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Drugs, hotels, gambling, and school lunches in Pohnpei

Governor Ehsa calls a press conference to discuss the issues

By *Bill Jaynes*
 The Kaselehlie Press

Peilapalap, Pohnpei, FSM – Pohnpei’s Governor Ehsa held a special press conference on the 24th of July. It was the fourth of his term which began in January of 2008. His announced intention was to discuss two subjects: the Memorandum of Understanding that might ultimately lead to the development of a “Five Star (Casino) and Resort” in Madolenihmw, Pohnpei, and his school lunch program, slated to begin with Pohnpei’s new school year.

The press conference, which was scheduled to last for a maximum of one hour, was aired on the State radio station. The content of the State radio station is streamed live to the Internet on the FSM Telecom website (www.fm).

Governor Ehsa began the press conference with a news item not announced to

media outlets in Pohnpei. He said that Pohnpei State had, in January, begun a campaign against illicit drugs in the state. The previously unannounced campaign had resulted in the seizure and destruction since January of this year of 1,289 mature marijuana plants and, 1,660 marijuana seedlings in Madolenihmw, Kitti, Nett, and U.

Ehsa said, “This administration will go after all those who grow or distribute illicit drugs.”

He warned those people who produce, consume, or distribute drugs in the FSM that the enforcement actions will only intensify and that those efforts will not go away.

On the issue of a “Five Star Hotel” and gambling casino, Governor Ehsa, for the most part, reiterated what The Kaselehlie Press had printed in its July



22, 2009 issue.

He added that the general populace would not be admitted to the casino. He said that the intent of the proposed resort was not to open up widespread gambling in Pohnpei.

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US Coast Guard Commandant Visits Pohnpei

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On July 19th, United States Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad W. Allen arrived for a three-day visit of Pohnpei. His tour included meetings with U.S. Embassy Officials, FSM President Emanuel Mori, members of FSM Congress, Australian Embassy Officials, and the Australian Navy Advisors to the FSM Maritime Surveillance.

On Monday morning, Admiral Allen met with United States Department of State and Agriculture Officials at the U.S. Embassy in Kolonia for a country profile briefing. The Commandant then departed for Palikir where he made an office call on FSM President Emanuel Mori.



FSM President Mori converses with USCG Commandant Admiral Thad Allen

Joining the President were Department of Justice Secretary Maketo Robert, Department of Foreign Affairs Secretary Lorin Robert, Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure Secretary Francis Itimai, Department of Resources and Development Secretary Peter M. Christian, and Department of Education Secretary Casiano Shoniber. Also in attendance were National Oceanic and Resources Management Authority Executive Director Bernard Thoulag, Office of Statistics, Budget, Overseas Development Assistance and Compact Management Director Fabian Nimea, and Office of Environment and Emergency Management Director Andrew Yatilman.

Both Secretary of Justice Robert and Secretary of Foreign Affairs Robert stressed the need for the pooling of resources at the state, national, and international levels to effectively patrol the region’s Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). When disaster relief coordination was discussed,

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Jeilo murder trial postponed

By *Bill Jaynes*
 The Kaselehlie Press

Peilapalap, Pohnpei, FSM – The murder trial of DJ Jeilo has been postponed pending a court meeting scheduled for August 14, 2009.

Jeilo stands accused of brutally murdering Ron Kersey in Kersey’s home on the evening of June 18.

Kersey, a U.S. citizen, had lived in Pohnpei for many years.

The continuance of the trial from the initial hearing on July 17 had previously been scheduled to take place on the afternoon of the 24th of July.

According to the Attorney General’s office and the Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court, during the week following the first hearing, Jeilo’s attorney from the public defender’s office, suffered a stroke.

The meeting that is scheduled for the 14th is for the court to determine whether or not the Public Defender’s office is ready to continue the trial.

In the initial hearing, Chief Justice Benjamin Rodriguez said that he would rule on bail considerations by the 20th or 21st. At press time Rodriguez had not ruled on the Attorney General’s motion to increase Jeilo’s bail to \$100,000. He also had not ruled on the issue of whether or not a 10% payment on the initial bail would be sufficient for Jeilo’s release. If the court accepts the payment amount of \$250 Jeilo could be released from prison. That deposit would “guarantee” that Jeilo would appear before the court when scheduled. If he fails to do so he would be liable for the entire \$2500 the court initially set as bail.

The prosecutor argued that the ruling by the Chief Justice required Jeilo to deposit the

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Pohnpei Soccer Task Force



The task force, which includes Charles Musana and Peter Konings, has made an immediate impact with three exciting announcements.

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E-Waste Part 4

E-Waste Solutions for the FSM

Part 4 of a 4-part series on E-Waste - Pg. 8

The three previous articles in this series explained what e-waste is, the scope of the problem, and discussed some of the other issues surrounding e-waste. In this article we will examine what the FSM’s next steps might be to address e-waste issues.

German news paper features Kaselehlie Press



In the story they praised the effort that brings the Federated States of Micronesia to the Internet and talked about the geography and people of the FSM

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FSM Watershed Learning Exchange

Tess Carley, CSP Intern

Kolonia, Pohnpei - Although the participants of the FSM Watershed Learning Exchange are from different states, they gathered together last week to focus on something they have in common: the belief that FSM's forests are one of the nation's most valuable natural resources, and that the need to protect them has never been stronger.

"Land has always been the most precious commodity to any islander," said Pohnpeian Senator Aurelio Joab in his opening remarks. Epert Mikehl, Soulik en Soamwoai, reiterated that sentiment when he said, "should the rainforest go, we're going to go with it."

The learning exchange, which happened in Pohnpei state from July 13th through 16th between Pohnpei and Kosrae, was held to share experiences, ideas, and innovative techniques regarding watershed management and protection. The exchange was co-sponsored by Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) and the Pohnpei State Department of Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR), and made possible with funding support through the Micronesians in Island Conservation (MIC) from the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) under the German Lifeweb fund.

Even though the people of the FSM recognize the importance of their forests, every year more forests are attacked and taken over, water resources polluted, and watersheds cleared away altering critical habitats and natural systems that support life. Each clearing jeopardizes some of FSM's endemic species, provides a new home to invasive species, pushes sediment into the streams and oceans, and makes landslides more likely to occur.

The challenge of preserving the watersheds is one that Pohnpei and Kosrae have approached differently. In 1987, when Pohnpeians began thinking about forest management, they passed legislation (the Watershed Forest Reserve and Mangrove

Protection Act of 1987) to prevent further damage to its valuable forests. Essentially, the law forbids further clearing, building, grazing of livestock, disposal of waste, and growing of certain crops in the upland forests, where most of the clean rainwater falls. It also bans dredging, road building, and waste dumping in the mangrove forests.

Since then, the state has passed more than 100 pages of legislation and continues to use the "top-down approach."

In contrast, Kosrae got a later start in their watershed management activities but has modeled its approach on the strategy used in Palau and the Babeldoab Watershed Alliance. Kosrae has focused on gaining the landowners' support and understanding first, and developing laws later. Consequently, Kosrae has encountered very little resistance to the forest conservation projects on their two sites (YELA and OLUM) whereas Pohnpei has met challenges enforcing its existing watershed law.

In order to reach a better level of understanding between watershed efforts in both states, the exchange was organized by CSP and modeled after the 2008 learning exchange held in Palau. There was tremendous participation from stakeholders,

including heads of three municipal governments (Kitti, U and Nett), as well as from the DLNR and Forestry division, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), FSM Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), FSM Office of Environment, FSM Protected Area Network Coordinator, United States Natural Resources Conservation Services program, Pohnpei Utilities Corporation, Pohnpei State Legislature Senator Aurelio Joab, and Mr. Epert Mikehl representing the Wounkoapin Soamwoai communities in Kitti.

From Kosrae, participants included the YELA, KCSO and KIRMA organizations, as well as a community representative and Senator Lipar George from the Kosrae Legislature. Umich Sengebau of Palau, the Vice-Chairman of the Palau Conservation Society (PCS) Board, represented his nation and offered his additional perspective. In addition to the conferences that took place on the 14th at the College of Micronesia-FSM Pohnpei Campus, participants also had the opportunity to visit Nan Madol, explore the Nanpil Dam and Forest, and meet with the Nett Municipal Government, the Nett District Legislature, and high ranking Nett traditional leader Iso Nahlaimw Higinio Iriarte to learn from Nett watershed management initiative taking place in Pohnpei.



Pohnpei special election pending availability of funds

FSM Congress

PALIKIR, POHNPEI. July 23, 2009 – The Speaker of the 16th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Isaac V. Figir, has met with President Emanuel 'Manny' Mori to discuss the process and timing of a Special Election in Pohnpei.

Their discussion concluded that a special election would not be possible during the current fiscal year due to insufficient funding.

A letter dated July 9, 2009, from President Mori to Speaker Figir noted that the government does not have sufficient funds to reprogram and therefore "does not have the funds necessary to hold a special election in Pohnpei."

The letter further stated that "we cannot assist in calling for a special session of Congress to deal with this matter or pay for a special election in Pohnpei..."

It was therefore suggested that the issue of Special Election then be addressed during the next Regular Session of the 16th FSM Congress in September.

The special election is to fill the seat for the at-large or four-year representative of the State of Pohnpei to the 16th FSM Congress recently vacated by the untimely passing of its former occupant, the Honorable Resio S. Moses.

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Soccer task force targets international glory

The soccer revolution in Pohnpei is gaining momentum and a new football task force has drawn up a plan to allow the nation's players to compete at the highest level.

With the assistance of Lieutenant Governor Churchill Edward and Jim Tobin of the FSM Olympic Committee, which financed the new goal posts at PICS Field, a football task force

has been set up to focus on the game's development on the island.

The task force, which includes Charles Musana and Peter Konings, has made an immediate impact with three exciting announcements.

The Pohnpei State team will return to action in September when English coach Paul Watson

will lead Sunday afternoon training sessions alongside Matthew Conrad (when on island), Dilshan Senarathgoda and Yafeth Konings. Friendly games against sides like Guam and Saipan are in the pipeline for 2010 and the ultimate aim is admission to FIFA and World Cup 2014 qualification fixtures.

It has also been revealed that football will feature in the Liberation Day Games in the form of an exhibition match. Players who regularly turn up at PICS Field will be given the chance to take part in front of the Liberation day crowds.

Thanks to crucial cooperation from education and sports officials led by Casiano Shoniber and Mike Loyola, measures are being taken to ensure the continued growth of the sport in Pohnpei, as elementary schools on the island will have the chance to take part in a pilot soccer scheme. Children from the ages of 7 to 16 will get the chance to learn how to play soccer and maybe become Pohnpei State stars of the future.

For all the latest information on football in Pohnpei, visit: www.pohnpeisoccer.com



Cross-Straits forum presents proposal to promote cultural exchanges

Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the FSM

The fifth Cross-Straits Economic, Trade and Culture Forum closed on July 12 with Chinese mainland and Taiwan participants agreeing to promote cultural exchanges and educational cooperation across the Taiwan Straits.

Authorities of both sides should "discuss and sign agreements on cultural and educational exchanges" to set up a mechanism for collaboration, the proposal read.

Relevant institutions and scholars across the Straits should conduct research and make plans for the negotiation on the agreement, it said. Mainland and Taiwan media institutions should be allowed to set up resident bureaus on each other's side at an early date to deepen information exchange, it proposed.

The written language used on both sides of the Straits belongs to the same system, the proposal said. The two sides should acknowledge the

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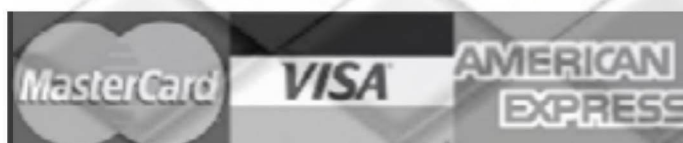
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WASC Approves COM-FSM Follow-Up Report

The College of Micronesia FSM

At its June 9-11 meeting, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) took action to approve the College of Micronesia – FSM's (COM-FSM) Follow-Up Report.

The College's Follow-Up report to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior College (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges informed the accrediting commission on all resolutions the college has identified and implemented to resolve four ACCJC identified recommendations.

The report was submitted on March 15, 2009, and was followed up by a visit by Mr Floyd Takeuchi of the ACCJC from April 28 – May 1, 2009. A report from Mr Takeuchi was submitted to the ACCJC after his visits to national and Chuuk state campuses.

In her June 30 letter to President Spensin James of COM-FSM, President Barbara Beno of the ACCJC said that the commission accepted the College's Follow-Up Report yet it noted that a final resolution of the Chuuk site is still pending. President Beno wrote that the commission requires



the College to report on the resolution of the Chuuk site issue, including the implementation of a reliable power source for that site, within the College's Self Study Report. The Self Study Report is expected to be submitted by December 1, 2009.

Copies of the Commission Action Letter and the College's Follow-Up Report are available online at <http://www.comfsm.fm/Accreditation/archive.html>.

During the same meeting, the ACCJC took the following actions on the following regional institutions:

- College of the Marshall Islands – Reaffirmed Accreditation on the Basis of a Comprehensive Evaluation
- Northern Marianas College – Removed from Show Cause and Reaffirmed Accreditation on the Basis of a Show Cause Report
- College of Micronesia-FSM – Accepted Follow-Up Report with Visit
- Guam Community College – Accepted Mid-Term Report

Pohnpei Women's Association of Hawaii holds successful fundraiser

By Angie Saimon

States or its territories. PWAH has a funeral plan with the Moanalua Funeral Homes which provides discounted costs for its services under the PWAH plan. This is a huge help as these funeral costs can become a financial burden for most FSM citizens living in Honolulu.

The fund raising effort generated over \$4,000 for the PWAH bank account.

The members of the association are very grateful for the generous contributions and support they received from the Pohnpeians living in Honolulu and all those who bought their raffle tickets. A large crowd turned out for this event which made the drawings more exciting and fun.

The 7 cash prizes were awarded as follows:

- 1st Prize (\$500) went to Mr. Akillino Sussaia*
- 2nd Prize (\$250) went to Mr. Kaudens Pelep*
- 3rd Prize (\$200) went to Mrs. Angie Saimon*
- 4th Prize (\$150) went to Mrs. Erine Goya*
- 5th Prize (\$100) went to Coby Babauta*
- 6th Prize (\$50) went to Jenson Santos*
- 7th Prize (\$25) went to Raiden Neth*

The members of the PWAH organization wish to extend their sincere "Kalahngan and Mahalo" to all of you who supported this fund raising effort.

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Yap holds State funeral for first Congress Floor Leader Tman

FSM Congress

PALIKIR, POHNPEI, July 30, 2009 – The national flag are at half-mast this week for four days to honor the passing of the Honorable Luke Masaharu Tman, the First Floor Leader of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

The former Congressman was called to his eternal rest on Sunday, July 12 2009 in the State of Yap. He was 71.

A State Funeral has been scheduled for the morning of July 29th at the Yap State Legislature where the former Congressman will lie in state at the Legislative Chamber for the services and for public viewing. After the State Funeral services at the Yap State Legislature Chamber, the remains of the late Congressman will be transported by motorcade to his residence in Faraa village in Kanifay. At his residence the Yap State Leadership will accord the departed leader the traditional tributes.

According to the funeral program, the body of the late Tman will lie in residence at Faraa village until the burial services scheduled for the afternoon of July 31, 2009, at the family cemetery.

A Special Envoy of the FSM government headed by the First Speaker of the FSM Congress, the Honorable Bethwel Henry, will be at the State Funeral services to lay-to-rest yet

another Founding Father of the nation.

Called one of the Founding Fathers, Tman was among those men who literally cleared the way for a new nation. They were men who understood that the winds of change were upon the islands and that independence and sovereignty is the path to weather the change.

The late Tman is often referred to by his colleagues as an analytical thinker; he was as sharp as he was witty. Tman's primary education was at St. Mary's in Yap with secondary education at the Pacific Islands Central School (PICS) in the then Truk District, while his tertiary education was undertaken at the College of Guam.

Tman's employment history is a testament to a true contemporary leader whose ideals and thoughts preceded his time. His first job after graduation was at the Yap Weather Station and then at the Yap Trading Company which were at the time the two main local employers. All the while he was attuned to the political pulse of the Micronesian region which resulted in his hiring by the TTPI's Micronesian Reporter as the paper's first Micronesian reporter in 1961. He started out as an editorial clerk, but his writing skills and analytical perspectives quickly moved him up to editorial assistant and finally to the position of Assistant Information Officer for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Administration at the Head-

quarters in Saipan.

His work on Saipan was however not limited to journalism only, when Tman was on hiatus from the Micronesian parliament, he served as a special assistant to the High Commissioner for Public Relations and at another time held post of director for the government's political education programs. His final position in the Trust Territory Headquarters was his appointment as Chief of the Division of Civic Affairs in 1970. He maintained the post for the next two years. In June of 1972, Tman got his final appointment by the High Commissioner, this time to serve his home District of Yap as its Deputy District Administrator. His appointment to the Yap District was however short-lived because in November of the same year he was re-elected to the Sixth Congress of Micronesia and seated in 1973.

The late Tman was a firm believer in creating a synthesis between traditional systems and modern realities, between the old and new and therefore championed the concept of "greater Micronesian participation" in Micronesian affairs. He was a member of the Commission on the Future Political Status and Transition and he was also a Delegate in the historic cross-road of 1975, the Micronesian Constitutional Convention.

Tman's political history began on July 12, 1965 when he was seated as a representative of Yap District to the House of Representatives of the new Congress of Micronesia and maintained his post until 1968. In 1973, he

was again seated to the Congress of Micronesia, this time as the Floor Leader of the House of Representative of the Sixth Congress. He maintained the role until the Congress of Micronesia transitioned to the Interim Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia in November 1978.

Then during the elections for the national congress of the newly formed Federated States of Micronesia, Tman was elected to be the new State of Yap's Congressional District 1 representative to the First FSM Congress. On May 10, 1979, Luke M. Tman was elected Floor Leader of the newly established national Congress. He served the nation in that capacity during the First and Second FSM Congress, from 1979 to 1983.

In addition to his first employments and appointment by the TTPI High Commissioner, Tman's experience in Yap remained around the political arena. From 1983 thru 1987, he served as a Special Consultant to the Department of Public Affairs. Thereafter, the remainder of his employment at the state level was concentrated in the field of law, at the Yap State Supreme Court from 1987 through the 2004. His services to the Yap Court of Law range from that of a Law Clerk to a Special Associate Justice.

Tman was a staunch believer in the judicial system and the rule of law and, ironically, he was called to his eternal rest on 12th of July 2009, FSM Law Day.

Tman is survived by his children and his grandchildren.

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Pursuant to the orders of the FSM Supreme Court entered on May 28, 2009, public notice is hereby given that the two parcels described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

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2. Parcel No. 004-F-02, land known as "Fitewayang", situated in Mulro' Village, Weloy Municipality, Yap State, with an area of 759 square meters, more or less, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 004-F-00, registered as Document No. 3049 at the Yap State Land Registry, Office of the Registrar.

- There are no minimum bid amounts for the parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "September 23, 2009 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Ms. Teresa Fagaltinan at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Colonia, Yap on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 between 12:00 p.m. noon and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on September 23, 2009.
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Papier mache' figurine kicks off an international collaboration

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

The German newspaper Westdeutsche Zeitung which has a readership of approximately 400,000 people ran a large story about a cooperative effort between German citizen Bernd Riebe and The Kaselehlie Press. In the story they praised the effort that brings the Federated States of Micronesia to the Internet and talked about the geography and people of the FSM.

Two and a half years ago when German artist, Xenia Marita Riebe asked for a hard copy of The Kaselehlie Press, neither Xenia nor The Kaselehlie Press realized that it would be the beginning of a long-term friendship and collaboration.

Xenia, at that time was near completion of a project she had been working on for quite some time. Using newspapers from each member nation of the United Nations she created papier mache' figures, one for each member country of the UN including Micronesia. She called the project, "The Global Citizen Project." Notables from around the world viewed her project including former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

After she received a copy of The Kaselehlie Press she was able to complete her Oceania collection and a friendship began to develop.

Xenia's husband, Bernd Riebe when he came to realize that The Kaselehlie Press had no Internet

presence offered to host content from the newspaper on his own computer servers in Germany. Later the Riebe's offered to cover the expense for a separate domain name for the newspaper.

For well over of a year, the editor of The Kaselehlie Press posted content to the website. The process usually filled an entire day's work because of the FSM's slow dial up connection to the Internet. When Riebe realized that the paper had fallen behind in posting he offered to post the stories himself and has been doing so for several months now.

Riebe says that the collaborative effort that crosses international boundaries is one positive aspect of globalization and it all started because of a 12 inch tall papier mache' figurine.



... Trial delay

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entire bail amount of \$2500 ordered by the court.

He also petitioned the court to increase the amount of bail to \$100,000. He argued that the fact that Jeilo had been scheduled to appear before the court on another felony matter on the day after he allegedly murdered Ron Kersey showed that he had no regard for the law. He pointed out that Jeilo had also done jail time for other offenses in the past.

Since the hearing on the 17th of July, the

prosecutor also requested that the court rescind sentences that were suspended by the Supreme Court in previous cases. He argued that recent arrests have showed that Jeilo has no respect for the law and that he should be required to serve out sentences that were earlier suspended by the court.

If the court agrees, Jeilo could serve a year or more in Pohnpei State prison for those earlier offenses.

At press time DJ Jeilo was still in jail pending the outcome of the trial at the Pohnpei State Supreme Court or a decision by Chief Justice Benjamin Rodriguez regarding the status of his bail application.

Port Authority holds public hearing regarding status of Pohnpei Marine Services

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press
Endy Oliver – Transcript Translator

Dekehtihk, Pohnpei – A crowd of approximately forty people gathered in conference room 205 of the Pohnpei Port Authority at 10:00 in the morning for a public hearing. The issue at hand was Mr. Timakio Ehsa's request for a waiver of a PPA Seaport Regulation that

would allow him to apply for a permit to once again serve as an agent for vessels that call on the Pohnpei Port. Ehsa is the owner of Pohnpei Marine Services.

Four of six PPA Board members were present for a quorum, along with General Manager Iehske Iehsi and attorney Michael Sipos.

Kembo Mida of the Law Office of Fredrick Ramp represented Ehsa though

neither of the attorneys spoke at the hearing which was held in the Pohnpeian language.

Seaport Regulations state that "Any person or entity indebted to the Port Authority in an amount equal to or exceeding \$50,000, or having delinquent accounts valued in excess of \$100,000 more than 90 days past due, shall not be eligible for or renew an agency permit."

PMS is presently indebted to the Port

Authority based on a court judgment in excess of \$50,000 and has a delinquent account for which it is presently in arrears more than \$1 million.

The Port Board Chairman opened the public hearing in English, after which a prayer was given in the Pohnpeian language. The rest of the meeting was conducted in Pohnpeian.

Martin Jano, former editor of Da Rohng newspaper and local attorney, was the first attendee to speak. He registered his complaint and the complaints of others that the issue of the permit was handled in a public meeting contrary to Pohnpei custom. He said that he had received several phone calls and had other discussions with people face to face who all expressed their concern that PPA should handle the issue in this way rather than in the Pohnpeian way.

Timakio Ehsa gave a detailed breakdown of penalties and interest that he had been charged over the years by the Pohnpei Port Authority. He additionally said that 800 ships had been barred from using the Port because of PPA actions against agents.

His attorney said in a later phone conversation that just as Ehsa has been saying

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E-Waste Solutions for the FSM

By Robert Spegal

This is the last of a series of four awareness messages about e-waste. Support for this activity is provided by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Program (SPREP) and the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs. The information contained in these messages is from a variety of on-line and off-line sources.

"E-waste" and the acronym WEEE describe a type of waste consisting of broken or unwanted electronic or electrical devices, or "Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment". The three previous articles in this series explained what e-waste is, the scope of the problem, and discussed some of the other issues surrounding e-waste. In this article we will examine what the FSM's next steps might be to address e-waste issues.

Fortunately, the small size of the FSM population, the small size of the islands themselves, and the nation's relative isolation, are factors that combine to mean that not as many potential e-waste items are imported in to these islands as are imported into larger Pacific islands, such as Guam or Fiji, and no e-waste items are manufactured in this country. Therefore, the sole source of e-waste products is imports, and imports can be at least identified and inventories calculated. As a result, the amount of potential e-waste in the country can be estimated and measures can be put into place to control what happens to such products at the end of their useful life.

Unfortunately, unsafe disposal practices and the use of landfills which do not comply with environmental protection standards can lead to poor health outcomes for exposed populations, and possibly serious environmental damage. The fragile nature of the FSM's island eco-systems require that sufficient caution be used when dealing with hazardous materials, including e-waste. The quantity of imported products with e-waste potential is increasing, as is the number of different products that will eventually become e-waste. In 2000 the number of cell phones imported into the FSM was zero. In 1980, the number of computers imported into the FSM was zero. In 1960 the number of television sets imported into the FSM was zero. FSM revenue figures now indicate that thousands of each of these three e-waste items have been imported into the country.

The key to addressing the problem and avoiding more serious health and environmental troubles in the future is to put in place now, the systems to effectively deal with e-waste. These systems would involve identifying potential e-waste items as they are imported and providing an end-of-life collection service for these items, so that they are properly reused, recycled, or safely discarded, or removed from the island.

There is need for legislation to provide the legal framework to support efforts to address e-waste issues, both to establish protocols for safe handling, and create funding streams or incentives to finance the operation. Enforcement is as important as it would be for any possible life or death situation. Existing hazardous waste policies and regulations may be adequate or may need up-dating.

Public education and awareness building are also key components of the system. The general public must understand what products are potential e-waste. Employees in all offices, and staff at institutions such as schools and health centers, must know what kind of special handling is necessary for specific items and understand the importance for complying with such procedures. Media advertisements, posters, pamphlets, and other

information sharing techniques will need to be designed and disseminated. The "disposing behaviors" of all office employees and staff must be adjusted.

The collection infrastructure must be established in such a fashion that makes the appropriate actions required by the general public and other specific groups easy and convenient. Drop off sites, or collection services that pick-up e-waste items from offices and other locations, would need to be developed and funded. An e-waste depot or storage area would need to be designated. Private recyclers may be enticed to properly manage all hazardous wastes by offering certain incentives.

Finally, arrangements for removal of e-waste items to off-shore recycling operations or disposal locations must be executed. This will involve transportation logistics and securing disposal services at capable facilities. For the non-profitable items, government or donor assistance may be necessary to finance this effort. Advance Disposal Fees or Extended Producer Responsibility are also two possible financing strategies.

Key to the entire scheme is the actions of the consumer. Instruction on the appropriate handling of all recyclable items and hazardous items must be included in school curriculums. A campaign to inform the "man in the street" and the "man in the office" should be undertaken to "jump-start" the sharing of this knowledge among as large a segment of the population as possible, with a resultant adjustment of disposal behavior. Since there has yet to be a major environmental catastrophe in the FSM, there is no public appreciation of the seriousness and urgency of the situation. A large scale awareness building effort must instill a bit of the "pollution disaster fear" in the people, so they will gladly join in the undertaking to protect their health and their islands.



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for years the reasonableness of charging interest and penalties for charges aged past 30 days needs to be reevaluated. Mida said that after the port delivers an invoice for port services an agent can then complete their invoice for a ship they have serviced at the Pohnpei Port. The agent's invoice goes to a middle man in another country like China. The middle man in that country then contacts the vessel in order to establish the validity of the charges. Only after that is done can payment be arranged, something that often takes longer than the 30 days that the Port allows before the agent is charged interest and penalties.

Ehsa filed suit on just that issue in the Pohnpei Supreme Court. The matter has been removed to the FSM Supreme Court.

Eugene Pangelinan, Assistant Secretary for NORMA, (FSM's National Oceanographic Resources Management Agency) spoke at the hearing saying essentially that as requirements for vessels entering the port of Pohnpei grow more stringent there is less motivation for

vessels to transship here. He pointed to a growing concern amongst fishing operators that PPA will begin to come after their vessels. Pangelinan said that if vessels stop entering Pohnpei's port it will affect the entire economy of the state.

He also said that only 200 vessels had been blocked from entering the port.

Though representatives for competing agents were at the public hearing none of them offered any input during the public hearing. Iehske said that one of them did speak to him privately after the meeting saying that if PPA waives the regulation on behalf of PMS he will refuse to pay his bills in the future.

Iehske summarized the law governing the matter before the board.

The Board met separately during the week of July 20 to deliberate the matter in order to make a decision regarding the request for a waiver. Four members of the board were present at that meeting. Ultimately no decision was made and the Board has postponed action until all of the members can be present.

They also decided that they needed more information from Timakio Ehsa.

...Cross-Straits Forum

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commonality of their language.

Scholars should cooperate in developing software to help bridge language gaps between simplified and traditional Chinese characters, it proposed.

The proposal called on cultural institutions on both sides to enhance conservation of cultural relics.

The two sides could also use cultural resources to jointly create top brand names, foster cultural market and promote culture industries, as well as set up criteria to step up intellectual property rights protection, it said.

Interaction in the broadcast, film and television sector should also be deepened and more joint projects in film and TV should be encouraged, it suggested.

The proposal also encouraged and supported intercollegiate communications and cooperation between mainland and Taiwan universities, such as student exchange programs and acknowledgment of credits.

Authorities should also support Taiwan companies in exploring the mainland market to seek better development.

Both sides could jointly develop technologies and products in the fields of energy conservation and new energy, it proposed.

Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, made a speech at the closing ceremony.

He said "The forum not only pointed out why the two sides should push forward cultural

and educational exchanges and cooperation, but answered how to achieve the goal."

The joint proposal was an important decision-making reference for authorities on both sides.

The two sides should continue to hold this forum and make it even better in the future, Jia said. Kuomintang (KMT)'s chairman Wu Poh-hsiung said the forum offered a platform of direct dialogue for representatives in the culture and education sectors across the Straits.

According to Wu, less than 25 percent of the participants from Taiwan at this forum are had a KMT a background.

"We'd like more people from a wider range of sectors to attend this forum," he said. "It'll attract more people from other parties, people with no official background and scholars and experts."

Wang Yi, director of the Communist Party of China Central Committee Taiwan Work Office, said the forum received more attention and support from both sides and exerted more influence on cross-Straits relations.

"The forum is open and comprehensive... People are welcome here to sit together and have peaceful discussion as long as they agree to improve the cross-Straits relations and do something concrete for people from both sides," Wang said at the closing ceremony.

"In the future, we will keep welcoming more people from Taiwan to discuss with us various issues on the improving cross-Straits exchange," he added.

In the past two days, about 530 participants, 270 from Taiwan, discussed how to inherit and innovate the Chinese culture, promote cross-Straits cultural cooperation, and extend cross-Straits educational exchanges and cooperation.

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A task force is being created by his office to look into the cultural, social, and environmental impact of the plan.

When asked what assurances he could offer to his constituents that he or anyone in the government would not personally benefit from the proposal, Governor Ehsa said, "Right now I can only give my word."

He added that the process for the development of the resort/hotel/casino would be transparent and subject to Legislative approval.

Governor Ehsa said that the issue of squatters on the land that is designated for the development of the resort will need to be resolved in addition to other issues that might hinder the proposed development.

In his third press conference Governor Ehsa announced that his proposed school lunch program would begin in August. At the press conference on the 24th of July he said that he had sent

a budget proposal to the Pohnpei State Legislature that included a budget request of \$250,000 in order to "kick start" the program. He called a special session of the Legislature which took place from the 21st to the 24th.

At that special session the Legislature rejected the budget figure.

Governor Ehsa said during the press conference that if that happened he would not be able to start the school lunch program.

Governor Ehsa was asked to give whatever details he had on a proposal by Luen Thai and the Chinese government to refurbish fishing facilities throughout the FSM. He said that Luen Thai had indeed made a proposal that would mobilize a \$16 million soft loan from the Chinese government to renovate facilities in each of the four states. If the plan goes through it would mean a doubling of capacity in Pohnpei and increased capacity in Chuuk, Yap, and Kosrae.

A representative of the US Embassy asked the Governor about the status of the Foreign Investment Board. He said that he had submitted a reorganization plan to the Legislature that would eliminate the board in order to "even the playing field."

Chuukese swimmer qualifies for Hawaii State Championships

By Bill Sakovich

Victor Alumbaugh, who is part Chuukese, is 14 years old and residing on Oahu with his family, had his best swim meet recently at the 61st Keo Nakama Invitational Swim Meet held on Oahu over the July 4th weekend.

He swam in six events, placing top six in all but one. This was his best meet to date and he is looking forward to the State Champion-

ships that will be held on Maui July 16 - 19, 2009. He now has qualified in 10 events for States, and placed 5th in the 13-14 years old age group in the Keo Nakama competition.

Both Victor and Alana swim for the Kamehameha Swim club and both will be swimming at States.

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POHNPEI SURF CLUB Nahlap Island Resort

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

July 22, 2009

To: The Editor

I see in the current edition of The Kaselehlie Press that some things have not changed in Pohnpei in the 26 years since I lived there. The article regarding plans for a "premier hotel/resort complex" with "an exclusive casino gambling license" on the island being promoted by the Governor brought back vivid memories of many similar grandiose plans. As someone who worked with economic development projects throughout the FSM in the early 1980s, and subsequently as an Advisor to the FSMDB during the 1990s, I observed scheme after scheme boosting incongruous projects. The common denominator among all these boondoggles, of course, was the promise of financial rewards accruing to the local facilitators (usually politicians) upon the development of the projects. I do not know whether the subject hotel/casino plans will turn out to be viable or not, and I am not accusing current political leaders of pursuing anything other than the best interests of the State, but the pattern does seem very familiar.

I am also struck by the irony of Pohnpei politicians avidly pursuing a development of this sort while doing everything within their considerable power to drive the owners and managers of the island's only internationally recognized resort hotel out of business.

Why is this the case?

The good citizens of Pohnpei might well ask themselves that question.

*Hendon Blaylock, Ph.D.
Linwood, New Jersey, USA*

Research Extension Assistants Undergo Media Training

July 16, 2009, SPC Pohnpei Regional office – Graduate Research Extension Assistants (GREAs) from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Development of Sustainable Agriculture in the Pacific (DSAP) programme in the Northern Pacific have been learning how to use the media for their extension work.

The participants from the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands and Republic of Palau have been writing press releases and radio scripts as part of the four-day workshop in Pohnpei. The GREAs have been joined by participants from some FSM government departments.

DSAP RMI GREAs, Billy Edmond said the training gave him more ideas on how to write and deliver the right message to the public and the farmers.

"The training was very interesting as I was able to learn about writing radio scripts and press releases," said Palau

DSAP GREAs, Hilda Etpison.

Marlyter Silbanuz, FSM GREAs said she learned skills to help improve disseminate information using radio and press releases about DSAP activities in the FSM.

"This training is practical and challenging for me. It has also enhanced my ability to write scripts and press releases, said DSAP FSM GREAs, Arisako Enicar.

Mereseini Seniloli, Coordinator, DSAP Micronesia stated that the training was or-

ganized to upskill the DSAP GREAs in the areas of writing radio scripts and press releases which is part of the Project's communication strategy. "This will help them provide useful tips on planting crops to the public using radio and newspapers."

Information Specialist in the FSM Public Information Office, Kester James said the workshop sharpened his skills in his profession. "I hope there is a follow up workshop."

Chris Iriarte of the FSM National Department of Education said he hopes that teachers can take part in the workshop so that they can learn to create programmes for students to practice reading and writing. The training was conducted by the SPC Regional Media Centre.

For further information contact Mereseini Seniloli, Coordinator, DSAP Micronesia on phone number 691-320 7523 or email mereseinis@spc.int; dsapmicronesia@mail.fm

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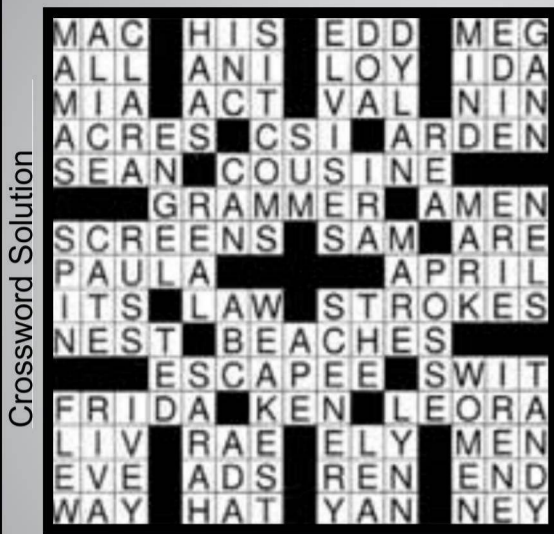
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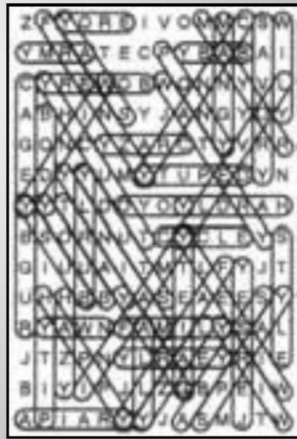
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FSM Government Creates Program to Bridge the Kosrae State Government Revenue Gap

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In both the 2009 and 2010 Kosrae State budgets, only the first three quarters were shown as being funded by the state's General Fund budget. In both cases, this was due to an insufficient revenue base. Because of the high cost of government operations relative to the total unrestricted revenues available to the State, a structural shortfall of funds to cover core operations exists in the in final quarter of FY 2009 and FY 2010. In order to respond to these budget issues, the Office of SBOC has worked with the Kosrae State Government to identify additional revenue options that would assure balanced budgets in both 2009 and 2010.

Beginning with FY 2007, Kosrae State successfully implemented a number of expenditure-cutting and revenue-generating measures through its State Government Adjustment (Reform) Program. Despite these efforts, it still faces a general fund annual shortfall of approximately \$400,000 for the remainder

of FY 2009 and approximately \$500,000 for FY 2010. Because of its obligation to ensure that essential public services are provided to the citizens of Kosrae, as well as support to sector grant programs and projects, Kosrae State is committed to a number of substantive initiatives to immediately address the revenue shortfall.

For FY 2009, the State's proposed plan identifies two sources of funding to balance the deficit of approximately \$400,000. The first is a savings of approximately \$60,000 realized from the first nine months of FY 2009. The second source is to collect on funds owed by FSM Petroleum Corporation to the former Micronesian Petroleum Company, and therefore the Kosrae State Government, for the purchase of its then existing fuel inventory. This is approximately \$340,000. To ensure that these two revenue sources will be enough for the remainder of the year, a General Fund spending freeze was initiated on June 15, 2009 by all State government branches.

For FY 2010, the plan identifies five sources of funding to balance a deficit of approximately \$500,000. This begins with implementing an expenditure limitation of 90% in 2010, which should realize an estimated \$150,000. There is also a newly negotiated lease arrangement with FSM Petroleum Corporation that will generate an additional \$100,000 to the State government in FY 2010, in addition to \$30,000 from the Corporation's fuel inventory payment referenced above.

There will also be new revenues generated from accelerated infrastructure projects in 2010. There are four projects in the pipeline for Kosrae State: Tafunsak School (estimated cost of \$2.5 million), the Kosrae Hospital (\$8.0 million), the new jailhouse (\$1.2 million), and the Lelu Water System Improvement Project (\$6.7 million). The anticipated revenue contributions for FY 2010 is about \$48,000.

Kosrae State will also seek to raise taxes on

alcohol, tobacco products, fuel, and hotel accommodations. All of these areas have relatively low taxes compared to similar locations in the region. It is estimated that the State's share of the revenue generated by these minor tax increases could total \$44,500.

Finally, there is a proposal for Kosrae State to have an exchange mechanism of exchanging Compact funds for unrestricted local revenue funds from the FSM National Government. Under this proposal, the state will exchange approximately \$109,000 of its Compact Sector Grants for the same amount of unrestricted local revenues from the National Government, allowing the use of the exchanged unrestricted funds to go towards funding general government operations.

The total amount of additional revenue collections through these measures would find about \$481,500. Along with some other proposed measures that depend upon Executive and Legislative action of the FSM National Government that have yet to occur, these proposed measures are expected to cover the shortfall of FY 2010.

Kosrae Group Trains on Island Foods and their CHEEF Benefits

By Dr. Lois Englberger

An enthusiastic group of 11 Kosrae men, women and facilitators met at the Pacific Treelodge Restaurant, July 17, 2009, for a training on island food promotion.

Nena Tolenoa, Coordinator of the Kosrae Comprehensive Cancer Control Partnership, invited Dr. Lois Englberger of the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) to facilitate this training. Mr. Tolenoa had read an article in the Kaselehlie Press about IFCP's program in Pohnpei, training high school students in the Let's Go Local Club about the benefits of local food and how they then gave classes to elementary students on this topic (see KP January 7, 2009). This led him to become interested in this approach.

In addition to Mr. Tolenoa's staff, others involved in island food promotion in Kosrae also attended, including representatives of the Island Food Community of Kosrae, College of Micronesia-FSM Cooperative Extension Services, and Kosrae State Department of Health.

The group learned about the recent findings of the analyses of Kosrae local banana, taro, breadfruit and pandanus varieties, and that the yellow-fleshed varieties are rich in provitamin A carotenoids with health benefits, also helping protect against certain cancers. They learned the Let's Go Local Song and CHEEF Benefits of Local Food Song. All learned about the CHEEF benefits: Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food security. The group broke into two smaller groups and prepared for presenting their songs as a small competition. A restaurant staff member served as the judge.

Group 2 (Matchuko Talley, Cecila Sigrah, Sepe Curley, Julie Timothy) were proclaimed the winners. They sang the song well and performed catchy motions, including waving dollar notes in the air, with the mention of local food's economic benefits.

Group 1 (Nena Tolenoa, Sepe Elley, Elmet Jackson, Robina Waguk, and Lolyn Tilfas) however were proclaimed the best singers as they harmonized as they sang.

Clinton Sears, Emory University, based in the United States (US), also joined the session. Clinton came from US for the summer period for carrying out a study focused on food security and nutrition, and is hosted by the Island Food Community of Kosrae. He collaborated with the Kosrae cancer program, which provided its outreach workers to assist as interviewers. The findings of this study are expected to greatly help in planning further work that may help improve health and nutrition in Kosrae.

Thanks are extended to Sight and Life, Kosrae Comprehensive Cancer Control Partnership, and the Kosrae Department of Resources and Economic Affairs for their funding support.



Participants of the Kosrae Island Food Promotion Workshop held 17 July, 2009, hold bananas and banana poster: Sepe Curley, Robina Waguk, Julie Timothy, Sepe Elley, Cecila Sigrah, Matchuko Talley (sitting); Lolyn Tilfas, Elmet A. Jackson, Dr. Lois Englberger, Nena Tolenoa, and Clinton Sears (standing)



Pohnpei farmers and facilitators met on June 25, 2009, at the Island Food Community of Pohnpei Training Center to discuss crop varieties, local food production and health issues in Pohnpei.

Astronomical Tide Prediction August 5 through August 18, 2009

		Pohnpei		Chuuk	
Wednesday	08-5	05:35AM 3.9	01:46AM 3.7	04:07AM 2.1	01:45AM 1.5
		12:35PM 1.7	07:47AM 1.4	07:56PM 0.0	07:35AM 0.7
Thursday	08-6	06:03AM 3.6	02:09AM 4.0	04:28AM 2.0	01:43AM 1.8
		01:41PM 1.9	08:22AM 1.1	08:03PM 0.0	08:10AM 0.5
Friday	08-7	06:40AM 3.3	02:36AM 4.4	04:49AM 1.8	01:55AM 2.1
		07:46PM 1.9	08:58AM 0.8	08:06PM 0.1	08:49AM 0.3
Saturday	08-8	08:32AM 3.1	03:05AM 4.6	05:07AM 1.6	02:14AM 2.3
		06:39PM 1.7	09:35AM 0.7	08:00PM 0.2	09:31AM 0.1
Sunday	08-9	02:30AM 2.6	03:37AM 4.7	04:53AM 1.4	02:37AM 2.5
		05:04AM 2.5	10:14AM 0.6	07:15AM 1.3	10:18AM 0.1
Monday	08-10	11:23AM 3.1	04:02PM 3.3	10:36AM 1.5	03:19PM 0.7
		06:49PM 1.5	09:36PM 0.9	07:41PM 0.3	07:28PM 0.3
Tuesday	08-11	01:26AM 2.9	04:10AM 4.7	03:17AM 1.3	03:03AM 2.5
		06:32AM 2.2	10:56AM 0.7	06:39AM 1.2	11:15AM 0.1
Wednesday	08-12	12:25PM 3.3	04:38PM 3.0	11:47AM 1.5	03:41PM 0.4
		07:06PM 1.4	10:03PM 1.1	07:20PM 0.4	07:21PM 0.2
Thursday	08-13	01:07PM 3.5	05:16PM 2.6	12:29PM 1.5	03:31PM 0.2
		07:28PM 1.2	10:30PM 1.3	07:08PM 0.4	07:03PM 0.1
Friday	08-14	01:29AM 3.3	04:46AM 4.6	02:11AM 1.3	03:30AM 2.6
		07:12AM 1.8	11:42AM 0.9	07:03AM 1.0	12:43PM 0.1
Saturday	08-15	01:07PM 3.5	05:16PM 2.6	12:29PM 1.5	03:31PM 0.2
		07:28PM 1.2	10:30PM 1.3	07:08PM 0.4	07:03PM 0.1
Sunday	08-16	01:07PM 3.5	05:16PM 2.6	12:29PM 1.5	03:31PM 0.2
		07:28PM 1.2	10:30PM 1.3	07:08PM 0.4	07:03PM 0.1
Monday	08-17	01:07PM 3.5	05:16PM 2.6	12:29PM 1.5	03:31PM 0.2
		07:28PM 1.2	10:30PM 1.3	07:08PM 0.4	07:03PM 0.1
Tuesday	08-18	01:07PM 3.5	05:16PM 2.6	12:29PM 1.5	03:31PM 0.2
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Successful Farmer Urges Others to Return to the Land



Francisco Marcus interviewed by Marlyter Silbanuz of SPC DSAP FSM

July 16 2009, SPC DSAP FSM, Pohnpei – Retired school teacher Francisco Marquez of Kamar, Nett in Pohnpei has no regrets becoming a farmer. He is reaping the benefits since he started farming in 2005 and he is encouraging others to turn to farming as well.

“The reason I started farming was I wanted my family to eat nutritious food”, Mr. Marquez said in an interview with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) Development of Sustainable Agriculture in the Pacific (DSAP) programme in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). He said these days in Pohnpei there are a lot of health problems because people are eating a lot of unhealthy imported food.

Mr. Marquez, who is locally well known

as Soupuk, started his 500 sq. ft farm with assistance from DSAP FSM. DSAP FSM Graduate Research Extension Assistant (GREA), Ms Marlyter Silbanuz said they supplied materials for a new nursery, vegetable seeds and taro varieties.

“We provided training on basic agronomic aspects of growing crops e.g. recommended plant spacing for vegetables and root crops, compost making, home-made pesticides and home seed production.”

Mr Marquez said it is not expensive to grow crops because he uses pig and chicken manure instead of commercial chemical fertilizers.

Today, he grows cabbage, papaya, cucumber, sakau, bell pepper, egg plant, bananas, taro, pineapples, yams, etc.

“I sometimes sell my seedlings to the farmers. Last month I sold 200 seedlings to the community. They seem to be requesting for more especially Chinese cabbage and bell peppers.”

Mr. Marquez said that with the schools starting very soon they will need vegetables for school lunches. “They can come to the farmers instead of buying imported vegetables from the supermarkets. So, I think it is the right time to start these farms in Pohnpei.”

He said each family should have their own garden. “If they have enough vegetables and root crops, they can eat it and sell the rest.”

For further information contact DSAP FSM GREA, Ms Marlyter Silbanuz, DSAP FSM GREA Assistant, Ms Arisako Enicar, Tel. (691) 320 6174/1421

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FOR SALE BY AUCTION



SEASIDE HOTEL AND STORE

Pursuant to an order of the FSM Supreme Court entered May 19, 2009, public notice is hereby given that the facilities commonly known as the “Sea Side Hotel and Store” building located in Kepin-Awak, U, will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

- The minimum bid amount is set at \$110,500.00. No bid below this amount will be considered.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “Sea Side Hotel and Store Building Auction” by personal delivery to the filing window of the Office of the Chief Clerk of Courts of the FSM Supreme Court – Pohnpei trial division in Palikir.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 2009.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, and e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- The winning bidder will be notified by a duly issued court order transferring title to the building and appurtenant structures on the property (including all stock, inventory, improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment located on or within the premises - other than that owned by building tenants) upon delivery of a cashier’s check in the full amount of the bid payable to the “FSM Supreme Court” no later than 10 days after the order is served.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The property is offered for sale “as-is” with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.
- The winning bidder will take title subject to any valid lease agreements favoring existing building occupants that were in effect on or before May 15, 2009 under the same terms and conditions lawfully in effect at the time of the award.
- The building and improvements subject to this auction are located on un-surveyed reclaimed tidelands. The winning bidder will receive a court ordered assignment of the current owner’s rights in the filled land for use in applying for a Certificate of Title the issuance of which will be subject to and determined by the Pohnpei State land authorities having responsibility for the issuance of land titles.
- This auction is subject to cancellation at any time prior to the entry of the court order designating the winning bidder.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to the FSM Supreme Court National Justice Ombudsman in Palikir or the Law Office of Michael J. Sipos, P.O. Box 2069, Pohnpei FM 96941 (phone # (691) 320-6450) attorney for judgment creditor Bank of Hawaii.

FSM Postal Services Announces Pilot Project on Postage Due

FSM Information Services

The FSM Postal Service, in accordance with President Mori’s wishes to extend economical mail services to all the outer islands in the FSM, is announcing that they have recently instituted a pilot project on “postage due” from the islands of Pingelap, Mwoakilloa, and Sapwafik Atoll. Each of these islands has an airstrip which facilitates mail delivery. On incoming mail to Pohnpei’s main Post Office, a person in these islands can choose to send mail, addressed to a person residing in Pohnpei, and the person named as the addressee shall pay the total cost of the mail delivery before the postal clerk releases the mail to the individual. This system of “postage due” helps to alleviate the economic and cash flow problems that many in the outer islands face.

“Postage Due” is only applicable to mail from the outer islands to the main Post Office and not vice versa. It is also not applicable to mail travelling interstate, between the FSM States, or internationally. The FSM Postal Service will be monitoring this pilot project, and if it works out well for everyone involved, the services shall be extended to the outer island of Chuuk and Yap States.