



## FSM and Palau affirm joint telecommunication improvement through submarine cable system

FSM Information Services

October 1, 2013

**Koror, Republic of Palau** - The Republic of Palau (RoP) and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) signed a joint communique to proceed with a Palau-FSM Submarine Cable System.

The independent Broadband Task Force established by the two Governments has agreed to proceed with a joint Palau-FSM SCS during a two-day meeting with officials from The World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

The Communique is a Government to Government (G2G) framework which establishes the basis for moving forward with a joint submarine cable system project which will provide substantial telecommunications capacity for Palau and the Yap State of the Federated States of Micronesia.

The FSM Delegation was led by Mr. Francis Itimai, Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure and comprised of members of the FSM SFOC Broadband Task Force

including the Governor of Yap State and Speaker of the Yap State Legislature. The Palau Delegation was led by Rinehart Silas, the Deputy Chief of Staff for the RoP.

The meeting consisted of joint meetings with representatives from the two countries, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the FSM Telecommunications Corporation, the Palau National Communications, Polyconsul, the Pacific Regional Regulatory Resource Center, consultants, and the O3B satellite vendor. There were FSM-Palau G2G meetings that enabled the two countries to discuss their specific and joint interests.

Secretary Francis Itimai, Chair of the FSM Broadband and Telecommunications Task Force, said that "the meeting was important and produced a framework for moving forward with a submarine cable system project which will truly help to substantially improve the telecommunications capacity for the State of Yap." He also expressed gratitude to the World Bank and ADB saying, "I would like to thank the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank for their financial and technical assistance to improve telecommunications in the FSM."

The World Bank announced at the Micronesian Presidents Summit in July 2013 that approximately \$40 million would be made available in grant funding to implement a broadband submarine cable system for the FSM. Additionally, the World Bank is making available funding for planning and implementation of a reform of the telecommunications sector which would provide for other telecommunication companies to operate in the FSM, put in place a special purpose vehicle to manage off-island telecommunications, and create an independent regulator for this industry.

The project preparation documents will need to be completed in February 2014 so that funding under "IDA-16" with the World Bank can be approved in June 2014.

President Mori has transmitted a Resolution to Congress for the acceptance of the \$500,000 World Bank grant along with a bill to address the conditions required by the World Bank. These conditions derived from evidence-based studies showing that a liberalized telecommunications sector results in social and economic benefits for countries.

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## FSM's new Compact fund distribution formula becomes law without signature

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The new distribution formula for Compact funds to the FSM has become a public law (PL No. 18-12) pursuant to Article IX Section 22 of the FSM Constitution.

The Congressional Act changes the distribution formula of Compact funds by reducing the share of the National Government from 10% to 5% and increasing those of the States.

Congress passed the new formula as Congressional Act No. 18-12 on September 14, two days after opening the Second Regular Session.

In a transmittal letter of September 27 to FSM Speaker Dohsis Halbert signed by Vice President Alik L. Alik, some "practical difficulties" and defects of the new formula were brought up, while also highlighting that the Congressional Act itself "is clearly deficient".

One defect in the Congressional Act referred to in the letter to Speaker Halbert was that the formula, originating from an EPIC Resolution #2005-3-01, as well as certain languages of Title 55 Sections 303 and 306 of the FSM Code relate to a distribution inclusive of ALL Compact grants. Yet, although not supported by the language of the amending Act itself, Speaker Halbert on September 25 indicated that the intent of Congress was

not to include Supplemental Education Grant in the new formula. Hence, there appears to be a lack of clarity on what the intent of Congress is.

"Pursuant to the Budget Procedures Act of 1981, in April 2013 the President submitted to Congress the proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Budget including the Compact Budget Request. Congress acted on that submission through Congressional Resolution No. 18-29."

At the very least, the amendment changes established official action on the proposed budget concurred to by Congress as previously shown.

Referring to the decision to suddenly

implement a new distribution, the letter also emphasized how such distribution is a disruptive fundamental change to works developed over months of planning and consultation.

"It is impossible to recreate a responsible and realistic budget for the National Government in just a matter of few days. Precisely, the Budget Procedures Act was enacted in order to avoid haste in enacting a national budget."

Congress has been urged to "revisit the legal defects" and "correct them as soon as possible". Unless extended, the 20-day regular session will end on Tuesday, October 1st.

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## FSM budget bill becomes law

By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

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**Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM**—Unlike the U.S. government, FSM's Congress passed a budget bill for governmental operations in time for the beginning of Fiscal Year 2014. They sent the bill to President Mori on the afternoon of September 26, four days before the end of the 2013 fiscal year. President Mori signed it on September 30, avoiding a shutdown of the FSM government.

Of the \$54.3 million in budget projections sent over to Congress from the President's office, Congress appropriated \$45.2 million, leaving over \$7 million of projected revenues unappropriated. Of the \$45.2 million that Congress appropriated, President Mori line-item vetoed \$5 million earmarked for the FSM Trust Fund "because of the added condition of the funding as explained in the Standing Committee Report No. 18-37, W&M, September 24, 2013, which is to distribute this fund equally among the five governments."

"I proposed the passage of Congressional Bill No. 18-10 for the establishment of a unified trust fund for the Federated States of Micronesia in order to prepare the nation in the event of catastrophic disasters," President Mori said in his Presidential Statement on the signing of Congressional Act No. 18-18 (the budget bill). "That bill remains pending in Congress. The FSM Trust Fund envisioned in the bill will introduce clarity and purpose of the existing trust fund, which will be transitioned into the new FSM Trust Fund. Furthermore, the new trust fund is necessary in order to prepare the nation for available funding from the United Nations and international partners for climate change mitigation and adaptation programs. The appropriation for trust fund in this Congressional Act not only contradicts Congressional Bill No. 18-10, it is incompatible with potential climate change funding mentioned above that usually comes with strings attached. Requiring donors to observe sub-account arrangements is counter-productive. I therefore urge Congress to immediately consider the passage of Congressional Bill No. 18-10 and thereafter appropriate deposits into the Trust Fund."

The Congress website lists the new law and includes the appropriation for the trust fund which indicates that they quickly overrode the President's veto. Their Public Information Officer verified that was the case.

## Marshalls, FSM: Investment but no health, education progress

PACNEWS

October 1, 2013

**Majuro (Marianas Variety)** - After 10 years of focusing Compact funding on health and education, neither the Marshall Islands nor the Federated States of Micronesia "can demonstrate progress toward health and education goals," said the author of the U.S. Government Accountability Office report on the Compacts issued earlier this month.

"At the midpoint of the 20-year amended Compact's term, the FSM and RMI face critical challenges in Compact implementation," said GAO Director of International Affairs and Trade David Gootnick. "During the first 10 years, both countries spent the majority of their funds on education and health. However, in large part because of data gaps, neither country can demonstrate progress toward its health and education goals."

The GAO report, titled "Micronesia and the Marshall Islands Continue to Face Challenges Measuring Progress and Ensuring Accountability," says high spending of Compact funding on personnel working in health and education, coupled with the annual reduction in Compact funding, led JEMFAC to put a limit on how much Compact money can be used to pay salaries.

While the four FSM states completed plans to address annual decreases in Compact funding, neither the FSM national government nor the Marshall Islands have submitted plans to address these annual reductions as agreed, said GAO. "Without plans, the countries may not be able to sustain essential services in the education and health sectors in the future," GAO warned.

The new budget bill for fiscal year 2014 appropriated almost \$17 million for the operating expenses of the Executive Branch:

President's Office	\$ 696,064
Department of Foreign Affairs	\$4,227,234
Department of Treasury and Finance	\$1,718,350
Department of Resources and Development	\$ 856,179
Department of Transportation, Communications, and Infrastructure	\$2,695,785
(TC&I Contractual services costs \$1,534,874)	
Department of Health and Social Affairs	\$ 523,762
Department of Education	\$ 859,568
Department of Justice	\$2,954,008
(DOJ personnel costs \$2,185,029)	
Office of the Public Defender	\$ 891,094
Office of Statistics, Budget, Overseas Development Assistance and Compact Management	\$1,083,517
Office of Environment and Emergency Management	\$ 327,421
Office of National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation	\$ 123,679

For the Legislative Branch, Congress approved a total of \$3,305,228:

Speaker and Members	\$1,538,771
Staff Offices	\$1,276,457
Congress Delegation Offices	\$ 490,000
(Kosrae \$70,000 Pohnpei \$140,000 Chuuk \$210,000 Yap \$70,000)	

Congress appropriated \$1,269,533 for the operating expenses of the National Judicial Branch.

For the Office of the Public Auditor it appropriated \$701,849.

For Operating Expenses of Agencies of the National Government Congress appropriated \$1,859,828.

National Oceanic Resource Management Authority	\$ 424,763
Board of Regents (COM-FSM)	\$ 105,000
Coconut Development Authority	\$ 116,974
FSM Banking Board	\$ 192,413
FSM Insurance Board	\$ 224,064
FSM Postal Services	\$ 796,614

They appropriated \$349,956 for the National Election Office.

Under "Grants, Subsidies and Contributions" Congress appropriated \$7,520,745. That amount covers a laundry list of membership fees in regional organizations. It also includes scholarships and aid to non-public schools.

Under the heading of Capital and Human Resources Development, Congress appropriated \$13,202,202. Those funds will be used for a variety of capital improvements, development programs, and projects and human resources development.

Under this heading, the College of Micronesia received \$3.8 million. One million was set aside for outer islands airport development.

The particular expenses are listed in the new law which can be found on the Congress website [www.fsmcongress.fm](http://www.fsmcongress.fm) under the measures tab for the 18th Congress. The new budget law is number 18-15.

In the final 10 years of amended compact sector funding, both countries need to plan for reduced grant resources and resolve the accountability issues that have plagued them to date, said Gootnick.

GAO expressed concern over the poor quality of indicators and data collected that are supposed to allow people to measure progress toward meeting goals in the heavily-funded health and education sectors.

Only one of 14 indicators used in FSM or the Marshall Islands to track progress in education "was capable of demonstrating progress," Gao said.

The only good indicator, according to the GAO, is the education level of teachers in Marshall Islands.

"The U.S.-FSM and U.S.-RMI joint management and accountability committees have also raised concerns about the reliability of FSM's education and health data and Marshall Islands' health data and required that each country obtain an independent assessment and verification of these data; both countries have yet to meet that requirement, and, as a result, neither country can determine its progress in these sectors."



**The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) seeks a qualified individual to fill the position of OEEM SPC Climate Change Coordinator supported through the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)'s European Union funded Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States (GCCA: PSIS) project based in the Office of Environment and Emergency Management (OEEM). This position supports the Director and the Division of Environment and Sustainable Development climate change program to implement the SPC GCCA: PSIS project and other SPC climate change projects in FSM.**

## Summary of Responsibilities:

Report to the Director, OEEM, and working closely with the National and State Governments of FSM, SPC, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), the Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP), and other stakeholders the incumbent will:

- Assist with the coordination of SPC climate change related activities for FSM and serve as national counterpart to the SPC-NPRO Climate Change Advisors. Facilitate collaborations between all relevant stakeholders including OEEM, Climate Change Country Team (CCCT), and others with the implementation of the GCCA: PSIS project and other SPC climate change activities in FSM.
- Provide technical support to the implementation of the FSM-SPC climate change work programs and plans of operation, including assisting CCCT members in monitoring and reporting on the implementation progress of the FSM SPC climate change programs, national plans of operation and reporting.
- Provide administrative assistance and facilitate relevant logistics and services for programmes, national and regional counterparts and visitors.
- Assist with informing stakeholders and members of the public on SPC climate change programs activities, initiatives, processes, and progress in FSM and when designated represent FSM-SPC climate change programs in national meetings, workshops, and fora.

## The Incumbent:

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a degree in Environment, Management or related field plus five (5) years of related work experience.

## Benefits:

An 18 month contract position with possible extension. Salary ranges from \$18,000.00 to \$25,000.00 depending upon the qualification and experience of the applicant.

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# FSM National Chamber completes 5 year strategic plan

## FSM Association of Chambers of Commerce

The FSM Association of Chambers of Commerce Board of Directors met in Pohnpei September 16-20, 2013, and tackled a host of issues ranging from the FSMACC logo to finalizing a comprehensive 5 year Strategic Plan.

FSM President Manny Mori, along with Congressman David Panuelo, opened the meeting and confirmed their commitment to supporting private sector development throughout the FSM and recognizing the contributions made by the National and State Chambers of Commerce.

FSMACC Board members in attendance included Herman Semis, Leon Senda, and Wilber Walter from Pohnpei, Witson Philip, Katrina Adams, and Movida Mumma from Kosrae, Redley Killion, Bill Stinnett, and Peter Ameriach from Chuuk and John W. K. Fillmed, Jeff Adalbai, and Jaylene Yilbuw from Yap. The Pohnpei State Small Business Development Center was the comfortable venue for this meeting.

Speakers who cycled through the SBD Center and provided educational and informative presentations included Marion Henry, FSM Secretary of R&D, plus R&D staff member Bert Bertrand and Camille Movick, Joe Harbuchmai, Vice President of the College of Micronesia, Cheryl Burkindine, Grants Management Specialist, U.S. Department of the Interior based at the U.S. Embassy in Pohnpei, Keven Camacho, Vice President & Chief Lending Officer with the Bank of Guam

The most significant work accomplished

by the FSMACC Board during the course of this meeting was the final review and approval of their 5 Year Strategic Plan that will support and guide the efforts of the National Chamber through 2019. This successful effort was only made possible through the gracious use of the Video Conference system at the FSM Petrol Corp Corporate Office in Pohnpei. With this technical assistance the FSMACC Members were able to communicate live with PIPSO funded adviser, Mr. Kevin Dwyer, and make the necessary adjustment to complete this Strategy Plan.

In addition to finalizing the 5 Year Strategic Plan, members worked on recruiting a new Executive Director for the FSMACC, the role of Small Business Development Centers in the FSM, finalized and approved Resolutions from the last FSMACC Chamber Meeting held in Yap State earlier this year.

As this meeting came to a close elections for new officers for the FSMACC took place and Katrina Adams (Kosrae) was elected President, replacing Redley Killion (Chuuk), John W. K. Fillmed (Yap) was elected Vice President, replacing Leon Senda (Pohnpei), Bill Stinnett (Chuuk) was elected Secretary, replacing Philip Rangabai (Yap), and Herman Semis (Pohnpei) was elected Treasurer, replacing Witson Phillip (Kosrae).

There is no schedule for the next FSMACC meeting at this time with the priority now being to establish the qualifications required for the new Executive Director and put the Job Announcement out so interested persons can apply.



# Madolenimhw communities spearhead Nanwap marine conservation effort

Conservation Society of Pohnpei

**Metipw, Madolenimhw** - Community members of Metipw and Lukop, including village chiefs Lepen Madau, Metipw, and Sou Lukop, as well as representatives from various local and State resource management agencies and organizations came together last September 15th to the 20th to initiate management planning for the Nanwapmarine protected area (MPA).

Facilitated by Angel Jonathan, Education Officer of the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, and Wayne Andrew of One Reef Micronesia and sponsored by the Pacific Island Managed and Protected Area Community (PIMPAC) of the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the five dayworkshop set the foundation for the completion of a management plan for the Nanwap MPA by identifying key management issues at the site, as well as possible actions that can help meet specific management goals set forth in the plan.

Nanwap MPA has been formally legislated since 2010, but has existed without a management plan, making it a challenge to coordinate conservation efforts of the different communities and organizations. Nanwap MPA's rich waters serve as primary fishing grounds of at least five

villages - Metipw, Lukop, Dolopwail, Mesihsou, and Aparahk.

Eugene Joseph, Director of CSP, said of the importance of management planning for Nanwap and other MPAs around Pohnpei, "It serves as a guideline for the communities to work together towards the management of their protected area and keeps them aligned with the initiatives other partners and agencies who are working and assisting in the same areas".

With the exception of Pakin Atoll which has a more comprehensive fisheries management plan that is fully endorsed, Nanwapwill be the first among the 13 state legislated MPAs to have its own formal MPA management plan and will potentially set the model for community involvement at other MPAs. Under the guidance of the Pohnpei MPA Executive Management Network, some villages have already taken the first important step of developing simple community action plans to guide their marine conservation initiatives.

State agencies that are actively participating in the development of the management plan include the Pohnpei State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture, and EPA.



Sponsors include the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, NOAA's PIMPAC program, the Micronesia Conservation Trust, and Rare, an international conservation organization focused on environmental awareness and community action. Additional support is also being provided by MERIP, Seacology, and the Pacific Marine Resources Institute.

In addition to the Nanwap management planning workshop,acoastal enforcement training is being planned for September 30th to October 4th. This will also be a

multi-partner coordinated initiative to further capacitate DFW wardens, local police officers, as well as community conservation officers in their efforts to safeguard Pohnpei's marine resources.

These twoactivities are in support of the up and coming FSM Protected Area Network (PAN), and the Micronesia Challenge that aims to formally protect 30 percent of near shore marine waters and 20 percent of forest cover throughout the region.



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## Auditor finds sales tax collection procedures to be “poor and lenient”

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

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**Pohnpei, FSM**—Thomas Pablo, Pohnpei’s Director of Treasury and Administration agrees with one of three findings of a recently completed performance audit on the Division of Revenue and Taxation (“the Division”) conducted by Pohnpei’s Office of the Public Auditor.

Pablo’s response to the audit was published as an appendix and must have been in response to a draft copy of the audit that apparently found that the Division exhibited “Non-compliance to the tax laws and procedures.” That finding did not appear in the audit as it was published.

The Public auditor found that the Division

had “poor and lenient administration and collection of delinquent tax.” The audit said that on three different occasions the division issued lien notices and tax warrants ranging from one to five years after the notice of the final assessment or demand for payment was issued. It said that auditors found two cases where the Division did not actively pursue corrective action on habitually delinquent taxpayers having existing installment or closing agreements.

Pablo agreed with that finding and said in his response to the audit that from this point forward the Division will issue lien notices and tax warrants in a timely manner.

He disagreed with the other two findings of the audit.

The second audit finding was that

the Division has “inadequate audit guidelines”. It said that the Division lacks written guidelines for conducting field audits of taxpayers’ records for the purposes of determining whether the taxpayer reported and paid the correct amount of sales taxes. It said that it found that in “most cases” the tax auditors used the reported sales by the taxpayers as a basis of determining the taxable sales without verifying whether the sales and related sales tax was accurate.

The audit said that the lack of a sales tax audit manual was the principal cause for the finding.

Pablo provided a four page copy of a comprehensive Tax Field Audit Checklist that its auditors use.

In his response he said that the allegation

that the tax auditors rely on taxpayer records to verify the correct reporting and assessment of tax is “obviously not correct.”

“In fact, our tax auditors, in the conduct of their audit utilize the daily receipts and import documents by the taxpayer to compute for the total sales for the period under audit,” Pablo wrote in his response. “After the source documents are classified and summarized, the correct tax is computed. Our tax auditors do not rely on the reported sales by the taxpayers; this is only used to determine any tax deficiency.”

According to his response, Pablo has agreed to prepare an audit manual and invited the Public Auditor to review it before they approve it for implementation.

## FSM mulls firm decisions in response to demands on budget matters

FSMIS/ Marianas Variety

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The executive branch and the 18th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia mulled different scenarios in response to strict disposition from the Joint Economic Management Committee, or JEMCO, on Compact sector grant allocations for the FSM national government for fiscal year 2014.

The starring focus of the on-going second regular session directly relates to the national government’s FY ‘14 operation budget that begins on Oct. 1.

The budget includes an amount of approximately \$8.1 million requested to be sourced from Compact sector grants.

However, during its meeting earlier this month, JEMCO already struck down these requests, except for a \$2.4 million directed to the College of Micronesia-FSM from education sector.

Consequently, as Congress resumes discussion on the budget, the FSM faces a \$5.7 million shortfall for some operational costs under the Department of Health and Social Affairs, Department of Education, Department of Finance and Administration, the Project Management Unit and Office of Statistics, Budget & Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance and Compact Management as a result of JEMCO actions.

On Sept. 12, the Congressional Special Committee to Wait on the President met with President Manny Mori to consult on priority items for the session. The committee consisted of Vice Speaker Paliknoa K. Welly, Speaker Dohsis Halbert, Floor Leader Florencio Harper and Yap Delegation Chairman Joseph J. Urusemal. This might have been an unprecedented appointment in which the

presiding officers of Congress comprised the Committee to Wait on the President.

The committee and the president viewed options proposed by the departments and offices facing budgetary complications imposed by JEMCO.

Among options considered was to let go of the state-focused services in health management areas centralized at the national government. For instance, operations for “state initiative,” “health system support,” “food and water testing,” and “environmental health services” are implemented at state but requested under national share.

On Sept. 16, Congress passed a bill that would lower the national government’s annual share of Compact grants from ten to five percent and increase State share based on existing distribution breakdown. This redistribution was done in the spirit of burden sharing with the states where Compact funds decrements are most felt. Moreover, this change might enable the national government to wipe the unfunded requests off its plate and allow the states to pick them up in the long run under their compact shares.

When they met in the Marshall Islands on Sept. 6, President Mori made it clear with U.S. Interior Secretary Sally Jewell that FSM did not appreciate the micro-management attitude by JEMCO members, especially with regards non-Compact revenues.

This feeling had been raised on different occasions and was reiterated many times during the past two consultations between the executive and Congress at the start of this session.

At their last two consultations, the president and Congress exchanged views on the need to persist with internally driven reform measures that go beyond the mere adjustment

of budgetary and fiscal responsibilities and keep a focus on facilitating tax reform, responsible use of resources, and growing the economy while addressing complex issues. They agreed to keep open channels on big issues and be more upfront in forging a way forward amid external impositions.

JEMCO aims to “strengthen management and accountability with regard to assistance provided under the Compact, as amended, and to promote the effective use of funding provided thereunder.” It’s supposed to have five members, three of whom are U.S. officials and two are from FSM. Currently, it only has three: two Americans and one Micronesian

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# Filipino Community's KBP did it again - hosting its annual medical outreach program

Raul C. Miralles

**Kolonia, Pohnpei** - KBP or Katiling banngmga Bisayasa Pohnpei, a Filipino community's regional organization of slowly growing number of Visayan-speaking Filipinos on Pohnpei State has been very active in its various community activities. Its outreach program help fulfill the regional organization's health care mission of improving the health of Pohnpei's different communities.

On September 15th, KBP's officers and volunteers led by its President, Mr. Lee Arkhie Perez left Kolonia in a SDA School bus at around 8:30 one Sunday sunny morning, en route to Pohnlangas Dispensary located at Madolenihmw Municipality to jointly host a medical outreach program with Med-Pharm. There were a lot of local residents who were seen by our volunteers who checked their blood pressure, blood sugar level, and took the individual patient's vital statistics. Doctors checked the patient's medical history and prescribed medicines that were given free-of-charge.

This community activity officially commenced at 11:00 in the morning and ended at 4:00 in the afternoon

and turned out very successful, thanks to its various sponsors such as Med-Pharm Clinic, FSM & Pohnpei Health Services, HIV Program, SDA School, Drops of Life, Ace Construction, Grace Special Bakery and Pohnpei Arts and Crafts.

Our health givers consisted of nurses, physical therapists, doctors notably: Dr. Khristian Traya, Dr. Neal Rana, both from Pohnpei State Hospital; Dr. Esperanza Guiuan, and optometrist, Ms. Jo April Sebastian Umandal both from Med-Pharm Clinic.

KBP is dedicated to providing access to outstanding health services and information to Pohnpei's entire communities. It hosts community programs that provide health care to the local citizenry and educate the public about health and safety issues and more.

KBP officers, members and community volunteers contribute hours each year to help sustain this charitable organization's outreach efforts.

We look forward to another successful medical outreach program early next year.



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# FSM's First Lady attends museum lunch hosted by Michelle Obama

FSM Information Services

September 30, 2013

**New York, NY** – Along with about forty other spouses of world leaders, FSM First Lady Emma Nelson Mori attended a luncheon hosted by Mrs. Michelle Obama on the occasion of the opening of the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly. The event was held at the Studio Museum in Harlem, a venue chosen because it evokes the historical struggle of African-Americans and reflects their stories of triumph as well as showcasing the vibrancy of the artists in this neighborhood.

When Mrs. Mori arrived at the museum, she was met by a U.S. Protocol Officer and shortly thereafter greeted by Mrs. Obama, who she had met before on two other occasions, once the night before at a reception at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel and once on a previous occasion. Before lunch was served, Mrs. Mori and other first ladies from the Pacific—including Mrs. Lieom Loek of the Marshall Islands, Mrs. Louisa Waqa of Nauru, Madam Meme Bernadette Tong of Kiribati, and Mrs. Marie Louise Milne of Vanuatu—enjoyed a

guided tour of the museum as a small group. During the tour, Mrs. Mori met Mrs. Roman Tesfaye of Ethiopia for the first time.

The ladies had lunch in the main gallery, during which Mrs. Obama gave a brief speech about the important roles of education and the arts. She commented that many of the women in the room had contributed significantly to advancement of women's education and other important causes in their countries and internationally. Her remarks were followed by performances by Broadway star Audra McDonald and the Dance Theater of Harlem.

In addition to Mrs. Tesfaye of Ethiopia, it was Mrs. Mori's first introduction to a number of other first ladies, including Mrs. Linda Rama, wife of the Prime Minister of Albania, with whom Mrs. Mori conversed at lunch, Mrs. Eloise Gonsalves of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Mrs. Sandra Elisabeth Roelofs of Georgia. Other ladies who she saw at the event were already her friends and acquaintances, such as the wives of the Pacific island countries mentioned above and Mrs. Bronagh Key of New Zealand.



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# Blue Nile Fishing Tournament



Antonia Panuelo, Chris Cruz, Andy Musrasrik



All the winners

## Pohnpei Fishing Club

September can be good and bad for fishing. Sometimes the weather is too beautiful and too calm. For others it is the perfect combination of everything. The 6th Annual Blue Nile Fishing Tournament was held on September 7, 2013, and an awards banquet was held the following week on September 14, 2013. Many thanks to Blue Nile and all of the sponsors, WSTCO Guam, Ambros, Inc.; Titan Imports; Nihan Tekkan/Go Fujita; Micronesian Brokers Guam; Dickerson & Quinn; and Elohim Trading/Simeon Reyes.

The winner of the tournament received a special prize. The Club is going to enter a team into the annual Guam Fishing Derby in August. The winner of this tournament secured a round trip ticket to Guam and his place on the Pohnpei Fishing Club Team. Plus the winner received \$200.00 cash, and a 4 liter bottle of Chivas, (from Titan Imports). Congratulations goes to Chris Cruz on Dr. Hook who landed a 228 pound marlin. He was the grand prize winner of the tournament.

The tournament also gave awards to those who caught the biggest fish in five other species. We potentially awarded prizes for first, second and third place, but not enough fish were caught in some species.

### Marlin

Saimon Mix      Kumer's Barracuda  
182.5 pounds    \$300.00

### Wahoo

1. Wilmar Aquino Dr. Hook  
28.5    \$300.00
2. Konrad Englberger Bavaria  
21.5    \$50.00 Cash, \$50 GC
2. Jula Porter            Hunter  
21.5    \$50.00 Cash, \$50 GC

### Skip jack

1. Patterson Lawrence Pakin III  
13.5    \$300.00 Cash
2. Patterson Lawrence Pakin III  
12.5    \$100.00 Cash, \$50 GC

3. Patterson Lawrence Pakin III  
12.5    \$50 GC
- GT
1. Tony Manuel    Green Bay  
16.5    \$300.00 cash
  2. Kyoichiro Takeira  
Pohnpei Ocean Cruise  
6.0    \$100.00 cash, \$50 GC
  3. Newman           Pelagic  
1.0    \$50.00 GC
- YF
1. Reinhart Weilbacher Rosie II  
21.0    \$300.00 cash

Special prizes were given to the boats who did not catch anything, who will remain nameless. Each boat received a \$25.00 Blue Nile Gift Certificate and a 12 pack of Budweiser from Ambros, Inc., for just registering. There was definitely no reason not to fish. At the weigh in, hot dogs were available with the proceeds going to the Pohnpei Public Library.

The club also tried something different this tournament with the awards being a week later. It gave time for everyone to clean up and put their party shoes on. Blue Nile provided a big barbecue on Saturday September 14. The Senior class from CCA also conducted a fundraiser there and raised over \$600.00 for their class. We want to thank all the people who helped with both the weigh in and the awards banquet, especially Paul, Tina, Praise and everyone on the dock, and especially to Kumer and Antonia.

Thanks again to our sponsors Blue Nile, WSTCO Guam, Ambros, Inc.; Titan Imports; Nihan Tekkan/Go Fujita; Micronesian Brokers Guam; Dickerson & Quinn; and Elohim Trading/Simeon Reyes.

It was a great tournament down at Mangrove Bay.

The Pohnpei Fishing Club is winding down its year, but there is still plenty of fishing left, with the Etscheit Enterprises tournament coming up in October, 2013.

## Pohnpei at the top of the pack



Pohnpei's Glenn Tonnes (21) goes for a block against Nauru

Giff Johnson of the Marshall Islands news says that Team Pohnpei went undefeated at the Bank of Marshall Islands 13th Ralik Ratak Shootout Basketball Tournament in Majuro to earn the top seed in its pool. Pohnpei and Team Lae, the top seed in the other men's pool, went undefeated with 5-0 records for this year's tournament in the regular round of play Playoffs for the tournament that has 12 men's teams and five women's teams competing started Wednesday.

In the elimination first round of playoffs, Pohnpei defeated Jaluit 84-57 to advance to the semifinals Thursday. It will play Team Mili at 7pm Thursday. If it wins this game, Pohnpei will advance to the championship game Friday night at 8:30pm. If it loses, it will go to the third place game that is scheduled

for Friday at 5:30pm.

The BOMI Ralik Ratak Shootout Basketball Tournament was first started by the Marshall Islands Basketball Federation in 1999. This is the first year that the national tournament has four visiting teams from outside the Marshalls — the Pohnpei men's team and three teams (two men's, one women's) from Nauru.

Men are competing for a top prize of \$1,000 cash and women are competing for a top prize of \$700 as well as trophies.

Pohnpei defeated team Jaluit 84-57 in play on October 3. Pohnpei is now 6-0 in the tournament. Pohnpei will face off against Mili in this evening's playoff game. The winner of that game will go to the championship game after this newspaper has gone to press.

## JICA in-country training for Department of Health and Social Affairs in Chuuk

### JICA

In collaboration with the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs (DH&SA) of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Project for System Improvement of Expanded Program on Immunization in the Pacific Region (J-PIPS) conducted an In-Country training on Vaccine management and Cold Chain maintenance in Chuuk State from 23rd to 26th September 2013.

Japanese Government, through Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), conducted "The Project for Strengthening the Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) in the Pacific Region" from February 2005 to February 2010 for a period of 5 years, targeting 13 countries, to enhance human capacity development for Vaccine Management, Cold Chain maintenance, and EPI sharp waste management. JICA has immensely contributed to the immunization programme under the J-PIPS framework

through provision of equipment, supporting J-PIPS workshops, and regional and domestic training program in each country. In terms of training, a total of 83 EPI Nurses and 54 Cold Chain Technicians from the PICs were trained. However, despite of all efforts, the fact still remains that each countries still struggle to improve the child mortality rate. Therefore, the Government of Japan decided to continue human resource development through establishment of the Project for System Improvement of Expanded Programme on Immunization in the Pacific Region (J-PIPS Project Phase 2) from February 2011 to January 2014.

The main purpose of In-Country training in Chuuk State is to update and share the knowledge and skills on Vaccine Management and Cold Chain Maintenance with health workers and cold chain technicians. Twenty four (24) health workers and three (3) technicians in Chuuk attended the workshop aggressively to improve their capacity, and participants

were able to acquire new knowledge and skills in Vaccine Management and Cold Chain Maintenance to give every child

better health services, especially in the field of immunization which is to protect children from life-threatening diseases.



## Micronesia Red Cross Society launches International Humanitarian Law Handbook to FSM legislators

### Micronesia Red Cross Society

On September 11, 2013, the Micronesia Red Cross Society launched their new publication "Promoting Respect for International Humanitarian Law - A handbook for legislators in the FSM" in the nation's capital, Palikir. It is very apt that the publication has been produced this year, as it is the 150th anniversary of the birth of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the organization now known as the "guardians and promoters" of international humanitarian law (IHL). The idea expressed by IHL is simple: even wars have limits. It is a set of rules which seek to protect certain categories of people during war and restricts the methods and means of warfare.

The launch was attended by the Honorable Alik L. Alik, Vice President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Honorable Dohsis Halbert, Speaker and members of the 18th Congress of the FSM, representatives of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the FSM Supreme

Court and other public officials, as well as an international delegation from the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Mr Finn Ruda, representing the International Committee of the Red Cross, Regional Delegation in the Pacific and Ms. Annabel McConnachie from the Australian Red Cross supported the Micronesia Red Cross Society (MRCS) with the drafting and development of the IHL Handbook, appraising and discussing the contents with MRCS Board members, staff and volunteers, and assisting with the official launch. Funding for the Handbook was also supported through the Australian Government department: AusAID.

The morning was opened by the Master of Ceremony, Mr Wayner Louis, MRCS Disaster Management Officer, with the welcoming remarks made by the Vice Chairperson of the MRCS Board Ms Jane Elymore. A short film was then screened on the key themes of IHL: "Humanitarian Law: A Universal Code", and speeches were made by Mr Ruda, Ms McConnachie, the Honorable Dohsis Halbert, and the

Honorable Alik L. Alik, respectively. The MRCS Executive Director, Mrs. Sizue G. Yoma, noted her delight about the official launch after two years of research and development before presenting the IHL Handbooks to Speaker Halbert. The Chairman of the MRCS Board, Mr. Diaz Joseph, made the closing remarks and guests toasted with a glass of champagne as enthusiasm filled the room. Lunch was served and there was plenty of discussion on the timeliness and usefulness of the IHL Handbook, here in the FSM. Many of the guests who attended the launch noted that they were pleased about the accessibility of the IHL Handbook that has been specifically written within the FSM context.

The event was timely, coinciding with Pohnpei Liberation Day and the 12th anniversary of the terror attacks in New York and Washington D.C., as most Micronesians know someone who has been touched by conflict. Although the FSM, as a sovereign nation, has never been involved in an armed conflict, war has played a role in its history given the strategic importance of the islands, particularly during World War II. Despite the FSM not currently being a party to armed conflict, it is still a very relevant issue, given the number of FSM citizens who serve in combat as members of the United States Armed Forces and those who have also been serving as police officers with the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI).

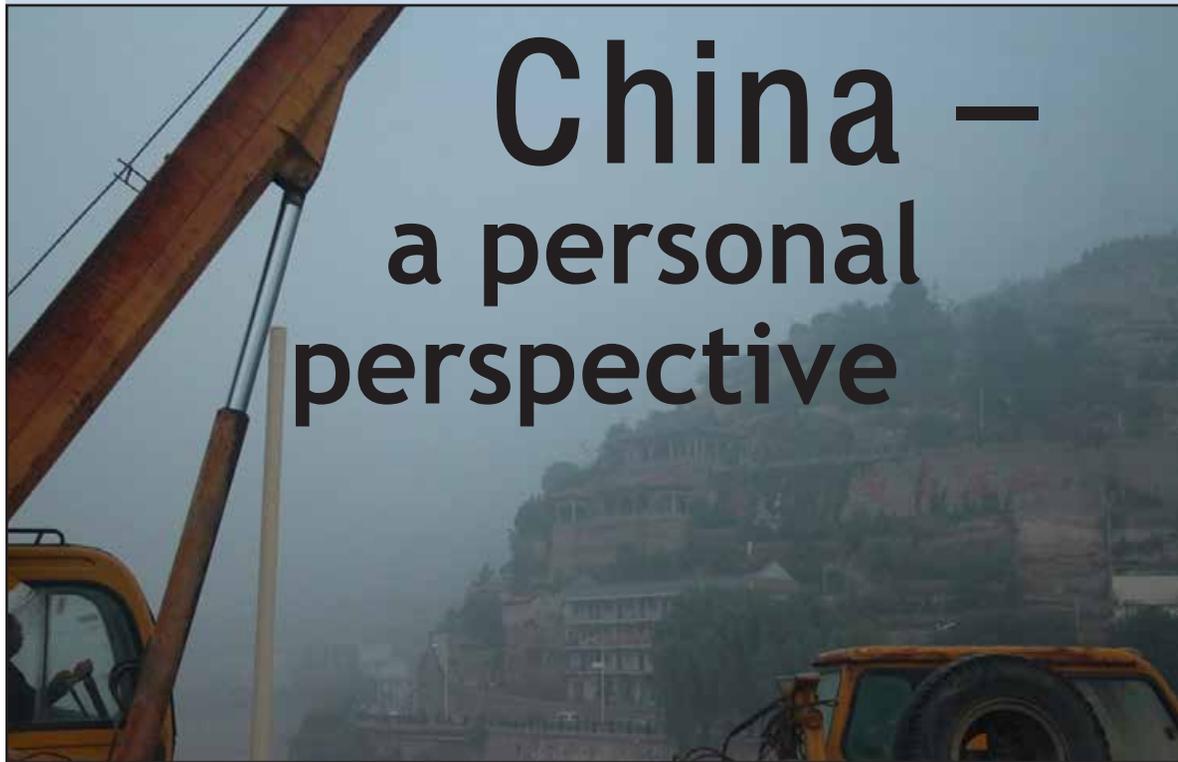
In his address to members of the 18th FSM Congress, legislators and other distinguished guests, the Honourable Vice President Alik L. Alik, spoke of the future importance and relevance of IHL here in the FSM. He said "It is critical that all individuals deployed internationally

understand their responsibilities and apply the basic principles found in IHL, such as the correct treatment of the civilian population. For IHL to be respected and protected, it is critical that our most senior community leaders – our legislators – are all aware of and understand the importance and relevance of these laws. We are instrumental in ensuring that the necessary domestic legislation is enacted to create a robust framework, which will contribute to the protection of the most vulnerable within our community but also around the world".

It was noted by Mr. Lam Dang, Legislative Counsel to the Congress of the FSM that in May this year, the 18th FSM Congress had passed into domestic legislation the Chemical Weapons Act which prohibits, amongst other things, the use of chemical weapons during armed conflict. This completes the process of incorporating the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention into the domestic law of FSM. This particular international humanitarian law treaty was formally signed by the FSM in January 1993 and ratified in June 1999. News of this update to the newly produced IHL Handbook for legislators was warmly received by the guests at the launch ceremony.

Just over 19 years ago, on 19 September 1995, the FSM signed the four Geneva Conventions of 1949 and the two Additional Protocols of 1977. When the Government signed those international treaties, they agreed to respect these laws, and with the assistance of the Micronesia Red Cross Society, to raise awareness of the contents of the treaties by educating the population of the FSM about all aspects of IHL. The IHL Handbook is designed to assist with this process and it is anticipated that national and state legislators will be able to enact further domestic legislation that ensures IHL is legally binding throughout our society.





# China – a personal perspective



Beijing traffic in a calm moment - photo courtesy FBCTV

Development and history - Yan'an, Shaanxi (all photos by Bill Jaynes except as noted)

The small television screen showed a completely different view from the one I could see out the window aboard Air China flight CA124 as we descended into Beijing on September 6. It was good to know that the pilots could clearly see the runway as they made their landing. I couldn't see anything but "fog" outside my window until we were 30 or so feet off the ground, and then the runway came rushing up at us. I had hoped to see Beijing's skyline but the city seemed to be socked in—hiding behind a great wall of what I soon learned was smog.

Even before the plane finished taxiing, passengers were up grabbing their bags and making a beeline for the door. It was disconcerting. I've flown many times and I expected the disembarkation procedure from that flight to be just as orderly as on the majority of flights I'd ever been on. In my experience, the people in the front of the plane grab their bags and make their way toward the door while the people behind patiently wait to take their turn. The plane has always unloaded from the front to the back. That wasn't the case on this flight. On this flight, the strongest and pushiest were off first. The weakest and

most timid were off last. Though I was seated in the front quarter of the plane I was off the plane with the last 25

percent of the passengers. Having slept only four or five hours in the previous three days I just didn't have "pushy" in me.

During the harrowing journey down Beijing's jam packed freeways and surface roads as we headed to the hotel where I would spend the next five days, lane markers seemed to be no more than interesting ideas to be accepted or rejected according to the individual needs of drivers. Traffic flowed amorphously and the pilot of my van moved into adjacent "lanes" seemingly at whim whether there was another vehicle there or not. When the driver needed to get into traffic he simply went no matter

how much oncoming traffic there was. The expectation seemed to be that the other drivers would make way for him. Surprisingly they did.

I noticed that all of the other drivers drove in the same meandering manner—the same way that people walk in crowds, weaving in and out, jockeying for best position. In a pedestrian crowd if you happen to bump into something it's no big deal. Apparently the same is true in a traffic jam in China depending on the severity of the "bump". In Shaanxi our bus driver came into contact with the rear end of a truck transporting new vehicles while he was changing lanes. Instead of waiting for traffic to inch forward a bit so that the truck could pull

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*Rickshaw driver takes a break outside of the Laoshe Teahouse*

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away and off the bus, our driver kept his foot on the pedal and ground forward leaving a half inch deep scratch near the top of the bus that stretched for about 15 feet. Journalists' mouths hung open incredulously but the driver didn't seem to care and no one stopped.

As the visiting journalists stood in line in Beijing to check in for our flight to Yan'an in the Shaanxi province those of us who noticed were amazed by the number of people who bypassed the line and went straight to the counter waving their passports for check in. Equally amazing was the number of people who were successful in their efforts to completely skip the line, or the queue as our Australian and British friends say.

During the tour I never had an opportunity to ask anyone who could help me understand the concept of individualism in a nationalistic country. I certainly saw great evidence of individualism from the way people walked, drove, and held side conversations while presentations were being made. I didn't understand how such a nation of such obvious individuals could also have such devotion to a nationalistic idea.

Neither was there time for conversations that might have cleared up about my confusion about the political situation in China. I had a hard time reconciling the concept of China as a communist government with socialist leanings and a quasi free market economy, all concepts that are diametrically opposed. Marx and Lenin both used the terms socialism and communism interchangeably. Perhaps my confusion comes from a basic misunderstanding of the two terms. Just the same, I came home from the journey with some theories about how it all works but no clear explanations.

I know that I wasn't meant to draw conclusions or form deep questions whilst sitting in traffic with an astounding number of Lamborghinis, Rolls Royces, and other luxury cars while bicycles and battery operated rickshaws passed on the right. I know that I was meant to draw conclusions only from the facts of the exhausting tour which



*Part of "New" Shanghai's surreal skyline*

covered Beijing, Yan'an, Xi'an and Shanghai. The Chinese government was intent on giving Pacific Islands journalists a view of the "real China" with specific emphasis on its historic culture, its economic development, and its environmental conservation efforts.

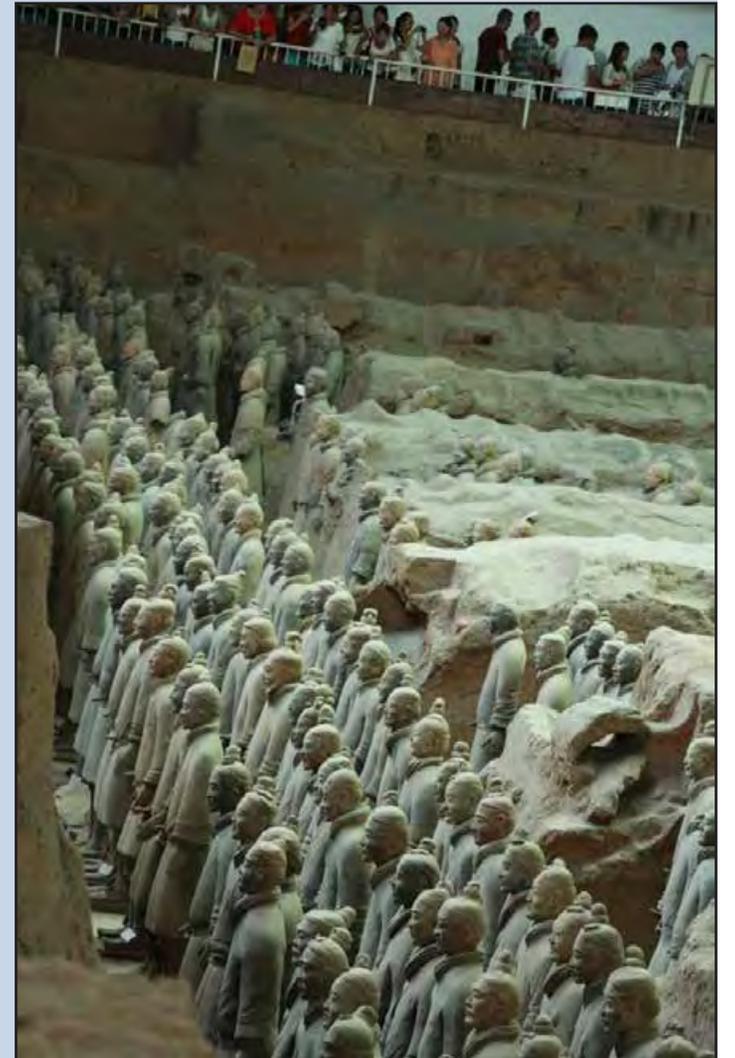
Government officials briefed us on subjects as diverse as China's policy of assistance to its Pacific Islands nations, its domestic and foreign

economic policies, its policy on Taiwan, and its plans to improve the environment. The latter briefing included an explanation of why those plans should be internally motivated rather than being foisted upon them by the international community which they said developed their economy when there were no rules about emissions.

Some of the conversations were frank. During one of the briefings I was surprised to learn from a highly placed government official in Beijing that casinos are illegal in China. Since the Exhibition and Travel Group of Chengdu City in the Guangdong Province wants to build a potentially island tipping resort and casino in Yap I had always assumed that gambling is just a fact of life in China. I asked specifically about the reported "disappearance" of ETG's Chairman, Deng Hong whose most recent public appearance was in February of last year. The official said that he had heard that, along with the investigation of several other charges, Mr. Deng is under investigation for the alleged operation of casinos in China which is a crime.

### History and culture

China is steeped in the history that informs its culture. Journalists were treated to visits to some of China's most treasured landmarks. We visited the Mutianyo section of the Great Wall, ran through the Forbidden City, and trotted through Tian'anmen Square, the "birthplace" of the People's Republic of China.



*The thousands of Terra Cotta warriors each have unique faces*



*Huge statue of Chairman Mao in front of the Museum commemorating the revolution*

In Beijing we visited the Laoshe (second syllable is pronounced "sherr") Teahouse where we saw a variety show featuring poets, magicians, acrobats, a short Chinese opera that I didn't understand at all, and a performance of "face changing" in which the performer changes masks instantaneously before the audience's eyes. Unfortunately my camera explained that trick to me pretty well.

In Shaanxi we attended a dance and musical performance by an award winning troupe. The performance was representative of the Tang Dynasty and some of my most beautiful photos were taken there.

In the Shaanxi province we also visited several historical sites including the 5000 year old mausoleum of the Yellow Emperor Huang Di,



*Tang Dynasty style dance. This one was created to show the quality of their fabrics*

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the unearthed “Terra Cotta Warriors” discovered in the mid 1970’s by a farmer who was digging a well on his farm near the 2000 year old mausoleum of Emperor Qin Shihuang. We also visited a Museum of Journalism documenting “media efforts” during the 1940’s revolution, another Museum documenting the revolution, and several other historical sites.

In Xi’an we visited the Muslim Quarter where approximately 80,000 Chinese Muslims live and do business. On the bus, journalists were surprised to learn that there are also Christian churches in China. “That’s a misconception you have,” Ouyang Huifeng, one of our guides from the Department of Information of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs said and pointed out a Christian church as we passed by.

During our time in Shanghai we toured the picturesque Zhujiajiao waterside which has often been called the “Venice of Shanghai”. Later in the day, we toured the Exhibition Hall for Urban Planning of Shanghai where we saw a huge model of the layout of Shanghai. From there we went straight to a tour of the iconic Oriental Pearl Broadcasting and Television Tower and its accompanying museum of Shanghai history. The floor of the observation deck of that tower is over 800 feet off the deck, half of which is transparent. Quite frankly, the experience of stepping out into space straight from the elevator made my naval pucker but not so much that I couldn’t enjoy dinner in the tower’s revolving restaurant.

After dinner we took a riverboat cruise on the Huangpu River, one shore of which is old Shanghai and the other the financial district representing new Shanghai.

**Economic development and finance**

To fulfill the business agenda, our visit in Shanghai included a tour and briefing at the headquarters of Huawei Company, the company with billions in assets and over 100,000 employees that sold the equipment that FSM Telecommunications Corporation uses to supply cell phone service to the FSM.

The Shanghai tour also included a “cameras excluded” run-through tour of the Shanghai Electric Group, a government owned business that manufactures huge electrical generators. I would venture to guess that not one of journalists had a clue what they were seeing in the cavernous manufacturing



*New Shanghai skyscraper juxtaposed against traditional architecture*



*Tian’anmen Square*



*Yan’an street market at night*

*Shanghai apartment complex*



in Tonga than with any safety issue. They say that New Zealand’s vehement opposition to its acceptance of the MA-60 planes from China is an interference with Tonga’s sovereignty.

The MA-60 aircraft is not certified to fly in New Zealand. It’s also not certified to fly by the US Federal Aviation Administration, the European Aviation Safety Agency, nor the Civil Aviation Safety Authority in Australia.

Since 2009 the MA-60 has been involved in 11 accidents, two of them within the last three months. A spokesperson in Tonga told Radio Australia this weekend that the planes are safe and that the MA-60 accidents were caused by three separate airlines who each had terrible track records.

As we were on our way to the Xi’an Aircraft Industrial Corporation, Mr. BAI Jiangong, the Foreign Affairs representative in Shaanxi

proudly told the journalists that the company had offered a “buy one get one free” to the FSM’s President Manny Mori when he visited the facility. Mr. Bai often reminded me that President Mori had been on a similar tour.

**Environmental conservation efforts**

I can’t think of a single journey that Pacific Islands journalists made while in China in which we didn’t end up in at least one traffic jam. Between China’s burgeoning industry and its traffic, the view in the parts of China that we saw on most days was ghostly; its buildings mere silhouettes, the sun but a suggestion in the sky.

During a tour of the Beijing headquarters of Baidu, the multi-billion dollar privately owned Internet search engine provider, our tour guide, an American who has lived in Beijing for 17 years, thanked Pacific Islands journalists for “bringing” the clearest day he could remember all year. He said



*Xi’an city wall against the Xi’an skyline*



*Mentougou residents watch Pacific Islands reporters. The overhead pipe delivers natural gas to their homes*

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that Beijing only has about 30 clear days in any given year.

On the rare occasion when the rigorous schedule of the organizers allowed the journalists a few moments to watch the news we heard stories about China's serious intent to clean up its environment for the safety and quality of life of its citizens. Officials in China's National Development and Reform Commission presented the same message had earlier shared that same message with the journalists.

China's cleanup effort will rely in large part on the participation of its 1.4 billion people, a number that staggers the mind.

Yan'an, with a population of only 2 million people is considered to be a small city in China. To the south, Xi'an is also considered to be small, though nearly 9 million people call it home. With 19.5 million people Beijing has the second largest population in China. Shanghai is first with over 23 million people all living within 7,037 square kilometers.

Doing the math I found that there is only one square foot for each man, woman, boy and girl, not even quite enough space to stand in. If every person in Shanghai came down out of the towering apartments or skyscraping workplaces all at the same time their population would have to spill out far into the country side just to find a place to stand.

Beijing's comparatively tiny population can luxuriate in its 16,801 square kilometers. They get almost three square feet in which to stand.

Our tour guides constantly told us that the rural population is difficult to reach because they are so spread out. The government is making efforts to try to "consolidate" that population by building urbanized areas in rural settings. Our tour took us to one such planned development called the "White Village" in Liqian, Shaanxi. They said that the farmers in the region rarely saw each other and had no real sense of community. Though so far the White Village consists only of a row of shops and some bungalows that urban dwellers can rent in order to experience "rural life", the plan is to create a sense of community by bringing the rural farmers together in one community. As I understand the situation, the planned community also will make it easier for the government to help the farmers

How does one go about controlling pollution with so many people? Yet they are trying to do that and are also reaching out to their neighbors.

The representative from the National Development and Reform Commission who deals with China's Climate Change reform says that China feels a responsibility to and an affinity for its neighbors especially the Pacific Island nations. He said that it would support schemes such as the developing disaster insurance scheme. He also announced that China has committed 30 million RMB to disaster mitigation projects in the Pacific over the next four years.

## Social Efforts and "Developing Nation" status

Perhaps the highlight of the entire trip to China was when we boarded a bus that climbed a rugged dirt road through a canyon to the village of Mentougou. The government

had built homes for the residents that allowed them to move out of the caves in which they had traditionally lived. In June, floods and resulting landslides killed several people, wiped out the corn crop, and destroyed or damaged many of the homes the government had built. The government was helping them to rebuild after June's disaster.

The people of the village were extremely receptive to the visiting journalists. They gave us a tour of one of their tiny homes and before we left gave us a case of the sweetest apples I have personally ever tasted. They tried to give us another before we left but we knew we couldn't possibly eat them all.

It seemed that the visit was to have served as a representation of both "the real" China and

of the government's efforts to improve the lives of people living in rural areas. It also seemed to serve as an unspoken response to the question some of us had asked before we left for the tour, "Since China is the second largest economy in the world why is it still considered to be a developing nation?" Though their canyon is rich with natural resources including oil and natural gas that they are free to use their income is still quite low. We were told that the per capita income of rural dwellers has increased significantly but that it is still unimaginably low.

Government officials say that without taking their eye off of industrial development and creation of wealth in Eastern China they are concentrating now, more than ever on development in Western China for the lives and well being of their people.

Though I learned a great deal in China and I am grateful to have had the opportunity, I still came home with a lot more questions than answers.

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10/16 5:30pm	Rebirth	Summer Days with Coo
10/17 5:30pm	The Last Ronin	Home of Acorns
10/18 3:00pm	Double Trouble	The Book of the Dead
5:30pm	Half A Confession	The Dagger of Kamui
10/19 5:30pm	Tokyo Tower	Summer Days with Coo




## President Mori meets with Tongan Prime Minister, signs declaration on energy data repository

FSM Information Services

New York, NY (Sept. 24, 2013) – President Manny Mori held a bilateral meeting at the Federated States of Micronesia Permanent Mission to the United Nations with Tongan Prime Minister Siale'ataongo Tu'ivakanō, who is known widely as Lord Tu'ivakanō. The primary focus of the discussion was the Declaration on Establishing a Pacific Regional Data Repository for Sustainable Energy for All.

In early September 2013, the Declaration, initiated by the Government of Tonga, was endorsed by Pacific Leaders at the recent Pacific Island Forum held in Majuro, Marshall Islands. The document references an initiative called Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL), which was launched in 2010 and is led by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. SE4ALL has three interlinked objectives to be achieved by 2030: providing universal access to modern energy services; doubling the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency; and doubling the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.

In the discussions between the President and the Prime Minister, points were made about obstacles to sustainable energy development in the Pacific and over dependence on fossil fuel generated energy. The Prime Minister asserted that a repository for energy data would be a valuable resource for all islands as they work to reduce dependence on imported fuel and pursue sustainable energy policies. He also pointed out that the time is right to start sharing best practices and lessons learned, given the high number of energy-related pilot projects that have already

been launched across the Pacific.

Under the Declaration, Pacific leaders and development partners agree to collaborate in designing, building and contributing to the data repository, the purposes of which will be the following:

- to strengthen the capacity of Pacific islands states to shape the future of sustainable energy, in line with the United Nations SE4ALL initiative;
- to provide a strategic platform for access to quality, up-to-date energy sector data, to share best practices, and to provide a safe back up copy of this information;
- to help improve affordability of energy services;
- to help increase efficiency of energy generation, distribution and utilization; and
- to help increase investments in clean and renewable energy.

President Mori expressed his appreciation and commended the Prime Minister for Tonga's efforts in spearheading the initiative. The President alluded to his own Government's strong support of the initiative in Majuro, and at the current session of the 68th UNGA; In his statement at the general debate of the 68th UNGA President Mori made reference to the Pacific Regional Data Repository for SE4ALL. Accordingly, he informed the Prime Minister that he was ready to sign the Declaration which he subsequently did on 25 September.

The Pacific Regional Data Repository for SE4ALL is envisioned to be implemented in time for the Third International Small Island Developing States Conference in Apia, Samoa in the second half of 2014.

## Threatened by rising seas, small island nations appeal for more aid at UN

PACNEWS

September 26, 2013

**New York, (UN News Centre)** — On the front line of damage wrought by climate change, threatened with extinction from rising seas, leaders of some of the world's small island States took to the podium at the United Nations General Assembly today to call urgently for greater international support to mitigate the perils.

“Disastrously off course,” “profound disappointment” and “moral failure” were some of the terms used by heads of Small Island Developing States, known as SIDS, to depict their situation as the 68th General Assembly prepares to draw up long-term development plans for the decades after the end in 2015 of the current cycle of the anti-poverty Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

“The corresponding actions to address the

unique and special circumstances of SIDS by the international community has been lacking,” the Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, Winston Baldwin Spencer, told the Assembly's annual General Debate, summing up the almost two decades since the Barbados Programme of Action was adopted by a UN conference on the sustainable development of SIDS in 1994.

“It is a recognized fact, but it is worth repeating that small island States contribute the least to the causes of climate change, yet we suffer the most from its effects. Small island States have expressed our profound disappointment at the lack of tangible action,” he said referring to efforts in UN climate change talks to protect SIDS and other vulnerable countries.

“Developed countries should shoulder their moral, ethical and historical responsibilities

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## US Government shutdown hurting small US Pacific island territories

Radio Australia

03 October 2013

The United States Government shutdown following the budget impasse in Congress will hurt many small US Pacific Island territories.

US Government departments have closed, forcing as many as 800,000 government employees to take unpaid leave and 1 million to work without pay.

The shutdown came after a stand-off between Republicans and Democrats over the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, popularly known as Obamacare.

It is the president's signature healthcare reform, promising to help tens of millions of uninsured Americans get health coverage.

Dr Ron McNinch, chairman of Public Administration and Legal Studies at the University of Guam, told Radio Australia's Pacific Beat program that Guam is neither equipped to support the Obamacare policy or the shutdown.

“Guam's a fairly small US territory, a small island, the smaller you are the more likely you are to feel this particular problem (the shutdown),” he said.

Medicine also remains a big policy area for Guam.

The Obamacare policy may mean a realignment of resources already invested in other critical areas which will create problems for Guam.

McNinch says Guam will be particularly affected by Obamacare due to the Compact of Free Association agreement the US made with various smaller island areas they are associated with.

“All of the healthcare burdens for these islands that fall under the Compact of Free Association really fall upon Guam,” he said.

“So anyone in the region who has medical issues always comes to Guam first.

“This has created quite a burden on our medical system and a number of other critical systems for us.”

American Samoa Treasurer Falemao Pili says the shutdown will have a devastating impact on the territory's economy.

Its governor, Lolo M Moliga, met with senior officials on Wednesday to discuss the implications of the shutdown.

Pili says 87 per cent of the territory's funding comes from Washington, “so absolutely we will be affected by it”.

He says the shutdown will affect all areas of life in American Samoa, especially if the budget stalemate in Washington is not resolved soon.

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## Senators carefully evaluating World Bank grant for Yap fiber

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

October 3, 2013

**Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM**—Congress adjourned its regular session today without accepting a \$500,000 grant from the World Bank. The World Bank's grant could be used to "strengthen the legal, regulatory and institutional framework to provide a foundation for improved access and affordability of telecommunication services and increased private sector investment in the telecommunication sector".

Accepting the grant would be tantamount to accepting the World Bank's condition that the FSM change its Telecommunications law and do so very quickly. At least some members of the FSM Congress are not sure that doing so is a good idea and they are not ready to jump just because the World Bank is waving around a substantial amount of money.

Senator Isaac Figir is an advocate of careful consideration of World Bank's offer in order to be certain that wise decisions are made. "There's no such thing as a free lunch," said Senator Isaac Figir, "everything comes at a price."

World Bank has offered \$40 million in grants to help Yap and Palau land fiber

optic cable in. Paperwork on the offer is due by February and the grant is contingent upon the FSM opening up the telecommunications industry to competition by then. The World Bank would then make a decision on the grant by June of next year.

It would still be quite some time before any cable would land in Yap.

Officials at FSM Telecommunications Corporation have said that it took five years from conception to the landing of the submarine fiber optic cable in Pohnpei.

"The World Bank is making available funding for planning and implementation of a reform of the telecommunications sector which would provide for other telecommunication companies to operate in the FSM, put in place a special purpose vehicle to manage off-island telecommunications, and create an independent regulator for this industry", an article written by FSM Information Services says.

"These conditions derived from evidence-based studies showing that a liberalized telecommunications sector results in social and economic benefits for countries," the article proclaims. It did not list the evidence-based studies or the authors.

Sometimes competition can back fire in small markets.

"Typically if it is possible to introduce a well-functioning competitive market then we would expect to see more competitive offerings coming to the market," Dr. Suellan Hansen of Network Strategies, a New Zealand based telecommunications consultant, wrote in an email in May. "However if it is just one monopoly replacing another then the outcomes may not be so favorable to consumers, so it helps to ensure that the market is ready for competition and the regulatory settings are appropriate... At the end of the day it can be quite complex."

FSM Senators seem to agree and seem unwilling to throw caution to the wind.

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for emitting the levels of anthropogenic greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. It is those actions which have now put the planet in jeopardy and compromised the well-being of present and future generations," the Caribbean leader stressed.

Noting uneven progress in achieving the MDGs, Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar of Trinidad and Tobago, who is also chairperson of Conference of Heads of State and Government of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), warned that current approaches will not advance the MDG agenda by 2015 or ensure sustainable development in the post-2015 context.

"SIDS have made significantly less progress in the area of development, than other vulnerable groups of countries. In some cases SIDS are on the frontlines of experiencing a reversal of many of the gains that have been achieved," she said.

"Indeed in the preparations for our participation in that upcoming discourse (on the Post-2015 Development Agenda), the recognition of the vulnerabilities of small island developing States is one of the guidelines that CARICOM will apply when considering its commitments to the overall Agenda."

From the other side of the planet, Kiribati President Anote Tong, stressing the "real and existential threat" his low-lying Pacific nation faces from rising seas, called for immediate international action to mitigate climate change and rising sea levels.

"We are disastrously off course. The scientists tell us that calamity awaits – and not just for those of us on low-lying islands," he said. "What we are experiencing now on these low-lying atolls is an early warning of what will happen further down the line. No one will be spared. We cannot continue to abuse our planet in this way.

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### NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

**Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on August 29, 2013, public notice is hereby given that the parcel described below will be sold by auction to the highest qualified bidder under the following terms:**

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- All bid submissions must clearly state the bid amount for the parcel.
- All bid submissions must include a cashier's check for 5% of the total bid amount. Bids submitted without the required 5% deposit shall be disqualified.
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- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the 5% deposit shall be forfeited to the Bank, the notice of award will be granted to the next highest qualified bidder and the same conditions will apply.
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# Small island states at UN call for global statesmanship to mitigate climate change

PACNEWS

September, 27 2013

**New York, (UN News Centre)** ---For the second day in a row, leaders of the world's Small Island States took the podium at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to call for urgent international action to mitigate the effects of climate change, which threatens some of them with extinction because of rising seas.

"Never has the need been so dire for true statesmanship," President Christopher Loeak of the Marshall Islands declared on the third day of the Assembly's annual

General Debate, warning that simply repeating well-worn negotiation slogans at next year's climate summit will get the world nowhere.

"Global efforts on climate change are falling short – and low-lying island nations such as mine are already paying the earliest costs of what is fast becoming a global crisis. In every sense, the world must build for future risks, and too often, we are still setting course for current conditions," he said.

"It is the seas that are rising – not the islands that are sinking. I will not concede my own land or my nation; but nor will I rest until my fellow world leaders have signed on to act, not just out of economic convenience,

so must contribute to the prevention of this calamity, or be forever judged by history."

Fijian Prime Minister Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama said an international conference next year in Samoa on the sustainable development of SIDS is a critical opportunity for the international community to renew its commitments.

"Not only are SIDS acutely vulnerable to the effects of climate change, such as sea-level rise, ocean acidification and the increased frequency of extreme weather events, but for some of us, the threat is to our very existence," added Commodore Bainimarama, current chairperson of the Group of 77 and China, a bloc of developing States established in 1964

but of a common responsibility of all to strive for upward momentum."

President Baron Waqa of Nauru called for the appointment of a UN Special Representative on Climate and Security to help expand the understanding of the security dimensions of climate change, reporting regularly to the General Assembly and Security Council on emerging climate-related security threats, as well as facilitating regional cooperation on cross-border issues.

He also called on UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to lead a joint task force of all relevant organs and specialized agencies to immediately assess the capacity and resources of the UN system to respond

which now comprises more than 130 countries, some two thirds of the UN membership and over 60 per cent of the world's population.

"Our response to the plight of those most at risk must therefore be characterised by a requisite sense of urgency."

President Tommy Remengesau of Palau drew on his own personal experiences and his country's flag - a yellow full moon against a blue ocean that represents nature's balance and harmony through the consistency of the rising and falling tides - to illustrate the depths of the problems stemming from climate change.

"Just before I left for this year's [General Assembly], during a full moon high tide, my back yard, which nestles against the ocean, flooded," he said. "Typhoon Usagi, just a few days later, passed through the Pacific and landed in Asia, killing many people. This was followed almost immediately by Tropical Storm Pabuk.

"Mr. President, when I was a child, my back yard did not flood - and we did not have tropical storm after tropical storm pass through our Pacific islands. It is thereof clear to me and other Pacific leaders that the full moon and the ocean are no longer metaphors for balance and harmony. Today they represent imbalance - from our past excesses."

Stressing that the primary responsibility to reduce greenhouse gasses still rests with the developed nations, he warned: "Our Global Warming doomsday is already set in stone if we fail to act."

to the anticipated security implications of climate change.

"We have heard in countless forums about the potentially destabilizing affects of climate change, yet we have only the vaguest idea of what an international response to these growing impacts would look like," he said. "This needs to change. We must start preparing for the challenges that lie ahead."

The two leaders are among scores of officials to speak at the annual General Assembly session at which heads of State and Government and other high-level officials will present their views and comments on issues of individual national and international relevance.

President Emanuel Mori of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) underlined the impossibility of separating development and the environment, noting that no country can develop its economy without degrading its natural environment to some significant degree.

"Climate change is, without question, the gravest threat to my people's welfare, livelihoods, and general security," he said. "It is the survival issue of our time. Our sustainable development is threatened by the harmful effects of excessive greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere, effects which poison our root crops, destroy our reef systems, and drive many of our people from their ancestral homes.

"All of us, developed and developing countries, have a stake in finding ways that minimize manmade damage to Mother Earth. Only the international community can effectively take up this cause," he added, insisting that the comprehensive climate change treaty to be adopted in 2015 must impose legally binding commitments.

The officials from small island development countries are among a host leaders set to speak at the annual General Assembly session at which heads of State and Government and other high-level officials will present their views and comments on issues of individual national and international relevance. The Debate opened yesterday and concludes on 1 October.....

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For the future we want for our children and grandchildren, we need leadership.

"We need commitment. And we need action ...now," he declared, noting that while Kiribati is taking adaptation measures to remain habitable for as long as possible, it is also looking to improve its people's skills to a level where they can compete for jobs in the international labour market with dignity if the rising ocean forces them to migrate.

"All those countries with the ability to do

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## New officers elected to Pacific Judicial Council FSM Chief Justice Martin Yinug elected President

Pacific Judicial Council

October 2, 2013

**Guam Judicial Center – Hagåtña** - Guam Chief Justice F. Philip Carbullido, outgoing President of the Pacific Judicial Council, announced the election of new officers to serve for the 2014-2016 term. The Pacific Judicial Council is the regional organization of judicial officers from Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of

Micronesia including FSM State Courts of Yap, Ponape, Kosrae, and Chuuk; the Republic of Palau, and American Samoa.

Elected President is Chief Justice Martin Yinug of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia. Incoming Vice President is Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood of the U.S. District Court of Guam. Secretary is Chief Justice

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## Pacific's Progress toward the 2015 Millennium Development Goals deadline

PACNEWS

New York, 26 September 2013 (PIFS)

--- Reports outlining the progress of Pacific Island Forum Countries towards achieving the globally agreed Millennium Development Goals and their efforts towards strengthening development coordination were launched last night in New York.

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat launched the two Reports at an event jointly hosted by the President of the Republic of Marshall Islands (current Chair of the Pacific Islands Forum) and the Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

"The Millennium Development Goals are our promise to the world's most vulnerable. These Reports are a reflection of the realities of the Pacific people and the challenges faced in improving their lives," says Tuiloma Neroni Slade, Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. "The deadline to achieve these goals is 2015 and as we look beyond that, we must ensure that our Pacific people remain at the centre of the development agenda."

One of the greatest achievements highlighted in the 2013 Pacific Regional Millennium Development Goals Tracking Report is that 10 of the 14 Forum Island Countries are

reducing child mortality and the majority of countries are achieving universal primary education.

"However, we are making uneven progress towards improving maternal health, combating major diseases and ensuring environmental sustainability," says the Honourable Phillip Muller, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. "Our biggest challenge is reducing poverty, and ensuring gender equality and empowering women."

In the face of these results – Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu are pursuing acceleration strategies to improve their performance.

"There are strong signs of good progress at the country level to strengthen country systems and processes," says Minister Muller. "As a result, more Forum Island Countries are exerting stronger leadership over their development agenda and engaging more effectively with development partners. The challenge now is for Forum Island Countries to sustain this momentum."

The 2013 Tracking the Effectiveness of Development Efforts in the Pacific Report highlights that by the end of this year, 13 Pacific Island Forum Countries would have undertaken peer reviews of their country systems of planning, budgeting, public financial and aid management.

"My country has benefited from this process and we are and will make every effort to implement the recommendations of that Peer Review," said Minister Muller.

The eight international development goals were agreed by 189 United Nations member states in 2000. They include eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, providing every child with at least a primary education, empowering women, reducing child mortality rates and others. They agreed to achieve them by 2015....

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F. Michael Kruse of the High Court of American Samoa. Elected Treasurer is Presiding Judge Alberto C. Lamorena III of the Superior Court of Guam.

"I am pleased that our executive committee has elected Federated States of Micronesia Chief Justice Martin Yinug to lead our organization. I leave the leadership of the group in wise and capable hands and believe he will continue to focus on programs and initiatives designed to improve the administration of justice in our region." Said Chief Justice Carbullido.

Yinug took his Oath of Office as Chief Justice of the Federated States of Micronesia on May 5, 2011. He succeeded the late Chief Justice Andon L. Amaraich and was appointed by FSM President Manny Mori. Chief Justice Yinug is a native son of Yap State and has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from San Francisco State University and a Juris Doctorate from the Catholic University of America Law School in Washington D.C. Yinug has extensive experience working in the legal and public sector of the Federated States of Micronesia and has served on the bench for more than 20 years.

Carbullido added, "Chief Justice Yinug has a long history advocating for judicial independence and adequate funding from the other two branches to resolve disputes and render justice in a timely manner. He is held in high esteem in his country and is committed to the administration of justice." Yinug will assume office in January 2014.

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### Location:

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## Climate change has reached our shores

Opinion Editorial by Christopher J. Loeak

September 27, 2013

*New York, (New York Times)* --- As the world barrels toward a climate crisis of its own making, my country stands at the precipice. In the Marshall Islands, like elsewhere in the Pacific, climate change is no longer a distant threat, nor at the doorstep. Climate change is here.

No one can seriously contest that humanity's carbon-polluting ways are the main cause of global warming, and that the consequences are set to intensify. As Secretary of State John Kerry said earlier this month to an audience in the Marshall Islands, "The science is clear. It is irrefutable, and it is alarming."

Nowhere in the world is this threat more immediate than in the Marshall Islands, a loose string of more than 1,000 small islands a short plane ride southwest of Hawaii. As one of only four low-lying coral atoll nations in the world, we are increasingly panicked by recent scientific reports suggesting that the world is currently heading for a three- to six-foot rise in sea levels by the end of the century. If such predictions are accurate,

my country will be lost forever.

Earlier this year, I was forced to declare a state of disaster for our northern atolls after an unprecedented drought left thousands of our people without food or fresh water. Just six weeks later, a giant "king tide" hit our capital, Majuro, flooding the airport runway, some surrounding neighborhoods and even my own backyard as the waves crashed over a thick, protective sea wall — the second devastating climate disaster in two months.

Some have suggested that we move to higher ground, but in the Marshall Islands there isn't any — and we are not prepared to abandon our country. Our land is our home, our heritage and our identity. We have survived existential threats before. In the aftermath of World War II, we endured the horror of 67 nuclear tests, the largest of which was 1,000 times more powerful than the Hiroshima bomb. As we believed then, and believe now: this is our country, and we will always stay here. If the water comes, it comes.

Even as the danger looms large, we in the Pacific are doing much more than waving our arms in distress. Earlier this month, the region's leaders gathered in Majuro

for the Pacific Islands Forum to consider our response to the climate challenge. On Sept. 5, we adopted the Majuro Declaration for Climate Leadership, which outlines the ambitious targets of our island states to accelerate their transition to low-carbon economies. The Cook Islands, Niue, Tuvalu and Vanuatu are all striving for 100 percent renewable energy by 2020, and Tonga, 50 percent by 2020. Our motive is not purely environmental. It comes from a common-sense realization that renewable energy is good for our economies, our energy security and the health of our populations. The message to the bigger countries is this: if we can do it, so can you.

Central to the success of the Majuro Declaration will be the listing of new commitments from the world's major emitters, particularly those around the Pacific Rim that together account for more than 60 percent of global emissions. Crucially, members of the United States delegation to the forum told us that they would support the Majuro Declaration and would submit President Obama's Climate Action Plan in furtherance of their current emissions-reduction target.

For too long, others have used American

inaction as an excuse not to act themselves. The world needs American leadership on climate change. United States support for the Majuro Declaration could not be more welcome, and it is likely to spur action from others. At this month's post-forum dialogue, we heard strong support for the Majuro Declaration from Britain, Indonesia, France, Thailand, Malaysia, South Korea, the Philippines and the European Union, and we look forward to their commitments as well. This is precisely the upward spiral we are seeking to spark.

This week, I am in New York with my fellow Pacific leaders to seek broader support for the Majuro Declaration, and to present it to the secretary general of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, as our "Pacific gift" to his efforts to build political will for accelerating climate action, and the signing of a new global agreement in 2015. In doing so, we will call on countries, businesses and organizations to bring forward new commitments, and rededicate ourselves to finding a solution to the challenge of our generation. Nothing could be more important.

*Christopher J. Loeak is the president of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.*

## Pacific Climate Change Centre to show environmental leadership

September 27, 2013

*Apia, Samoa* - A Pacific Climate Change Centre to be hosted at the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) in Apia, Samoa is envisioned for the region.

The 2014 Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Meeting, held in the Marshall Islands, highlighted climate change as the greatest threat to the peoples of the Pacific and issued a statement on "Marshalling the Pacific Response to Climate Change".

Pursuing the new Pacific Climate Change Centre is one avenue where SPREP aims to marshal the Pacific response to climate change.

The Centre will act as an expanded hub for SPREP's climate change support to Pacific Island Countries and Territories in particular, Climate Change Policy; Adaptation and Mitigation Programmes; the Pacific Meteorological Partnership Desk; Partnerships for Climate Change; Access to Climate Finance and; Climate Change Research. The establishment of the Centre will encourage partnerships throughout the region and internationally as a key element of building the resilience of Pacific countries to climate change.

"I applaud the decision by SPREP Members to develop the Pacific Climate Change Centre at SPREP. This Centre will be a focus for innovation and climate leadership in this region and in the world. It has the full support of my Government and we have sent this proposal to the Government of Japan with the strong endorsement of the Government of Samoa," said Hon. Prime Minister of Samoa, Afioga Tuilaepa

Lupesoli'ai Sailele Malielegaoi.

If successful, the new centre could be up and running by 2016.

The Centre will be designed as a showpiece for leadership in energy and environmental design. Low energy consumption, anaerobic treatment of sewage, photovoltaic panels and a green roof thermal insulation are a few of the new technologies to be part of the design of the Pacific Climate Change Centre.

It will also enable SPREP and Japan to engage in more extensive cooperation in terms of technical expertise and information sharing, applying the same model currently used by SPREP's Waste Management and Pollution Control Division whereby Japanese technical staff are based at SPREP under the J-PRISM waste Project.

"We have envisaged an interactive centre that supports Pacific climate research and partnerships, one that mirrors the Caribbean Climate Change Community Centre - the inter governmental agency on climate change for the Caribbean region with which we are working quite closely at the moment," said Mr. David Sheppard, Director-General of SPREP.

"This new building will be the main hub of climate change for the Pacific region. We are excited by the possibilities the Pacific Climate Change Centre will bring."

The Pacific Climate Change Centre was one of the issues on the agenda before the 24th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme in Apia, Samoa from 17 to 19 September. The Meeting was

chaired by the Government of Nauru and brought together 24 of the 26 members of SPREP, including the newest member, the

Government of the United Kingdom. Former host and chair of the 2012 Annual SPREP Meeting was New Caledonia.



### Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

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# Delegates talk national budget support for delivery of climate change finance

PACNEWS

SEPTEMBER 27, 2013

**NUKU'ALOFA (SPC)** - More than 60 participants from eleven Pacific Island countries and seven international organisations have descended on the Scenic Hotel in Tonga to discuss the intricacies of gaining access to direct national budget support for climate change from international donors.

The 'Regional Meeting on Climate Change Finance using Budget Support Modalities' is aimed at helping delegates from Pacific Island government ministries demystify the often complex and convoluted flows, forms and requirements of international climate change finance.

The meeting organised by the Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States (GCCA: PSIS) project runs from 25-27 September. The GCCA: PSIS is funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented regionally by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).

Frances Reupena representing the Water and Sanitation Sector in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Samoa and Chanel Iroi, Under Secretary for the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Management and Meteorology in Solomon Islands shared experiences and lessons learned from their countries. Both have successfully secured national budget support from the EU.

Kevin Petrini, Regional Climate Change Advisor with the United Nations Development Programme says the discussions will have tangible benefits. 'A regional meeting like this, which supports the call made by Pacific Leaders, really adds value because it brings international thinking on the issue (climate finance) and shares it with the national level. And then it also takes national experiences

and allows these to be shared among the other nations, especially the small island developing states.

'The climate finance landscape is changing very rapidly since Copenhagen. I think there have been a lot of expectations built and not a lot of information about how countries can access and manage finance and so I think it helps translate those international pledges and ideas and thoughts into national realities' he says.

Ron Hackett, Public Financial Management Adviser with the Pacific Financial Technical Assistance Centre agrees that the forum supports government. 'Some of the concepts aren't just relevant to climate change, they're relevant to just about every other aspect of government services like education and health because what we're talking about, basically, is how you plan for activities in an effective way and make sure that the budgets that are developed actually follow through and allow the implementation.'

Tonga Broadcasting Commission aired discussion from the first day of the meeting, which was addressed by Lord Ma'afu Tukui'aulahi, Minister for Lands, Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources in Tonga.

The EU was gratefully acknowledged for financially supporting the meeting organised for Pacific Island delegates by SPC.

The 3rd Planning and Steering Committee Meeting of the GCCA: PSIS will follow on Monday 30 September and Tuesday 1 October. The GCCA: PSIS project receives €11.4 million in EU funding and supports climate change adaptation projects in nine Pacific Island countries - Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Tonga and Tuvalu. These are implemented nationally by Government.

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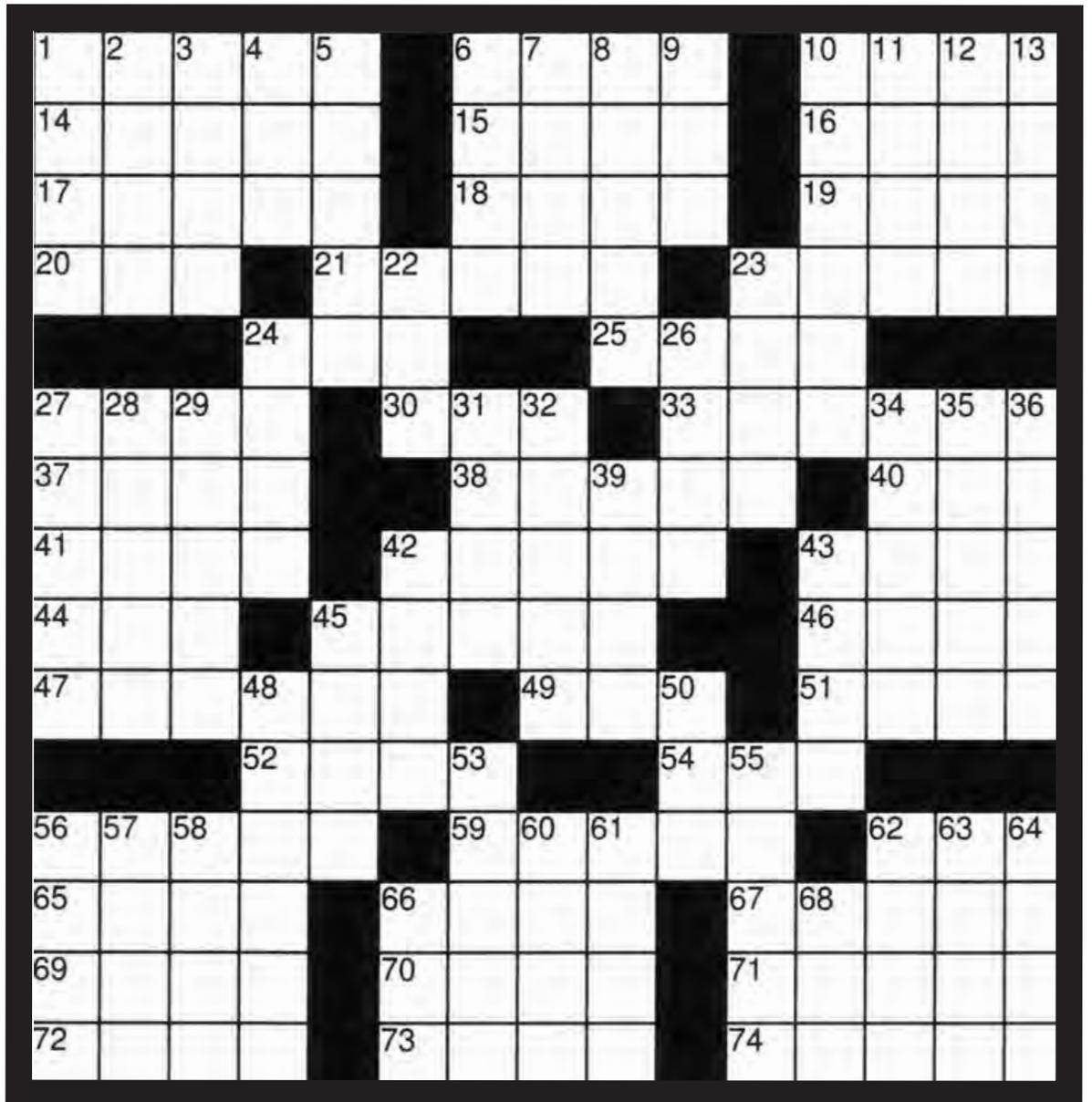
# Crossword - I's... I's ... I's

**ACROSS**

**DOWN**

1. Slip
6. Swing
10. Sting
14. Twirling
15. Clip
16. Fix
17. Skirmish
18. Flight bd. listings
19. Bits
20. Dig in
21. Wrists
23. Ski sticks
24. JFK listing
25. Dip
27. Kill
30. .001 inch
33. Pitch in
37. Knitting rib
38. Filmic 007
40. \_\_\_-fi
41. Limits
42. Micki & \_\_\_ (film)
43. Split
44. Scrimp
45. Insist
46. Split
47. Split
49. Till
51. This: Sp.
52. Chills
54. Ships hdg.
56. Tilt
59. Sing
62. Tint
65. Rip
66. \_\_\_ Night
67. Insipid
69. British pic digs
70. Split
71. Risk
72. Mimic
73. Bid first
74. Hits

1. Limping
2. District
3. Hit
4. Visit
5. Pick
6. Fight
7. Twist
8. Stinging
9. Right!
10. Digs
11. Twist
12. "Vissi d' \_\_\_"
13. Plight
22. Mil. bigwig
23. Sit
24. Iris districts
26. Pink
27. Whisk
28. Sri \_\_\_
29. Birch's kin
31. "Wish \_\_\_, wish ..."
32. Nit
34. British \_\_\_
35. Whiff
36. Link
39. Whiff
42. Did
43. Drifting
45. Schism
48. Kindling
50. This: Sp.
53. GI's bills
55. Clips
56. Sp. Miss
57. Spring
58. Kick in
60. Drift
61. Sign
62. \_\_\_-kiri
63. GI gp.
64. Fish Dish
66. Siding with
68. Mint



## Movies

After you've circled all the words, the unused letters, when read from left to right, starting at the top, will spell out titles of three movies starring Tom Hanks.

S E M A J E L U D O M F O R  
 R W E S A H T I W N T G U M  
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 I N C G R V T M W O R K S W  
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 I L N O V R N A O D I E K E  
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 E I O F F O N E M G R H A H  
 R I N H A I S E E G Y A W L  
 F O U D O S L N E M E H T Y

BAD PLACE  
 (The)  
 BEASTCHILD  
 BLOOD RISK  
 BRUNO  
 CHASE  
 COLD FIRE  
 COSMIC SIN  
 CRIMSON WITCH  
 DARKFALL  
 DEMON SEED  
 DRAGONFLY  
 FUNHOUSE (The)  
 GRAYWORLD  
 HARDSHELL  
 HIDEAWAY  
 ICEBOUND  
 INTENSITY  
 INVASION

LIGHTNING  
 MASK (The)  
 MR. MURDER  
 ODDKINS  
 PHANTOMS  
 SHADOWFIRES  
 SHAMBOLAIN  
 SNATCHER  
 STARBLOOD  
 STRANGERS  
 SURROUNDED  
 TRAPPED  
 TWILIGHT EYES  
 UNDERCITY (The)  
 VISION (The)  
 WATCHERS  
 WHISPERS  
 WINTER MOON

# Senator Figir makes his telecom position known in open letter to constituent

Dear Ms. Gisog,

Thank you for contacting me regarding your wishes for fiber optic connections for Yap State. I share your desire for better connectivity for our state. That being said, after all these years in politics I have learned that there is no such thing as free lunch. Every decision has its costs. When someone comes to you offering a wonderful thing there are usually hidden consequences behind the offer. As prudent decision makers, it is up to us to figure out what those hidden consequences are.

In this case, you may be aware that our neighbor Palau has turned down a similar opportunity for fiber optic connection in favor of a satellite-based system. Is there something they know that we don't? Maybe there is and maybe there isn't but we should find out before we decide. Likewise, what is it exactly that the World Bank wants us to do? "Liberalization" is a very nice sounding word but what does it really mean in actuality? As they say, the devil is in the details.

We learned that lesson with the Compact and various Asian Development Bank loans.

I assume you are a well-informed person so you must know that even the World Bank is critical of itself when it comes to promoting development. It is incumbent on us to perform our due diligence, and do what is best for our state after deliberation of the pros and cons. I am sure you are not asking us to jump just because someone may be giving us some money.

That being said I note your wish, and will keep it in mind as I go on to perform the task that our people have entrusted me, which is to make the right decision for our people.

**Isaac Figir**

*Editor's Note: The open letter to one of his constituents was written before Senator Figir read about the Government to Government agreement between FSM and Palau. He said that he still holds his position no matter what Palau decides.*

# Let's do it! Pohnpei

**Pohnpei Environmental Protection Agency**

Pohnpei, the garden island of Micronesia is slowly losing its beauty due to its fast growing population, and that really affects its environment due to development issues and the thoughtless action of its citizens. We were once close to Mother Nature and during those days, we respected our environment, making it a very peaceful and beautiful place to live. Now days with the high demand of development, we tend to ignore the bond between us and Mother Nature. With the ignorance that we have about Mother Nature, we started to pollute our environment. From the pollutions that we have made, comes the effects which slow economic growth and cause health problems also to arise.

The Pohnpei Environmental Protection Agency along with many other Agencies is fighting the changing environment by taking part in all the cleanup events that take place every year. This year the office of Environmental Protection Agency has joined the Earth in these events, and now the Cleanup the World 2013 that was held on the 18-21 of September. On the 18-20 of September, EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) coordinated an island wide cleanup to help reduce the amount of trash that we thoughtlessly throw away every day in disregard of our environment. On the 21st of September, the office of EPA, CTSI, Filipino community of Pohnpei, and JICA joined together to do a shoreline cleanup at the causeway. 35 trash bags were collected during the shoreline cleanup and disposed of at the dumpsite. The causeway being the gateway of our island, it truly needs our attention to keep it clean. Every day we ignore our thoughtless action that leads up to zero percent of

love and caring of our future generation. It is better to start helping out our mother nature in the fight for the changing climate that will affect you and me.

The office of EPA would like to pass our sincere gratitude and continuous support from the following Agencies, departments and NGO's.

The Municipal offices, especially the office of Menin Keder for its continuous support in all the cleanup events, Caroline Fisheries Corporation, Luen Thai Fishing Ventures, Ctsi, Pt&S, Nfc, Occ, Kaselehlie Dinner, And China Star.

Our sincere gratitude is also given to all the departments of Pohnpei State government that took part in the cleanup events, from the beginning till now; without your support our fight for the changing environment and climate won't be a successful one. We hope that you continue to have a good heart in supporting and assisting these kinds of events in the future.



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# World Food Day Trade Fair & International Day of Disaster Reduction

## October 16th event

By WFD & IDDR committee

### Local Food Recipe Contest

**When:** Bring dish 8am-12pm 15th October to Agricultural Station, Bunso  
**Categories:** Karat banana, Taiwang banana, coconut, breadfruit, mwahng giant swamp taro, seafood and other local foods  
**Requirements:** Written recipe must accompany the dish (ingredients and directions)

Only 1 entry per person per category

#### Judging criteria:

- 1) Healthy cooking method
- 2) Healthy local ingredients
- 3) Taste & appetizing
- 4) Food sanitation
- 5) Recipe

**Prizes:** 1st \$50 2nd \$40 3rd \$30 4th \$20 5th \$10 Winners announced at World Food Day event on 16th October

**Contact:** IFCP on 320-3259 or COM-CES Cooperative Extension Service 320-5731  
*Entrants into the contest are allowed to sell their food at the World Food Day event*

### Preserved & Processed Foods Contest

**When:** Bring product 8am-12pm 15th October to Agricultural Station, Bunso  
**Categories:** Karat banana, Taiwang banana, coconut, breadfruit, mwahng giant swamp taro, seafood and other  
**Requirements:** Written recipe must accompany the product (ingredients and directions)

Only 1 entry per person per category

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### Handicraft Contest

**When:** Bring handicraft at 9am to Spanish Wall for entry into competition  
**Categories:** Wahr, wreath, wall tray, hat, mat, sape, dashboard décor, pelik, bouquet, food platter, kopou, dok, samwisi, spoon, piled, ketieu, padil, rohs dilpek  
**Requirements:** Must be made with local food crop materials

Only 1 entry per person per category

#### Judging criteria:

- 1) Local 2) Creativity 3) Steadiness/Firmness 4) Neatness/Smoothness 5) Durability

**Prizes:** 1st - 3rd Up to \$50 for 1st place Winners announced at World Food Day event on 16th October

**Contact:** Kester at Social Affairs 320-5142

*Entrants into the contest are allowed to sell their handicraft at the World Food Day event*

### Crop Diversity Contest

**When:** Registration open now. Bring crops to Spanish Wall on 15th (vegetables 16th 6-9am)

**Categories:** breadfruit, yam, mwahng giant swamp taro, banana, vegetables.

**Requirements:** Participants MUST register ASAP. Registration forms available at COM-CES and Agriculture Station

**Judging criteria:** 1) quantity of varieties 2) quality

**Prizes:** Yam: 1st \$300 2nd \$200 3rd \$100 4th \$75 5th \$50 Others: 1st \$150 2nd \$100 3rd \$80 4th \$60 5th \$40 Winners announced at World Food Day event on 16th October

**Contact:** COM-CES Cooperative Extension Service 320-5731 or Agriculture Station on 320-2400

*Entrants into the contest are allowed to sell their crops at the World Food Day event, after judging*

### Crop & Livestock Contest

**When:** Bring crops to Spanish Wall on 15th & livestock 16th 6-9am

**Categories:** Livestock: Pwihk Lih, Pwihk Ohl, Malek litok, Malek king, Tehk (Ohl), Tehk (Lih), Goat (Ohl), Goat (Lih)

**Fruit:** Papaya (reirei), Papaya (pwon), Papaya (solo), Sei (soursop), Mwoaroapw (almond

nut), Pineapple (tak), Pineapple (medel), Lemon, Karer en lopwolopw, Karer tik  
**Root Crops:** Toantoal, Kosrae, Pastora, Sawa kapw, Sawa Honolulu, Penieu, Tomwara, Dolen Wai

**Other:** Black pepper, Sehu pwet, Sehu tol, Sehu nta, Sehu palau, Sehu alahl, sehu wai, Sehu kalai, Pandanus, Mwangas, Uhpw omwi, Mwoaroapw, Sakau (nan sapw)

**Requirements:** No registration required. Livestock must be brought in cages

**Judging criteria:** 1) Quality 2) Weight (yam ONLY)

**Prizes:** 1st-5th Up to \$100 for 1st place Winners announced at World Food Day event on 16th October

**Contact:** COM-CES Cooperative Extension Service 320-5731 or Agriculture Station on 320-2400

*Entrants into the contest are allowed to sell their crops & livestock at the World Food Day event, after judging*

### Speech Contest

**Who:** 11th & 12th grade high school students

**When:** Speech contest held prior to 16 Oct

**Topics:** 1) Living with disabilities 2) Disasters 3) Food security 4) Nutrition 5) Food systems

**Requirements:** Pohnpeian or English written speech

**Judging criteria:** see DoE

**Prizes:** 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50

**Contact:** Nelson Iriarte DoE 320-2102

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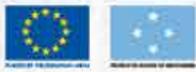
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