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11 teams compete in Pohnpei Basketball Invitational Tournament

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

July 23, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—Disappointed the FSM Games were canceled once again this year, the Pohnpei Basketball Association decided to host a Pohnpei Invitational Basketball tournament at the National Campus gymnasium in Palikir.

The Pohnpei Basketball Association (PBA) sent invitations in February to the Kosrae, Chuuk, and Yap Basketball Associations. They also sent invitations to teams in Hawaii, Guam, RMI, Palau, and Kiribati.

PBA President Cassidy Shoniber said that only a team from Tafunsak, Kosrae and a local team called Four Stars consisting of players from Pohnpei, Yap, and Chuuk responded to the invitations. "Most of the associations weren't financially capable of sending a team," Shoniber wrote.

It didn't stop the invitational tournament from getting off the ground. A Yap team was formed that consists mainly of COM students attending the College of Micronesia National Campus. A group of Kosraeans living in Pohnpei formed KSA-PNI. Pohnpeians formed three separate teams, one coached by Francisco Simram, another by Aurelio Joab, and a third coached by Mark Johnny.

For the women's division, four local teams signed up to compete in the tournament, the COM-FSM team, Team Kittii, Team Kolonia, and Team Kapinga.

The tournament got under way on July 15 at the COM China Friendship gym in Palikir and will end on July 25, the day after the deadline for this newspaper.

Shoniber said that the intention of the tournament is to create friendship in a setting of friendly competition. He said that it

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Photos by Bill Jaynes

PUC silent as Pohnpei's power crisis deepens

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

July 23, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—Pohnpei Utilities Corporation has been running an announcement on V6AH, the Pohnpei State radio station that says that beginning on July 9 there will be "sectionalized" power outages in Pohnpei until PUC is able to repair the number seven generator. It does not mention when or if those repairs will be complete, or why to best of most peoples' recollections, the power outages started well before July 9.

It doesn't answer the question that residents of Pohnpei are desperately asking. When will the power outages that so heavily impact the quality of our lives and even the economic development of the State come to end?

PUC officials are keeping their mouths shut and their jaws clenched about what it is up to and when residents of Pohnpei can reasonably expect to have a reliable power source.

This afternoon, after a week of trying to contact him, Marcelino Actouka, PUC General Manager told The Kaselehlie Press that he'd rather spend time fixing the problem than spending the time to talk about it with us. When pressed he hastily answered a few of our questions. He provided only scant details, and

then only if we knew the right questions to ask.

After he answered the phone he quickly said that he had told us previously that he could not talk about any plan to outsource power generation in Pohnpei. He intimated that PUC is involved in negotiations of some kind but that he couldn't make any plans public yet. He promised that he would let us know as soon as he can talk about it.

"You may have heard some things 'out there' going around," he said, "but for now let's just leave them 'out there'."

He confirmed that the number seven generator is broken but didn't know if it was irreparably broken. He said that until an engineer gets here to check they won't know for certain whether or not the crank shaft has been bent beyond repair which is what happened to the now decommissioned number 10 generator which was relegated to parts status. He didn't say how long it would be before engineers would arrive.

He confirmed that PUC last week paid \$170,000 to Caroline Fisheries Corporation (CFC) for two generators CFC purchased for PUC.

It was the extent of the conversation and we were left to seek information from other sources. Those sources lead us to believe that power solutions are on the way.

Over a year ago CFC purchased two generators based on an agreement with PUC in which PUC agreed to pay the \$170,000 it said it had in its budget at that time and CFC would pay whatever the remaining cost would be. Marco Kamber

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Congress pushes back tax reform deadline to accommodate State

action

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

July 19, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM— Just in time, the FSM Congress passed an amendment to the tax reform law yesterday morning. The amendment moved the deadline for the States to act from July 19, 2013 to midnight on September 30, 2013. If by September 30, 2013 any of the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia have not passed value added tax legislation into law the entire tax reform act becomes null and void.

The prospects for extending the deadline did not initially look good. For the first time in FSM history Congress did not have a quorum on the opening day.

According to correspondence between President Manny Mori and Speaker Dohsis Halbert, communication between the Executive and Legislative branches was less than perfect. Congress was under the impression that there would not be a special session and several Senators had arranged business travel.

Just the same, this morning President Mori signed the amendment into law during

a signing ceremony that included the State governors, or acting governors, and Speaker Dohsis Halbert.

One of President Manny Mori's stated goals when he called the special session that was scheduled to begin on July 15 was for Congress to consider pushing the deadline back before the previous deadline expired.

The president would also like to see Congress eliminate the "sunset clause" entirely and to allow those States that are ready to implement the tax reform to begin the transition process whether all States are ready to move or not.

Before the start of the special session he sent a bill to Congress for their consideration that would accomplish just that.

He also submitted letters from each of the State Governors or Acting Governors. The letters stated their support for the Tax Reform process and asked the President to continue his efforts with Congress to ensure that tax reform becomes a reality. The letters also asked for more time as the State executives continue to work with legislators in order to pass laws needed in the States before implementation can begin.

In another communication to Congress, President Mori attached a legal opinion issued

by April Skilling, FSM Secretary of Justice. "The Tax Reform may proceed without all the four States taking part in the reform," the opinion said in short form. It went on to provide an analysis of the legal matters supporting her conclusion.

There is no indication that Congress will consider President Mori's new bill during the current special session but with the extension of the "sunset clause" there is time to consider it during the regular session in September.

"At their meeting, the Committee

(Congress Special Committee to Wait on the President) expressed that Congress is willing to reconsider the Sunset Clause. At the same time, the Committee indicated that Congress would not be interested in having less than all five governments coming together in favor of the tax reform. Congress wants an "All-Or-None" situation," wrote the President's Information Officer in an email.

That point of view was not expressed in the Committee report to Congress.



Photo by FSM Information Services

Governor Lyndon Jackson, Kosrae; Vice President Alik L. Alik, Speaker Dohsis Halbert, Governor John Ehsa, Pohnpei; Lt. Governor Riitis Heldart, Chuuk; Governor Sebastian Anefal, Yap. President Mori signing the law

GAO official says compact impact reporting is not reliable or consistent

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

July 22, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—From 2004 through 2010 American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands (CNMI), Guam, and Hawaii, the "affected jurisdictions" of the Compacts of Free Association with the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) reported that they had spent more than a \$1 billion as a result of compact migration. They reported that the funds were spent in order to provide education, health, and social services benefits to compact migrants.

However, David Gootnick of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) told the U.S. Congress in a statement for the record delivered on July 11 that the reported figures are unreliable.

"Assessed against best practices for cost estimation, these cost estimates contain a number of limitations with regard to accuracy, adequate documentation, and

comprehensiveness, affecting the reported costs' credibility and preventing a precise calculation of total compact impact on the affected jurisdictions," he told Congress.

Gootnick also told Congress that the 1994 reporting guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) that oversees compact relations to the affected jurisdictions did not adequately address "certain concepts key to reliable estimates of impact costs."

Further, agencies in the affected jurisdictions didn't seem to know about the guidelines and they didn't strictly adhere to them when they did know about them.

Gootnick told Congress that in November of 2011 GAO recommended that Interior should disseminate guidelines to the affected jurisdictions and that they should call for those jurisdictions to apply the guidelines when developing compact impact reports. DOI agreed with the recommendations. In March of 2012, DOI convened a meeting of the Presidents of the Freely Associated States (FAS) along

with governors and senior officials from affected jurisdictions to collaboratively develop strategies to address policy issues concerning the compacts. DOI told the participants that it would work directly with affected jurisdictions regarding the feasibility of developing uniform reporting guidelines. As of June 2013, DOI had not prepared any new guidance.

The 2011 GAO report found that roughly 56,000 compact migrants were living in U.S. areas in 2005 to 2009. About 58 percent of them lived in areas that the U.S. Congress defined in the amended compacts' enabling legislation as "affected jurisdictions"—American Samoa, Hawaii, Guam, and CNMI. Because of the economic effects of the Compact the affected jurisdictions collected \$210 million in federal Compact Impact grants from 2005 through 2009.

"Some jurisdictions did not accurately define compact migrants, account for federal funding that supplemented local expenditures or include revenue received from compact migrants," Gootnick reported. Because

standardized guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of the Interior in 1994 were not followed by the affected jurisdictions there is no way to tell if the actual financial impact of compact migrants bears any relationship to the actual situation.

As one example of problems with accuracy, Gootnick pointed out that using ethnicity or language as a way of determining who is and who is not a compact migrant could lead to overstating costs, since neither measure would exclude individuals who came to the jurisdiction prior to the compact. If citizenship was used to determine costs, those costs could be understated because it would exclude U.S. born children of compact migrants.

He also said that "affected jurisdictions" receive federal funding for programs that compact migrants use but that not all compact impact reports accounted for that stream of funding thus overstating the cost

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Speaker Halbert in Chuuk for National Law Day Debate 2013

FSM Congress News

July 17, 2013

WENO, CHUUK. - Speaker Dohsis Halbert of the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia highlighted the principles of debate and its importance in the process of law making during the 2013 National Law Day Debate in the State of Chuuk.

Speaker Halbert delivered the keynote remarks for the 2013 Law Day Debate where he informed the participants that the process they took to research and understand their topic are the same principles applied "on the floor of Congress every day of session."

He continued that "those same skills underpin the principles of a thriving democracy."

"So please learn them well. Your country needs those skills," Halbert advised the debaters.

The national debate is an annual activity sponsored by the FSM Supreme Court and begins in the month of May with preliminary debate amongst the high schools in each of the four states with state winners battling it out at the National Law Day Debate on July 12th.

Pohnpei's Our Lady of Mercy High School won the 2013 Law Day Debate with Chuuk High School close behind, followed by Yap and Kosrae. This year's topic was: Be it resolved that the FSM Constitution should be amended to create an additional At-Large seat in Congress for each of the four states, election to which shall be open only to women candidates.

Participants of the 2013 national debate and their schools are as follows:

Representing the State of Pohnpei from Our Lady of Mercy High School were Danalynn Worswick and Margaret Lucille Finnen, coached by Mr. Ben Russell Fagela Figueras;

Representing the State of Chuuk from

Chuuk High School were Majesty Helickios and Tiarra Rose Williander, coached by Ms. Dorsalina William;

From the State of Yap representing the high schools in Yap were Janice S. Mooteb and Jamilyn Lynnae Mooteb, coached by Ms. Angelina Santos; and

Finally representing Kosrae High School from the State of Kosrae were Catherine R. Melander and Mitsur Kemsy R. Isisaki, coached by Mrs. Lyna R. George.

As participants of the National Law Day debate, each student will receive a scholarship of \$1,000 to be applied towards a secondary educational institute of their choice.

Law Day Debate as it was first organized on July 12, 1991 was to involve high school students and the general public in discussion of important national issues. Over the years it gained recognition and attracted participation of students both from the public and private schools.

July 12th holds significant history in the FSM as well as in the Micronesia region:

The first all-Micronesia legislative branch of the Trust Territory Government, the Congress of Micronesia, convened on July 12, 1965, marking the beginning of an era of unprecedented political development.

Ten years later, the Congress of Micronesia created the Micronesian Constitutional Convention which convened on July 12, 1975 and generated a sense of nationalism among the Micronesian islands and eventually birthed the Federated States of Micronesia.

On July 12, 1981, the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia was officially established and began its operations under first Chief Justice Edward C. King.

Ten years later, the FSM Supreme Court organized the first Law Day Debate for July 12,

1991.

In 1997, then acting President Jacob Nena signed a proclamation declaring July 12th to be a legal holiday in the FSM and be known

as Micronesian Law Day, and urged citizens, residents and the government of the FSM to celebrate the day in a way that promoted respect for the law.



Margaret Lucille Finnen and Danalynn Worswick of Pohnpei's Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School coached by Russell Figueras won the National Law Day debate

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Charities holds scholarship workshop on Yap

Habele

Non-profit organizations Habele and Waa'gey conducted a workshop for parents interested in obtaining tuition scholarships for their children in the 2013-2014 school year. The workshop was held in the afternoon at the community center in Colonia in Yap, Micronesia. Interested parents arrived throughout the day, and volunteers from Habele and Waa'gey were on hand to assist them in the application process. The workshop was the first of its kind for Habele, and around forty applications were received during the course of the event.

The workshop also marked the first time that Habele accepted K-12 scholarship applications from students from the main island of Yap. Previously, scholarships had been limited to outer island students from Yap, Chuuk and Pohnpei States, due to Habele's limited finances. This year, however, the contributions of several generous donors, especially the Germany-based financial services corporation Yapital, have made it possible for Habele to expand its scholarship program to mainland Yapese students as well.

"Yapital has been a crucial partner in our ability to expand our scholarships this year," said Habele board member Alex Sidles. "Without Yapital's assistance, we wouldn't be able to accept nearly as many students."

The workshop on Yap enabled families without internet access to complete applications. "Not everyone has access to a computer or a printer," said Larry Raigetel, of Waa'gey who assisted in organizing and conducting the workshop. "In fact, it's often been the neediest families who have the hardest time getting their applications turned in."

Due to the strong positive feedback Habele received from the community about the workshop, Habele plans to

conduct a similar workshop on Yap every year. Habele will still accept scholarship applications over the internet, but the new annual workshop will enable families without internet access to apply. "We want to be as inclusive as possible when accepting scholarship applications. An annual workshop is the best way to do that," said Sidles.

Habele will announce its decisions regarding scholarship applications in August. Families will be notified individually whether their student's application has been approved or declined. In the case of a declined application, Habele encourages the family to apply again next year.



Habele Directors Regina Raigetel of Fais Island and Alex Sidles of Washington State answering questions from parents seeking K-12 tuition scholarships for their children)

FSM proposes to establish regional airline

Oceania TV News

July 17, 2013

Ngerulmud, Palau — Federated States of Micronesia President Emanuel Mori presented a proposal during the recently concluded Micronesian Presidents' Summit to start a regional airline.

Moving forward with the proposal, the FSM has transmitted two air service agreements to establish approved direct air links between Palau, the FSM and the Marshall Islands.

The proposed Fly Micronesia airline will reportedly need \$6 million dollars in start-up capital.

During the MPS meeting, the leaders discussed the Air Service Agreement, where the FSM proposed majority ownership of the airline and sought Palau and RMI's partnership.

According to information from visit-micronesia.fm, United Airlines is the only airline currently servicing all four states of the FSM from Hawaii or Guam.

Palau and RMI Presidents noted FSM's proposal for the regional airline during the leaders meeting in Palau.

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- NORMA MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES
- VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM DEMONSTRATION
- QUESTIONS AND ANSWER SESSIONS

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Pacific Leaders Call for Oceanwide Shark Protections

Resolution opposes U.S. proposal that could weaken shark conservation laws

Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

Leaders from a dozen countries, states, and U.S. territories across the Pacific Ocean are calling for oceanwide protections for sharks—a move that underscores a growing commitment to ending unsustainable shark fishing in the region.

The resolution requests that all Pacific Island jurisdictions end the unsustainable commercial fishing of sharks by establishing a Pacific Islands regional shark sanctuary.

The sanctuary would extend from Palau to Hawaii in the north and New Caledonia to French Polynesia in the south, encompassing nearly one-quarter of the Earth's surface. The area would serve as a haven for multiple species of threatened or endangered sharks such as hammerhead and oceanic whitetip.

The leaders approved the resolution during the general assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, or APIL, in Honolulu on June 27, 2013. So far, six Pacific countries and U.S. territories have declared sanctuaries throughout 4.2 million square miles of water where commercial shark fishing is banned. The resolution asks more Pacific leaders to join the effort and calls for nations to collaborate on sanctuary best practices, including enforcement, research, education, and policies.

"Protections for sharks have to move forward," says APIL President Judi Won Pat, who is the speaker of the Guam Senate. "As Pacific Islanders, we share these resources, and with these actions, we are telling the world that sharks are worthy of our respect and protection."

The resolution also explicitly opposes an

Obama administration proposal to backtrack on shark conservation progress in 10 U.S. states and territories that ban the sale, trade, and possession of shark fins. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has proposed rules that would essentially overturn these local laws, arguing that they may conflict with federal law because they interfere with fishing in U.S. waters. Shark advocates are working to change these proposed rules.

"The members of APIL are conservation trailblazers," says Angelo Villagomez, a shark policy expert with The Pew Charitable Trusts. "It is very exciting to see the call for shark protections expand throughout the Pacific."

The proposal for Pacific protections follows conservation action by Lt. Gov. Anthony Tareq of Yap and Gov. John Ehsa of Pohnpei, who recently signed into law protections that will end shark fishing and the trade of shark fins in their states. Yap and Pohnpei are members of the Federated States of Micronesia along with Chuuk and Kosrae. The APIL is composed of American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Island of Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, the U.S. state of Hawaii, Republic of Nauru, Republic of Kiribati, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

The need to protect sharks is growing more urgent because an average of 100 million sharks are killed each year, mostly to provide fins as soup ingredients for Asian markets. Sharks are slow-growing, late to mature, and have few pups. They cannot reproduce fast enough to keep up with fishing rates; a third of all shark species are headed for extinction.



...Compact Impact

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for providing services.

He said that multiple local government agencies receive fees as a result of providing services to compact migrants but that those agencies did not consider the fees in their compact impact reports. "Compact migrants also participate in local economies through their participation in the labor force, payment of taxes, consumption of local goods and services and receipt of remittances," his report said. "Any exclusion of revenue may cause an overstatement of the total impact reported."

Costs could have been under reported because many local government agencies did not include capital costs in their impact reporting. Capital costs include such expenditures as providing additional classrooms to accommodate an increase in students or constructing additional health care facilities. "In cases where compact migration has resulted in the expansion of facilities, agencies understated compact migrant impact by omitting these costs," Gootnick's report says.

Because "a number of local agencies"

used an average per-person service cost for the jurisdiction rather than specific costs associated with providing services to compact migrants, there is no way to determine if compact impact of those services was understated or overstated.

Gootnick's statement said that a number of local government agencies did not disclose their methodology for developing impact costs, including any assumptions, definitions, and other key elements.

Lastly, Gootnick said that not all local government agencies in the affected jurisdictions included compact impact costs for each year in which the jurisdictions reported. "Without comprehensive data in each year, the compact impact reports could understate total costs," he said.

He also said that compact impact reporting has not been consistent across affected jurisdictions. For example, Guam and the CNMI included the costs of providing police services, while Hawaii did not.

"We continue to believe that providing more rigorous guidelines to the affected jurisdictions and promoting their use for compact impact reports would increase the likelihood that Interior can provide reliable information on compact impacts to Congress," Gootnick concluded.

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FSM Junior Tennis to compete in Fiji— coaches thank donors

By *Anastasia R. Isaac*—FSM Junior Tennis Coordinator and *Pohnpei State Junior Tennis Coach* and *Arkelus Tilfas*—Kosrae State Junior Tennis Coach

July 16, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—FSM Junior Tennis is an on-going year-round program that promotes active participation locally and offers great opportunities for youth to travel and compete within their age groups. At present, only Pohnpei and Kosrae States are active in this International Tennis Federation (ITF) Program. Hopefully, in the near future, Yap and Chuuk will follow suit.

This is a four-level program which starts with each State's own qualifiers; Second: FSM Qualifier which is held alternately in Kosrae or Pohnpei, where the players from both states vie for a spot in the FSM Team to the North Pacific Regional Championship. Third: the NPRC (was called NPQ), our Regional Qualifier, held alternately in Saipan or Guam (participating island nations were Saipan/host this year, Republic of Palau, Guam and the FSM.); the winners and qualifiers selected, make the Regional Team to the Fourth and Final level of the competition, the (POJC) Pacific Oceania Junior Championship, held in Lautoka, Fiji from August 12 – 16 followed by Oceania Closed Junior Championships (OCJC) and the Oceania Plate from Aug 19 – 23, allowing all players two weeks of competition. This POJC is funded by the Grand Slam Development Fund.

There are 17 island nations in the Pacific Oceania competing in the tournament. Three of our 12 & Under Division (Joab William, Ann Skilling, Tilda Tollena) qualified for the regional

team and one in the 18 & Under Division (Margarete Finnen) was also invited as a wild card player. TJ Apis who is an ITF Scholarship student at the ITF school in Fiji will join the team so a total of 5 FSM juniors are participating in this Oceania Championship! Good luck to all of them!!!

On behalf of the FSM Tennis Federation and the FSM Junior Tennis, I would like to acknowledge and express my deep appreciation and gratitude to the following agencies, businesses, groups and many individuals who made it possible for the FSM Junior Tennis to participate in the Regional Tennis Tournament held in Saipan last month from June 12 – 16th: There were 16 FSM Junior participants ranging from ages 10 – 17.

The Office of National Olympic Committee – Secretary General, Mr. Jim Tobin: Thank you for your contribution of six roundtrip tickets for the top six qualifiers to the North Pacific Regional Championship and the additional grant for the four qualifiers to the Oceania Tournament in Fiji this August. Thank you for your continued support and endless efforts in developing and promoting the overall sports in the FSM which motivates us to do more on our part.

Mr. George Chiu, Executive Vice-President of the Tan Holdings, CTSI - Pohnpei Owner, Kikuo Apis, Jr. & CTSI - Pohnpei, Manager, Ray Musada: Your generous contribution toward our accommodation is so deeply appreciated every year. Thank you so much again!

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Once again, thank you for your continued support for tennis and its development and growth in the FSM.

FAA on the spot for answers on decision to handle Micronesia as foreign

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

July 25, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—Brian Schatz and Mazie K. Hirono, two United States Senators have joined Micronesian Presidents in questioning the wisdom of the Federal Aviation Administration's decision to change how the agency coordinates its Micronesia Technical Assistance Program.

In a letter dated July 9, 2013 to Michael P. Huerta, the Administrator of the FAA, the two Senators reminded Huerta that in April, the FAA notified the FSM, RMI, and Palau about its decision to handle technical assistance to Micronesia in the same manner as it handles technical assistance to foreign governments. They expressed concern that the FAA considered the move an internal change and did not consult with government officials of Micronesia prior to the change.

"As you know, the FAA Western-Pacific Region Office has extensive experience and knowledge about the ongoing activities in Micronesia, including familiarity with technical assistance for Micronesian projects, as it has built close working relationships dating back to the 1980s," their letter said. "We are concerned that this change may send a signal that the United States is not fully obligated to the Compact of Free Association of States and can have the potential of adversely impacting the level of service for Micronesia."

They asked the FAA to provide the basis of the FAA decision and to answer four specific questions:

- What is the level of support provided by the Western-Pacific Region to Micronesia;
- What are the changes to the level of service as the result of the decision to handle the Technical Assistance Program to the Office of International Affairs;
- How will this benefit U.S. carriers that fly to airports in Micronesia; and
- Under this decision how will FAA handle compliance issues.

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President Mori receives India's fourth Ambassador to FSM, H.E.

Amit Dasgupta

FSM Information Services

July 25, 2013 - In the morning of the 24th of July, President Manny Mori received H.E. Amit Dasgupta as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of India to the FSM.

As part of credential presentation, Ambassador Dasgupta presented the letter

of recall for his predecessor and his letter of credence for acceptance by President Mori on this day, making him the fourth Indian Ambassador to the FSM since the establishment of FSM-India diplomatic relations in November, 1996.

President Mori welcomed Ambassador Dasgupta to the FSM and noted his being a graduate of Xavier College in Calcutta. As a graduate of Xavier High School in Chuuk, President Mori noticed the similarity right away.

The President reiterated his appreciation to the Government of India for its financial support to the FSM, in particular, the assistance that enabled the procurement of machineries at the Coconut Development Authority (CDA). He also complimented the Ambassador on his newly published books, stating his interest to obtain a copy of his latest non-fiction – "Why we do what we do".

Ambassador Dasgupta conveyed greetings from the President of India and expressed his gratitude to President Mori for receiving him and for his personal interest in his latest writings. He also conveyed best regards from his predecessor, Ambassador Kumar, whose tenure began in June 2010 and ended earlier this day.

President Mori and Ambassador Dasgupta exchanged views and comments on a number of issues of mutual interest to FSM and India including discussions on coconut bi-product development and marketing, medicine, agriculture and climate change.

On the finance side, President Mori spoke about the need for mentoring in development of small business financing and implementation and banking-related issues for entrepreneurs.

The President underscored the four priority development sectors of energy, tourism, agriculture and fisheries and highlighted current movement for bolstering planning and development activities leading to 2023, the termination year for economic assistance under the Compact of Free Association with the United States.

By way of information, Ambassador Dasgupta spoke of India's intension to finance a foreign affairs training in Palau and a climate change forum in the FSM in the near future, bringing together officials from FSM, Palau and the Marshall Islands to sharpen expertise and strengthen regional collaboration.

The President and Ambassador assured each

other to meet again in the Marshall Islands next month at the meeting of the Pacific Islands Forum.

Witnessing the short ceremony were Secretary Lorin S. Robert, Department of Foreign Affairs; Secretary Marion Henry, Department of Resources and Development, Chief of Staff Leo Falcam Jr.; representatives of the FSM Coconut Development Authority and the FSM Petroleum Corporation; and Foreign Affairs Deputy Secretary Samson Pretrick along with other staff from the Department.

The Manila-based Ambassador also covers Indian relations with the Republic of Palau and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

...Basketball

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was also intended to provide an activity for young people during the summer, to prevent underage drinking, and to prepare players for the upcoming Micronesian Games that will take place in Pohnpei next summer.

Shoniber said the tournament was organized through joint efforts by the Pohnpei Basketball Association, the College of Micronesia, and the Pohnpei Sports Office.

He said that the major sponsors for the tournament were MATSON, Mesenieng Credit Union, and Etscheit Enterprises. The other sponsors who also contributed were Seven Stars, EMC, SPC, Western Union, FSM Telecommunications Corporation, Kolonia Town Government, Saint Joseph Youth, The Bank of the FSM, and Nihco Store, listed in no particular order.



President Mori receiving credentials from Ambassador Dasgupta of India

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Pohnpei Fishing Club holds

“Big Fish”

Tournament

By *Steve Finnen*
Pohnpei Fishing Club

July 20, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—The Pohnpei Fishing club held a “big fish” tournament on July 20 that was sponsored by Lyon Associates, China Star Restaurant, Caroline Island Airways, CTSI, and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. 17 boats registered for the tournament—a big number in the summer months.

Though it seemed to be a slow fishing day for many, some anglers knew where to catch the fish.

Most of the prizes were cash prizes but Glen Franklin on “RJ” won the prize for the largest Skip Jack caught during the day. It was only 13 pounds but that fish won him two round trip tickets to his choice of Mwokil or Sapuafik on Caroline Island Airways.

The \$500 prize for biggest fish went to Konrad Englberger on Bavaria. He landed a 120.5 pound marlin.

The tournament’s second big fish of the day was caught by Jula Porter aboard “Hunter” who caught a 49 pound Yellow Fin tuna. She won \$300 for her fish. Also with a Yellow fin, Jun David who had been fishing aboard the “Blue Fin” got the \$200 third biggest fish prize. His fish tipped the scales at 47 pounds.

Two fishers tied for the fourth biggest fish which presented a quandary for the club that was quickly solved because no fisher caught a Grand Trevally. Since that was the case it was a simple matter to give both fourth place winners \$100 since that would have been the prize for the biggest Grand Trevally caught.

Goujun Qu aboard the “M&M” and Arleen David aboard the “Blue Fin” tied for fourth place for which they both won \$100. Qu’s fish was a 42.5 pound Yellow Fin Tuna. David’s 42.5 pound Mahi Mahi broke the previous club record set by Alex Tretnoff with the 41 pound Mahi Mahi he caught during a tournament nine years ago.

The club held a barbecue and awards ceremony following the tournament at Mangrove Bay.

The Pohnpei Fishing Club thanks Mangrove Bay for hosting the tournament. Additionally, we want to thank Bill Pendergraft,



Mao Peng, Steve Finnen, Konrad Englberger, Dane Nighswander

Paul Thomas, Tina Albert, Praise Santos, and all of Kumer Panuelo’s guys, who helped at the weigh-in.

The Fishing Club is a big sponsor of the Pohnpei Library’s summer reading program that is going on right now. Uta Krause and Maggie

Finnen sold hot dogs as they usually do in order to raise funds for the Pohnpei Public Library.

We want to thank again our sponsors Lyon Associates, China Star Restaurant, Caroline Island Airways, CTSI, and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community.

New JICA volunteers dispatched to FSM

Japan International Cooperation Agency



FSM Department of Foreign Affairs welcomes new JICA Volunteers: (Left-Right) Ms. Masayo Koya, Mr. Tatsuhiko Tsukakoshi, Ms. Keiko Yokoyama, Mr. Brendy Carl, Mr. Tomohide Yamada and Mr. Hideaki Izutsu

On July 8, 2013, FSM Department of Foreign Affairs welcomes five new JICA Volunteers to the Federated States of Micronesia. Since 1989, The Japan International Cooperation Agency has been dispatching volunteers into the FSM, assisting priority sectors in Education, Health, Agriculture, Environment, Fishery, Tourism and other fields. Currently, twenty-nine volunteers are serving in the FSM, including three new Senior Volunteers and two new Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer (JOCV) whom all will serve two years in their respective States.

Dispatched to Pohnpei State Hospital for Medical Instrument Maintenance is Senior Expert Volunteer Mr. Tatsuhiko Tsukakoshi, who had been a short-term expert volunteer to FSM

Department of Health & Social Affairs in June 2012 for providing technical guidance on Cold Chain Equipment Repair and Maintenance. Dispatched to Kosrae State Hospital for Hospital Administration Management is Senior Expert Volunteer Ms. Masayo Koya, who previously worked for Tohoku University Hospital as the office manager and whom also supervised pharmacies. Senior Expert Volunteer Ms. Keiko Yokoyama assigned to Yap State Visitor’s Bureau as Tourism Marketing Assistant has formerly managed group trips and supervised customer service at the Sapporo Hotel in Japan.

Two JOCV’s dispatched to Yap State, Mr. Tomohide Yamada is assigned to Gilman Elementary School to assist primary school teachers to teach students Japan math skills, and Mr. Izutsu Hideaki is assigned to Yap State Hospital as a Computer Tech. Assistant to assist hospital’s database system.

Pohnpei Seaport seeks funding for facility upgrade: \$17.1 million project

FSM Information Services

July 23, 2013

On the 19th of July, FSM President Manny Mori transmitted to Congress a loan package for Pohnpei State in the total amount of \$17.1 million for the upgrade of the Pohnpei Seaport facilities in Dekehtik.

The proposed project aims at accessing \$16.4 million concessional loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). \$0.7 million is to be sourced by Pohnpei State.

The project will lengthen the current 328-meter seaport by another 173 meters to ease congestion and create capacity to accommodate more commercial ships. Specifically, it will avail new passenger terminal, transport interchange and a port control room. Additional navigation aids, separate access for cargo handling as well as access for persons with disabilities will be put in place.

"This project will further bring the Pohnpei

port in compliance with International Ship and Port Security (ISPS) Code as a result of improved services and facilities", President Mori indicated in his July 19 communication to Congress.

Pohnpei State packaged the project as part of economic development and capital improvement endeavors for which the Governor has been authorized by the State Legislature to negotiate loan packages on the credit of the State.

For the purposes of project, the FSM Congress has been requested to grant an authorization for the President to "execute a sovereign guarantee with the State of Pohnpei and the Asian Development Bank" pursuant to Article IX of the FSM Constitution, guaranteeing repayment of the project loan.

The ADB requires a sovereign guarantee from the FSM National Government as a condition for approving the loan.

The FSM National Government is currently guaranteeing an ADB-loan for Yap State for the Yap State Renewable Energy Project.

Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment for Minuteman III Extended Range Flight Testing

The United States Air Force (USAF) proposes to continue Minuteman III (MMIII) missile extended range flight testing (ERFT) with two launches from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, in 2014. The Proposed Action would increase total mission ranges to approximately 6,000 nautical miles (11,112 kilometers) and is critical to USAF decision making on Life Extension Programs for the current Reentry Vehicles (RVs). The inability to conduct these tests would reduce the overall mission readiness of the MMIII Intercontinental Ballistic Missile system and jeopardize national security. During flight, missile components will impact within the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) of Guam, the Republic of Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia. At the end of each flight, the inert test RVs will impact within broad ocean areas (BOAs) of the North Pacific within the EEZ of the Republic of Palau or international waters. Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and implementing regulations, the USAF prepared a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) to analyze potential environmental impacts from proposed continuation of MMIII ERFT. Following analysis, the USAF determined no significant environmental impacts are expected. The Draft SEA/Draft Finding of No Significant Impact are available for a 30-day public review from July 29 to August 28, 2013 at the Hagåtña, Palau, and Pohnpei Public Libraries and at the US Embassies in Palau and Micronesia. Postmark written comments by August 28, 2010 to Mark Hubbs, USASMD/ARSTRAT, ATTN: SMD/ENE, P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807-3801, by facsimile to 256-955-6659, or by e-mail to Mark.E.Hubbs.Civ@mail.mil.

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of CFC says that they have so far paid out nearly \$900,000 minus PUC's payment of \$170,000 that they received last week after more than a year of promises.

CFC hopes to have at least one of the generators ready to deliver power early next week. They hope the second of their generators will be online by the end of next week. Together the generators will provide approximately 1.6 megawatts of power if they are run at the 70 percent capacity that manufacturers recommend.

PUC wants CFC to provide a warranty for the generators they purchased. Kamber says that CFC would be willing to provide a warranty as long as they can verify that PUC follows the maintenance plan CFC has provided.

Vital, the FSM Petroleum Corporation has purchased four 500 kilowatt Volvo generators that are expected to be online by early October. Sources say that those containerized generators have already been shipped from Perth, Australia and are due to arrive on September 17. After arrival it will take approximately three weeks to connect the generators to Pohnpei's power grid.

Sources also say that Vital is working with Balance Solutions on several projects and that Balance Solutions is working with IS Systems whose representatives are currently on island.

While the CFC generators belong to PUC, the generators Vital is bringing in will be run by Vital, or its agents. Vital will sell the power they generate to PUC.

Marco Kamber of CFC said that the only reason their generators are not ready to go right now is because someone incorrectly shut the system down after a test resulting in a short that blew out two touch screen monitors on the control panels necessary for operation of the generators. The manufacturer has shipped out

replacement monitors by DHL and the first of them are due to arrive early next week.

The generators that CFC purchased only after PUC approved the specifications arrived on island over a year ago but there were problems that neither CFC, which is not a power generation company, nor PUC foresaw when they negotiated for the new generators. Transformers were insufficient or non-existent. The antiquated power plant had no facilities for power switching, and there was no place to put the generators. CFC paid to build a brand new building to house the generators, paid to have a custom built switching system built, and paid for many other unexpected expenses.

It also took a lot longer to put the generators into service than was expected.

Kamber said that approximately two years ago Governor John Ehsa sent a letter to CFC asking for money to help resolve Pohnpei's power crisis. Kamber said that CFC didn't feel comfortable with just giving money and instead met with Feliciano Perman who was then the General Manager of PUC. Kamber said that CFC asked how much PUC had in its budget to purchase a new generator. Perman told them they had \$170,000. CFC agreed to buy and install the two generators "no matter the cost" and PUC agreed to pay \$170,000.

Kamber said that the generators it and PUC purchased are not like the low RPM generators PUC has been operating. He said those generators are designed to last for 40 years or more with proper maintenance. The two new generators are larger versions of what CFC uses on its ships and should last for at least five years before an overhaul will be needed assuming that proper maintenance is performed.

"We did this because we wanted to help. We're a local company that employs more than 100 local citizens. Last year we spent more than \$3 million locally," Kamber said. "We just wanted to help the community we've done business in for more than 20 years."

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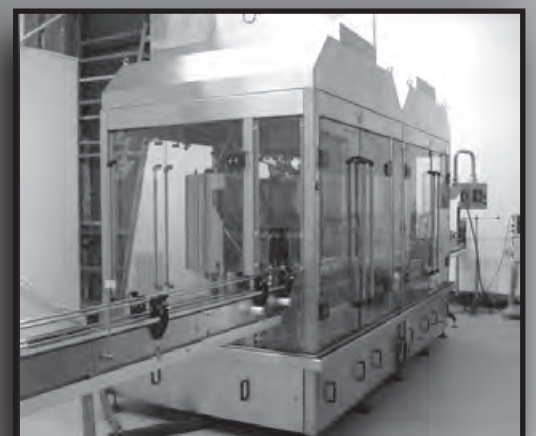
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Micronesian Presidents endorse Ernguul Communiqué, recommit region-wide cooperation



Endorsing the Ernguul Communiqué at Palau Pacific Resort

FSM Information Services

July 19, 2013

The Presidents from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and the Republic of Palau (Palau) concluded their annual Micronesian Presidents Summit held in Koror, Palau on July 12, culminating in the signing of the Ernguul Communiqué and other accompanying documents. Ernguul is the old name for Koror.

FSM President Manny Mori, RMI President Christopher Loeak and Palau President Tommy Remengesau Jr. discussed a range of issues such as compact-impact, marine surveillance, telecommunications, the Micronesian Challenge, biosecurity, and aviation issues.

The Presidents also exchanged views in preparation for the upcoming Pacific Islands Forum in Majuro in September and the 68th United Nations General Assembly in New York. The Presidents acknowledged challenges faced and progress made with regards the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG) for all member States with completion deadline of 2015. However, they agreed to look beyond 2015 and call on the global community "to build on the current MDGs, moving beyond meeting basic human needs in order to promote dynamic, inclusive and sustainable development", along with the incorporation of ocean conservation indicators.

Reflecting the region's vast "oceanscape", intertwining in-country and region-wide concerns pertaining to the Micronesian Challenge, the Protected Area Network, Marine Surveillance, and Climate Change dominated the Presidents' interactions. Given their dominance, the Presidents affirmed the need to maintain high alert in these named vital areas. In this regard, the Presidents saw the need to appeal further to the United Nations to use its various mechanisms to ensure that the three country's ocean conservation and protection programs are "mainstreamed into the core policies and programs of the UN".

Additionally, this year's Summit also provided the opportunity for the Presidents to collaboratively address new matters. For instance, two issues in direct relation to the United States Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) were raised, namely, the FAA Airport Improvement Project (AIP) discretionary funds eligibility and the recent FAA unilateral decision to transfer the Western Pacific Region from the jurisdiction of the FAA Los Angeles office to its International Affairs Office in Tokyo. On the former, the Presidents sent a joint letter to the US Government seeking support for the extension of AIP eligibility beyond 2015 to maintain overall aviation security and contribute to other industries and transport services that rely on efficient air transportation system. With regards the latter, they directed their transportation officials to further seek clarification from FAA on possible changes in level of assistance to Micronesia as a result of the shift in terms of responsible office from Los Angeles to its Tokyo-based International Affairs Office.



FSM President Manny Mori, Palau President Tommy Remengesau Jr., RMI President Christopher Loeak

Another new item presented was a FSM proposal for RMI and Palau to consider a regional airline with an envisioned required capitalization of around \$6 million to create air links between the three countries and open up a market source mainly through the Asia-Pacific region. The Presidents noted the interest and acknowledged that auxiliary infrastructures and services would have to be concurrently addressed to ensure the sustainability of such complex endeavor. Key personnel, mainly from the FSM and the RMI, have been pursuing this interest with expert assistance from Asia-Pacific partners.

FSM and Palau maintained their long-standing intent to mutually pursue improvement in their telecommunication infrastructures through responsible government agencies, the FSM Telecommunications Corporation, the Palau National Communications Corporation, and the Caroline Cable Corporation (CCC) through fiber optic connectivity for the longer term and other new technologies that might lift current situations in the immediate term. The two countries remained in contact with the World Bank for specific requirements and conditions in exchange with technical and probable financing support on the fiber optic options.

Other than the letter to the US Government on FAA matters, the Presidents also sent joint letters to the US Department of the Interior requesting support for an FAS Survey of Migrants; the Conservation International, expressing appreciation for support to the Micronesian Challenge and requesting completion of matching commitment to the Marshall Islands; the US Department of Defense regarding invasive species management priorities and continued involvement in the Micronesia Regional Invasive Species Council (RISC); and the US Department of Homeland Security and the Commission on Customs and Border Protection regarding the Customs Academy.

Issues concerning the US rating system on human trafficking for all countries were expressed. In the end, the Presidents recommended government support for advocacy and awareness campaigns on human trafficking by NGOs in their countries.

Finally, the FSM and the RMI expressed support toward having the proposed Compact between Palau and the United States, which has been before the US Congress for over five years, be expedited as necessary to bring conclusion to the process.

Invitation for Bids

The FSM Project Management Unit (PMU) invites interested Contractors to submit sealed bids for the "Supply and Installation of Furnishing" at Tafunsak Elementary School, Kosrae State FSM.

The RFP and bid documents can be downloaded via the following instructions:

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Submittal requirements and due date of submissions can be found at the bottom of the RFP.

Questions and request for clarification will be accepted and address to Mr. Bruce Howell, P.E., PMU Contracting Officer at brucehowell@pmu.fm.



Request for Proposals

The Pohnpei Port Authority is soliciting proposals from business(s) or individuals interested in updating the Pohnpei Port Authority's Five Year Strategic Plan. The Scope of such plan must touch on and address the following as required for the interest of Pohnpei Port Authority:

The five year planning horizon should address the following requirements:

- A) Focus on internal and external issues that require a thoughtful and forwarding looking approach;
- B) a medium-and long term strategy but not necessarily a detailed long-term plan;
- C) It must be a living plan designed to be evolutionary;
- D) It must show benefits to Pohnpei and to FSM;
- E) It should incorporate "role, vision, and mission";
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- G) It should include a SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) on PPA development addressing both external and internal factors;
- H) It should include Planning Assumptions and Scenarios;
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- L) Sources and uses of funds;
- M) Net Earning Reserve
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- All proposals should include the project time line, cost proposal & budget.
- Proposals will be accepted starting July 1, 2013. Closing day for proposal is August 30, 2013 no later than 5:00pm.
- Pohnpei Port Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received in connection with this proposing request.

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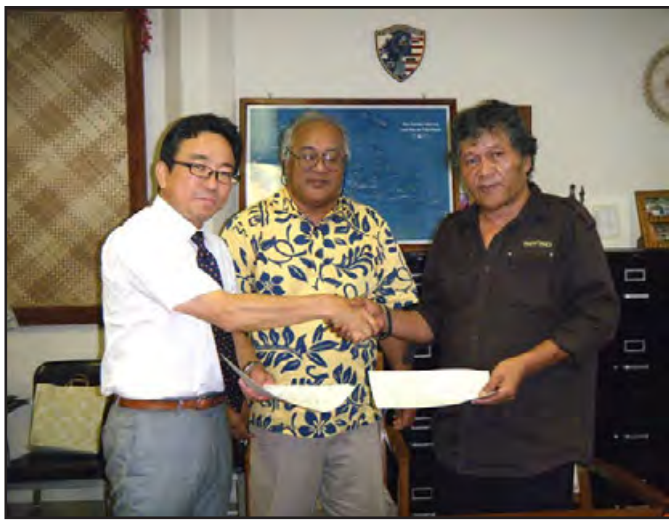
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Pohnpei Port Authority

JICA and FSM government confirms report for preparatory survey on the project for improvement of domestic shipping services

Japan International Cooperation Agency

On June 12, 2013, Minutes of Discussion on the Preparatory Survey on the Project for Improvement of Domestic Shipping Services was signed by Mr. Hiroyuki Hayashi, JICA Study Team Leader, The Honorable Lorin S. Robert, Secretary FSM Department of Foreign Affairs, as well as by the authority of Mr. Phillip Joseph, Acting Secretary of FSM Department of Transportation, Communication, and Infrastructure. Based on the series of discussions, field surveys and technical examinations of last March 2013, Mr. Hayashi along with the team, consists of JICA and Fish Engineering Co. Ltd., prepared a draft report. Contents of draft report were explained and officials of both sides, FSM Government and JICA, discussed and confirmed items. The official approval of the Government of Japan to implement the project is expected in end of July. After the approval, the next process by both sides is the Exchange of Notes which will take place sometime in August 2013.



Signing of Minutes of Discussion between JICA and FSM Government

FSM attends the Pacific-African Caribbean Pacific States (PACPS)-European Union (EU) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) negotiations in Brussels, Belgium

FSM Department of Resources and Development

July 16, 2013

Between June 24 and July 5, 2013, the PACPS, which includes the FSM, met with the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium, to continue negotiations for the comprehensive EPA. The EPA is a trade agreement that is being negotiated to replace the non reciprocal trade preferences granted by the EU to ACP Countries under the Lome-Cotonou Agreement, which are not compatible with the laws and principles of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The meeting, commonly referred to as the Joint Technical Working Group (JTWG) Meeting, was convened to progress discussions on the key outstanding issues, bearing in mind PACPS' Leaders mandate to conclude the EPA negotiations by the end of 2013. The Meeting was based on preliminary discussions that took place in a smaller Technical Working Group (TWG) in December 2012 and March 2013.

In general, while there was extensive exchange of information and open discussions, the June-July JTWG Meeting produced mixed outcomes.

While there was some progress on product specific Rules of Origin, and Sanitary and Phyto Sanitary and Technical Barriers to Trade, and market access offers submitted by PACPS, both sides still have divergent views on key areas: for example, PACPS wanted a 20 to 25 year transitional period

to remove duties on imports originating in the EU; meanwhile the EC wanted a shorter period.

One point of fundamental disagreement between the two Parties was fisheries, in particular the conservation and management of fisheries resources. While PACPS expressed their willingness and readiness to make commitments to transparency and procedure regarding their conservation and management measures, the EU wanted specific commitments on substantive aspects of the Vessels Day Scheme (VDS). PACPS emphasized that this was a non-negotiable issue for those Countries that are Parties to the Nauru Agreement like the FSM. Instead, PACPS suggested that issues related to the VDS should be separated from the EPA process and dealt with in the appropriate regional and sub-regional forum. Other contentious issues are provisions on the export taxes, the non execution clause, development cooperation, and infant industry protection.

Given the disagreement between PACPS and the EU on fisheries issues, the EC requested more time to undertake a comprehensive consultations with its 28 Member States as well as a re-assessment of the overall EPA negotiations process, before any dates for the next round of negotiations are finalized. The EC also indicated that the internal evaluation will determine their response to PACPS request for global sourcing rules of origin for fisheries products, which is PACPS' main demand in the EPA negotiations.

In effect in the EPA negotiations, PACPS are seeking extension of global sourcing rules of origin granted for products of HS 1604 and 1605 (cooked and canned fish) to products of for HS 0304 and 0305 (fresh and frozen fish fillets) in addition to the global sourcing rules of origin. Global sourcing rules of origin would ensure that fish caught anywhere by any fishing boat regardless of its flag state, would qualify for duty free entry into the EU market as long as it is landed and processed on shore any PACPS.

The FSM representatives to these meetings were Mrs. Camille Movick-Inatio, Assistant Secretary for Trade and Investment, Mrs. Rhea-Moss Christian, Chief Compliance Manager, NORMA, Mr. Aaron Warren, Assistant Attorney General, FSM Department of Justice, and Mr. Jean Bertrand Azapmo, Trade Adviser under the Commonwealth Secretariat, Hub & Spokes Programme, assigned to FSM R&D.

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RMI Government relief initiatives supported by air, sea, international partnerships

The International Organization for Migration

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has chartered locally-based sea vessel *Indies Trader* to deliver food assistance provided by the Government of the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI), the U.S. Government through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency to communities in the northern atolls affected by severe drought.

Phase two of the sea bridge, which runs July 17-31, is expected to deliver more than 30 metric tons (66,000 pounds) of food, consolidated and shipped out of the IOM warehouse, to Ujae, Lae, Lib, Mejatto, Namu and Ebadon. The initial phase began on July 4 and was able to deliver 32 metric tons (70,500 pounds) of relief food rations provided by USAID to Mejit, Wotje, Ailuk, Likiep, and Maloelap.

In coordination with Air Marshall Islands, RMI Government entities including the Marshalls Water and Sewage Company (MWSC), and the U.S. Government, IOM also arranged for an air bridge on July 4.

The Air Marshall Islands aircraft delivered 1,400 pounds of food supply to affected communities. The transport also brought a U.S. Government food and agriculture expert, a member of the civil society group Women United in the Marshall Islands (WUTMI) and a water security assessment team from RMI that conducted water security assessments at Wotho, Namu, and Ujae.

Additional food delivery, and water security assessments based on MWSC-defined priority atolls, including Maloelap, Wotje, Ailuk, Likiep, Mejit, Aur, Mejatto, and Lae, have since been completed. Additional flights will be scheduled if needed to assure water security for priority atolls.



IOM Emergency Advisor Richard Herman watches as food funded by the U.S. Government through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) is loaded onto the "Indies Trader" at Uliga Dock on Saturday. The food (12 metric tonnes) was transported to Maloelap atoll to assist in drought recovery. Also in picture are IOM logisticians David Neville and Phillip Raffilpiy.

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- For information on Alcoholics Anonymous call 924-9197 or email lonestarihelicopters@yahoo.com
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Kia's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Public Welcome.
- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
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- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the High Tides Restaurant. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at:
- rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com
- Pacific Mission Fellowship - A Bible-based English Worship Service Invites you to join us on Sundays for worship at 9am - 11am, Children's Church for the kids too!. Call: 320-2496

360 local foods planted at the fun run

By *April Turner*
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

On Saturday 20th July, 200 participants exercised for the health of this island's people and environment at the Island Food Community Fun Run, Walk and Plant event. More than a 5km run, participants as young as three reached their chosen destination and planted local foods.

360 indigenous food crops were planted along the Deketik Causeway, Kolonia Elementary School and the Pohnpei State Public Hospital. In a few years time this will provide the public with kalamansi, yellow-fleshed bananas, pandanus, soursop, and different varieties of indigenous apples including rose,

mountain and bell apples. Having accessible nutritious food such as these is important for Pohnpei's food security.

We would like to sincerely thank all the participants who dug many holes, often through coral, and planted trees for their community. A very special appreciation for the organizations that supported the Fun Run, Walk and Plant and our partners:

Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
FSM Development Bank
Caroline Fisheries Corporation
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Conservation Society of Pohnpei
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Bank of FSM
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Kolonia Elementary School
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FSM President showed his support for the IFCP Fun Run at the Causeway



Volunteers planting at Kolonia Elementary School

Dried Bananas

- Keep turning the bananas 2 or 3 times a day until they are brown, quite dry but not hard

Ingredients

Taiwang bananas (firm, ripe)

- Store the dried bananas in jars

Method

(this process will take 3 – 6 days)

- Peel the bananas and place on a wire frame to avoid sweating
- Cover with a thin muslin cloth and put them in the sun

Health Notes

This snack may take some time, but you will not need power, sugar or anything else – just bananas!
It's a very cheap, easy, healthy and especially delicious recipe!

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



The Pohnpei Port Authority is soliciting proposals from Businesses or Individuals interested in leasing (1) or (3) terminal concessions located at Dekehtik Airport Terminal building. The following are the description sizes of the concessions.

Concession 1 consists of two restaurants slots area of 2,205.2 square feet.

- Restaurant slot No: 1 dimension size is 59.6' x 18.5' or a total of 1,102.6 square feet.
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Concession 2 consists of one room (office/store space) area of 156 square feet.

- Dimension size is 18.1 x 8.61square feet.

Proposals will be accepted from July 29,2013 to August 14,2013 no later than 5:00PM

Pohnpei Port Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received in connection with this proposal request.

Additional information regarding this request proposal can be obtained from the office of the General Manager or the Marketing division of Pohnpei Port Authority, Dekehtik,Pohnpei State, telephone No: 320-2793 or 320-2682,Email: netse@mail.fm or freelabraham@yahoo.com

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