

Investigators offer a \$2500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of arsonists

By *Bill Jaynes*
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Pohnpei—The Pohnpei State Department of Public Safety is offering a \$2500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons involved in the arson fires at the Pohnpei Supreme Court and the Pohnpei Attorney General's Office buildings. People with information are urged to call 320-3774.



In the early morning hours of June 18, 2019, the security guard at the State Government complex noticed smoke coming from the windows of both buildings and notified the fire department. They battled the separate blazes for several hours before extinguishing them.

The Pohnpei Department of Public Safety contacted Guam Fire Department officials for assistance. The investigators arrived in Pohnpei on the following Sunday and performed a detailed analysis of the two buildings. They concluded that entry into each of the buildings had been forced and that multiple fires had been set among the stored files in each building.



Though an official at the Pohnpei State Government sent a copy of the report to a journalist at Pacific Daily, the official only sent one page of the two page report. Pacific Daily News reported the information, including some details that detectives had intended to keep from the public as an aid in weeding out false reports from would be witnesses. Government officials have since been instructed to keep the full report to themselves.

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FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On July 2nd, 2019 citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) registered to vote in the States of Pohnpei and Kosrae voted in a Special Election to fill the two vacant four-year (at-large) seats in the Congress of the FSM resulting from the elections of His Excellency David W. Panuelo and the Honorable Yosiwo P. George, President and Vice President of the FSM respectively. What follows are certified results from the FSM National Election Office.

Aren B. Palik is the official declared winner for Kosrae State's at-large seat, having received 1,916 votes or 54.0% of all votes cast.

Former President of the FSM, Peter M. Christian, is the official declared winner for Pohnpei State's at-large seat, having received 6,060 votes or 46.46% of all votes cast.

For more information contact the FSM National Election Office at +691-320-4125 or visit their website at <http://www.fsmned.fm/>

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President Panuelo hears & responds to voices of Micronesians in Maui

FSM Information Services

MAUI, Hawaii—With slightly more than 3,000 citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) estimated to be living on the island of Maui in the State of Hawaii, His Excellency David W. Panuelo—President of the FSM—wanted to engage and inform citizens abroad of his administration’s recent activities, its upcoming goals and plans, and to specifically address issues that citizens in Hawaii are concerned with.

“I continue to be your public servant,” the President began, “And I will be as transparent as I can be. I will work to build your trust and confidence in [our Nation’s] leadership.”

President Panuelo informed citizens of recent activities and accomplishments, including the positive reception the U.S. Government has in response to the FSM’s request to complete Compact of Free Association negotiations sooner rather than later. The President also shared his administration’s goal of uniting the Nation and having all citizens singing the same song in cooperation and unity.

Most of the meeting, however, was the President interacting with citizens directly.

One citizen said “I work in a health center and some of us here...one of the main issues that we have is in relation to medical insurance. As you know insurance was taken away from us...is there any future to [citizens living abroad acquiring medical coverage]?”

“Many cannot access Med-QUEST or cannot prove their disability,” another citizen said.

“Through the USA social safety net,” President Panuelo responded, “they have programs you can apply and qualify for... we cannot expect that everything will be provided for us; if we’re here, we have to contribute, and I absolutely know that you are. ...I’ve asked We Are Oceania to help us identify gaps in health and education and...when we go into [Compact of Free Association] negotiation mode, these are areas we’ll want to be prepared to advocate for.”

Another citizen said “My concern is different than others...I am from Chuuk, and as you’ll recall we have been scared about [the secessionist movement]. ... What is your stance on the Chuukese secessionist movement?”

“Nation-building takes a long time, and it also takes cooperation, respect, trust, and confidence,” said President Panuelo. “It’s good to voice concerns, and for others to hear those concerns—and to respond to those concerns. So I thank you very much for your question...but my position is that I am very opposed to the Chuuk secession movement.”

“I want to work very closely and transparently with the Congress of the FSM and the FSM State Governments to [unify the Nation]. We have \$195,000,000 of infrastructure [backlog] that’s held up, mostly [for] the State of Chuuk, and mostly because of land issues. Faichuuk alone is more populous than Yap... we must all care for them. I believe the secession movement will die out, and my aim is to work with Chuuk to get [regions like Faichuuk help in economic and infrastructure development].”



Another citizen advised that, having lived in Maui since 1988, he’s been the victim of discrimination—and did the President have any advice? “My advice to all of you is that you look at discrimination as a challenge to speak nicely and be respectful. Kindness is powerful,” said President Panuelo, who emphasized that kindness and love always win over hatred and discrimination.

One citizen respectfully asked for the development and implementation of Special Polling Places in regions like Saipan, Maui, and Portland. The two Special Polling Places for the Special Election on July 2nd, 2019 are in Guam and Honolulu.

“When I was a member of the FSM Congress, we put in Maui, Hilo, Saipan, Portland, Kansas City [as Special Polling Places]...the bill went out but it was defeated [due to budgetary implications]. Maybe we put in too many places at one time...but that bill is still there. I believe we can make it happen; it’s a matter of time. Voting is a constitutional right—it’s



your right as well as your duty to formally express your beliefs, and it’s our duty to ensure that every single vote is counted.” “I will work with Congress about how we can expand Special Polling Places.... After all, your vote is your voice—you must be able to speak for yourself.”

The meeting concluded with cultural entertainment and refreshments. President Panuelo intends to hold citizens outreach initiatives in the States of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae at least once each before the end of 2019.

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Construction begins on \$13 million worth of bridge and road projects in Pohnpei from Chinese grant

By **Bill Jaynes**
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June 26, 2019

Pohnpei—Officials from Pohnpei, FSM National, and People’s Republic of China government officials gathered to officially kick off two infrastructure projects worth approximately \$13 million. The projects are completely funded by a grant from the government of the People’s Republic of China.

The China Railway 14th Bureau Group Co. Ltd along with hired locals will be constructing a new Kamar River Bridge and will be entirely replacing five road segments in Madolenihmw.

The old Kamar River Bridge was originally built on a temporary basis but until now, funds were never identified to replace the decrepit structure. An FSM Department of Transportation, Communication and

Infrastructure (TC&I) spokesperson says that the new bridge will be two lanes. The previous bridge was not wide enough for two vehicles to pass. For decades now the road surface of the bridge has been heavy steel plates set on the rusting steel of the tresses. The cost for the bridge project is approximately \$3 million.

The TC&I spokesperson said that the bridge project is scheduled to be completed in approximately 11 months. Demolition of the current bridge has not yet begun. The contractors will be working with Pohnpei Utilities Corporation to build a temporary suspension for the main water pipe that is also currently supported by the old bridge. Demolition cannot begin until they are certain that water service will not be disrupted.

After bridge demolition begins, residents who regularly pass over the bridge to reach



Photo by Darcy Augustine



their homes will need to use the road that terminates at the circumferential road at Palipowe.

The Madolenihmw road projects will cost approximately \$10 million and will take approximately 18 months to complete. The five segments of road that will be completely redone are Areu powe/Areu pah, Lukop, Metipw, Kepine, and Dolopwail.

The TC&I spokesperson said that the

contractors have already begun hiring locals. He said that just in terms of physical location they prefer employees who live in either Nett or Madolenihmw but positions will be open for any local.

The ground breaking ceremonies took place at Lukop Elementary School in the early afternoon. The second ground breaking ceremony took place at the Nett District Government complex.

Vital sponsored fishing tournament attracts anglers aboard 54 boats, a Pohnpei Fishing Club record

Pohnpei Fishing Club

June 22, 2019

Pohnpei—The 10th Annual Vital Fishing Tournament attracted a Pohnpei Fishing Club tournament record 54 boats all vying for fuel provided by Vital.

Anglers caught many fish but the biggest prizes went for two big yellow fin tuna and two good sized sailfish.

Welber David won the grand prize of \$400.00 worth of fuel, with a 78.5 pound yellow fin tuna. Rinson Helgenberger won the second prize of \$300 worth for his catch of a 71.5 pound yellow fin tuna. Third prize winner was Antony Manuel for his 65.5 pound sailfish. He won \$240 worth of fuel for his catch. Francisco Kosmas won \$200 worth of fuel for his catch of a 56 pound sailfish.

Since no one won caught a record setting marlin, the jackpot keeps getting bigger. It is now \$5,900.00.

Many thanks to Vital. All boats that entered got free fuel. The amount of free fuel varied from \$80.00 to \$320.00 depending on the size of the boats. The vouchers are good for only two weeks and are only redeemable at Mangrove Bay Gas Station, PITC, and Pohnpei Service Station, though anglers could individually pursue credit based on the vouchers with one of the participating gas station.

With 54 boats quite a lot of fuel was given out.

After the tourney there was food and beer provided to the anglers. It took a while to get through all the results, but the awards ceremony was held and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Many thanks to our volunteers, Bill, Virginia, Serlynn, Kevin



the boom truck driver and all the Vital people who helped out.

We want to thank Hannah Isaac and Vital for putting together this tournament, and we hope it is bigger and even better next year, though that will be a hard feat to accomplish.

The next tournament is the Pohnpei LP Gas tournament coming up on July 20, and the Ace Hardware Annual Kids tourney on July 27.

GRAND PRIZES					
	ANGLER	SPECIES NAME	POUNDS	PRIZE	AMOUNT
P O H N P E I F I S H I N G T O U R N A M E N T	WELPER DAVID	YELLOW FIN	78.50	1st	400.00 worth of Fuel
	RINSON HELGENBERGER	YELLOW FIN	71.50	2nd	300.00 worth of Fuel
	ANTONY MANUEL	SAIL FISH	65.50	3rd	240.00 worth of Fuel
	FRANCISCO KOSMAS	SAIL FISH	56.00	4th	200.00 worth of Fuel
	ELLA DAVID	YELLOW FIN	47.50	5th	160.00 worth of Fuel
	BERNO HEDSON	WAHOO	29.50	6th	140.00 worth of Fuel
	BIG FISH CATEGORIES				
	ANGLER	SPECIES NAME	POUNDS	PRIZE	AMOUNT
C A T E G O R Y	IOAKIM MIKEHL	SKIPJACK	36.00	1st	100.00 worth of Fuel
	LESLIE MENDIOLA	SKIPJACK	34.50	2nd	40.00 worth of Fuel
	JUNE CHARLEY	DOGTOOTH	34.00	1st	100.00 worth of Fuel
	MARIA SPEGAL	YELLOW FIN	30.00	2nd	40.00 worth of Fuel
	JUNE WELSIN	WAHOO	24.00	1st	100.00 worth of Fuel
	TRUMAINE P.	WAHOO	23.50	2nd	40.00 worth of Fuel
	WESTCOTT PANUELO	MAHI MAHI	27.30	1st	100.00 worth of Fuel
	JOHN	MAHI MAHI	24.50	2nd	40.00 worth of Fuel
	ROHSPEIN	GIANT TREVALLEY	3.00	1st	\$100.00 worth of fuel
	KIRINO OLPET	GIANT TREVALLEY	6.50	2nd	40.00 worth of Fuel
	LESLIE MENDIOLA	BARRACUDA	15.00	TIE FOR 1ST PLACE	\$80.00
	NATHAN ULIK	BARRACUDA	15.00	TIE FOR 1ST PLACE	\$80.00
LADY ANGLERS					
	ANGLER	SPECIES NAME	POUNDS	PRIZE	AMOUNT
L A D Y A N G L E R	ROHSPEIN	WAHOO	22.00	1st	\$100.00
	STEINCIA HAWLEY	BARRACUDA	15.00	2nd	\$80.00 worth of fuel
	LESLIE MENDIOLA	BARRACUDA	14.50	3rd	40.00 worth of Fuel
JUNIOR ANGLERS					
	ANGLER	SPECIES NAME	POUNDS	PRIZE	AMOUNT
J U N I O R	ISAIAH HAWLEY	SKIPJACK	12.50		\$100.00 worth of fuel
	STEPHANY	SKIPJACK	12.00		40.00 worth of Fuel

IOM's Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) curriculum distributed



versions.

These resources include story books on

- o Typhoon
- o Landslide
- o Tsunami
- o Drought
- o Climate Change

The International Organization for Migration's (IOM) program CADRE+, funded by USAID/OFDA, has been working with schools and communities throughout FSM and RMI, since 2015. A significant part of the work has been utilizing IOM's Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) curriculum to build capacity of school teachers and students on these topics.

This curriculum is a combination of resources that have been designed with the intention of contextualization of Pacific Island culture and are being turned over to the national Department of Education, as well as the DOE within each of the four states for further re-production and use in both digital and hard copy

Also included is a big book titled *The House the Moon Moved*, which was translated into the different languages throughout the states. A student workbook, teacher handbook, and coloring book with CCA/DRR messaging were designed to be utilized in lesson planning as a structural base for presenting the lessons.

CADRE+ staff has visited schools in the outer islands and mainland of the four states, conducting CCA/DRR lessons to students on these topics as well as training teachers in how best utilize holistic teaching strategies to better equip students regarding potential hazards.



A total of 67 schools consisting of 1,839 students have received CCA/DRR lessons through the use of this curriculum and 544 educators have received professional development training.

IOM has been grateful for its ongoing partnership and support of the DOE and looks forward to the expansion of this curriculum throughout the region in years to come.



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For now it is sufficient to say that the fires were intentionally set.

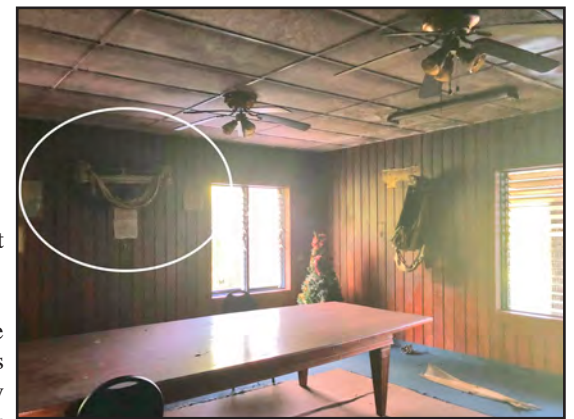
A press release by the Government of Pohnpei that was sent only to the Pacific Daily News and not to local FSM news sources two weeks ago says that the services of the Attorney General will not be interrupted. Staff members have temporarily re-located to the former offices of the Pohnpei Public Auditor. The phone number for the AG's offices is 320-2356.

Chief Justice Nelson A. Joseph said that the Supreme Court will continue to operate though they will be operating from the office of the Court of Land Tenure in Kolonia. The phone number is 320-1628.

Chief Justice Joseph said that birth, marriage, and death certificates that were registered from 1954 through 2009 are all available but that the records from 2010 through 2019 were all destroyed by the fire. The Court can provide birth and death Certificates from the Pohnpei State Hospital records office upon request. For marriage certificates recorded during that time, the Court suggests that churches where weddings took place may have copies. The court has none for the last nine years.

Attorney General Dana Smith said that duplicates for the criminal cases that burned in the fire were stored separately and were not damaged.

He also said that he has been instructed that both buildings are total losses due to the loss of structural integrity between the first and second floors. The cost of renovation would exceed the values of the buildings. The fire burned hot enough that it melted the plastic housing on an air conditioner



Melted plastic housing on air conditioner sags from the intense heat

in a separate room that was not directly burned and was quite a distance away from the blaze. It similarly melted computer and printer housings. The AG was told that for the kind of damage that occurred in the concrete and rebar, the fire's temperature would have had to have been in excess of 1000 degrees Fahrenheit.

The \$2500 reward is for information voluntarily furnished and not for information disclosed during an interrogation. Police have provided no details but they have interrogated one person of interest several times during the last two weeks.

The reward is not payable to employees of the Pohnpei State Government or Public Safety, the Office of the Attorney General, nor to their immediate relatives. It is not payable to co-conspirators or person who "solicited, participated in or aided and abetted the commission of the offense whether prosecuted or not.

"If more than one person submits actionable information, the Director of the Department of Public Safety may divide and allocate the reward among those persons furnishing information based on the value and utility of the information furnished. The decision to pay the reward or not to pay the reward is within the sole discretion of the Director of the Department of Public Safety," the reward notice said.

Pohnpei-Department of Education conducts teacher competency training

Alvie B. Cabañez

The Pohnpei Department of Education (PDOE) conducted a teacher competency training last June 24-28, 2019. It was held at Pohnpei Islands Central High School (PICS), Social Studies Building. Over eighty teacher participants both from public and private schools and participated in the training.

The training is a preparation for the Teacher Competency Examination (TCE) that will be held on July 11, 2019. On July 08-10, 2019 will be the National Standardized Test for Teachers (NSTT) in specific subject areas including Mathematics, Science, and English. Both are annual examinations that aims to bring up the status of the teachers and be certified.

According to Mr. John Nablo, Teacher Training Coordinator, the training is a collaboration of the Federated States of Micronesia-National Department of Education (FSM-NDOE) and Pohnpei Department of Education (PDOE) with the assistance of Curriculum and Instruction Division (C&I) of Pohnpei. It took months of preparation with minimal challenges since the facilitators trained hard and knew exactly what they are doing. Though a number of teacher participants missed

some sessions “It happens because they have their own personal things to do. It is an unavoidable circumstance”, he said. The training will also be conducted in the three other states in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) soon.

The teacher participants were divided into four groups. Each classroom had two facilitators with different fields of specialty. The participants were strategically placed in groups to ensure that they won’t shy away from cooperating.

Each participant was given the training manual to be discussed throughout the week. It included the Theories of Learning and Development endorsed by Piaget, Erikson, Maslow, Vygotsky, Bandura, Skinner, and Kohlberg.

Teaching strategies, curriculum, assessment, classroom management, and communication skills were also emphasized in depth. On the first day, the participants took a pre-test to gauge their knowledge prior to the start of discussion. At the end of the week, the participants took a post-test which according to Mr. Nablo showed remarkable progress.

One of the highlights of the training

was the focus group discussion and individual reporting.

The participants had the chance to share their best practices and stories during the sharing. Ms. Daisy Womack, a teacher participant from Nett Elementary School said, “I think it’s really good for us to gather around and discuss. Some of the things I

really don’t get, so when we sit down and discuss the topic it really makes things clearer”. She found Bandura’s theory the hardest among the topics discussed. “I don’t know how to use that because I’m not really familiar with it, but maybe if I study more on it, I can think of ways to use it in my class”.

Ms. Benceley Ioanis Abraham, PDOE Mathematics Specialist, as a facilitator said, “I don’t think any of the topics is not important. Everything is okay”. She said that the participants were eager to learn and expressed wishes for the best of luck for participants and urged them to try their best.



If teachers don’t pass the test, they can take it the following year. “There is no provision yet on how many times the teacher can take the test. There is no limit as of now. There will be another chance for you”, said Mr. Nablo.

The facilitators were Ms. Laura Shed, PDOE Social Studies Specialist; Ms. Benceley Ioanis Abraham, PDOE Mathematics Specialist; Mr. Dean Anthony Likor, PDOE Science Specialist; Mr. Remenster Jonah, PDOE LA Specialist; Ms. Meryda Inos, Health Specialist; Mr. Evenger Waltu, Pohnpei Studies Specialist; Ms. Mayleen Wichep, IQBE, COM-FSM; and Mr. John Nablo, Teacher Training Coordinator.

Authority wants to hear peoples’ views on the proposed new telecommunication and spectrum rules

FSM Telecommunication Regulation Authority

The newly established FSM Telecommunication Regulation Authority wants to hear peoples’ views on the proposed new telecommunication and spectrum rules.

The Authority was established by Congress to develop rules that promote effective competition as well as to protect the interest of consumers, and then to ensure that the telecommunication providers abide by the rules.

“Our first priority is to establish the rules that will govern the telecommunication companies – both FSMTC and the cable operator FSMTCC – as well as any new providers that might want to operate in the FSM. We have today put out a first draft for consultation”, the Authority Chair and CEO Mr Takuro Akinaga said.

The Authority acknowledges that much of the proposed rules cover technical areas which will be of primary interest to the telecommunication operators – the requirement for operators to be licensed, the rules relating to how competing operators can access each other’s infrastructure to ensure that customers can get efficiently priced services, and the rules governing the use and allocation of phone numbers so that phone numbers were available for a new provider and its potential customers. However, the Authority notes there are matters that should be of interest to the people of FSM.

“Our proposed rules address a matter that we know people are often concerned about when thinking about competition in the FSM, and that is whether a new provider could provide services in only the most profitable part of FSM and not the other areas where FSMTC provide services. We are proposing a ‘no cherry

picking’ rule – if a provider wants to provide mobile services in Pohnpei it must provide similar services on the main islands in Chuuk, Yap and on Kosrae”, Mr Akinaga said.

“We are also proposing to establish basic consumer service standards that any customer is entitled to receive – for example, clear and concise billing invoices that accurately reflect the services the customer has used over that billing period, and a requirement that every telecommunication operator must have complaints resolution processes with its customers and these can be monitored by the Authority to ensure they operate effectively”, Mr. Akinaga said.

The Authority will be funded through license related fees charged to telecommunication operators and spectrum holders. The proposed fees have been benchmarked against similar

regulator structures in other Pacific nations and compare well. “The TRA is committed to being a lean and cost effective organization, but nonetheless we will need fees to undertake our role and we think the proposed fees are as low as we can set them, if we are to advance the long term interests of consumers”, Mr. Akinaga said.

“We’re calling for the people of FSM to share their thoughts with us. We have released a summary paper available Consultation Document and a comment form which can be filled out and sent to the Authority <http://tra.fm/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Consultation-Document.pdf#page=26> .

Submissions should be emailed to consultations@tra.fm

The deadline for feedback is 5pm on 24 July 2019.”

Priority Flat Rate shipping boxes to return to FSM Post Offices, Faichuk Post Office in development

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—One of the outcomes of a June 2019 meeting between the Postal Service of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Postal Service of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Postal Service of the Republic of Palau, and the U.S. Postal Service in Honolulu is the return of priority flat rate shipping boxes to the Freely Associated States including the FSM. The Honorable Ginger Porter Mida, Postmaster General of the FSM, updated His Excellency David W. Panuelo with

this news in a June 27th 2019 letter and a July 2nd 2019 meeting that also included updates on other forthcoming and ongoing projects and activities within the Postal Service.

“We’re just waiting for the order [of boxes] to arrive,” said Postmaster General Mida. “All the Freely Associated States are getting [priority flat rate shipping boxes] back.”

Priority flat rate shipping boxes offer a standardized size that, regardless of a given box’s weight, costs the same to ship to other

post offices in the FSM or throughout the United States. This will assist citizens of the FSM in shipping goods to and from family members living in the U.S., and will have a pronounced effect on decreasing the cost of shipping goods for the citizens who can least afford it.

Postmaster General Mida advised that the U.S. Postal Service has re-committed to its partnership with the Postal Service of the FSM. “We have an excellent new team in the U.S.,” the Postmaster General said. This team includes, but is not limited

to, Postmaster of the Pacific Region Greg Wonly, based in Honolulu; Freemont M. Rigel, Executive Director of the U.S. Postal Service’s International Strategy & Business Development Support; and Dawn Johnson and Richard Jones, both International Operations Specialists in the U.S. Postal Service.

“This team is a fresh group that is going to be visiting our islands, seeing the movement of our mail, and how we are doing our

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Title: LIVELIHOODS CHUUK COORDINATOR
Closing Date: July 22, 2019

The Livelihoods Chuuk Coordinator (LCC) reports directly to the Livelihoods Project Manager (LPM). Together the LPM and LCC are responsible for coordinating Coconut for Life (C4L) projects in FSM and other projects secured by the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) as part of the accomplishment of the overarching goal and associated milestones and activities for Impact Area C of the MCT Strategic Action Plan (SAP) 2019-2021, Sustainable Livelihoods. The LPM and LCC will assume direct responsibility for this livelihoods project, C4L specifically.



Initial focus activities – Vital Corp. Coconuts for Life Project (C4L):

The overall goal of the C4L project is to provide sustainable agricultural trade and improve the living standards of communities through local socio-political structures and institutions that utilize the modified Participant Guarantee System (PGS) Framework. Activities and responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Ensure that all C4L activities in Chuuk or wherever he/she might be assigned to adhere to the MCT Gender, Social and Environmental Risk Management policies and associated processes.
- Work with LPM liaises with Vital C4L project team to achieve program/project goals.
- Work with LPM review the PGS materials and provide appropriate inputs to contextualize tool kit to fit Chuuk’s context.
- Receive training materials on the delivery of PGS implementation activities in order lead delivery of the said training activities for farmers groups Chuuk and other FSM states if needed.
- Assist with any future program rollout of C4L activities as the program expands to the other states.
- Lead/facilitate the development and implementation of monitoring and evaluation plans for C4L and other related community programs, including establishment of community development priorities in Chuuk and other states if needed.
- Lead the implementation of the PGS formation, registration, and participation in the C4L trade for communities in Chuuk and the other states if needed.
- Provide Business Support Service training for established PGS farmer groups in Chuuk and in other states if needed.
- Assist the C4Life Project Team to test the PGS materials/tools in Chuuk and continue to make improvements as appropriate.
- Based on lessons learned from Pohnpei site models, improve on those lessons learned and begin to engage communities in Chuuk, starting from Tonoas.
- Conduct PGS trainings for those communities who are ready to receive them.
- Carry out due diligence assessments with the PGS groups to gauge their progress towards achieving maturity index.
- Develop and propose a 1 year schedule of community outreach, engagement and training.
- In line with MCT’s Strategic Plan explore potential opportunities to further expand, support and assist in the development of MCT’s Sustainable Livelihoods Program.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Education: Advanced university degree in environmental fields, Environmental Economics, Business Administration or similar field.
Experience: At least 5 years of relevant experience in development work, which should include project management and community outreach.
Managerial skills Excellent analytical and writing skills
 Excellent teamwork and people management skills.
 Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
 Good negotiation and problem-solving skills.
 Ability to work independently and manage time and priorities.
Language requirements: Speak and write fluently in both English and Chuukese.
IT skills Proficiency in standard computer software (word-processing, excel, presentations, databases and internet)

SALARY AND BENEFITS:

This is a professional level position. MCT offers modest assistance with relocation if needed as Chuuk State is the required duty station. The LCC will also be eligible for MCT’s other benefits including, health and life insurance and retirement plan. Salary will depend on experience and qualifications and will be negotiated upon selection. MCT offers salaries comparable to, or higher than, other employers of its type in Micronesia.

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U.S. Embassy hosts 243rd Independence Day commemoration with a salute to veterans

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July 4, 2019

Pohnpei—On the day marking the signing of the Declaration of Independence of the United States from British colonization, the US Embassy in Kolonia, Pohnpei hosted a grand celebration.

The commemoration began with a somber ceremony at the Pohnpei International Arrivals lounge where the photos of FSM citizens who have died while on active service with the US Armed Forces are displayed. A phalanx of US Navy sailors stood by as honor guards during the ceremony. FSM veterans of US Armed Forces were also in attendance along with many other spectators and dignitaries.

US Ambassador to the FSM Robert Riley gave brief remarks reminding the many who were gathered that those who had fallen had paid the ultimate price to preserve values that are important to both the United States and to the FSM, in particular the defense of human rights for all.

In a moving moment, wreaths were

placed on stands in front of each fallen soldier's photograph. Some of those who placed wreaths were relatives of the fallen. Kosrae Lt. Governor Arthy Nena placed the wreath in honor of Sergeant Sapuro Nena. Pohnpei Veterans Association President Eugene Kohler placed the wreath in honor of Sergeant Jerome Firtamag. Pohnpei State Governor Marcelo Peterson placed the wreath in honor of Specialist Eric Finniginam. Flora Loney placed the wreath in honor of Sergeant Youvert Loney. US Ambassador Robert Riley placed the wreath in honor of Specialist Cwislyn Walter. FSM President David W. Panuelo placed the wreath in honor of Sergeant Iosiwo Uruo. Leilani Paul placed the wreath in honor

of Private First Class Henry Paul. FSM Congress Speaker Wesley Simina placed the wreath in honor of Specialist Derece Weilbacher Jack. Pohnpei Lt. Governor Reed Oliver placed the wreath in honor of Staff Sergeant Steven Bayow. Perpetua Soram placed the wreath in honor of Sergeant Skipper Soram.

Police escorted veterans, US and FSM Government officials in a motorcade from the airport to the US Embassy Compound. Hundreds of people joined them there for a celebration of the US's 243rd birthday. It was announced as "A Salute to Veterans".

CDR Stewart Peter, Commander of the

FSM Surveillance and Maritime Wing prayed the opening prayer. The FSM and US National Anthems were performed by the "Tradewinds Woodwind Quintet" of the U.S. Pacific Fleet Navy Band based in Oahu, a fine ensemble consisting of flute, oboe, French horn, bassoon and clarinet.

US Ambassador to the FSM Robert A. Riley the III gave the opening remarks, a history of the United States and its human rights values. His remarks were followed by remarks from FSM President David W. Panuelo. Pohnpei Governor Marcelo Peterson's remarks followed. Pohnpei State Veterans Association Eugene Kohler gave special guest remarks in which he implored the U.S. Government not to forget their veterans from the FSM. Bernie Suzuki served as Master of Ceremonies.

While attendees lined up en masse for picnic style food, the Tradewinds Woodwind Quintet and the Tradewinds Combo provided entertainment.

U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission Heather Coble gave closing remarks.



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work—as agreed in the Compact of Free Association,” Postmaster General Mida said. “They’re going to help us...which will be beneficial to us, because our mail is actually considered U.S. domestic mail.”

Postmaster General Mida also briefed President Panuelo on ongoing projects to improve postal services within the FSM, including the development of a Post Office in the Faichuk region of Chuuk State. Faichuk alone has a greater population than either Kosrae State or Yap State, and its residents must travel multiple hours via boat to the Post Office in Weno. Thus, the presence of a Post Office in Faichuk will assist underserved citizens’ access to these essential services.

“We already purchased a piece of land in Faichuk for the FSM National Government’s development area, and the Post Office is [a priority],” Postmaster General Mida said.

The Postmaster General also informed President Panuelo that the Postal Service will soon have scanning machines for ensuring the security of incoming and outgoing mail, and that the substation in Weno is being reassigned and rebuilt.

State charges against Iso Nahnken of Nett twice dismissed for failure to respond to defense motions

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

July 5, 2019

Pohnpei—Charges filed by Pohnpei State prosecutors against Salvador Iriarte, Iso Nahnken of Nett alleging criminal solicitation based on a speech he gave in 2018 on the disputed grounds of the Pohnpei Public Market have twice been dismissed by the Pohnpei Supreme Court. The Iso Nahnken gave the speech on the day that “alleged squatters” expected to be forcibly removed from the grounds on the basis of a notice to vacate.

Prosecutors charged that the Iso Nahnken commanded the alleged “squatters” to remain on the disputed land which the prosecutor claimed amounted to a person of influence and power directing underlings to break the

law.

On February 8, 2019, Iso Nahnken’s attorney filed a motion to dismiss for failure to charge an offense. The State had a certain amount of time to reply to the motion. When the prosecutor failed to meet the deadline, the court dismissed the case.

Prosecutors filed a motion to reconsider the dismissal saying among other things that at the time of the deadline he was in Chuuk participating in a seminar to prepare him to pass the FSM bar exam. Iso Nahnken’s attorney argued against the motion to reconsider. On March 29, 2019, the Court agreed.

“...the Court extends its utmost respect to the Prosecutor for his hard work in prosecuting criminal matters for the people of Pohnpei. The Court is now

aware of his large caseload. However, due process and the procedural rules that ensure its standards are satisfied are sacrosanct and cannot be suspended because criminal defendants must be afforded their full rights to defend themselves. Due Process requires that in order to strip a criminal defendant of his liberty, the State in its prosecution must practically meet every burden, prove every element, comply with every rule, and satisfy every procedural requirement before a defendant can be stripped of his liberty. The State satisfying all the procedural steps due to a defendant prior to the Court stripping a defendant of his liberty is the heart of Due Process in a criminal prosecution,” the order denying the motion to reconsider dismissal said. There was not analysis in that one page order of the issues of whether or not the State had failed to charge an offense.

No trial on the merits of the charges had taken place, the dismissal was without prejudice. On April 8, 2019, the prosecutor filed essentially the same charges against the Iso Nahnken that it had filed in 2018. The Iso Nahnken’s attorney again filed a motion to dismiss claiming that the prosecution had failed to charge an offense.

Again, the prosecutor failed to respond to the motion in time and June 7, 2019, the Court again ordered the new case to be dismissed. This time, however, Associate Justice Erwine Hadley Nanpei also issued an opinion on the filed motion to dismiss.

“Criminal solicitation is a specific intent crime. The State must allege and prove that the defendant acted with the specific intent ‘to promote or facilitate the commission of a crime.’ Nothing in the (criminal) information suggests that any fact or allegation meeting the specific intent requirement has been alleged.

“In light of the lack of alleging any specific intent and the Prosecution’s consent to the motion by failing to file an opposition, the motion (to dismiss) is GRANTED,” the ruling said.

The Court’s ruling does not rise to the level of a trial on the merits of the case and is therefore also dismissed without prejudice.

“It is extremely troubling to see that Pohnpei State Government appears intent on continuing to file charges against Iso Nahnken of Nett for criminal solicitation without proper grounds for doing so,” the Iso Nahnken’s attorney said. “This appears to simply be an abuse of prosecution powers to harass Iso Nahnken of Nett, not for any crime he has committed, but for carrying out his customary and traditional obligations, which are protected under Article 5 of Constitutions of Pohnpei State and the Federated States of Micronesia...Even though it has been preferable to have these cases dismissed outright by the Court, it should be noted that Iso Nahnken had full confidence that a full trial on the merits would have shown that Pohnpei State’s allegations were baseless as well.”

President Panuelo Discusses REAL ID and Compact of Free Association with Governor Ige of the State of Hawaii

FSM Information Services

HONOLULU, Hawaii—On June 25th 2019 His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), was received by the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor of the U.S. State of Hawaii in a courtesy call to discuss drivers licenses and the Compact of Free Association, among other topics.

“Thank you so much for your letter about the REAL ID issue,” President Panuelo began, referring to a June 5th, 2019 letter written by Governor Ige to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security about the difficulty citizens of the FSM are facing in obtaining drivers licenses. Governor Ige’s letter included a request to expedite the processing of Employment Authorization Documents (EADs)—a requirement for REAL ID licenses. “And thank you for hosting our citizens in your State.”

“I’m very much concerned about the REAL ID challenge,” said Governor Ige. “I’m hoping to help facilitate a solution.” President Panuelo noted his sincere appreciation for Governor Ige’s support for citizens of the FSM living in Hawaii.

“We’re committed to doing our part,” said Governor Ige, with respect to endorsing programs and organizations that serve Micronesians in Hawaii, such as the non-profit We Are Oceania.

After discussing the FSM’s approach to beginning negotiations on the Compact of Free Association, President Panuelo said “I understand that any migrant population in any society bring with them challenges based on cultural, linguistic, financial, and other differences.”

“That includes our population of FSM citizens moving to Hawaii for education, employment, and other reasons,” President Panuelo continued. “So I want you to know that I support you and the State of Hawaii as it works to determine what it needs from Compact Impact.”

Compact Impact funding is sourced from the U.S. Department of Interior and is intended to augment U.S. communities’ capacity to serve migrants hailing from the FSM, and/or the Republic of Palau and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, with the same quality of service, and the same dignity and respect, given to other residents.

The meeting ended on a positive note, with President Panuelo advising that, in the upcoming Micronesian Islands Forum (to be held in the State of Chuuk on July 10th-11th, 2019), he intends to address common regional issues and solicit support from all stakeholders in developing practical and satisfying solutions. President Panuelo also reminded Governor Ige that he has a standing invitation to visit the FSM when his schedule allows him to do so.

“I do want to get there [someday],” Governor Ige said.

The State of Hawaii is home to the largest community of citizens of the FSM living within the U.S., with slightly over the population of the State of Yap.



President Panuelo applauds Micronesian NGO “We Are Oceania” for its service to citizens, advocates for partnership between Government & Non-Government Organizations

FSM Information Services

HONOLULU, Hawaii—On June 25th 2019 His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), met with Ms. Josie Howard, Program Director of the non-profit organization We Are Oceania (WAO), along with her staff. President Panuelo wanted to learn more about the Micronesian-owned and operated non-profit, including how the organization presently services citizens of the FSM living in the State of Hawaii, and what services citizens already residing abroad need more support in, with the foundational goal of beginning to build powerful relationships between the FSM National Government and Non-Government Organizations.

“I read about WAO on social media and in [news organizations like Honolulu Civil Beat], and I’ve realized that your force is very good here in Hawaii,” President Panuelo began. “I just visited Governor Ige and I assured him that this administration wants to work with him to address regional issues we all share, including migration from the FSM to Hawaii.... I want to learn more about what you do that is so meaningful to our citizens, [including to explore] the possibility of the Government partnering with you and other Micronesian non-profits.”

Program Director Howard explained that, since her arrival in Hawaii in 1989, more citizens of the FSM today migrate outside for employment, medical care, and familial unity, compared with previous decades.

“But when we come here, there are challenges,” said Program Director Howard, who spoke at length about broader challenges—such as linguistic and cultural barriers—and specific challenges, ranging from issues accessing Med-QUEST (the State of Hawaii’s program for the provision of health and medical coverage for low-income adults and children) to issues with acquiring and maintaining housing.

WAO’s mission is “to empower Micronesians in Hawai’i to navigate success while honoring the integrity of our diverse heritage,” with core values including “empowerment, compassion, unity, respect” and “serving with humility.”

Program Director Howard provided multiple examples to President Panuelo of how WAO’s mission is implemented, and perhaps one that moved the President most was about a citizen of the FSM who was simultaneously injured and homeless at no fault of his own—but who now has a home and a job.

“We found a homeless man [from the FSM] with a broken leg,” said Program Director Howard. “We didn’t know what happened to him—and he didn’t remember! So we...started helping him; we got connected to police reports, and figured out that he got hit while crossing the street. [So he] ended up in the emergency room...[and after] they treated him, they just let him go. He had nowhere to go with a broken leg.”

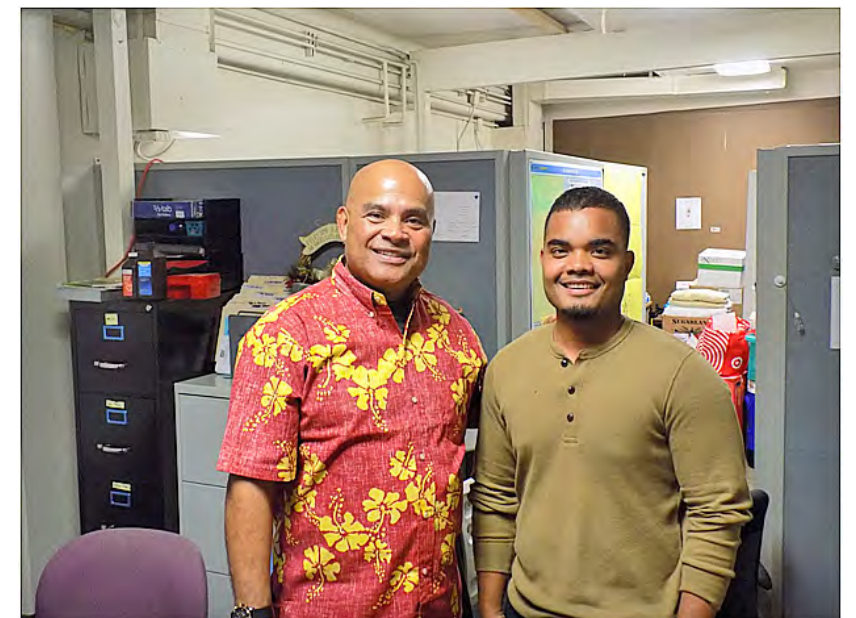
“He stayed outside [on the streets] for six months,” Program Director Howard continued. “But now he’s working and he has a home.”

Program Director Howard explained that, in addition to paid employees hailing from across the FSM States and other countries, such as the Republic of the Marshall Islands, college students and volunteers comprised a vital core of their service-capacity to integrate citizens into the United States.

“That’s a beautiful briefing and a deeply moving story,” said President Panuelo. “It’s not enough to read it...coming in to listen to you in person is the way to learn what you’ve done. So I really thank you for your passion and caring and love you embrace while serving our citizens.”

“We want to follow what you’re doing,” President Panuelo continued. Noting that WAO serves citizens hailing from across the Freely Associated States, President Panuelo advised WAO that he will invest time and energy into how the FSM National Government and FSM State Governments, in addition to partners such as the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau, can work together with non-profit organizations to support citizens abroad. “I’m interested to know how Government can participate.”

The President intends to bring up multiple topics, including migration from the Freely Associated States to the United States, at the upcoming Micronesian Islands Forum, held in the State of Chuuk from July 10th to 11th 2019. The President is particularly interested in determining how Governments and Non-Government Organizations can provide superior services to citizens both before and after they migrate outward, including how to incentivize the promotion of skilled citizens returning to the FSM.



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President Panuelo takes precautions in the U.S. effort to deport illegal and undocumented immigrants in the United States

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei – The Administration of President David W. Panuelo is taking note and keeping a close tab on the current developments in the United States on efforts to deport illegal and undocumented immigrants. The recent announcement by the White House on its upcoming efforts to deport undocumented and illegal immigrants from the United States prompted President Panuelo to direct the Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the three Consulates in the United States to take precautionary measures in addressing any potential misunderstandings that can mistakenly affect citizens of the FSM, who otherwise live and reside in the United States legally under provisions of the Compact of Free Association. The Trump Administration is still working closely with the U.S. Congress on its

current efforts.

President Panuelo is concerned if citizens of the FSM, who are otherwise legal non-immigrants in the United States, will get tangled up in these ongoing crackdowns on illegal and undocumented immigrants. In a recent report by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) “Fiscal Year 2018 Entry/Exit Overstay Report”, the FSM is listed as having a number of overstays. The Panuelo Administration is concerned over the report and is trying to get to the bottom of it to understand the overstays, particularly in light of its citizens having the privilege to enter the United States on a visa-free basis for indefinite duration. Toward this effort, the Embassy of the FSM in D.C. is currently in consultations with the U.S. Department of State on the report and on any potential fallout that can affect its citizens if and when the massive deportations for illegal

and undocumented immigrants do take place.

The Panuelo Administration, through the FSM Embassy in D.C. and the three Consulates, would like to encourage all citizens residing in the United States to remain calm and refrain from unacceptable behaviors that can cause undesired consequences such as deportation, and to continue to live as law-abiding citizens in the United States. Should any citizens have any questions regarding this matter or encounter any issues relating to the issue, please do feel free to contact the Office of the President in Palikir, the FSM Embassy in D.C., or the nearest FSM Consulate in Portland, Hawaii, and Guam.

16th Ministerial Pacific Island Forum Fisheries Committee adopts Strategic Development Plan, sets minimum labor conditions for fishing crew; FSM to chair FFC for next twelve months

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—The conclusion of the 16th Ministerial Pacific Island Forum Fisheries Committee (FFC) Meeting has led to significant gains in regional cooperation for the betterment of fisheries throughout the Pacific, including adoption of a new strategic development plan, New Zealand’s ratification of the Niue Treaty Subsidiary Agreement, and regionally agreed-upon minimum terms and conditions in labor conditions for crew working on foreign fishing vessels, among other outcomes. The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) is set to chair the FFC for the coming year.

As the FFC primarily focuses on tuna fisheries, in addition to the 16th Ministerial FFC Meeting was the development, and first implementation of, the Regional Fisheries Ministers Meeting (RFMM), which focuses on coastal fisheries and aquaculture. Some example successes include approval for the Terms of Reference for the RFMM, and multilateral support for various cooperation initiatives.

Following the 16th Ministerial FFC Meeting, the Honorable Dr.

Manumatavai Tupou-Roosen, Director-General of the Pacific Island Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) was received by His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the FSM, in a courtesy call.

“I must congratulate you for all the work you do,” President Panuelo said. “Thank you for picking [the FSM] to be the host for this meeting... our Secretary of the [Department of Resources & Development] will be taking the Chair to carry on the torch.”

“We stand with you to maximize economic and environmental benefits,” said Director-General Tupou-Roosen, emphasizing the importance of genuine collaboration and transparency. “[FFA] is a member-driven organization.”

Director-General Tupou-Roosen requested that President Panuelo present to the Pacific Islands Forum in the Republic of Tuvalu in August 2019 the recent outcomes of the 16th Ministerial FFC Meeting, as well as the 110th FFC Meeting held in May 2019, to the attending nations. President Panuelo agreed to the request.

“I really believe that fisheries and their

issues are so important...they must be a part of our Pacific Islands Forum,” President Panuelo said. “As President of the FSM...I look forward to doing what I can to help.”

Citizens interested in reading the full Statement of Outcomes from the 16th FFC Ministerial Meeting can find it here: https://pio.gov.fm/files/FFCMIN_16_

Ministers_Communique_19062019.pdf

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Pictured Above: The Honorable Dr. Manumatavai Tupou-Roosen, Director-General of the Pacific Island Forum Fisheries Agency; His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia



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Yap Visitors Bureau has announced “A Taste of Yap” Festival Event

Yap Visitors Bureau

Colonia, Yap—Yap Visitors Bureau will hold a “A taste of Yap” event on Friday August 30, 2019, starting at noon. The event, which will be held at the Yap Living History Museum Grounds, will showcase the local foods of Yap, plus art and handicraft items for sale. The festival will also provide individuals and groups with the opportunity to sell and showcase local foods of the island, plus art and handicraft items.

The inaugural event is being held during Manta Ray Bay Resort’s annual MantaFest (www.mantafest.com) which brings together amateur and professional photographers from all over the world. “A Taste of Yap combined with MantaFest is a great opportunity for more visitors to learn about the culture about Yap” said Don Evans, general manager of Yap Visitors Bureau.

There will be traditional dances, plus other local entertainment and various vendor booths. The Museum grounds will open at 12:00 noon for the public to visit the various booths and exhibits, and the evening program will start at 5:30 PM. There will be a traditional dance at 6 PM and another dance at 9:00 PM. Victorian style streetlamps are currently being installed on the museum grounds that will provide additional lighting for the nighttime event. The festival will conclude at 10:00 PM.



The Republic of Singapore requests FSM’s support in its Re-Election to the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, offers capacity building in return

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On July 2nd 2019 His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), received His Excellency Yap Ong Heng, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore and Senior Advisor at the Ministry of Transport. Special Envoy Yap was sent to present President Panuelo a letter from His Excellency Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, to formally request the FSM’s support in Singapore’s re-election bid to the United Nations’ Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) during the 40th ICAO session to be held in Montreal, Canada from the 24th of September to the 4th of October, 2019.

“We appreciate that the FSM has supported us for all [ICAO] elections,” Special Envoy Yap began. “We would appreciate the FSM’s continued support [at the 40th ICAO session].”

Special Envoy Yap described how Singapore became world-renowned for its comprehensive aviation industry, how Singapore’s service in the ICAO has positively contributed to other countries,

and how Singapore can help the FSM specifically in building the Nation’s aviation capacity.

“We’ve trained about 50 aviation officials from the FSM, and most of them came to [Singapore Aviation Academy] with fellowships provided by the Singapore Government,” Special Envoy Yap said. “This is an area we would like to continue cooperation on, even enhance cooperation on.”

President Panuelo responded by firstly emphasizing that the FSM sees Singapore as a model of development for the world, to include small island developing states, and secondly by informing Special Envoy Yap of his decision regarding the ICAO candidature.

“We’ll be working with our Department of Foreign Affairs and Mission to the United Nations...so I can give you our assurance that we’ll give it a measure of consideration, and look into [supporting Singapore’s ICAO candidature] seriously,” said President Panuelo.

“We don’t take the support of our friends for granted,” said Special Envoy Yap. “We constantly encourage our airlines to consider opportunities [for expanding

service to new destinations], and during our short visit here we’ve seen a lot of potential...I think Singapore tourists will want to come [visit the FSM].”

Special Envoy Yap specifically advised that Singapore is willing to explore opportunities to improve the FSM’s aviation capacity. “We [are] prepared to provide advice and consultancy...we have the expertise and experience, and would be very much keen to share with the FSM.”

“We’ll take note of that as our administration starts to move,” replied President Panuelo. “Thank you so much for that...let’s continue to keep our relations active, and I look forward to meeting you again in the future.”

The FSM is dedicated towards producing positive and peaceful relationships with all countries and peoples throughout the world. The FSM and Singapore have had formal diplomatic relations with one another since August 26th, 1991, and signed an Open Skies Agreement (OSA) on April 28th, 2014. The OSA allows for Singapore-based or code-shared airlines to travel within the FSM’s airspace and vice-versa.

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All proposals shall be accepted starting on July 08, 2019 closing on July 22, 2019 no later than 4:00PM.

Pohnpei Port Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals received in connection with this proposing request.

Additional information regarding this proposal request can be obtained from the office of the General Manager Mr. Pius Roby email address: pbroby@mail.fm or the Marketing division of Pohnpei Port Authority, Dekehtik, Pohnpei State, Mr. Luciano Abraham email at address: 1485sano1957@gmail.com or by calling telephone No: 320-2793 or 320-2682 for more info.

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- FSM Development Bank will consider all offers for purchase of the parcels. Offers may be made for one or both of the parcels.
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- Title to the parcels will be conveyed through a deed of conveyance issued by the FSM Development Bank. The purchaser must be qualified to hold ownership title to land in the Federated States of Micronesia.
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