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A library for Onoun



The Cuthbert Project

Onoun, an island in the Namonuitoes, 140 miles NW of Weno, Chuuk now has a 20,000 volume library thanks to The Cuthbert Project, St. Paul's Christian School, on Guam, Matson Navigation and the hundreds of volunteers on Onoun who helped move and assemble the complete collection, including shelves, in about 48 hours.

Last August St. Paul's Christian School contacted The Cuthbert Project about taking the library from Trinity Christian School, in Yigo, for use in the Federated States of Micronesia where The Cuthbert Project focuses its educational efforts. With the help of Hagens Inc. the books, over a 3 day period, were loaded, moved to Hagens warehouse and palletized for shipment. Fr. Floren, the principal of WeiPat High school on Onoun provided the dimensions of the space to be dedicated to the library and shelves were designed, cut and prepared for future assembly on Onoun. (It was estimated that it would require 1400 lineal feet of shelf space) The space also needed new windows, doors, lights and ceiling fans which were shipped with the books.

Matson graciously agreed to provide a 20 foot container and to ship the entire library to Weno at no charge. Hagens did the packing, Kwik Space on Guam did the trucking and Triple B Freight shipped an additional 5 pallets of books, which could not fit into the container, to Weno.



The container and additional books arrived in Weno the middle of January. The container was placed on the dock and a motor vessel was moored next to it so the 20+ volunteers could manually transfer books, shelves, lumber, windows, lights and tools into the holds of the 90 foot vessel. Shrink wrapped and palletized books were carried on the open deck. The complete transfer was accomplished in about 6 hours. The shipment also contained equipment for the clearing of Onoun's runway which had become overgrown.

After a 30+ hour trip to Onoun the 90 foot vessel arrived at Onoun about 6 PM on Friday, January 25 and off loading began early the next day. The first items to be off loaded were the shelves and construction materials and assembly immediately began on the shelving units. T.R. Mori and his cousin G.R., from Weno, took

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FSM Supreme Court rules—Luen Thai stays for now

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

February 5, 2013

Palikir, Pohnpei—FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Martin Yinug has ruled for a temporary halt to plans for Miju Mulsan Company, Ltd. to occupy the former Pohnpei Fisheries Corporation (PFC) facilities in Dekehtik.

The former PFC facilities are now under the control and authority of the Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture (OFA).

In mid-January the State signed a lease with Miju Mulsan for

the former PFC facilities. Pohnpei State had intended for Luen Thai, the facilities' current occupants, to be off the premises by February 6 so that Miju Mulsan could move in and begin operations. For now, the move will not be happening. The court issued a Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction that bars the State and Miju Mulsan from acting on the award of the bid for the lease.

The court's ruling came the day after Monday's marathon session during which the opposing parties presented their arguments and questioned witnesses regarding the plaintiffs' motion for a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) and Preliminary Injunction in Civil Action 2013-001. The TRO will be in place for six months unless the court otherwise orders.

Meanwhile, attorneys for both sides will be filing motions appropriate to the

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Governor Ehsa disavows URA—suggests a new Pohnpei Tax system

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

February 7, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa has backed off of his support for a United Revenue Authority (URA) and Value Added Tax (VAT) program in Pohnpei, according to a special committee report of the Pohnpei Legislature. In its place he is proposing a "Service Tax System—a Hotel and Restaurant Service Tax" that would balance the State budget on the backs of "well-to-do locals as well as visitors to Pohnpei."

"Governor Ehsa...suggested that we let the other sister States implement the URA/VAT first to see whether it actually works or not," the special committee report said.

The report, dated January 29, came from a meeting of the Special Committee to Wait on the Governor that took place on January 15.

Meetings like the one that occurred on that day are held at the beginning of each session of the Pohnpei State Legislature in order to "receive the Governor's opinion on issues or the position of the Executive Branch that he would like to see discussed in the session."

This meeting was for the fourth regular session of the Eighth Pohnpei Legislature.

The Governor told the committee that although he was one of the founding members of the proposed URA/VAT for the FSM, "he now feels that it is not what Pohnpei needs at this time." The report said that Ehsa believes that many people in Pohnpei State are against the proposed URA/VAT and fears that the law may not prevail. He now says that the State will not be able to benefit from the proposed increased tax collections.

He suggested that the State should utilize a "Service Tax System" that he believes will work better for the State than the VAT. Ehsa told the committee members that according to its studies, the proposed new tax system would offset all expected Compact funding decrements.

"Governor Ehsa briefly discussed the possibility of an increase in Transshipment Fees that would also generate significant income for the State," the report said. "Governor Ehsa informed the Committee that Luen Thai Fishing Venture, and Oceania, Inc. will no longer be leasing the Pohnpei Fisheries Corporation facilities and cold storage in Dekehtik; therefore, Pohnpei can start generating more income with other potential companies."

On the next day the Acting Administrator of Pohnpei's Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture signed a lease for the facilities with Miju Mulsan.

The cover sheet of the lease agreement was dated four days prior to the meeting between the Governor and the PSL Special Committee.

On other matters, Governor Ehsa thanked the Legislature for approving his request to extend the deadline for submission of the 2014 budget. He told the Committee that Pohnpei State is "currently experiencing cash flow issues, however, his Administration is working diligently to deal with these issues."

He "praised Pohnpei Legislature for the enactment of the PUC law."

Governor Ehsa told the committee members that amongst "the number pressing issues he wished to see discussed (during the fourth regular session of the PSL) is the completion of the Strategic Development Plan (SDP), which incorporates the entire World Park Concept."

He apologized for the delay of the final product which was supposed to take 18 months for completion but ultimately took more than two years. He said that he would be submitting the SDP to the Legislature for its review and action.

The Kaselehlie Press has attempted to get a copy of the plan from the Governor's office since the day it was presented on December 18, 2012. Everyone to whom we talked at the State Government said that it was still at the printer for duplication. Last week, the Governor's Chief of Staff promised to get us a copy so that we could do a series of articles on what the plan contained. That promise has not yet materialized.

During the special committee meeting, Governor Ehsa suggested a leadership conference to convene soon. He told the committee members that the subject matter of the conference should include the importance of the Pohnpei SDP, the impact of the Compact Stepdown, and his new tax reform proposal.

"The Special Committee recommended that the Governor (should) submit an official communication to the Pohnpei Legislature detailing all of his plans," the report said.

Governor agreed and told the committee that an official report would "be communicated".

"At the conclusion of the meeting, Governor Ehsa, and the Special Committee both agreed that there will be some very challenging issues to be discussed, and hard decisions to be made," the report said. "We all encourage the Leadership to work together in order for Pohnpei State to move forward."

Committee members were Nelson N. Pelep, who served as the chairman. Aurelio P. Joab, Dahker D. Daniel, and Rensper M. Liwy, served as members of the committee. Each of them signed the report.

Solar energy electricity generation system project up and running for FSM Government

FSM Information Services

January 29, 2013

A handover ceremony for the "Project for Introduction of Clean Energy by Solar Electricity Generation System" was held on January 25, 2013 at the entrance of the President's Office in Palikir.

The project was donated to the FSM Government by the Government of Japan.

In his remarks during the ceremony, H.E. Eiichi Suzuki stated, "this project has been implemented based on the Cool Earth Partnership which was declared by former Prime Minister Fukuda at the Davos Forum in January 2008. It was then strengthened and committed at the PALM 5 in May 2009 providing the financial and technical support of the Pacific Island Countries."

Secretary Lorin S. Robert expressed FSM's appreciation to the Government of Japan for the project. He stated that the location of the project on the roof of the President's Office and at the College of Micronesia-FSM "shows strong commitment to GEM—Green Energy Micronesia".

President Manny Mori, Ambassador Suzuki, Governor John Ehsa, Mr. Feliciano Perman, General Manager of Pohnpei Utilities Corporation and Dr. Joseph M. Daisy, President of COM-FSM participated in the turnover of the key and the breaking of the sake barrel—a Japanese ritual that ended the ceremony.

Attending the ceremony were the President's cabinet members, staff from the Japan International Cooperation Agency, Wakachiku Construction Company, consultants of the Yachiyo Company Limited, NBK, Crown Agents and other invited guests.

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2013 Pohnpei State Scripps Spelling Bee Competition.

Educational Talent Search Program (ETSP)

The College of Micronesia- Educational Talent Search Program (ETSP) in partnership with the Rotary Club of Pohnpei and MAHI International kicked off a Spelling Bee Contest earlier in the month of January, conducting Bee in schools all around the island.

On February 5th, 2013, representatives from each school were gathered in the upper floor of the Pohnpei Small Business Development Center (PSBDC) at COM- Pohnpei Campus to compete for the number one spot to represent Pohnpei-FSM, in the Regional Spelling Bee which will be held in Guam in March. Representing the schools were:

- Sharon Joy Delcampo - Ohmine School
- Shivanna Mendiola - Kolonia School
- Chelsea Hetiback - Nett School
- Joecy Sultan - Nett School
- Shonnie Donre - Awak School
- Leineleen Ramirez - Awak School
- Miuly Penias - Saladak School
- Burt Lehau - Lukop School
- Ladonna Silbanuz - Sapwalap School
- Neytanya Thomas - Pohnlangas School
- Esmerelda Mudong - Pohnlangas School
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- Tracy Olpet - Rohi School
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- Kyle Klyde Mihkel - Enpein School
- Sinjii David - Nanpei Memorial School
- Kingston Route - Seinwar School
- Larenda Ardos - Seinwar School
- Junette Yarofailtog - RSP



Round after round, competitors were being eliminated until it came down head to head with Neytanya Thomas from Pohnlangas school (Left) and Leineleen Ramirez from Awak school (Right).

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Valentine's Day: It's June and July Full Moons, not February 14

Jorg Anson

*"To many, they are distant yet bodacious,
For a few, they are significant but remain inconspicuous
They live in the blue which makes it so true.
Bestowed upon by their ancestors formed the diversity of irradiant colors,
Which in recent times have a become a crime
For the survival of such creatures defines our very own future.
They are corals of Pohnpei, Micronesia." –Jorg Anson*

Coral reefs are some of the most complex and diverse ecosystems on the planet. While these ecosystems have served crucial roles for the survival of islanders throughout the course of history, recent studies have shown an alarming rate of decline in their abundance and biodiversity. The rapid growth of human populations and the unsustainable development practices around the world simply boil down to an issue of one nature-Disaster! The exponential growth in mortality rates of corals and reef related organisms have increased dramatically throughout the world. Climate change, global warming, ocean acidification, pollution, and many other disturbances exacerbate the survivorship of reef ecosystems. The managements of reef resources have become an integral part of conservation efforts in regions where they exist. Of the few places coral reefs exist, they are under continuous pressure from both human and natural stressors.

In order to really understand what corals really are, we must understand how they replenish their populations. Indeed, corals have been able to evolve their reproductive strategies with the forces of nature. Studies of coral reproduction have revealed stunning discoveries to the mechanisms behind this important life history stage. Coral biologists and reef managers have found two major types of reproduction. There are corals that brood larvae through what is known as internal fertilization, and those that spawn gametes, external fertilization. Most importantly, the discovery in the timing of coral reproduction has proved to be of significant scientific knowledge inquiry due to fact that for some corals, reproduction may occur once or twice a day throughout the year. Moreover, understanding the timing of reproduction enables the establishment of sound management decisions by our policy makers.

Being one of a few biodiversity hotspots on the planet, Pohnpei is part of a region that shelters just 10% of the global reef cover and yet home to more than 60% of the total coral species known to science. Corals, like other reef organisms, must reproduce to replenish populations. Although reproduction in corals varies between and among family, genus, and species, the majority of corals found on reefs in Pohnpei undergo a special

type of reproduction called "synchronous mass spawning" and we now know that spawning occurs in June and July full moons in not only Pohnpei but the whole Micronesian region as well.

The recent establishment of laws and regulations on coastal fishery resources in Pohnpei, in which the sale and/or harvest of over 20 species of reef fish and invertebrates are banned and/or opened on a seasonal basis, the state should

now move further and explore ways to address the persistent input of stressors into our lagoon. We must not undermine the critical role that corals serve for our fisheries populations. Studies have shown that positive relationships between the abundance of fish and healthy corals exist in such ecosystems. Simply put, more fish thrive at areas with healthy corals. If we are to protect the people (fish), we must first make sure they live in decent homes (corals).

FSM Post Office had groundbreaking for new site in Kosrae

FSM Information Services

TOFOL, Kosrae — On January 31, the FSM Postal Services held a groundbreaking ceremony in Tofol, Kosrae State, marking the future post office location in the famed island of "the Sleeping Lady".

Currently, the post office conducts operations on a property whose lease is set to expire by October of this year.

The FSM Post Master General, Mrs. Ginger Porter Mida, now anticipates timely bidding and awarding of contracts by the FSM Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure for the construction to begin soon.

During the ceremony, Governor Lyndon H. Jackson expressed support for the project, noting its vital services to the people of Kosrae. He said his administration would stand ready to assist to the extent possible. He also spoke of his belief that the people of Kosrae would "be happy" to see the new site under construction.

FSM Congressman Paliknoa K. Welly echoed expressions of support to the FSM Postal Services, calling the project one that "moves our

nation forward". He encouraged interaction with Congress if additional assistance would be required to complete the project.

Mrs. Mida highlighted the challenges postal services in the islands face with the spread of the internet and its instant message-delivery capabilities. However, she stressed that other vital delivery services, through which essential items are sent into the FSM, cannot be replaced by the internet.

The ceremony was attended by Governor Jackson and the First Lady; Lt. Governor Carson K. Sigrah and Mrs. Sigrah; Speaker Gibson Siba and other Members of the Kosrae State Legislature; Congressman Welly, two-year term representative to the FSM Congress; Reverend Henry Noda, who did the invocation; Kosrae State Post Master Marris Jackson; other staff of the state government, other supporters and a choir from Tafunsak who sang beautifully for the occasion.

The groundbreaking was preceded by courtesy visits to the Governor, the Speaker of the Legislature and other preparatory meetings with the Governor's Chief of Staff Ms. Sweet Yona Tulensru beginning on January 27.

ENTRIES NOW OPEN FOR PNA/NFA WORLD TUNA DAY ART AND TALENT QUEST 2013

Want your art, poetry, dance, drama music, short film or writing to be showcased to the world? Got a story to tell about the wonders of tuna and tuna fishing? Are you a national of Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands or Tuvalu? If your answers are YES, then enter the PNA/NFA WORLD TUNA DAY ART & TALENT QUEST!

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complaint which was filed by Luen Thai Fishing Venture, Ltd, and LianCheng Overseas Fishery (FSM) Co., Ltd.

OFA is named as a defendant along with the State of Pohnpei; Governor John Ehsa, in his capacity of Governor; and Miju Mulsan Company, Ltd.

Associate Justice Dennis Yamase initially drew Civil Action 2013-001, and set the hearing on the motion for TRO and Preliminary Injunction to begin on Friday, February 1. During that hearing he did not grant a defense motion to dismiss Miju Mulsan as a party to the suit. He also ruled that the Pohnpei State Attorney General could not serve as Miju Mulsan's representative because to do so would be a conflict of interest. He told defense attorneys that they can still file briefs contesting his decision, but the hearing was set to move forward with the ruling in affect.

The court adjourned until 2:00 that afternoon in order to serve notice of hearing on Miju Mulsan. When the court reconvened that afternoon, Yamase announced that since Miju Mulsan had chosen Joseph Phillip as his attorney, and because Mr. Phillip is a close relative of Yamase's wife he was forced to recuse himself from hearing the case. He announced that the hearing would reconvene on Monday morning at 10:00 under the gavel of Chief Justice Martin Yinug who came in on the early Monday morning flight, and returned to Yap on the afternoon of his bench ruling.

Amongst its complaints, plaintiffs accused the defendants of violating the terms of the lease contract between Luen Thai and Pohnpei State. Those terms gave Luen Thai the first right of negotiation and specified arbitration as the exclusive remedy for contract disputes. Plaintiffs accuse Pohnpei State of denying them their contractual rights.

Plaintiffs also claimed that the State never gave Luen Thai notice that they were to be evicted.

During Monday's hearing, the State argued that since Luen Thai did not submit a bid when OFA called for proposals to lease the properties it occupies, it did not exercise its "first right of negotiation" and thereby gave up that right.

The State also argued that Luen Thai should have known that when the State extended its lease by two months until February 6, 2013, the State was giving notice for Luen Thai to vacate by that date.

Plaintiffs countered that because the State had already extended Luen Thai's lease several times after the State promised to negotiate, Luen Thai couldn't have known

that the State considered December's lease extension to be the last one. Despite a Memorandum of Understanding between Luen Thai and Pohnpei State signed nearly two years ago after the expiry of the original lease, promised negotiations never happened.

At the core of LienCheng's case is the accusation that the bid process that ended with Pohnpei State awarding the lease for the former PFC property and facilities to Miju Mulsan, was not fair or transparent. LienCheng and Miju Mulsan were the only two companies that submitted bids for the property.

Witnesses presented various interpretations of the bid process but when Chief Justice Yinug made his ruling this morning he described the process as "questionable". The bid process will likely be the subject of deeper exploration during hearings on the claim.

Attorney for the Plaintiffs, Steve Finnen, argued in his closing statement that the bid process started out fair but along the way something went wrong.

Pelson Moses, Acting Administrator of OFA testified that Governor Ehsa appointed a bid evaluation committee which met once after which it recommended that OFA award the bid to LianCheng. He said that the committee did not keep written records.

Miju Mulsan's attorney, Joseph Phillip argued in his closing statement that since there are no written records of the committee's meeting, the contention that the committee recommended LianCheng is based on hearsay and conjecture.

Moses testified that after the committee

made its recommendation, he and Yalmer Helgenberger, who works as a contracted consultant to the OFA, reviewed the bids together. Together they decided to reject LienCheng's bid ostensibly because they said it did not meet the requirements of the Request for Proposal. Both Moses and Helgenberger testified that LienCheng bid for too much when they made an additional proposal to also lease the ice plant and to relocate the FSM Petroleum Corporation tank farm in order to establish a container yard.

Helgenberger testified that the State is in the process of drawing up paperwork to lease the ice plant to Miju Mulsan. Plaintiffs provided as an exhibit, an email from Helgenberger to Luen Thai in which he said that the ice plant would be needed by Miju Mulsan.

Moses testified that he and Helgenberger together constituted the Governor's Economic Planning Committee for the bid. But Helgenberger testified that the two were not a committee, and that he prepared the bid analysis because he felt it was part of his job. Moses testified that he asked Helgenberger to sign the bid analysis because Moses was "just" the Acting Administrator while Helgenberger was the consultant.

Moses also testified that the sole reason for rejecting LienCheng's bid was that they had bid beyond the scope of the RFP. However, Helgenberger testified that he knew more about LienCheng than the evaluation committee knew. As an example he told the court that LienCheng had only been in existence for one year.

On closing, Finnen argued that LienCheng should not be penalized for registering as an FSM corporation only a year ago.

He said that the corporation has been in existence since early this century, it owns 160 fishing vessels, and is a subsidiary of Tan Holdings, an international conglomerate.

Helgenberger also testified that he knew that LienCheng is affiliated with Luen Thai, and that he knew that Luen Thai is "in trouble with the Government". He claimed that the State would be filing criminal charges against Luen Thai for failure to pay transshipment fees that the law requires.

Helgenberger said that the criminal charges against Luen Thai were to have been filed on February 4, 2013, but since they were in court all day they hadn't had time to file them yet. He said that the charges would be filed on February 5. As of the end of that day no charges had yet been filed.

Finnen asked Helgenberger if he had rejected LienCheng's bid because he felt that Luen Thai had done something wrong, and because LienCheng is associated with Luen Thai. He answered that he felt that the two were related and "that was a problem".

Finnen had earlier objected to the Attorney General's line of questioning regarding transshipment fees because he said that those fees were not an issue relevant to the case. He said that even if they were, the law is vague in that it does not define when the fees must be paid, to whom the fees must be paid, how they must be paid, or who pays them.

Attorney General Johnny Judah called Ray Musada as a witness. Musada has been the

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charge of the shelf assembly and quickly gathered a group of willing helpers so that as the first books started to arrive they were immediately placed in shelving units. In the 48 hours, between Saturday morning and the following Monday morning all shelving units were assembled and all books had been off loaded, hauled up from the beach and placed in the shelving units.

The motor vessel anchored about a quarter of a mile off shore so the books had to be removed from the holds, placed in small boats and taken to the shore where the school students carried them the 200 yards to the new library. Based on the volume of books involved the students probably made over 2,000 trips from the beach to the library over the 2 day period.

While the shelves were being assembled Kin Dela Cruz of Hagens Inc. gathered a willing crew of volunteers and began installing new window frames, жалousies and louvers to properly secure the library space. He also supervised a local electrician in the installation of the ceiling lights and fans.

A year ago The Cuthbert Project installed a 30 station computer lab at the same school which is powered by a large photovoltaic array installed by the European Union in 2009.



Cuthbert clears airstrip



The Cuthbert Project

Last week when The Cuthbert Project delivered the library to Northwestern Highschool (formerly WeiPat) on Onoun in the Namonutoes, they also took equipment for the clearing of the airstrip.

Onoun's airstrip has been closed since last year due to the over growth of tall grass, brush and trees. Without the airstrip Onoun and the northern islands have no way for any emergency evacuation.

Along with a complete 20,000 volume library The Cuthbert Project delivered bush cutters, a chain saw and 100 gallons of fuel to operate the equipment and starting on January 26 clearing began. A crew of men from Onoun began cutting the tall grass and brush on the 3500 foot runway and at times had 4 bush cutters in a row advancing down the old Japanese installed concrete strip. The chainsaw was working along the edges and at the ends of the strip cutting trees which had grown up over the years.

By the first week of February it is anticipated that the 100 by 3500 foot runway will cut to within 2 inches of the surface. The trees will have been felled on both sides of the runway out 75 feet and the glide path at each end will have been cut back 200 feet.

The surface of the runway appears to be sound with no ruts, holes or large bumps and it is hoped that Caroline Island Air can once again resume service to the people of Onoun and the Northern Islands.



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Pingelap Government receives Japan Government grant

Embassy of Japan

On the 1st of February, Japan's Ambassador Eiichi Suzuki traveled to Pingelap atoll to administer an amount of \$62,269 to the Pingelap Municipal Government. The grant was awarded under Japan's Grassroots Human Security Projects to construct an oil production building and purchase equipment for producing virgin oil, coconut charcoal, and coconut animal feed for export.

With the rich coconut resources of Pingelap, when this project is realized it will contribute to the development of Pingelap since it will generate jobs using eco-friendly and self-sufficient methods and equipment to secure access to income for the people of Pingelap when the products are brought to the market places on Pohnpei or exported outside of Pohnpei.

Pingelap is the first outer island to receive this type of project and its leadership and people should be commended for their zeal. Since the coconut is a common commodity among all of the islands, it is anticipated that Pingelap will set a trend for the other islands to simulate.

Pingelap also shares with the outer-lying islands of the FSM, problems due to migration of inhabitants to the more developed main islands or even outside of the FSM due to the lack of job opportunities. The initiators of this project have the hope that this project will make living on the outer islands more attractive. Ambassador Suzuki closed his remarks with a saying that states: "He who plants a coconut tree, plants vessels and clothing, food and drink, a habitation for himself and a heritage for his children".

Mayor Makir Keller also shared some remarks and stated that it was a "dream come true" for the people of Pingelap and he hoped that this project will be successful.

The historic event was witnessed by Mayor of Pingelap, Mr. Makir Keller and the municipal government officials along with inhabitants of Pingelap Island and Japan Embassy staff.

In addition to presenting the project grant, Ambassador Suzuki joined his staff and paid a visit to the Pingelap elementary school to illustrate short presentations introducing Japanese language, literacy, and simple origami- Japan's art of paper folding. The students were very attentive and were gifted with school supplies in the form of notebooks and pencils.



Ambassador Eiichi Suzuki, Mayor Makir Keller, Pingelap Municipal Government



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Ambassador Suzuki visited Pingelap elementary school and introduced Japanese culture

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Sentencing training for judges and probation officers

FSM Supreme Court

On January 23 to January 26, 2013 a Sentencing Training was held in Colonia, Yap for judges and probation officers of the national, state and district courts of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI).

The training was sponsored by the Pacific Judicial Development Programme (PJDP) with funding assistance from the New Zealand MFAT and management oversight by the Federal Court of Australia.

This training was the first of its kind to be held in the FSM. Usually judges and probation officers have separate trainings. Though the training was basically focused on sentencing in criminal cases, other topics related to the process during pre-conviction and post-conviction were covered such as pre-trial release, pre-sentence reporting, revocation of probation, and methods of effective monitoring of probationers, etc.

The training was a joint effort agreed to between Chief Justice Hon. Martin G. Yinug of the FSM and Chief Justice Hon. Carl B. Ingram of the RMI under the PJDP responsive fund programme. The implementation of the activity was made possible through efficient and effective management oversight and guidance provided by the PJDP Contracts Manager, Ms. Helen Burrows and her able subordinates at the Federal Court of Australia in Sydney, most especially Ms. Krystle Praestiin. The PJDP certified regional trainer and FSM National Training Coordinator, Mr. Kapilly Capelle coordinated the planning, design and delivery of the program in-country. The facilitators (trainers) for the training were Hon. James H. Plasman of the High Court of the RMI, Hon. Nickontro W. Johnny of Pohnpei Supreme Court, Chief Clerk of the FSM Supreme Court Mr. Kohsak Keller and FSM Supreme Court General Counsel Mr. Samuel Bailey, Esq., as training contents advisor.

Based on the participants' evaluation, the overall training was rated above "very good". By unanimous consensus the participants claimed that the contents were very relevant, most helpful, very interesting and allowed for a greater understanding of their roles. Everybody came away with positive views on the subject matter (contents), program delivery and the facilitators. By such measures, it is safe to say that the program was a great success for FSM and RMI judiciaries as well as for PJDP as a sponsor.

The following participants were awarded certificates of attendance and completion:

FSM Supreme Court
Hon. Beaulen Carl Worswick, Associate Justice
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Mr. Alex Elias, Chief Probation Officer

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Republic of the Marshall Islands
Hon. Jimata Kabua, Presiding Judge, RMI District Court (RMIDC)
Hon. Milton Zakios, Associate Judge, RMIDC
Hon. Ablos Tarry Paul, Associate Judge, RMIDC



Participants: 1 to r, front: Hon. Carl-Worswick, Hon. Samuel, Hon. Carl, Hon Aliksa, Hon Noket, Hon. Plasman, Hon. Yinug, Hon Rodriguez, Hon. Zakios, Hon. Kenbaroy, Hon. Mugunbey Back: Mr. Keller, Mr. Esau, Mr. Hellan, Hon. Paul, Ms. Albert, Mr. Elias, Hon. Kabua, Mr. Kennufmed, KC, Hon. Johnny, Mr. Marbey, Mr. Bailey.



Facilitators: Hon. Johnny, Hon. Plasman and Mr. Keller

... Luen Thai (2)

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Manager of CTSI Logistics for 12 years. The company handles air freight of fish from Pohnpei. Johnny pursued a line of questioning regarding transshipment fees with Musada. After Finnen's objection, Johnny told the judge that he was trying to establish that Luen Thai had never paid the fees. Chief Justice Yinug allowed the line of questioning, after which Musada testified that no one had ever told him anything about transshipment fees. He said that no one had ever paid the fees to CTSI Logistics, including Luen Thai.

During Helgenberger's testimony Finnen entered into evidence a fee sharing contract between the State and Oceania. Oceania's lease for the cold storage plant expired in October. Finnen pointed out that under that contract, Oceania was to have collected transshipment fees. If it had done so that company would have kept 70 percent of the fees and Pohnpei State would have kept 30 percent of the fees. It didn't collect the fees. Helgenberger said that Luen Thai had refused to pay.

Finnen asked Helgenberger if there was anything in Miju Mulsan's bid that was so good that it was accepted over LienCheng's bid which offered more money. Helgenberger answered that Miju Mulsan's bid said that it would follow all of Pohnpei State's laws including the transshipment fee for all of their

operations.

One of the 12 pages of Miju Mulsan's bid was entitled "Transshipment Fees - Compliance". When asked, Helgenberger testified that he did not tell Miju Mulsan to put that section into their bid. Inexplicably, Miju Mulsan's bid says on the page after the one committing to pay all transshipment fees that it would "refrain from transshipments operations".

The bid also said that it would have a minimum of 100 local employees "at any given time during the lease period". It estimated that annual salaries for those local employees would be \$400,000, an average of \$4,000 per year per employee, \$333.34 cents per month.

Moses testified that another advantage of the bid was that Miju Mulsan also promised to buy fish from local fishermen. Finnen asked him what they would do with the fish once they bought it. Moses testified that they would export it. Finnen asked the Acting Administrator of the Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture if he was aware that commercial fishing is illegal within twelve miles of Pohnpei. He asked if OFA was actively encouraging a company to break the fishing laws. Moses said that he might have misspoken. He said that the company would buy the fish that couldn't be sold to the local markets and store them for later sale.

During his testimony, Helgenberger also touted fish purchases from local fishermen as an advantage of the Miju Mulsan bid.

Martin Jano who is the attorney for Miju Mulsan in local matters but who could not represent them at the FSM Supreme Court because he is not a member of the bar testified that Miju Mulsan has already established a presence in Pohnpei. He said that one Miju Mulsan employee is using space in his office as temporary office space. He said that the company has already hired five local employees, and that it has already arranged to send employees from South Korea. Those employees are scheduled to arrive at the end of the month. He testified that Miju Mulsan has already arranged for transportation of some of its equipment from South Korea. Also, after the lease agreement was signed, representatives of the company made a trip to Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, and Honolulu in order to secure sources of fish to process in Pohnpei.

On closing, Joseph Phillip argued that Miju Mulsan has already obtained a lease, and is already on island to begin its operations. He argued that Miju Mulsan will be damaged because of the movements they have already made.

Derrick Wang is the Vice President of Luen Thai, and the Secretary Treasurer for LienCheng. He testified that five of Luen Thai's seven special refrigerator containers (super reefers) which keep fish frozen at 60 degrees Fahrenheit are currently loaded with fish for the market, 100 tons of fish with a market value of \$600,000.

He also testified that 10 fishing vessels are

scheduled to arrive in Pohnpei between February 10 and 15. Though Luen Thai has operations in Majuro, Marshall Islands, and in Palau, neither of those two facilities have enough storage space for the fish their reports show will be on those ships. Further, the journey to Majuro would require an additional \$6,000 per vessel just in fuel costs and would take an additional four days. He also testified that Luen Thai has \$3.3 million of movable assets with a depreciated value of \$1.3 million on the property.

Chief Justice Yinug ruled that the balance of harm favors the plaintiffs. While Miju Mulsan had spent money and resources, Luen Thai had much more at risk. Miju Mulsan could, if need be, occupy the former EDA ice plant. He said that if the court did not rule to enjoin the State from allowing Miju Mulsan from occupying the former PFC facilities, and then determined in later proceedings that LienCheng had the superior claim, it would be difficult to rout Miju Mulsan from the property.

He ruled that since Luen Thai was denied its contractual rights under its lease with the State, the likelihood of success on the merits of its complaint was high. Also, LienCheng's likelihood of success was strong because the bid process was "questionable".

He ruled that the public interest favors a fair and transparent bid process.

The court's ruling was issued from the bench. More detailed written rulings will follow.

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FSM Comprehensive Cancer Control and Prevention Plan rolls out at Cancer Day celebration

FSM Information Services

February 05, 2013

The FSM National Cancer Coalition rolled out the updated five year plan for the year 2013 to 2018 during the Cancer Day commemoration in Palikir on February 4.

The activity took place on a basketball court behind the Transnational Crime Unit facility at the FSM National Government compound.

According to Mr. X-ner Luther, National Comprehensive Cancer Control and

Prevention (NCCCP) Program coordinator, the cancer program was put in place in 2005. Cancer coalitions were formed in each of the 5 jurisdictions (National and the 4 states), which subsequently developed cancer control and prevention plans. In 2007, the plans came into effect with the jurisdictions implementing their own plans separately.

With the updated plan, the five separate plans are now integrated with each jurisdiction carrying out their specific activities. The national specific activities include the coordination and monitoring of program

activities, setting standards, and performance evaluation. Although the state cancer coalition groups manage their own affairs separately, the plan links concerted efforts by all players in a networking arrangement to strengthen impacts. This is done through the Cancer Control Steering Committee.

The renewed plan was endorsed by President Mori the morning of February 4 and will be available to the public when printing packaging is completed.

Activities for the day under the theme "Increasing Knowledge and Dismissing Misconceptions about Cancer" included a

survey or participants' general knowledge of cancer in the FSM, showcasing of healthy nutritious snacks, basic aerobic exercise demo and a fun walk around the compound.

The event was attended by the chairman of the National Cancer Coalition, Mr. Waguk, Acting Chief of National Police Mr. Johnny Santos, Dr. Mayleen Ekiek and Mr. Kippier Lippwe, Non-Communicable Disease Program Coordinator who spoke on behalf of Secretary Vita A. Skilling. Several staff from the various departments and offices at the National Government took part in all the events.

First meeting of the Chuuk Advisory Group on Education

February 1, 2013

Weno, Chuuk, FSM—The Chuuk Advisory Group on Education held its first set of meetings in Weno, Chuuk this week (January 28th through February 1st). The meetings mark a new phase in the effort by Chuuk leaders to reform education in Chuuk State with the assistance of its National Government and United States partners. The creation of the Advisory Group was established at the recent High Level meetings held during the first week of November 2012 with representatives and staff from the FSM National Government, the U.S. Government and the Chuuk State Government.

Members of the advisory Group include three very eminent friends of Chuuk State, including Thomas Bussanich, the Director of the Division of Budget and Grants Management in the Office of Insular Affairs within the United States Department of Interior; Patrick Tellei, the President of the Palau Community College; and Francis X. Hezel, a Jesuit Priest and the founder of the Micronesian Seminar.

The purpose of the Advisory Group is to serve these three primary partners in enhancing and accelerating the implementation of the education reform in Chuuk. Within this broad scope, the Advisory Group is intended to serve as an adjunct to the Chuuk Board of Education, to provide progress monitoring and guidance on the Chuuk Reform, to recommend modifications and additions to the reform program and to report to all relevant parties on the progress of the reform.

During their stay in Weno, the Advisory Group met with the Governor, the Chuuk Legislature, the Board of Education and the Director of Education and staff on multiple occasions. During those meetings, Tom Bussanich repeatedly indicated that "their primary and overriding goals for education in Chuuk are that students have safe and sanitary living environments, that classrooms must have qualified teachers, that classrooms have the necessary school supplies that principals, teachers and students be present for class, and that learning must take place."

In their meetings, the Advisory Group confirmed their support for the Ten High Level Commitments established at the High Level Event in November and stressed that, within the scope of these commitments, they would like to see reform efforts focus on: the development of a personnel contract system for teachers, principals, and others as deemed appropriate to ensure the attendance and performance of education personnel and students; the support of the Chuuk High School Pilot Project aimed at establishing a model for other High School reform in the future; the immediate implementation of the Chuuk State School Facility Repair and Construction Master Plan in order to begin

a stepped improvement of school facilities in Chuuk; the immediate implantation of the primary and secondary school consolidation plans; and the development of a new procurement policy/process/distribution system that will improve the distribution of supplies to all schools.

Father Fran Hezel indicated that "overriding all of these specific plans and proposals is a desire for Chuuk communities to take ownership of both the reform and the schools in their communities." Advisory Group member Patrick added that "for this entire process to work, all parties to the reform must be willing to look outside the box and to find examples of past and

current successes and to multiply upon them where possible."

The Advisory Group will meet again in early May to continue to assist the Board of Education and the Department of Education in its efforts to successfully reform Chuuk's education system.

The Group is scheduled to meet every quarter to move this effort forward. According to Tom Bussanich, "what we want to see are not quick fixes, but strong foundational improvements in Chuuk's Educational system that will continue long after the Advisory Group disappears."

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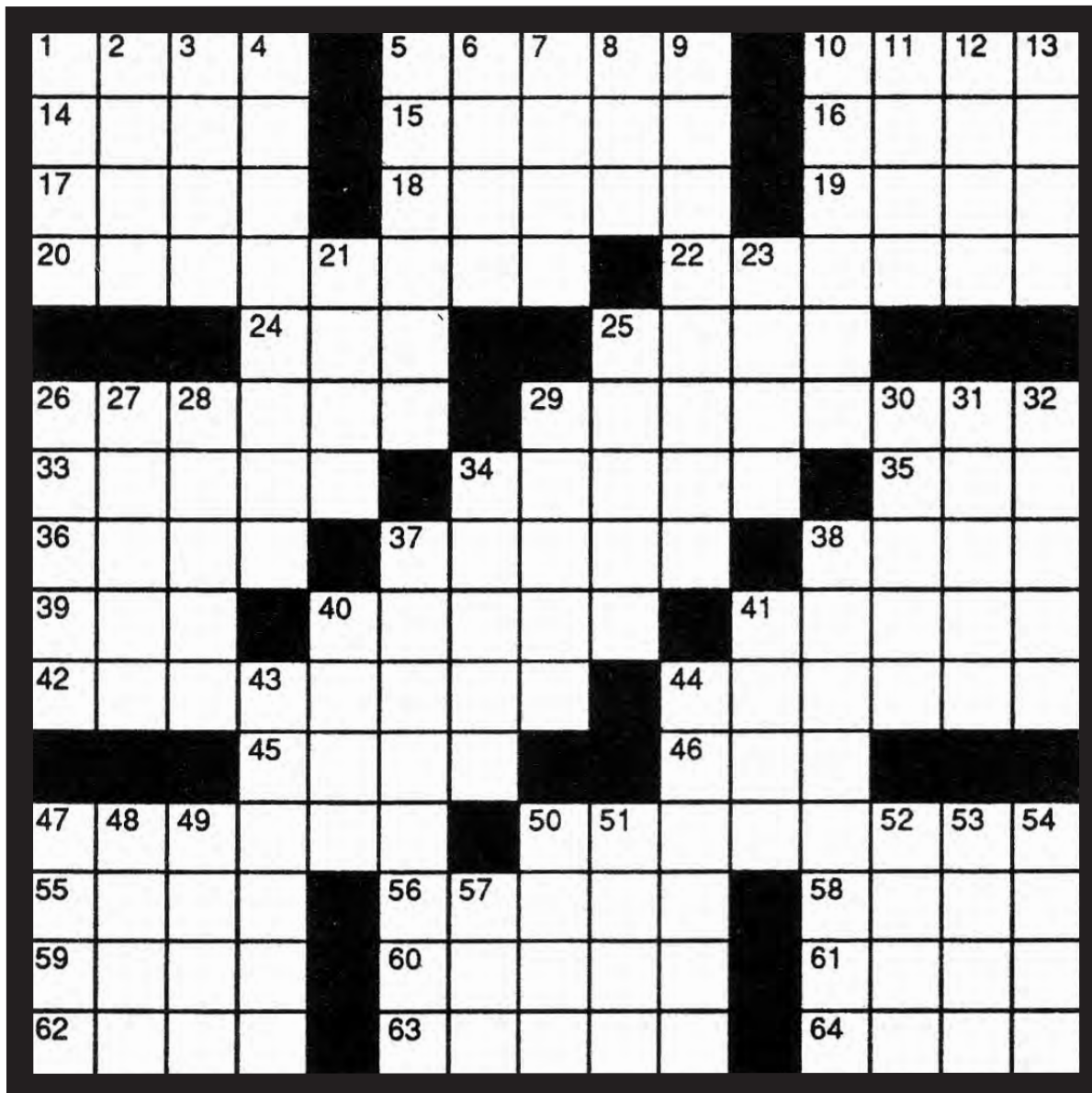
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ACROSS

1. Dull
5. Board game
10. Breton or Highland Scot
14. Underdone
15. Wading bird
16. Notion
17. Grows old
18. Rub out
19. Tidy
20. Exposes to atmosphere
22. Revises
24. Rowing device
25. Remove from liquid's top
26. Makes a monarch
29. Moved up and down
33. Pits
34. Equals
35. ___ carte (2 wds.)
36. Among
37. Assigns position to
38. Mix with spoon
39. Increase motor speed (colloq.)
40. ___ for oneself; manages alone
41. Stockholm native
42. Small spaces for climbing
44. Steeples
45. Operatic solo
46. Fedora or derby
47. Moving masses
50. Burned surface
55. Back
56. Loathed
58. Healthy
59. Sea eagle
60. Oxlike antelope
61. Wicked
62. College head
63. Short simple song
64. Close completely

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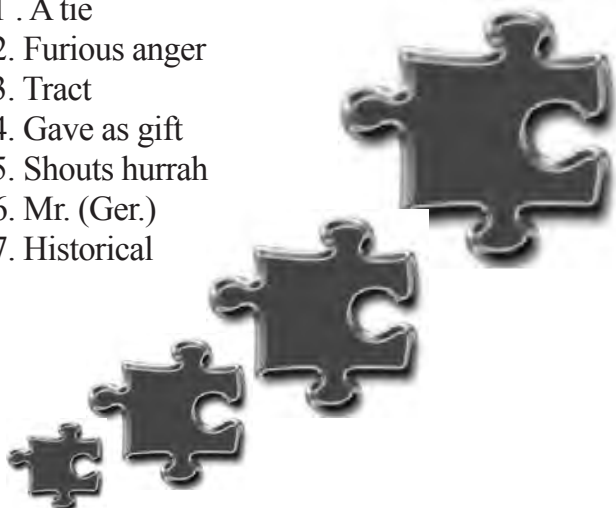
8. Distress signal
9. Tennis shoes
10. The movies (British)
11. Paradise
12. Heavy metal
13. Makes lace
21. ___ Christian Andersen
23. Fail to hit
25. Looks for
26. Map
27. "___ and Juliet"
28. ___ drab; camouflage color
29. Causes to go
30. Essential drink
31. Leave out
32. Challenges
34. Chinese bearlike animal
37. Enjoyed
38. Sticks for whipping
40. Shape
41. Box in exhibition
43. Become firm
44. Poorly done
47. Storage building
48. Telegram
49. "___ Karenina"
50. Law (abbr.)
51. Penny
52. Possess
53. Writer-director Kazan
54. Small valley
57. Actress MacGraw



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1. A tie
2. Furious anger
3. Tract
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Ensure MiCare staffs are familiar with the website, the back-end content management system, and are capable of performing in-house site updates and regular website maintenance;

Assist with broader branding, including (if desirable) the development of MiCare logo, letterhead, business cards and stationary to be consistent with the look and feel of the new website:

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- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-4015.
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- 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 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

Acknowledging Mr. Gibson Susumu; member IFCP Board of Directors

By Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP)

Mr. Gibson Susumu, a member of Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) Board of Directors since 2009, attended his last IFCP Board Meeting on Tuesday 29 January 2013.

He resigned from this position to take a new position at Secretariat of the Pacific Community in Fiji at the division of Land Resource Management.

In addition to his enormous contributions to IFCP for all these years and despite of his busy schedule before his departure on Friday 1 February 2013, he accepted the IFCP Board of Directors request: to submit a proposal for the Food Security Extension program at the National Government to funding for IFCP.

At his farewell gathering on Thursday 31 January 2013, he expressed his continuous supports to IFCP even though he will be away from the island.

Mr. Susumu has been such a vital part of IFCP. IFCP has benefitted greatly from his experience and expertise. IFCP wishes him all the best and may he and his family succeed in all forthcoming projects.

Special Thanks are given to Australian Embassy, Pohnpei State Government Subsidy, US Embassy, UNESCO, Division of Public Health of Pohnpei Department of Health Services, Children's Healthy Living Program (University of Hawaii), Australian Volunteer International (AVI) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for their funding support.



Mrs. Gibson Susumu, his wife, IFCP Board of Directors and supporters

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IFCP welcomed Australian Volunteers International

By Chizuru Seki (JICA)

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) is grateful to welcome its new volunteer from Australia.

Mrs. April Turner is an Australian Volunteer with the Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID) program, assigned to work at IFCP for two years. She arrived in Pohnpei on Monday 28 January 2013 with her husband and two adorable children. She and her family visited IFCP on Wednesday 30 January for the introduction.

She will work in cooperation with IFCP staff and mainly focusing on:

- Grant writing
- Streamline administrative

workloads including Project report write ups

- Assisting in Go local Campaign through enhanced awareness materials, nutritional information, media, etc.

She started working at IFCP Monday 4 February 2013.

IFCP would like to extend our sincere gratitude to AusAID and the entire Australian Government for this timely assistance. And also special Thanks are given to Australian Embassy, Pohnpei State Government Subsidy, US Embassy, UNESCO, Division of Public Health of Pohnpei Department of Health Services, Children's Healthy Living Program (University of Hawaii), Australian Volunteers International and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for their funding support.

Canada Ambassador made a courtesy visit to IFCP

By Chizuru Seki (JICA)
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

On Thursday 31 January 2013, Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) was honored to greet with Mr. Michael Small, Canadian Ambassador.



Mrs. Emihner Johnson, IFCP Acting Executive Director, shared how the work of IFCP is important to this island.

She explained how eating style on the island has been changed (local food to unhealthy imported food) as well as people's lifestyles (physically active to sedentary lifestyle). Consequences of these changes have been seen obviously in health status of the people in the FSM (one in three adults has diabetes, etc).

Going local (plant, grow, maintain, harvest, cook and eat more indigenous local food) will encourage people to be physically active and provide good nutrition they need. As well as its health benefits, going local benefits us in culturally, environmentally, economically and provides food security (CHEEF benefits of local food).

Since IFCP establishment in 2004, we have seen some positive changes. There is more local food takeouts at local markets and many organizations has created and is following their healthy policies by utilizing local foods in their functions. Some schools, offices, and churches had also established local food policies. Ohmine Public Elementary School started to sell local foods on the school premises. Pohnpei Women Advisory Council (PWAC) promotes Go Local at all meetings and functions.

However, on-going awareness and continuous work of IFCP is vital to combat the health crisis in the FSM.

IFCP looks forward to see a positive response from Canada Embassy from outcome of this meeting.

IFCP would like to thank Canadian Embassy and FSM Foreign Affairs.

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K Press Readers' Hearts Overflow with Valentines Love this Valentines Day

Roses are red, Violets are blue...
Happy Birthday Aunty Val,
Love Grandma, Dana, Lynn, Lyday, Kobi,
Ella & Sue

Emily,
You make this world a better place by
coming into my life. Happy Valentines

I Love you,
Marco

Happy Valentines Day to my family.
Grace, Alex, Audrey.

Love, Egay

There's a special place within my heart
that only you can fill
For you had my love right from the start
and I know you always will.
Happy Valentine's Day to PG
from "A Secret Admirer."
We'll miss you!

Happy Valentines Day to the Executive
Leadership Development Program Class of
2013!



Students from Chuuk graduating mid-April from Center of Micronesian Empowerment



By Marilyn Manibusan for Kaselehlie Press

With the leadership and support of Governor Johnson Elimo, 12 students from Chuuk are on Guam for a work development/placement program with the Center for Micronesian Empowerment (CME). "We believe that the partnership we have created will make a significant difference in helping Chuukese find meaningful employment. We look forward to other states also participating with CME as it proves that the Micronesian Worker is one of the best in the world", acclaimed Jay Merrill, Acting Executive Director of CME.

Currently attending training at the Guam Trades Academy, these 12 young men are slated to receive their Certificates of Training from the Academy mid-February and graduate from the CME program in April. The Chuukese CME students are shown touring the GCC Campus late January with GCC's Council on Postsecondary Student Affairs (COPSA) student leaders.

"CME will continue to play an important role in meeting the workforce development needs of employers in Micronesia. We are here to serve them and to share pride in the accomplishments of their students", stated Maria Connelly, CME Board Chairperson.

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