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Chuuk puts question of secession on March 3 ballot

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

public hearings, all aimed at fulfilling the responsibilities of the Commission under duties mandated by the Legislature in 2012.”

January 28, 2015

Pohnpei, FSM—The Chuuk State Political Status Commission presented its final report to the Chuuk Legislature. As a result, on March 3, 2015, Chuuk’s voters will not only be asked to vote for Senators to represent them at the FSM Congress, they will also be asked to vote on whether or not Chuuk State should secede from the Federated State of Micronesia and become a new nation, the Republic of Chuuk.

Since the report was adopted by the Chuuk Legislature, FSM’s President Manny Mori has been on a campaign imploring voters to keep the FSM united by voting no to the plebiscite question of independence for Chuuk. This evening he addressed students at the College of Micronesia on the subject. He said that voting “no” will put an end to the movement but that if the measure passes, Chuuk will waste energy on attempting to establish independence that could be otherwise used to help develop its own economy.

The report says that it “represents the culmination of long hours of meetings, debate, analysis, research, writing, travel, discussions and

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Australian Embassy hosts Australia Day party just a tad early

By Bill Jaynes
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January 23, 2015

Pohnpei, FSM—Though Australia Day isn’t until January 26, Australian Ambassador Dr. Terry Bevens said that he wanted his invited guests to be able to relax and enjoy the evening without having to worry about the next day being a working day and so decided to hold the Australia Day function on a Friday evening.

The evening was relaxing with good food, good drinks, and good company.

FSM Department of Foreign Affairs Deputy Director Samson Pretrick officially represented the FSM at the event and thanked the Australians for their warm hospitality and special friendship with FSM.

Ambassador Dr. Beven explained the significance of Australia Day during his speech which follows:

On 26 January, Australians everywhere celebrate simply being Australian. While the date marks the anniversary of the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788, Australians now celebrate the nation and the people Australia has become.

Australia is the beneficiary of rich strands of history and migration. We have found unity in diversity,

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Seidonokawa water cleanup project

UNITED YOUTH MEDIA RELEASE

The Central Union of Young Adults (CUYA), is taking a huge step in the environmental cleanliness of Pohnpei with their new project, the Seidonokawa Water Cleanup Project. The Seidonokawa stream flows through houses from Palm Terrace all the way down to the Komwonlaid area. They have received a grant from United Nations Development Program of Small Grants (UNDP SGP), spanning a year, to complete this project in cooperation with the Pohnpei Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP), and the Mayor of Kolonia Town.

Quality testing done by EPA showed that Seidonokawa stream is by far the most polluted on the island. A pollution map created by CSP shows the contributing factors to the heavily polluted stream. CUYA, along with Mayor Shoniber and Councilman Jimmy Eldridge, shared a mutual understanding and sense of obligation to help lower the contaminant levels, eliminating potential diseases and other health issues that might ensue from the polluted stream. CUYA wants the young citizens of Kolonia Town to be involved in this project to understand

the health and environmental issues that this project will deal with.

So far, the project is still very much in its preliminary stage, with awareness programs being the priority. CUYA completed their first day of cleanup during the first week of January, with several youth groups doing their part to clean up specific areas of the stream.

"We are at less than 10% and our deadline is 2016," stated Mr. Johnny Musrasrik, President of CUYA, in an email. But it is obvious that vital steps have been taken in this process.

This project will have numerous environmental, health, and community benefits. Communities working together on this project will develop a greater understanding of the health risks stemming from the polluted stream and will gain greater sense ownership and accountability and responsibility for maintaining a more environmentally-friendly lifestyle.

"My goal for this and any other undertaking is to leave a legacy of good will for others to emulate, so that more of us today can leave a better environment and a better future for more of our children in the future," says Mr. Musrasrik.



Vital-FSM PetroCorp lowers fuel prices to all customers

Decrease is second major reduction in as many months

KOLONIA, POHNPEI – The FSM Petroleum Corporation will reduce fuel prices by a further \$0.25 per gallon effective 21st January 2015. This brings the total reduction in the last six weeks to over \$0.45 per gallon.

"There are a number of factors that affect how quickly we can change domestic fuel prices. It includes the frequency of fuel shipments, the amount of inventory reserves we have on hand, and what date we purchased the fuel cargo. Our operations are structured to provide protection against price spikes. So in June and July when Guam pump prices spiked by \$0.45 per gallon and were close to \$5-00 per gallon, we were able to hold FSM prices stable for four months until the spike was gone. The same principle applies when prices fall. It will take time to see the full extent of price reductions at the fuel pumps" says Board Chairman, Mr. William Hawley.

The FSMPC currently utilizes a Pricing Policy Framework (PPF) that has remained unchanged since its inception in 2008. The 2008 PPF seeks to provide price stability for retail service stations, and responsive market based pricing to utility corporations. The most recent rapid reduction of oil prices has raised the questions on whether this remains a suitable pricing policy within the FSM or whether it needs to be revised.

"The Pricing Policy Framework was implemented after lots of consultation with governments and businesses across the FSM when the company was formed. It was designed to cushion the domestic economy when international

fuel prices spike. We can move to a more responsive market based pricing structure if that is what governments, businesses and consumers desire and if it's best for the economy," says Chairman Hawley

The FSMPC have maintained that the sustainable fuel pump price differential between Guam and FSM-Pohnpei is between \$0.30 to \$0.45 cents per gallon. Pump prices in Guam are currently \$3.70 per gallon.

This indicates that if international oil prices remain stable at current levels consumers can expect pump prices to finally settle between \$4.10 to \$4.25 per gallon in coming months.

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FSM celebrates National Anti-Human Trafficking Day

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

January 22, 2015

Palikir, Pohnpei—The FSM celebrated FSM National Anti-Human Trafficking Day beginning this morning with a ceremony at the FSM Supreme Court Chamber in Palikir, Pohnpei. In the afternoon softball teams continued their collegial week long tournament at Spanish Wall Ball Park in Kolonia. The day culminated with a full length feature film at the Pohnpei Cinema entitled “Whistleblower” about victims of human trafficking.

Since the passage of landmark legislation in the FSM against Human Trafficking, the FSM has been making great strides in combating the crime. During her remarks at the morning’s ceremony, Department of Justice Secretary April Skilling said that currently her department is conducting investigations and prosecuting Human Trafficking crimes in each of the four states of the FSM.

Last year the FSM went from a rating of Tier Two Watch List status on the U.S. State Departments Trafficking in Persons report to Tier Two status indicating that it was at last making progress in combating human trafficking.

Commander Stewart Peter of the FSM Maritime Unit gave the invocation for the ceremony after which President Mori took the podium. He told the capacity audience that during his recent travel to the United

Nations he was the only Pacific Island leader to address the UN specifically about the dangers of Human Trafficking. He reiterated that prevention of human trafficking is the responsibility of every resident of the FSM and encouraged citizens to be informed about what it is.

Pohnpei’s Governor John Ehsa said that he had also declared January 22 as Anti-Human Trafficking Day in the State of Pohnpei.

FSM Chief of Police Captain Johnny Santos gave a report on FSM’s ongoing investigation efforts against the crime of Human Trafficking. He also explained the difference between the crime of human smuggling and the crime of human trafficking though his explanation was slightly incorrect and required Secretary Skilling to explain.

According to the law, “A person who knowingly or recklessly arranges or assists another person’s illegal entry into any country, including the Federated States of Micronesia, of which the other person is not a citizen and has no lawful right to enter shall be guilty of human smuggling, regardless of whether the smuggled person successfully arrives in the receiving country. Upon conviction, a person guilty of this offense shall be imprisoned for not more than ten years, or fined not less than \$5,000 but not more than \$20,000, or both.” Human Smuggling always requires the crossing of a border.

These are the charges that the FSM has

filed against the captains and boat owners of the “blue boats” from Vietnam that were recently arrested initially for illegal fishing are facing. The Captain of the “Green Boat” which landed in Yap carrying 16 Nepalese, 18 Indians, and one Indonesian is also facing this charge.

The crime of Human Trafficking is a different crime that does not necessarily require that a victim be moved anywhere at all. “A person who knowingly recruits, transports, transfers, harbors or receives another person for the purpose of exploitation, by threat, use of force, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or the giving or receiving of payments or benefits to achieve the consent of a person having control over another person shall be guilty of human trafficking. Upon conviction, a person guilty of this offense shall be imprisoned for not more than 15 years, or fined not less than \$5,000 but not more than \$25,000, or both.”

International Organization for Migration Chief of Mission Stuart Simpson also spoke to the assembled crowd followed by the announcement of the COM-FSM Essay Contest Winners. President Mori and Governor Ehsa presented a prize to Yurida Kephass for her essay entitled, “Our Citizens are not for Sale- Stop

Human Trafficking in the FSM”. Kenneth Edmund was the other winner for his essay simply entitled, “Anti-Human Trafficking”. He was not at the ceremony.

The presentation was followed by a 30 minute movie entitled “Chosen”. The movie is a production of Shared Hope International and is the true story of a teenaged victim of human trafficking.



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SPC welcomes falling energy prices with caution

Secretariat of the Pacific Community

Monday 19 January 2014, Suva, Fiji –The Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) is optimistic that cheaper oil prices will not reduce the Pacific region's momentum towards a renewable energy and energy efficient future.

Falling global oil prices have given some relief to Pacific Islands' consumers who pay among the highest prices in the world at the petrol pump, mainly due to import costs.

"We're seeing significant decreases in oil prices but this should be translated into reduced electricity and transport costs, two key sectors that SPC is working on with Pacific governments," the Director of SPC's Economic Development Division, John Hogan, said.

"Our major concern right now is to see the price decreases passed on to consumers in the Pacific and that there's no erosion in the region's commitment to renewable energy and energy efficiency," Mr Hogan said.

The head of SPC's Energy Programme, Solomone Fifita, said that while cheaper energy prices could potentially promote inefficiencies and waste, SPC hoped governments would use this opportunity to raise revenue that could be invested in renewable energy and energy efficiency programs.

"The transition to low-carbon economies should result in the long-term, permanent decrease in energy prices that the region is after," Mr Fifita said.

SPC monitors and analyses movements in the global and Pacific region energy markets and produces a Monthly Petroleum Price Review and the Pacific Fuel Price Monitor which enable the 22 Pacific Island countries and territories to monitor and compare pricing in the region.



To ensure current price decreases are fairly passed on to consumers, an SPC Petroleum Adviser is currently in the Cook Islands to review their fuel price template.

The price template reflects an agreed methodology among Pacific Island countries and territories for calculating the price of fuel. With technical assistance from SPC, the template is reviewed regularly to take account of the dynamic nature of the petroleum sector.

In the first quarter of

2015, SPC will also respond to requests from the governments of Tonga, Kiribati and Tuvalu to help review their petroleum pricing based on the template.

"Fuel prices continue to be volatile. Ten years ago, consumers were concerned that prices had reached US\$60 per barrel. Four years later, the price had tripled, yet today we see prices back to around US\$64," Mr Hogan said. "The projections are that pricing will continue its downward trend, pushing many in the industry to be uneconomical and exit," he added.

A new petroleum pricing manual introduced in December 2014 will familiarise petroleum pricing authorities in the Pacific with the terminologies, dynamics and realities of petroleum pricing.

Only fishing boats with tuna cannery in PNG will be allowed to catch fish in PNG waters: Maru

PacNEWS

Papua New Guinea -The Papua New Guinea Government will soon stop issuing fishing licenses to vessel owners unless they have tuna processing plants in the country.

Trade Commerce and Industry Minister Richard Maru said once the Pacific Marine Industrial Zone (PMIZ) project in Madang gets off the ground; only fishing boats with plants in the country will be allowed to catch fish in PNG waters.

The country's fisheries industry loses up to K2 billion (US\$767 million) annually because it does not process fish caught in its waters.

Maru said the biggest beneficiaries of PNG's fisheries are foreign fleets who take unprocessed catch from PNG waters to their fish factories overseas.

The multi-million kina project (PMIZ) should minimize fisheries revenue losses

Maru said: "I will be pushing through

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...Secession

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Commission members Johnny Meippen and Kasom Enlet are scheduled to speak to the students from the Commission's point of view on Friday, January 30. Unfortunately, that event will be after this newspaper has gone to press.

The report says that the Commission assessed options for other types of political statuses for Chuuk besides independence but eliminated those other options as "impractical, unrealistic or impossible."

It says that the status quo option would continue Chuuk's lack of autonomous political power and even further delay their economic development. "With autonomy, the development of our infrastructure and the systems within will be accelerated according to Chuuk's own priorities," it says.

Citing CNMI's lack of full political and economic control over the years, the Commission also ruled out the "commonwealth option". They also reasoned that "the actual formation of a commonwealth would have to await separate national independence processes which could be years down the road, too long for our serious need."

During this evening's presentation by President Mori at the College of Micronesia, Assistant Attorney General Joses Gallen said that the FSM Constitution does not allow for secession. President Mori pointed out that in order for any state to secede, the FSM Constitution would first have to be changed, which requires a vote of 75 percent of votes for any proposed change and also 75 percent of the states voting in favor. Such a plebiscite vote would first require Congress to vote to put the question before the voters in the first place. President Mori said that a "yes"

vote for secession on March 3 would not mean that Chuuk would automatically become an independent nation. He intimated that a vote for independence would likely be the start of what could be a long legal battle.

The Commission also abandoned the idea of pursuing status as a U.S. State or Territory as unrealistic, "especially in view of the growing sentiments in the U.S. against immigration and further overseas development."

"The FSM Constitutional scheme has become the driving force in our desire for independence," the report says. "From the Commission's viewpoint, Chuuk's whole state experience with the Federation has been unsatisfactory on all fronts: political, economic and cultural. Our legal recourse is independence."

It claims that the legal processes in the FSM fail to recognize Chuuk as the majority population in the FSM. "As a result, government processes, decisions, allocations, laws, regulations and implementations are not consistently reflective of our majority percentage of the FSM population."

It says that the prevailing revenue allocation formulas are "to Chuuk's great disadvantage." It says that structure has meant that Chuuk's infrastructure, including transportation, remains underdeveloped in many areas of the State. It also claims that under the FSM arrangement, Chuuk does not have sufficient means to protect and preserve its rich and distinctive culture.

It says that under international law Chuuk has the right to declare its own independence. It points out that in 2009 the International Court of Justice found that the people of Kosovo had acted in accordance with international law in their declaration of independence from Serbia. It cites the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights article 15 as another basis for the legal authority to secede.

"Chuuk's direct access to foreign

economic resources, long denied under the FSM arrangement would be its right as a sovereign nation", the report says and goes on to list various sources of funding that the Commission feels that Chuuk could reasonably expect with independence, including the Compact of Free Association, the Compact Trust Fund, and the FSM Trust Fund. It says that Chuuk's ownership shares in the two funds are expected to be substantial.

The report did NOT say that Chuuk is negotiating with the United States government about the possibility of a Compact of Free Association with the United States nor did it say that the United States had expressed willingness to negotiate a new Compact. One of the Commissioners members did publically make that claim however. Other Commission members quickly pointed out that the Commission had never made that claim.

"I am the United States Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia, and as President Obama's personal representative, I am responsible for the relations between the US and the FSM through its national government. If anyone claims that they are having discussions regarding Chuuk's separation from the FSM with the United States government, it is without my knowledge or sanction. There have been no discussions between the Chuuk Political Status Commission and U.S. government officials," wrote Ambassador Doria Rosen on the same forum in which the claim was made.

William Cook, Economic/Consular Officer of the U.S. Embassy to the FSM said that he had initiated a meeting with one of the Commission's members in order to find out what was going on. He said that he asked the members if at any time during the Commission's two and half years of existence the Commission had ever had contact with either the FSM or the U.S. governments. Cook reported the reply as "of course not".

Both by phone and during this evening's streamed presentation by President Mori, Cook said that he told the Commission member that the United States does not interfere with the internal affairs of sovereign nations and that it supports the basic human right of self determination. Cook said that when asked if the United States would support a Compact for a sovereign nation of Chuuk he said that he couldn't speak to that issue. The conversation was later reported by the Commission member as having been a positive sign that the U.S. would be willing to negotiate a new Compact. Cook categorically denies that he said any such thing or even implied that might be the case.

The Commission also expects that a new Republic of Chuuk could make as much as \$40 million per year in licensing fees and other income in what would then be its own Exclusive Economic Zone.

It projects that local revenues from its

tax base would also increase since taxes would no longer be divided with the FSM. It also would be able to implement a Value Added Tax that the FSM failed to implement.

It says that in view of the fact that growing economies in Asia are presently contributing to infrastructure development in the region, a Republic of Chuuk could expect that Foreign Assistance will be a major source of funding. It points out that such development would be simply charitable, but will be based on mutual interests with contributing nations.

Regarding sources of revenue, the report last says that a Republic of Chuuk would develop and pursue an aggressive direct foreign investment agenda that would bring direct revenue streams to existing enterprises in Chuuk.

The report says that with rare exceptions, the 50 public hearings in Chuuk, Guam, CNMI, Hawaii and Oregon revealed strong majority support for a new independent Chuuk. "When concerns, worries, or uncertainties arose, we explained our choice for the future based on our common history, our inequitable relations with the FSM, and especially our lack of economic and social development under our present political arrangement."


The report said that the hearings reached thousands of Chuukese within and outside of Chuuk. "The Commission is confident that the people will support the choice for independence."

The Commission proposed an eight step series of political procedures to take place over the next few years in order to attain a new sovereign status for Chuuk. One of the steps is to invite United Nations Observers to be present in Chuuk during the plebiscite in March. If the measure passes at that time they suggest that a Constitutional Convention be formed by April 2015 with a goal of producing a new Constitution by October. After public education, the Commission recommends a referendum on the Constitution by March of 2017 unless funded earlier by the Chuuk State Legislature.


It concludes by saying that nearly all of the current operations of the Chuuk State Government can be transitioned as operational bases for the new National Government of Chuuk. It recognizes that Chuuk would need to establish its own office of External or Foreign Affairs.

No analysis was presented in the report regarding what the immigration status of Chuukese citizens currently living overseas under the Compact of Free Association with the United States or its citizens living in the other states of the FSM might be if Chuuk is successful in seceding from the FSM.

On January 27, 2015, President Mori signed an Executive Order establishing an FSM Task Force on National Unity.



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President Mori receives People's Republic of China Ambassador to FSM, H.E. Li Jie

On January 21, 2015, H.E. Li Jie, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the FSM presented the letter of recall and his letter of credence to President Emanuel (Manny) Mori in the President's conference room after arriving on January 19, 2015. As a resident Ambassador in the FSM, Ambassador Li presented the copy of his credentials to Secretary Lorin Robert on the same day of 19 January to assume his function as the head of the Chinese Mission in the FSM.

President Mori opened dialogue by accepting and welcoming Ambassador Li to the FSM as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the FSM. He further acknowledged and thanked the Chinese Government for the speedy replacement and indicated that it is an indication of a friendly cooperation and good working relations between the two governments.

The President assured Ambassador Li his desire to work closely with him and his government towards the fulfillment of mutual interests and aspiration. He reiterated that he stands ready to continue to work with China on regional and international issues and expressed his gratitude to China for its tremendous contributions among other generous financial assistance and services extended to the FSM. President Mori also acknowledged China's continuing effort



in engagement with the Pacific Island Countries and congratulated China for successfully hosting the China-Pacific Island Leaders Meeting in Nadi, Fiji.

Ambassador Li thanked the President for accepting his letter of credence. He then conveyed greetings from President Xi Jinping to the Government and the people

of the FSM.

Being the new Ambassador of China to the FSM, Ambassador Li considered to be lucky to represent his country in the FSM. He further stated that he will work closely with the FSM on the issues and decisions made by both President Mori and President Xi

FSM Vice President Alik L. Alik, Secretary of the National Department of Resources and Development Marion Henry, Deputy Secretary Samson Pretrick of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Chief of Staff Leo Falcam Jr., and staff from the President's Office and Department of Foreign Affairs were in attendance during the presentation.

Applications for Direct Aid Program open

The Australian Embassy in Pohnpei is now accepting Direct Aid Program (DAP) applications from non-government organizations (NGO) and community groups in the Federated States of Micronesia.

DAP is a flexible, small grants scheme available to NGO's and community groups engaged in development activities. NGOs and community groups doing work in remote island locations are encouraged to apply.

Groups can apply for up to USD 20,000 to facilitate their projects. Applications are accepted year round and are assessed on individual basis.

To apply and for more information, you can: visit the Australian Embassy website at www.fsm.embassy.gov.au; go to "Australia in Micronesia" Facebook page; call us on +691 320 5448; or e-mail joyce.gehr@dfat.gov.au.

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The Embassy of People's Republic of China in FSM

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respecting differences and building a nation together. Over time, Australia has become one people sharing one country.

Australia and the Federated States of Micronesia, as well as our neighbours the Republic of Palau and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, are long-standing friends.

I particularly want to recognise those who work locally and across the region helping to build better lives for all. I am sure we are all grateful for the contributions of volunteers and advisers, and businesses and individuals. Many of these are Australians or engaged on behalf of Australia. I am proud of them.

I especially want to say thank you to the Federated States of Micronesia for welcoming Australians. Nothing would be possible without the cooperation and support of governments, communities and people.

I also especially want to thank the Australian Embassy's hosts: the State of Pohnpei and the National Government.

We can take heart from the strength of our relationships and shared commitments to work together for the benefit of all. In the Pacific, Australia feels very at home, joined by common bonds with our Pacific friends.

This year, 25th April will mark 100 years since the Anzac military landings took place at Gallipoli in Turkey, which many of you know has a special place in the 'Australian soul'. As usual, there will be a dawn service to mark that momentous day, when our thoughts will once again go back to a time and a place of conspicuous bravery.

This year also, the Australian Government will highlight the achievements of young Australians and the power of education to change lives and build a better future. 'Future Chasers: Australian Experiences, Global Impact' will profile young people defining the next generation's successes.

Young people, wherever they are and whoever they may be, have the imagination and energy to change the world. Their future is truly unlimited. Let us hope that future will be as bright as we all feel today in this shared moment.



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PNG drifters arrive home

By Clifford Faiparik

Two West New Britain men lost at sea for five months arrived on Saturday (17/01/15) in Port Moresby after having been rescued in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).

Their repatriation from Pohnpei in FSM via Philippines to Port Moresby was made possible by the International Organisation of Migration (IOM) and the PNG Immigration and Citizenship Service Authority (PNGICSA).

Michael Bolong, 54, who has six children and Ambrose Wavut, 28, with a five-year-old child are now looking forward to reuniting with their families.

They were blown off course in a violent storm and drifted in open sea to FSM and were rescued at a very isolated area by the fishing vessel Yap Seagull.

They said that it was their faith in God that enabled them to stay alive during their ordeal after their dinghy ran out of fuel when traveling between Lihir and Tanga islands on July 15 last year.

Both are from Atui village in the Kandrian District.

They thanked the people in Pohnpei and the crew of the fishing vessel for looking after them after being rescued on Nov 23.

Bolong said that they had followed a whale by paddling weakly towards the direction it was swimming to and ended up seeing the Yap Seagull at about 4am.

"The whale then swam under the vessel, then returned under the vessel and swam away. I think the whale was telling us, you'll be rescued now after two vessels just ignored us while we were adrift in the open sea."

Their dinghy operator, Francis Dimansol, 48, died from medical conditions while they were adrift.

Man arrested after alleged sexual relations with an 11 year old girl

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

January 29, 2015

Pohnpei, FSM—Pohnpei State Police said that on Saturday, January 17 a woman filed a report with police after her 11 year old daughter told her that she had been having sexual relations with a man in his late 50's.

Police say that the two met in 2013 and became friends. They allege that the relationship recently became sexual. They say that attendance records at Kolonia Elementary School show that the student had developed a habit of coming back late from recess which is when they allege that the accused man picked her up.

Police say that the parent reported that she found out about the problem after her neighbors told her that her daughter was seeing someone. When she confronted her daughter the girl eventually told her the story.

We were unable to determine what specific charges have been filed against the accused.

Pohnpei's age of consent for sexual relations is 16.

They said that the accused man was arrested, charged and released on a \$300 bond.

Dimanbol from Tanga Island, New Ireland, died just two weeks before they were rescued.

"We were admitted to the hospital at Pohnpei when brought ashore to check our medical conditions as we were suffering from sunburned, dehydration and hunger. The heat of the sun was so hot then on the beach," Bolong said.

Bolong said he had gone to Lihir Island after his nephew Wavut asked him to help build his house in his wife's village in Tanga Island.

"So I flew over and we got on the boat at Kinawi village and took off in the dinghy loaded with roofing irons at about 6am. In the middle of our trip we encountered heavy rain and we would not see because it was very cloudy. Late Dimanbol unsuccessfully tried to find a way out of the cloud and the fuel ran out".

Bolong said when the storm passed they realised that we were lost in the open sea as there were no land to see. While adrift we passed two unmarked vessels.

"The first one (a fishing vessel) ignored us. The second one (a fuel tanker) gave us a water container containing fresh water and left us."

Bolong said that they knew that everyone by then knew that they were dead.

"But we kept on praying to God. When it rain we catch it at the bottom of the dinghy and drank it. We also ate drifting coconuts and fishes that passed near our dinghy. We caught the fish by spearing it with a screw driver that we tied it (screw driver) on to the paddle. . We then dried the fishes on the scorching roofing iron and ate them."



Ambrose Wavut and Michael Bolong arriving at the Jackson's International Airport in Port Moresby on Saturday

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Open to: General Public
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Closing Date: 10-Feb-2015

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President Mori receives Secretary General Meg Taylor of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat



of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat for a three year term. Secretary General Taylor is the first woman to be selected to hold the office of Secretary General. This is her first visit to the FSM, after assuming her post, as an introductory visit to the FSM. The visit to the FSM is based on her commitment to visit all member states in early part of 2015. She was accompanied by her staff, Ms. Desna Solofa, Director Political Governance and Security Program.

During her Call on the President, Secretary General Taylor expressed her gratitude and thanked the President for making the time to meet her. She briefly shared with the President her vision and priorities during her first term, especially on the issue related to the new Framework for Pacific Regionalism.

Among other issues, she also indicated the important roles of the CROP Agencies and Development Partners in the region and how to strengthen the relations among members and the development partners. The other issue raised in the meeting is on the Special Subcommittee on Regionalism (SSCR), which member states have been invited by the Forum Secretariat to submit its potential candidate that can assist the Forum Secretariat in implementing the Framework for Pacific Regionalism. They also discussed areas of coordination on the issues of climate change and fisheries in preparation for upcoming meetings this year.

The President was also briefed on the upcoming Pacific Island Forum Leaders meeting, which is tentatively scheduled from September 7-11, 2015 in Papua New Guinea (PNG) as well as the next year's Forum which will be held in the FSM. As part of her first visit to the FSM, the Secretary General also paid a courtesy call on the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Pohnpei State Government.

On January 20, 2015, President Emanuel Mori receives Dame Meg Taylor, DBE, Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat in Palikir, Pohnpei of the Federated States of Micronesia. President Mori welcomed Secretary General Taylor to the FSM and thanked her for taking the time to travel to the Northern part of the Pacific, especially here in the FSM.

Last year in Palau the Forum Leaders endorsed the appointment of Dame Meg Taylor, DBE, as the new Secretary General

Joining President Mori in the meeting were the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Lorin S. Robert, the Chief of Staff, Mr. Leo Falcam Jr. and staff from the President's Office and the Department of Foreign Affairs. The Secretary General left FSM on January 21 for Marshall Islands to continue her introductory visit in the North Pacific.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT- PROJECT OFFICER SPORT EDUCATION

POSITION TITLE:

Pohnpei State Sport Education Project Officer

LOCATION:

Pohnpei State Sport Office

EMPLOYER:

FSM National Olympic Committee

OPENING DATE

Friday, January 30, 2015

CLOSING DATE

Friday, February 27, 2015

STATUS/TENURE

Full time for 1 year contract basis. It is renewable based on job performance and funding. A 3 months probationary period will be in place.

SALARY

Grade:

non-graded

Salary:

up to \$10,000 gross annually depending on qualifications

SUMMARY

This position is responsible for managing the Pohnpei State sport education program. The primary job purpose is to coordinate the development of the Pohnpei State sport training and development system. This includes implementing the Oceania Sport Education Program's (OSEP) Sport Education Framework in Oceania through strategic alliances with appropriate partners and to build the capacity of the Pohnpei State sport federations' volunteers and professionals.

APPLICANT RESUME

Any interested person should submit his/her resume to the FSMNOC office by the posted deadline.



**Personal Services Contractor
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT
ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 401-15-011**



OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates POSITION: Peace Corps Medical Officer (PCMO)
OPENING DATE: January 21, 2015
CLOSING DATE: February 11, 2015 (COB @5PM Pohnpei time)
WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week
** final hiring contingent upon availability of funds**
POSITION TYPE: Personal Services Contractor

The United States Peace Corps seeks a Medical Doctor, Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant to serve as a contracted Peace Corps Medical Officer (PCMO) based in COLONIA, YAP . The PCMO will provide health care to U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers in the Yap and Palau and will work under the supervision of the Peace Corps Country Director in Micronesia and the Peace Corps Office of Medical Services in Washington DC.

Duties Include:

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- Member of Senior Peace Corps staff in (name country)
- Ability to conduct trainings on health related issues
- Site visits to Peace Corps Volunteers throughout (name country)
- Administrative tasks of the medical office including budget management
- Inventory of medical supplies and equipment
- Alternate 24 hour on- call duty with the other PCMO

Qualifications and Requirements:

- Graduate of accredited school MDs must be a graduate of a school listed in this link, Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research <http://www.faimer.org/resources/imed.html>
- Current license to practice
- Relevant clinical experience in primary care
- Ability to communicate effectively in oral /written English.
- Experience in managing mental health issues including counseling of patients
- Experience in training design and presentation of health related material
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Outlook
- Program management, administrative experience
- Ability to work effectively as part of an intercultural team
- Hardworking, reliable and diligent with good inter-personal skills
- Willing to travel to sites in (name country)
- Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Must be able to obtain an American visa

Interested applicants for this position must submit the following or the application will not be considered:

1. A completed PCMO Application form, a completed PCMO applicant skills survey, a completed Privileging form. The applicant must complete this request for privileges depending on their professional qualifications.
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Academic diplomas. Please note, in addition to a copy of the academic diploma, the applicant must submit an official academic transcript and curriculum.

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5. A cover letter
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7. The candidate should also provide the following:
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All documents must be in English. Official translation is not required.
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...Fishing in PNG

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the National Executive Council that no fishing licence will be given to companies that do not have a processing plant in PNG.

“We (PNG) should move away from supplying our fish to countries like Thailand who do not have tuna in their water but they continue to bring our unprocessed tuna to Thailand and became the capital of tuna in the world. PNG and Madang should be the tuna capital.

“For countries like the US, we should be pulling away from the Tuna Treaty, if they want to invest in the industry, come to Madang park and build a plant, we should give notice to everybody Japan, US, no processing plant, don't come here to fish.

“Our resources should not create wealth for other countries,” he said

Meanwhile, the Internal Revenue Commission (IRC) needs to investigate why a Wewak based tuna loiner has not made profits since its inception in 2002, Trade Commerce and Industry Minister Richard Maru says.

He questioned how the South Sea Tuna Corporation (SSTC) could still be operating for over 10 years if it was a loss making operation.

“No company can exist without making loss. How can you invest in expanding operation and employing more staff without making money?

“Something is not right, IRC needs to investigate its (SSTC) books,” Maru said.

Earlier, South Seas Tuna Corporation (SSTC) said it planned to increase its production to 160 tons per day with plans to achieve profitability this year.

President Mike McCulley told The National that the company in the year would hire an additional 1000 employees.

McCulley said unloading time was a challenge for SSTC, thus having a negative impact on the company's results.

Separately, Maru who was a local MP from East Sepik has condemned talks of an Asian company's investment in a supermarket in Wewak.

The unoccupied area between the Wewak Police Station and the market used as a public car parking area was subleased by the Wewak Town Commission to an Asian company to build the modern supermarket.

“Whose interest is the Wewak Town Mayor serving, Asian, district or the province? I condemn that action of the town mayor and council,” said Maru.

American group looks for Amelia Earhart clues on remote Marshalls' atoll

Palau/Pacific News
By Giff Johnson -
For Marianas Variety

January 26, 2015

MAJURO—A group that claims it discovered parts from Amelia Earhart's plane on a remote atoll in the Marshall Islands last year returned this weekend to search for additional clues they hope will shed light on a mystery that has baffled the world since the famous pilot was lost in 1937.

The whereabouts of Earhart's twin-engine Lockheed Electra that was lost during a trans-Pacific flight nearly 80 years ago has never been discovered. A group known as Amelia Research, Inc. led visits to Mili Atoll last year that discovered a small aluminum cover plate and a circular metal dust cover from a landing-gear wheel assembly that experts say is from Earhart's plane.

But The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery or TIGHAR has a competing theory, saying it has found proof that Earhart went down at Nikumaroro Atoll in the central Pacific nation of Kiribati that neighbors the Marshall Islands. TIGHAR leader Ric Gillespie plans to take another team to Nikumaroro—about 400 miles southeast of Howland Island—later this year.

Others also discount the find in the Marshall Islands, saying Earhart's plane didn't have enough fuel to get there. But two aircraft experts recently said the plane parts found on Mili Atoll are from Earhart's plane. Mili was a Japanese military base in the build up to World War II, one of half a dozen throughout the



Members of the Amelia Earhart search team board a speed boat to transport them to a larger vessel for an overnight voyage from Majuro to Mili Atoll in the Marshall Islands this past weekend.
Photo by Hilary Hosia

Marshall Islands.

Marshall Islands President Christopher Loeak also believes Earhart's plane crash-landed in Mili. “Generations of Marshallese people have known since 1937 that the famous fliers didn't just disappear in the ocean, as history would want us to believe,” Loeak said in a statement issued after meeting the Earhart search group Friday. Marshall Islanders know that the plane landed “on a small atoll in the Marshall Islands and (Earhart and Noonan) survived.”

Loeak invited the team to visit Mili and has assigned government Historic Preservation Office staff to assist the investigation.

Cleveland, Ohio-based Parker Aerospace is sponsoring the latest Earhart search foray to Mili Atoll. The group left Sunday morning for Mili and expects to be there for about a week.

“We brought more sophisticated equipment to find other parts (of Earhart's plane),” said Jon Jeffery, director of Technology and Business Development at

Parker Aerospace. He hopes they will discover a part with a serial number or others that will offer conclusive evidence it was Earhart's aircraft that landed in Mili.

A new wrinkle in the search for Earhart evidence in the Marshall Islands involves nearby Jaluit Atoll, the headquarters for Japan's administration of the Marshall Islands from World War I to the end of World War II.

“There is an underground hospital built by the Japanese on Jaluit,” Jeffery said. Elder Marshall Islanders say they saw Earhart's plane go down on a small island in Mili Atoll, and others report seeing her in Jaluit. “Earhart and her navigator Fred Noonan were in this hospital after they crashed,” he said. “There might be some evidence there.”

Jeffery said his brother James is friends with people in the group searching Mili Atoll for clues to Earhart's disappearance and last year approached Jeffery about his company sponsoring the latest visit.

“My CEO approved the money to sponsor the visit,” he said.

Dongwon Industries donates equipment to CCA

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

January 28, 2014

Pohnpei, FSM—During their morning chapel service this morning, some students of Calvary Christian Academy were treated to a special “handing over” ceremony as well.

In December Dongwon Industries donated several items to the school. General Manager Kun Jea Kwak presented a brief history of the Korean fishing company and challenged the students to always pursue their dreams. He said that he looked forward to the possibility of some of the students eventually coming to work for Dongwon Industries.

Principal Virginia John said that early in the school year, Mr. Kwak came to her and asked what the school needed that his company might be able to donate. Her first thought was of black boards and bulletin boards for the classrooms. She said that he nodded and asked, “What else?” She thought for a moment and said that they could use a new public address system.

He said that he would check with his headquarters to see what could be done.

John said that she figured the company might donate a couple of blackboards

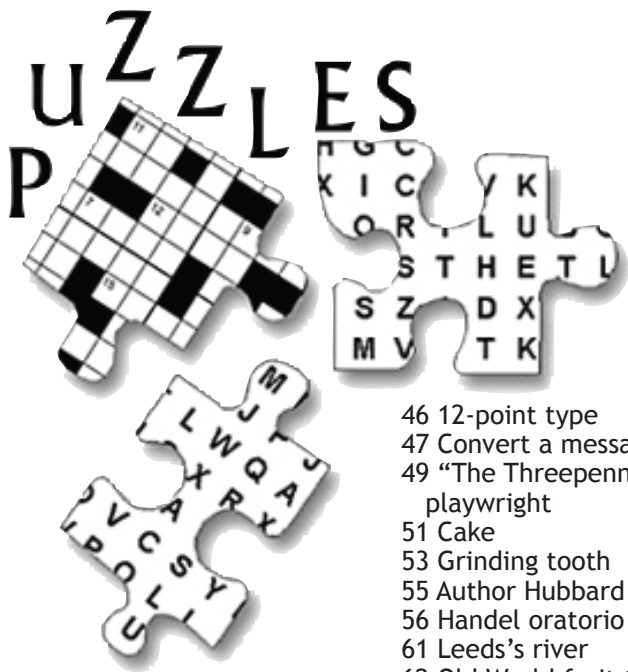
and bulletin boards. What Dongwon ultimately ended up giving the school took her completely by surprise. She said they not only donated 15 chalkboards, one for each classroom but also white, yellow, blue and red chalk and erasers and eraser cleaner for each board. They additionally donated 15 bulletin boards, and an intercom system for the entire school, and a deluxe PA system along with step up transformers to provide the correct voltage for each electronic component. Dongwon engineers also went to the school to help install the intercom system that allows the school to make school wide announcements and also

contact students and teachers quickly.

“This wonderful donation is now in use in our classrooms,” she said. “We are grateful, Mr. Kwak, that God has used your corporation to meet the needs for Calvary Christian Academy and to help us as we endeavor to provide quality education to the children of Pohnpei and the FSM.”

Before the closing prayer she presented Mr. Kwak with a beautiful arrangement of local flowers.





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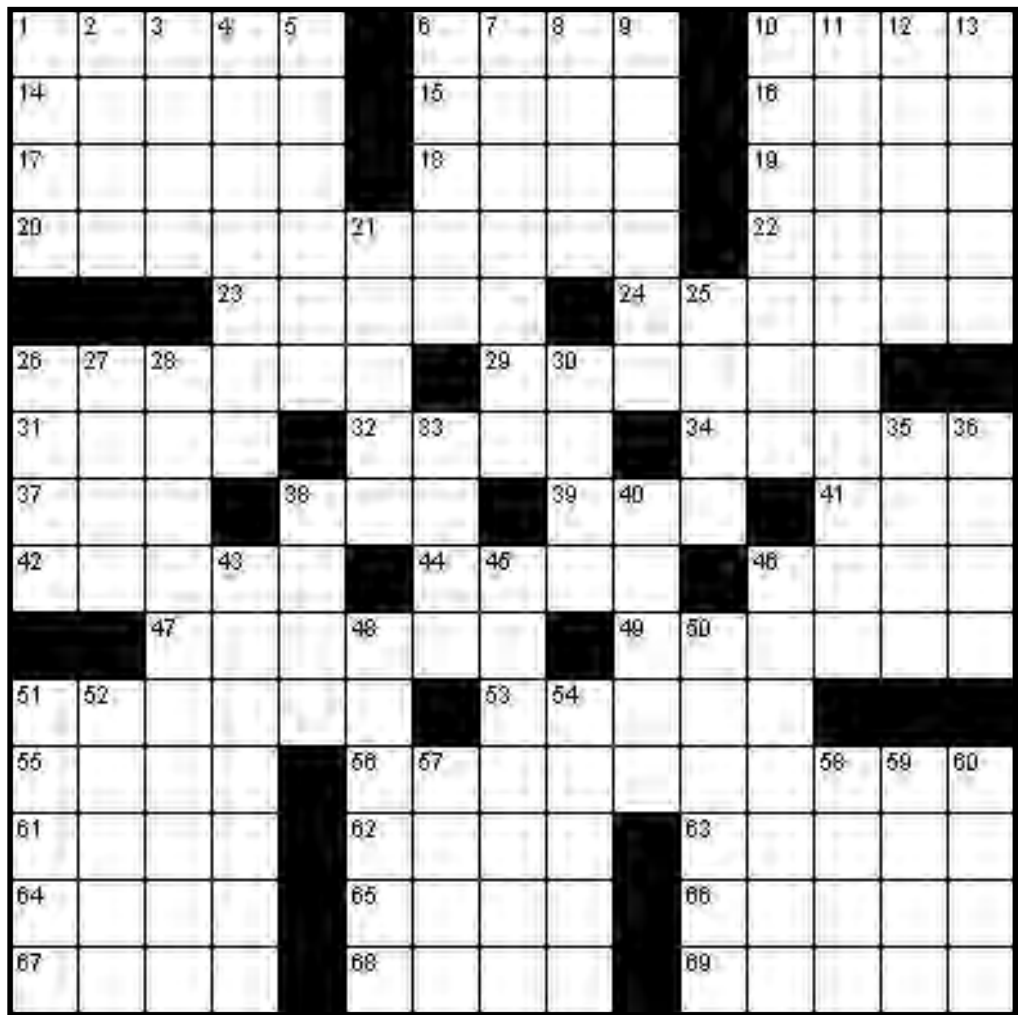
ACROSS

- 1 Low-priced
- 6 Troubles
- 10 Food for hogs
- 14 Spanish poet and playwright
- 15 Grandson of Methuselah
- 16 Showing a fancy for
- 17 Foreigner
- 18 One of the Gospels
- 19 Crockpot concoction
- 20 Five-foot line
- 22 Cork's place
- 23 Fine fiddle
- 24 Ship's officer
- 26 Kingdom in the Himalayas
- 29 Basic food
- 31 Infrequent
- 32 Island near Kauai
- 34 Melville adventure
- 37 Pen point
- 38 Like some vbs.
- 39 Sgt., for one
- 41 It paves the way
- 42 Astral hunter
- 44 Inkling

DOWN

- 1 Thunder sound
- 2 Dig this!
- 3 22 across, poetically
- 4 Film maker?
- 5 Lightweight hat
- 6 Shoreline irregularity
- 7 Like a boor
- 8 Superior, e.g.
- 9 Himalayan guide
- 10 Penny-pinching
- 11 Germicidal
- 12 Metric unit
- 13 High spot
- 21 Big house
- 25 Doing
- 26 Chief city of Moravia
- 27 Tresses

Crossword



- 28 Papal blessing words
- 30 Air
- 33 Unproductive
- 35 Apiece
- 36 Proof word
- 38 Quipu maker
- 40 Transmission medium
- 43 Unity
- 45 Fault
- 46 ___ non grata
- 48 Commencement

- 50 Bacon serving
- 51 Hostile look
- 52 Posthumous Plath book
- 54 Game played with deck of 40 cards
- 57 ___ sapiens
- 58 High spd. phone line
- 59 Suit to ___
- 60 Run quickly

Word Search
- Playin' Around -

- ball
- bench
- carousel
- children
- enjoyment
- frisbee
- grass
- hopscotch
- jungle gym
- ladders
- laughter
- monkey bars
- nannies
- pail
- parents
- sand box
- seesaw
- slide
- smiles
- spring horse
- sun_hat
- swing



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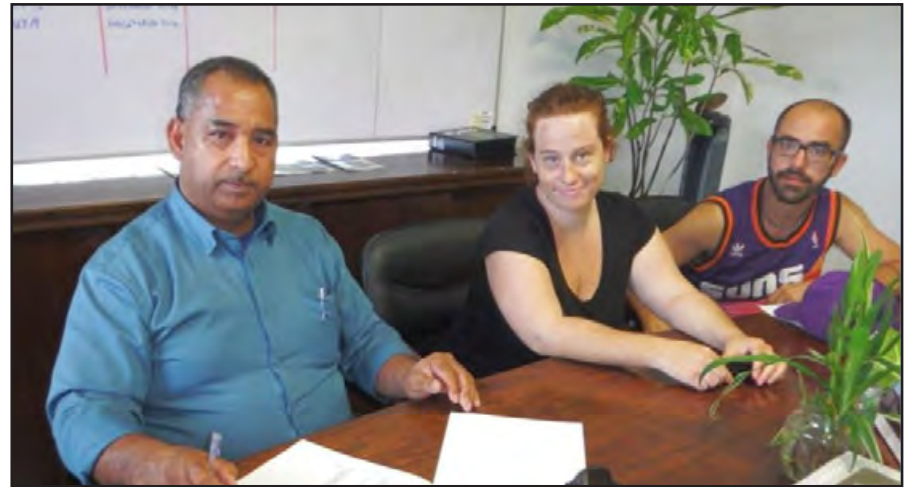
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Pohnpei Consumer Organization receives UNDP grant assistance



Pohnpei Consumer Organization

January 23, 2015

Kolonia, Pohnpei, FSM -Pohnpei Consumer Organization (PCO) was pleased to meet with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and to receive a grant on the 19th of January. In attendance were Nelbert Perez, President of PCO; Patterson K. Shed, GEF-SGP National Coordinator; Jayleen Ringlen, Office Manager of PCO; Jen Blyth, the new Disability Advocacy Program Manager of PCO and her partner, Brent Campbell and their son, Dexter. This grant will allow PCO to travel to all areas of Pohnpei to meet with people with disabilities to discuss inclusivity and access to mobility

in case of disaster. PCO also aims to promote community awareness of people with disabilities and to encourage changes in local policies when working with people with all forms of disabilities. PCO will submit a report to the UNDP at the end of the grant period outlining everything that has been learnt. PCO will be using this report to advocate for more accessibility for Pohnpeians living with disabilities.

PCO is the leading disability advocacy organization based in Kolonia. PCO supports people with all forms of disabilities and advocates on both a local and national level. PCO can be contacted via phone on 320-1619 or email pohnpeiconsumerorganization@gmail.com.

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Healthy snack recipe for working mothers

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Mango and Banana Muffins

Ingredients

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 cup nuts (pecans, walnut, almond) coarsely chopped
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 4 tbsp. unsalted butter melted
- 1 cup mashed ripe bananas (preferably karat)
- 3/4 cup ripe mango, diced

Method

Turn on the oven to 350 degrees, put cupcakes in muffin tin.

Sift the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a large bowl.

Stir in nuts and make a "well" in the center. Put the remaining ingredients in a separate bowl and mix until thoroughly well-combined.

Pour the mixture and the mango and banana into the well.

Use egg beater or spatula to gently fold all the ingredients together to form a wet batter. (Note - Over mixing can result in a heavy bread.)

Spoon the batter into the muffin tins -- 3/4 of each cup. Bake 30-40 minutes, or a tooth pick comes out clean.

Yields a dozen muffins

News bits from IFCP, PWAC and their partners

IFCP staff, PWAC officers and members, and their Partners (Agriculture, CES and NRCS) visited the sites that were IFCP/PWAC Project that was funded by the GEF Program. Site visits schedule were as follows:

JANUARY 19	JANUARY 20	JANUARY 21	JANUARY 22	JANUARY 23
KITTI	SOKEHS	KOLONIA	U	MADOLEHIHMW
Pehleng Pwupwda Tikpeieng EMPWA	Lien Palikir Lihn Mwoakilloa	PWAC center, Kolonia	UCWA	Lien Madolenihmw

The purpose of the site visits were to check the in situ sites that the Women Groups have been working on and also for the Partners to share information for proper techniques for planting local food crops and the nutrition and health benefits of local food crops.

The IFCP/PWAC joint project is an 18 month project and will end in October 2015. One of the important aspects of this project is to train the Women Groups on how to use solar energy to dry local food such as banana, taro, grated coconut and breadfruit. IFCP staff had used dried taro, breadfruit and grated coconut to make flour. The flour is good for baking local dish, cakes, cookies as well as gravy dishes.

A flour mill has been ordered so that the women groups can start using solar drier to dry taro and make flour. This will help them cut the cost of buying imported flour for their household use.

IFCP staff will be meeting with representatives of the 8 women groups on January 27 to discuss and share what they learned from the site visits and put in place their plans to continue the project work plan. It is hoped that before the project ends in October 2015, all of the 8 Women Groups will be using solar drier and making flour from giant swamp taro, breadfruit, tapioca, grated coconut and other food and root crops.



IFCP CHEEF Benefits talk was also shared during the visits

New JICA Volunteers to FSM

For the past 25 years, JICA has been dispatching Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs) with various technical capacities to work in different sectors and organizations in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). Ms. Shiori Koida and Ms. Eriko Shibata are ready to embark on a two years life changing journey here in the FSM. Ms. Koida has been assigned to Chuuk Visitors Bureau, while Ms. Shibata

is assigned to Lelu Elementary School focusing on mathematics education for lower grades in Kosrae.

Ms. Koida previously worked as an English language instructor for children after she completed her Bachelor's degree in Travel Industry at the University of Hawaii in Manoa. Similarly, Ms. Shibata has also taught at Miyawaka Municipal

Miyada Minami Elementary School in Japan as a teacher for more than six years after completing her Bachelor's degree in American Literature at Fukuoka University. Both of them are now learning the local languages at their respective posts and preparing for their kick-off on their adventurous journey.

With the arrival of the two new volunteers, there are 7 JICA Volunteers in Education sector in the FSM and 3 volunteers in Tourism sector. The current total number of

JICA Expert volunteers in the FSM is 21 (10 JOCVs and 11 Senior Volunteers). The JICA Volunteers aim to develop better life for the local people and the community mostly in the priority sectors such as Environment, Health, Education, Agriculture & Rural Development, Fisheries, Tourism, and other fields.

Best wishes to Ms. Shibata and Ms. Koida as they help to promote the sharing of technical knowledge and skills, as well as mutual understanding between the FSM and Japan.



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The new Chief of Mission of IOM, Mr. Simpson paid a Courtesy Call on Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Robert Lorin



Mr. Simpson, a national of Australia, is currently the Chief of Mission of the IOM Mission in Maputo, Mozambique and has been with the organization since 2002 and has extensive experience in migration issues and IOM's programs.

The IOM works to help ensure the orderly and humane management of migration, to promote

international cooperation on migration issues, to assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems, including climate change and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need.

The FSM Government looks forward to working closely with Mr. Simpson and his staff to further strengthen its relations with IOM.

Palikir, Pohnpei - On January 21, 2015 Mr. Charles Stuart Simpson, paid a courtesy call on Secretary Robert at the Department of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Simpson, is the successor of Mr. Ashley Carl who has moved from his position as Chief of Mission of International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Pohnpei to another position in the organization.

Breadfruit workshops take breadfruit utilization to the next level

During the first half of February 2015, the outreach team of The Pacific Regional Breadfruit Project together with local agencies will present a series of workshops in RMI, Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Saipan. The workshops build local capacity to advance breadfruit as a commercial crop for both local and export markets. Workshop presenters include Papalii Failautusi Avegalio (University of Hawaii Pacific Business Center Program), M. Kalani Souza (Community Resilience Trainer with FEMA), Craig Elevitch (Agroforestry Net), and Ivan Blanco (Office of the Governor, CNMI). Local experts will present at each workshop, addressing traditional uses and the current state of the breadfruit resources and commercial activities.

Lead organizers include Ministry of Resources & Development (RMI), FSM-COM (Pohnpei and Chuuk), and Northern Marianas College (Saipan). The workshops are sponsored in partnership with the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs supported by the Micronesia Chief Executive Summit of December 2010, Department of Commerce (CNMI), DLNR (CNMI), and the University of Hawaii Pacific Business Center Program.

Monday, Feb. 2, 2015: Majuro, Marshall Islands
Thursday-Friday, Feb. 5-6, 2015: Kolonia, Pohnpei
Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015: Weno, Chuuk
Friday-Saturday, Feb. 13-14, 2015: Garapan, Saipan

Please check with local organizers as noted above for additional details.



A breadfruit flour pancake topped with island honey. Breadfruit can be processed into numerous value-added products, including a gluten free flour. Workshop attendees will learn about production methods for high quality breadfruit products.

FSM President met with Chuuk residents in Guam

FSM Blogspot

FSM President Manny Mori met with members of the Chuukese community in Guam on January 14, 2015, to discuss the proposed separation of Chuuk State from the Federation. The meeting was held at the Agueda Johnston Middle School cafeteria in Ordot-Chalan Pago with close to three hundred (300) Chuukese in attendance.

In his opening remarks, President Mori expressed the need to correct some of the misinformation surrounding the separation movement of Chuuk State from the FSM. The Chuuk State Political Status Commission recently submitted in mid-December its formal recommendation to the Chuuk State Legislature seeking support for secession and for the creation of a Republic of Chuuk without adequate public education and awareness programs and activities on the pros and cons of the secession. With the Chuuk Legislature's approval, the question of secession will now be put to Chuukese voters in the upcoming March 3, 2015, general election.

The President, as the FSM head of state, underscored his solemn obligation to uphold the provisions of the FSM Constitution and to advance the principles of unity upon which the FSM Constitution is founded. Given the critical importance and implication of the secession, President Mori informed the meeting participants that he took this time to meet with the Chuukese community in Guam to ensure that the Chuukese people will make an informed decision on March 3, 2015.

The President shared his view that perhaps underlying this rush to address secession is a distraction from the real issues of economic development challenges facing the Nation, especially Chuuk State. The current pre-occupation of the Nation is the approaching expiration of Sector Grants under the Amended Compact in 2023. In anticipation to the Sector Grants expiration, a Committee on 2023 was established to address the 2023 changes with the President and all governors as members and with SBOC as the Secretariat. Thus far, an Action Plan is in the making and it will be submitted to the upcoming SNLC scheduled for January 29-30, 2015, for its endorsement.

During the meeting, the audience was given the opportunity to ask questions and to express their views on the issue of the Chuuk secession. It was quite clear from the questions asked that there is not enough information shared with the Chuukese community in Guam. Great concern was expressed that come March 3, 2015, Chuukese voters will be asked to consider secession and the creation of a new Republic of Chuuk without knowing or the implications, not only for the present generation but most importantly for future generations of Chuukese.

President Mori expressed appreciation for frank and open exchanges with the audience and urged all Chuukese voters to seriously "vote no" on March 3, 2015, for the sake of unity of the Nation and for the present and future generations of Chuukese. President Mori would welcome a joint public discussion in Guam between the President and his staff and the Chuuk Political Status Commission in order to provide the public with a complete awareness of all the issues surrounding this separation movement in advance of the early March election and referendum regarding secession.

Accompanying the President at the meeting were the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Secretary of Justice, Director of SBOC, Director of NORMA, FSM Registrar of Corporations, and staff from the FSM Consulate General in Guam.

Businessman congratulates new administration

COLONIA, Yap (Media Division) — Congratulatory remarks were extended by the many friends and private businesses who were invited to the inauguration ceremony held at the Yap Sports Complex on January 12, 2015.

Among the private businesses and friends invited by the newly elected Governor and Lt. Governor of Yap State was Dr. Tan Siu Lin, Chairman of the Luen Thai Holdings, Ltd.

Dr. Tan, who is also the president of the China-Pacific Islands Economic and Cultural Association, delivered his congratulatory memorandum to Governor Ganngiyan and Lt. Governor Yangetmai congratulating them for their new role as they assume office.

Dr. Tan in his memo presented his sincere congratulations, and that he was convinced that, "You would contribute to the progress and development of Yap State and welfare of your people, and I also believe that friendly ties between China and Yap State would be further strengthened".

Prior to closing his written remarks, Dr. Tan went on to say, "Please accept my heartfelt congratulations once again and we look forward to a closer relationship with your beautiful state".