

One survivor's firsthand account of the crash of Air Niugini PX 073

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FSM—On Friday morning, September 28, Air Niugini flight PX 073 crash landed in the lagoon short of the runway in Chuuk. I was aboard. It was the worst experience in my life but I am glad to be alive, thanks in large part to Chuukese locals who risked their own lives to save us passengers.

"I" is a very strange letter when it stands alone in a news article. "I"m not sure I know how to handle that particular letter as a journalist but then "I"ve never been involved in a plane crash before. "I" still don't know how to handle that fact, neither in my life nor in this article. Still, "I" know, and have heard from many, that despite the fact that my face and voice were all over international news for almost a week, people will want to hear from me, though "I" most certainly was not the only passenger aboard nor even close to the most significant. I just ended up being one of the most visible. It's such a strange situation in so many ways and I'm not sure I know how to handle it. Maybe I never will.

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I'll start at the beginning.

The Indonesian government, who recently reached out to the FSM after many years of diplomatic relations between the two countries,

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Pohnpei—In late September, Paul Hadik, CEO of Pacific Resources for Education and Learning sent a heads up to The Kaselehlie Press that he was sending his "A-Team" to Pohnpei. While here his "A-Team" planned to meet with

both the Executive and Legislative Branches of the National government. The team was to be composed only of highly skilled, educated and experienced Micronesians in their various fields.

He said that team members would include Dr. Vidalino Raatior of Chuuk, Dr. Jojo Peter

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Pohnpei files charges for criminal solicitation against Iso Nahnken Salvador Iriarte

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Pohnpei, FSM—Pohnpei has filed criminal charges against Iso Nahnken of Nett, Salvador Iriarte alleging criminal solicitation based on a speech that he gave on the grounds of the Kolonia Public Market on August 31, 2018. August 31 was the day by which, according to notices issued by the Attorney General’s office, occupants of the Public Market were to have vacated or face legal action.

A crowd gathered in force on that day, apparently expecting a confrontation that was never planned to have happened. Instead, on that day, the Attorney General’s office filed civil actions in Pohnpei Supreme Court against all presumed trespassers on the property.

Though the charges against Mr. Iriarte were filed a month ago, the court did not, until recently issue a penal summons. Mr. Iriarte had not been aware of them until the penal summons was issued and served on him. His arraignment is scheduled for today in the Pohnpei Supreme Court.

The charges allege that Mr. Iriarte, “with intent to promote or facilitate the commission of a crime, commands, encourages or requests another person to engage in conduct that causes the result specified by the definition of the crime, or engages in conduct which would be sufficient to establish complicity in the specified conduct or result, did then and there, willfully and unlawfully deliver a public speech encouraging the people that were unlawfully occupying the Kolonia Public Markets to defy notices to vacate

the properties belonging to the State of Pohnpei and commanded the people to remain on the properties, a crime in violation of Title 61, Chapter 4, Section 103 (1) of the Pohnpei State Code.”

Assistant Attorney General Judah Johnny initially transcribed the Iso Nahnken’s speech from an incomplete video taken by V6AH radio with parts of the text missing due to inaudibility. He has since issued an English language translation of the speech.

If Mr. Johnny’s translation is accurate, the honorable Iso Nahnken’s speech on that day appeared to present mixed messages but the point he seemed most to want to drive home is that calm should prevail and peaceful means utilized.

In one section of the speech, Mr. Iriarte said as translated by Mr. Johnny, “...be calm, for it is not fitting to be in pandemonium, for us to dispute about something over which the truth is obvious, it is not proper for us to dispute over it...”. Moments later he said, “...we cannot permit, it cannot be done, our right that we are born into and possess shall endure throughout all generations, in addition, blood shed, blood shed for us to preserve right, if it is taken then blood will also shed, that is, I do not say it to be done, but naturally it will be done, naturally it will be done, cannot put to stop.” He immediately followed with “I therefore (think that it is) important that that there be calm (order).”

He expressed his displeasure that the eviction notice was issued by an American man, the Attorney General, Dana Smith. “...a real American man who is involved in this ‘get out’ (eviction notice) is

difficult. (In) Palau, an American man attempted, attempted to speak about land, beaten there, fractured his hand. This is how much they cannot, cannot tolerate. Therefore you should be calm and District government and Kolonia need that they unite...”

The segments of his speech that resulted in criminal charges were his admonitions to the people to stay on the land. He admonished the audience to stay but to stay peacefully and not to react with violence.

Pohnpei’s Attorney General has said that it makes no difference where the land is located, the land is owned by Pohnpei State Board of Trustees of the Public Lands Trust. As owners of the land, the State Government has the right and the Attorney General has the obligation to defend the interests of Pohnpei State.

But the issue of who owns the land that

was filled outside of the previous shores of Kolonia seems to be the principal rub with the Nett municipality. Nett previously argued in a court case that since the land was filled outside the boundaries of the original charter granted to Kolonia, it belonged to them. They lost that case. Nett appealed the decision of the court but for many years the court has rendered no decision on the appeal.

Mr. Iriarte is innocent of the charges of criminal solicitation unless it is otherwise proven in a court of law.

The matter of the eviction of alleged squatters at the Kolonia Public Market is now up to the Pohnpei State Supreme Court to decide. It will likely be quite some time before that matter is decided.

(Late update: Mr. Iriarte requested for enlargement of time and the arraignment did not take place as scheduled.)

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High School Robotics League expands across Micronesia

Habele

Students at nearly twenty high schools across the Federated States of Micronesia will participate in the Habele Robotics League this school year.

Building on the success of the popular Yap Robo League, the hands on robotics program is expanding to include high schools across Chuuk and Pohnpei for the first time. Over the course of the summer, Habele directors met with principals, officials and community leaders across these three states to introduce the program, set expectations, and plan out the 2018-19 school year.

For many of the new participants, the Habele Robotics League represents a first opportunity for students to engage with STEM learning in a hands-on way. Schools with previous Robo League experience provide an encouraging example for their peers across the FSM, through heightened interest in

technology education, and dynamic student leadership. In Yap State, representatives from school robotics clubs have formed a Student Leadership Team, which meets to plan out details for competitions and training.

“New participants in Chuuk and Pohnpei are bringing a lot of enthusiasm and excitement to the Robo League this year,” says Matt Coleman, Executive Director of Habele. “The Yap Robo League has paved the way by showing that students are hungry for this kind of opportunity. They respond to it with real creativity and leadership.”

Following the delivery of new robot kits to participating schools, students across all three states will receive technical training from Habele instructors. In the Spring semester of 2019, students from Yap Catholic High School, the winners of the 2018 Robo Day competition, will send teams of students to Chuuk and Pohnpei for additional peer-to-peer instruction. Students in all three states are working towards participating in their respective Statewide Robo Days this Spring, where they will showcase the skills mastered over the course of the school year.

Established by former Peace Corps volunteers, Habele is a US-based nonprofit, advancing educational access and accomplishment across Micronesia.

Pohnpei Supreme Court officer charged with forgery on allotment authorization

By Bill Jaynes
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Pohnpei—Pohnpei today filed criminal charges of forgery against Mitzue S. Paulis, the Administrator of the Pohnpei Supreme Court.

The state alleges that on May 26, 2017, Paulis submitted a false request to the Payroll Division of Pohnpei Government to discontinue making pre-authorized monthly deductions in the amount of \$221 from her salary for satisfaction of a personal loan with the Bank of Guam. The charges allege that she forged a bank employee’s signature on the form to make it appear that the Bank of Guam had made and approved the request to the Pohnpei State government.

The Payroll Division did not grant the request because the signature seemed suspicious.

The state alleges that the submission of the form with the allegedly forged signature was an attempt to deceive the Bank of Guam and the State of Pohnpei.

Paulis is innocent unless otherwise proved in a court of law.



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invited me and a few other Pacific Islands journalists for an informational tour of their country. I was heading to Indonesia when I boarded Air Niugini, flight PX 073 on the morning of September 28 after finally having received my flight arrangements only a day and a half earlier.

I was the last passenger through the security checkpoint before they said it would close. The flight crew started arriving ten to fifteen minutes later. The flight was scheduled to depart at 8:50 but at that time, boarding hadn't even begun.

Once aboard, my seat, 24F on the right side of the rear of the plane was comfortable and the flight attendants were courteous and pleasant. The safety briefing was pretty much like every safety briefing I've ever heard with one variance from my experience. Instead of instructing passengers on how to use the exit doors, the briefing said that a crew member would open the doors in the event of an emergency. I thought that was odd at the time but didn't think much more of it.

Descent begins

When one of the cockpit crew members made the announcement that we were beginning our descent into Chuuk, the flight attendants immediately had the passengers open their window shades, fasten seatbelts and put seats in the upright position. It seemed quite a bit early as there was still 25 minutes left in the flight at that point but it took nothing to comply.

As the Chuuk lagoon islands began to appear among aqua sea set against blue sky and white fluffy clouds, I began to search the lagoon for white caps. The evening before my flight a friend posted a weather report for Chuuk on Facebook that indicated a low pressure system with possible cyclonic activity so I was vigilant. It carried a travel advisory for boaters. I don't know what I thought I'd do if I saw white caps but the lagoon was calm so I relaxed into the descent.

As we approached the runway, ominous grey clouds appeared and I watched the vapor trails coming off of the wing. I could clearly see the lagoon islands in the distance and spotted the Truk Stop dock as we continued to descend, and descend and descend. I had just thought that we were much lower over the water than on any of my many previous landings in Chuuk when the left wing dipped a little bit as, in my experience sometimes happens as pilots adjust to cross winds on approach to the

runway.

Suddenly there was impact, an extremely hard impact, and an amazingly quick stop. My first thought was that we had just experienced the hardest landing and fastest braking I'd ever experienced on any runway but I couldn't reconcile the rending, tearing sounds in my mind. I was stunned and looked around. When I saw a hole in the other side of the plane across the aisle, I knew we hadn't made the runway. Water was coming in fast, rushing from the nose of the plane toward the rear. The water initially ran out through the hole but very quickly water also started coming in from there as well.

Some have said that there was an announcement to "brace" before the impact came, but if there was, I never heard it or if I did hear it, it was not sufficient for me to have understood that we had been about to crash land and I cleared it from my memory. The cockpit recorder will tell that part of the story.

Exit stage left

I reached under my seat for a life preserver but could not find one. As I got up from my seat and started walking in what was then thigh deep water, deeper on those people who are not 6'4" tall, there was pandemonium. Some passengers were trying to retrieve their bags from the overhead compartments, an absolute no no during an emergency evacuation as it slows evacuation. Some passengers scrambled over the tops of the seats. Flight attendants in my section of the plane were screaming for people to calm down. It wasn't working. Meanwhile the attendants were running back and forth in the aisles, pushing passengers out of the way. I checked under three other seats on my way out but still could not find a life preserver. I can't speak to the experience of others but I was not the only passenger who did not have a life preserver when we went out the exit.

A young man of Asian descent who was behind me as I tried to walk toward the exit while making way for passengers who were more injured than I began to push hard. I turned around and grabbed his shoulders. Making eye contact with him I asked him to calm down. I told him that we would get out but only if we did it calmly. He did calm down, though I'm not sure if he actually understood my words.

By the time I arrived at the exit door, the pathway was clear. I stepped out onto the wing where the water was approximately waist deep. A raft was waiting there and people were jumping into it. I stood aside so that others could get in first. Someone finally yelled at me to get into the raft and I complied. As two passengers I didn't

identify carried a Chinese man, who I later learned had a broken pelvis, to the raft, a female Chuukese passenger turned to me and asked in a panicked voice if she had her life preserver on correctly. After it inflated, she was having a hard time breathing as it pushed her head backward. Others experienced the same problem and none of us could figure out how to let a bit of air out of them to give them some relief. Another man in the raft who had passed me as I stood on the wing seemed to have a broken forearm.

Chuukese heroes

As I lay on the bottom of the raft wondering what would happen next and wondering what had happened to my passport that had been in my shirt pocket, I looked at the plane which at the time was only half submerged. I incorrectly thought that we were in shallow water and that during the recovery effort, after we were all safe, someone would be able to retrieve all of my camera gear and laptop from the overhead baggage compartment in working order. I had no idea that we were in approximately 90 feet of water and that the plane was in danger of sinking at any time. Had I known, I may easily have been one of those who panicked. I didn't have time to notice that the plane was sinking because within no more than two minutes of getting into the raft, a boat driven by a local who had seen the crash nudged the raft.

People helped the very injured man into the boat, and again, I stood back knowing that the raft would keep me safe and that others needed to be evacuated more quickly than I. By that time there were several boats surrounding the plane. I could have taken another boat but the boat driver would not take no for an answer and I boarded as the last passenger aboard that boat.

I will never forget the efforts of the Chuukese locals who, either foolishly, or bravely immediately rushed out to the downed plane to help get us safely to shore. A week and a half later, I still get tears of gratitude in my eyes whenever I think of their selflessness and bravery, and I have thought of it many times every day since the morning of Friday, September 28.

Unfortunately, since that time, some have tried to make an issue of whether or not Chuukese locals or US Navy Seabees were the first to arrive on the scene. Quite frankly, from videos I later saw, I believe it was the Seabees who were there first but if so it was only by moments. I don't know. I never saw them. I quite frankly, don't care. All of the responders were heroes and calling one group of responders heroes does not at all minimize the heroics of another group. For me, on that day, it

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was Chuukese locals who whisked a boat load of wet and frightened passengers, me included, to the Transco dock in Weno.

Passenger heroes

Since we are on the subject of heroes, now would be the time to talk about two passenger heroes I will never forget. One is Adam Milburn, an Australian who currently lives in Pohnpei. He will not call himself a hero but I watched his calm demeanor as he assisted passengers through the exit door. In the video of the US Navy response to the crash, Mr. Milburn is the man in the blue wind breaker, calmly standing on the wing at the exit door helping passengers out. He also re-entered the plane to help make sure that there were no passengers left aboard but by then, the tail section of the plane was head high underwater. Only after he did that did he decide to go ahead and grab his own bag from the baggage compartment. It had not been safe to do so while passengers were evacuating.

I didn't learn of another hero until later in the day when I met Rodney Nogi of Papua New Guinea at the Truk Stop hotel where Air Niugini had placed some of the passengers. He very quietly and reluctantly told me that he had been the one to open the exit door when flight attendants didn't do so. He mentioned that he also mobilized and inflated the raft from that door. Milburn later told me that when he got onto the wing, the raft had been mobilized and that it had been Nogi who had done it and who also made sure that it stayed where it could be useful and didn't float away. Nogi said that he had been to a fisheries university where he had been taught sea rescue techniques and those techniques helped him.

On that Friday evening he was humble and unassuming about his role though that could have been because he was sharing a table with a man 33 years his senior. We've all gone through changes since that day and if a story in PNG's The National newspaper is accurate, he is now saying that Air Niugini owes him a pat on the back. I don't know if Air Niugini will ever give him that pat on the back but I certainly will.

Efficient medical response

Once at the Transco dock, I could hear sirens in the distance. They took a while to get there but that was a function of the roads in that area and of the snarled traffic. As far as I am concerned, the response was immediate. I used the time to call my wife as I always do when I land in Chuuk, the last place where my FSMTC cell phone

will usually work on my travels. My wife was effervescent when she heard my voice. She hadn't yet heard the news. I was glad to be able to tell her that I had survived before she heard that the plane had crashed.

On a triage basis, ambulances whisked passengers to the Chuuk State Hospital. I didn't feel I needed to go but didn't know where else to go so took the free ride in the ambulance to the hospital. The scene there was truly incredible to watch in every positive way I can think to describe it. Temporary cots had been placed in the waiting room and the place was a flurry of activity as doctors, nurses and others attended to passengers. Again, I have nothing but good things to say about the hospital response in Chuuk. I'll be honest and admit that I was pleasantly surprised to see it and experience it.

As I nearly always do during times of stress, I laughed and joked with those who were able and inquired about the health of every passenger I met even if they couldn't understand me, even if just to give a questioning "thumbs up". I met and talked to passengers from Singapore, Vietnam, Indonesia, China, Chuuk, Australia, the United States, Papua New Guinea, and the Philippines, all with various levels of injury and all in various states of shock. Outside the hospital I gave an interview with my first impressions which, I was told ran on television, radio and newspapers around the world on that day. I was NOT the only passenger aboard. I wasn't even close to the most significant. I did end up being one of the most visible because of that interview and on that basis alone, I assume.

Human after all

Any other good journalist would have remembered that he had a cell phone in his pocket, albeit underwater, and would have tried to snap photos or take video. It never even occurred to me. I almost never use my cell phone for news purposes and it rarely crosses my mind even for personal purposes. I almost always shoot with DSLRs but those are now gone.

I didn't speak with the pilots or crew at the hospital nor at the airport as they were getting ready to leave on Saturday morning's rescue flight to Port Moresby. As a human and not a journalist, I found myself unable to even look at them, much less speak to them. I regret that lost opportunity, especially after I confirmed with US Navy Seabees that the rumor spread by a passenger that the cockpit crew was the first off the plane was completely false. The members of the cockpit crew were in fact, nearly the last off the plane and were hesitant to leave even then.

At the Truk Stop Hotel where some of us were placed, I found it nearly impossible to

be alone for any period of time. I only went to my room when there was no one left awake to talk to. I listened to eyewitness accounts from passengers, the US Navy Seabees crew who saw the plane go down, and everyone who had an opinion to share. Where there were rumors, and there were many, I spent time during the next few days trying to substantiate them with proper authorities and eyewitnesses rather than relying on second hand information. Most of the rumors were complete fabrications.

Home again

After a series of miscommunications with Air Niugini, I finally arrived home in Pohnpei on Monday, October 1 aboard United Airlines flight UA 155 having entirely missed the purpose for my trip and probably having mashed the armrests of my seat as we landed smoothly in text book fashion.

Since I carried only a small plastic bag containing two shirts I'd bought in Chuuk, and a pair of zorries, I was one of the first through the exit door at the Pohnpei International Airport where my wife waited for me. I had already cried on seeing Pohnpei for the first time since my plane went down in the Chuuk lagoon as I have done many times since. But when I saw my wife I was a goner and the waterworks flowed again freely as we hugged each other tightly in the airport.

We went to Joy Restaurant for lunch after which she dropped me at the office where I immediately began responding to emails and trying to correct erroneous news reports I had not been able to see in Chuuk where for two days, I had little to no internet access.

That afternoon I learned that the body of Eko Cahyanto Singgih had been found on board the wreckage of the fuselage that had finally been located 90 to 100 feet below the surface of the water. The young man had been returning to his home in Indonesia after having worked as a fisherman aboard a Luen Thai fishing vessel. I had earlier learned that he had been sitting only a couple of rows in front of me. A diver from Pohnpei told me that he had recovered his body only two rows in front of where I had been sitting. We may never know precisely what happened to him but it haunts me in my quiet moments to think that I may have walked by him without seeing him as I was escaping the plane.

Cause of crash and investigation

Many people have asked me my opinion about what caused the water landing. I do have a strong opinion about that based on my

observations. At no time did I feel a sudden drop indicating loss of lift. There was just that one small dip of the left wing and then we were down. I am not a pilot in any way shape or form but as a passenger, my opinion is that the pilot came down at the wrong vertical angle of approach and was far too low. I believe that, realizing that error, he then did the best he could do in a very bad situation. Because he landed in the water instead of trying to pull up and try again, I believe he averted a worse tragedy that would have resulted in many more deaths had he hit the headwall at the beginning of the runway.

I'm told that the pilot said that it was raining so hard that his windshield wipers couldn't keep up with it, and that the visibility was low. My observations do not bear that out. It was not raining when passengers were evacuating and visibility, at least at water level was fine as all of the photos I have seen of the response show.

FAA inspectors have confirmed that all runway strobes were properly working at the time.

All of the various recording tools aboard the aircraft have now been recovered. As of this writing, the chips in the black box are still being dried at a lab in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea so data has not yet been recovered for analysis. FSM Investigator-in-Charge, Master Halbert is on the scene in Port Moresby. He has said that the FSM anticipates having its preliminary report out by the end of the month. Meanwhile, he will be releasing press releases as needed through The Kaselehlie Press. Those can be found at The Kaselehlie Press Facebook page, our easiest way of posting those press releases quickly. As of today, there have been six.

Investigatory arms of the FSM, the United States, and Papua New Guinea are involved in the investigation of the circumstances surrounding the crash.

I cannot speak to whether or not Air Niugini has contacted other passengers regarding compensation arrangements. As of today, I have had no contact from them since I left Chuuk for Pohnpei.





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The international organisation works to achieve this vision by fostering cooperation between governments, collaboration with international agencies, and by representing the interests of its members - including directly engaging with community members in order to identify pressing needs of the region.

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The Forum Secretariat is now looking for a full-time Senior Adviser to join the team in Suva, Fiji.

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- Policy Coherence & Coordination;
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- Ensure that organisational priorities are followed and implemented.

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...PREL

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of Chuuk, Shanty Asher of Kosrae who recently finished a law degree, Jasmine Mendiola of Pohnpei, Yolanda Joab Mori of Chuuk and Pohnpei, Canita Rilometo and Juan Lawrence who are both from Pohnpei.

Hadik said that the purpose of the visit was to “show the new PREL”, a team of Micronesians helping Micronesians.

“We feel that for too long the FSM has hired outside consultants who are overly expensive and very unfamiliar with the region”, Hadik said. “We have also heard the complaints of our college graduates refusing to return home. We think this addresses both issues. PREL is hiring qualified citizens of the RMI, FSM and Palau to do the work that is so necessary to developing the region. These young people have their degrees, work experience and are making names for themselves outside our borders. They know the culture and languages of the FSM and can bring new energy to stubborn problems.”

“I just want people to know that I firmly believe there are highly qualified people from the region who should be given the opportunity to address and solve our own problems,” he wrote after the team’s visit was nearly complete. “I have seen too many outsiders try to do the right thing the wrong way. There exists in the FSM and RMI a large number of amazing people and I want to put them all together and see what we can do. That’s the new PREL—‘Micronesians helping Micronesians’.

“I have seen the millions of dollars wasted on people who come in for a few months, collect huge salaries, write lengthy reports, enjoy farewell parties filled with food and songs and 2 days after they leave no one remembers why they were even here. I see the number of qualified Micronesians here in Hawaii and Guam who don't want to go home simply because they can't find work. I think PREL can be a Xavier part 2. An organization that brings our best people together for 10-15 years addressing and solving the myriad of issues that our country faces then moving on to elected leadership positions after having worked together and proven what they can do,” he wrote.

“I am just sorry I didn't think of it sooner.”

Dr. Vidalino Raatior, PREL Senior Consultant; Shanty Sigras-Asher, J.D., Education Law Specialist, and Yolanda

Joab-Mori, PREL Community Resilience Specialist presented a question and answer session at the College of Micronesia FSM’s MITC room at 1:00 on the topic “Micronesia Rising from Within”. It was designed to discuss the new direction of PREL. The room was packed with standing room only.

Certainly everyone in attendance expected the hour long session to be good. Their expectations were exceeded.

Dr. Raatior presented the context of the concept of “Micronesia Rising from Within”. He summed up the Q&A session nicely in a Facebook reply later in the day. “#MicronesiaRising in the context of our engagement at COM-FSM national campus today refers to three intertwining challenges that we tried to convey in our respective talks,” he wrote,

“1) Micronesia was at one time colonized by foreign powers who dictated, defined, and destroyed our indigenous identities; now the FSM as a nation is at the crossroads between liberation and inclusion...dependent on how our young citizens RISE up to accept the challenge of national unity and prosperity;

“2) PREL's new direction under Paul Hadik to recruit and retain Micronesian-driven projects to support educational reform efforts in the FSM (as opposed to the continuing practice of outsourcing projects to foreign "experts" who may have the technical skills but lack basic knowledge of our indigenous and Micronesian unique needs;

“3) We shared our respective stories of how our commitment to Micronesian nation-building happens through climate change activism, education, and law.”

Dr. Raatior told his own story about reclaiming his name. He said that missionaries baptized one of his ancestors but that those missionaries felt that his name was not “Christian enough” and so they changed that ancestor’s name to “Jones”, which met their standards. Later, when US Peace Corps workers were recording the names of Chuukese people they went by the Western standard of patrilineal heritage instead of Chuuk’s traditional matrilineal line. They only asked what the father’s last name was and so for years, Raatior’s family was stuck with the name Jones until he legally changed it back.

It was just one example of outsiders not understanding Micronesia tradition or culture.

Both Shanty and Yolanda presented the message that when they began their journeys they often didn’t think that they could do it but they kept pushing. They encouraged the audience, many of whom were COM students to keep pushing to achieve for their own good and the good of the nation.

During the Q&A portion of the hour long



session at COM, or as Yolanda called it, the “talk story” session, questions were raised on the subject of FSM patriotism and sometimes, emotionally also of the discrimination that FSM citizens face in the US or its territories. The two subjects were linked in the questioners’ minds as they would be. Some talked of having sometimes denied their country of origin in the face of discrimination.

A conversation arose about how much easier it is for a Micronesian to say to an outsider that they are a Micronesian rather than a Chuukese, or a Yapese, a Kosraean, or a Pohnpeian but when inside the FSM they are more divided. It’s a patriotic issue but also a cultural one.

PREL is definitely heading in a new and right direction. In terms of Micronesia, PREL seeks to build Micronesian-driven projects for nation-building, expansion of capacity-building and networking for FSM citizens, recruitment of recent grads and young professionals, and to assist the FSM on the ground to help address FSM’s social and legal issues abroad.

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1.5 to stay alive: Reflecting on the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 degrees Celsius



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“As we are faced with darkness there is hope.

Today a special report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 degrees Celsius was released. The messages within the report will generate both hope and fear, yet are abundantly clear in terms of the need for action.

The report is all about the Pacific - anything above 1.5°C threatens the very fabric of our communities and islands - and not just about the Pacific - climate change is a threat that no nation, however wealthy, can afford to ignore.

A 1.5°C world will bring huge challenges to the Pacific, our people and our ecosystems. Yet compared to 2°C and above it is a world of possibility and hope.

By keeping temperatures below 1.5°C, climate-related risks to health, livelihoods, food security, water supply, human security, and economic growth will be reduced. There will a future for at least some of the coral reefs so intrinsic to our Pacific identities and economies. Atoll communities will suffer as sea levels rise, but there will be hope that the ocean will stabilise. Adaptation limits may be reached in some places, but enhancing resilience will bring possibilities for an improved future for many, including moving us closer to achieving our Sustainable Development

Goals.

Let us not dwell on 2°C and above – for Pacific Islanders it is simply not an option.

This report gives us hope – it is clear that it is possible to keep global warming to 1.5°C and that we now have the specific information we need to be able to make this happen.

Humanity has the power to make the changes needed. This report is our guiding document, it shows our current state, where we would like to be and what it is that we need to do to get there.

While our Pacific islands are small and face many challenges, we are strong in unity. We are strong when we work together with all Small Islands Developing States. This was demonstrated loud and clear when we worked together to negotiate for the Paris Agreement to include text for Parties to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increased even further to 1.5 degrees Celsius. We, a group of Small Islands Developing States, mobilised in Paris, 2015 to have the global community agree to this.

And we were right to do so, this report tells us so.

Before we go any further, let’s take a look at the IPCC “Special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways in the context of strengthening

the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty.”

According to the IPCC, over 6,000 research papers were assessed, 42,000 comments were received in the three reviews resulting in a report that had 91 authors and editors of whom 32% were women and 68% were men from across 40 countries.

We are beyond disputing or questioning the report and the science from the IPCC. We now need to question ourselves.

This report is the impetus, it’s the wakeup call for Governments, it gives us all a road map for our future. We no longer have time for complacency or delay on taking action to avert dangerous climate change.

If we take action and make real changes to lower our greenhouse gas emissions these changes in our lifestyle will also benefit our sustainable development.

Our global community has ten years to halve our global greenhouse gas emissions. We need to make an urgent switch from fossil fuels to renewable energy and an immediate global priority must be to phase out our use of coal. We need to redouble our efforts to increase our level of ambition to lowering our greenhouse gas emissions in the next round of our national commitments which are due by 2020. We must decarbonise the electricity sector by 2050 – goals that we in our Pacific islands are already committed to and are on the journey towards achieving.

This report provides us further science to support our calls for action on the global stage. We ourselves are also making sure we take action at the national and Pacific regional level with actions to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. We are displaying global leadership for all humankind.

As we head towards the UN Climate Change Conference at the end of the year, our Pacific island nations remain steadfast on this journey towards lowering our global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius.

Science tells us that we can reach the

1.5 global warming target. What we are experiencing in our Pacific island lives tell us that we must. We must persevere. We must commit to action and change. It’s “hashtag doable” as this current tech generation would say.

It’s in our hands, as a global family to do right.

Let us not be the generation that failed our planet and humanity.”

Lifting of ban on Filipino workers in the FSM only includes workers with current contracts

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

October 3, 2018

FSM—On September 28, 2018, the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration issued a governing board resolution saying that the lifting of the ban on overseas foreign workers (OFWs) in the FSM applies only to those who already have an employment contract in the FSM.

It says that the lifting of the ban applies only to “Balik Manggawa”, rehires of land based workers who renewed their employment contracts with the same principal. What the resolution means is that Filipino workers with current contracts in the FSM who have returned home to the Philippines can return to the FSM as long as they are not changing employers.

The resolution still imposes a temporary suspension on the processing and deployment of newly-hired OFWs bound for Federated States of Micronesia. The temporary suspension for new workers is “subject to continuing coordination with the Department of Foreign Affairs in the monitoring of the status and welfare of the OFWs in the FSM.”

It was further resolved that the ban does not cover the deployment, port of call, embarkation and disembarkation of seafarers to the FSM.

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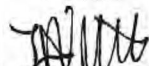
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The FSM Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure, Division of Infrastructure and FSM PMU is soliciting proposals from interested Contractors for the WENO ROAD PHASE 1 REPAIR & IMPROVEMENT as specified in the attached project documents. This proposed project is to rectify the defects in concrete pavement formerly constructed by PII Construction.

The Chuuk State Project Management Office (PMO) is receiving the bids on behalf of the FSM Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure (DTC&I) of the FSM National Government.

Accordingly, proposals will be received by the Project Management Office, Chuuk State, no later than 23rd of November 2018 @ 3:00 p.m. Proposal shall have Detailed Cost Estimate based from the Scope of Work. Proposal shall not exceed One Hundred and Twenty Thousand US Dollars (US\$120,000.00). All proposals received shall be clearly marked: FSM/ DTC&I/ CHUUK PROJECT "WENO ROAD PHASE 1 REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT" and addressed to: Mr. Lukner B. Weilbacher Secretary FSM DTC&I P.O. Box PS-2 Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941 Federated States of Micronesia

All proposals must be received no later than the above designated time and address. Pre-bid conference will be on November 7th 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Chuuk PMO followed by a subsequent site visit. Detailed information are available at the FSM Department of TC&I, Palikir, Pohnpei or please call Phillip Gianan (Project Manager) at Telephone number 320-2865 or contact Chuuk State PMO.

Thank you.

Lukner B. Weilbacher
Secretary, DTC&I

Date: 10/12/18

FSM Protected Areas Network Policy Framework passed by Congress

Micronesia Challenge

Palikir, Pohnpei- On 28 September 2018, the Congress of Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), unanimously adopted the FSM Protected Area Network (PAN) Policy Framework. The FSM PAN Policy Framework achieves locally the following:

- Formally, through national legislation, acknowledges and adopts Program of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA)
- Creates a mechanism which allows the FSM to report back to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD)
- It establishes criterion for sites to become part of the FSM PAN
- Creates monitoring protocols for management effectiveness
- Puts in place an application process for the drawdown of funds from the FSM MC Endowment
- Establishes a technical committee that reviews PAN applicants for membership into the network and evaluates management plans and budgets of existing sites
- Will legally create a process by which the FSM will report to the MC Measures Committee on the country's advancement on the MC goals
- Operationalize and executes the FSM's commitment to the MC
- Legally binds all PAN sites to their management plans

The newly passed policy further demonstrates the FSM's commitment to the Island Biodiversity Program of Work which was adopted in 2006, at the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD) Conference of the Parties 8 (COP 8), in Curitiba, Brazil (decision VII/1).

The decision by the UNCBD COP8 created the Program of Work on Protected Areas (PoWPA) to reduce the rate of biodiversity loss on islands, by 2010 and beyond. Moreover, securing the health of natural resources would contribute to the reduction of poverty and enhance sustainable growth of islands. The PoWPA has seven (7) primary goals:

1. Protect biodiversity
2. Ensure sustainable use of resources
3. Tackle pressures and threats to biodiversity
4. Maintain ecosystem services that supports human well-being
5. Ensure that traditional knowledge and practices are preserved
6. Guarantee equitable access and sharing of benefits from extracted genetic resources
7. Certify adequate resources to support biodiversity activities

The Micronesia countries and territories, in an unprecedented act, at the UNCBD COP 8, demonstrated their commitment, as a region, by pledging themselves to conserve 30% of their nearshore coastal marine resources and 20% of their terrestrial resource, by 2020. Through this process the Micronesia Challenge (MC) was birthed, and thus inspired multiple conservation challenges around the world: Coral Triangle Initiative, the Caribbean Challenge and the Western Indian Ocean Challenge.

The MC declaration effectively established a mechanism by which donors (private and public) could invest in island

biodiversity conservation, with assurances that the Micronesian islands would designate areas of biological significance for effective conservation, protection and management. A financing mechanism was established – the Micronesia Challenge Endowment (MCE) – which would financially support biodiversity conservation activities across the MC sites, provided that each country created appropriate PAN legislation.

The idea behind the MC was to demonstrate, at scale, the commitments of islands to achieve the goals of PoWPA, but more importantly the goals of biodiversity conservation in general. It would also help islands raise much needed capital – placing their natural resource as collateral – collectively to implement natural resource management and conservation activities. The MC created an atmosphere of cooperation; furthermore, the MC would ensure effective coordination through the exchange of information, communication of results, and collectively help each other build their capacity – the premise in which the PoWPA was originally established.

The Republic of Palau (Palau) was the first of the Micronesia nations to not only create PAN legislation but created a mechanism to sustainably finance the Palau PAN. The Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) passed their PAN legislation in 2015 and is going through legal modification to suit its financial situation. The FSM had a more difficult process due to its legal structure – the FSM is a nation of four semi-autonomous states who have full control over their state resources. As such, each of the FSM island states had to create and adopt its own PAN law and the National Government would create a 'Framework' that federally recognized the states' PAN legislation and unlock monies resting in the MC Endowment for distribution to official FSM PAN sites.



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FSM President addresses General Assembly of the UN

September 27, 2018
UN General Assembly

Statement Summary:

PETER M. CHRISTIAN, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, said that the last two speakers had said it all, especially New Zealand, which spoke about the fate of Pacific island countries with regards to climate change. He noted that when the cold war hit, the era was deeply rooted in clandestine engagement, reminding everyone of Winston Churchill's words that "the truth is so precious that it must be protected by lies." This resonated today, with the fight between the bigger, richer countries and the smaller, marginalized economies becoming again the spoils of a new economic war fostering new economic colonies. In all wars, innocent lives are filed away as collateral damage.

He continued, saying that the meeting was opened with the world facing serious challenges, and "yet we dare to ask ourselves, is Pluto a planet? How is that relevant to what we face today? Perhaps Pluto can wait." He called for improving the United Nations as a forum that seeks curative measures, to stop this economic war, to close the gap, and to avoid deliberate procrastination on these issues. A more progressive attitude must be adopted, he said, noting that the existential threat of climate change is more real with every hurricane, wildfire, heat wave and centimetre of sea rise. Islands in the Federated States of Micronesia, and neighbouring Kiribati, Marshall Islands and Tuvalu, will be the first to literally disappear.

Noting that in 2009 the Federated States of Micronesia proposed a fast action strategy using the Montreal Protocol to reduce climate emissions to avoid a 0.5°C temperature rise by the end of the century, he said that amount is more than half of the present level of temperature warming that has already produced super storms like Typhoon Mangkhut in the Philippines and Hurricane Florence in the United States. To achieve this goal, he urged countries that have yet to do so to ratify the

Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol. If the current trajectory continues, many more islands will be lost and people will be displaced, he said, but the world can avoid the climate impact with fast action. He noted the power of the Paris Agreement and said everyone must be on board. "I am disappointed that some countries are considering withdrawing from the Agreement and I call on them to reconsider," he said.

The Federated States of Micronesia has abundant marine resources and among its key concerns is a healthy, productive, resilient ocean which is the bedrock of the country's livelihood, he said, reaffirming a commitment to the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders declaration to safeguard the ocean. While welcoming the recent decision by the International Law Commission to place the topic "Sea Level Rise in Relation to International Law" on its long term work programme, he strongly recommended it be placed on its active programme because of the direct implications of sea level rise for maritime baselines and boundaries.

Moving on to the issue of global peace, he said he is encouraged by the peace of Eritrea and Ethiopia. The Pacific region has a stake in peace on the Korean Peninsula, which would make the region more secure and stable. The pain of all people in armed conflict cannot be ignored. "As world leaders, we have fallen short of our responsibilities," he said. The United Nations needs to be relevant, he said. "We find it deeply troubling that the threat posed by climate change to our existence has not received the Security Council's serious attention," he said, adding that Pacific island States have made a proposal to the Council that is a step in the right direction. The Council needs to be more representative and responsive to today's challenges. The role of the United Nations development system to enhance the capacity of small island developing States must not be overlooked, he said, calling on the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to scale up its presence in the North Pacific.

New report shows steady progress on Human Development for Pacific island states

United Nations Development Programme

26 September 2018 - Fiji, Palau, Samoa, and Tonga remain in the High Human Development category of the latest Human Development Index (HDI) and are joined by the Republic of Marshall Islands which is included in the index for the first time. At the other end of the spectrum, the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea are rated as Low Human Development on the HDI's measurement of national achievements in health, education and income, released this month by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The 'Human Development Indices and Indicators: 2018 Statistical Update' covers 189 countries, including 10 Pacific Island Countries, the largest number of countries in the Pacific region featured to date. The Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati and Vanuatu are classified as Medium Human Development. Five of the 10 Pacific countries achieved above average for small island developing states (SIDS), while two are above average for the East Asia-Pacific region.

Movements in HDI are driven by changes in health, education and income. Despite continued steady progress for most Pacific countries, there was little movement in the rankings for Pacific countries; Fiji gaining a place while Palau, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu effectively have lost one. Such changes in ranking do not always represent significant shifts in individual countries' HDI performance and can be influenced by relative performance of other countries featured on in the report.

Per capita national income, adjusted for local cost of living, ranges from US\$1,872 in the Solomon Islands to US\$12,831 in Palau, with an average of US \$5,289. This compares to an average of US \$7,721 for SIDS worldwide.

Mirroring progress made globally, the Pacific has made good progress in closing gender gaps in education. In four of the six Pacific Island Countries for which data is available, expected years of schooling for females is greater than males. However, the Pacific Island Countries continue to have very few female Parliamentarians. Fiji, having the highest share at 16 percent among the Pacific Island Countries featured in the report, falls well below the average for SIDS or for East Asia and the Pacific.

"The report highlights that a key source

of inequality within countries is the gap in opportunities, achievements and empowerment between women and men. Worldwide, the average HDI for women is six percent lower than for men, due to women's lower income and educational attainment in many countries," said Bakhodir Burkhanov, UNDP Pacific Office in Fiji Country Director and Head of Pacific Regional Policy and Programme.

"Although there has been a commendable progress in the number of girls attending school, there remain big differences between other key aspects of men and women's lives. Women's empowerment remains a challenge," he added.

Life expectancy at birth ranges from 65.7 years of age in Papua New Guinea (a substantial increase from

the 62.8 years reported in the 2016 HDI report), to 75.2 years in Samoa (up from 73.7 in 2016). However, malnutrition continues to be a major challenge amongst the lower Human Development Pacific countries.

Recent literacy rates are only available for some Pacific countries with high Human Development, but those reported compare favorably with the average for East Asia and the Pacific - for adults, young women, and young men - as they did in the 2016 HDI Report.

Securing enough decent work continues to be a challenge for countries across the region, with a particularly low labor force participation rate in Samoa. However, official unemployment rates remain low where available, especially for Low Human Development countries in the region, averaging 4.3 percent compared to 6.3 percent for all SIDS.

"According to the report, most people today live longer, are more educated and have more access to goods and services than ever before. But living longer does not automatically mean more years spent enjoying life. For example, healthy life expectancy for countries of very high human development is approximately 70 years, whereas for countries of low human development it is approximately 53 years," said Burkhanov.

"In education, being in school longer does not automatically translate into equivalent capabilities and skills. So, shifting focus towards the quality of human development will be important in monitoring future progress."

The 'Human Development Indices and Indicators: 2018 Statistical Update' is the product of the Human Development Report Office (HDRO) at UNDP. The composite indices, indicators and data of the Update are those of the HDRO alone and cannot be attributed to UNDP or to its Executive Board. The UN General Assembly has officially recognized the Human Development Report as "an independent intellectual exercise" that has become "an important tool for raising awareness about human development around the world."

Norway, Switzerland, Australia, Ireland and Germany lead the ranking of 189 countries and territories, while Niger, the Central African Republic, South Sudan, Chad and Burundi have the lowest scores in the HDI's measurement of national achievements.

Visit to China by Vice President Yosiwo P. George



FSM Embassy in Beijing

September 26, 2018

Vice President Yosiwo P. George of the Federated States of Micronesia met with Vice Premier Sun Chunlan of the People's Republic of China for a bilateral meeting prior to the opening ceremony of the third Silk Road International Cultural Expo held in Dunhuang, Gansu Province, China.

Both leaders of the FSM and China were in China's Gansu Province to contribute to the forum, which promoted cultural exchanges, equality, heritage protection, and cooperation in creative and innovative ways. The goal of the expo was to help people better understand how to promote and implement the Belt and Road initiative, a development strategy proposed by President Xi Jinping in 2013, and building a community of shared future for mankind.

Vice President George informed Vice Premier Sun that FSM's participation in the Silk Road International Cultural Expo was a testament to FSM's support of President Xi's Belt and Road Initiative and offered the FSM's strategic location to participate in the Belt and Road as a hub to bridge and facilitate tourism and trade across the Pacific Ocean. Vice President George also noted all the assistance from China and expressed the FSM's sincere appreciation. Noting the upcoming 30th anniversary of diplomatic relationship between China and FSM next year, Vice President George reiterated the FSM Government's strong support and adherence to the One China Policy, a policy which stands as a solid pillar of the overall diplomatic relationship between FSM and China.

Vice Premier Sun responded to Vice President George by expressing her appreciation to the FSM for its support to the Belt and Road initiative and for Vice President George's positive comments on the FSM-China bilateral relationship. The Vice Premier stated that FSM is an important country in the Pacific region and exclaimed that China values its relationship with the FSM. The Vice Premier acknowledged that the growth of the FSM-China relationship meets the interest of the two countries and peoples and offered three points to further strengthen the relationship. The first point is for the FSM and China to continue high level exchanges and communications at all levels. President Xi Jinping of China is expected to attend the APEC meeting later this year in Papua New Guinea where the Chinese President will have another chance to meet leaders of the eight Pacific countries that have diplomatic relations with China.



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Repatriation of body

*Corporate Communications
Department, Air Niugini*

Air Niugini has confirmed that, yesterday Sunday 7 October, the repatriation of the body of the deceased passenger from PX 073, Mr Eko Cahyanto Singgih began the trip to his family's home village in Java, Indonesia.

On Sunday morning, at Chuuk airport a little before 04.30 local time, government representatives from the highest levels of the Federated States of Micronesia attended a solemn ceremony as the body was boarded onto Flight PX 5071 for the first part of the journey to Port Moresby, arriving at Jacksons International Airport at little over 3 hours later.

At the airport, the casket was met by representatives of Air Niugini and was then taken to a funeral home in Port Moresby; the casket remained there briefly until it was placed on our flight to Singapore this afternoon (Monday 08th Oct) and later onto Indonesia.

A specialist team brought in by the Airline

US Embassy Lists New US Army Enlistment

US Embassy to the FSM

On September 26, 2018 a U.S. Army enlistment ceremony was held at the U.S. Embassy compound for 34 men and women from the state of Pohnpei. Earlier in July 5 members were enlisted in Chuuk and 5 members were also enlisted from the state of Yap. The embassy wishes to extend its congratulations to the new enlistees and we thank you for your service.

The enlistment of FSM citizens in the U.S. Armed Forces serves as a reaffirmation of the continued partnership between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia. Once again congratulations to the enlistees and we wish you all the best!

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16. KADO, QUENSON
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18. LORRIN, VIRGIL
19. MARTIN, VINCENT
20. MENDIOLA, ABIGAIL

will accompany the body throughout the entire repatriation journey to Indonesia; in addition, some Indonesian employees of Air Niugini will also make the journey to ensure the family of Mr Eko Cahyanto Singgih have all the help they need at this most difficult time.

Air Niugini understands the importance of air travel to the region and keeping commitments to our valued customers. We want to reassure you that safety is always the paramount part of our commitment.

Air Niugini, as a member of International Air Transport Association (IATA), has for the last 9 years also been part of IATA's prestigious and comprehensive Operational Safety Audit.

In keeping with the objectives of the Operational Safety Audit, following the accident Air Niugini has undertaken a full risk assessment review of the Chuuk to Pohnpei route. Having completed that safety review, flights will continue using both our Boeing and Fokker Aircraft.

21. MURPHY, MAYVEEN
22. NAKASONE, MITCHELL
23. NEDLIC, NEDLIC
24. OBED, AXEL
25. OLTER, TASHA
26. PELES, EJ
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30. SANDIAGO, DARSY
31. SANTOS, JONA
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Kosrae (Enlisted on September 13)

1. ANDREW, ELTERINA LUCY
2. JACKSON, HAMILTON
3. MONKEYA, WILLY
4. NODA, KEITH
5. ALISHIA, ANNIE
6. MELTAN, MAZDA
7. THOMPSON, MITORI
8. WILLIAM, HANLISON
9. JONAS, ROBINHOOD

Chuuk (Enlisted in July)

1. ALBERT, DAWE
2. ETOMARA, RICKY
3. LUDAH, ERILAINE
4. MARA, MICHAEL
5. WILLIAM, K-IMA

Yap (Enlisted in July)

1. BELMOG, CLAYVEN
2. FALATHOL, DEZIREA ANGIE
3. FORUW, MAXINE
4. MITMOW, TERESITA
5. WICHILIB, RITCHIE

INVITATION TO BID



The Yap Office of Planning and Budget/ Project Management Office is Requesting for Proposals for the provision of professional services to perform Engineering Assessment and Testing of two (2) steel potable water tanks located in Yap State, FSM to be received on or before 3:00 P.M. Yap time, November 1, 2018.

For further inquiries, please contact:

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Pohnpei Port Authority is soliciting proposals from interested Individual or Businesses who are interested in leasing one of its properties designated as Track No: 71050-B-1 on the Public Lands Drawing No: 7002/87 for a total of around 20,204 square meters for seaport terminal and business including but not limited to receiving, delivering, shipping and storing of all types of cargo and ocean freight whether in shipping containers, in bulk or reefer cargo, the administration of such activities and the loading and discharging of vessels which berth at the sea transpiration terminals.

All proposal shall have detailed plans and specification based on the scope of work which should be in compliance to the ISPS regulations and security of the port. All proposals shall be received at the Pohnpei Port Authority's main office no later than 3:00 p.m. on December 31, 2018



All proposals shall be address to:
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All proposals must be received no later than the above designated time and address. Site inspection shall start from September 18, 2018 to November 30, 2018. For more information, please contact our Pohnpei Port Authority's marketing division manager Mr. Luciano Abraham at phone number 320-2793/2683, by emailing, address 1485sano1957@gmail.com, or contact us on our PPA website address: www.ppa.fm

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

FSM celebrates PRC's 54th Anniversary

FSM Information Service

October 8, 2018

PALIKIR, Pohnpei - The Embassy of China in Pohnpei hosted a dinner reception at Cliff Rainbow Hotel to celebrate the 54th anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China.

Ambassador Zhang Binhua welcomed the impressive array of high officials and guests from the national and state governments, the diplomatic community and a range of friends from the local communities to the evening's celebration.

Since the establishment of Diplomatic ties in 1989, China has steadily supported and assisted the FSM in its nation building efforts, both on the domestic and international platform.

The Federated States of Micronesia transmitted a congratulatory letter to the People's Republic of China's President, Hu Jintao, to express gratitude and continued strengthening of relations between the two countries.

Signed by President Joseph J. Urusemal, the letter states:

Excellency,

It is with great pleasure and honor that I extend to you a warm congratulations as you celebrate this special and important day commemorating the fifty-fourth anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. On this special day, we join Your Excellency and your people in celebrating a long history of accomplishments.

Our two countries continue to enjoy a strong and cooperative relationship based on our shared values and interests. We appreciate the continued assistance of the People's Republic of China towards our nation building efforts and we continue to look forward to working with China closely on many multilateral issues. The Federated States of Micronesia is proud to have strong relations with the People's Republic of China and I look forward to working with you in further strengthening it.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a personal good health and for the continued well-being and prosperity of the Chinese people.

Sincerely,
Joseph J. Urusemal
President, FSM.

Memorial service

Corporate Communications Department,
Air Niugini

Air Niugini Board, Management and staff together with some members of the diplomatic corps attended a memorial service at Air Niugini Headquarters in Port Moresby this morning (Friday 05th October) to mark the passing of seven days since the tragic accident of flight PX-073 and to express sympathy towards the passenger who lost his life.

Prayers were offered for the deceased passenger and his family, as well as the survivors, before a minute's silence was observed. Our staff also attended memorial events at the crash site in the Chuuk lagoon and the hospital where injured passengers are being treated. The Governor and Lt Governor of the State of Chuuk also led the Chuukese communities in this period of silence.

Similar events were observed by all Air Niugini staff throughout our network in both domestic and international offices as well the General Sales Offices.

During the memorial, Deputy Chairman of Air Niugini Board, Mr Andrew Nui spoke of the sad loss of one of the passengers from the flight and asked for those attending to remember both him and his family in their prayers.

He also wished a quick recovery for those passengers being treated in hospital for their injuries. Mr Nui also took time to thank both local islanders on Chuuk and the US Navy team who went out into the lagoon to assist passengers and crew.

"Their courage and quick thinking helped save lives and our thanks and gratitude goes out to all of them." Mr Nui concluded



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia's National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Program, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for a License Assistant based in Pohnpei, FSM. The License Assistant services include:

General Scope of Work

The Tuna Fisheries Licensing Assistant will report to the Licensing Manager under the Division of Management and Development (MDD). He/She will undertake the following illustrative activities:

- Assist the License Manager with receiving and reviewing of license applications from companies applying for a permit to fish in FSM's waters.
- Assist the Manager with the manual and online process for issuance of fishing permits to fishing vessels.
- Assist with proper receiving, recording and reconciling of license fees received by NORMA.
- Assist with the collection, organizing and entry of data and information related to the permitting process into NORMA's relevant databases.
- Assist with processing, analysis and dissemination of data and information related to the permitting process.
- Assist with licensing and related financial reporting as required by NORMA.
- Other duties as assigned by the Chief of MDD.

Minimum Qualifications and Short-listing Criteria

- Associates Degree in Computer Science, Marine Science or other relevant field.
- Demonstrable experience in use of computer and entry of data into databases.
- Strong attention to detail.
- Demonstrate punctuality and willingness to work beyond regular working hours to meet deadlines.

Duration and Indicative Remuneration

- The consultancy is with FSM NORMA for a period of one year commencing in October 2018 to October 2019 and may be subject to renewal based on performance and availability of funding.
- This is a time-based contract with FSM NORMA with a salary based on Local Market Payscale with a 1 year package ranging from \$10,000-\$12,000 depending on qualifications.

Application:

The FSM NORMA invites individuals to indicate their interest in providing the above-mentioned services by submitting electronic and/or hard copies of a) Cover letter or Letter of Interest, b) CV or resumé, c) Copy of school/training Degrees/Certificates and d) three 3 reference letters to NORMA no later than OCTOBER 17, 2018. Selection will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition).

Full Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from: NORMA, FSM National Government. Attn: OKean Ehmes, PROP Coordinator, P.O Box PS-122, Pohnpei, FM 96941, Office Telephone: 691-320-2700/5181
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Session adopts health and education grants

FSM Congress Information

PALIKIR, POHNPEI October 5, 2018 – The recent session of the 20th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia adjourned on October 2 with two confirmed nominations and the approval of grant resolutions for the various health, education and social programs of the Nation.

Convened on September 17, the Fifth Regular Session of the 20th Congress adjourned last week with the adoption of the following Congressional Resolution (CR): CR 20-122, which confirmed Albert Falcam to serve as a the National Government representative on the FSM Social Security Board of Directors; and CR 20-121, which confirmed Jesse John Salalu as the National Government representative on the College of Micronesia-FSM Board of Regents.

On a nomination related note, the Congress adopted CR 20-141 to authorize the President's resubmission of the nomination of Tulensru E. Waguk to serve as the Kosrae representative on the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia-FSM. Waguk was defeated during his first voting round.

The Congress adopted CR 20-138 to express the Member's collective gratitude to Allison Laffen for her continued and dedicated services as staff attorney to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia since 2009.

Day two the 5th Regular Session, the Congress set the ceiling for the budget appropriations as prescribed by law with the adoption of Congressional CR 20-128, this sets \$201,117,120 as the ceiling of the total funds estimated to be available for appropriations from the FSM General Fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. Of which, 5,252,250 is available under the amended Compact Sector Grants for infrastructure and \$1,612,620 is available for the Supplemental Educational Grants as managed by the College of Micronesia – FSM.

The FSM is eligible to apply for US Federal Grants in its pursuit to support and improve the Nation's educational system. In the same vein, the US Federal Grants for health are also available to the FSM to support and improve its delivery and development of health care for its people.

And as such, during its recently adjourned session the Congress approved CR 20-129 for \$128, 625 and also approved CR 20-130 for \$147,000 as US Federal Grants for the Maternal and Child Health Program in

the FSM

Congressional Resolution CR-127 approved a grant of \$950,624 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMH) to support the project entitled, "FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs SPF-PFS Project." The SPF-PFS Project, Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnerships For Success project, is a grant program intended to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance misuse and its related problems while strengthening prevention capacity and infrastructure at the state, tribal and community levels.

Similarly under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Congress adopted CR 20-137 to approve a grant of \$666, 397 to provide funding to the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs for the prevention and treatment services related to substance abuse for the budget period from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019, including all the terms and conditions of the assistance.

The Congress adopted CR 20-131 to approve a grant of \$693,970 and CR 20-136 to approve a grant of \$160,875 both from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including all terms and conditions of the assistance.

Also for the Health sector, the Congress adopted CR 20-140 to approve a grant of \$240, 000 from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Services to support and fund the FSM Family Planning Program. Similarly, CR 20-134 approved a grant of \$160, 875 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration, to fund the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention Project in the FSM.

And finally for US Federal grants, CR 20-124 was adopted to approve a grant of \$922,587 from the U.S. Department of Education, Division of Special Education Program for the Federal Fiscal Year 2018 fund under Part B of the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), including the terms and conditions of the assistance.

Last but certainly not the least, the Congress adopted CR 20-133 for a grant of \$290,386 from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to fund and support the Global Fund Project for HIV/TB in the FSM.

Congress pass \$64 million - National budget; \$70million - Trust Fund

FSM Congress Information

PALIKIR, POHNPEI. October 5, 2018 - The Fifth Regular Session of the 20th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia adjourned sine die on Tuesday with the passage of measures to address national issues among which included the FY-2019 National Budget, and substantial measures for security and efficiency of the Nation's Trust Fund, among many others.

Leading the measures on the FSM Trust Fund was an override of the presidential veto of Congressional Act (CA) 20-101, an Act aimed to secure funding for the FSM Trust Fund by collecting a certain percentage from the fishing fees and the revenues collected under the major corporation scheme or the MRA (Micronesia Registration Advisors, Inc.) scheme. The President had vetoed the Act for technical reasons and with the amendments made to Titles 55 and 54 of the FSM Code, the Act was overridden and returned to the President who signed it into Public Law No. 20.130. The new law requires 20% of all collected fishing fees and 50% of tax imposed on the taxable income of major corporations under the MRA scheme be deposited into the FSM Trust Fund.

The Congress then passed CA 20-140 to address technical areas of the FSM statutes and further clarify the funding sources for the FSM Trust Fund. It also set the requirement on fishing fees to be effective October 1, 2019.

Another Act that infused funding into the FSM Trust Fund was CA 20-120, through which the Congress appropriated a supplemental budget of \$73,140,000 for FY2018. The main bulk of the supplemental, \$ 70 million was appropriated for the FSM Trust Fund while the remaining balance was allocated to the various outstanding and urgent needs of the National Government.

With the source of funding for the FSM Trust Fund addressed, the Congress then turned its focus on a trio of measures designed to streamline the process whereby the Boards of both the FSM Trust Fund and the Compact Trust Fund are to be nominated.

Through the first measure CA 20-134, the Congress vested all powers of the Board of Directors of the FSM Trust Fund in the President while the Board is not constituted.

The second measure changed the requirements for the FSM's two

representatives to the Joint Trust Fund Committee. According to Public Law 15-70, the two representatives would be one from the National Government appointed by the President while the other from the private sector. Through CA 20-135, the Congress called for both representatives to the Joint Trust Fund Committee to be appointed by the President based on the set qualifications.

Finally in the FSM Trust Fund - series of three, is an Act to change the composition of the Board of Trustees for the FSM Trust Fund. During the conception of the FSM Trust Fund Act in 1997, which became Public Law 10-150, the idea of the FSM Trust Fund Board of Trustees had called for a five-member Board from all five governments. However, since its inception, the Board never formally materialized nor formally instituted. The Congress therefore passed CA 20-137, to call upon the President to appoint all five Trustees and mandated the Secretary of Finance and Administration to be one of the Trustees.

A measure substantial to the operations of the FSM Government was the passage of CA 20-130, which appropriated \$ 64, 819,927 as the National Government budget for fiscal year 2019. The amount is to fund operations of all branches of the National Government, its agencies, various programs along with the Grants, Subsidies and Contributions upon which various organizations throughout the Nation rely. In addition to general operations, the Act would also fund the National Government areas of Capital and Human Resources Development.

Along with the budgetary measures, the Congress passed CA 20-122, to appropriate the sum of \$ 200,000 for the purpose of funding relief efforts in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands due to damages caused by Typhoon Mangkhut. In early September, Typhoon Mangkhut had swept through the Micronesian region with damaging effects mostly on Guam and the CNMI. The Act has been signed into law as Public Law 20-121.

Congressional Act 20-132 was passed in accordance to Article XIV of the FSM Constitution, which calls for a convention at least every 10 years. Through the Act, the President is directed to submit

during the general elections of March 5, 2019, the question: "Shall there be a Convention to revise or amend the Constitution?"

Through CA 20-136, the Congress called for the establishment of a Competent Authority to address the requirements of the European Union (EU) tuna market. The EU is among the most lucrative tuna markets in the world and has very strict seafood regulations controlling the importation of tuna from around the world. The Competent Authority would carry out the monitoring, verification procedures and certification of tuna caught and processed in the FSM to meet the EU standards.

And finally, the Congress passed CA 20-139 to provide housing allowance eligibility for off-island recruits to the public service sector positions within the National Government.

In line with its initiative that started in FY-2015 to assist the states with their priority infrastructure projects, the Congress passed CA 20-138 to appropriate \$14 million to fund priority infrastructure projects in the states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap.

Through CA 20-129, the Congress appropriated \$7 million from the FSM General Fund for the purpose of funding public projects and social programs for the people of the states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap.

The remainder of the Acts addressed grass root level projects and social programs in the four states to make either changes to the use of funds previously appropriated or to make changes to the allottees of said funds or just changes to the lapse date of the funds.

Through the following Acts: CA 20-118, CA 20-119, CA 20-123, CA 20-124, CA 20-125 and CA 20-133, the Congress extended the lapse dates of funds previously appropriated for certain public projects and social programs in each of the four states.

To change the allottee of funds previously appropriated for public projects and social programs in the four states, the Congress passed the following Act which were state specific: CA 20-121 changed allottee of funds previously appropriated for Yap; CA 20-126 changed allottee of certain line items in Chuuk; and CA 20-127 changed the use of funds previously appropriated for Kosrae.

The final two Acts addressed change of allottees and change use of funds previously appropriated for public projects and social programs in the states of Pohnpei and Kosrae through CA 20-128, and in the states of Pohnpei and Yap through CA 20-131.

All the Congressional Acts have been transmitted to the President to be signed into law.



Operations Officer

The World Bank is seeking an experienced operations officer to support project implementation in the North Pacific.

This two-year contract position is based in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. The primary role of the operations officer will be to assist the Senior Country Officer for the North Pacific in coordinating the implementation of the World Bank Group (WBG) program in line with the WBG's policies.

The key responsibilities include reporting to Pacific department management team on portfolio quality issues, providing strategic guidance to the WBG on the evolving political, institutional and economic realities in North Pacific countries, providing support to missions and staff visits through involvement in preparation, coordination, planning and logistics of visits, assisting in preparation of briefings, gathering information, reporting and mission/visit follow up, facilitating communication between WBG, North Pacific governments and executing agencies and in close consultation with the Task team leaders, advising implementing agencies on matters such as the overall project management and implementation, procurement, and financial management.

The successful candidate is expected to meet the following selection criteria:

- The candidate will have a minimum of a master's Degree (MA/MS) in economics, public policy, development studies, business administration, social science, or other relevant discipline, plus a minimum of five (5) years of direct relevant experience.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills in English.
- Experience working in government organizations, fiscal, economic and development aid management agencies, with past involvement in public relations and information dissemination being an advantage.
- A sound understanding of World Bank Instruments Policies and Procedures, including Safeguards, FM and Procurement.
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills and ability to work independently;
- Computer skills, especially in the use of Microsoft Word and Excel;
- Familiarity with Pacific culture and institutions is required.

The complete Term of Reference can be found on The World Bank Careers website.

Qualified candidates must apply on-line at <http://www.worldbank.org/jobs> and choose vacancy req626 under Current Job Openings. The closing date is 26 October 2018

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Eco-Food plates by the Awak Farmers Association

Pohnpei, FSM- The Awak Farmers Association has a great project just starting. They will be producing the betelnut palm eco-plates as a substitute product for styrofoam or plastic plates currently imported to Pohnpei. Betelnut palm is abundant and a natural resource in the community and currently just often discarded. The betelnut eco-plates are hypo-allergenic, food and human safe, and easily decomposes after use. The project not only aims to solve an environmental issue, but also provides an alternate income source for the villagers. With such a promising project, the Awak Farmers Association is a recent grant recipient of the Direct Aid Program through the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei. The grant funds will go towards securing four press machines for production of the betelnut palm eco-plates.

The Awak Farmers Association is a registered community based non-government organization in Pohnpei, FSM, founded to spearhead important

sustainable livelihoods options for the community of Awak. The Association got started by promoting dry-litter piggery projects within the community. A revolving fund was established where members of the Association were able to receive funds to convert their piggeries into the dry-litter system with 100% farmers agreeing to pay back the amounts loaned out by the organization. This enabled a sustainable revolving fund to maintain operations of ongoing projects and allowed more farmers to borrow funds for additional environment, social, and health related projects. Income generated from the new eco-plates project will also go into the revolving fund.

The community sends its many thanks to the GEF Small Grants Program and the Australia Direct Aid Program for funding support and COM-FSM for providing technical assistance. For more information on the Awak Farmers Association, do contact them via email at awak.farmers@gmail.com.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia's National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Program, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for a Catch Documentation Scheme/Competent Authority (CA/CDS) Officer based at FSM NORMA in Pohnpei, FSM. The CA/CDS Officer services include:

General Scope of Work

The CA/CDS Officer will report to the Chief of the Division of Statistics, Compliance & Technical Projects. He/She will undertake the following illustrative activities:

- Coordinate CDS in the FSM, including but not limited to catch certification, mass balance reconciliation and traceability of fish.
- Coordinate with industry agents on status of tuna catch documentation for certification purposes.
- Develop and maintain an acceptable filing system and spreadsheet/database accounting for data, records and transactions relating to CDS
- Produce reports, regularly and annually on catch certification and implementation of CDS and communicate information on CDS to stakeholders as required.
- Provide advice and input to enhancement and further development of the relevant computer software systems.
- Assist with the development and implementation of CA-IUU and CDS policy and standard recommendations and standard operating procedures.
- Collaborate and coordinate with observers, staff and National Food Safety Program on CA implementation
- Maintain familiarity and adequate working knowledge of international, regional and national fisheries legislation and measures, including international fish trade standards.
- Monitor tuna transshipments and other related port/anchorage activities.
- Attend and assist with ongoing trainings and workshops related to the development and implementation of CA status and overall CDS in the FSM
- Other relevant duties as assigned by the Executive Director or immediate supervisor

Minimum Qualifications and Short-listing Criteria

- Bachelors degree from a recognized institution in Marine Science, Fisheries Management, Economics, Project Management, Public Administration, International Relations or other relevant degree. A relevant AA/AS degree would be acceptable with extensive relevant experience.
- Minimum of two (2) years relevant experience.
- Competency in the use of typical computer applications, particularly MS Office, Excel and databases
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Available to work outside conventional office hours

Duration and Indicative Remuneration

The position will be for an initial 18-month period. (Probationary period of six months and periodic performance review determines whether contract would be continued). This is a full time position under a time-based contract with FSM NORMA and may be extended based on satisfactory performance. Salary is based on Local Market Payscale with an annual compensation ranging from \$14,000-\$20,000 depending on qualifications.

Application:

The FSM NORMA invites individuals to indicate their interest by submitting electronic and/or hard copies of a) Cover letter or Letter of Interest, b) CV or resumé, c) Copy of school/training Degrees/ Certificates and d) three 3 reference letters to NORMA no later than OCTOBER 26, 2018. Selection will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition).

Full Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from: NORMA, FSM National Government. Attn: Okean Ehmes, PROP Coordinator, P.O Box PS-122, Pohnpei, FM 96941, Office Telephone: 691-320-2700/5181 Email: moriamaria.joseph@norma.fm. Copy to okean.ehmes@norma.fm

Swearing of FSMSSA new Board member, Mr. Albert Falcam

FSM Social Security Administration

Mr. Albert Falcam was nominated and confirmed to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of the FSM Social Security Administration, representing the national government. On October 9, 2018, Mr. Falcam took his oath with the presence of His Excellency Peter M. Christian, President of the nation and Vice President Yosiwo P. George. Present to witness the swearing were FSMSSA Chairman of the Board, Honorable Jack Harris, FSMSSA Administrator, Honorable Alexander R. Narruhn, FSM Secretary of Foreign Affairs Honorable Lorin Robert, Honorable Lukner Weilbacher, Secretary- FSM TC& I, FSM Chief of Staff Honorable Leo Falcam Jr., FSM AG lawyer Mr. Leonito Bacalando Jr., and special advisor Mr. Dohsis Halbert. Attendants on behalf of the Uh Municipal Government included Chief Minister Dahker Abraham, Deacon Adelino Lorens and Deacon Henry Donre. There were other national staff representatives present.

Vice President George, in his welcoming

remark, congratulated Mr. Falcam and acknowledged the presence of everyone, leading the floor to His Excellency's remark of the day's event. Mr. President, in his remark, assured the group of how the Social Security laws and regulations were mandated to keep the integrity for the welfare of the system to be subordinate to constituents. His Excellency further reminded the Board of its purposes, which he fully entrust to gain positive outcomes of the Social Security Program.

Mr. Albert Falcam took his oath confirmed by His Excellency Peter M. Christian, President, Federated States of Micronesia. Furthermore, FSMSSA gained an asset, new Board of Trustee Member, Mr. Albert Falcam, representative- National Government. Mr. Falcam with delight, conveys his most sincere appreciations and assured everyone present his will and commitment to serving the people of the nation in the Social Security Program.

With addition of Mr. Falcam, the FSMSSA Board of Trustees now has a full house. Its members needed as mandated, a

representative from each of the four states, a national government representative and Administrator as Ex-Officio Member. Moreover, Chairman of the Board is Honorable Jack Harris- Pohnpei represent,

Honorable Vincent Tafileluw of Yap- Vice Chairman, Honorable Nakama Sana of Chuuk, representing Kosrae is Honorable Nena Ned, and National Government representative Honorable Albert Falcam.

At its closure, prayer and blessings of grace was then given by Deacon Adelino Lorens.

Vital FSM Petroleum Corporation announces price increase

Vital

October 9, 2018

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia – The Vital FSM Petroleum Corporation announces to its valued customers impending increases in the wholesale price of gasoline, kerosene and diesel. The corporation has consistently maintained lower fuel prices in the FSM when compared to other locations in the region, such as Guam, the Marshall Islands and Palau, despite the increasing costs of importing fuel products.

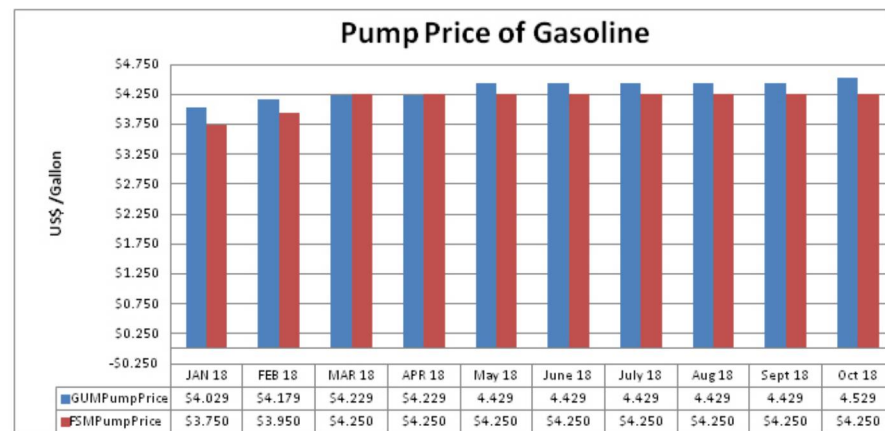


Figure 1: The pump price of gasoline in Guam has increased since January 2018 from \$4.029/gal to \$4.529/gal as of October 9, 2018. In Pohnpei, the pump price of gasoline has also increased from \$3.750/gal in January 2018 to the current pump price of \$4.250/gal.

“Simply put, FSMPC is just no longer able to offset the growing fuel costs,” stated FSMPC Chairman Mr. Faustino Yangmog. “Pump prices in the FSM are still as low as \$4.00 per gallon of gasoline, which is the current price in Kosrae. The current pump price in Guam is \$0.52 per gallon more than that in Kosrae, and \$0.27 more per gallon than in Pohnpei. Although this is great for FSM motorists and looks great for the corporation, it isn’t realistic for us to continue absorbing rising fuel costs. We’ve held off price increases as long as viably practical, and now must pass some of these costs on to the domestic market.

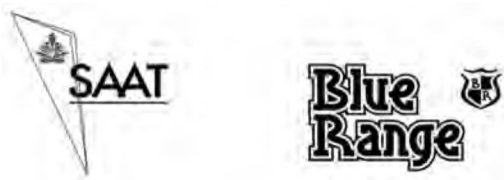
“It is very likely that, in spite of this latest price increase, we will still be paying less at the pump than motorists in Koror, Majuro and even Guam, and, in the Board’s opinion, that is an achievement for the corporation,” Yangmog concluded.

This is the third price increase since January 2018, and is scheduled to become effective on October 20, 2018.

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UN Climate Panel Says 'Unprecedented Changes' Needed To Limit Global Warming To 1.5°C

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Limiting global warming to 1.5°C will require "far-reaching and unprecedented changes" to human behaviour, according to a United Nations scientific panel, launching a special report on Monday that finds some of the actions needed are already under way, but must be dramatically increased.

The IPCC, or Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), issued the report from Incheon, Republic of Korea, where for the past week, hundreds of scientists and government representatives have been poring over thousands of inputs to paint a picture of what could happen to the planet and its population with global warming of 1.5°C (or 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit).

"One of the key messages that comes out very strongly from this report is that we are already seeing the consequences of 1°C of global warming through more extreme weather, rising sea levels and diminishing Arctic sea ice, among other changes," said Panmao Zhai, Co-Chair of one of the IPCC Working Groups.

The landmark Paris Agreement adopted in December 2015 by 195 nations at the 21st Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), included the aim of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change by "holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels."

Tweeting shortly after the report was launched, UN Secretary-General António Guterres said that it is not impossible to limit global warming to 1.5°C, according to the report. "But it will require unprecedented and collective climate action in all areas. There is no time to waste."

Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO), said on Monday in Geneva that there was "extreme urgency" needed on the part of Paris

Agreement signatories, and "so far the progress hasn't been good enough" to keep temperature rises below even 2°.

"Climate change is already visible and it is having an impact on human beings and ecosystems all around the world...With 2° we will have ice-free summer in the Antarctic every year, but with 1.5° we would see that, only every 100 years," he said, giving one example of how the world's weather dramatically changes per half-degree.

"There will be 420 million people less suffering because of climate change if we would be able to limit the warming to 1.5°C level and we have certain areas in the world which are extremely sensitive," Professor Taalas said. "Small island states, (the) Mediterranean region and also sub-Saharan Africa is already suffering and will suffer more in the future."

It is still possible to limit global warming to 1.5°C, the WMO official continued, "but we should change many things how we run our everyday business today".

Also in Geneva, a UN rights expert warned that failing to do more to address climate change risked "locking in decades" of grave violations.

"Climate change is having - and will have - devastating effects on a wide range of human rights, including rights to life, health, food, housing, and water, as well as the right to a healthy environment," said David Boyd, Special Rapporteur on human rights and the environment.

"The world is already witnessing the impacts of climate change — from hurricanes in America, heat waves in Europe, droughts in Africa to floods in Asia."

The report highlights a number of climate change impacts that could be avoided by limiting global warming to 1.5°C compared to 2°C, or more. For instance, by 2100, global sea level rise would be 10cm lower with global warming of 1.5°C compared with 2°C.

Moreover, coral reefs, already threatened, would decline by 70-90 percent with global warming of 1.5°C, whereas virtually all would be lost with 2°C, according to the report.

"Every extra bit of warming matters, especially since warming of 1.5°C or higher, increases the risk associated with long-lasting or irreversible changes, such as the loss of some ecosystems," said Hans-Otto Pörtner, Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group II.

"Limiting warming to 1.5°C is possible within the laws of chemistry and physics but doing so would require unprecedented changes," said Jim Skea, Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group III.

With that in mind, the report calls for huge changes in land, energy, industry, buildings, and transportation-use and across cities everywhere. Global net emissions of carbon dioxide would need to fall by 45 per cent from 2010 levels by 2030, and reach "net zero" around 2050.

Allowing the global temperature to temporarily exceed or 'overshoot' 1.5°C would mean a greater reliance on techniques that remove CO2 from the air to return global temperatures to below 1.5°C by 2100.

But the report warns that "the effectiveness of such techniques are unproven at large scale and some may carry significant risks for sustainable development."

"Limiting global warming to 1.5°C compared with 2°C would reduce challenging impacts on ecosystems, human health and well-being, making it easier to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)," said Priyadarshi Shukla, Co-Chair of IPCC Working Group III, referring to the 17 Goals adopted by UN Member States three years ago to protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030.

The new report will feed into a process called the 'Talanoa Dialogue,' in which parties to the Paris accord will take stock of what has been accomplished over the past three years. The dialogue will be a part of the next UNFCCC conference of States parties, known by the shorthand COP 24, which will meet in Katowice, Poland, this December.

...Vice President to China

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The Vice Premier suggested in her second point that the two sides should push forward result oriented cooperation. The Vice Premier stated that China is ready to expand economic, trade, investment, agriculture, fishing, tourism, and infrastructure cooperation with FSM for a win-win outcome. The Vice Premier will encourage more Chinese enterprises to invest in the FSM and that China will do what it can to support and help with the FSM's economic and social development.

The Vice Premier's third point, which was also acknowledged and welcomed by Vice President George, was for the deepening of people to people and cultural exchanges. The two sides agreed to promote and make advance plans for promotional events leading up to the celebration of the 30th Anniversary of diplomatic relationship between the FSM and China. The Vice Premier informed that China will continue to send medical teams and cultural troupes to the FSM, and also encouraged more government officials, students, and trainees from the FSM to visit China. In light of this point, the Vice Premier also informed that China will encourage more tourist to visit the FSM and is confident that with concerted efforts, FSM-China relations will only see newer and greater progress.

Vice President George's visit to China began in Guangdong Province arriving into Guangzhou on September 23, 2018. Vice President George inspected sites and held meetings with officials in the field of health, education, fisheries, agriculture and energy to signal FSM's desire to work with China in those development areas. In Zhongshan, the Vice President met with Mr. Chen Wenfeng, Deputy Party Secretary of the CPC Zhongshan Committee where the two leaders expressed their support to the cooperation between Zhongshan and FSM. While there, the Vice President inspected the Liangdu Public Service Center, the Zhongshan Traditional Chinese Medicine hospital, and the Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Secondary school.

In Guangzhou, the Vice President met with Vice Governor Ouyang Weimin. Guangdong is a sister province to Chuuk State and has been a good friend to the

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FSM. An outcome of President Christian's State Visit to China in March 2017 resulted in a commitment by Guangdong province to support the FSM in the construction of a convention center to be built in Palikir. Consultation on the convention center is ongoing and both sides look forward to breaking ground in the near future. While in Guangdong Province, another commitment from President Christian's State visit of March 2017 was reaffirmed with the Vice Governor stating that Guangdong province will support the FSM in the establishment of a representative office in Shenzhen.

Furthermore, while in Guangzhou, representatives of the Liancheng Overseas Fishery Co. Ltd headquartered in Shenzhen also took the time to meet and provide the Vice President George a briefing of Liancheng's current and future activities in the FSM.

Vice President George arrived Dunhuang, Gansu Province, on September 26, 2018. While the visit to Gansu province was primarily to attend the International Cultural Expo, Vice President George inspected the Dunhuang Photovoltaic Power Generation Base, and toured the Mogao Grottoes, Mingsha Mountains and the Yangguan Pass. Vice President George was accompanied around in Gansu province by Mr. Guo Tiankang, Vice Chairman of the Gansu CPPCC Provincial Committee.

The visit to China by Vice President George has reaffirmed the strong bilateral relationship that exists between the FSM and China. The meetings that Vice President George held in China reiterated the FSM's continued cooperation in areas that are mutually beneficial to both sides. The successful visit to Gansu province has also encouraged both sides to consider favorably the establishment of sister-state relationship with Gansu Province to further deepen cooperation and add more value to the overall bilateral relationship between the FSM and China.

Members of Vice President's delegation to China included Second Lady Mrs. Antilise Y. George, Ambassador Carlson D. Apis and Deputy Chief of Mission Vincent Sivas from the Embassy of the FSM in Beijing, Special Assistant Herman Semes, Jr. and Ms. Joanie H. Mendiola from the Office of the President, and Mr. Grant Ismael, Grant Management Officer for the Kosrae State Department of Health Services.

Press releases by FSM Investigator in Charge since the date of the Air Niugini crash in Chuuk

October 10, 2018 at 6:00 PM / No. 7

The aircraft accident investigators from the FSM, PNG and the USA arrived in Port Moresby from Chuuk on Sunday 7 October and immediately commenced work preparing the recorders for data download and subsequent analysis and analyzing records.

PNG AIC is using state of the art download electronic equipment specially brought to PNG from Canada for this accident investigation.

Because the aircraft crashed into the Chuuk Lagoon the recorders had been immersed in salt water. The AIC investigators have today completed the disassembly of the recorders to remove the data memory chip boards while they remain immersed in water. They have painstakingly cleaned them in distilled water to ensure no salt water and other contaminants remain on the boards.

The FDR and CVR boards are being dried in an oven for between 18 and 36 hours to ensure all traces of moisture have been removed before being connected to the downloading electronic equipment.

The international teams from PNG and the USA have been diligently assisting the FSM investigators. The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia is grateful for their support to achieve the best possible safety outcome for aviation globally and particularly in our region.

The FSM Government is pleased to learn that the PNG AIC is buying the 21st century technology MARS recorder download and analysis system and the Insight Flight Animation Software. This will ensure the AIC is at the cutting edge if this technology and will be equipped to conduct flight recorder downloading and analysis for years to come. This is vitally important for aviation safety throughout Pacific Region.

Official update to the media will be issued by the FSM Investigator in-charge.

October 7, 2018 at 6:00 PM / No. 6

The recovery of essential evidence and flight recorder units from the Air Niugini Boeing 737 that crashed into

Chuuk Lagoon on September 28, 2018 has been completed.

Data from the Flight Data and Cockpit Voice recorders and the Automated Flight Information Reporting System recorder will be downloaded and analysed in Port Moresby at the Recorder Laboratory of the PNG Accident Investigation Commission.

The Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System and the Flight Management Computer from the aircraft will be downloaded and analysed in the US by the National Transportation Safety Board.

The examination and analysis of relevant documents and the recorded data is an exhaustive collaborative undertaking by the FSM, PNG AIC, US NTSB and their teams, which includes specialists from the aircraft manufacturer Boeing, and the US FAA.

Air Niugini is fully cooperating with the FSM investigation.

A Preliminary Report is expected to be published by the FSM National Government by the end of October. That report will provide a summary of information that has been verified as factual at that time. This is a complex investigation and the final report is expected to take a number of months to complete.

Official update to the media will be issued by the FSM Investigator in-charge.

October 5, 2018 at 6:00 PM / No. 5

At 1:40 PM on Friday October 5, 2018, US Navy Divers working at the direction of the FSM Investigator in Charge recovered the Cockpit Voice recorder (CVR) from the Air Niugini Flight 073 that landed into the water of the Chuuk Lagoon.

The CVR preserves the recent history of the sounds in and around the cockpit, including the communication between the aircraft and air traffic control and the conversations of the pilots for about two hours.

The CVR will now be taken to the PNG AIC Laboratory in Port Moresby

accompanied by FSM Investigators for data downloading and analysis to determine the cause of the accident.

The Government of FSM expresses grateful thanks to the US Navy dive team, the civilian divers, Boeing representatives and the investigators from the PNG Accident Investigation Commission, the US National Transportation Safety Board and the FAA who provided on-site assistance during the diving operations to recover the recorders that are vitally important to the investigation.

Once the data from all recorders has been downloaded the painstaking analysis of the recorded information will commence.

A Preliminary Report is expected to be published by the FSM National Government by the end of October. That report will provide a summary of information that has been verified as factual at that time. This is a complex investigation and the final report is expected to take a number of months to complete.

Official update to the media will be issued by the FSM Investigator in-charge.

October 4, 2018 at 6:00 PM / No. 4

At 10:25 AM on Thursday October 4, 2018, the civilian Divers contracted by FSM recovered the Automated Flight Information Reporting System unit (AFIRS) from the Air Niugini Flight 073 that landed into the water of the Chuuk Lagoon.

The Automated Flight Information Reporting System (AFIRS™), provides functions such as safety services voice and text messaging, data collection and transmission, and on-demand streaming of flight data recorder (black box), engine and airframe data.

AFIRS sends this information through the Iridium Satellite Network to a ground-based server that routes the data to an end point for data analysis. It also provides a real-time interface with an aircraft.

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The unit will accompany the Flight Data Recorder to the PNG AIC Laboratory in Port Moresby accompanied by FSM Investigators for data downloading and analysis to determine the cause of the accident.

The Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System (EGPWS) recovered from the aircraft yesterday will be taken to the manufacturers facility in the USA to be decoded with specialised software. It's stored data will provide the investigation with additional information on alerts and warnings.

Diving in support of the search for the Cockpit Voice Recorder is continuing.

Official update to the media will be issued by the FSM Investigator in-charge.

October 3, 2018 at 6:00 PM / No. 3

At 11:10 AM on Wednesday October 3, 2018, the civilian Divers contracted by FSM recovered the Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System (EGPWS) from the Air Niugini Flight 073 that landed into the water of the Chuuk Lagoon.

The EGPWS is a system in the aircraft designed to alert pilots if the aircraft is in immediate danger of flying into the ground or an obstacle.

Diving will continue on Thursday to recover the Cockpit Voice Recorder and other recording devices from the aircraft. The US Navy divers will now join the contracted divers to search for the recorders in an area below the floor that is crushed and difficult to access.

The recorders will be transported to the PNG AIC laboratory in Port Moresby accompanied by FSM Investigators for data downloading and analysis to determine the cause of the accident.

Official update to the media will be issued by the FSM Investigator in-charge.

October 2, 2018 at 4:00 PM / No. 2

At 2:35 PM on Tuesday October 2,

2018, the civilian Divers contracted by FSM recovered the Flight Data Recorder (Blackbox) from the Air Niugini Flight 073 that landed into the water of the Chuuk Lagoon.

The diving will continue on Wednesday to recover the Cockpit Voice Recorder and other recording devices from the aircraft.

The recorders will be transported to the PNG AIC laboratory in Port Moresby accompanied by FSM Investigators for data downloading and analysis to determine the cause of the accident.

Official update to the media will be issued by the FSM Investigator in-charge.

October 1, 2018 at 6:00 PM / No. 1

On September 28, 2018, at around 9:45 a.m. Air Niugini Flight No PX073 from Pohnpei to Chuuk with 47 people on board the plane ended in a crash into the Chuuk Lagoon near the international airport. One person on board the plane died, 9 were admitted to the Chuuk Hospital with 4 in critical condition needing immediate medical attention. Surviving passengers were transported safely to Port Moresby by a rescue flight from Chuuk.

FSM is thoroughly investigating the incident with Assistant Secretary Master Halbert of the FSM TC&I in charge of the investigation. FSM Justice Department/ National Police is securing the site and providing necessary assistance to the investigation.

Request was made to the US Government for its assistance, and investigators arrived in Chuuk to join the investigation team. FSM and PNG are also working together on this investigation. The FSM IIC welcomed the assistance that the PNG Aircraft Incident Commission (AIC) has offered to FSM and is requesting further cooperation especially in the downloading, decoding and analyzing the data from the so-called Black Box (Flight Data and Cockpit Voice Recorders and the Quick Access Recorder) once it is extracted from the airplane.

US Navy Divers have successfully extracted body of the unaccounted person on board and transported to Chuuk State Hospital. FSM Government is notifying the Country of Nationality through its Foreign Affairs.

Air Niugini is arranging the repatriation of the deceased once next of kin is notified.

Plans are underway for recover the

Black Box from the submerged airplane.

Official update to the media will be issued by the Investigator in-charge.



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- 5. Extremely hot
- 6. "Wind Beneath My Wings" singer Bette
- 7. French Renaissance man Francois, who used the pseudonym "Alcofribas Nasier," an anagram of his full name
- 8. "Diving capital of the world"
- 9. Eight: Comb. form

- 10. Without a doubt
- 11. It's not free of charge
- 12. Garmin gizmo
- 20. Sch. with rec. ctr. named after its legendary coach John Wooden
- 22. "___ while they're hot"
- 23. Nancy who was the first woman to play in a men's professional basketball league
- 27. Nutritional std.
- 28. Clairvoyance, e.g.
- 30. "Out on ___" (Shirley MacLaine bestseller)
- 32. Spring flower?
- 37. With 58-Down, bigger cousin of 1-Down
- 38. Registering the most on the applause-o-meter
- 39. Building block in Phoenix
- 40. Winter hrs in 36-Across
- 41. Lennon's lady

- 42. Dessert in a tall glass
- 45. First-person explanation for missing out on 56-Across (3 wds.)
- 46. They take things the wrong way
- 47. Contracted cost
- 49. Suffering partner?
- 50. "Mmmm, delicious!" (referring to 1-Down, once cooked)
- 54. Depth finder
- 57. Ella Fitzgerald specialty
- 58. See 37-Down
- 59. Stabilizer
- 60. Surface of 21-Across for most of winter



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