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President Mori declares January 22 as Anti-Human Trafficking Day



International Organization for Migration

23 January, 2014

Pohnpei - By Presidential Proclamation, January 22 was declared as the National Anti-Human Trafficking

Day. The Day itself was observed with a series of interesting events, the first of which was an information session specifically for the country's leadership. The Day was organized through collaboration between the FSM the Department of Justice, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Migrant Resource Center (MRC). The MRC also provided the perfect space to conduct these initial proceedings for the day and MRC staff were thrilled that President Manny Mori personally delivered his special remarks at the Center. Following presentations from the Secretary of Justice, IOM Chief of Mission and MRC Coordinator; a lively discussion ensued. Of particular interest to the participants was how the States and the nation as a whole would choose to define the human trafficking within the context of the legislation and their own culture. Secondly, participants discussed how children could be empowered to report trafficking cases once armed with the knowledge of how to identify a potential trafficking situation.

Miss Richynne Gallen, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School (Pohnpei) Mr Robert J. Charley, Kosrae High School (Kosrae) Mr Tyronn Ardos, Xavier High School (Chuuk) Mr Andrew Moon Teteth, Yap High School (Yap - represented here by Speaker Falan)

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Fuel now leaking from Ping Da 7 - Governor orders state of emergency

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

January 23, 2014

Pohnpei, FSM—On December 11, the Ping Da 7, a huge Kiribati flagged reefer ship landed on the Kepikepin Parem reefs and stuck fast. High surf during the following week drove the ship further still onto the reef to the point where at times of low tide the ship is sitting on essentially dry coral. The vessel carries a huge amount of fuel, oil, ammonia coolant and lube oil. Until this week the vessel was not leaking. Now it is.

Yesterday, Pohnpei Governor John Ehsa declared a state of emergency in regards to the Ping Da 7 tragedy.

Both Pohnpei State and the FSM national government have created task forces who are working jointly on solutions to the problem which has now become much more serious. The Governor's emergency declaration says that the Ping Da 7 has 737 metric tons of diesel oil aboard See "Fuel" on page 13



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Mori receives new Ambassador of Australia to the FSM

FSM Information Services

January 22, 2014

On Friday, January 17, 2014, President Manny Mori of the Federated States of Micronesia received the Letter of Recall and Letter of Credence of His Excellency

Terence Beven, ambassador of Australia to the FSM, in an official ceremony held at the President's conference room in Palikir. Ambassador Beven is also cross-accredited to the Republic of Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau, and Consul-General to the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana

Islands and Guam.

During the ceremony, President Mori welcomed Ambassador Beven to the Federated States of Micronesia, and congratulated him on his new posting. He further expressed his deep gratitude to the Government of Australia for the many assistance provided to the FSM, particularly the Patrol Boat Program, providing us the capacity and capabilities to perform security operations in our 200 mile EEZ, the technical assistance provided through the FSM-Australia Partnership for Development in Tax Reform supporting Budgetary and Economic Self-Reliance, Development Coordination, Environment Management and Primary Education in English and Math, with highlighted recognition of the ODA policy that was approved by Congress in December 2013. He also thanked Australia for its continued leadership role at the Pacific Islands Forum.

Ambassador Beven at the outset thanked the President for the hospitalities extended

to him and his wife since their arrival in Pohnpei. He further thanked the President for accepting his letter of credence. Ambassador also commended the great work and cooperation that exist under our partnership and stated that "the Patrol Boat Program is the shining light of our relationship". He also acknowledged the work of the Micronesia Trans National Crime Unit (MTCU). He further recognized the hard work and dedication of the staff and Pacific Technical Assistance Mechanism (PACTAM) advisers working in areas of our development cooperation. Ambassador reaffirmed Australia's commitment to continue strengthening our relations and his personal desire to work with the FSM in moving forward.

Attending the ceremony were Vice President Alik L. Alik, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Lorin S. Robert, Secretary of Finance Kensley Ikosia, Director of SBOC Evelyn Adolph, Chief of Staff Leo Falcam Jr., and a few staff members from the Department of Foreign Affairs and OEEM.



Ambassador Dr. Terence Beven and his wife Kim arrive in Pohnpei

China first major donor for 2014 Micro Games

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

January 13, 2014

Pohnpei, FSM—The government of the People's Republic of China has stepped up as the first major donor for the 2014 Micro Games in Pohnpei. During a ceremony today in the Governor's conference room, Ambassador Zhang Lianyun, China's Ambassador to the FSM presented a check for \$200,000 to Foreign Affairs Secretary Lorin Robert, who promptly turned it over to Governor Ehsa.

Lt. Governor Marcelo Peterson who chairs the Micro Games organizing committees says that the money will be used to fix or replace the many things that are broken at the COM China Friendship Gym in Palikir which will serve as one of the principal venues for events during the games. He said that it will be used to fix the huge electronic scoreboard,

to purchase new stadium seating, and to fix broken floor boards on the gymnasium floor.

Lt. Governor Peterson said that negotiations are under way with other donors for other facilities, and that they are looking good but that speaking about those negotiations would currently be premature.



Secretary Lorin Robert



Ambassador Zhang signs off on grant documents

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Pohnpei Senior Citizens gather for Christmas celebration

As part of Community Support & Outreach Program, Congressman David W. Panuelo and Pohnpei Senior Citizens Association sponsored Christmas Program for all the Senior Citizens of Pohnpei.

On Dec 30, 2013 Senior Citizens around Pohnpei turned out in full force for their Christmas program sponsored by Congressman David W. Panuelo and the Senior Citizens Association of Pohnpei. During his remarks, Congressman David W. Panuelo said to the senior citizens of Pohnpei that they are the bedrock and founders of our great State of Pohnpei and our young nation the FSM because of their many worthy efforts over the years. They need to be recognized and remembered for these worthy efforts. "This is the least our generation could do for our senior citizens. Our generation now, can only aspire to be worthy of their commitment to the future and their faith in us to move our nation

closer to its fulfillment. "It is one of the priceless moments and happiest days anyone could ever feel as member of congress or as representative of the people".

Over 2000 presents/donations were wrapped and about 1000 pieces of \$5 value cash power cards were distributed to senior citizens around the island who gathered at the Pohnpei State Gov't Administration Building main Conference Room to receive these donations.

During the same day, volunteers who helped the program distributed these donations to all patients & hospital staff at the Pohnpei State Hospital and all inmates and staff at the Pohnpei State Prison.

Congressman David W. Panuelo through, volunteer workers, also distributed his donations to the officers of 27 women's organizations which made up the membership of the Pohnpei Women Advisory Council.



L to R - Congressman David W. Panuelo, Mrs. Enerika Peterson (Treasurer), Mr. Bethwel Henry (President), Mr. Tosiwo LIewi, (Secretary) and Mr. Kapiriel Spencer (Vice President) - Dec 30, 2013



Incident Safety Officer training conducted in Pohnpei

Staff members of the Pohnpei and Marshall Islands Port Authorities participated in an Incident Safety Officer training at the Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting center in Pohnpei. The training began on January 13 and ended on January 17. Trainers Stanley C. Torres and Paul Phillips currently serve at Andrews Air Force Base in Guam. Torres serves as Chief of Training. Phillips serves as Chief of Safety.



IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
TRIAL DIVISION - POHNPEI STATE

THE STATE OF POHNPEI,
Plaintiff,
vs.

M/V PING DA 7, in rem, its engines, masts, bowsprits,
boats, anchors, chains, cables, rigging, apparel, furniture,
and all necessaries thereunto pertaining,

In Rem Defendant.

NEW SHIPPING CO., LTD., CAPTAIN LI DING HAI, HONG
KONGRUN JIU SHIPPING LIMITED OF HONG KONG CHINA,
AND JIANG HAI PING,

In Personam Defendants,

CIVIL ACTION NO. 2013-040

NOTICE OF ARREST THE VESSEL M/V PING DA 7

NOTICE OF HEREBY GIVEN that on December 31, 2013, at 1430 hours, pursuant to process issued in the above-entitled action, at the request of Plaintiff State of Pohnpei, the Vessel M/V PING DA 7, now grounded on the north reef, Pohnpei State, FSM, together with its engines, machinery, tackle, equipment, and appurtenances, etc. [the "Vessel"], was arrested by the Pohnpei State Police.

Pursuant to Rules C (4) and (6), FSM Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime claims, beadvise:

1. All interested persons and entities claiming entitlement of possession of the Vessel or an interest in the Vessel that is subject to this action in rem must file their Claim with Clerk of the FSM Supreme Court Pohnpei Trial Division within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this Notice of Arrest.
2. An answer to Plaintiff's Complaint against Vessel in Rem must be filed and served within twenty (20) days of the date of publication of this Notice of Arrest, otherwise default may be entered and the Vessel condemned and sold.
3. Applications for Intervention under FSM Rule of Civil Procedure 24 by persons claiming maritime liens or other interests shall be filed within the time fixed by the Court.
4. A copy of any Claim, Answer or Application for Intervention must be served upon Plaintiff's attorneys Daniel J. Berman, Esq. and Michael J. Sipos, Esq. Ace Commercial Building, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 2069, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941. Telephone (691) 320-6450, MSipos@mail.fm AND Attorney General Judah C. Johnny, P.O. Box 1555, Kolonia, Pohnpei, FSM 96941, Telephone (691) 320-2356, Facsimile: (691) 320-5298.
5. The name, address and telephone number of the Clerk of Court is:
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Dated: Kolonia, Pohnpei State, FSM,
January 10, 2014

Pingelap's mayoral inauguration held on Pohnpei for the first time

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

January 14, 2014

Pohnpei, FSM— Mayor Makir Keller was inaugurated for his third term this morning at the Pingelap meeting house in Nan Pepper. It was the first time in Pingelap history that the inauguration of its mayor took place on Pohnpei rather than on Pingelap.

Mayor Keller said that though they would have preferred for the inauguration to have taken place in Pingelap, their constitution does not require it. He said that the fact that significantly more Pingalapese live on Pohnpei than live on Pingelap did not factor into the decision to hold the inauguration here. That decision was driven by the simple matter of a lack of transportation to the Pingelap atolls.

During a later interview, Mayor Keller said that there is a municipal office in Pingelap but there is also an office in Pohnpei. He said that the decision to have an office in Pohnpei was made several years ago because much of the work for the people of Pingelap is done here. Having an office in Pohnpei means that they have access to the State Government and to other governments as they pursue funding and develop projects for Pingelap.

The inauguration was attended by Nanwahrki of Pingelap, Berysin Solomon and his wife Nancy along with traditional leaders of Pingelap. The nanwahrki addressed the crowd saying that the inauguration, and even its location was ordained by God.

Lt. Governor Marcelo Peterson also addressed the small crowd congratulating the people of Pingelap.

During the Mayor's inaugural address, he vowed to visit the Pingelap atolls more often and to continue to work to develop ongoing projects and to develop new ones.

He said that the Coconut products project that was developed with seed money from the Japanese Embassy is still continuing and doing well. It employs nine people and the Mayor would like to see that program expand. Since the project began on Pingelap they have been producing virgin coconut oil, soap, body and hair lotion, charcoal and pig feed from Pingelap's abundant coconut. Keller said that the products are delivered to Pohnpei every six months and are popular so far. They are currently sold out of pig feed. The project is operating a modest profit.

He said that the National Government provided \$10,000 for research into the possibility of beginning a coconut lumber industry on Pingelap. Keller said that 40 percent of the coconut trees on Pingelap are "senile", meaning they no longer produce coconuts but they could be used for the production of lumber. Development of that project is ongoing.

He said that up until six months ago the people of Pingelap had access to Internet services though a grant from the national government but that funding ran out. Within the next three months he hopes to have internet services restored but it will have to be a pay for usage service. Previously residents were able to access the Internet for free. For now, communication to and from Pingelap is once again being handled by radio.

He said that 90 percent of the residents of Pingelap live on a subsistence basis. There are only a handful of public employees such as teachers, health officials, and Pingelap government officials who receive a salary. What cash is used on Pingelap often comes from family remittances.

He said that the people of Pingelap are interested in keeping their island clean and beautiful as it always has been. They hope to be able to gain access to solar power and to develop tourism. He said that there is already one small resort consisting of local houses and that the owners also provide meals at a low cost. He hopes that many more people will be interested in visiting the pristine atolls as tourists. "You can't find friendlier people than in Pingelap," he said.

The master of ceremonies for the inauguration was Semensin James who serves as Treasurer and was the chairman of the inauguration committee.



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Pohnpei State Legislature reorganizes

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

January 13, 2014

Pohnpei, FSM—This morning, in front of a packed gallery that included the Molen Wahu, the Eighth Pohnpei Legislature reorganized with new leadership. After a lengthy caucus the members selected Fernando Scaliem to be the new Speaker, Francisco L. Ioanis to be the new Vice Speaker, and Nixon B. Soram as the Parliamentarian-Floor Leader.

New committee Chairs and Vice Chairs were also selected for each of the standing committees as follows:

Education and Cultural Affairs:
Chair – Salter Loyola
Vice Chair – Sedilina Lekka

Health and Social Services:
Chair – Magdalena A. Walter
Vice Chair – Ioseph M. Edgar

Finance:
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Vice Chair – Nihlis I. Ernest

Judiciary and Governmental Operations:
Chair - Nelson N. Pelep
Vice Chair – Edgar W. Lickaneth



Speaker Fernando Scaliem

Standing Committee on Land:
Chair – Ausen T. Lambert
Vice Chair – McGarry Miguel

Public Works, Transportation and Communication
Chair – Stevick Edwin
Vice Chair – Resper M. Liwi

Resources and Development
Chair – Arelio P. Joab
Vice Chair – Shelten G. Neth

Executive and Congress create Joint Working Group to remedy issues regarding Project Control Document processes

FSM Information Services

January 23, 2014

Resulting from recent consultations between the President and the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, a decision has been made to create a Joint Working Group to explore remedies to issues relating to the Project Control Document (PCD).

In his January 21 letter to President Manny Mori, Speaker Dohsis Halbert stated, "Thank you for the meeting that we had this morning. All members present appreciated the candid and constructive discussion. We agreed to have a joint working group of Congress and the Executive to explore some of these issues relating to PCDs".

The Speaker suggested that the working group hold its initial meeting on Monday, January 27.

President Mori responded to Speaker Halbert on January 23 by saying, "Thank you for your

letter of January 21, in which you nominated members of Congress for the Joint Working Group to meet with the Executive regarding Public Projects and the PCD process".

"I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and the members of Congress on January 21, and look forward to a mutually acceptable outcome of the Working Group's efforts".

The President offered that the initial meeting take place at the President's Conference Room at 1:30pm, keeping the meeting date as suggested by the Speaker.

The Working Group members from Congress as indicated by the Speaker includes: Senator Peter Christian, Senator Wesley Simina, Senator Yosiwo George and Senator Joseph Urusemal.

From the Executive side, the President designated The Vice President, the Secretary of Finance and Administration, the Secretary of Justice, the Secretary of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure, and the Director of SBOC.

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A thousand English dictionaries headed for Pohnpei



Habele Outer Island Education Fund

January 23, 2014

A South Carolina based nonprofit has sent a thousand English language dictionaries to the picturesque Island of Pohnpei. Its one of four states in the Central Pacific Ocean that make up the string of islands called the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). The dictionaries include an abbreviated atlas, something local island students can use to learn more about distant North American geography.

This unique donation is enough to provide every eighth grade student across Pohnpei State with something previously unheard of – a dictionary of their very own.

More than forty boxes of books will soon arrive in the Pohnpeian city of Kolonia. They will be distributed to the 900 eighth grade students who are enrolled in the roughly 30 public schools across Pohnpei and its Outer Islands. Dictionaries are also enroute to eighth grade students at the Pohnpei SDA School, Calvary Christian Academy, and the Pohnpei Catholic School, as well as readers at the downtown public library.

The donation is particularly meaningful as Pohnpei, like all the isolated islands in the Central Pacific, struggles with economic and educational challenges. Among those lucky enough to enroll in the nation's two-years community college system, only a tiny fraction will earn a degree, according to recent data from the US Government. Per-capita income remains under \$3,000 per year and many families still rely on subsistence fishing and farming.

The donation was organized by Columbia based "Habele," a group of former Peace Corps Volunteers who served as teachers in Micronesia. They partnered with Ray and Barbara Dalio of Connecticut. Their Dalio Family Foundation provided the vision and support to design and implement the project.

Larry Raiget, A Habele volunteer from nearby Yap State, helped piece together the effort. "This donation is exactly what local educators and librarians told us they needed. It's a huge opportunity, particularly those students struggling with generational poverty." Raiget is also the founder of "Waa'gey" a nonprofit in Yap that works to preserve traditional skills, and has partnered with Habele on projects in that State. He spent several weeks in Pohnpei this winter working to develop plans for the donation of the dictionaries.

South Carolina based charity Habele has been working in Micronesia since 2006. In addition to coordinating donations of text, reference and reading books, the group awards scholarships and provides support to community-based after school programs. These include traditional dugout canoe carving (through the Waa'gey organization) and Micronesia's first ever-high school robotics team exhibition. Late last year, Habele created a computer lab for Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School and provided cases of donated books to the Pohnpei Public Library.

NBA coach visits Pohnpei as a Sport Ambassador

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

January 20, 2014

Pohnpei, FSM—Coach Tom Newell's passport must be full indeed. He's been around and this week he visited his 41st country—the Federated States of Micronesia. He left island early this morning on his way to his 42nd country,

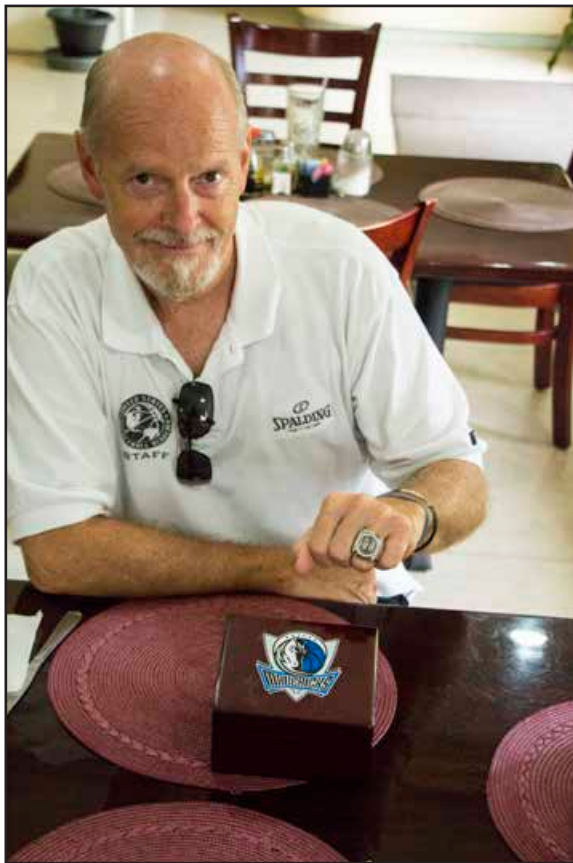
the Republic of Palau.

Coach Newell has had a long history with basketball on a professional level and he was in Pohnpei as a Sports Ambassador at the request and invitation of the United States Embassy to the FSM. While he was in Pohnpei he met with basketball coaches every weekday morning at the FSM National Olympic Committee conference room to encourage them and to train them to build the sport in the FSM. He encouraged them to form a coaches' association and to more formally organize the sport in Pohnpei.

He said that team sports like basketball can build life skills in young people's lives. The structure, rules, team building and camaraderie of organized sports can help young people to learn skills that they will use for the rest of their lives, "Plus it's fun", he exclaimed in his winsome way.

Winsome is the right word. Wherever Coach Newell went he made friends. He also brought along his 2011 Dallas Maverick's championship ring and let people young and old—sports fans or not—take pictures wearing his ring. He said that probably several thousand people have worn his ring since he got it. He said it's something he likes to do when he travels because while

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Ping Da 7 relief efforts

International Organization for Migration

January 15, 2014

In response to an urgent request from the FSM Department of Justice (DoJ), the FSM National Police and International Organization for Migration (IOM) provided food and cooking equipment to the Chinese National crewmen remaining on Ping Da 7, the large sea vessel that ran aground on the North Point of Pohnpei Island's fringing reef on 11-December, 2013.

FSM DoJ became aware of dangerously low food stocks on board, and due to the inability of the vessel to run its generators the crew have had no electrical power to cook food with. On January 14, 2014 the Secretary of Justice, Hon. April Skilling and the IOM Chief of Mission Ashley Carl

discussed how IOM and DoJ could work together in providing food relief to the stranded crew.

On the same day, food supplies and cooking equipment was purchased including fresh vegetables and fruits, rice, ramen noodles, canned meat, eggs, and butane cookers with extra cooking gas canisters. The following day IOM personnel accompanied the FSM National Police vessel Unity and crew to deliver the supplies to the Ping Da 7 and its crew.

The Government of the FSM and the IOM will continue to provide assistance to stranded migrants wherever possible through the Migrant Resource Center located in Kolonia, which will celebrate its one year anniversary in March.



President Mori signs FSM Climate Change Act and concludes review of ten recent public laws

FSM Information Services

January 9, 2014

After the Federated States of Micronesia Eighteenth Congress passed a number of Congressional Acts during the last special session, President Manny Mori took the time to review the Acts during the Christmas and New Year season and made his decisions.

First among the list is Congressional Act No. 18-25 which was signed into law as Public Law No. 18-24 on December 13, 2013. The Act is an appropriation of \$225,000 to assist with humanitarian relief efforts for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Republic of the Philippines, Republic of Palau, the FSM State of Yap, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. President Mori wrote to Speaker Doshis Halbert regarding the appropriation stating: "I am pleased that Congress has taken the initiative to appropriate funding for humanitarian assistance to the affected neighboring areas as a result of typhoon Haiyan which has swept through these areas and has left impact and devastation to the essential services, property and life".

On January 2, 2014, President Mori signed into law an Act that clarifies the modifications to the Compact Funds

distribution formula among the National Government and the State Governments as previously modified by Public Law No. 18-12. This new law, PL No. 18-25, specifies the distribution formula does not apply to the Supplemental Education Grant under the Compact.

On the same day, President Mori approved Congressional Act No. 18-32, which has become Public Law 18-26. This law appropriates an amount of \$1,889,072 as a supplemental budget for some of the budget line items requested by the President before the 2nd Special Session started. The amount also includes \$200,000 evenly split among the Congressional delegation offices to fund contractual services. A provision in the law allows up to \$25,000 from this Delegation Offices' supplemental budget to be used for Members' representation funds "at the discretion of each office".

In his transmittal letter to Speaker Halbert regarding the supplemental budget, President Mori expressed that he signed the legislation "with reservation". The appropriation "lacks the flexibility to provide funding for targeted projects that will accelerate economic growth in the near term", he stated, and ignores other funding

requests for what the President considers as "critical priorities", especially in preparation for expected fiscal challenges in fiscal year 2023. He also pointed out that allowing funds to be "discretionarily utilized" for purposes other than its specific use lacks transparency.

On January 3, 2014, President Mori signed into law Congressional Act No. 18-24, which has become Public Law No. 18-34 and is known as the Federated States of Micronesia Climate Change Act. The Act creates legal obligations for departments and offices in the implementation of the Integrated Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Policy promulgated in December 2009 and further strengthens the mainstreaming of activities and policies in implementing climate change and disaster management framework of actions.

"I thank Congress for passing the Federated States of Micronesia Climate Change Act. Establishing a national policy in the area of climate change is essential in protecting our nation and furthering the interests and well-being of our people."

Finally, seven public laws were transmitted to Congress on January 6, 2014, which have

become laws pursuant to Article IX Section 22 of the FSM Constitution.

These laws are P.L. 18-27, P.L. 18-28, P.L. 18-29, P.L. 18-30, P.L. 18-31, P.L. 18-32 and P.L. 18-33.

All of the laws concern "public projects and social programs" whose funds were previously appropriated by Congress. Specifically, the seven laws make further changes to previous appropriations in terms of their use and allottees in certain States.

In his transmittal letter, President Mori alluded to some "common characteristics" among the measures that weaken clear justifications and make funds tracking and project implementation difficult.

"It would be most helpful if Congress would set a policy limiting to a maximum of only three amendments per Act in order to avoid problems" -- the problems outlined refer to repeated changes to the initial appropriation laws.

The President concluded the Executive Branch's work on the new laws and transmitted them to Congress.

8th Graders from Sokehs Powe take on Climate Change

8th graders from Sokehs Powe elementary school participating in IOM's Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Education (CADRE) program were asked this question: "If you were the President of the FSM, as the nation's leader, what would you do to combat climate change?" This initiative is supported by the Australian Government and managed by the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Here's what these hopeful future leaders had to say.



Sara Edgar would protect our forests



EJ Ioanis says he would work with industrialized nations to reduce their carbon emissions.



Leroy Alex stressed the importance of trees and the need to stop burning fossil fuels.



Omar would look into renewable energy alternatives.



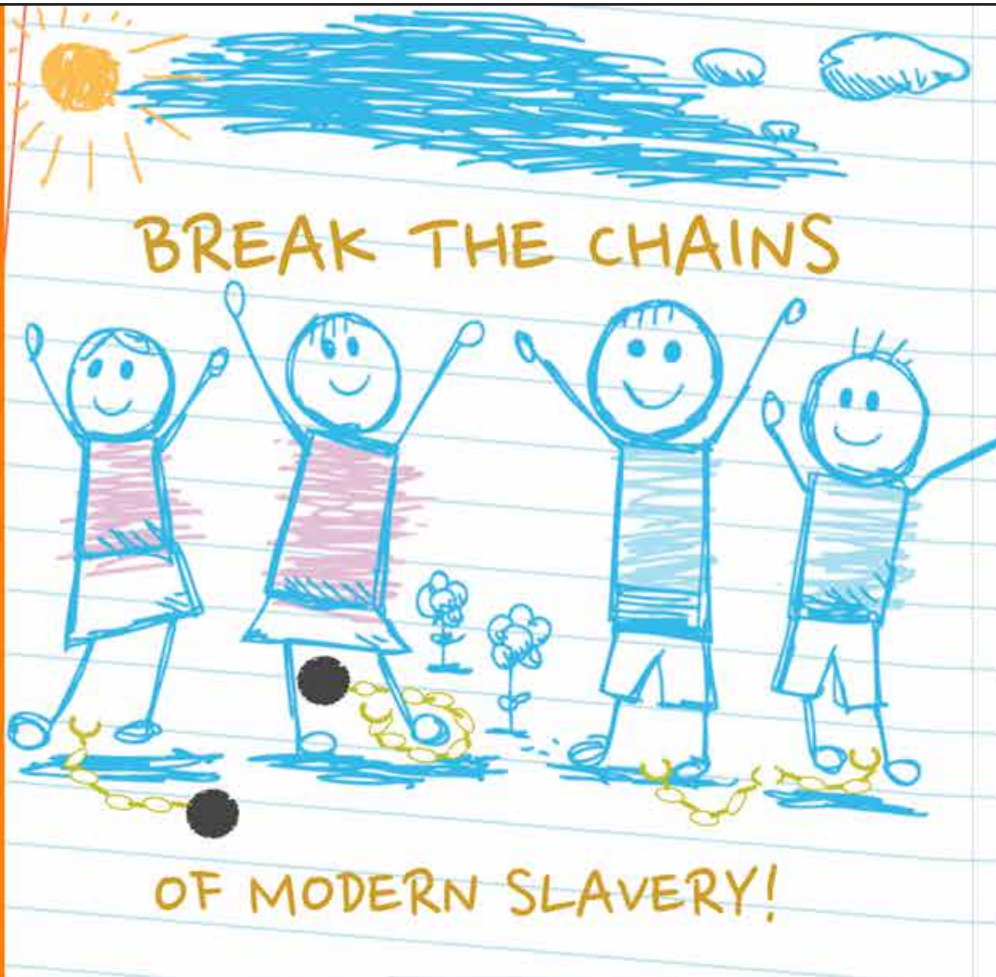
Jesly Ferdinand would put a stop to deforestation and replant more trees.



Kisha would encourage the use of electrical cars.



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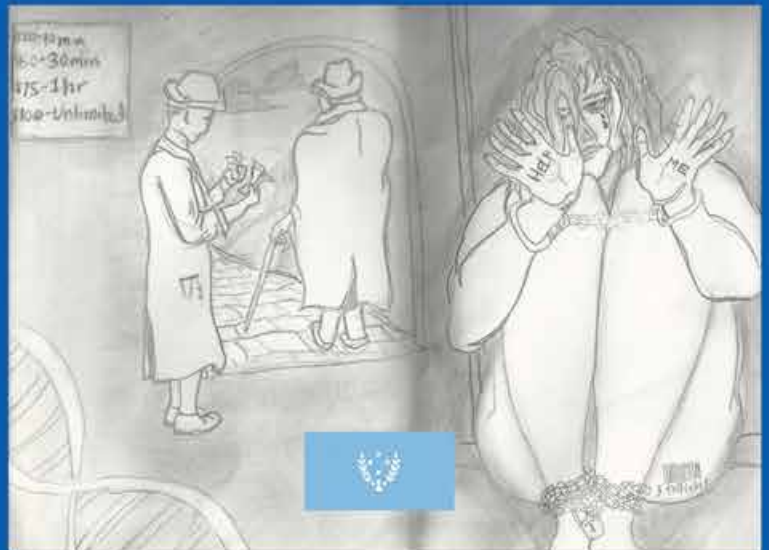


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FSM Congress overrides President Mori's veto of a \$4.9 million public project appropriation

FSM Information Services

January 14, 2014

On January 3, Federated States of Micronesia President Manny Mori disapproved Congressional Act No. 18-34, which would provide an amount of \$4.9 million from the general fund of the FSM for fiscal year 2014 to fund "public projects and social programs" in all the States.

The Act was passed by Congress on December 5, 2013, during its Second Special Session.

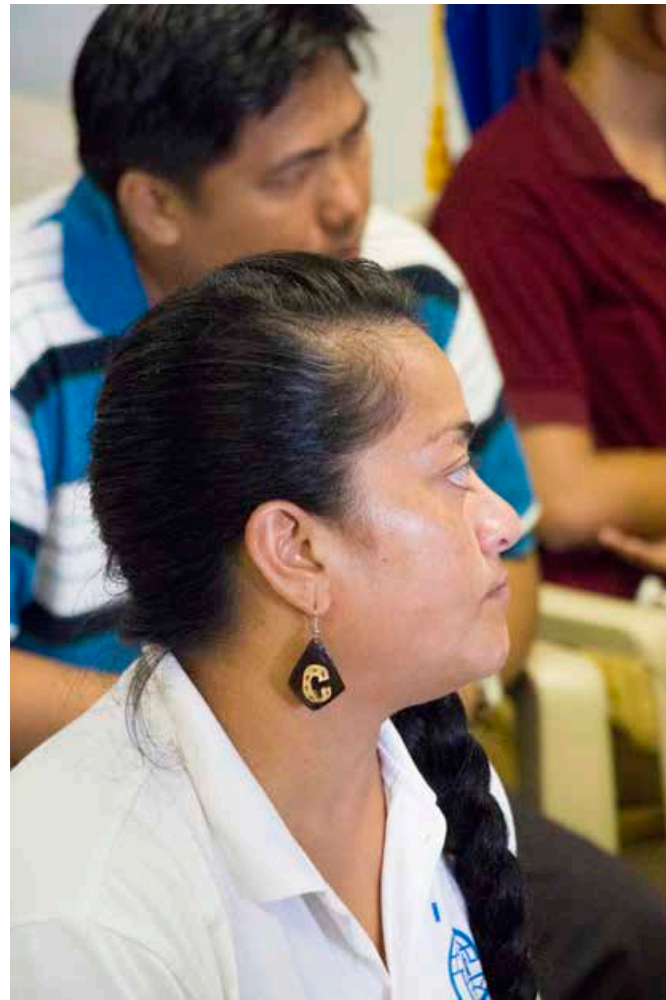
In his veto message to Speaker Dohsis Halbert, President Mori emphasized his support of public projects and programs "when conceived and implemented properly" as they contribute to basic government services and support economic growth. However, the President reiterated the need for transparency and clear guidance on the process employed in the determination and allocation of resources to projects. He further stated with regards hearing, "this is the most serious part of the process because without such public hearings, there is no opportunity for the public to have input into the process of providing public projects and programs for their well-being".

President Mori also observed that "while revenue has continue to grow, Congress is also increasing appropriations for public projects and programs" in an unsustainable manner as the FSM moves closer to 2023, the year financial assistance from the United States under the Compact is expected to terminate.

President Mori would rather have "surplus" revenue for the Nation be allocated to "priority programs" such as the proposed Set Aside fund to help defray "anticipated shortfall of the more than \$600 million in the Trust Fund and provide funding for targeted projects", such as the "Fly Micronesia" airline project. Among other priority improvement projects, the FSM has toiled to enhance the transportation sector, including concerted efforts on a viable regionally targeted airline to strengthen the tourism industry.

During this current session, the Third Regular Session, Congress undertook to override the veto on January 13, putting in place the latest public project and social program appropriation law.

Pohnpeian to assume top desk for RMI CADRE



By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlle Press

January 20, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—Canita Rilometo Swigert's passion for helping the people of Micronesia to cope with climate change issues has not gone unnoticed. She has been promoted to the position CADRE Sub-Office Manager in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

CADRE stands for Climate Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction Education, a program managed by the International Organization of Migration and fully funded by the Australian Government.

Swigert has been working in Pohnpei and the Marshall Islands as a Training Assistant. In Pohnpei she teaches 8th graders about the risks of

natural disaster and climate change and also helps communities to develop disaster risk plans. In the Marshall Islands, the program is for 9th graders.

Two years ago Swigert was already serving as an IOM Training Assistant. She said that she just tried to do the job the best way she could but until she went to Majuro to teach she hadn't particularly been passionate about it.

Though Swigert is a Pohnpeian, she was born and raised in the Marshall Islands. She says that her classmates used to laugh at her because of her passion for the environment. She would nearly always arrive with her back pack and pockets full of trash that she had picked up while she walked to and from school. She started a youth group when she was in High School. One of that group's projects was to clean a particular beach in Majuro.

But then life intervened. She moved away from Majuro. While she was gone she served a four year stint in the U.S. Army that included a deployment in Bosnia. She said that the islands and the issues of islanders became more and more remote in her mind.

Two years ago when Swigert returned to Majuro as a CADRE instructor she went to visit "her" beach and discovered that it no longer existed. "...It changed everything for me. It wasn't there," she exclaimed during an interview in Fiji last summer. "The beach was gone. We cleaned that beach and we planted trees there but it's gone." That experience changed her world. Suddenly she remembered all of the passion she had previously had for her home and her people in the islands. She attacked her job with a new found vigor.

It has not gone unnoticed. At the end of the month she will begin a nine month contract essentially as the boss of the CADRE program in the Marshall Islands, in charge of the program in 14 high schools there. Her new job will involve significantly more administrative duties but she says that she will still be working directly with the people, particularly with the group Youth to Youth in Health. That community group was started by the late Darlene Johnson whose life was memorialized in the book "Don't Ever Whisper" by Giff Johnson. Johnson was also posthumously selected as this year's Pacific Person of the Year by Islands Business.

Swigert will also be in charge of helping school principals and teachers in the Marshall Islands to develop disaster response plans.

Though she is excited about her new opportunity she says it is bittersweet. Her husband is a National Police officer in Pohnpei. Her mother lives here. She also has a touch of healthy self doubt about whether she will be able to adequately perform the responsibilities of her new job. But if her passion driven performance in the communities of Pohnpei and RMI are any indicator she needn't lose any sleep over that concern.

Hiroshima Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Photo Poster Show at COM-FMI in Yap

Japan International Cooperation Agency

On December 14, 2013, JICA Senior Volunteer Fumihiko Nakao from the College of Micronesia – Fisheries and Maritime Institute hosted an exhibition entitled "Hiroshima Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Photo Poster Show" which was held at the Mess Hall at COM-FMI, Yap with assistance of Hiroshima Peace Culture Foundation, his students and other JICA volunteers. The event conveyed a significant message to the audience about war. Now, wars have been going on around the world and many children and many people have been sad and suffering. Mr. Nakao's personal message to the visitors

stated "The war is not a World Event that happened in the past. The war is going on in our world now. Let's think together once again for Peace of the World". The event began by welcoming of visitors followed by an exhibition of posters, photographs, and books of the Atomic bomb in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The visitors also had the opportunity to view DVD broadcastings about the Atomic Bomb damage in Hiroshima, learned about how to fold a paper crane and made Senbazuru, which means one thousand paper crane birds, as a symbol of Peace, and many other informative activities. There were a total of fifty-five visitors at the Atomic Bomb Exhibition.



OFA graduates OBM and refrigeration mechanics through FDAPIN V Project

January 7, 2014

Kolonia, Pohnpei – The Pohnpei Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture (OFA) graduated 13 mechanics under the outboard motor and refrigeration training offered through the OFCF FDAPIN V Project.

The two trainings were conducted at the OFA facilities in Kolonia during the month of December 2013.

Those who completed the outboard motor training included Elvis Edgar of OFA, Youbert A. Ernest of Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), Hickerson Hainrick of OFA, Dave Mathias of the FSM Department of Resources and Development, Pelson Moses of OFA, Kirino Olpet of Conservation Society of Pohnpei, Henter Paul of OFA, Yuper Soram of Nanwab Community Conservation Officers (CCO), and Samuel Wennio of Pakin CCO.

Those who completed the basic refrigeration and electrical cycle training included Rainer Etse of OFA, Rainer Gilmete of Kitti Municipal Government, Hickerson Hainrick of OFA and Dengkehson D. Johnson of OFA.

The trainers were OFCF representatives Mr. Yukio Suetomi, Marine Engine Expert and Mr. Shinji Sakamoto, Refrigerator Expert.

Other services provided by OFCF under FDAPIN V included the following:

- Maintenance of OFA research vessel, the R/V Lisoumwei;
- Repair and restoration of the Pohnpei Artisanal Fishery Support Station Ice Plant in Kolonia;
- Repair and restoration of the Pohnlangas Ice Plant in Madolenihmw; and
- Advise to Pohnpei Artisanal Fishermen Support Station Ice Plant regarding management and operation of the facility.

The Fisheries Development Assistance for Pacific Island Nations (FDAPIN) projects are part of the assistance offered to the FSM from the Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan. The OFCF was established in June 1973 as a non-profit organization and conducts its cooperative programs under the general guidance and with funds contributed by the Japanese Government.

OCF of Japan has a history of implementing FDAPIN project for 24 years since its inception in 1990. The FDAPIN Project is implementing technical transfer and capacity building through repair and restoration of Fishery related facilities in each of the four (4) states in the FSM.



...NBA

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people who live in the U.S. can go and see games personally, not many people can claim to have even seen an NBA championship ring much less to have worn one even for a short amount of time.

His visit to Pohnpei started with a VIP reception at the U.S. Ambassador's residence. After his meeting with the coaches at FSMNOC he had a practical skills building session with the coaches at the College of Micronesia Pohnpei Campus gym. On the next afternoon he had a skills building session with High School students also at the gym, followed by a radio interview at the Baptist Radio Station. On Friday he gave an entertaining lecture to students and faculty at the COM National Campus, followed by another practical session at the COM-FSM gym. On Saturday he conducted a "drills and skills" session, also at the national campus gym. In the afternoon he coached teams in a "three on three" tournament.

Finally, on Sunday he got a chance to see a few of the sites in Pohnpei and also met with students from Enipein School.

Tom Newell is an American former professional basketball coach.

After he attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 1971 he began his career working as a scout for the Golden State Warriors in the 80s. After serving as the Indiana Pacers' Director of Player Personnel in 1984, he moved on to be an assistant coach for the Seattle SuperSonics (now in Oklahoma City). During the 1990s, he served as assistant coach for the New Jersey Nets, college scout for the Milwaukee Bucks, and Assistant Coach for the Dallas Mavericks. In 1995, he became the head coach of the Greek professional team, Iraklis Thessaloniki B.C. and began his work on international programs. With extensive experience, he later joined the coaching staff of the short-lived WNBA team Portland Fire. Coach Newell also has been the Men's National Team Coach of Japan (2000), as well as Coach of the Jilin NE Tigers China Basketball Association team. His extensive travels since leaving the NBA have spanned the globe: Vladivostok, Russia; Yakutsk, Russia; Ireland; Belgium; St. Kitts; St. Vincent Grenadines; Seoul, Korea; Caracas, Venezuela; Guatemala; Canada; Madrid, Spain; Taipei, China; Manila, Philippines, and others.



He currently represents the State Department as a Sports Ambassador, teaching coaches and players about the game of basketball. He also represents FIBA as one of the Expert Instructors in their Olympic Development Program for Third World countries. Coach Newell is very active in his community with free camps and clinics for kids ages 7-15. The camp programs are designed to teach kids about being on a team, working together and making right choices away from home and school environs.

The themes of his Best Effort Camps & Clinics are: "Eat Right to Play Right" and "Let's Cease to be Obese"...This program received the prestigious "Denny Award" from the City of Seattle Parks and Recreation Department, acknowledging those citizens who volunteer projects in education and environment that enhance the lives of others in the Seattle community (2008).

On this trip, before arriving in Pohnpei he visited Majuro, Ebeye, and Kwajalein in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. After his departure from Pohnpei he visited the Republic of Palau before heading to his home in Washington state.



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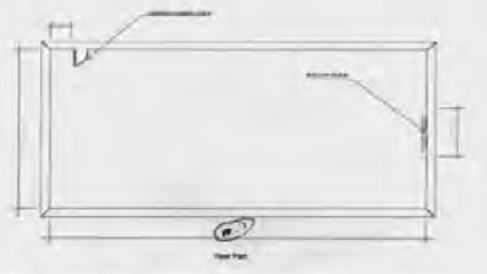
1. Warehouse No: 1 is 80' X 40' or 3,200 square feet.
2. Warehouse No 2 is also 80' X 40' or 3,200 square feet.

Proposal will be accepted from January 31, 2014 to February 28,2014 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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Vice-President Alik L. Alik convenes the 7th National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC) Meeting

FSM Information Services

January 20-23, 2014).

The FSM's Vice-President, the Honorable Alik L. Alik, in his capacity as the Chairman of the NTFC is convening the 7th NTFC Meeting on January 20-24, 2014, at the Tuna Commission's Annex Building in Kolonia.

The purpose of the NTFC meeting is to discuss current trade and investment issues including: progress review of the implementation of recommendations adopted during the Investment Facilitation Symposium in May, 2013; discussion on the Draft FSM Investment Guide; review of the implementation of the FSM's National Export Strategy; and, consultations on the Micronesian Trade Committee Draft Treaty. The 7th NTFC Meeting will also discuss the FSM's Fisheries Policy, with a view to review and finalize the Draft FSM Fisheries Policy that has been developed with assistance from the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) in consultation with relevant national and state stakeholders.

Participants to the 7th NTFC Meeting include all cabinet Members from the FSM National Government, Chairmen of State Trade Facilitation Committees, Officials responsible for investment and fisheries at the State level, representatives from State Chambers of Commerce, representatives from State Export Heroes Teams, key stakeholders from the fisheries industries, and technical advisers from FFA and the Commonwealth Secretariat-Hub & Spokes Programme.

Given the critical importance of the issues to be discussed during the 7th NTFC Meeting, all interested stakeholders residing in Pohnpei are invited to attend and participate in the discussions and deliberations, which are opened to the general public.

A New JICA Volunteer Dispatched to COM-FSM

Japan International Cooperation Agency

January 14, 2014

On January 13, 2014, FSM Department of Foreign Affairs and the College of Micronesia welcomed a new JICA Senior Volunteer to the Federated States of Micronesia, Ms. Mitsuko Miyai. The Japan International Cooperation Agency has been dispatching JOCV and Senior volunteers to the Federated States of Micronesia since 1989. The aim of the volunteers is to develop better life for the local people and the community mostly in the priority sectors such as Environment, Health, Education, Agriculture & Rural Development, Fisheries, Tourism, and other fields. There are currently twenty-seven volunteers serving in the FSM, including the new Senior Volunteer, who will all serve two years in their respective posts.

Senior Volunteer Ms. Miyai will be assigned to the Public Health at COM-FSM National Campus as an Instructor. Previously, Ms. Miyai was the Director of Nursing at the Yokohama Teishin Hospital in Japan for nine years and was also a JICA Senior Volunteer on Nursing Education in the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal from January 2008 – January 2010 and in the Republic of Vanuatu from March 2011 – March 2013.



Courtesy visit to FSM Department of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Carlson D. Apis and Ms. Mitsuko Miyai

President Mori questions composition of the "Committee to Wait on the President" and asks for effective project planning and control

FSM Information Services

January 17, 2014

The Third Regular Session of the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia got started with an "unusual" departure from tradition on January 10, 2014.

The normal practice has been that the Speaker of Congress appoints a four-member committee known as the "Committee to Wait on the President", comprising of Members from the four State Delegations. January 10, 2014 marked a departure from that usual practice when Speaker Dohsis Halbert appointed an all-Chuukese Committee to report to President Manny Mori that Congress is in town and ready for action. The Committee consisted of Senator Wesley Simina, Chairman, Senator Tiwiter Aritos, Senator Tony Otto and Senator Victor Goulard. President Mori questioned the motives behind having only Chuukese Members on the Committee and said it may have been done in response to his January 9 letter to Speaker Halbert. Chairman Simina said the Chuukese Senators did not request for such appointment and assured the President the Committee, as composed, represented Congress as a whole.

President Mori pointed out some items that have been pending at Congress, specifically the telecommunication bill as well as a number of nominations. He also made mention of a current budget supplemental request that he would like Congress to address this session.

It has become more evident that Congress would require more time to adequately tackle its workload. For this, President Mori suggested that Congress consider lengthening its regular sessions or adding one more.

A significant amount of time went into the exchange of discussions on the President's "urgent concerns" as raised in his January 9th letter to Congress regarding legislative process

with regards public projects. The President asserted the entire process needs to be rectified beginning with the initial development of projects all the way through the various parts of the process that impact the successful control and completion of projects. More specifically, he raised the issue relating to the inadequate control of the processing and execution of the Project Control Document (PCD). A flawed and inadequate PCD renders the implementation and inspection of projects defective. In the same letter, the President emphasized that he would stop public project funds if the defective process remains unresolved.

Chairman Simina agreed that there are issues to be resolved relating to the matter and that both Congress and the Executive Branch need to work closely to resolve the issues.

The President also raised his concern that while the Nation experiences a period of increase in revenue generated domestically, Congress expenditures through public projects also surge. The President has voiced on numerous occasions that the FSM needs to save-up funds through its Trust Fund and a Set Aside Fund to be able to face financial pitfalls after 2023, address environmental demands and catastrophes, and invest in priority-based economic projects undergoing due diligence. He has been asking Congress to allocate money into these types of reserves and to cap allocations into "public projects and social programs" as way to demonstrate a serious concerted leadership front in charting a tenable way forward more responsibly. Congress has not acted favorably toward the idea of a Set Aside fund. Instead, it has exercised the privilege of increasing allocations towards projects determined rather exclusively by Members on top of outstanding project funds that have yet to be fully expended.

As a matter of inquiry, Congress wanted to be updated on details of the breakdown of the \$500,000 World Bank grant that went through the Congressional approval process during the November special session.

Congress also inquired about the status of the various typhoon relief assistance provided to the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Palau, the FSM State of Yap and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for disasters brought about by Typhoon Haiyan a few months back.

The President assured Congress that checks for the relief assistance have been disbursed to the named recipients. However, acknowledgement of receipt by their respective Governments have not been received by the FSM as of the meeting time.

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along with eight metric tons of lube oil, 75 metric tons of butane gas, seven metric tons of ammonia, one metric ton of hydraulic oil, 75 metric tons of fuel oil, and 75 metric tons of industrial oil.

Pohnpei State simply does not have the resources to salvage the huge quantity of fluids contained in the Ping Da 7. The declaration says that on January 21, one of the fuel tanks aboard the vessel began to leak into Pohnpei waters.

The joint task forces have apparently been working frantically to try to develop a solution to the problem of the stranded vessel, and the owner of the vessel, Jianghai Ping has reportedly turned his back on his liability for the situation in Pohnpei. According to informed sources, the insurance companies are also currently denying responsibility for the tragedy.

The Governor's Emergency Declaration says that Secretary Itimai of the Department of Transportation, Communications, and Infrastructure has been legally designated as the receiver for the vessel.

According to a press release by the FSM Public Information Office, the Task Force held a meeting before any fuel began to leak. During that

meeting it was decided that the crew members should be brought to shore. Due to immigration problems, they had not been allowed to enter Pohnpei. Yesterday they were brought to shore for assistance with visa application processing in order to expedite their return trips to their homes in China. Jianghai, the owner of the vessel agreed with the decision to allow the crew members to leave the ship where it is currently grounded.

The press release says that State officials from the Attorney General's office, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Disaster Control Office, Marine Resources, Public Safety, as well as officials from the FSM Maritime Police and Quarantine Section have all gone to the ship since the leak report was made.

The release said that a joint team of unnamed experts with assistance from an unnamed "local company" went to the vessel to detail the leak points on the ship and to determine possible ways to contain the oil spill from spreading. Meanwhile, State and National entities were tasked to make yet another attempt at contact with the ship owner and the insurance assessors who have legal liabilities in the tragedy.

Several weeks ago a rumor circulated that a tugboat from Majuro, Marshall Islands was on its way to Pohnpei, and last week Radio Australia conducted a radio interview with an employee of the Conservation Society of Pohnpei who passed that rumor on. At the time of the interview, no such arrangement had been made but according

to yesterday's press release the Task force is now moving to obtain assistance from "a company" in Majuro and with "a local company" for a possible joint effort to get the vessel off the reef and to take care of the oil spill.

The press release said that the FSM Office of Environment and Emergency Management was at the command post in Dekehtik in order to mobilize responses in conjunction with EPA and the Pohnpei State Disaster Office.

"The ship owner has not been responsive to contacts made by the Task force as he had indicated no intention to take full responsibility in salvaging the boat, much less collaborating in undertaking preventive measures against environmental harm," the press release concluded.

The FSM PIO's press release and the emergency declaration was the most significant detailed information that the government has released to independent media since the Ping Da 7 landed on the reef just over six weeks ago. One participant on the task force said that he had encouraged the task force to release information to the independent media but was told that the group did not want the independent media "along the way" and that we would have to find our own sources of information. Unfortunately, that decision has led to no small amount of misinformation even from large international news sources and has contributed to a sense that the government's response to the crisis is far from transparent.

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Office of the Secretary
 January 15, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kaselehlie Press
 FROM: Secretary
 RE: Grounded vessel in State of Pohnpei



Pursuant to 19 F.S.M.C. § 907, the general public is hereby notified of a grounded vessel in Nankepinparam Reef, State of Pohnpei. A description of the vessel is as follows:

Name of Vessel: Ping Da 7
 Country of Registry: Republic of Kiribati
 Length of Vessel: 82.65 meters
 Flag: Kiribati
 Type of Vessel: Fish Carrier/Reefer

Please direct any further questions or concerns to the FSM Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure at P.O. Box PS-2, Palikir, Pohnpei, FM,96941, or call 320-2865.

Francis Itimai
 Secretary (Receiver of the Wreck)
 FSM Department of Transportation,
 Communication and Infrastructure

Community Partnerships are essential

By April Turner

Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Island Food Community of Pohnpei initiated discussions earlier this month with Pohnpei Women Council and Pohnpei Farmers' Association on potential community projects for 2014. Community participation and multi-sectoral projects are the cornerstone of IFCP's approach.

Together, the importance of addressing the NCD epidemic and supporting our local farming community were discussed. The Pohnpei Women Council (PWC) President Ms Susana Sohs and Secretary Berno Lekka Hedson expressed the "important role women play in administering many aspects surrounding homelife" and women as the key for any projects involving these urgent issues. Saimon Mix, President of the Pohnpei Farmers' Association, recognized the necessity to network and share resources and efforts for the common good of Pohnpei and wholeheartedly supports the work of PWC and IFCP. Both partners declared their support for the recent Executive Directive by the Governor of Pohnpei outlining the urgency of the NCD crisis.

This year's projects to be implemented by IFCP and partner agencies will continue with awareness raising on nutritional benefits of local foods to combat the NCD epidemic and will also focus on food processing for this end. IFCP research has discovered that one of the barriers to consuming local food is the preparation time and availability of readily available local food products. Market research has also shown there is a lot of food wastage. These surplus and unmarketable raw products can be processed and preserved for food security and economic benefits to the producers rather than left to spoil. Furthermore, local alternatives to imported processed foods are generally much healthier and certainly more beneficial to the local and global environment. Two examples of this are breadfruit, dried and processed into flour and fruit dried into snacks for children. There are many more.

By strategically planning with community partners the objectives for IFCP activities, IFCP can then identify suitable funding agencies from the government and international sources. Our vision is to live on an island where, with self-respect and dignity, people are actively producing and utilizing locally grown foods while preserving cultural values, improving health, achieving sustainable economic development, ensuring a healthy environment and achieving food security. We know that with our community partnerships and the right funding support we can achieve this vision and be proud of a healthier Pohnpei in the future.



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Use a Let's Go Local bag for your shopping!

By April Turner

Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Did you know that there is a ban on plastic bags in Pohnpei? Did you know it takes thousands of years for plastic to breakdown?

Island Food Community of Pohnpei, thanks to the Rotary Club of Pohnpei, has recently produced a very high quality, strong reusable shopping bag. This bag is designed for people to use when purchasing local foods or carrying local foods from farm to table in an effort to Go Green. The advantages of using this bag include a reduction in plastic bag pollution, promotion of the Go Local campaign, and multi-functional use for heavy items.



IFCP Chair Adelino Lorens presents bag to donor Rotary Club of Pohnpei President John Schroer

The bags will be available during our awareness activities and community projects. A small number are also available at IFCP and selected locations for \$10 to cover the costs that IFCP contributed to producing the bags.

Special appreciation to the Rotary Club of Pohnpei Small Grants Scheme for making this happen.

Problems with plastic bags

- Non-renewable resources used for production of plastic bags (petroleum/oil)
- Expense of land-fill management
- Plastic bags do not biodegrade, they photo-degrade and break into smaller toxic pieces
- Manufacture of plastic bags contributes to global warming, pollution and release of highly toxic chemicals
- Carbon footprint of transportation of plastic bags
- Thousands of years to breakdown
- Chemicals leaching into the soil (lead, cadmium, other toxins)
- Danger to plants, animals, waterways and soil

...Trafficking

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The Day was a culmination of awareness raising sessions in high schools across the country. In support of the National Campaign organized by DoJ, the MRC and IOM conducted educational sessions for almost 5,000 high school students on the risks of human trafficking. To measure the level of effectiveness of the campaign the FSM Government supported a poster contest, in which students were asked to depict human trafficking through their own drawings. There were many entries, particularly from the State of Kosrae and while the majority of the posters were very good, certain posters stood out and winners were selected from each state. Interstate winners were flown to Pohnpei and all four were presented with certificates from President Mori at the Spanish Wall. The Day concluded at the Wall with the Official Anti-Human Trafficking Day Softball Match, played between the FSM DoJ and the coalition of IOM and the MRC. The DoJ team proved too strong winning by several home runs with the help of some impressive batting from the Attorney-General herself; however the IOM/MRC team won the prize for robust women's representation. Both teams look forward to a friendly re-match in the near future.

For further information on the Anti-Human Trafficking Day, Educational Materials on Human Trafficking or further assistance visit www.micronesia.iom.int or www.fsmpio.fsm. You can also contact the FSM Department of Justice directly on 320-2608 or the MRC on 320-8898



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