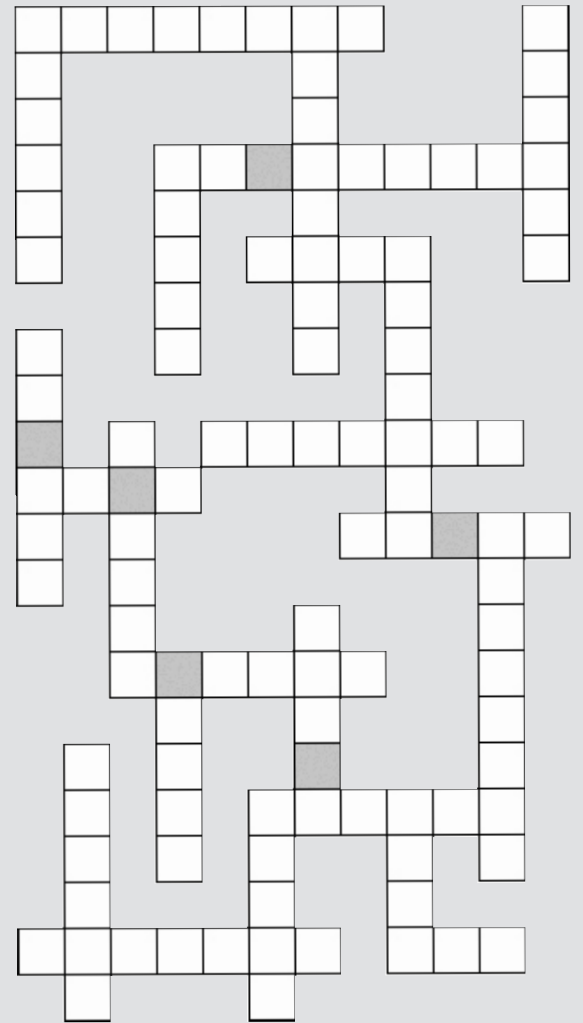
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MILKY WAY  
UNIVERSE

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- Hand in Honduras

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- Eye affliction
- Checkup sounds

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA  
SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF  
FURNISHINGS  
AT THE YAP ECE BUILDING, YAP, FSM

### Background

The Program Management Unit (PMU), in accordance with the Fiscal Procedures Agreement of Compact of Free Association between Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the United States of America, is hereby notifying all interested Suppliers and Contractors in or outside the Federated States of Micronesia of this new Request for Proposal.

### Project Description

The PMU seeks supplier or contractor to supply, deliver and install furnishings for Yap ECE Building at Yap State, FSM. The products must comply with the specification supplied by the PMU office.

### Scope of work

The supplier or contractor shall perform all work necessary for the procurement, shipping and installation of the furnishings for ECE building project at Yap State. The supplier or contractor shall be in charge of the delivery of the furniture to the school sites, payment for loading charges, insurance, import tax, freight and inland rates and all other shipping fees incurred, assembly of parts and installation of the furnishing to the satisfaction of the PMU. The furniture list, and draft supply contract may be obtained from the Contracting Officer at the address given below. No substitutions shall be permitted unless the product has been discontinued or is no longer available. The supplier or contractor shall submit product catalog data for each item as part of the proposal. A copy of our furniture list and furniture supply contract can be found at our PMU site at <ftp://www.pmu.fm/>.

### Limited Warranty

In addition to any manufacturer's warranties, Contractor shall grant to Government a Limited Warranty for defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one year from the date of acceptance of the work by the Government. Contractor shall be responsible to repair or replace the defective product.

### Payment Terms

The Government shall pay Contractor a lump sum as follows:

- A. 50% of contract sum to reimburse contractor for sales invoices upon presentation of satisfactory evidence to PMU of the contractor's acquisition of the furniture and fixtures.
- B. 20% of contract sum upon submission of Bill of Lading for all furniture and fixtures.
- C. 30% of contract sum upon satisfactory completion of the project work.

### Evaluation of "Proposal"

The PMU will award the contract to the lowest responsive bidder.

### Submittal Requirements

1. Address Proposal to: Bruce E. Howell, P.E., Contracting Officer  
Program Management Unit (PMU)  
P.O. Box PS 4  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941  
Tel. No.: 691-320-2080
2. Submit proposal to: [howellbruce@yahoo.com](mailto:howellbruce@yahoo.com) by the due date and time.
3. Due Date and Time: Not later than June 27, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. in Palikir, Pohnpei FSM.

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Deadline : June 27th

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# Sports Update – 2014 Micronesian Games – fast-pitch softball, baseball, volleyball, tennis and soccer

By **Jim Tobin**  
Sport Director,  
8th Micronesian Games  
Organizing Committee

For the next few issues of KPress, we will be updating the status of the sports to be played at the 2014 Micro Games. The last few issues of KPress have updated Athletics (Track and Field), Swimming, Basketball, Wrestling, Weightlifting and Table Tennis. This article will update the sports to be played in the Kolonia Town area. The sports are Fast-Pitch Softball, Baseball, Volleyball, Tennis and Soccer (Football).

The 8th Micronesian Games will be held on Pohnpei from July 20 – 30, 2014. Participating in the games is CNMI (Northern Marianas), Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau and the four Federated States of Micronesia states (Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk and Yap). There will be 14 sports on the games program including Athletics (Track and Field), Baseball, Basketball, Football (Soccer), Micronesian All-Around, Softball (Fast-Pitch), Spear Fishing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Va'a (6-man outrigger canoe), Volleyball, Weightlifting and Wrestling.

The 8th Micronesian Games Organizing Committee is chaired by Pohnpei Lt. Governor Marcelo K. Peterson. The CEO of the organizing committee is Bob Spegal. There are 11 sub-committees including the Sport Committee. The Sport Committee is chaired by Jim Tobin, with an estimated 500 volunteers and officials. There are 14 Competition Managers, one for each of the 14 sports on the game's sports program:

Rendy Germinaro	Athletics
Jose Joab	Baseball
Castro Joab	Basketball
Steve Finnen	Football (Soccer)
Mark Johnny	Micronesian All-Around
Donald David	Va'a (Outrigger Canoe)
Kingston Anson	Softball (Fast-Pitch)
Andy Musrasrik	Spear Fishing
Conrad Kohrs	Swimming
Roldan Laguerta	Table Tennis
Ray Garcia	Tennis
Nimrod Half	Volleyball
Ron Etscheit	Weightlifting
Mike Ioanis	Wrestling

The Competition Managers are in charge of coordinating each sport including: sports manuals and rules; technical meetings; final schedules; recruiting volunteers; training sport specific officials; and preparing the sport venue each day of the competition.

## FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL

The Fast-Pitch Softball competition will be



held from Monday, July 21 to Wednesday, July 30 at the Spanish Wall Field. The Competition Manager for Fast-Pitch Softball is Kingston Anson. On Monday, July 18, Gus Cepeda, International Softball Federation (ISAF) Technical Delegate, will arrive to Pohnpei. Cepeda is from Guam, and helped coordinate Softball for the 2002 Micro Games. Starting on Friday, July 18 a 3-day Fast-Pitch Softball training course, with Cepeda as the expert instructor, will be held for local Softball umpires, officials and volunteers.

The renovation of the Spanish Wall Field is almost completed. The major renovation was the painting of the grandstand and dugouts which was coordinated and funded by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission. A new wooden manual scoreboard was built by T3. The dirt infield area is being renovated by VCS.

There will be 11 teams competing in Fast-Pitch Softball, with 5 men's and 6 women's teams. The men's Fast-Pitch Softball teams are: Pohnpei, Kosrae, Marshall Islands, Palau and Guam. The women's Fast-Pitch Softball teams are: Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk, Marshall Islands, Palau and Guam. There will be 5 games held each day starting at 8:00am. The format is a round-robin preliminary competition, with each team playing each other once. The top 4 teams will then play in an ISAF Page System playoff.

## BASEBALL

The Baseball competition will be held from Monday, July 21 to Wednesday, July 30 at the Daini Baseball Field. The Competition Manager for Baseball is Jose Joab. On Monday, July 14, Inoke Niubalavu, Baseball Development Officer from Suva, Fiji, and on Friday, July 18, Wayne Durbridge, International Baseball Federation (IBAF) Technical Delegate will arrive to Pohnpei. Starting on Tuesday, July 15, a 5-day IBAF basic Baseball umpires, officials and volunteers training course, with Inoke and

Durbridge, as the expert instructors, will be held. There will be 6 off-island baseball umpires assisting Umpire Director Nikontro Johnny, including Guam (3 umpires), Palau (1), Northern Marianas (1) and the United States (1). Gustavo Rodriguez, USA Baseball chief umpire, will be coming to Pohnpei from San Francisco funded by a United States Olympic Committee (USOC) grant.

The renovation of the Daini Baseball Field will be completed by the end of June. The major renovation, including upgraded grandstand and dugouts, dirt infield area, and electrical and plumbing, was coordinated and funded by the Honorable Peter M. Christian, Pohnpei At-Large Senator, FSM Congress.

There will be 5 teams competing in Baseball: Pohnpei, Kosrae, Guam, Palau, and Northern Marianas. There will be 2 games played each day at 10:00am and 2:00pm. The format is a round-robin preliminary competition, with each team playing each other once. The top four teams will then compete in the medal round playoffs.

## TENNIS

The Tennis competition will be held from Monday, July 21 to Wednesday, July 30 at the Pohnpei State Tennis Courts. The Competition Manager for Tennis is Ray Garcia. On Monday, July 14, Patrick O'Rourke (New Zealand), International Tennis Federation (ITF) Technical Delegate, will arrive to Pohnpei. Starting Tuesday, July 15, a 5-day ITF basic Tennis officials and volunteers training course will be held, with O'Rourke as the expert instructor.

The renovation of the Pohnpei Tennis Courts was just completed by VCS and funded by the Pohnpei Delegation, FSM Congress. Competing in Tennis is: Pohnpei, Kosrae, Marshall Islands, Guam, Palau, and Kiribati. The events for Tennis are: men and women team, men and women singles,

men and women doubles and mixed doubles.

## FOOTBALL (SOCCER)

The Football competition will be held from Friday, July 25 to Wednesday, July 30 at the Pohnpei State Track and Field (PICS). The Competition Manager for Football is Steve Finnen. On Monday, July 21, Avinesh Narayan and Rakesh Varman (Fiji) will arrive to Pohnpei. Starting on Tuesday, July 22, a 3-day basic Football officials and volunteers training course will be held, with Narayan and Varman as the expert instructors.

Competing in men's Football is: Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, Palau and Kiribati. In the group stage (preliminary round), three points will be awarded for a win, one point for a draw and none for a loss. The two teams with the most points will play for the Gold medal and the next two teams with the most points will play for the Bronze medal.

## VOLLEYBALL

The Volleyball competition will be held from Monday, July 21 to Wednesday, July 30 at the Pohnpei State Gymnasium, next to the Pohnpei State Track and Field. The Competition Manager for Volleyball is Nimrod Half. On Monday, July 14, Tomas Santamaria, International Volleyball Federation (FIVB) Technical Delegate, will arrive to Pohnpei. Santamaria is from Australia and helped coordinate Volleyball for the 2002 Micro Games. Starting on Tuesday, July 15 a 5-day Volleyball training course will be held, with Santamaria as the expert instructor. The USOC will also provide 2 world class Volleyball referees, Neil Luebke and Hansen Leong. Both have refereed in past Olympic Games and Volleyball world championships.

The renovation of the Pohnpei State Gymnasium will be completed by the end of June. The renovation will include new roof and siding, electronic scoreboard, lights, sound system, and backboards. The major renovations of the complex were funded by a Pohnpei State Government Sector Grant.

There will be 15 teams competing in Volleyball, with 7 men's and 8 women's teams. The men's Volleyball teams are: Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kosrae, Yap, Palau, Guam, and Nauru. The women's Volleyball teams are: Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kosrae, Yap, Marshall Islands, Palau, Guam, and Nauru. There will be 7 Volleyball games held each day at: 8:00am, 10am, noon, 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 8:00pm.

In the next issue of KPress, the Sport Committee of the 8th Micronesian Games Organizing Committee will update on the Micronesian All-Around, Outrigger Canoe (VA'A) and Spear Fishing.

# ...Mwoakilloa

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Henry then reiterated the importance of having a constitution in place to guide the government of Mwoakilloa in the execution of its mandate to the people of Mwoakilloa. Mr. Henry stressed the significance of the constitution as a document declaring the innate rights of the people of Mwoakilloa and their sovereignty of their island of

Mwoakilloa. He pointed out that the members of the constitution convention as reflected in the document letterhead was representative of all the valued institutions within the society of Mwoakilloa. He then commended that the drafting of the constitution was a family affair so to speak, and proceeded to deconstruct the composition of members of the constitution convention by familial ties, this was one of the reasons why he believed there was not

much dissent and opposition in the making of the Mwoakilloa Island constitution. He concluded his speech by reciting again for all, the key guiding principles of the constitution of Mwoakilloa; "koapwoarmen ioar jang ipasai armaj,oang kisai armaj,pwa kisai armaj." (government from the people,for the people, of the people)

In his closing remarks Chief Rep. Mr.

Sepeti thanked all who gathered to honor this important commemorative event and reminded all to muster up emotional and all else support for young men and women of Mwoakilloa who will be participating in the upcoming Micro Games. A potluck lunch of famous Mwoakilloese dishes was enjoyed by all, along with the traditional memento gift of bath soap and laundry powder soap .



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