

**CONCERN CITIZENS GROUP OF YAP STATE
COLONIA, YAP
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA**

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His Excellency
The Honorable Manny Mori
President
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POSITION AND CONCERNS OF THE GROUP

Dear Mr. President:

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We, the undersigned individuals, representing the Concerned Citizens of the FSM Nation and residents of the Great State of Yap, would like to welcome you Mr. President and your distinguished delegation to Yap. We appreciate very much, your efforts to find time in your busy schedule to meet with us today. We thank you for this precious opportunity.

Mr. President, at the outset, we would like to state for the record that our Organization is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution, public or private. We represent ourselves and shared a common cause.

Our group's membership comes from a cross section of the community and from different religious affiliations in the state. We even have non-Christians and non-believers in our midst. Various age groups are also found in our organization. Our membership is estimated to be in the thousands throughout the state and abroad. We can safely assumed here that we speak for a majority of the Yapese people.

Mr. President, most of us believed in God. We have faith in the FSM National Government and we believed in WE THE PEOPLE. When WE THE PEOPLE are put in harms way so that ETG can make a lot of money then, it is time for simple people like us to step in and champion their cause.

We are extremely opposed to the Cooperation Investment Agreement between the State of Yap and the Exhibition and Travel Group (ETG) founded by Chairman Deng Hong in 1997. This China based corporation has three core sectors: (1) investment development, (2) real estate construction, and (3) property operations. In our humble opinion, we believe that this agreement is a win win situation for ETG and a very painful hang over for Yap State.

Operating under the Investment Agreement Scheme, ETG is now in the process of leasing land parcels from Yapese landowners, most of them do not know the terms and conditions of the lease agreements they signed. While we cannot tell a Yapese landowner not to lease his/her land, if that is what he/she wants, we can caution them to know and understand their responsibilities and obligations under the agreement before they sign.

The Yap State Legislature has adopted several resolutions asking the Administration and ETG to refrain from their land grabbing activities until the issues are explained properly to the people. The three highest traditional paramount chiefs in Yap have directed ETG to do the same and thus far, it is business as usual. ETG who claims to have high regards for the government resolutions and traditional mandates simply ignores these requests from our leaders and continue on their merry way. This is un-Yapese and very disrespectful and insulting to us.

This ETG Investment Agreement Scheme is too complicated for the average Yapese to fully comprehend. In our humble opinion, it is a flawed document with too many lose ends and lope holes for ETG to avoid living up to their responsibilities, promises, and obligations.

The Project is too ambitious, too massive and too sudden for Yap State and the Yapese People to accept without knowing the commitments and obligations contained and/or implied therein. This development is specifically designed to cater to the high-end international tourist with money to spend and not for the benefit of the average Yapese person. We are being discriminated against and turned into second-class citizens in our own homeland.

Our primary purpose is to make sure that the average Yapese person knows and understands fully what is expected of him/her under the lease agreement.

We Yapese are traditionalists. We pride ourselves in the fact that our unique tradition, customs, and culture are one with the land. Our native names and identity is perpetuated in the land. If the land is leased away and/or gone for a long time, then, we will be lost and homeless in our own state. Land in Yap is a precious commodity. We want and love our own patch of jungle and we do not want to be forced to give it up if we do not want to. We value our land and want to hold on to it for as long as we can. We have too much island pride to end up on an artificial reservation.

It is customary that we Yapese come together when our own people are hurting and/or in times of great needs. This tradition has been with us ever since we can remember. Money and greed has come in and easily replaced the accepted local customs and traditions. ETG is working very well with the scheme of divide and conquer.

ETG has manage to do the impossible for Yap. For the first time in the long and proud history of Yap State, our state leadership is divided. Our state government is divided on this issue. Our traditional chiefs and councils are divided, our municipalities, villages, clans, families, and people are divided. Greed and selfishness are more common and destroying the frazil fabric our society. We do not need this in Yap.

Mr. President, we are not oppose to economic development for the state. In fact, we welcome it. We want economic development progress that will fit our needs and under our Yapese control. We want Yapese to be part owners and stakeholders of the economic developments in our state.

We want to protect the heritage of the past and the promise of the future. This is what we Yapese need to pass on to our children and grand children. We have no other valuable asset other than the land.

The ETG's disruption of our lives, cultures, tradition and government operations must be stopped Mr. President. The only way is for ETG to leave Yap. If some of our own people believed in ETG then, we respectfully invited them to pack up and relocated to China.

This is not going to be a once in a lifetime missed opportunity.

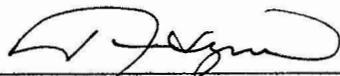
If ETG is a good thing for our nation, then perhaps, one of our sister-states should consider inviting ETG to set up their investment project in that state. If there is a way that you know that might help us in our efforts, please let us know. Your understanding and cooperation are gratefully appreciated and most welcomed.

At the end of the day, Mr. President, this issue is a Yapese problem that must be solved only by the Yapese People coming together and working together as one. In order for this to work, ETG must pack up and leave Yap and the sooner this is done, the better for all concerned. We invited this mess upon ourselves and it is time that we clean house. To this end, we pledge our sacred honor.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest considerations.

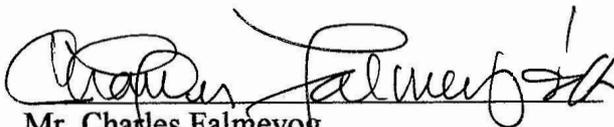
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Respectfully submitted,



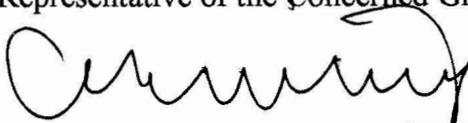
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