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Ground Breaking for Pohnpei International Airport Expansion



Photos by Nigel Jaynes

PIA fire trucks, "Strikers" which were recently donated to all the FSM states by the Federal Aviation Administration demonstrate just a bit of their power for dignitaries attending the groundbreaking at the airport

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

On April 18, 2008 dignitaries and onlookers assembled to take part in a groundbreaking ceremony at the Pohnpei International Airport.

The project will be constructed in three phases according to the pictures on display at the groundbreaking ceremony. In the

first phase a new generator building will be constructed, along with new twenty five foot runway shoulders, a new runway overlay, an ARFF (Airport Rescue and Fire Fighters) Building located to the side of the runway at its approximate midway point.

The second phase of construction will include a new taxiway overlay, new shoulders and fillet, new piles, and a new apron overlay.



Dignitaries "break the ground" for the Pohnpei International Airport Expansion

The project will be topped off in the third phase by a new "RW9" turnaround on the west end of the runway along with a new security perimeter road and fence for the airport.

The engineering and design was performed by GMP Hawaii Incorporated.

High Rice Prices? President Mori Calls on FSM Citizens to Eat More Local Food

FSM Information Services

Palikir, POHNPEI - President Manny Mori has called on the people of the FSM to be conscious of the rising price of rice in world markets, and has urged FSM citizens and residents to consume more local foods instead.

President Mori was reacting to international news reports that the price of rice has increased by as much as 50 percent in the past year due to world-wide shortages caused by drought and other natural and economic changes in key production countries.

The President noted that Australia is reported to have suffered a catastrophic 90 percent reduction in rice production due to the recent drought conditions there.

Even major Australian companies are importing rice from China and other South East Asian producers for sale within Australia. This has had an impact on FSM because a large portion of FSM rice is imported from Australia.

President Mori noted that as a result of world-wide and regional shortages, the price of rice has risen considerably in most areas and supplies are sometimes short even for those willing to pay higher prices. This is having a global impact on consumers in poorer countries in particular as rice is a major portion of their regular diet.

"We cannot control the world price and supply of rice," President Mori said, "but we, the FSM should not panic and feel desperate as long as we have the abundance of local foods available to

us."

President Mori called on businesses in FSM not to exploit the situation by raising prices unreasonably. He urged businesses to instead work closely with local farmers to increase the supply and quality of local food for sale locally at reasonable prices.

President Mori said the people of the FSM are very fortunate that our islands still produce an abundance of local food crops including breadfruit, bananas, taro, yam, sweet potato, cassava and a range of local food plants that are more nutritious and tastier than rice.

The President also called on government and community leaders, including in churches, schools and medical facilities, to show the lead by personally consuming more local foods and reducing

their reliance upon rice as a staple food and to educate other members of the community, especially young people, about the health value, growing technology and preparation methods of local food.

"For too long our children have been fed on rice as a staple food because of the convenience of preparation and storage. We have neglected our responsibility and even contributed to their lower health standards by failing to teach them to appreciate the natural food bounty of our islands," President Mori said.

"Now, the rise in the price of rice gives families greater incentive to do the right and healthy thing", President Mori added.

President Mori also urged tourists and foreign residents of the FSM to also sample and use more local food items in their meals.

World TB Day – CDC Official in the FSM to Promote Awareness

By **BILL JAYNES**
The Kaselehlie Press

Federated States of Micronesia - In the late 1800's TB killed one in seven people in the United States. On March 24, 1882, Dr. Robert Koch announced the discovery of the tuberculosis bacillus. On March 24, 1982, the World Health Organization established World TB day as an international effort to raise awareness about the international health threat presented by tuberculosis (TB). It is a day to recognize the collaborative efforts of all countries involved in fighting TB. TB can be cured, controlled, and, with diligent efforts and sufficient resources, eventually eliminated.

On March 24, 2008, Phillip M. Talboy, Deputy Director, Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention of the Centers for Disease Control was in the FSM to continue the charge toward more international awareness of

the disease.

He presented a 73 page PowerPoint presentation to fifty to sixty people in attendance at the Forum Lecture series at the FSM - College of Micronesia. The Forum Lecture Series is a cooperative effort of COM and the US Embassy. He and local representatives from the Health Department also conducted radio, and newspaper interviews throughout the nation in an effort to get the message out about Tuberculosis in the FSM.

In the United States, CDC provisional numbers show that 13,293 people out of 301 million have the disease or 4.4 people per 100,000 of population. In the FSM the ratio is 14.4 times higher than that at 61.1 per 100,000. Again, these numbers are provisional and according to Mr. Talboy it could be that the numbers in the FSM could rise. Due to the nature of the FSM with its many outlying islands there could be people with the disease that experts don't yet know about.

What is TB?

Tuberculosis usually attacks the lungs but can also spread to other parts of the body. It is transmitted when the bacillus becomes airborne through human activities like coughing, sneezing, or even singing. A person contracts TB by breathing in the same air as a TB infected person with whom they live in close quarters for a long period of time.

It's symptoms include a persistent cough that lasts for longer than two to three weeks, a fever, weight loss, night sweats, and a loss of appetite. If not treated it can be deadly but TB IS CURABLE!

Officials working to eliminate the disease in the FSM wanted to stress that the disease is curable.

MDR and XDR?

He said that it is vital that patients with the disease continue treatment until the end. Curing the disease is tough on the patient who must receive a shot every day for six months. Their urine and tears will likely turn orange and they will likely feel sick, sometimes very sick but the medicine that seems to make patients so sick is actually killing the disease and not the patient. Patient's who stop the treatment before the disease is actually cured will likely feel better but they run the risk of developing and spreading drug resistant strains of the disease.

It's not fair really. Patients who develop TB do so through no fault of their own but once they do it is their responsibility to be sure they are treated fully even though that treatment causes personal suffering.

Drug resistant TB can range from mono-resistant (MDR) strains that are resistant to the "first line of defense" medications to multi-resistant which is a strain of TB that is extensively drug resistant (XDR).

Night and Day...

Mr. Talboy congratulated the effort

of the Tuberculosis program in the FSM. He said that the difference in the program between 2000 and 2008 is like night and day. Dr. Mayleen Jack Ekiek is the Manager of the FSM National TB Program in the Department of Health and Social Affairs. She said that local staff efforts, laboratory facilities and medical consultations have gotten much better since she began in the program in 2002. She wasn't congratulating herself, she was congratulating the efforts of those in charge of the local programs in each of the States.

Rupihner R. Defang is the TB Program Coordinator for the Division of Primary Health Care for Pohnpei State Health Services. In addition to a locally produced video that has been aired on the local cable system the Department has health professionals that travel into the field every single day.

With the importance of complete treatment of the disease Health Professionals working in the TB Program in each of the States each day visit patients who have the disease for directly observed treatment. Talboy said that without that type of treatment many patients might abandon their battery of treatments which would not only put them at risk but anyone who might come into close contact with them.

Every baby born in the hospitals of the FSM are vaccinated against the disease. TB medicines are free in the FSM.

Detection...

Officials say that a person can be infected with TB and be able to pass it on but not develop symptoms. They said that everyone should be time tested. The test is relatively painless, just a quick poke four times. Results can be seen a few days later. If the red dots are still just red dots there is no TB. If the dots left on the skin have a reaction to the test and have swollen and joined together the patient needs treatment.

Screening is important, Talboy said. "MDR TB is here and if we aren't careful XDR TB is right around the corner."

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Launch of New Border Management System in Airports and Immigration Offices in FSM

The Australian Embassy

On 9 April 2008, the Australian Ambassador, H.E. Susan Cox, hosted an official ceremony at Pohnpei airport to mark the completion of the FSM Improved Border Management System in Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap.

At the ceremony, Ambassador Cox commented that, "The new computerised system would not only strengthen border security but also improve passenger processing times using automatic passport readers and generate national statistics to assist tourism and government planning."

FSM Secretary of Justice, Maketo Robert, accepted a

plaque from the Australian Government to commemorate the successful installation of the new systems which now networks the national immigration office in Palikir, the four state immigration offices, the four international airports and passenger ships.

Secretary Robert thanked Australia for sharing its technology and technical expertise with the FSM noting that the new systems will greatly expand the country's border management capability.

The Australian Ambassador acknowledged the project as an important example of development cooperation between the Governments of

Australia and FSM. The project was jointly funded by both Australia (approx. USD\$800,000) and the FSM (approx. USD\$150,000). FSM's contribution was to upgrade the airports and Immigration offices to prepare for Australia's technological contribution.

Also present at the ceremony was Mr David Coombe from *Natural Systems*, the Australian immigration systems company that provided the project software and support. Mr Coombe noted the delays with installing the Border Management System in Yap following Typhoon Sudal in April 2004. However, he expressed his satisfaction that all four states are finally op-

erational with the new System.

Other companies involved in the project included Pohnpei-based *Asumen Ventures Incorporated (AVI)*, *FSM Telecom* and *Dynjab Technologies*.

The ceremony was also attended by the Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr Kandhi Elieisar; Chief of the Division of Immigration and Labor, Mr Mohner Esiel; Chief of Police, Mr Pius Chotailug; Immigration Program Manager (IT), Mr David Wolphagen; General Manager of Pohnpei Tourism Office, Mr Edgar Santos; and AusAID Program Manager, Mrs Emma Tiaree.

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Department: Police Commission/Department of Public Safety
Job Title: Police Commission Internal Investigator
Position No.: EA PN-050-08
Classification: Salary (Ungraded) \$20,000/annum
Reports to: Police Commission

GENERAL PURPOSE:

Under general supervision of the Police Commission, reviews, analyzes, plans, and conducts investigation into allegations of police misconduct, produce detailed written reports of all investigative activities, conduct in depth analysis of all officer involved shootings and deaths of persons that occur while in police custody; prepare written and oral reports of officer involved shootings and custody deaths to be used during the various review process within the Department of Public Safety.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS:

This is a highly skilled investigative position. An employee occupying position of this class is responsible for performing complex and difficult investigations into allegations of police misconduct.

Additionally, the employee in this classification conducts policy reviews and analysis of all incidents in which police officers use deadly force and cases in which a person dies while in police custody.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Any one person in this class may not perform all the duties listed, nor do the listed examples of duties include all similar and related duties that may be assigned to this class.

1. Investigate allegations of misconduct by analyzing the allegations, evidence, and investigative outcomes consistent with the Department of Public Safety's rules and procedures, determine the specific policy violations that apply to each allegation of misconduct and identify the members who are suspected of violating those policies as well as identifying members who are potential witnesses.
2. Conduct policy reviews and analyses of incidents in which police officers use deadly force and cases in which a person dies while in police custody, prepare comprehensive reports for use in the review process that determines if the involved members acted within the policies of the Department of Public Safety.
3. Develop an appropriate investigative strategy to identify relevant evidence.
4. Conduct interviews with witnesses who may include complainants, citizens of the public, and with those who are suspects of alleged misconduct.
5. Identify allegations of contain elements of criminal behavior and refer those cases to the Director of Public Safety for investigation.
6. Analyze all gathered information; prepare reports and presentations on the outcomes and activities of the investigation conducted and deliver presentations to the Police Commission and Director of Public Safety,
7. Consult with members of the Police Commission and give input regarding allegations or misconduct.
8. Respond to requests from the citizens of the public for additional information on investigations of misconduct.
9. Other duties as assigned by the Police Commission and the Department of Public Safety.

OTHER DUTIES:

1. Attend Police Commission regular and special meetings.
2. Prepare and deliver presentations for training and other purposes.
3. Conduct research on best practices of other law enforcement agencies.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of:

1. Department of Public Safety's rules and regulations;
2. Generally accepted investigative practices and procedures;
3. Applicable laws and judicial rulings affecting Internal Affairs processes;
4. Effective community and public methods and practice;
5. Grammar, syntax, organizing complex ideas into coherent writing

Ability to:

1. Conduct thorough, objective investigations of police misconduct;
2. Present the results in both written and oral formats
3. Understand how policy of public safety organizations applies to each allegation of misconduct;
4. Communicate clearly both orally and in writing.
5. Maintain confidentiality regarding the activities conducted by the Internal Investigator's Office.
6. Analyze allegations of misconduct within the context of the Department of Public Safety's rules and procedures;
7. Use word-processing, presentation and other office software as needed
8. Use a digital voice recorder and the accompanying software.

Training and Experience:

A typical way of obtaining knowledge, skills, and abilities outlined above is graduation from a four year college or university; at least five years of progressively responsible experience conducting internal organizational audits or investigations of misconduct or criminal behavior. Experience in law enforcement and/or a public agency is preferred.

Licenses, certificates, special requirements:

A valid state driver's license.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DEMANDS:

Persons with disabilities may be able to perform the essential duties of this class with reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodation will be evaluated on an individual basis and depends, in part, on the specific requirements for the job, the limitations related to disability and the ability of the State of Pohnpei to accommodate the limitation.

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Admiral Keating Meets with FSM's President Mori

FSM Information Services

Palikir, POHNPEI (FSMIS) - Navy Admiral Timothy J. Keating, head of the United States Pacific Command visited Federated States of Micronesia on April 8, 2008.

In a joint press statement President Mori told Admiral Keating that there is "very strong, very unique, very friendly relationship" between the two countries. This relationship enables the Micronesian people to sleep comfortably at night, recognizing the peace and security this relationship provides.

Keating, Commander of U.S. Pacific Command, expresses on the same sentiment the close, longstanding security ties the United States and Federated States of Micronesia share.

Admiral Keating told President Mori that the strength of the two countries friendship is important to Pacific Command "it is the sort of relationship which woven together, form a very, very tight fabric of peace and stability all throughout the vast part of the world for which we are responsible."

He also noted the upcoming USNS Mercy hospital ship visit to Micronesia as part of Pacific



President Mori and Admiral Keating

Partnership 2008. Hundreds of medical and dental professionals, some in the military and some civilian volunteers, will provide medical care for those either too far away from the care they need or unable to afford it.

Keating concluded by reassuring President Mori that Micronesia can depend on its longstanding friendship with United States "should you need help," regardless of the size, regardless of the time, regardless of the technical nature, if the United States Pacific Command can, we will."

We will be here as soon as asked for the assistance, whether it's day or night, humanitarian assistance or something requiring even higher military capability, he said. "It will be our distinct privilege to provide that service when we can." Commander Keating concluded

Police Development News

FSM National Police

Police officer III Kazner Aldens of Pohnpei State Police participated and completed a two weeks forensic course which was held 10-21 March 2008 in Samoa. The course is design for police forensic Managers from across the pacific region. Participants came from Vanuatu, Samoa, FSM and Palau. Officer Aldens is currently responsible for collections of finger prints at the Pohnpei State Police." Officer Aldens will be very instrumental in setting up our records now that he had received the proper training in finger printing according to Chief Joe Roby."

Capt Fanian Bamngin of Yap police and Captain Harry Jackson from Kosrae police have been nominated to attend an Executive Leadership in Pacific Polic-

ing program which will be held in Tonga 18-30 May 2008. The primary objectives of the course are to analyze public policies and reflect on the political and economic constraints that shape the policy process within policing organizations; improve executive level judgment, problem solving and decision making skills in a policing context; and improve capacity to implement strategic change within policing organizations.

FSM Senior Police Officers Participated in APCSS Chuuk DPS Director Emilio Jimmy, Pohnpei DPS Deputy Chief Tony Pernet, Captain Lino Amor of the FSM National, Police and Kasio Kempo Jr. of FSM DOJ graduated march 26, 2008 from the Asia Pacific Center for Studies Comprehensive Security Responses

Speaker Figir Meets With Admiral Keating of US Pacific Command

FSM Congress Public Information Officer

PALIKIR, Pohnpei - On April 08 2008, Speaker Isaac V. Figir met with Navy Admiral Timothy J. Keating, Commander of the Hawaii based United States Pacific Command (US PACOM) in a short meeting in Palikir.



Admiral Keating and Speaker Figir

Speaker Figir welcomed the Admiral and members of his delegation and expressed appreciation for the Admiral's visit to the Federated States of Micronesia. The visit was Admiral Keating's first to the FSM whereby Speaker Figir thanked him for the continuing assistance provided by the US Government through its various branches of Armed Forces. Speaker highlighted the efforts by the US Coast Guard in the areas of Search-and-Rescue and other issues within the FSM's Exclusive Economic Zone.

Also discussed in the meeting were FSM's ongoing Fiber Optic Cable efforts, and the military build-up in the neighboring Guam, to which both sides agreed would be beneficial to the FSM and would be another means to further collaborate on issues of

to Terrorism (CSRT) Course in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The FSM participants joined 61 other military and civilian participants from 31 countries throughout the Asia-Pacific Region who attended the three-week course.

Participating Countries were Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei, Canada, Egypt, El Salvador, India, Kenya, Laos, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, FSM, Mongolia, Mozambique, Nepal, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Tonga, Turkey, United States and Vietnam.

The CSRT course provides key states in the Asia-Pacific Region and other designated countries the operational and strategic level skills necessary to enhance their ability to combat terrorism and to cooperate with other regional nations.

The course is designed to build rela-

mutual interest.

The visit concluded with both sides reaffirming their shared interests and commitment to security and peace in the region.

Accompanying Admiral Keating and his delegation on the visit to the FSM Congress was Ambassador Miriam K. Hughes of the US Embassy in Kolonia. Along with Speaker Figir in the visit with the Admiral were the following Senators: Chairman Peter Sitan - Committee of Judiciary and Governmental Operations; Chairman Dohsis Halbert - Committee on Ways and Means; and Chairman Nelson A. Moses - Committee on Transportation and Communications.

tionships between and among the United States and current and future counter terrorism practitioners of participating countries, develop the trust and confidence necessary for increased information sharing and identify ways to reduce obstacles to cooperate in the international struggle against those who use terror to promote their goals.

The ASIA Pacific Center for Security Studies is a Department of Defense Academic Institute that addresses regional and Global Issues. Military and Civilian representatives of the U.S and Asia Pacific Nations participate in comprehensive program in executive education, professional exchanges, empower security practitioners to advance Asia-pacific security.

"We will continue to seek and take all the training opportunities extended to us in order to prepare our officers and our police services to catch up with the changes in the developing world. Police training is a never ending exercise Col. Chotailug, Chief of National Police concluded."

FSM Maritime Law Enforcement and Legal Issues Workshop

FSM National Police

Co-operation and co-ordination were the key themes discussed during a two day marine enforcement workshop held in Pohnpei last week.

Representatives from a number of maritime related organizations and FSM National government departments attended the workshop where building the capacity of the National Police Maritime Wing was high on the agenda. The twenty participants at the workshop were drawn from the FSM National Police, Division of Immigration, Customs, Department of Justice, Pohnpei State Police, NORMA and the Royal Australian Navy.

The Australian Ambassador to the FSM, RMI, Palau and the CNMI, Her Excellency Ms Susan Cox, addressed participants during the opening of the workshop which

was held at the Seabreeze Hotel in Kolonia on Wednesday. Ambassador Cox highlighted the long and positive relationship Australia has established with the FSM and in particular the support provided through Australians Defence Cooperation Program and the Pacific Patrol Boat Project.

In the spirit of support and co-operation, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) through the Pohnpei based Australian Maritime Surveillance Advisor, Lieutenant Commander Mark Sorby, worked closely with FSM Chief of Police, Colonel Pius Chotailug to develop this important activity.

The workshop resulted in the development of a number of key outcomes and strategies designed to build capacity of FSM Maritime Wing which will allow them to perform operational activities in a safer more professional and effective manner.



Ambassador Cox addressing the workshop participants

Other important outcomes included enhancing legislation in relation to illegal fishing, immigration and customs and maritime security in addition to other crimes which are viewed as a risk to FSM national security. Lieutenant Commander Mark Sorby told the workshop participants there he hoped to identify appropriate support to assist FSM to

address the issues raised over the two-day meeting from relevant Australian and regional organisations.

Chief Chotailug told the *Kaselehlie Press* that increased training opportunities and information sharing capacities between relevant organizations were key outcome strategies developed.

VACANCY No.: VA/FPA/ICS10/2008/1

CLOSING DATE: 7 May 2008

POST TITLE: Country Development Manager (CDM)

DUTY STATION: Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

DURATION: 1 Year Fixed-Term initially

LEVEL AND SALARY: ICS-10 commencing \$US 28,396 net plus other benefits

RECRUITING ORGANIZATION: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Pacific Sub- Regional Office, Suva, Fiji



The CDM is responsible for the effective coordination of programme activities of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Summary of Key Functions:

Policy Advice and dialogue:

- Provide support in the development and analysis of the MDG reports.
- Support the assessment of capacity and identification of technical assistance and capacity development needs.
- Coordinate inputs from the three UN Agencies to assist in policy dialogue and incorporation of policies into national and UN plans and strategies.

Coordination and management of the country programmes:

- Support the formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programmes including performance indicators/success criteria, targets and milestones.
- Support harmonization of financial and substantive monitoring and evaluation of projects, identification/solutions of operational and financial problems.
- Provide regular reports on the political/economic social development and dialogue in the country as well as on programme achievements
- Facilitate UN missions by ensuring proper protocol and setting up meetings.

Strategic partnerships and implementation of the resource mobilization strategy:

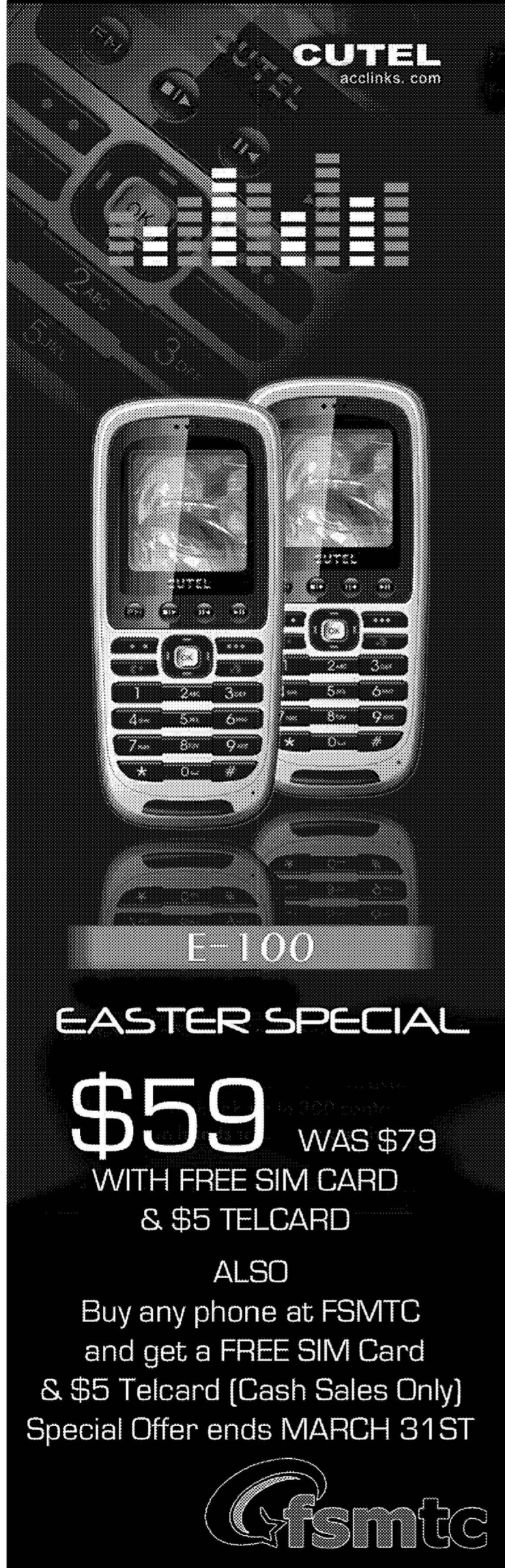
- Assist in coordination and management of strategic partnerships
- Assist in preparation of substantive donor briefs/proposals.
- Provide inputs and facilitate dissemination of UN press statements and other advocacy materials and provide local access to UN information.
- Participate in meetings as required.

Academic qualifications/Work Experience/Languages

Master's degree in Public health, Population Studies, Education and/or other related social science fields. At least 5 years professional experience preferably in programme management in the public or private sector. Proficiency in current office software applications. Fluency in oral and written English. Fluency in local Pacific language is an advantage. For specific competencies required, please refer to the job description

Candidates must complete a United Nations Personal History (P.11) form, together with an updated Curriculum Vitae, as well as three referees. The P.11, reference forms, as well as a complete Job Description for the post can be downloaded from the office web site <http://pacific.unfpa.org> or obtained from the FSM Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Personnel and Administration, PO Box PS35, Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941. Tel (691) 320 2618; fax (691) 320 8836. The completed P11 form should be sent together with a cover letter and updated CV either by email at fjiregistry@unfpa.org or by mail marked "Confidential", ref. VA/FPA/ICS10/2008/1 To the FSM address provided above.

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FSM SAMH Meets in Chuuk

By **GEORGE HAUK**

WENO, Chuuk—From April 14 - 18, the FSM Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program met in the Truk Stop Hotel on the administrative island of Weno. “We are fortunate because this is the second time we have all the SAMH program in the FSM get together”, said Kerio Walliby, FSM SAMH Administrator who is stationed in Pohnpei. Representatives from the respective States of Kosrae, Yap, and Pohnpei arrived days earlier for the five-day session.

One of the guest speakers on the opening day was Chuuk Governor Wesley W. Simina. In his welcoming speech, Governor Simina emphasized the importance of preventing the use of drugs and other dangerous substance in Chuuk. “I wish you a successful annual meeting and if there is anything my office could do to help, please let us know.” Governor Simina also relayed a story about a shark and

man with a mental disorder named “Kaso” who, according to Governor Simina, jumped right into the water even knowing by seeing that a hungry shark was there. Fearless Kaso? Maybe.

Each representative focused on how to cope with substance abuse that sometimes leads to mental health disorders in some youths across the nation. Betel nut and tobacco were two items often discussed in the workshop. Representatives in the seminar included Chuuk Athletic Club, Inc. and SHIP/HOOPS both of which play an important role in the overall FSM SAMH program.

The seminar was held at the Hard Wreck conference room which also hosted a party in honor of the returning participants from Chuuk sister states. Suicide prevention was another topic discussed at the meeting whose theme was “To Live in a Safe, Drug Free Environment.”

VACANCY No.: VA/FPA/ICS5/2008/2

CLOSING DATE: 7 May 2008

POST TITLE: Programme/Admin Assistant

DUTY STATION: Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

DURATION: 1 Year Fixed-Term initially

SALARY RANGE: ICS-5 commencing \$US 9,348 net per annum plus other benefits.

RECRUITING ORGANIZATION: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Pacific Sub Regional Office, Suva, Fiji (also on behalf of the United Nations Development Programme – UNDP and of the United Nations Children’s Fund – UNICEF)



Specific Duties and Responsibilities

- Provide secretarial/admin support to the Country Development Manager including: i. managing incoming and outgoing correspondence; ii. assisting with registration of correspondence, pouch and distribution of reports/publications in the office and with filing; iii. preparing drafts of correspondence, iv. making local and international travel arrangements; v. searching the web for relevant information and events; and; v. preparing briefing materials and PowerPoint presentations as needed for supervisor.
- Provide administrative and logistical support in the planning and organization of meetings, advocacy activities and UN Missions to the country;
- Assist in preparing and reviewing project budgets, management of the safe and petty cash keep track of office expenditures and liaise with vendors to ensure timely payments for the office.

Qualifications:

Certificate in Secretarial Studies and/or successful completion of secondary education. Specialized certification in administration desirable. At least 3 years of relevant secretarial/administrative experience. Fluency in oral and written English required. Proficiency in MS-office software application is essential.

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(at December 31, 2007 / \$ in thousands)

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</u>	
Cash and due from banks	\$ 21,837	<u>Liabilities:</u>	
Federal funds sold	18,400	Deposits:	
Interest bearing deposits with banks	48	Non-interest bearing	\$ 193,742
Total cash and cash equivalents	41,285	Interest bearing	542,422
Interest bearing deposits with banks	10,154	Total deposits	736,164
Investment securities available for sale	228,442	Accrued interest payable	1,348
Investment securities held to maturity	80,374	FHLB advance	10,000
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	2,108	Long-term borrowing	-
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	445,842	Other liabilities	2,605
Accrued interest receivable	4,440	Total Liabilities	750,719
Premises and equipment, net	23,408	Commitments and contingencies	-
Goodwill	783	<u>Stockholders' Equity:</u>	
Other assets	14,366	Common stock	1,801
Total Assets	829,282	Additional paid-in capital	12,939
		Retained earnings	64,719
		Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(805)
		Common stock in treasury, at cost	(290)
		Total Stockholders' Equity	78,564
		Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 829,282

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA BRANCHES

STATEMENT OF CONDITION

At December 31, 2007 / (\$ in thousands)

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 688	<u>Deposits:</u>	
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	7,141	Non-interest bearing	\$ 16,182
Accrued interest receivable	60	Interest bearing	44,604
Premises and equipment, net	184	Total deposits	60,786
Other assets	-	Accrued interest payable	343
Due from Headquarters	51,945	Other liabilities	23
Total assets	\$ 61,918	Commitments	-
		Total Liabilities	\$ 61,810

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Year ended December 31, 2007 / (\$ in thousands)

<u>Interest income:</u>		
Loans		\$ 759
From related parties		2,392
Total interest income		3,150
<u>Interest expense:</u>		
Savings deposits		287
Time deposits		810
Total interest expense		1,097
Net interest income		2,053
Provision for loan losses		52
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		2,001
<u>Non-interest income:</u>		
Service charges and fees		455
Other income		340
Total non-interest income		695
<u>Non-interest expense:</u>		
Salaries and employee benefits		409
Occupancy		172
Furniture and equipment		39
General, administrative and other		344
Total non-interest expenses		1,014
Net income		\$ 1,682

Alaska Internship for COM Fisheries Student

By Ray and Yen-ti Verg-in

Alaska holds some of the finest fishing waters in the world. Every summer since 1999, one of students at the College of Micronesia has been selected to participate in a summer fishery internship program in Alaska. This year, it is a reality for Joeven Malwesou.



*Joeven Malwesou, 2008
Marine Fishery in Alaska
internship recipient*

This will put Joeven aboard a commercial fishing vessel plying the waters of the Alaska Coastline for Salmon and Halibut this summer. Joeven, who grew up on Lamotrek Atoll in Yap; attended COM classes last year at Yap and this year is at the National Campus in Pohnpei. He is a Marine Fisheries major and was selected from seven finalists who were qualified for the program.

Joeven was asked about what are his thoughts on going to Alaska, a place quite different from FSM. He said, "I am very happy that they chose me to be the one to go for this summer 2008's Internship." Joeven stated that he is looking forward to: "Experience a very different climate, get to travel for a very long-distance away from the Federated States of Micronesia, see those Eskimos from Alaska, experience a summer without night or day, and to touch snow in real life. I welcome this chance to practice what I have learned from my instructors here at COM, especially, from my Marine Science classes."



The Moody Blue offloading Halibut

Alaska. This involves the student in flying over 7,000 miles from Pohnpei to the Alaska fishing site, some four weeks aboard a fishing vessel, and the use of longline gear for Halibut and set net sites for salmon. It also requires careful handling and care of several thousand "number one" quality fish for delivery to one of the most modern processing plants in the fishing industry. Additionally, it includes studies and lab work for a Fisheries Course; which is a part of the Internship.

The program pays for travel, licenses, warm clothing, gear required, and all living expenses involved. Additionally, upon completion of the internship at the end of the summer, the student receives over \$1,000 for his use with education.

Joeven Malwesou is the 11th student to benefit from this program. Last year's recipient was Elijah Tarofalmal, who is currently finishing his studies at COM.

This Internship is sponsored by COM and paid for by Professors Ray and Yen-ti Verg-in at the National Campus for COM, who fish in Alaska during the summers.

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U.S. Compact Grants To FSM In March 2008

For the fifth month of the current fiscal year, the FSM Department of Finance received Compact-funded grants from the United States Government totaling \$ 4,135,771. These payments were for Compact sector grants for Education, Health, Public Sector, Environment, and Private Sector Development plus Infrastructure and Supplemental Education Grants for March of Fiscal Year 2008. The breakdown of these grants follows:

<u>Sector Grants for FSM National Government</u>	
Education Sector (FSM Department of Education)	\$ 25,000
Total Payment for FSM National Government:	\$ 25,000
<u>Sector Grants for Chuuk State</u>	
Education Sector	\$ 1,163,729
Health Sector	\$ 830,885
Public Sector (Capacity Building)	\$ 101,882
Environment Sector	\$ 43,059
Private Sector Development	\$ 79,811
Total Payment for Chuuk:	\$ 2,229,366
<u>Sector Grants for Pohnpei State</u>	
Education Sector	\$ 603,222
Health Sector	\$ 546,943
Public Sector (Capacity Building)	\$ 41,231
Environment Sector	\$ 40,130
Private Sector Development	\$ 19,879
Total Payment for Pohnpei:	\$ 1,251,405
<u>Sector Grants for Yap State</u>	
Education Sector	\$ 290,000
Health Sector	\$ 230,000
Public Sector (Capacity Building)	\$ 50,000
Environment Sector	\$ 45,000
Private Sector Development	\$ 15,000
Total Payment for Yap:	\$ 630,000

TOTAL SECTOR GRANT PAYMENTS FOR FSM (Mar. FY 2008): \$ 4,135,771

These payments are made on a monthly basis, based upon requests submitted by the FSM Government on behalf of the national government, the four state governments and the College of Micronesia-FSM. The U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs administers these funds for the United States Government.

The above information is provided as a public service by the United States Embassy.

Pohnpei Women Council Visit Chinese Pilot Farm

The Embassy of the People's Republic of China

On March 29, 2008, at the invitation of Madam LIU Fei, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of P.R.China to the F.S.M., delegates from 18 Women organizations of Pohnpei Women Council paid a visit to the Pilot Farm aided by the Chinese government in Pohnpei. Mrs. Figir, the wife of Speaker of National Congress, Dr. Skilling, Secretary of Health, Mrs. Esha, the wife of Governor of Pohnpei State, Mrs. Jane Chigiya, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Mrs. Mida, the wife of the Chief of Staff in President's Of-

rice, and H. E. Mrs. Susan Cox Australian Ambassador were present.

Ambassador LIU Fei welcomed all the guests and said that the Pilot Farm had been sponsored by the Chinese Government since 1998. 5 resident Chinese technicians provide training courses on vegetable farming to the local trainees and people. The project has effectively promoted local agriculture, and helped improve people's livelihood. With the 10 years' hardworking of Chinese agriculture technicians, over 30 kinds of vegetables and melons have been successfully grown lo-

cally. Today, they are all available in the market. That a Pohnpei farmer makes a fortune by growing cucumbers is a good example to show that life can be improved by this simple skill. All the women are encouraged to learn from the Chinese agriculture technicians to start their own farming business at home.

One representative of the Pohnpei women council, on behalf of all the visitors expressed their gratitude to the Chinese government for the generous assistance over the years and the hospitality of Ambassador LIU Fei. They will all cherish this opportunity to have farming skills and introduce the

knowledge to anyone who are willing to start family farming.

Accompanied by the Chinese technicians, the guests toured the nurseries and the green house. All of them were amazed by the cucumbers, tomatoes and capsicums in green house and the big watermelons in the fields. They asked questions about farming skills and got satisfactory answers from the Chinese technicians. Officials of all the women organizations were confident that the fruitful visit in the Pilot Farm was bound to bear a fruitful harvest in their home fields and would organize their members to visit the farm soon.

Seen Any Good Movies Lately?



By *N.N. Isaac*
The Kaselehlie Press

Spirited Away (2001)

Two worlds collide when an unsuspecting family stumbles upon a gateway dividing our world from the spirit realm in Hayao Miyazaki's 2001 animated masterpiece, "Spirited Away." "Spirited" follows the spellbinding story of Chihiro, a sullen 10-year-old girl, as she struggles to survive a world of witches, gods, monsters, and spirits in order to rescue her parents from becoming trapped in the spirit domain forever.

Created by the "Walt Disney" of Japanese anime, Hayao Miyazaki, and re-released in the U.S. by his admirers at Disney Pictures, the English-dubbed "Spirited Away" features the voice talents of Daveigh Chase (*Lilo & Stitch* 2002, *The Ring* 2002) as Chihiro, along with Michael Chiklis (*Fantastic Four* 2005, *The Commish* 1991) and Lauren Holly (*Dumb & Dumber* 1994, *Navy NCIS*) as Chihiro's parents, Suzanne Pleshette (*The Bob Newhart Show*) as Yubaba/Zeniba, and David Ogden Stiers (*M*A*S*H**, *Beauty & The Beast* 1991) as Kamaji.

Before watching "Spirited Away," I regarded the work of the legendary Hayao Miyazaki with a calm, composed respectfulness. After experiencing "Spirited," my admiration of Mr. Miyazaki turned into a veritable obsession. I've since hunted down other great movies from this master storyteller, like "Porco Rosso" (1992), "The Castle of Cagliostro" (1979), "Howl's Moving Castle" (2004), and "Castle in the Sky" (1986). In addition to being fraught with unforgettable characters and one-of-a-kind plots, Miyazaki's movies also manage to impact viewers with meaningful morals about society and the environment. "Spirited Away" is one of Miyazaki's most eloquently fabled creations, proven by its winning of an Oscar at the 2003 Academy Awards for Best Animated Feature.

"Spirited Away" is a classic film

that will continue to touch the hearts and imaginations of all who watch it. I highly recommend this memorable movie to both children and adults for an unparalleled, magical experience. This animation is rated PG for some scary moments.

Appleseed Saga: Ex Machina (2007)

Set in 2133 A.D., "Appleseed Saga: Ex Machina" also known as "Appleseed Ex Machina," follows the story of a young E.S.W.A.T. soldier named Deunan Knute and her cyborg partner, Briareos Hecatichires, as they work to discover the connection between the mysterious terrorist attacks plaguing the futuristic, utopian city of Olympus.

Based on the Seishinsha comic book by Shirow Masamune and produced by John Woo, "Ex Machina" is a successful follow up of its prequel film, "Appleseed" (2004). Director Aramaki and his slew of skilled animators deftly utilize ingenious computer graphics, realistic camera movements, and an automated animation style to construct this phenomenal sci-fi adventure.

If you enjoy playing tactical video games and are looking for a fun, visually dazzling movie, "Appleseed Ex Machina" is right up your alley. If you can, I'd also advise that you see the first "Appleseed" before watching this sequel. Overall, this film is an action-packed must-see. Its opening scene alone gives me goose bumps every time I watch it.

"Ex Machina" is a phantasmagoria of breathtaking graphic art framed in a captivating story that never patronizes its audience. With jaw-dropping visuals and insane stunts, this spectacular anime will keep your eyes glued to the TV screen.

"Ex Machina" is rated PG-13 for action/violence and brief strong language, and is available on DVD, HD-DVD, and Blu-Ray.

Sweeney Todd: The Demon

Barber of Fleet Street (2007)

After years of incarceration for a false charge, barber Benjamin Barker returns to London seeking vengeance as the tormented Sweeney Todd. Set in the 19th century, "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" is a macabre musical melodrama that follows the journey of the anti-hero Todd as he spirals into a misanthropic career as a demented serial killer.

"Sweeney" is a film adaptation of Stephen Sondheim's 1979 Broadway musical. At the helm is director Tim Burton, who's amassed a large following, including myself, by creating humorous gothic stories like "Beetlejuice" (1988) and "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (1993). In "Sweeney" Burton creates a ghastly work of art that remains true to the original musical. This dark comedy received a Golden Globe for Best Picture, Comedy, or Musical earlier this year, and was nominated for three Oscars at the 2008 Academy Awards, winning for Art Director.

Johnny Depp is magnificently malevolent as the demonic Todd, marking one of the best perfor-

mances of his eclectic career. For his riveting portrayal of Todd, Depp received a 2008 Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Comedy/Musical. Also mesmerizing is Helena Bonham Carter as the unscrupulous Mrs. Lovett. Alan Rickman (Professor Snape from "Harry Potter"), who's always brilliant at playing the bad guy, is positively lascivious as Judge Turpin. Timothy Spall (Wormtail/Peter Pettigrew from "Harry Potter") is disgustingly corrupt as Turpin's henchman Beadle Bamford. Also notable is Sacha Baron Cohen ("Borat" 2006) as the ludicrous faux-Italian barber, Signor Pirelli.

Even though I've been a fan of Burton and Depp longer than the sun has risen in the east; not to mention that I have seen Sondheim's musical, I was still rendered speechless by this gorgeously gory screen version of "Sweeney Todd". If you'd enjoy a morbid musical with superb performances, caustic lyrics and a scheming plot, "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" is an absolute must-rent at the video store.

This musical satire is rated R for graphic bloody violence.



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Palau Sport Fishing Assoc. Deploys New FAD: 07°05.900' North /134°36.590' East

By **YALAP P. YALAP**
Treasurer, PSFA

Koror, Palau (April 8, 2008) – In preparation for the 18th annual Palau Sport Fishing Association featuring the Etpison Cup a new fish aggregating device or FAD was deployed today.

Newly elected PSFA board President, Shallum Etpison, identified the PSFA's on-going goal to provide easy access to enjoyable and competitive fishing areas through deployment of FADs: "Each year we will look to fund and deploy two FADs to support the local and sport fishing communities. The benefit to the environment will be to draw fishermen away from the reefs to the FADs. In addition having a specific location to go to will save time and precious fuel."



"The FAD was dropped at a depth

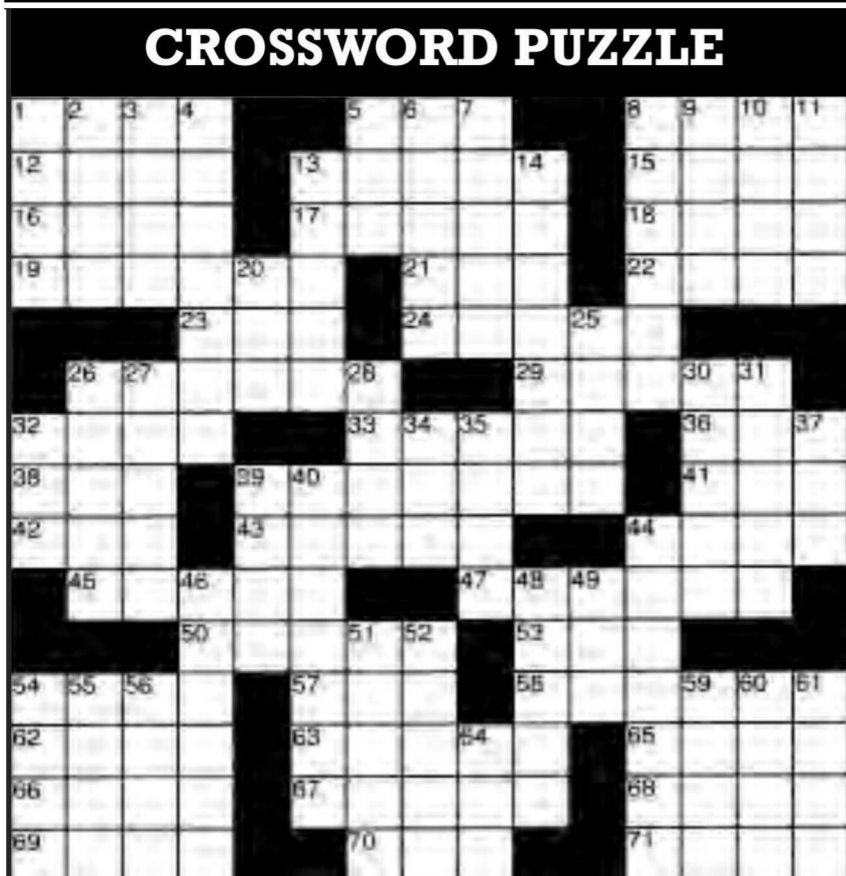
of approximately four to five thousand meters and rope amounting to eight thousand meters was used in this first effort. Affixed to the rope was a 1.2 square meter concrete anchor. The location of the FAD is about 17 miles off Malakal at 07°05.900' North /134°36.590' East" said President Etpison.

FADs are used to attract ocean going pelagic fish such as marlin, tuna and mahi-mahi (dolphin fish). They usually consist of buoys or floats tethered to the ocean floor with concrete blocks. Over 300 species of fish aggregate around FADs in the open ocean around the world. Fish tend to move around the FADs in orbits of differing dimensions and are used by both recreational and commercial fisheries. Deployment in advance of the derby will allow time for algal growth that attract the big game fish for the derby competition. A \$10,000 prize for billfish weighing in at more than 500 pounds is this year's Grand Prize. This year's event will be held on May 17th and 18th.

The PSFA appreciates and thanks the Bureau of Marine Resources of the Republic of Palau, Koror State Government, NECO Group of Companies and the Coral Reef Research Foundation for all the donated time, labor, materials and other resources that made this deployment a reality for the sport fishing industry.

ABOUT PALAU SPORT FISHING ASSOCIATION
The Palau Sport Fishing Association has for over 18 years been the official organization of sport fishing in the Republic of Palau. Each year PSFA organizes the largest sport fishing event on Palau featuring the Etpison Cup. Through partnerships with corporations such as Palau Pacific Resort, Shell, Budweiser, Neco Yamaha and Bank of Hawaii along with the local community PSFA has been able to realize increasing numbers of participants in sport fishing competition and spectatorship. As the official organization for sport fishing in Palau PSFA is associated with tradition and integrity. PSFA is also a member of the International Game Fishing Assoc.

Astronomical Tide Prediction April 23 - May 6, 2008				
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1. Rhyming food for Paco
 - 5. Stage strutter
 - 8. Tend crops
 - 12. Neutral color
 - 13. More recent
 - 15. You might fly into one
 - 16. Doctor's deed
 - 17. Ticked off
 - 18. Bourbon Street veggie
 - 19. Key master
 - 21. Fled
 - 22. MTV viewer
 - 23. Postal-creed word
 - 24. Vote for
 - 26. Yule drink
 - 29. Wacky

HURRAH

- 32. Stoles
- 33. More out of line
- 36. Table part
- 38. "___ of Good Feelings"
- 39. "In tonight's ___."
- 41. Hurrah
- 42. Mole
- 43. It goes on a screen
- 44. Hair treatment
- 45. Road haulers
- 47. Converted
- 50. Common wedding spot
- 53. Zilch
- 54. Porno
- 57. I've found you out!
- 58. Did hard work
- 62. Tuneful cadence
- 63. Vertigo spot
- 65. Doctor's miracle
- 66. Whiteheads
- 67. Kind of campaign
- 68. Make money
- 69. ___ shift
- 70. Bawl
- 71. Do a maid's job
- 14. Went back
- 20. Lad
- 25. Inedible apple part
- 26. Common Market money
- 27. Process cheese
- 28. Diagram on this page
- 30. Pilot
- 31. Desire
- 32. Given food
- 34. Take advantage of
- 35. A way out
- 37. Where dumbbells are
- 39. Satanic
- 40. Duel items
- 44. Kept order
- 46. Concern
- 48. The return key
- 49. It's all about you
- 51. Buttinsky's sounds
- 52. Cowboy contest
- 54. Refinery refuse
- 55. Rats
- 56. It's near the radius
- 59. Maui meal
- 60. Has an accident
- 61. Bruise a cruiser
- 64. Chatter

**K-Press Puzzle Pleasure
SOLUTION IN NEXT ISSUE**



Boxes

All the words in the list are found in the diagram in an unusual way. Each word reads clockwise or counterclockwise around the edges of a box (sometimes a square and sometimes a rectangle).

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| DOUGHNUT | JOURNEYS | QUARTZ |
| DRUMBEAT | LAUGHTER | RELATIVE |
| EMBLEM | LIMBER | SILVER |
| EQUIPPED | LITTER | SNAPDRAGON |
| FILLET | MARBLE | STARFISH |
| FLIGHT | MOBILIZE | TANDEM |
| FLOATPLANE | MOUNTAIN | TOWBOATS |
| GARDEN | NEIGHBOR | TROPICAL |
| GUMPTION | OBSERVER | UNDERSTUDY |
| HOBBYIST | PALLET | VOLLEY |
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Dried Banana and Grated Taro for Home and Business Use

By Dr. LOIS ENGBERGER
Pohnpei Island Food Community

Exciting work on drying and preserving local foods is being carried out in Mand Community, Madolenihmw, as led by Mr. Kiped Albert, of Pohnpei Agriculture of the Office of Economic Affairs, supported by the Island Food Community of Pohnpei, College of Micronesia-FSM Cooperative Extension Services, Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers and Mand Community members.

A workshop was held in the Mand Community Hall on 2 April 2008, with 42 participants. Ripe banana slices and grated giant swamp taro (mwahng) were prepared and placed in a solar dryer that was built locally by Capitol Fabricators (see photo). The grated taro was placed on a banana leaf as this works best for drying (better than using a metal pan). Mr. Albert dried the banana for five days and shared the dried ripe bananas on 6 April to the delight of Mand Community members.

Some thought that the bananas had been fried, but Mr. Albert said, "No, these bananas are not fried. They are dried. We have to get away from frying, which is not healthy."

In addition to the solar dryer, a charcoal dryer, was used for nighttime drying and rainy days. Mr. Albert found that one night in the charcoal dryer and two full sunny days of solar drying are sufficient to dry the ripe bananas. The length of time that the bananas can be kept safely depends on how dry they are. The dried taro can be



Photo by Dr. Lois Engberger

Participants in the Mand Community food processing workshop and their children eagerly inspect the banana and grated taro drying in the portable solar dryer, built locally by Capitol Fabricators.

made into delicious soup.

The dried bananas are tasty snacks for children and the whole family. They are healthy and are from local foods. **They have no unhealthy ingredients added, such as fat, salt or sugar.**


Juices were made by blending ripe banana and sour fruits, including soursop (sei) and calamansi (karetik) with coconut juice for sweetening. Mr. Hiro Sawano demonstrated how to re-cycle beer bottles, removing the label, sterilizing in hot water, and using a bottle capper instrument to keep the bottles closed tightly, for use later, up to two weeks.

All products were made using local food crops and offer potential for small business enterprises. More information on these technologies can be obtained from Island Food Community of Pohnpei (tel. 320-3259), Pohnpei Agriculture (tel 320-2400), and COM-FSM CES (320-5731). Thanks are extended to the Global Environmental Facility Small Grant Program and New Zealand Embassy for the funds to support this workshop to Dr. Perera and Ione deBrum, consultants providing initial help, supported by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community Forests and Trees Program, and Kiped Albert and Kathay Larsen for assistance in writing this article.


Dried Ripe Banana Slices

1. Select ripe raw eating bananas, preferably *Daiwang*, *Utin Pihsi*, and *Kaimana* (some varieties of banana give an itchy sensation, such as *Utimwas* and *Utin Iap* and should be cooked).
2. If the fruits are small, slice in half. If fruits are large, slice into more pieces.
3. Place on the solar dryer in the sun early in the morning on sunny days. Rotate dryer to keep in full sun. If it is rainy and little sun, place in charcoal dryer so that it can start drying right away. If the pieces are in the dryer without sun or charcoal drying, they will spoil.
4. Eat as a snack.


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Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia
Statements of Condition
December 31, 2007 and 2006

ASSETS	2007	2006
Cash and due from banks	14,859,232	15,273,019
Federal Funds Sold	8,455,000	5,195,000
Interest-bearing deposits in banks	797,157	508,044
Cash and cash equivalents	14,111,369	10,976,063
Short-term investment in money market funds	24,075	723,377
Securities available for sale	29,643,424	35,594,565
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	29,290,320	26,079,754
Accrued interest receivable	528,222	581,133
Premises and equipment, net	3,469,187	3,567,179
Prepaid expenses and other assets	223,381	161,199
Total Assets	177,289,998	177,683,270
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing	16,897,391	16,871,084
Interest-bearing	42,919,530	46,465,426
Total deposits	59,816,921	63,336,512
Accrued interest payable	92,624	99,119
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	558,964	642,476
Total liabilities	62,468,529	64,078,107
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common Stock, \$5 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized, 934,343 shares issued and outstanding	4,671,740	4,671,740
Additional paid-in capital	4,663,576	4,663,576
Retained earnings	5,244,830	4,621,790
Accumulated other comprehensive income	241,323	(351,943)
Total stockholders' equity	14,821,469	13,605,163
Total Liabilities & Stockholder's Equity	177,289,998	177,683,270

Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia
Statements of Income
Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
Interest income:		
Loans	3,317,611	2,804,014
Investment securities and due from banks	1,390,439	1,472,435
Federal funds sold	524,428	297,216
Total interest income	5,232,678	4,573,665
Interest expense:		
Time deposits, \$100,000 and over	471,893	381,157
Savings	389,674	355,328
Other time deposits	101,616	74,783
Total interest expense	963,185	811,268
Net interest income	4,269,293	3,762,397
Provision for loan losses	220,000	45,000
Net interest income after provision for loan losses	4,049,293	3,717,397
Non-interest income:		
Service charges on deposit accounts	317,845	350,987
Loan fee income	203,190	258,481
Other	137,787	155,521
Total Non-interest income	658,822	764,989
Non-interest expense:		
Salaries and wages	1,441,684	1,427,370
Occupancy expense	405,298	354,671
Fixed Asset expense	342,897	229,847
Professional Fees	240,886	193,311
Employee benefits	234,137	273,073
Data Processing expense	194,094	96,170
Travel expense	170,975	150,069
Telephone	159,251	173,652
Stationery and Supplies	142,710	109,061
Gross Receipts and Use Taxes	96,966	128,178
Correspondent Bank Fees	77,224	70,856
Directors and Shareholders expense	64,113	57,912
Insurance	56,022	54,396
Business Development	40,090	31,166
Credit and Collection	25,244	25,737
Postage	17,340	17,016
Teller and Operating Losses	10,192	17,788
FDIC Deposit Insurance	7,324	8,116
Miscellaneous expense	49,302	37,383
Total Non-Interest Expense	7,677,749	7,455,772
Net income (loss)	1,230,366	1,226,584
Earnings (loss) per share	\$1.32	\$1.31

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