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Pohnpei's longest serving teacher set to retire after this school year

By *Bill Jaynes*
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Awak, U, Pohnpei—Lolihna Edward-Ladore has lovingly taught first graders at Awak Elementary School for over 37 years. She currently has 19 students in her class room who, from all appearances during our short time in her classroom, respect and adore her.

During her lengthy career she has taught approximately 800 students. One of those students



was Peter Ramirez. As principal of Awak Elementary School, Ramirez is now Ladore's boss.

She says that she currently has students in her class whose parents and grandparents were also her students. When her students and former students see her on the streets they call out to her, "Hey! Hi, my teacher! I can see their faces but I can't always remember their names," she says, but it is apparent that she loves them all.

She couldn't pin down any one particular happy memory during her years of teaching. "When I see the kids, I'm really happy to see them. Sometimes they make me happy. Sometimes they make me sad but I always make them happy," she says.

Clarifying, she said that sometimes children come to



school but they are sad to be there because of problems of some kind at home. She wants them to be happy to be at school and learning with friends and works with them until they are.

Her classroom walls are covered with so much information. Want to know what 9+3 is? You can find the answer on her blackboard. Can't remember how to count to 100? A large hand written chart on her wall can remind you. When we were there she took time with individual students to answer questions about a paper they were working on. Though they squirmed excitedly as first graders do and were distracted by my presence in the classroom, Ladore never lost patience with them as she went from desk to desk praising and encouraging them.

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Table tennis coaches prepare for 2018 MicroGames

Colonia, Yap. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has awarded the FSM National Olympic Committee (FSMNOC) a \$20,000 Olympic Solidarity Grant for a Technical Course for Coaches for table tennis in preparation for the 2018 MicroGames in Yap. The grant will provide funding to bring an expert instructor sanctioned by the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) to Yap from February 11 – 25, 2018. It will also provide funding to send one table tennis coach from each participating nation or island to the training. The course will be held at the Yap Sports Complex where a new table tennis room has recently been constructed in the gymnasium.

Participating coaches will enhance their coaching skills and knowledge, get guidance in preparing their teams

to compete at the highest levels of competition, and receive comprehensive knowledge in the current rules and regulations of the sport. The intent is also to insure development of the sport of table tennis in the coaches' own countries by providing strong leadership for the sport.

The 2018 MicroGames is a quadrennial event that will take place in Yap July 15 – 27, 2018. Teams from FSM, Guam, Nauru, Palau, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands and the Northern Mariana Islands will compete in Baseball, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Va'a Canoe, Soccer, Spearfishing, Table Tennis, Track & Field, Volleyball, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Open Water Swimming and the Micronesian All-Around. For more information: www.microgames2018.com.



2014 MicroGames Table Tennis Competition

Pacific hosts International Civil Society Week

By FANGO

The largest gathering of international civil society organizations in the Pacific region was recently held in Suva Fiji from 4-8 December 2017 at the University of the South Pacific Laucala campus. Over 800 delegates representing over 100 plus organizations from around the world attended what is billed as International Civil Society Week (ICSW), hosted by CIVICUS (World Alliance for Citizen Participation, based out of South Africa) in collaboration with PIANGO (Pacific Islands Association of NGO's). Former New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark attended to show her strong conviction that governments must provide enabling environments for civil society participation. Dame Meg Taylor, the Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum was a guest speaker at several events during the 2 day meeting.

ICSW brings together NGOs worldwide for a key global gathering of NGO's for civil society and other stakeholders to engage constructively in finding common solutions to global challenges. The theme of the forum is: "Our Planet. Our Struggles. Our Future."

Asked why Pacific islands need particular attention, Dhananjayan Sriskandarajah, the secretary general and CEO of CIVICUS, the global civil society alliance, told IPS the Pacific region has been at the forefront of global issues, from climate change to nuclear non-proliferation.

This is partly because as small island states – or large ocean states – they are particularly vulnerable to changes in the environment, whether rising sea levels, ocean acidification or super storms. "But I think that their leadership on these issues is

also about much more than the threats they are facing," he said.

The Pacific Climate Change Warriors often use the phrase "we're not drowning, we're fighting". "To me, this reflects the spirit and strength of how the peoples of the Pacific are responding to climate change — and something that should inspire the rest of the world. Protecting civic freedoms of local activists, and their ability to organize and mobilize is essential in terms of ensuring that the world's most vulnerable people don't get left behind.

PIANGO has membership in several Pacific islands countries and territories, including FSM. The unique aspect of this Suva meeting was that FSM, although had its own delegation representing all the 4 FSM states, was represented by the entire Micronesian region through its PIANGO sub hub in Guam. The sub-regional PIANGO platform has members in Palau, Yap, Guam, CNMI, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Marshall Islands. It was decided that the only way to amplify voices from the North Pacific was through sub-regional solidarity and recognition. Often financing that are meant for community based development never reaches the communities and local civil society organizations working to address the challenges. Whether its humanitarian financing, international development or climate adaptation, too little support flows to the actual people or organizations working at the local level to effect change in these communities. Civil society needs to be an effective force that drives behavioral change, and without the support going to the local communities, it's hard to achieve outcomes. The Suva gathering was a great opportunity for local Pacific NGO's to build and connect with international networks

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New Pohnpei dive operation could attract more dive tourists to Pohnpei's beautiful dive sites

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

December 22, 2017

Pohnpei—A new scuba diving services business in Pohnpei is poised to have an impact in Pohnpei well beyond the personal impact on the new proud owners. Laidenki Diving and Tours is in the final stages of the approval process to operate as an official PADI dive business. When that happens, and owners John Ranahan and Anter Joseph along with two of their grandchildren say that it is imminent, Pohnpei will be listed in PADI's international data base as having a dive operation that functions according to PADI's strict requirements. It could mean the possibility of divers coming to Pohnpei who might not otherwise have thought about it.

And Pohnpei has excellent dive spots. Internationally known dive tour operator, photographer, and author, Tim Rock of Guam said during a conversation several months ago about his book "The 50 Best Dives in Micronesia" (which can be purchased on Google Books and elsewhere) that Pohnpei is one of his favorite places to dive. He said that he dives here whenever he can. The conversation with Mr. Rock was not at all associated with the Laidenki Divers business which at time was only a vague idea in the owners' minds but did speak volumes about what Pohnpei has to offer to divers.

Ranahan said that Laidenki Diving and Tours is all about safety. Medical oxygen, medical kits, safety sausages, and other safety devices along with personnel who are trained in medical first response are on each of their excursions. Laidenki also meets PADI's requirement for a dive professional of a specific high level of training to be part of each trip.

Just a few weeks ago, Ranahan, who first started diving in the quarries outside of Cleveland, Ohio in 1961, recently completed his 1000th dive. He is a Master Scuba Instructor.

"You know what got me into scuba diving?" Ranahan says with a playful grin. "Sea Wolf! You remember Lloyd Bridges in Sea Wolf? I thought he was so cool." After his early dive excursions in the cold dark waters of the quarries, Ranahan took a break from diving until 1995. After spending a lot of time and a lot of time a little bit at a time, he accrued hundreds of hours of underwater time and is now a Master Scuba Instructor. He said that he did his first dive in Pohnpei in 1996.

Laidenki is currently operating with a temporary PADI store number until their physical building at the beginning of the causeway is completed. Then they will send the final photos of the structure to PADI and then will likely be given a permanent PADI authorization.

Ranahan says that Laidenki Diving and Tours is also a DAN (Diver's Alert Network) world business. DAN is a nonprofit scuba diving and dive safety association providing expert medical advice for underwater injuries, emergencies, and insurance for divers.

Ranahan and Anter Phillip have put their money into the business while grandchildren John and J.R. have provided "sweat equity". All are divers. Though Ranahan has the most experience, all are working on qualifications for higher levels of dive certification. All are sufficiently experienced for the business they are operating.

The business provides weekly dive trips, PADI Scuba Instruction, Gear Rental, Dan



World Business, Boat Rentals, Marine Tours, and Kayak Rentals. They also are an official Mares scuba diving equipment dealer.

Their equipment is meticulously maintained after each dive and in between. Standing next to one of their storage containers on the day that we talked were a few dozen scuba tanks that Ranahan said were being prepared to ship off island for "air quality testing". He said that he is not aware of any other dive operator in Pohnpei that is going to those kinds of lengths but that he intends to continue doing that on a scheduled basis.

Laidenki Diving and Tours offers certification services up through the level of Dive Master. They have basic open water certification classes and even more basic "Discover Scuba" classes in which participants have classroom instruction in scuba diving and then participate in a dive all in one day. They offer Advanced Open Water certification, Emergency First Response training, Dive Master, Master

Scuba Diver, Deep Water and Night Dive training. Classes also include drift diving, underwater naturalist, fish identification, and others.

Ranahan says they are also establishing a Diver's Den of sorts on the premises of their business. He said he hopes that the "picnic spot for divers" will become a sort of community hang out for divers but if nothing else it can be a place for divers returning from a trip to sit and debrief their day.

The business has a 24 foot and 27 foot boat and also offers boat excursions including trips to the Ahnd Atoll marine preserve.

Ranahan said that he is thinking that he will work with Laidenki Diving and Tours for a few years and then retire at which point the business will be fully owned by Pohnpeians.

Look for good things from Laidenki Diving and Tours.

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Pohnpei Catholic School students speak on subjects that matter to them

By Bill Jaynes

December 21, 2017

Pohnpei—When Jen Steyaert, a Jesuit Volunteer serving as a ninth grade teacher at Pohnpei Catholic School asked if we might be interested in publishing a few of the essays from her ninth grade class on subjects of their own choosing, we jumped at the chance.

Steyaert suggested the idea nearly two months ago as a way to potentially motivate her students to do their best work and to showcase what they are thinking about in the pages of The Kaselehlie Press.

The following essays are six of the top essays presented for the essays. Grades range from 85 to 100 percent and represent the opinions of the students on topics from climate change, to education and fishing.

Some of the information in the essays isn't

entirely accurate but they show what and how the students are thinking. Perhaps the best nugget for me as the editor of the newspaper was the first sentence on the article on climate change came from ninth grader Aanya F. Rettin who gave an excellent and simple explanation of what climate change is. "Climate change is a change in the statistical distribution of weather patterns that lasts for an extended period of time," she wrote. I immediately thought, "why haven't I explained it that way?"

One student unabashedly talks about COM students who take PELL grants for their education at COM and then stop attending classes after their living expenses are paid as refunds.

Congratulations to the students whose essays were selected by their teacher to be published in The Kaselehlie Press. We look forward to more of this type of collaboration.

About our health

By Elesha Joseph

I want to talk about our health. I want to share what I know and thing I got from my research. Okay, why should we care about our health?

For me, we need to care and take good care of our health so that we, the teenagers can grow up and help our families one day.

Research shows that a healthy positive attitude helps build a healthier immune system and best overall health. To create a healthy or positive attitude, we need to focus on good things not the bad things and we need to have friends that won't lead you into dangerous things. Your body believes what you think so focus on the positive.

If you want to have a strong healthy body like me, you need to get rid of things that are making your body weak like eating unhealthy foods, taking drugs and many more. To have a healthy body you need to eat healthy local foods, eat your vegetables, exercise daily, take naps if needed or make sure you get a good night's sleep.

To conclude this short essay of mine, my advice for you is to make a schedule for yourself and follow it. Things will be very good if you do this. By making a schedule you will set times for each things that you'll have to do to have a healthy body.

Climate Change

By Aanya F. Rettin

Climate change is a change in the statistical distribution of weather patterns that lasts for an extended period of time. Although the weather changes from day to day, our climate generally stays constant over the years. Climate has different types of weather such as sunny, windy, rainy and cloudy. We humans should care about our climate so that we can be safe. In order for us to be safe, we have to stop those human activities that are polluting and effecting our climate.

Deforestation is one of the major causes of climate change. We people barely (?) cut down trees nowadays and it is affecting our climate. We need to stop cutting down trees and plant more in order for us to have oxygen, shade and food. Deforestation is a cause of climate change because it eats up space of our land. We also use wood to make a fire and the smoke is also affecting the weather and it causes air pollution. This is why climate change is a global(ly) common problem.

We people need to care for our environment and its surroundings. In order for us to live our prosperous lives, we need to stop making that will affect our climate. We also have to stop human activities that are affecting our climate.

Since we need oxygen in order for us to breathe, we need to stop cutting down our trees.

Population is also affecting our climate because we are cutting down trees and using these trees to make houses and it also bad to clear the land for more space. We humans are lucky because life on earth is possible because of the warmth of the sun.

How to fish and why we care about it

By Renaldo Abraham

I will be talking about fishing and why we care about it. Fishing is the activity of trying to catch fish. Fish are normally caught in the wild. Techniques for catching fish include hand gathering, spear fishing, netting, angling, and trapping. We care about fishing because fish is a healthy food to eat.

The easiest thing for me to catch fish with is line fishing. It's the easiest thing to do. All you have to do is get a fishing line, a hook and tie it to the line. You have to make sure it is taut, or else the fish breaks your line. Next, you get a bait and put it on the hook. Then you get your fishing line and throw your hook into the ocean as far as you can. You can stay on the shore and fish. Once you're done you tie your line to a tree or just hold on to it. Then you wait for a fish to bite it and there you have a fish. It takes a long time to catch a fish.

Most people care about fishing because they sell it to the markets and get paid. Some people need fish because it is a healthy food to eat.

What make me feel bad about fishing is over fishing. It's good to eat fish but over fishing is not so good. When you over fish, we have small, less fish in the ocean. It also destroys our corals because fish are moving away or being caught by fishing men. It destroys it because no fish taking care of it.

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Education, abuses, COM and Talent Search Program

By Irene Ambuyoc

In Micronesia, specifically Pohnpei, there are more than six schools [Editors note: There are significantly more]. Most schools are public and are funded by the Pohnpei government. Education is most likely within the top five priorities here in Pohnpei. In my generation, I see a lot of youth attending school, either private or public. It is all about learning, no matter where or which school. The government however, funds schools in order to reach out to those who are lacking in education.

In Pohnpei, it is required that the citizens are to go and attend school at the age of 6 to 13. Bus rides are also provided to those with no transportation. It is offered not only to the public elementary schools, high schools, but even the college.

As I mentioned earlier, there are (way more than) six schools on this island. Pohnpei has only one college—College of Micronesia (COM). COM is the only institution of higher education here in Pohnpei. The school offers a two to three years associate degree. Also, it gives out refund to students due to how much class or credits they have.

Speaking of refund, there are some habits of taking way too much advantage onto it. There may have been some experiences from the college students. Advantages like attending school until refund comes and then not returning back to normal classes.

The literacy is 89 percent, although sometimes citizens can speak and understand enough English. The more they understand English, the more it will help them communicate when finding jobs or even travelling abroad. Being funded by the government, going to school for free, and getting refunds are pretty good. But the bad thing is that people tend to be lazy and drop out. It is very common to know that the people are not showing more character or not cooperating with government funds.

Lastly, there is a program for middle school students. This is the Talent Search Program (TSP). It is similar to tutor sessions but way more complex. This program allows students to expand their knowledge. In my opinion, this program is a great “extra class” for those who need help. It would be also beneficial to the future because the more they know, the more they can do to help others expand knowledge.

The college can continue to give out degrees and courses. We never know if things change. It is always good to keep on encouraging people to STAY in school not just for the refund, but to stay for the sake of their future.

If we help our citizens expand knowledge, the more it will inspire the people who do not attend school, drop out, that they can go through anything with the help of those who have experienced or went through struggles.

The importance of the Department of Education

By Laela John Helgenberger

The Department of Education is a learning center for us. The Department of Education helps people to live a better life and to live an easier way of living. DOE is like a whole part of learning important things in life and gaining more knowledge for you to have a successful future.

The Department of Education is important because it will help us in the future to have a better life and be a successful person. I do care because it's good for us to be educated so we can find better jobs or careers to help our family live and easier way of life. In order for you to become successful in the future, do well in your school and work hard to reach your goals or dreams. Being uneducated will cause a lot of trouble to you and your family also.

You will (have) trouble finding (a) job and you will not know what's important in life and what it contains. Without the Department of Education, you would be jobless and you will not be able to be a better citizen apart from your country and never will you be the great citizen to help your community to be developed and well made.

Hence, we people lived of come to be in a well developed government and living life the way you wanted it to look like. Additionally, it helps you more to reach or achieve your future goal and to help your country one day in case for you to be a good citizen apart your country.

Our objective is to provide a better life for our people to live in a healthy environment and to live long prosperous lives.

World Hunger

By Junelle Bloom

World hunger is one of the world's top major problems. It is important to know about because it is killing more and more people each day so we must find a solution.

It has always been my dream to stop problems like world hunger, human trafficking, use of drugs, violence, and much more. Although I'm not old enough to make that much of a difference, it's never too early to try.

Certain places that are poor and underdeveloped face world hunger because they are unable to afford fresh food and water and produce. In my opinion, world hunger is not having enough food to feed the world's population. About 3.2 million people die from this every day and 75 percent are children. We must put an end world hunger because before we know it, the entirety of the human population on earth will be wiped out due to this.

There are many ways to stop it. Everyone just has to be willing to work together in peace.

World hunger may be because there is not enough food in the world. I honestly believe it is caused by the disruptions in the environment humans do every day like polluting—it disturbs the soil and without soil, crops and plants can't be grown. Animals have nothing to eat and die, making us lose meat.

Just because we are able to eat every day, we should not take it for granted and waste food.



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KPress website may close at the end of January until new solutions can be found

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

December 20, 2017

FSM—After 10 years the website for The Kaselehlie Press will be going offline at least for a time.

For over 10 years, Bernd Riebe has hosted and maintained the website of The Kaselehlie Press on a pro bono basis on his server in Germany. For all of those years, Riebe has copied all of the images from the PDF version of the newspaper that we send to subscriber, resized, named and uploaded them. He has copied and converted the PDF text into plain text, pasted and organized the articles on the system, selected featured stories, archived older articles, updated the CMS system and all of the plugins, and many more tasks simply because he felt that by helping The Kaselehlie Press he was helping the people of the FSM.

And that he was. The website has attracted an average of 25,000 unique users per month. The vast majority of those users have been in the United States though there have been users from all over the world who have taken advantage of the news provided on the website.

The Kaselehlie Press is working toward a potential alternative arrangement with another supporter but until those details can be pinned down the site will disappear from the Internet until the end of January.

The relationship between Bernd Riebe and The Kaselehlie Press began in 2007 after his wife, Xenia Marita Riebe who is an artist and novelist contacted the newspaper for support on an art project she was working on at the time. Xenia contacted newspapers in each of the

One-week training course for Pohnpei obesity control was held in Fukuoka, Japan

Kaori MIZUMOTO, PhD., RD

One-week training course for Pohnpei obesity control was held in Fukuoka, Japan between 18th and 23rd December 2017 and the following 7 people from the Pohnpei State Departments of Health Services and Education participated in the course.

1. Mr. Hinden Jaipol ALEXANDER
2. Mr. Francisco Koropin KERMAN
3. Ms. Delpihn ABRAHAM

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countries with membership in the United Nations for what she called the "citizens of the world". Newspapers from all over the world sent her printed copies of their newspapers which she turned into approximately 10 inch tall papier mache figures. She put magnets into the "feet" of each of the figures for mounting on a flat stainless steel map of the world, each figure in the country of origin of the newspaper used to make the figure.

We decide that an article on the project would be great to read about and so began continuing correspondence with Xenia. She told her husband about the FSM's newspaper and after thinking about it for a while he offered his services at no charge.

"Providing this service for the FSM people throughout the world...has always been a pleasure for me," he wrote in an email. "I know it's sad, but you will understand that at some point at my age I have to reduce my activities."

Riebe has been a college level science teacher for many years, specializing in chemistry, climatology, and computer science. He did some climate change research in Antarctica and published several articles on the subject. Throughout the history of the www.kpress.info website that he maintained Riebe has added many articles on the subject of climate that were particularly applicable to the people of the FSM.

He says that since the very beginning of the Internet he has been building websites, training teachers to use information technology in schools. In the 1990's, he and his wife founded the first internet art platform in Germany to sell art online to clients throughout the world. He says that though the site had some modicum

of success, it was a bit early, and people were not yet prepared to use the Internet.

"Having retired now, there are no lazy days at all," he wrote. "I am still running websites in Europe and Africa, still teaching students privately, supporting our 'African son' Eazy in Tanzania with his Guest House "Eazy's Place" which is a private initiative of Xenia and me in order to support young people in Tanzania to build their own businesses and is another approach to help people to help themselves."

Riebe is also a videographer mainly producing documentaries some of which can be viewed on Youtube. He said that in 2005 he had some success with his videos from Antarctica, some of which he was able to sell to TV stations all over the world.

Though, starting in February Riebe will need the space on his server that he has previously used to store the material for the KPress website for another project that he will be starting with a colleague in his retirement, the material will not go away. He will store it in a database

for the possibility of the "re-birth" of a new KPress website and said that he will help provide information on methods of porting the information over to a new system elsewhere.

One person in the US has already expressed interest in helping in that way also on a pro bono basis.

Those people who don't want to lose contact with the FSM news provided by The Kaselehlie Press can purchase a PDF subscription that is delivered by email on the day of publication every two weeks. For 11 years the annual price for those subscriptions has been \$30 per year but we have decided to reduce the price to \$25 per year, one dollar less than the newsstand price, from this point forward.

Meanwhile, The Kaselehlie Press will do all in its power and capabilities to minimize the period during which the website will be down.

The service that Bernd Riebe has provided has been invaluable to the FSM for a decade and we cannot thank him enough.

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College celebrates 66th Commencement Exercises

COM-FSM News

December 18, 2017
PALIKIR, FSM — The College's 66th Commencement Exercises was celebrated on Friday December 15, 2017, at 9:00 A.M. in the Main Gym of the FSM China Friendship Sports Center.

Over 500 attendees from the community and dignitaries were present to see the marching of the graduates.

College President Joseph M. Daisy Ed. D. gave welcoming remarks, while FSM Postmaster General, Ms. Ginger P. Mida was this year's commencement speaker.

The Conferring of Degrees was presented by Board of Regent Chairman, Dr. Tulensru Waguk of Kosrae.

Among the 179 graduates from National and Pohnpei campuses, nine graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in Elementary Education and four graduated with a Masters Degree in Education from the University of Guam. A total of 209 students graduated from all six campuses of the college.

Anjannet Fredrick presented the valedictorian address, while Reileen B. Joel was Salutatorian.



...Teacher

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She said that when she first started as a teacher in 1980, lesson plans were done on a day by day basis. Now lesson plans are due every Friday for the following week. She says it's a lot of work but that it makes much more sense.

"It's easier to know where you're going with a plan." It's also easy if a substitute teacher is called in to teach a class due to illness or other reasons.

She said that she also has more resources for teaching now than she did when she started as a new teacher during the FSM's Trust Territory days after she graduated with an Associates Degree at the Community College of Micronesia. She says that although not every child has a text book there are "enough" to get the job done.

As much as she loves teaching, she says that she is also looking forward to retiring.



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Love, Generosity and Altruism
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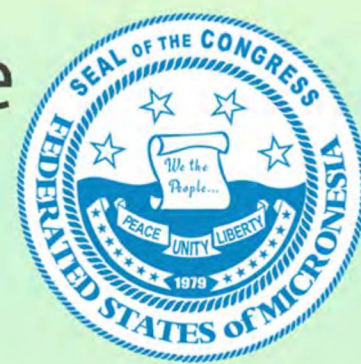
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So let us be thankful and be full of Joy.*

*Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
Twentieth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia*



2017 Christmas Message

by
Wesley W. Simina
*Speaker of the 20th Congress
Federated States of Micronesia*



We are at that time of the year once again when across our Nation when we take a break -- from work, school, fishing, farming or just the daily routine -- for a special time with loved ones to celebrate Christmas. Our celebrations are as varied as they are colorful but all are based on one common factor -- a birth in Bethlehem long ago.

An event that has for millennia until today remains a powerful testament of Hope - one of the underlying principles of Christianity. This principle is emphasized more prominently and most effectively during Christmas. It is why during this time of the year I take comfort in the fact that our way of life in the FSM, the stability of our social structures, the way we raise our children and the way we govern ourselves are all founded on values of Christianity. In our society of varying cultures, languages and belief, these values remain the steadfast keystones of unity in our Nation.

Therefore as we gather across the Nation with our families and friends in celebration of Christmas, let us also take time for inward reflection of and appreciation for our blessings as individuals and as a Nation.

In that spirit of appreciation, Vice Speaker Esmond B. Moses, Floor Leader Florencio "Singkoro" Harper, members of the 20th Congress along with our families join me in extending our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to the people of the Federated States of Micronesia and all our friends who have also made our Nation their temporary home.

May the blessings of His "Indescribable Gift" enrich all our lives this Christmas and the New Year through.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Bertha M. Reyuw
Class of 2010

Alumni Success

Bertha Mochieg Reyuw is from the Island of Stone Money. She attended the College of Micronesia-FSM in 2008 to 2011. Ms. Reyuw obtained her AS degree in Business Administration in December of 2010. Thinking business was her interest, she continued into the third-year program in General Business. After obtaining her certificate in the program, she decided to continue her education elsewhere to earn a Bachelor's Degree.

She was fortunate to be awarded the Australian Awards Pacific Scholarship (AAPS) to pursue her education at the University of the South Pacific (USP) in Suva, Fiji. At USP Ms. Reyuw pursued Environmental Studies, and completed her studies in three years obtaining her Bachelors.

She then worked as the Environmental Program Development Officer at a local NGO on Yap called the Yap Community Action Program

(YapCAP). She collaborated with partners across Micronesia to implement various environment and conservation related projects.

Ms. Reyuw is currently pursuing a master's degree in Global Environmental Studies at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan under a full scholarship from the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC).

Ms. Reyuw believes that the college was the stepping-stone that led to her success in education. She believes that COM-FSM taught her how to endure being away from home. The lessons she inherited, inside and outside of classroom, made her who she is today.

The College is proud of Bertha and her successes. It is without a doubt that she will earn her master's in no time, and eagerly contribute to the community that she proudly hails from.

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Thirtieth anniversary of the Montreal Protocol: President Christian calls for unity, commitment, and strong political will

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December 2017

PALIKIR, FSM — His Excellency Peter M. Christian, President of the FSM, returned this week from delivering a keynote address at the 30th Anniversary meeting of the Montreal Protocol held last week in Montreal, Canada. The international treaty was forged in 1997 to address the global crisis of ozone depletion caused by the release of gases into the atmosphere used in various industrial sectors ranging from air-conditioning and refrigeration to aerosol and pharmaceutical production.

In his address to the 197 countries represented in the hall, President Christian stated: "This environmental treaty proves to the world, that when faced with complex challenges, where products and materials used for economic activities threaten human and environmental health and well-being our global community is smart enough, committed enough, and capable enough to pair knowledge with political will to find solutions; That we are still sanely human, and still care for each other."

In 2009, FSM proposed an amendment to this historic treaty to include a powerful greenhouse gas called hydrofluorocarbon (HFC), which is also used in the refrigeration and air conditioning industries, in the scope of its work. Initially the proposal met with much resistance, in part because the Montreal Protocol (MP) was originally intended to address only ozone depleting gases. Nonetheless, the FSM did not relent. In the lead-up to the 2015 Sustainable Development Summit, FSM secured a commitment from countries in the Pacific Islands Development Forum to support the proposal. Also in 2015, FSM added a focus on energy efficiency to the Island States HFC amendment proposal under the MP and began an advocacy campaign to secure major energy efficiency gains in refrigeration and air conditioning equipment concomitant with any agreed HFC phase down. In 2016, prior to the adoption of the amendment, FSM hosted the Pacific Islands Forum and secured a commitment from all countries in attendance to amend the MP to phase down HFCs. All action, which were instrumental in building consensus and providing the political will, led to the success in Kigali. It took eight years

until at the annual Meeting of the Parties in 2016 in Kigali, Rwanda all countries agreed to include HFCs under the Protocol's work in what is now known as the "Kigali Amendment".

President Christian was accompanied in Montreal by Senator Alik L. Alik, Chairman of the Special Committee on Climate Change, Secretary Joses Gallen, Secretary Andrew Yatilman, Chief of Staff Leo A. Falcam, Jr., Program Manager and National Ozone Officer Tilson Kephass, Yap Congressional Delegation staff, Mr. Andy Choor, and FSM climate change and ozone advisers from the Institute for Governance and Sustainable Development (IGSD), a non-governmental organization based in Washington, D.C.

The head of the FSM negotiating team, Secretary Andrew Yatilman of the newly created Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management, attended the high-level segment of the meeting and also liaised bilaterally with Minister Catherine McKenna, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change of Canada, on a variety of crucial global environmental issues.

President Christian praised the membership of the treaty for their hard work and valor in achieving the Kigali Amendment. If achieved to its fullest potential, phasing down the use of HFCs worldwide while also incorporating energy efficiency measures, the world may avert an additional one (1) degree Celsius of warming. The climate change benefits of the Amendment could mean averting the worst-case scenario for island states, hence why President Christian urged countries in Montreal: "Let us not ask whether the Amendment can prevent half a degree of warming protection by phasing down HFCs, or whether another half a degree can be attained from additional energy efficiency measures. Rather, it should be a question of how soon we can achieve both. No goal is unattainable within the desired time when everyone believes together, plans together, and works together."

President Christian's words echoed through the large plenary hall and were met with great applause and appreciation. Many parties commented later what a show of dedication and commitment he

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REQUEST OF PROPOSALS



The Pohnpei Port Authority is soliciting proposals from Businesses or Individual interested in leasing PPA Restaurants (Two slot concessioners) and a Car Rental booth (One concessionary) All are located at the Pohnpei International Airport in Dekehtik. Size of the concessionaires are as follows:

1. Restaurant Slot no: (A) is 370 square feet.
2. Restaurant Slot No: (B) is also 370 square feet.
3. One unit Car Rental booth for 30 square feet.

All proposals will be accepted from December 19, 2017 closing January 08, 2018 no later than 5:00PM.

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

Additional information regarding this proposal request can be obtained from the office of the General Manager Mr. Pius Roby email address: pbroby@mail.fm or the Marketing division of Pohnpei Port Authority, Dekehtik, Pohnpei State, Mr. Luciano Abraham email address: 1485sano1957@gmail.com or by calling telephone No: 320-2793 or 320-2682 for more info.



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...Montreal Protocol

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showed on behalf of his country to speak in person at this event.

At the opening of the anniversary celebration event on Thursday evening, the Executive Secretary of the Montreal Protocol took a special moment to recognize the FSM's role in initiating the process leading to the Kigali Amendment and praised the country's leadership, vision, and persistence. The international environmental media service, Earth Negotiation Bulletin wrote, "Peter M. Christian, President, FSM noted the Montreal Protocol is proof that when knowledge and political will are combined it is possible to make a difference."

The Federated States of Micronesia was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the UN Environment Ozone Secretariat for its commitment and contribution to the achievements of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Additionally, the FSM flag was raised along with twenty other State Party flags at the anniversary celebration in recognition of the first twenty (20) Parties to the Montreal Protocol to ratify

the Kigali Amendment. As a condition for entry into force of the Kigali Amendment on 1 January 2019, at least twenty instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval of the Amendment have to be deposited by States or regional economic integration organizations that are Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

...ICSW

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and other national civil societies from other parts of the world that are working in similar fields to exchange and interact directly on ways to collaborate for effective advocacy and capacity building.

Amplifying voices of young leaders from around the world was a key objective of the Suva gathering. 43% of the world's population is under the age of 30 and yet this age group is consistently underrepresented in politics. In Micronesia, this age group is not only underrepresented in politics but also in other leadership roles in government, culture and church, and their voice is almost non-existent. Mori Mori from Chuuk believes that the culture of silence dictated by our own chiefly systems may be a contributing factor to this impediment, so how do we find our way around this to make our advocacy and lobbying efforts more effective while still culturally sensitive?

2017 Joint Committee meeting in Chuuk State

FSMIS

December 2017

CHUUK, FSM — The 2017 Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) between the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States of America was hosted by the Secretary of Foreign Affairs Lorin S. Robert in Weno, Chuuk State on December 1, 2017. It was the first JCM held in Chuuk State and the first JCM to be attended by the current US Rear Admiral Shoshana Chatfield of Joint Region Marianas whose security and defense responsibilities cover the North Pacific of the Marianas Islands, Republic of Palau and the FSM. The JCM is an annual consultation between the FSM and the US under Title III of the Compact of Free Association.

Truk Stop Hotel conference room was the venue whereby Governor of Chuuk State Johnson Elimo opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking both the delegation members for selecting Chuuk as the venue of the JCM. He also expressed appreciation to the US delegation for the ongoing Construction Civic Action Detail (CCAD) projects in Chuuk State, Search and Rescue missions conducted in Chuuk, among others. Secretary Lorin S. Robert delivered a statement thanking the leadership of Chuuk State

as the venue for the JCM, and conveying his appreciation of the Title III of the Compact with the US Government. As head of the U.S. delegation, Ambassador Robert Riley reciprocated by expressing his appreciation to the participating officials at the JCM from both sides as it relates to the Title III of the Compact, a commitment from the US government to provide security and defense to the FSM. Ambassador Riley also highlighted some of the recent and ongoing engagements between the US and the FSM such as CCAD program, Pacific Partnership 2018, and FSM citizens enlisted and serving in the US military, to name a few. Rear Admiral Chatfield also delivered a brief remark thanking both sides for her participation in the JCM and indicated that as a representative for Admiral Harry Harris of PACOM, she is duty-bound to defend her area of jurisdiction from all threats including those from North Korea. She also complimented those FSM citizens who have served and are serving in the US military.

The FSM represented to the 2017 JCM were Secretary of Foreign Affairs Lorin S. Robert, Governor Johnson Elimo of Chuuk State, Lt. Governor Carson Sighra of Kosrae State, Consul General Robert Ruecho of FSM Consulate Office in Guam, Acting Attorney General Abigail Avoryie, Chief of Staff Leo Falcam Jr. and other officials from the National and States governments.

Representing the US government were Ambassador Robert A. Riley III, Rear Admiral Shoshana Chatfield, Deputy Chief of Mission Joanne Cummings and other officials from the Department of Defense, Department of State, Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Embassy in the FSM.

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LDS Church donates 3,000 school kits to Chuuk Elementary Schools

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Chuuk, FSM: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon Church) recently donated 3,000 school kits to elementary school children in Chuuk. The kits consisted of a school bag filled with notebook paper, pencils, eraser, colored pencils, pencil sharpener, ruler, and scissors. Also included in the kits was a paper crane made using the Japanese folding technique

known as origami. These were created by LDS students in Japan as part of a cultural exchange program associated with the school kit donation. Also included with each school bag was an origami kit consisting of special Japanese folding paper and instructions for simple creations.

For many years, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been actively involved

in humanitarian relief and development activities in Micronesia and throughout the world. Programs such as the above are funded from members of the Church and others. These programs help children and families of all nationalities and religions by relieving suffering, helping people help themselves, and providing opportunities for service.



...Obesity Control

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4. Ms. Meryda INOS, Health Specialist
5. Mr. Lenson J TAULUNG, Teacher with Kolonia Primary School
6. Mr. Lynn Randol HARRY, Teacher with Ohmine Primary School
7. Mr. Jeremy DONRE, Teacher Saladak with Primary School

The training course is a part of the project titled INTRODUCTION OF WEIGHT CONTROL PROGRAM FOR OBESITY REVENTION IN POHNPEI, being conducted by Fukuoka Women's University and the Pohnpei State Departments of Health Services and Education under JICA partnership program. The project is targeting 3 primary school areas (Kolonia, Ohmine and Saladak primary school areas), aiming to establish "Weight control for obesity prevention program" through its pilot programs.

Obesity is a major contributor to the global burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) today. The prevalence of obesity reported by WHO in 2015 doubled in the past decade, exceeding 10% of the world population (BMI ≥ 30 kg/m² male: 10.7%; female: 15.2%). Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) marked much higher prevalence of obesity than the world prevalence (BMI ≥ 30 kg/m² male: 31.0%; female: 43.7%). In order to modify the situation, the government and non-governmental organizations have worked together for past years; such as carrying out the national campaign called "Go Local", however, the latest statistics have indicated more efforts required to lower the prevalence of obesity in the country.

Seeking effective interventions to lower the prevalence, Laboratory of Clinical Nutrition of Fukuoka Women's University conducted a study in 2014 to identify risk

factors of gaining weight in Pohnpei State. The findings suggested that people need to correctly understand health-related risks of obesity and gain knowledge and skills of dietary modification, and introduce physical activities which do not require special equipment as well. The study also suggested importance to start such knowledge gain and behavioral modification in life stage of childhood. Since obesity is a major contributor to the global burden of NCDs, further expansion of obesity issue would result lowered Quality of Life of the people in FSM and increased medical expenditure attributed to NCD treatments. Those would be affecting sound social and economic development of the country in the future. It is inevitable to identify some effective interventions to curve the increasing prevalence of obesity.

The training course in Japan is the first activity of the project to review the school health curriculum and produce effective materials through lectures presented by professors in the field of public health, clinical nutrition, epidemiology, behavioral medicine, etc. During the course they also met Mr. Wataru Aso, the Honorary Consulate-General of the Federated States of Micronesia in Fukuoka. Mr. Aso welcomed 7 participants with Japan's traditional food. At the end of the course, 7 participants developed the basis of school health teaching material and an action plan. On 23rd December, they completed all the course program and left Japan for home the following day. It is expected what they learned would be reflected into the project.



Interior provides \$6.3m for water infrastructure in FSM

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December 18, 2017

WASHINGTON, D.C.,

United States — U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Doug Domenech provided a \$6.3 million Compact of Free Association grant to support the Federated States of Micronesia's Sekere Water Project on the island of Pohnpei.

Funding for this project will assist the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation in expanding its island-wide water distribution system and connecting to water wells drilled by the United States Navy in 2007 under a Compact-funded humanitarian assistance project.

"Infrastructure projects such as the Sekere Water Project align with the goals of the Compact of Free Association to help increase

the FSM's self-reliance," said Assistant Secretary Domenech. "I look forward to supporting the FSM as it continues to develop its infrastructure management program and begins to take full advantage of infrastructure assistance provided through the Compact."

Now in phase two of this project, the overall scope involves the installation of 5 miles of 8-inch water pipeline, significantly increasing the delivery of potable water service to approximately 3,500 people in multiple communities on the island. The project will be implemented by Pohnpei State Government through its Project Management Office with construction undertaken by Adams Brothers Corporation, a Pohnpei-based construction firm. The project is expected to be completed in mid-2019 and will extend the water distribution system from Sekere in Sokehs to the Lehn Diadi River in Kitti.



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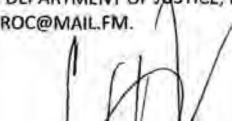
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Fellow Pohnpeians, are you following the prices of some of the commonly purchased imported products by the Pohnpei consumers?

It is very heartbreaking following the prices of these imported goods in Pohnpei especially at times when the supply is low and the demand is high. Yes, in business there is this theory called supply and demand. But the way it is practically occurring in Pohnpei is quite interesting and this is where this letter to the editor will sort having highlighted.

As a consumer and a Pohnpeian, I feel compelled to share with you my observations having been monitoring the prices of these commonly purchased products during shortage periods. About two months ago or more, a very popular and commonly used pig feed imported from abroad almost ran out on the island and the prices went up from \$18.00 plus to \$21.00 plus. This is singularly on pig feed grower. After two days, a new shipment brought in new pig feeds and the prices at the businesses selling this product went up to \$21.00 plus. Then another shortage occurred at the latter part of last month, this time the price went up to \$22.00 plus.

Two weeks later, chicken leg quarters were kind of scarce and the prices were varied, at some businesses they were sold at \$19.00 plus and others at \$21.00 plus. The cheapest price before the shortage was \$16.25. After a new shipment stocking chicken leg quarters in the businesses selling this commodity, the cheapest price you would be lucky to find to feed your family was at \$18.95. As of November 30, 2017, another short supply of chicken leg quarters was experienced and the price went to \$21.00 plus. Two shipments have arrived at the proximate intervals and the cheapest price I have seen so far is at \$19.00 plus. We are approaching a time when and where the demand of this commodity is highly considered a must for every family, yet the supply is abundance. Let us pray and hope that the price goes down so that it is affordable for every family.

In these circumstances, is this how the supply and demand's concept applied? The demand of the supply is no longer in existence but the price of such a commodity is permanently glued at the level when there was a supply and demand. Other prices of some of the commonly purchased goods continue to climb shipment after another.

established here in Pohnpei known as the Sokehs Shopping Center very well unpopular with the Pohnpei Business Community several years back. At its inception, the prices of a sack of forty pound rice ranged from \$16.00 plus to \$19.00 plus. Although this business was disliked on one hand, it was very much appreciated on the other hand by the Pohnpei consumers. The price of its rice when this business was initially open was \$10.00 plus. Everyone else meaning our businesses drastically dropped their prices to \$10.00 plus and a little over. That business then made another decrease to \$9.00 plus. Perhaps without this business, the prices of rice would be in the neighborhood of a little below \$30.00.

Did you know how the price of chicken leg quarters happened to drop to \$16.25? The prices of chicken leg quarters at one point in Pohnpei back then ranged from \$23.00 plus to \$26.00 plus. The generosity of the Joannes Brothers ultimately brought the price down to the lowest ever experienced and enjoyed by all walks of life in Pohnpei. Thank you very much and God bless in your future endeavor. Now that they are gone, how will we be able and enjoy the \$16.00 plus pricing?

As far as I am concerned, I am not familiar with any factors internationally, regionally and domestically that lead to the prices of these imported products remaining at the levels where they are now other than to making more profits. If our businesses were able to sell their products at their lowest prices before the supply and demand period, then they are still able to sell the same products at the same price levels with reasonable markups.

Fellow Pohnpeians, I am simply sharing this information to bring to light what has been going on in Pohnpei during these critical times in order for us to collectively bear in mind whether this is in the best interest of all the people of Pohnpei most especially the disadvantaged ones trying all their best to make ends meet. The good book tells us to be considerate and giving most especially at this time of joy-CHRISTMAS-this is what it says, "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Ni wahu,

Ausen T. Lambert

This reminds me about a business

About 770 babies to be born on New Year's Day in the Pacific Island countries, says UNICEF

UNICEF challenges nations around the world to make sure more newborns survive their first days of life

UNICEF
1 January 2018

SUVA, Fiji- About 770 babies will be born in the Pacific Islands on New Year's Day, UNICEF said today. Worldwide, it is estimated 385,793 babies will be born globally on New Year's Day.

Kiribati's Christmas Island, a small island in the Pacific, will most likely welcome 2018's first baby; the United States, its last. Globally, over half of these births are estimated to take place in nine countries:

- India — 69,070
- China — 44,760
- Nigeria — 20,210
- Pakistan — 14,910
- Indonesia — 13,370
- The United States of America — 11,280
- The Democratic Republic of Congo — 9,400
- Ethiopia — 9,020
- Bangladesh — 8,370

In the Pacific, estimated births on New Year's Day include:

- Fiji -47
- Federated States of Micronesia - 7
- Kiribati - 9
- Papua New Guinea - 620
- Samoa - 13
- Solomon Islands - 47
- Tonga - 7
- Vanuatu - 19

While many babies will survive, some will not make it past their first day. In 2016, an estimated 2,600 children died within the first 24 hours every day of the year. For almost 2 million newborns, their first week was also their last. In all, 2.6 million children died before the end of their first month. Among those children, more than 80 per cent of all newborn deaths are due to preventable and treatable causes such as premature birth, complications during delivery, and infections like sepsis and pneumonia.

"This New Year, UNICEF's resolution is to help give every child more than an hour, more than a day, more than a month - more than survival," UNICEF Pacific Representative, Sheldon Yett. "We call on governments and partners to join the fight to save millions of children's lives by providing proven, low-cost solutions."

Over the past two decades, the world has seen unprecedented progress in child survival, halving the number of children worldwide who die before their fifth birthday to 5.6 million in 2016. But despite these advances, there has been slower progress for newborns. Babies dying in the first month account for 46 per cent of all deaths among children under five.

Next month, UNICEF will launch Every Child



Alive, a global campaign to demand and deliver affordable, quality health care solutions for every mother and newborn. These include a steady supply of clean water and electricity at health facilities, the presence of a skilled health attendant during birth, disinfecting the umbilical cord, breastfeeding within the first hour after birth, and skin-to-skin contact between the mother and child.

"We are now entering the era when all the world's newborns should have the opportunity to see the 22nd Century," Mr. Yett said. "Unfortunately, nearly half of the children born this year likely won't. A child born in Australia in January 2018 is most likely to live to 2101, and in New Zealand to 2100, while a child from Kiribati would be unlikely to live beyond 2075."



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST EXTENDED DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2018



The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia's National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Program, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward THREE NATIONAL FOOD INSPECTORS/COMPETENT AUTHORITY (CA) INSPECTORS based at the FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs (FSMDHSA) (ONE in Yap, FSM and TWO in Pohnpei, FSM) and reporting to the Head of National Food Safety Inspection Program or his designate. The CA Inspector services include:

GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

- To provide regulatory inspection and certification services to fishing industry vessels and establishments within Federated States of Micronesia in accordance with the National Food Safety Act (PL 7-116), Subsidiary Food Safety Regulations, associated amendments, as well as the National Control Plan (NCP) and other CA System documents;
- To provide advice to other organizations with regard to the safety of fish and fishery products.
- Perform routine inspection of food facilities and vessels engaged in receiving, storing or preparation of food and food products for commercial import or export and recommend regarding the formal approval of establishments and vessels;
- To perform sampling and testing as required in the NCP and the National Monitoring Plan and Regulation
- Effective and accurate recording and reporting of CA official control activities;
- Enter ports of entry, detain and search vehicles/vessels at such port of entry and examine and take samples of articles and anything which is capable of being used for such preparation, packaging, storage, sale or conveyance;
- Collect evidence, samples of suspected food, obtaining statements and preparing reports;
- Act as witness in support of the charges against offenders of the National Food Safety Act and Regulations;
- Assist in developing and implementing training programs in Sanitation Management and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) for the food industry;
- Assist States with relevant education activities, surveys/investigations during outbreaks, conduct food inspections/recalls.
- Other duties as assigned.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelors degree in food science, health, fisheries or related field. Associates Degree may be acceptable if proven extensive relevant experience.
- 2 years experience in food safety inspection, management, sanitation or related work
- Fluency in the English language.
- Good written and oral communication skills including basic computer skills.
- Proven ability to work independently and under limited supervision with strong attention to detail.
- Willingness to work outside conventional working hours.
- Good people skills
- Strong commitment to sanitation and hygiene.

The incumbent shall undergo one (1) year of field work to be administered by the CA Team Leader. The incumbent must also attend, complete and pass the biennial national food safety and health certification training course and examination.

DURATION and REMUNERATION

The position will be full-time for an initial two (2) year period. Salary will be based on the Local Labor Market Payscale and/or depending on qualifications under a Contract with FSM NORMA.

APPLICATION

The FSM NORMA invites submissions by electronic and/or hard copies of a) Letter of Interest, b) CV, c) support Degrees/Certificates and d) 3 reference letters to NORMA no later than JANUARY 15, 2018. Selection will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition). Full Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from:

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