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Hundreds celebrate International Women's Day in Pohnpei

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

March 8, 2016
Pohnpei, FSM—Under the theme “Pledge for Parity” and “Utupen pali riau, iei me kepweipen doadoahk,” the women kicked off their celebration of International Women’s Day at PICS Track and Field.

In addition to the myriad of dances—this year there were 24 dance groups—the ladies also set up various booths for display of crafts and other items. There was also a public market.

The weather was brutally hot but the high temperatures did not seem to dampen the ladies’ spirits.

Governor Marcelo K. Peterson addressed the ladies and Beaulen Carl Worswick gave the keynote address.

In years past the dances for which the ladies are famous were competitive. This year the judges decided that all of the dances were mutually well done and decided not to present any awards saying that they were all winners.

There were five prizes for booths but unfortunately, the office in charge of the event had not sent those winners’ names by press time. Also unfortunately, due to recuperating from the blazing heat, we missed the first six dances after lunch. Maphryg Dores stood in as photographer but neglected to deliver photos of the group DSOW, U. We will try to print photos from that neglected group in the next issue of The Kaselehlie Press. **MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 9**



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IOM Micronesia facilitates repatriation of 12 Vietnamese fishermen



International Organization for Migration (IOM)

Since June 2015, at the request of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), International Organization for Migration (IOM) Micronesia has been supporting them as they deal with the cases of 12 Vietnamese fishermen who drifted onto Onoun Island in Chuuk State after a huge storm damaged their boat around four weeks earlier.

After more than eight months of negotiations, the 12 men were repatriated on February 27, 2016 and arrived safely home in Vietnam the next day. "We would like to thank IOM and the Government of the FSM for their help to repatriate us home. We truly appreciate your assistance", said Anh Khoa Quach speaking on behalf of all 12 men.



Prior to their departure, IOM Micronesia assisted the men to obtain passports, visas and medical checkups through the Migrant Resource Centre in Pohnpei State. The men were also provided with personal items and hygiene kits while in Pohnpei waiting to be repatriated home.

After their ordeal, the men were eager to return home. They were escorted by Mr Minh Nguyen, Assistant Attorney General from the Department of Justice in FSM. The repatriations were made possible with a loan from IOM that was guaranteed by the Government of Vietnam.

New JICA volunteer to Kolonia Elementary School



Principal and Vice Principal of Kolonia Elementary School warmly welcomed JICA Volunteer Coordinator and new Volunteer. From Right Mr. Edwin, New Volunteer Mr. Hasegawa, Mr. Gallen and Mr. Asano JICA Volunteer Coordinator.

On 25th of February, FSM Department of Foreign Affairs welcomed one JICA Volunteer to the Federated States of Micronesia. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) have been dispatching volunteer in the FSM since 1989.

The new dispatched volunteer Mr. Ryu Hasegawa is assigned to Kolonia Elementary School to teach Mathematics. He has 6 years' experience as an elementary school teacher in Gunma Prefecture in Japan. For the past year, he was assigned to Bangladesh to teach students Math and Science. But due to security reasons, most of JICA Volunteers had to leave Bangladesh and evacuated to Japan in October of last year. Now Pohnpei is very fortunate to accept him, he is ready to embark on his new journey in Pohnpei and will work until March 2017. Best wishes to the new volunteer and his help to promote sharing of technical knowledge and skills, as well as mutual understanding between the FSM and Japan.

JICA Volunteers have been assisting in priority sectors of Education, Health, Environment, Agriculture, Fisheries, Tourism and other fields. Currently, twenty three volunteers; 10 Senior Volunteers (SV) and 13 JOCVs (Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer), are serving in the FSM including the new volunteer. Most of them will serve two years in their respective posts. The aim of the volunteer program is to develop a better life for the local people and community.



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How long until we learn the value of our natural resources?

Menin Katengensed
(Pohnpei Marine Management Advisory Council)

For years, Pacific nations have practically been giving away their tuna resources by accepting a fraction of the value of the resource for license fees. Now, through PNA and a new vessel day scheme, more money is flowing to Pacific nations and the tuna resource is being better managed. Pohnpei State should learn a lesson from this example when it comes to managing our natural resources.

Recently, the Pohnpei State Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture announced a request for proposal to bid on the harvest of sea cucumbers in Pohnpei. This would be a project similar to the trochus harvest that was done last year. Two companies bid on the proposed project, with one company being selected for the project. This company has deposited a non-refundable fee of \$25,000 for the ability to run the harvest. The winner is now "setting up shop" near the Dausokele Bridge in Nett to harvest 67,500 kg (148,500 pounds) worth of sea cucumbers from Pohnpei waters. According to the winning company, they will spend around \$1 million on the project. That sounds like a lot of money and it is for our small island, but we should look past this figure and think about what's at stake here and the value of the resource.

The winning company has set up their headquarters near the Dausokele Bridge in Nett and has begun to stack wood for the fires that will be used to dry the sea cucumbers.

Sea cucumbers are an important part of the coral reef ecosystem. They provide the function of nutrient recycling, digesting bacteria, diatoms and detritus, which re-mineralizes large quantities of organic nutrients and increases the productivity of coral reef ecosystems. Thus, a large-scale removal of these animals through this harvest may reduce the overall productivity of the coral reefs around Pohnpei. Scientific studies out of Australia have confirmed this (Uthicke et. Al 2004) and also shown that large scale harvesting can also slow down the growth rates for these animals and take years to replenish our reefs.

Not surprisingly, most people haven't heard of this news yet. Many times, these large fisheries projects are done without public comment under the guise of "economic development" and/or "research", and the decisions are made without our government officials having to justify their decisions to the public. This time, though, our traditional leaders had something to say.

At 10 am on Thursday, March 3rd, at Peilapalap in Kolonia, Mwolaen Wahu Ileile en Pohnpei (Traditional Leaders Council of

Paramount Chiefs of Pohnpei) met to learn more about this project and state their concerns over the recently launched wild sea-cucumber collection/business venture in Pohnpei. Those in attendance included Wasalalalap Isipahu, Nahmwarki en Wein Madolenihmw, Wasalalalap Pwoud Lepen Nett, Nahmwarki en Wein Nett, Iso Nahkn en Uh, Iso Nahkn en Nett, Likend Madolenihmw, and their staff.

Government leaders were called to testify before the Traditional Leaders Council of Paramount Chiefs and this included the Governor's Office, represented by the Chief of Staff, and officials from the Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture, the Pohnpei State Legislature, represented by Floor Leader Sen. McGarry Mikel, and the Chairman of the Committee on Resources and Development, Sen. Aurelio Joab. Also in attendance were Luhk en Moanlap, Antonio Sarapio of Kitti Municipal Government, Chief Tony Pernet of the Pohnpei Division of Fish & Wildlife, representatives of The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT), Conservation Society of Pohnpei, and the President (Alwihs Ladore) and several members of Menin Katengensed (the Pohnpei Marine Advisory Council) comprised of members of the fishing communities and market owners.

While the state's main focus was on the economic development of harvesting the sea cucumber resource, the Mwolaen Wahu and their conservation partners questioned who this project was really benefitting. On a recent trip to Singapore it was noted that a bag of 5 small, finger-sized dried sea cucumbers were packaged into a zip-lock bag and sold for \$140. This bag did not represent even 1 kg worth of sea cucumbers and was valued at \$140. (According to some studies the Menin Katengensed received from researchers, the average price of dried sea cucumbers in the Chinese market is \$300-500/kg.) If we take 67,500 kg that are going to be harvested, and multiply that by \$140/kg, we get almost \$9.5 million. Yet, Pohnpei fishers will only get around \$1 million for this entire harvest. We are practically giving away our resource and getting little in return. If you split the \$1 million between all the fishers that will participate in this project, they might get between \$100-\$300 per person. In 2-3 days that money will be spent, mostly on imported goods, and the money will flow out of our economy. What then will we have to offer? Is there not a better way to sustainably harvest this resource and keep the profits or its value here? We think there is and that instead of our leaders working with outside companies that come in for a short time and make millions of dollars of profits off our state resources, we should be working with local partners, local communities, to harvest and export our resources in a way that respects



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our culture and traditions, and respects our resources. If this harvest is allowed to move forward, a few people will get very rich, but the people of Pohnpei and our island ecosystem will not. The only winner in this whole deal is the Chinese Company that will oversee the harvest and export the sea cucumbers.

For now, our traditional leaders want to put a hold on this project. They don't see the mass harvesting of sea cucumbers beneficial to Pohnpei and want the state to come up with a better way of using this resource. As conservation specialists and resources managers, we agree. Wiping out and/or seriously depleting the sea cucumber population with a one-time "go for broke" approach will reduce the population of sea cucumbers so dramatically that it will be hard for each species

to grow back to a healthy size. All over the Pacific there are examples of how outside companies have come in and single-handedly pillaged the sea cucumber resource of an island and flown off with their millions of dollars in profit, leaving the island with pennies to the dollar on the value of the resource. How long will it be until our state government leaders can learn from the examples of others and not waste a natural resource that has more value in the ocean than it does by taking it out? Palau, Yap and other places have learned that lesson with sharks and manta rays which are now bringing in millions of dollars in tourism numbers. We should be working together, in partnership to ensure that we develop economically as a state and still respect our conservation efforts to provide for now and the future of our island.







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Japanese Embassy in FSM sponsors Press Tour of projects in Yap

By *Bill Jaynes*
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Yap, FSM—Japanese Embassies around the world sponsor press tours to showcase the projects and support the Japanese government has provided in the countries where they serve. Those press tours tend to be one day affairs in perhaps a neighboring village. But things are different in the FSM and when Ambassador Masaki Sakai invited The Kaselehlie Press to Yap in order to showcase their projects there, it required special permission from the Japanese Government.

Unlike other countries with Japanese Embassies, the FSM is spread out over thousands of miles of ocean and it is no simple matter to simply get into a car and drive to another State. Our tour involved six days away and three days of visiting sites and interviewing people.

The last day was a rest day and we were treated to a “hanging up ceremony”—a men’s standing dance in Maaki, Gagil. While there I met Jerry Cramer of RMI who I’d never met before. I explained what I was doing in Yap and he started looking around the crowd to find my host. I introduced them and Mr. Kramer immediately praised the aid that Japan had provided to Japan saying that it had always been the best type of assistance in that they always provided just exactly what was needed and the projects always worked and worked well.

My host from the Japanese Embassy could not have been more proud and rightly so. We saw examples of that type of successful grant aid and support everywhere we went in Yap.

The tour began with a courtesy call on Governor Tony Ganngiyan and Lt. Governor James Yangetmai who were extremely gracious even though they receive countless courtesy calls that I’m sure keep them away from their work.

Following that visit we interviewed Ms. Yasukawa, a JICA volunteer at Dalipebinaw Community School, a small school of only 50 students but with probably the best view in Yap.

In the afternoon we met with Ms. Christina Fillmed, Director of Yap EPA and one of my new heroes. We discussed the Fuguoka method dump system and Yap’s exemplary recycling program, both of which have been supported by the government of Japan.

On the next day we were able to see the dump site itself when we visited Mr. Johnathan Marmar and Mr. Manuel Maleichog of Yap Department of Works and Transportation. We also visited Mr. Jessi Faimaw, the owner of Island Paradise Metal Company who takes in recycled goods through the State Program and sells them for sustainability of the excellent program.

Afterwards we met with Mr. Kotobuki,

a JICA volunteer with 30 years in the fishing industry that he is now applying at Yap Fishing Authority.

The next morning we met with JICA volunteer Mr. Fujiwara, who teaches at Gaanelay School. Afterward we drove north to the College of Micronesia Fisheries Maritime Institute and met with Director Matius. On our way back to town we drove the length of the road that Japan provided that cuts across the island next to beautiful beaches. Later, during dinner, Ambassador Sakai told me that Penta Ocean, the original contractor for the Japan road recently completely refurbished the monuments at each end of the nine mile long road. They did it at their own expense.

Finally we met with JICA volunteer Mr. Kato who is helping Yap State Hospital to build a land breaking database for victims of cervical cancer, among other IT projects.

It was a lot of information to cover and rather than trying to cover each individual project in one issue, I will cover at least one in each of the next few issues.

The work that Japan has been doing in Yap has not gone unnoticed and even as we conducted our interviews, recipients, while being extremely grateful had ideas for other grants or JICA volunteers they said would help them with their work.



Pohnpei students screened for signs of potential rheumatic heart disease

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

March 9, 2016

Sokehs, Pohnpei—For the first time in history children in Pohnpei’s elementary schools will be able to take advantage of echocardiogram screening for acute rheumatic fever (ARF) and rheumatic heart disease (RHD). The project, which was funded by Senator Ferny Perman, the Leo Etscheit Foundation, and Mahi International, is being conducted at elementary schools.

A ceremonial kick off for the screening project was held at Sokehs Powe Elementary School this morning.

ARF is an inflammatory disease that can develop after pharyngitis caused by Group A Streptococcal infection, usually during childhood. RHD is the result of heart valve damage caused by this inflammatory disease. The inflammatory process causes damage to the heart valves leading to leakage and/or stenosis of the valves. This leakage and stenosis if left untreated will eventually lead to heart arrhythmias (irregular heart beat), heart failure, and premature death.

From 2012 to 2014, there 93 hospital admissions related to rheumatic heart disease at the Pohnpei State Hospital. A total of seven young patients from 17 to 32 years of age passed away prematurely from complications relating to RHD.

The financial burden of this disease is also enormous. During the same time period 18 patients were referred off island for valve replacement surgery. The cost of replacing a heart valve ranges from US\$ 25,000 to 35,000 per valve. The treatment of this condition does not end with surgery. They will need to go on blood thinners and have their blood monitored at least once a month for the rest of their lives.

The best solution is early detection involving screening of young individuals for the condition since patients are usually asymptomatic in the early stages.

The most effective screening method for RHD is echocardiography. In a study in Fiji, screening echocardiography averaging less than 4 min per patient, the prevalence of definite rheumatic heart disease detected by echocardiogram screening was 55.2 per 1000 compared with 11 per 1000 detected by clinical examination (P < 0.001)3. It

was demonstrated that echocardiography is five times more sensitive at detecting rheumatic heart disease compared with clinical examination. A comprehensive screening programme is estimated to cost less than US\$50 per patient detected.

The onset of the disease can be as early as 5yrs of age. Therefore, the population screened is usually schooled aged children from 5 to 16 year olds.

For the first phase, seven elementary schools were chosen: Sokehs Powe, Sokehs Pah, Sekere, Palikir, Lewetik, Ohmine, and Kolonia elementary schools.

Echocardiography is a non-invasive test that has no side-effects. However, consent from parents will still be required before examination.

Dr. Payne Perman is overseeing the project. Cardiovascular Sonographer, Mr. Roger Moore from the United States has been present for the initial screening. Though he has a great deal of experience with RHD screening, he will only be present for the first phase of the screening project.

Annual Rotary Club of Pohnpei Fun Run

It was a rainy day on March 12, 2016, when the Annual Rotary Club Fun Run took place.

In fact it is always a rainy day. It has rained for the last seven consecutive years, without fail. We moved the run to St. Patrick’s Day to avoid a rainy February. This year, we are in the middle of a drought, with water rationing going on and it still rained. Still this is Pohnpei, so we are all tough and used to the rain.

The Run took place as scheduled with about 100 brave and hardy souls out to compete against the elements. Some people were almost blown into the lagoon on the causeway, when the wind picked up, but all of the competitors returned safely.

The winners of the various divisions are as follows:

Overall Winner		
(M)	Drew Jack	19:26
(F)	Reloliza Saimon	24:46
Master Division (50+)		
(M)	Thomas Nilsson	26:49
(F)	Paula Nilsson	28:39
18 and Under		
(M)	MJ Ioanis	19:33
(F)	Sulani David	32:44
12 and Under		
(M)	Kyler Kihleng	34:17
(F)	Khloe Boylston	1:24:15

Each of the winners received a trophy provided by the FSM NOC.

However, all of the participants are winners. The top 10 finishers received cups and hats from Moylan’s Insurance. The event drew a lot of youth, so that is very important.

No run or event is possible without our sponsors and helpers. We want to thank Ambros, Inc. (Guam) for providing the run t-shirts; Palm Terrace Shopping Centre, for the venue and donations; FSM NOC for supplying the trophies and organizing the run; Pohnpei Ace Hardware; Moylan’s Insurance; Pohnpei State Police Department; Kolonia Town Police, Nett Municipal Police; Drops of Life, Island Food Community; INS and the Kaselehlie Press. Our sponsors were great and so many people helped out that the run came off without a hitch.

The Rotary Club of Pohnpei organizes this run each year as a fundraiser. It is to raise money for Rotary Club projects. Last year the Club awarded \$11,300.00 in scholarships to FSM College students. The Club also donated to help finish the playground at the Pohnpei Public Library, built toilets at a Sokehs Community Center, and recently just completed a major project to put solar panels on the Sapwalap Elementary School. These are just a few of the projects your Rotary Club is involved in. Your money is being put to good use, and we are happy the fundraiser was a success.

Thanks to all of the participants who took the time to exercise in the rain (once again). Many thanks to our sponsors and all of those who helped out, including all the Rotarians. See you next year, (bring an umbrella).



ANZAC DAY



The 25th of April, ANZAC Day, is one of Australia's and New Zealand's most important national commemorative events marking the anniversary of the first major military action involving Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. Around the world and in every city and town in Australia and New Zealand, commemoration services are held at dawn, the time of the original landing by the ANZAC's on the beaches of Gallipoli, Turkey in 1915. It is a day when all Australians and New Zealanders reflect on the sacrifices of so many.

This year's ANZAC day dawn service will commence precisely at 5:30 AM on Monday 25 April 2016 at the Australian residential compound, next to Cupids Bar & Grill, and will be followed by breakfast.

This event is open to the public and in particular veterans and serving military members of any nationality and Australian and New Zealand expatriates and travellers.

For more information please contact the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei on 320 5448.

CALL FOR RESUMES: Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Country Officer USAID/Climate READY (formerly the Pacific Adaptation Project)

Background

DAI is preparing for the anticipated USAID/ Climate READY program, a 5-year climate change initiative funded by USAID. The implementer will provide technical assistance, capacity building, and analytical assistance for regional institutions and up to 12 Pacific Island Country (PIC) governments. Project components include: climate change adaptation governance; climate change finance; and institutional capacity building and systems strengthening.

DAI seeks candidates for a FSM Country Officer position to be based in Pohnpei, FSM. The successful candidate will lead coordination with national and local government partners, support short- and long-term staff engagement in country, and be responsible for successful implementation of technical support for policy and governance, climate finance and institutional strengthening.

Responsibilities

- Oversee rapid launch of READY activities in the country;
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- Build and manage relationships with national government, civil society, and private sector actors, and ensure coordination with relevant donor-funded programs; and
- Oversee the development, implementation, monitoring, and close-out of each activity in the country and provide feedback on all technical and operational matters to the READY headquarters office.

Qualifications

- University degree and minimum of five years' experience in environment, climate change, policy reform, climate finance, or a related area;
- Project management/coordination experience;
- Fluent in spoken and written English;
- Existing relationships with government ministries; and
- Donor project experience and experience managing consultants is preferred.

If you are interested in being considered for upcoming positions with DAI in the Pacific Islands region, please send an updated CV and expression of interest to DaiRecruitAsia@dai.com. In the subject line of the email, please enter "USAID/Climate READY." Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for interviews.

Ethnobotany class visits Island Food Community of Pohnpei

By Dana Lee Ling
Emihner Johnson

Twenty-three students in the College of Micronesia-FSM SC/SS 115 Ethnobotany class visited the Island Food Community of Pohnpei on Tuesday March first, 2016. Emihner Johnson presented on the CHEEF benefits of local foods here on Pohnpei. The CHEEF benefits refer to Culture, Health, Environment, Economy, and Food Security.

Local traditional island foods are a core part of the cultures and customs of Micronesian. A party in Kosrae would not be complete with the soft taro dish fahfah. In Chuuk pounded breadfood, kón, is used in determining whether an apology is accepted between families. Consumption of local foods also promotes local farming and local farming practices - cultural practices and knowledge.



Chance demonstrates use of a hand mill to produce taro flour

Health is a second benefit of local foods. Many of the local starches have a high fiber content, which slows down the rate of conversion from starch to glucose. This allows the body to produce lower levels of insulin than would be necessary for a starch such as rice. Rice converts very quickly to glucose and the demand on insulin spikes as a result. Foods that cause rapid rises in blood sugar are correlated with the development of diabetes.

Local foods are also generally grown without chemical fertilizers and pesticides. On island, local foods are the original organic foods.



Chance grinds sun dried taro into flour

Some of our local bananas, breadfruit, and taro, have been shown to contain beta-carotenes, the precursor to vitamin A. Local food also contains minerals and trace elements that are important to overall health.

Local foods have a reduced impact on the environment. Local foods are not typically packaged, there is no plastic container that becomes waste in the local garbage dump. Local foods either come in no container, such as cucumber, or come in a biodegradable container, such as a banana peel.



Sweena, Sunet, and Casan-Jenae observing the taro flour production process

Local foods benefit the economy. Local traditional foods are grown by on-island farmers. When one buys local foods, the money goes to a local farmer. The farmer, in turn, then spends that same money here on island. The result is that both the farmer and those from whom the farmer buys are gaining income. More than one family is benefitting from a single purchase. This is termed a multiplier effect. When one buys imported food, the money is sent off-island and no one else on island benefits from that money. There is no multiplier effect for imported foods, at least not in terms of benefit to the island.

In addition, when one eats local food instead of imported food, that represents an import substitution, and reduces imports.



Emihner Johnson explains the taro flour mill

Last summer the island of Pohnpei ran out of rice. All rice is imported. Shipments did not come in a timely fashion and the rice ran out. When a small supply of rice appeared, people queued for rice. In a couple instances fights broke out in rice queues. This is food insecurity - depending on off-island sources for sustenance. Local food is food security. While Pohnpei is not likely to ever be food self-sufficient, local food can provide partial self-sufficiency and a measure of food security in an uncertain world.



taro flour mill

The class wrapped up with a demonstration of a taro flour mill. Taro flour is gluten free and filled with the minerals and trace elements found in hard taro. Anyone with taro or breadfruit can use the mill at the IFCP center. The taro of breadfruit has to be pre-ground using either local grinding wheel or grinder and then sun dried. The flour mill then grinds the small chunks into flour. The class thanks the Island Food Community of Pohnpei and Emihner Johnson for once again sharing the benefits of local food.

IFCP would like to acknowledge United States Government DOI, Pohnpei State Government, GEF for financial assistance. We also want to thank Mr. Dana Lee Ling and his Ethnobotany class for visiting, learning, and spreading, put into action the CHEEF benefits of GOING LOCAL.



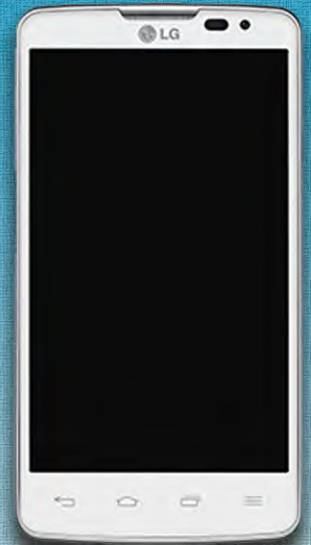
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In 2015, 68 submissions were received in response to this call, and regional issues such as climate change, fisheries, and ICT were identified and considered by Pacific Islands Forum Leaders.

On behalf of the Specialist Sub-Committee on Regionalism - a group of eight individual experts on regional issues - the Forum Secretariat again invites the public to submit regional initiatives that seek to address issues of concern to the region.

All submitted initiatives will be assessed by the Specialist Sub-Committee on Regionalism, who will select a small number of initiatives to forward to Leaders for their discussion and consideration at this year's Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).

More information on the Framework for Pacific Regionalism, the submissions process, and the Specialist Sub-Committee on Regionalism, including how to make a submissions, is available at <http://forumsec.org/>.

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“The Pohnpei Port Authority wishes to advise its stakeholders that it is in the process of establishing its budget for fiscal year 2017.

Amendments to the Pohnpei Port Authority Act made by State Law Number 8L-86-15, requires the budget to be made available to stakeholders (defined as companies and organizations directly doing business with PPA) who shall be given 30 days to submit written comments to PPA's Board of Directors.

For stakeholders interested in submitting comments to PPA, a copy of the proposed budget can be obtained from PPA's headquarters adjacent to the airport terminal in Dekehtik.

Comments may also be submitted at PPA's website. www.ppa.fm, where a digital copy of the proposed fiscal year 2017 budget is also available.

The deadline for submitting comments shall be April 15, 2016.”

Thank you,

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Pohnpei Port Authority

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Are you aware that it is against the law for businesses to sell cigarettes to minors and also prohibits businesses and stores that sell tobacco products to keep the products out of sight of customers, under the counter, or in special cabinets?

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Did you know that betel nut alone has been found to have cancer causing carcinogens or chemicals and when combined with cigarette and chewed is the number one cause of cancer death among all cancer patients and the number three cause of all Non Communicable Diseases behind heart disease and diabetes in Pohnpei today?

THIS PUBLIC HEALTH MESSAGE IS MADE AVAILABLE FROM THE POHNPEI STATE CANCER CONTROL PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC APPROACHES TO COMMUNITY HEALTH (REACH) COMMUNITY HEALTH INTERVENTION PROGRAM (CHIP). Tel: 320-6101 Email: pnireach@gmail.com Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Micronesia-REACH-379355062268370/>



Komw mwangih me koasonde sohte mweidohng tungole sika de simok nan ohpis kan, tehnpasakan, nan imwen sukuhl, nan imwen wini oh dispensary kan, tehnpas sarawih kan, weren ohpis weren nansapwakan, nan naahs oh wasahn kapokon teikan? Aramas emen de pwih en aramas eh me sohte kapwaihda ire kan me sansal powe kawehlahr mesen kosoned en weipokon en Pohnpei nempe 7L-104-11 oh pahn alehdi kalokepeh oh pwain tala epwiki (\$100) oh selidi rahn silisek (30) de kapataira.

Komw mwangih me Pohnpei ketket nan kahpwal laud en lumwumw de soumwahu en suke, inta laud, mongiohng, cancer, oh sohng en lumwumw de soumwahu me sohte kin dou teikan?

Komw mwangih me kancer en eweh me keiuhn kemelahr aramas tohto nan pwuhng en kancer kan koaros nan Pohnpei.

Komw mwangih me nan pwungen aramas silimen nan wein Pohnpei rahnwet me riemen alehdier de pahn alehdi soumwahu en Suke, intahlaud, mongiohng, cancer de me mehn wai kin patowan Non Communicable Disease (NCD) ma irail sohte pahn wekidala arail tungol koasondi en momour oh dahme re kin tungole?

Eri iet ire kesempwal walu me komwi konehng en tamataman oh doadoangki pwehn sewese perehsang komwi lumwumw de soumwahu pwukat:

Keiu – Komw pahn anane kawuhdi sakan de tungole pwuh oh sika;

Keriau – Komw pahn sakan kepin pihl waluh rahn koaros de pil uhpw oh madeu;

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Kapaieu - Komw pahn anane katikala de kawuhdi sakan kawen teki, pwoht, kirih, malek en wai, ramen, kiraka, suke, sohl, oh sohng en mwengeh kan me sohte mwahu ohng paliwaren aramas;

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Kewenehu – Komw pahn anane kin meihrihla awa waluh rahn koaros;

Keisuh – Komw pahn anane kin mwekid de exercise ki minute silisek lel awa eh rahn koaros;

Kawaluh – Komw pahn anane kin pwarek nimwen wini de dispensary kan pak eh nan pahr koaros oh wia kosou en inta laud, mohngiohng, cancer, de lumwumw teikan ma komw dauhlihier sounpar paisek (40);

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Opinion Editorial

Unsustainable Harvesting of Sea Cucumbers and the Consequences for Coral-Reef Ecosystems of Palau

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Upon my first visit to Palau in 1994, I was immediately impressed by the seemingly endless diversity and abundance of marine life. While Palau is clearly blessed with an amazing natural setting (geology, geography, and oceanography), I found out that traditional management, culture, and respect were equally influential in creating the healthy, thriving coral-reef ecosystems I witnessed. For me, these early experiences in Palau confirmed my passion to better understand how these magnificent underwater scenes evolve and function.

I have since moved on to co-establish a non-governmental organization dedicated to assisting Micronesian jurisdictions collect and interpret scientific data for their use in sound management planning, the Pacific Marine Resources Institute (www.pacmares.com). Research across Micronesia over the past decade has provided me with a wealth of insight into coral-reef ecosystems, their associated fisheries, and the tradition and culture that is interwoven into the coral-reef food webs. At the numerous regional meetings I've attended over the years, Palau continues to lead the way in implementing conservation and management policies that aim to provide long-term economic gain and sustainable fisheries into the future. However, the perceived success must be put into the perspective of the changing world we live in.

In comparison to many coral reefs around the world, Palau clearly represents a unique natural wonder. However, the pressures of enhanced westernization and economic growth continue to influence marine resources around the world, and the stories that elders have shared with me clearly portray declining marine resource abundances through time across Micronesia, including Palau (see www.micronesianfishing.com). It seems clear that it is becoming harder and harder to preserve the fishery stocks that once seemed endless, and although Palau is a regional conservation leader, this conservation success might best be defined in relative terms, while many people fail to understand the absolute decline in marine resources that have been occurring through time. It goes without saying that healthy fish stocks are needed to keep coral-reef ecosystems thriving, so insight from Palauan elders should be taken as a sincere concern for the livelihoods of future generations.

However, most recently, I learned about the sale and export of large quantities of Palau's sea cucumbers, with limited study or documentation to ensure that sustainable stocks remain, which can fulfill their ecological functions. This was extremely surprising to me, because across Micronesia, many jurisdictions

strictly limit or prohibit sea cucumber harvesting due to their slow growth rates and importance to the coral-reef ecosystem. It's ironic that over the years I've witnessed Palau to be a conservation leader, however, just recently, they have decided to exploit marine resources in a manner that is already obsolete within much of Micronesia. This decision is ultimately what encouraged me to write this article, and describe what many already know as the functional roles of sea cucumbers on coral reefs.

Sea cucumbers feed on sediment and detritus (decaying organic matter) that originate from larger coral-reef fish and invertebrates (fish poop for example), and also from surrounding watersheds. The very fact that so many sea cucumbers exist in Palau highlights just how much of this food source is available for processing. But, what happens if detritus is not processed? Left unchecked, detritus can slowly be consumed by the bottom dwelling corals and algae that live on the reefs. However, the key is that when too much detritus becomes available, algae and other undesirable can grow and outcompete corals for space on the reef. Translated, the once coral-dominated reef will slowly (over ~10 years) become dominated by algae, reducing structure and habitat, and all of the socioeconomic benefits that a healthy reefs offers Palauan livelihoods. As a last note, the combined impact of reduced fish populations, many of which also eat algae and detritus (parrotfish, Melemau, and Kemedukl), and sea cucumber declines represents an intensified threat to Palau's nearshore coral-reef ecosystems.

You might draw a comparison with the dirt that accumulates in your house. Without sweeping, the accumulated dirt would eventually build up so much that you no longer want to live inside, and bacteria, mold, and fungus would take over your residence. Sea cucumbers and fish represent the "skobang".

While fighting the national policy of permitting sea cucumber harvesting may seem like a daunting challenge to many, I think that providing education and outreach to the state governments represents a better means towards solving this issue for Palau. To my knowledge, the states decide how to manage their resources, and generating a wealth of profit from sea cucumber harvesting today, in exchange for a compromised coral-reef ecosystem 10 years later, seems illogical. I strongly encourage all the state governments to take a deeper look at the consequences of uncontrolled sea cucumber harvesting.

Pacific Marine Resources Institute is a non-profit organization based in Saipan, CNMI, dedicated to improving scientific research and monitoring across Micronesia for their use in sound resource management planning (www.pacmares.com).

Seidonokawa—Pohnpei’s nastiest river has advocates working to clean it up

By Bill Jaynes
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February 19, 2016

Pohnpei, FSM—This afternoon several NGO’s met with Ms. Osnat Lubrani, UN Resident Coordinator, to share the successes of the programs funded under the Small Grants Program of the UNDP GEF. Among those programs was the Seidonakawa River Clean Up Project by the Central Union of Young Adults, headed by Johnny Musrasrik.



The Seidonakawa River in Kolonia Town has consistently tested as the most polluted body in Pohnpei and it is the group’s intention through dry litter piggery projects and others, to bring that river back from the brink and make it clean again.

The group of dignitaries including Vice President Yosiwo George, and Mayor San Nicolas visited the pilot dry litter piggery project. The purpose of the pilot pig pen conversion is to prevent pollutant sources from entering the stream.

The group did not visit the one pilot biogas piggery project which converts pig waste

into energy. The two, dry litter and biogas are separate methods to accomplish the same thing—keep pig waste out of the Seidonokawa River.

CUYA received a \$50,000 grant from UNDP SGP. Musrasrik says that the group set up a revolving fund or \$20,000 from that initial grant. That money is being used for no-interest loans for pig farmers to convert their piggeries into environmentally friendly operations.

CUYA used the remaining \$30,000 for physical cleanup projects and for awareness campaigns.

He says that CUYA has had discussion with the Kolonia Town Government and the FSM Congress. Any money the group receives

will go into the revolving fund to help the remaining 23 piggeries on the river to convert their pig farms.

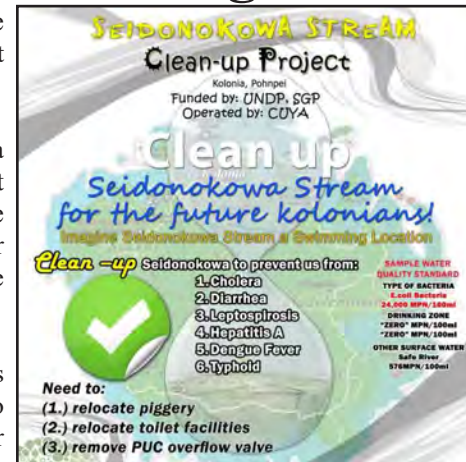
He says that the group influenced the Kolonia Town Government to initiate a resolution that directs the Mayor’s attention to the maintenance and cleanliness of the stream though the Mayor has already been supportive of the efforts of the group.

Musrasrik says that the group has met requisites in the grant’s goals of bringing awareness to residents near the Seidonokawa amongst other objectives.

They have been advocates for the removal of an outfall sewer pipe near INS and have conversations with PUC and with the Japanese Government seeking resources to remove that pipe that dumps raw sewage directly into the river. Musrasrik says that the Japanese Ambassador has expressed interest in supporting the project but nothing has yet been committed and the process is a long one that may or may not be successful.

Musrasrik says that there are 23 more pig pens to be converted before EPA does another water quality test to compare with the initial tests that showed Seidonokawa to be “the most polluted stream in all of the FSM.” CUYA estimates that it will take approximately \$180,000 to complete conversion of the remaining pig pens and to remove the sewage outfall.

“With the great support of the UNDP SGP and the leadership but most especially the Mayor of the town - we are very optimistic in bringing the seidonokawa back to a cleaner state for all kolonians today and future generations,” Musrasrik said.



China’s Ambassador LI Jie gave a presentation at the College of Micronesia on February 22, 2016. He spoke for over an hour about the differences and the similarities between the FSM and People’s Republic of China. His goal was to encourage as many students as possible to take advantage of full scholarships offered to study in China.

Two days later Ambassador LI also addressed the Pohnpei State Legislature at their invitation to discuss China’s priorities and ways that the FSM and China can work together.

Congress revokes the El Nino Emergency Declaration

PALIKIR, POHNPEI. March 2, 2016 – The Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia has adopted a resolution to revoke the Presidential Emergency Declaration signed on February 18th to address the Nation’s escalating drought conditions effected by El-Nino.

On Monday, February 29th, after lengthy discussion on the matter Congress adopted, by unanimous consent, Congressional Resolution 19-192 to revoke the Presidential Emergency Declaration.

The Fourth Special Session had convened in response to the Presidential Emergency Declaration as mandated by the Constitution and met with the Executive leadership through the Committee to Wait on the

President. Through Special Committee Report no. 19-08, the committee reported that the executive stated the premise of the emergency declaration was the increasingly serious reports directly from the states, primarily from the outer islands, as to the escalating crisis. It was also reported that the states were reluctant to declare emergency and commit funding and resources at the state level. It was also shared with the committee that the states lack sufficient experience in prolonged disasters.

The Committee to Wait expressed to the Executive leadership its concern on the lack of planning and coordination between the states and the National Government regarding the drought caused by the El Nino as there has been a year to work on

the issue. The report generated a healthy floor discussion during Monday’s session with concerns that centered on the absence of emergency declarations from the states and no obvious long-term El Nino disaster plans for the use of funds decreed into the Disaster Relief Fund.

The Congress met with the President and had a constructive discussion on the on revocation and its intent. According to CR 19-192, the emergency declaration was revoked on the basis that:

- the Body respects the primary role of the state governments to determine when national government’s assistance is required to

- meet their responsibilities;
- the Governors had not made any declarations of emergency in relation to the El Nino;
- the impacts of El Nino would be better addressed with a long term plan coordinated between the national government and states; and
- since no such plans were in place the 19th Congress of the FSM on February 29th, revoked the Presidential Emergency Declaration of February 18, 2016.

Mindful of the financial capacities of the states, Congress decided that each delegation would provide the appropriate financial assistance, through normal appropriations, to their respective state to address the effects of the El Nino.



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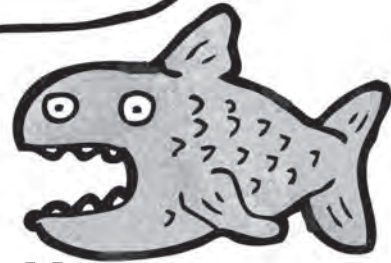
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Fish Talk



FSM NORMA holds Planning Workshop on Fisheries Multi- million Dollar Project

On February 24 to 25, 2016, the FSM National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) collaborated with other key FSM Government Departments to outline detailed activities for the next year and half that will be funded under the World Bank supported Pacific Regional Oceanscape Programme (PROP). The two-day workshop was held at the Cliff Rainbow Hotel in Pohnpei, FSM.

Close to two million dollars are planned for two years' activities targeting the following results that will address both oceanic and coastal fisheries management:

- Strengthened fisheries enforcement through additional sea and aerial patrols by the FSM Department of Justice and training opportunities for enforcement officers/officials.
- Enhanced safety of seafood exports through establishment and strengthening of a seafood hygiene competent authority at the FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs.
- Capacitated cadre of fisheries observers and enforcement officers trained and equipped with state of the art safety and communications equipment for monitoring tuna fishery.
- Updated oceanic fisheries information management system and vessel monitoring system through additional upgrades in software and hardware.
- Strengthened fisheries management through capacity building of NORMA systems, institution and staff including enhanced capacity to negotiate and manage the vessel day scheme.
- Assessed coastal fisheries that will be viable for further development in partnership with local communities in the four FSM States.

"This is only the beginning of the 5-year PROP project and we anticipate challenges in implementation given complexity of involving several government departments and various issues involving fisheries, but we have a good team working on this and a working group has been set up to closely monitor and advice on the project. The project is also designed to pull in support from our regional partners, particularly the Forum Fisheries Agency and PNA Office."

Says Mr. Eugene Pangelinan, NORMA Executive Director. "FSM is strategically positioned in the tuna fishery and this project is an opportunity to position us to take advantage of that and realize the potential benefits which, I believe much of, is still yet to be realized."

Participating in the planning workshop were representatives of the FSM Department of Resources & Development, FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs, FSM Department of Justice, FSM Department of Finance & Administration, and NORMA. The Forum Fisheries Agency was also represented to assist particularly with the Information Management Systems planning.

Such a project planning exercise will be an annual event over the next few years and will require the input of the key Government departments as they will be leading project implementation per the agreed plans.

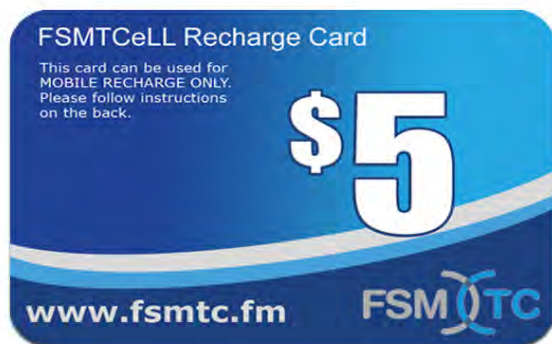
The PROP Project is a six-year project funded with a Grant from the World Bank International Development Association that covers oceanic and coastal fisheries. NORMA oversees the oceanic fisheries component of the project. Pacific countries participating in the PROP are Marshall Islands, Tuvalu and Solomon Islands. Other Pacific countries are expected to join the Program over the next few years.

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Education Corner:

Richard Womack, Ed.D

Motivating Teachers

In the last EC column we promised to continue with the question –how do we motivate teachers to do a good job? Please be prepared for several EC's as the topic is so very important to improving our children's education.

Last issue I responded briefly to the reader who wrote- "I have a friend who is a public school teacher and like many of her colleagues is suffering from depression as a result of a lack of inspiration and motivation; low/poor pay and an insecure tenure with the new short term contracts now in place, being a major factor." She had asked how can we inspire and motivate our teachers. I tried to stall and wrote her I would ask some teachers and principals that very question. What would motivate you to do a better job?

Moreover in education we would consider a good teacher job is evidenced by students learning the school subjects well. Students should be learning to read, write and do math. But too they should be learning the sciences and the social studies. That's a good job so how can teachers be motivated to want to do an even better job? How do we motivate teachers to embrace "being

professional"? Professionals follow a path marked "Continuous Improvement" so just how do we get more teachers on this path? As promised I did meet this past week meet with four different groups as I was going to different schools. As we might expect higher pay was always the first response. I usually followed with-"If I can double your pay can you double my grandson's learning?" The teachers would laugh and usually say "yes". I would then ask "If I can give you \$1.00 more per paycheck can you double my grandson's learning?" More laughter but this time, while still laughing, they said "no". This broke the ice and the teachers then did offer a few interesting thoughts. (They also agreed they could not double my grandson's learning if I doubled their pay.) But to some the pay matter was more than just more purchasing power. It was linked to respect somehow. It was a reasonable argument "If the public respected us more for our most important job of teaching the children—we would be paid more." I countered with a "Do you respect your Pastor or your Priest? They usually make less than teachers, don't they? Do you think they are respected because they are doing God's work?" I added "If that's the case they should be the one's to make the big money-right?" The whole experience even with just a few teachers was enlightening

and at the same time sad. The idea that when one has lots of money one gets lots of respect or that money can buy respect is a notion with which I have some difficulty and begrudgingly accept as true for some.

Nevertheless the respect issue did not stop with money. Some teachers felt unappreciated and that was linked to respect. Some teachers said only a chosen few were rewarded and they felt the day-to-day work went unnoticed and teachers were noticed when it was time to blame and scold. I said to that idea "What if the public thinks that lots of teachers are not doing a good job? What if the public sees there are lots of teachers that are teaching because they could not find another job? What if the public sees the teachers that miss so much work and there is no one at school to teach? What about schools where graduates cannot test into high school or high school graduates that cannot go on to college? These conditions used to exist a lot. When they did the public rightfully said—these teachers are making too much money. Thankfully our education environment is much improved and this negative scenario does not characterize most teachers and most schools in Pohnpei today. But there was some truth in this perception in past years.

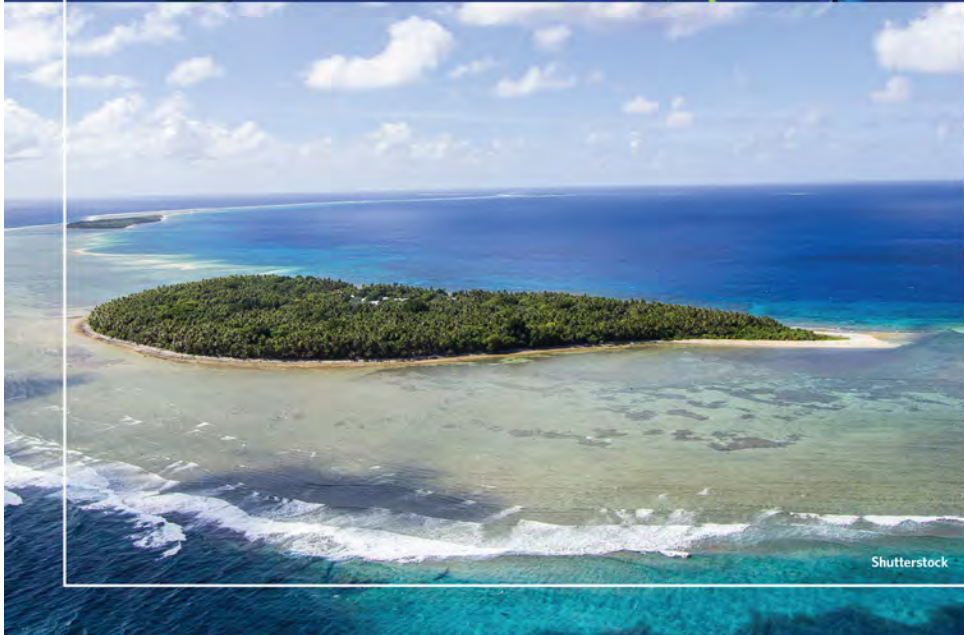
The idea that many became teachers because it was at least a job—is true. When compulsory education (all kids to 16 must be in school) came into effect there were few qualified teachers. Any Associate Degree and the ability to stand upright in

a class would land a job. Many taught for a few years and moved on. Most all of our early Pohnpeian leaders began as classroom teachers and later became Presidents, Governors, Congress Members and hold or held governmental posts of all levels. But too, many stayed in a job they neither chose nor even liked. They went to summer school because they were forced not because they wished to be better teachers. That was the past—not today and not tomorrow. But today education and teachers still bear the burden of the past and must stand up and say "Times have changed."

Today's new teachers and many of the old are ready to shed to past and get on with a professional future—one that means improvement. We can never improve student learning until we improve our teachers and motivate them to be better.

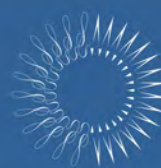
We will continue next EC and remember it's a simple idea-motivation. It is just is getting someone to do something. People either do things because they want to do something or they have to do something. People are motivated by success and not motivated with failure. People are motivated to fulfill wants and needs. People have difficulty deciding what are wants and what needs are. There are always more wants than needs and usually more needs than resources. Exploring these ideas next issue will help us some (I think) unravel how to inspire and motivated our teachers. At least I hope so.

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