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FSM celebrates its 32nd Independence Day

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Pohnpei, FSM—The Honorable Yosiwo P. George, Vice President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), delivered the opening remarks at the 32nd FSM Independence Day held at the FSM-China Friendship Gym in the Spanish Wall Park on November 3rd, 2018. His remark expounded on the message of Unity as a central theme of this year's Independence Day. Peace, Unity, Liberty is the motto on the FSM seal.

Acknowledging his friends and colleagues over the years, Vice President George said "Let me recognize the first Speaker of FSM Congress, the Honorable Bethwel Henry and the Honorable Olter Paul, former Congressman for Kitti/Madolehnimw and a dentist for Pohnpei State Government; both whom are still alive today," Vice President George thanked both of them for their commitment and contribution to our Nation Building.

Vice President George began the heart of his speech with "I would like to focus on the message of Unity," and, citing the FSM Constitution, said "we affirm our common wish to live together in peace and harmony, to preserve the heritage of the past, and to protect the promise of the future. To make one nation of many islands, we respect the diversity of our cultures. Our differences enrich us. The seas bring us together; they do not separate us. Our islands sustain us, our island nation enlarges us and makes us stronger." The Vice President emphasized our founding fathers' vision to unite as "one family, one Micronesia, the Federated States of Micronesia."

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By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

November 8, 2018

FSM—Tuesday was a huge election day in Yap, Kosrae, the United States, and in Guam.

Guam's voters made history when they overwhelmingly elected Lou Leon Guerrero as their Governor over incumbent Ray Tenorio. She will be Guam's first female Governor. Additionally, not only did voters give Democrats a "super majority" in the 35th Guam Legislature, they also chose women to fill 10 of the Legislature's 15 seats.

The United States had its mid-term elections. Voters there put Democrats in control of the House of Representatives but chose to leave the Senate in the hands of the Republicans.

At press time, not all of the ballots were yet in for the election in Yap. The Gubernatorial race is currently too close to call. Only the candidates who ran unopposed can be said with any certainty to have won. Those are Jerry G. Fagolimul for Election District 4 and Joseph B.

Tiucheimal for Election District 5. In the other Election Districts, there are some widely spread vote numbers that might on the face of things seem to rule out a few of the candidates, but that cannot be determined with any degree of certainty until all of the ballots are in.

Currently Nicholas Figirlaarwon is a strong front runner in the Yap State Legislature Election District 1 with 1156 votes. John Mafel, with 1009 votes is also

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FSM Vice President meets with ADB

Office of the President

10/25/2018

The Honorable Yosiwo P. George, Vice President of the FSM, met with Dr. Kshatrapati Shivaji, Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Executive Director representing the countries of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan. Dr. Shivaji sits on the Executive Board of ADB as the Dean by serving the longest tenure among all seven (7) Executive Board members. The purpose of the meeting was to pay a courtesy call to Vice President George and to provide an update to the Government of the FSM on ADB projects, activities, and events in this new fiscal year.

Vice President George thanked ADB, through Dr. Shivaji, for its many years of assistance to the FSM. Dr. Shivaji also thanked the Vice President and asked that he convey the good news to His Excellency, President Peter M. Christian, that ADB is doubling its country allocation from \$6M to \$12M annually. Consistent with the tone of strengthening FSM's relationship with ADB, other important issues discussed included a new ADB Office to be set up in Pohnpei, which is aimed to foster dialogue between ADB and FSM. Also discussed was the new Executive Order designating the Vice President as the NDA tasked to coordinate all projects with multilateral partners, including the flow of information between these entities and the Government. As such, the coordination of all ADB funded projects—including the Improving the Quality of Basic Education (IQBE) project with FSM Department of Education—the Public Service Reform Project, and all other projects in the ADB pipeline will be subjected to the Vice President's review.

Dr. Shivaji is the highest ADB Official to visit the FSM from during the week of October 22nd-25th, 2018. Aside from meeting with Vice President George, Dr. Shivaji also advised that he met with the Honorable Marcelo Peterson (Governor of Pohnpei State), His Excellency Robert Riley (US Ambassador to the FSM), His Excellency George Fraser (Australian Ambassador to the FSM), FSM Development Bank, Bank of the FSM, and the Small Business Guarantee Office in Pohnpei.

Dr. Shivaji thanked Vice President

Japan provides funds for four wheel drive ambulance for Pohnpei rural areas

By Bill Jaynes
November 7, 2018

Pohnpei—Japanese Ambassador to the FSM Ryoichi Horie presented a grant in the amount of \$67,823 to the Pohnpei Department of Public Safety during a ceremony at the Ambassador's residence the morning. The money will be used by the Division of Fire and Emergency Service to purchase a new four wheel drive ambulance for Pohnpei's rural areas.

During his remarks, Governor Marcelo Peterson thanked the government of Japan for its generous donation through the Grass Roots Program of the Japanese Embassy. He said that now that Pohnpei has trained medical responders, Pohnpei is trying to acquire more ambulances to better serve the people of Pohnpei. This one, he said, will likely be stationed in Madolenihmw so that if a medical emergency call comes in from Kittu or Madolenihmw it will be able to more quickly reach the patient in need of medical attention than if it was stationed in Kolonia. He said that the four wheel drive of the vehicle would be helpful on difficult to traverse roads.

Patrick Carl, the Chief of the Division of Fire and Emergency Service said that the supplier will be able to get the new vehicle within two months of receipt of the purchase order which the state can now issue with the Japan's donation.

Director of the Department of Public Safety, Benito Cantero also thanked the Embassy of Japan and its staff members for the donation. He said that he was pleasantly surprised at how quickly the grant came together between the time of application and its being granted.

Ambassador Horie said that the donation represented the strong relationship between the people of Pohnpei and Japan. He said that he is proud to be able to facilitate the donation of the vessel for the protection of Pohnpei's people.

After the formalities were concluded Governor Peterson asked Chief Carl what yet needs to be done in order to establish the upcoming 911 emergency service line. Carl said that they are awaiting the installation of an antenna which might be done by as early as next week. He said that personnel have been trained on the system and all that needs to happen now is to have the antenna installed. When that is done they can begin to implement it.

Governor Peterson said that one of the beauties of the 911 system is that anyone who needs it can use it and easily remember the number, even children who may be faced with an emergency. He said that announcement would be made when the system is up and ready for use.

Japan's money will be used to pay for the ambulance itself and for wharfage.

George for receiving him and the kind words expressed. He assured Vice President George that he that he will speak with Director-General Carmela Locsin, who heads the Pacific Department (PARD) of ADB, to give priority to FSM's needs. Vice President George thanked Dr. Shivaji for taking his time to meet with the stakeholders mentioned above. He further requested that ADB conducts measurable assessments on previous projects, such as the Early Retirement Project. While popular with the public and built with only the best intentions, the perception within the FSM National Government is that our country was not ready for such a program to be given the quality it deserves.

The meeting ended on a positive note. Vice President George invited Dr. Shivaji to visit the other FSM States and also to visit Pohnpei more frequently. Dr. Shivaji thanked him and informed him that his next stop will be in Palau.

Joining Vice President George and Dr. Shivaji during this meeting were Mr. Mason Albert, ADB's Residence Representative and Mr. Herman Semes, Jr., Special Assistant to the President/the Vice President.



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Vice President George continued, saying "Our Constitution also recognizes the autonomy of our States and the idea of commitment in working together to promote peace and harmony. We must embrace the differences between our States and encourage our children and the young generation to embrace our cultural differences and promote education and live a healthy lifestyle. Each of our States comes with unique qualities and different characteristics."

Saying that we have issues to solve and challenges to address, Vice President George urged, "As a government, we should work together to promote positive and pragmatic ways in solving problems and challenges we face daily. As people, we should be proud of ourselves as one family, one Micronesia, and strive for the best so we can be competitive in education, health, economic diplomacy, and human resources with the rest of the world....If we believe in ourselves and are united in our approach, we can meet and conquer our challenges."

"Rather than thinking about negative things," the Vice President said, "our young people should stand up for what is right, be resilient to changes, and make a positive contribution to our government, environment, education, and health by embracing and spreading love—and always being thankful for what you have—family, state, roles and responsibilities. Our elders and retirees should participate in our National Volunteer Corps to help with emergencies, disasters, and contribute their long experiences in our health and education sectors. To me, your involvement makes us stronger—Unity strengthens our development for this Nation."

Vice President George took the opportunity to personally thank our people who served or continue to serve in the US Armed Forces for many years. "Let us remember those who died while serving. Thank you for protecting the idea of democracy, freedom, and peace throughout the world."

His remarks ended with a quote from the Bible (Colossians 3:14-15), advising everyone that we should be thankful and love one another, that this unites us under God, one Nation, one Micronesia. "And above all these put love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful."

After the delivery of his opening statement, Vice President George, his wife Antelise, and Mr. Herman Semes, Jr., Special Assistant to the Office of the President, attended the Pwudoj Wahu in Kitti Municipality.

Micronesia to commit to transparency of tuna fishing

Yuni Arisandy Sinaga
ANTARA News

30th October 2018

Nusa Dua, Bali - The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), supported by the international conservation organization The Nature Conservancy (TNC), announced a shift to 100 percent transparency for its globally significant tuna fishery.

The commitment was announced by Micronesia's President Peter Christian at the Fifth Our Ocean Conference (OOC) held in Nusa Dua, Bali, on Tuesday.

Speaking at OOC 2018, President Christian unveiled his country's commitment to full tuna fisheries transparency by 2023 through a combination of state-of-the-art Electronic Monitoring and human observer coverage in all industrial fishing vessels operating in its territorial waters.

The announcement represented the first time a developing nation has made this type of commitment across its commercial fisheries, signifying a worldwide shift in fishing practices and setting the stage for a global

seafood market transformation that will benefit both people and nature.

Not only is Micronesia committing to have all fleets active in its waters comply with full transparency by 2023, but the island nation is also challenging its neighboring Pacific Island countries to meet this same goal through the Technology for Tuna Transparency (T-3) Challenge. The T-3 Challenge will impact global markets, given that Micronesia is part of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA), eight countries in the Pacific that control over 50 percent of the world's supply of skipjack tuna.

"Our bold commitment to transparency and



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sustainability in our fisheries can help recover tuna stocks and reduce bycatch of other species, such as sharks and sea turtles, so that marine ecosystems and the Pacific Island communities that depend on them can thrive," President Christian stated.

"If the government of FSM and our PNA partners are successful in implementing Electronic Monitoring through the T-3 Challenge, we will help secure the sustainability of half of the global tuna supply. This should also help countries, such as FSM, leverage our licensing arrangements for onshore investments that will bring benefits to the Pacific Island people," he explained.

President Christian pointed out that the step forward and subsequent launch of the T-R Challenge by FSM is critical, as many countries are still effectively "flying blind" when it comes to management of fisheries. Lack of hard scientific data makes it difficult to establish precautionary fishery rules that will ensure the sustainability of fish stocks to feed future generations.

"Nations also face gaps in access to

compliance-monitoring data needed to ensure that commercial fleets are playing by these rules. Simply put, you cannot manage what you cannot measure," he remarked.

Tuna are critical to the socio-economic well-being of the people of FSM, as the country earns more than half of its national income from these fisheries. Revenues from fishing fund the construction of roads, schools, hospitals, and the provision of critical public services.

OOC 2018 is the first time the conference is being held in Asia, and the conference will not only gather new commitments from stakeholders but also encourage the realization of commitments submitted between 2014 and 2017. So far, the OOC has gathered over 600 commitments valued at over \$18 billion and created 12.4 million square kilometers of marine protected areas.

This conference is expected to result in measured, real, and sustainably impacted commitments for maritime cooperation among countries.



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leading the pack. Theodore (Ted) Rutun is currently in third place with 968 votes followed shortly behind by Vincent A. Figir with 931. Right behind is Kensley Ikosia with 904 votes, followed by Joseph Giliko with 871. The next vote getter was off the last seat votes by only 100 votes, and votes fall off further beyond that point.

Unless the off island ballots significantly change things, it appears that in Election District 2, Jesse Raglmar-Subolmar is the winner with 106 votes over his opponent's 25.

The Election District 3 race is too tight to call. Front runners John Masiwemai and Mathew Haleyaluw are separated by only nine votes, with 95 and 86 respectively.

With Kosrae's radio station out of commission, they turned to a special Facebook group to distribute election results. The group requires membership which they wrote that they would approve if a person who requests it has a clearly Kosraen name. As a result, information has been difficult to come by for anyone else.

However, Kosrae's Chief of Staff, Nena William provided unofficial results as of today with the understanding that confined votes and absentee ballots have yet to be received and recorded. Numbers will necessarily change after those ballots are received. Ballots currently received show that candidates for Governor, Alik L. Alik and Carson K. Sigrah are separated by only 122 votes with Alik in the lead with 1352 votes. Currently Arthy G. Nena is the front runner for the seat of Lt. Governor with 1105 votes, 315 votes above his closest follower, Renster P. Andrew, who leads Aliksa B. Aliksa by 92 votes on today's unofficial results.

10 candidates ran for five available seats to represent Lelu. The numbers in that race are pretty tightly packed. Currently, Tulensa W. Palik is in the lead with 596 votes, followed by Salpasr Tilfas with 528. The numbers group fairly tightly for the candidates with fewer votes. The following two leading candidates are separated by only two votes.

Seven candidates ran for the three seats in Malem. With 279 votes, Charlton M. Timothy is the current front runner there, followed by Jarinson M. Charley, and Sasaki L. George with 251 and 239 votes respectively.

Utwe has two seats available. Six

candidates ran. The top three candidates are separated by only 26 votes according to today's unofficial and non-final results. Numbers of votes for the other three candidates fall off sharply from the front runners, Yamado A. Melander, Andrew J. Andrew, and Josaiah F. Waguk.

Tafunsak has four seats. Six candidates ran. The front runner, with 620 votes is currently Nena C. Ned. Two candidates are currently tied at 485 votes each, Rolner L. Joe and Harry H. Jackson. They are followed close behind by Alokoa J. Sigrah with 482 votes. The bottom two vote getters aren't far behind, and all of this could change by the time the final ballots are in.

Meanwhile, the FSM is gearing up for the big race for representation in the FSM Congress. On November 6, the day after the deadline for candidates to file for intention to run, the Office of the FSM National Election released its official list of candidates which is as follows:

Chuuk State at-large four year term candidates are Wesley W. Simina and Eriano E. Eram. For Chuuk's two year term seats in Election District one the candidates are Florencio Singkoro Harper and Mithasy B. Mark. For Election District 2 the sole candidate is Victor (Vicky) Goulard. For Election

District 3 the candidates are Derensio S. Konman, and Eflove F. Mailos. The three candidates for Election District 4 are Tiwiter Aritos, Manuel Rawit, and Smith K. Paulus. In Election District 5 there are five candidates which are Robson Urak Romolow, Arisao Alchem, Joseph Konno Jr., Zander Refilong, and Vidalino Jones Raator.

Candidates for Kosrae's at-large four year term seat are Yosiwo P. George and Aren B. Palik. Johnson Asher and Paliknoa K. Welly are the candidates for the two year term seats.

In Pohnpei, the candidates for the at-large four year seat are Peter M. Christian and David W. Panuelo. For the two year seat in Election District 1 the candidates are Ferney Perman and Merlynn Abello Alfonso. For Election District 2 there are four candidates which are Dion G. Neth, Berney Martin, Herman Semes Jr., and Quincy Lawrence. For Election District 3 the two candidates are Esmond B. Moses and Marstella Jack.

Joseph J. Urusemal is running unopposed for Yap's at-large four years seat. For Yap's remaining two year seat the candidates are Isaac V. Figir and Fidelis Thiyer-Fanoway.



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All proposals must be received no later than the above designated time, date and address. Site inspection is now open and closes on 23 November 2018. For more information, please contact our Pohnpei Port Authority's Marketing Division Manager, Mr. Luciano Abraham at phone number 320-2793/2683 or by emailing his email address 1485sano1957@gmail.com or contact us on our PPA website address: www.ppa.fm

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

Japan provides funding for the reconstruction of the Xavier High School Library

Embassy of Japan

September 25, 2018

Chuuk—Under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects, the Japanese government provided \$80,491 to the reconstruction of the Xavier High School Library that was heavily damaged by Typhoon Maysak in 2015.



Xavier High School has long been a bastion of excellence in learning in Micronesia. Many of today's Micronesian leaders are alumni of the school.

The new library will increase confidence among students and teachers. It will also allow them to have a safe space where they can do research, study, use computers, and work on group projects.

In his address, His Excellency Ryoichi Horie, the Ambassador of Japan hoped that the newly renovated library would contribute to a better atmosphere for study at the school.

He also added that he was glad to be back in Xavier High School to hear more songs prepared by the students. The Ambassador and Madam shared a lovely song too to the Xavier High School Students.

Mr. Martin K. Carl, Principal of Xavier High School expressed his sincere gratitude for the generous assistance. He said that the library would be used to educate students through research, cooperative learning, and group study and seminar meetings for students.

Mrs. Eleanor S. Mori, Board Member of Xavier High School said that she was honored to be invited to join the special ceremony and conveyed her deepest gratitude to the Ambassador and the people of Japan. Mr. Shota Shigeta, Student Body Association President and Ms. Winneta Irons, Girls' Representative also expressed their sincere appreciation to the Japan Government.

The ceremony was witnessed by the board member, teachers, staff and students of Xavier High School and an Embassy staff member.



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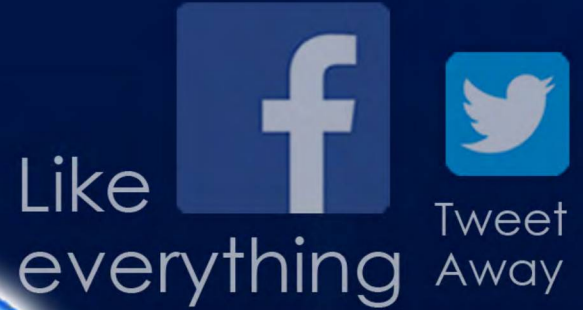
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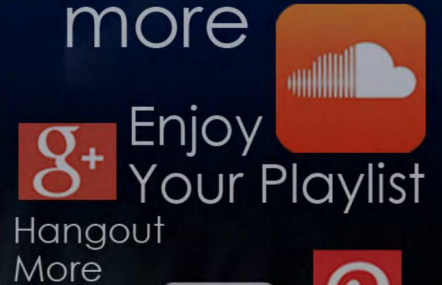
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Scientist on a mission to help farmers make Pohnpei black pepper great again

By *Dr. Virendra M. Verma*
and *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

November 6, 2018

Pohnpei—In Pohnpei's not too distant past, Pohnpei black peppercorns were highly praised by gourmets for their distinctive spicy yet somewhat sweet taste. They had a high market value around the world. Only high quality pepper corns were selected for export which kept the market value high. It was sold only in high end outlets. Mistakes were made. As a result, the once high market price fell due to inferior peppercorns that were introduced into the market stream that were also sold as Pohnpei pepper. Still distinctively Pohnpeian, the inferior product no longer attracted the attention of high end buyers, a market that had been painstakingly built. The market collapsed and it is now difficult to find the wonderful pepper that is distinctly Pohnpeian in western markets, even in large cities.

Pohnpei has several active growers of Pohnpei peppercorns. Some of them, along with other stake holders gathered this morning at the Island Food Community of Pohnpei facilities to hear a lecture by Dr. Virendra M. Verma, Project Director for an integrated research, outreach and education project entitled "Black pepper micro-propagation for elite seedling production: Comparison of local practices and commercial cultivation methods". The

project, conceived and proposed by Dr. Verma is approved and funded by the United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA) for Micronesia. The project was conceived in order to promote sustainable black pepper cultivation in the region.

"This project is of great significance as it is specifically designed to develop black pepper micro-propagation and nursery management systems to produce and ensure the year-round availability of identical, disease-free and high-quality planting material" Dr. Verma wrote. "The objectives of the project include finding alternative supports to overcome the limitations caused due to shortage of tree ferns, determining appropriate fertilizer type and doses, along with the development and publication of a commercial black pepper cultivation guide appropriate for Micronesia."

On the next day, at the Palikir Black Pepper Demonstration Plot just beyond the College of Micronesia FSM campus, he explained what he meant about the "shortage of tree ferns". Local growers have been using short tree ferns to support the pepper plants but there aren't many of them and not enough to sustain a local pepper crop. He has established 200 plants at the demonstration plot supported by tall concrete poles that were manufactured onsite. The plants are 13 feet tall. He says that height puts stress on the plants which causes them to generate more fruit than they would do if not under stress.

Indeed, the plants at the plot from which peppercorns had not yet been harvested were overflowing with healthy peppercorns. He said that he reasonably expects to be able to continuously harvest from those pepper plants for 35 years, adding that each harvest out produces the harvest of 2000 plants on another local plantation. His goal and stated goal of the research project is to help local farmers to realize the same kind of production on their own plantations.

"This project is the first of its kind not only in the Micronesian region but also in the Pacific region because it is integrating and employing multiple latest tools and technologies such as plant biotechnology, horticulture, microbiology, plant physiology and plant pathology for sustainable, climate-smart and organic commercial cultivation of black pepper," he wrote.

He explained at the demonstration plot that each of the plants were clones. "The project is utilizing plant biotechnological techniques such as in vitro cloning for uniform black pepper plantlet production, greenhouse acclimatization of cloned black pepper plantlets for elite, disease-free seedling production."

He said that automatic fertilizer injectors keep the fertilizer application uniform. He spoke of soil pH level maintenance, climate-smart horticultural, plant physiological and integrated pest management practices and other topics that went completely over my head. He showed me the raised beds that were there in order to ensure perfect water drainage, organic soil amendment and other techniques to provide perfect nutrition.

No matter what it all meant, I can attest that the fruit of the pepper plants was plentiful. But the proof in the pudding was when Dr. Verma rolled a slightly red berry between his fingers exposing the white peppercorn beneath and handed it to me. He told me to crunch it between my teeth until it was a fine powder. It was good. No, good isn't good enough. It was incredible. Even though we only use Pohnpei black pepper in a grinder in our



house, it was still the most incredible tasting peppercorn I have ever tasted. It was hot, with a sweet after taste. It was perfect.

Dr. Verma said that the demonstration farm has been commercially sustainable during its two years of operation. He added that the current value of the crop on a wholesale basis is about \$100 per pound.

"Adoption of new practices such as micro-propagation of black pepper for improved and enhanced productivity will ultimately help in reviving the local black pepper industry. Furthermore, this project will provide opportunities for income generation and profitable self-employment to the participating farmers," he said.

Tuesday's seminar was organized by the Pohnpei Agriculture Department in collaboration with the College of Micronesia-FSM and Micronesia Land-grant Program. Various participants from Department of Resources and Economic Affairs, Pohnpei Farmers Association, Pohnpei Agriculture Department, College of Micronesia-FSM, Micronesia Land-grant program, Agricultural Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension Services, Pohnpei Island Food Community, black pepper producers and black pepper processors were in attendance.



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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The Pohnpei State Government is currently considering Bill No. 332-18 to Establish the Micronesian Tourism Omnibus Development Statute, which aims to build a hotel and casino in Pohnpei. We have stated our recommendations during the hearing at the legislature on Monday, November 5th, and written our concerns about this plan on Tuesday, November 6th to the Pohnpei State Legislature for the following reasons:

1. As stated in the bill, the development of a hotel with a casino, if done right, has potential to bring financial benefits and jobs to Pohnpei State. However, the current bill as written, does not show how many temporary (i.e. construction) and permanent (i.e. employees of the hotel and casino) jobs will be created from this project for Pohnpei's residents. We feel the bill should be amended to require a minimum number of local employees to be hired by this establishment and to require a minimum number of local senior-level employees (i.e. managers, assistant managers, supervisors, etc.) who will make more than minimum wage, so we truly feel true benefits to our people? The bill also does not provide us with any sort of an estimate of what the potential financial benefits are going to be in terms of fees and taxes to Pohnpei State. We feel it is incumbent on Pohnpei State to make their case to Pohnpei's residents by providing a comprehensive assessment which will show the minimum amounts of jobs and financial benefits Pohnpei State is willing to cope with in order for this venture to make a major difference in our economy. Simply passing a law without setting some concrete parameters and educated and/or minimum estimates on the benefits we wish to gain from such major decision is irresponsible. There must be a cost benefit analysis (financial/economic benefits versus environmental, health, social and cultural risks and implications) so we know what we are gaining against what we are losing to help us decide if this is the course we wish to take.

2. And as we stated during the hearing, the bill also does not include any provisions on money-laundering, fraud, prostitution and human trafficking. We feel the bill should be amended to include these provisions or if these are already in existing laws, the bill at least should allude to such laws. Gambling has the potential to bring fraudulent people and businesses to Pohnpei. And at the moment, Pohnpei State does not have the capacity to deal with such.

3. The hotel and casino will require

large provisions of our water resources and power from the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC). The Legislature needs to require the Governor and the Department of R&D to provide an assessment of how much water and power such establishment will require and how this will impact the availability of water and power resources to the residents of Pohnpei? And for the Governor and the Department of R&D to provide a comprehensive plan on how they will provide water and power to this company without compromising water and power resources to Pohnpei's residents and other business establishments before this bill is taken under consideration.

4. In other parts of the world where tourism has grown rapidly, including in Palau and in Bali Indonesia, the large number of visitors and their appetite for fish and other marine resources has caused declines in their fisheries and driven up the price of those resources to the point where most local residents can no longer afford them. For example, in Palau, the cost of mangrove crab is now at approximately \$35/lb. And while this, in the short term, is a good thing for the local fishermen, many locals can no longer afford them. And when people can no longer afford their own natural resources, it leads them to eat more unhealthy imported proteins or foods. It is very important that this issue be taken into consideration, so we don't lose our ability to eat our most healthy proteins like fish. If we lose our ability to eat our healthy local proteins this can exacerbate our non-communicable disease epidemic. As we are all aware, this epidemic is already costing Pohnpei a lot of money in medical expenses.

5. Establishment of a hotel with a casino has potential to bring other large businesses. As I shared during my testimony this morning, the casino will bring a lot of people with lots of money who could potentially invest in Pohnpei. While this may be a good thing for our economy, it will also have environmental, health, social and cultural implications. And it will most certainly change our current strategy to develop sustainably. For this reason, we ask that there be a referendum on what direction the people of Pohnpei want. Do we want sustainable development as is stated in our current Pohnpei State Strategic Development Plan and the FSM National Sustainable Development Plan, or do we want to build Pohnpei into another Saipan and other places with big businesses, regardless of how it impacts our environment, health, culture and social welfare? Please note that we are not asking for a referendum on the hotel and casino, we are asking for a

referendum on the future strategic direction of Pohnpei State and the FSM. FSM has signed off on several commitments with the United Nations, calling for sustainable development – establishing a large-scale hotel and casinos are in direct contrast to these commitments.

6. The claim that Pohnpei needs a 200-room hotel and casinos so we can host large national, regional and international conferences may be a false assumption. Those traveling to Pohnpei for conferences and other eco-tourism activities may not necessarily want to check into a hotel with a casino. These may very well be two different sorts of clientele and may not necessarily want to associate with each other. There must be a tourism/visitor survey to see if people visiting Pohnpei for conferences, and to dive, surf and participate in eco or traditional tourism activities will actually want to check into a hotel with gamblers. Or if they are willing to visit an island with casinos and gambling – these are things we want to find out first. Also, a hotel with a casino may not want other guests who are not interested in gambling and spending money in their establishment stay with them. These are questions that must be answered before this bill can be considered.

7. As I also stated in my testimony, climate change is an issue FSM and Pohnpei State are quite vocal about in the international community. If we are serious about climate change, we need to refrain from dredging reefs and destroying our natural protections (coral reefs and mangroves). Establishing a casino on a reef flat can be perceived by our regional partners and the international community that we are not do not believe in and are not serious about climate change and rising sea-levels. As we are all aware, rising sea levels, and the expected increased droughts and other climate change impacts such as typhoons will also impact the viability of the investment and physical infrastructure in the long term.

8. People who are attracted to gambling are usually high rollers who are not sensitive to traditional cultures and customs. Are these the types of tourists we want to attract to our island?

We feel this bill is premature. There are just too many unknowns for this bill to go through right now.

Sincerely,

William Kostka, on behalf of the conservation community

Planting seeds for disaster resilience in Micronesia

USAID

Low-lying Pacific island nations like the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) are particularly vulnerable to natural hazards, such as typhoons and storm surges.

In recent years, severe degradation of the coastal environment in FSM- including the cutting of mangroves, which can help reduce the effects of storm surges- has increased the vulnerability of the country's coastal communities. When typhoon Maysak struck FSM in 2015, the storm destroyed hundreds of homes and 90 percent of crops and fruit trees in affected areas of Chuuk and Yap states, risking the lives and livelihoods of local residents dependent on agriculture, according to a 2015 U.S. Government damage assessment.

To reduce the impacts of natural hazards, USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID/OFDA) supports the American Red Cross and its partner the Micronesian Red Cross Society to implement the Micronesia Community Resilience and Capacity Development (CRCDD) project, which includes community preparedness and coastal restoration activities in Chuuk.

In addition to supporting communities in FSM to develop early warning systems and disaster contingency plans, the American Red Cross mobilizes community groups to raise local awareness of the risks of environmental degradation, establish locally managed nurseries, and carry out regular tree-planting activities to reduce those risks. Restoration of mangroves along Chuuk's coastline is an important activity identified by the community to better minimize the impacts of future typhoons or storm surges.

Since CRCDD activities began in 2016, community members like Myuri Simi, a volunteer from a local women's group in Chuuk, have successfully established seven nurseries and planted more than 11, 650 coconut, mangrove, and pandanus tree seedlings, beginning the restoration of the critical coastal green belt.

USAID/OFDA support for the community engagement ensures FSM will be better prepared for future disasters by giving individuals the knowledge and opportunity to take action and build disaster resilience.

"Now I realize that as community members, we can do something for our island and our people." Said Myuri. "We can plant mangroves."

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Request for Expressions of Interest

Individual Consultant for Design and Supervision of Road Project

The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) has received a grant from the Adaptation Fund to implement a project, entitled, "Enhancing The Climate Change Resilience of Vulnerable Island Communities in the FSM". A portion of the grant will be used to fund the construction of an inland road in Kosrae State. The road will be about 3.6 miles long.

The FSM Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management (DECCEM) now invites qualified road engineering consultants to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the assignment. EOI's should include a letter of application supported by a Curriculum Vitae, and at least three (3) references.

The Services (as detailed in the Terms of Reference) include the review of existing reports and delivery of required studies to inform the design, organization and supervision of all survey work, the preparation of designs and bidding documents, technical support for contract negotiations and management and the supervision of construction. The Consultant will be based in the Department of Transport and Infrastructure (DT&I) in Kosrae State, FSM. The duration of the assignment will be for an initial period of 12 months (renewable).

An eligible applicant should be a Registered/Licensed Engineer, with professional qualifications that meet the requirements of an APEC Engineer and should have experience in the design and construction

of low-volume roads in rural and mountainous areas. The requirements for an APEC Engineer, may be found at: <http://www.ieagrements.org/agreements/apec/members/>

Interested Applicants can submit questions no later than 2 weeks before the deadline.

To obtain a copy of the Terms of Reference for the assignment or to submit questions or to obtain further information, please contact the person below.

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Interested consultants may also download a copy of the Terms of Reference here: <https://tci.gov.fm/documents/pmu/bid-for-decem/tor-engineer-design-supervision-inland- road-kosrae-state.pdf>

Expressions of Interest should be submitted electronically to Mr. Richard Moufa at the email address given above no later than December 7th, 2018 at 1600 hours, local (Pohnpei) time.

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Japan provides a school bus to St. Cecilia School to aid student safety and attendance

Embassy of Japan to the FSM

September 25, 2018

Chuuk—The Japanese government provided a school bus at a cost of \$31,380 to the St. Cecilia School in Chuuk. Japan's Ambassador Ryoichi Horie handed over the keys to the school during a ceremony on September 25.



The Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects provided the funds to procure the bus which will be used to improve student attendance and to provide safety for students.

In his address, His Excellency Ambassador Horie said that the school is important for the future and was glad to support the young lives of boys and girls. He added that he was impressed by the beautiful voices of the students when they sang.



Ambassador Horie and Madam also sang some songs during the ceremony.

Mr. Angelino Rosokow, Chief of Staff of Chuuk State Government expressed his deepest gratitude to Ambassador Horie and the people of Japan for their continuous support.



The Honorable Jessie William, Representative of the House of Senate and Chairman of the Board St. Cecilia School and Rev. Rosendo Rudolph showed their genuine appreciation saying that the provided bus would allow all students to appear in school on time.

Mr. Anselmo Daniel from the ODA Office also conveyed his sincere appreciation for the generous donation.



The ceremony was witnessed by the staff of Chuuk State Government and Chuuk ODA Office, the board members of St. Cecilia School, teachers, and students, along with Embassy staff members.



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Pohnpei Office of the State Public Auditor

October 12, 2018

Pohnpei—The Pohnpei Office of the State Public Auditor (POPA) representative Ms. Sophia Pretrick conducted training for Youth-4-Change at their newly established Youth Center. The presentation was conducted for 66 young people with the Youth-4-Change Director Ms. Sylvia Elias. The purpose of the training was to talk about the benefits and values of POPA in connection to fighting fraud and corruption.

Youth-4-Change is partnering with POPA's Compliance Investigation Division to build capacity and training for the youth in the area of public awareness and cultivating creativity against corruption, this includes composing songs, skits and music jams. The Anti-Corruption Project sponsored by the Pacific People Advancing Change (PPAC) small grants facility fund is administered by Youth-4-Change, a nonprofit organization. Youth-4-Change is a youth group that trains young individuals to become peer educators and leaders in the Pohnpei Community. POPA is pleased to be teaming up with Youth-4-Change.

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



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

General Scope of Work

The VDS Administrator will report to the Assistant Director of Fisheries Management Division. He/She will be responsible for overall management of the Vessel Day Scheme at FSM NORMA and act as the main point of contact for the Scheme:

- Manage and implement the VDS in FSM by monitoring/reporting on vessel days' utilization, trading and etc, ensuring fees are reconciled and transactions are recorded/filed through use of available tools such as the FSM License Systems, FIMS and other systems. Assist with tracking of the VDS related revenues.
- Responsible for analyzing and processing of Non-Fishing Days (NFDs) under the VDS.
- Establish and implement operating procedures, including those related to VDS information and data handling.
- Improve VDS processes including advising to FIMS and iFIMS or other systems to track vessel days.
- Provision of trainings and information on the VDS internally (FIMS) and to NORMA clients and stakeholders, particularly to Industry clients (iFIMS)
- Provide relevant VDS data to the NORMA Fisheries Economist and management when requested
- Provide monthly reports on VDS implementation to NORMA management
- Attend VDS related training and/or meetings as required
- Assist in the processing and managing of permit and licenses for NORMA
- Other duties as may be assigned by Executive Director and/or supervisor.

Minimum Qualifications and Short-listing Criteria

- University degree in finance, accounting, or business administration. Associates degree is acceptable if proven extensive relevant experience.
- Minimum of two (2) years relevant experience
- Very organized and process/detail-oriented
- Competency and experience in the use of typical computer applications, particularly MS Excel/databases, Office, and Powerpoint.
- Fluency in written and spoken English

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Application: The FSM NORMA invites individuals to indicate their interest by submitting electronic and/or hard copies of a) Cover letter or Letter of Interest, b) CV or resumé, c) Copy of school/training Degrees/ Certificates and d) three 3 reference letters to NORMA no later than November 23, 2018. Selection will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition). Full Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from: NORMA, FSM National Government. Attn: OKean Ehmes, PROP Coordinator, P.O Box PS-122, Pohnpei, FM 96941, Office Telephone: 691-320-2700/5181 Email: moria.joseph@norma.fm. Copy to okean.ehmes@norma.fm

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REQUEST FOR QUOTATION

CONTRACT MANAGEMENT SERVICES (GARDENING AND/OR SECURITY GUARDING)

The Australian Embassy in Pohnpei invites contractors to submit quotations to manage service delivery contracts and supervise teams of workers to provide the following services at the Australian Embassy Residential Compound in Nanpohnmal, Pohnpei:

1. gardening and maintenance
2. security guarding services

Contractors may submit quotations for either one or both of these contracts.

Successful Contractor/s will be required to schedule and manage workers to deliver reliable services to the standard required by the Embassy. Workers will be employed by the Contractor. The Contractor is responsible for complying with all FSM and Pohnpei State Labor Law requirements.

Interested parties may attend a Pre-tender Briefing

at 10.00am on Wednesday 21 November 2018 at the Australian Embassy, H&E Enterprises Building, Kolonia.

Detailed Scopes of Work and submission details will be available at the briefing.

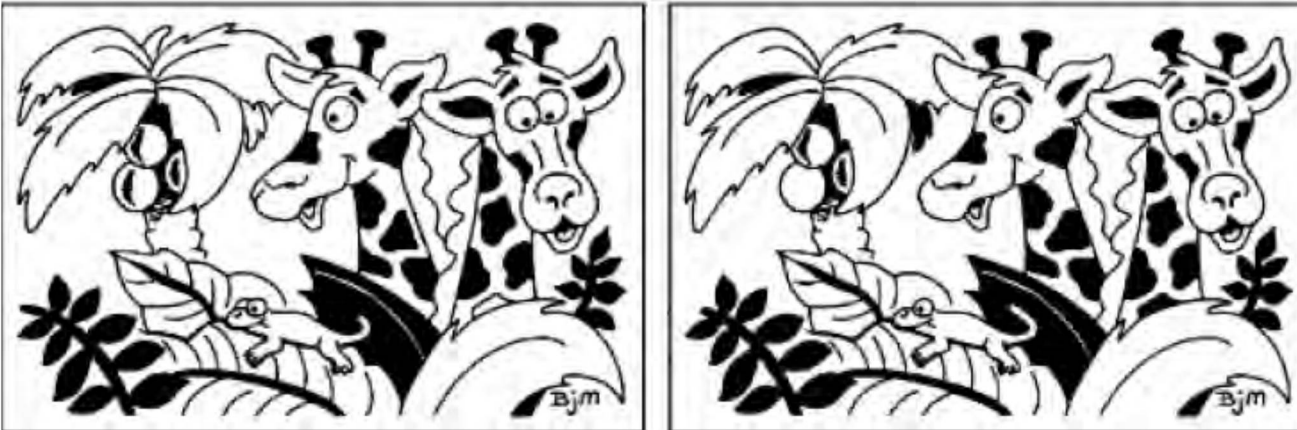
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST RE-ADVERTISEMENT

The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia's National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Program, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for an Electronic-Reporting/Electronic-Monitoring (ER/EM) Coordinator based in Pohnpei, FSM. The ER/EM Coordinator services include:

General Scope of Work

- Oversee and coordinate vessel and onboard electronic reporting of data and information for NORMA.
- Coordinate all work on video electronic monitoring activities of NORMA.
- Establish and implement e-reporting and e-monitoring procedures including implementation of standards in equipment, data collection and storage.
- Install and provide trainings or tutorials in use of hardware and software to observers and fishing companies in e-reporting and e-monitoring.
- Assist in implementation of e-reporting and e-monitoring trials and/or transitioning of NORMA to full programs when appropriate.
- Ensuring secure storage and accessibility of e-reporting and e-monitoring data from collection to data analysis/utilization.
- Work closely with NORMA staff and partners in the FSM, the Pacific region and internationally in areas related to e-reporting and e-monitoring and represent FSM interest in meetings as may be assigned.
- Assist with other duties as may be assigned by the Chief of Research Division.

Minimum Qualifications and Short-listing Criteria

- Bachelors Degree in computer science or related field. An Associates degree could be considered if extensive relevant professional experience is proven.
- 1-2 years relevant professional experience.
- Relevant IT skills/experience with android based devices, operating database systems, Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, and Internet Browsers.

- Demonstrated experience in delivery of training.
- Good written and oral communication skills, especially report writing.
- Proven ability to work independently and under limited supervision.
- Project management experience and/or skills.
- A general understanding of the technical aspects of E-Reporting and E-Monitoring

Additional desirable qualifications

- Experience working in Tuna fisheries sector and with Pacific Islands
- Experience in supervising staff and in and providing necessary guidance Remuneration
- Salary will be within range of \$14,000 to \$17,000 but based on the Local Labor Market Payscale and/or depending on qualifications.
- This will be an 18-month full-time position under contract with FSM NORMA subject to renewal based on performance.

Application: The FSM NORMA invites individuals to indicate their interest in providing the above mentioned services by submitting electronic and/or hard copies of a) Cover letter or Letter of Interest, b) CV or resumé, c) support Degrees/Certificates and d) three 3 reference letters to NORMA no later than **NOVEMBER 19, 2018** Selection will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition).

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

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Hainan and Pohnpei agree to a coconut planting demonstration in Pohnlangas

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Pohnpei—This week the Pohnpei State Government hosted a high level delegation from China’s Hainan Province to discuss agriculture, tourism, fisheries issues and other matters. During their time here, Governor Marcelo K. Peterson and FU Caixiang, Vice Governor of the People’s Government of Hainan Province signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the joint establishment of a Coconut Standardized Planting Demonstration Park in Madolenihmw.

The signing ceremony was held at the Governor’s conference room in Peilapalap. Later that afternoon they held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the project that will cover 1.33 hectares of land adjacent to the China demonstration farm in Pohnlangas, Madolenihmw. The China demonstration farm has been operating in Pohnlangas for 20 years.

This afternoon, after the speeches were completed, dignitaries from Pohnpei and Hainan each took turns with spades around four small coconut plants in a small cleared area for a ceremonial turning over of the soil. They then gathered for a ceremonial

ribbon cutting and photo opportunities.

The Pohnpei State Government and the Hainan Provincial Government have agreed to work cooperatively on the coconut demonstration planting project. Both parties appointed the Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences (CATAS) to take the lead in establishing the planting demonstration park. The MOU says that the Hainan Provincial Government will support the agricultural training needs of Pohnpei to help train “agricultural technicians”, and that both parties would conduct cooperative research on areas of common interest related to the project.

The Hainan government and the Pohnpei government have agreed through the signing of the MOU to establish a joint agricultural working group to liaise with each other for implementation of the project. Pohnpei Department of Resources and Development is the executing agency for the State of Pohnpei.


The MOU is for five years that will be automatically extended for another five years unless one party

notifies the other in writing that they intend to terminate the agreement six months prior to its expiration.

Visiting Hainan Provincial Government officials who visited included Ms. FU Caixian, Vice Governor; Ms. SI Haiyang, Deputy Secretary General, Ms. MIAO Yanhong, Director General of Department of Civil Affairs; Mr. HAN Jinglei, Division Director of Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs; Mr. Xiao Feng, Deputy Division Director of General Office; and Ms. LIU Liu, Principal Staff Member of Foreign and Overseas Chinese Affairs.

The entourage also included photographers and other staff members.





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