

Preparations nearly complete for Phase 1 of the Weno road project Complicated land issues still need to be settled before other projects can begin

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Palikir, Pohnpei—The first phase of the Weno road project is nearly ready for contractor bidding. The design has been completed by Lyons and Associates for the new 4.2 mile long road that will consist of unreinforced concrete 9 inches deep on a new road bed with a new road drainage system that includes 23 new large drainage outfalls. 80,000 feet of new water pipe and sewers will also be laid during the construction process to replace the water pipes that have been in place in Weno for decades.

Management Unit, the office that oversees infrastructure projects in the FSM said that the project will go out for contractor bids on the 15th of October. The pre-construction conference will be in mid-November and the contractor will be selected on December 15 of this year. He said that the government estimate for the cost for the project is greater than \$20 million and less than \$30 million. That was as specific as he could be without divulging what the government thinks the project will cost to contractors who will competitively bid on the project.

commercial sections of Chuuk to the village of Mwan in southwest Weno. There will also be spurs that connect the main road through to the State Hospital and the Legislative buildings. Sidewalks are a potential part of the project. Cost will determine whether those are included in the plan or not.

The previous plan for the Weno road was to utilize the existing road bed and to pour concrete to a depth of two inches. No plan had been made for new drainage. Westerfield said that the new plan is much better in that it will last longer. He said that the road is designed to last 25 years. It will last at least that long if Chuuk State makes

Robert Westerfield, of the FSM's Project

The road will extend from the airport on the northwest of Weno south through the most com-



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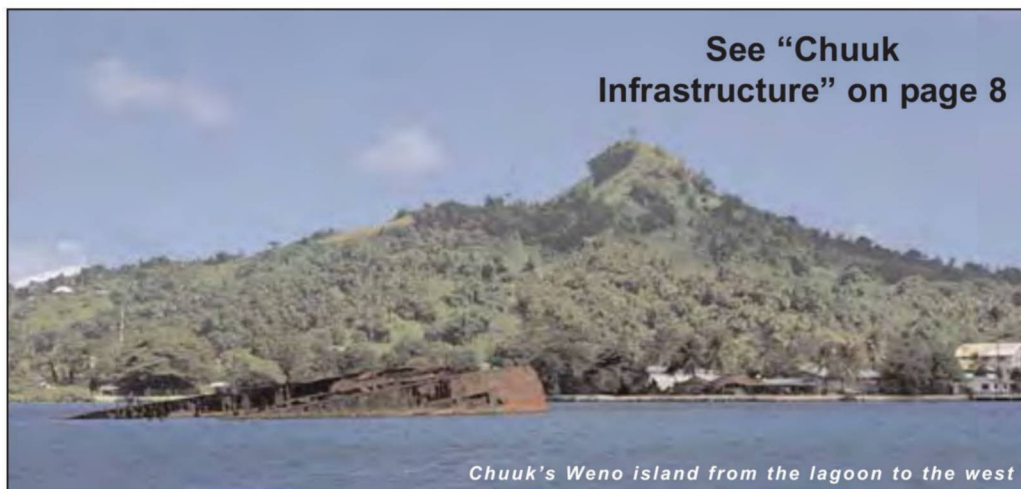
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Chuuk's Weno island from the lagoon to the west

Victims Remembered

By Greg Grisolano
Joplin Globe

GOODMAN, Mo. — An event on Saturday August 10 was a memorial for those who died tragically and a celebration of young life born in the aftermath of their deaths.

A steady drizzle didn't stop hundreds of Micronesians from gathering at the home of Lovihna and the late Kernel Rehobson for a memorial service commemorating the one-year anniversary of a deadly shooting at the First Congregational Church of Neosho.

"If the weather was sunny today, I bet you it would be triple the size," said Inderson Rehobson, Kernel Rehobson's uncle.

The event also was a birthday party celebration for Kernel and Lovihna Rehobson's granddaughter, Resel-Gene, who was born shortly after the shooting.

"It was 17 days after he passed away that she was born," Lovihna Rehobson said. "He was looking forward to that granddaughter."

A public memorial service for the victims has been scheduled for noon Tuesday at the First Congregational Church, 115 N. Wood St. in downtown Neosho. Inderson

Rehobson said a portion of the ceremony will be conducted in the native language of the Micronesians.

The close-knit community of Pacific Islanders was rocked when Rehobson and two other deacons were killed by a lone gunman during church services on Sunday, Aug. 12, 2007.

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Jury Selection Next Summer in Church Shooting

Associated Press
Tampa Bay Examiner

NEOSHO, Mo. - Jury selection for a southwest Missouri man accused of killing three Micronesian church leaders and wounding four people last year will be held next July. Documents filed in Newton County Circuit Court show that a panel of jurors from Greene County is set to be selected on July 13, 2009, the Neosho Daily News reported Sunday. The jurors will likely be sequestered for a trial to start next summer, according to the Daily News.

Eiken Elam Saimon, 54, of Neosho, was bound over for trial last September on three counts of murder, four counts of assault and one count each of felonious restraint and armed criminal action. He remains in custody at the Newton County jail without bail.

A motion hearing is scheduled for Oct. 3.

New PPA Administration Building Dedicated in Pohnpei

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Dekentik, Pohnpei - Dignitaries gathered at 9 o'clock in the morning on Tuesday September 30 to celebrate a ribbon cutting ceremony for Pohnpei Port Authority's new administration building. PPA Manager Leske Iehse said that the new building will house in one building all seventy-one employees who work for the six divisions of PPA. It will also be the venue for the PPA Board of Directors meetings.

Iehse said that the plan for the building is part of PPA's mission statement: "To plan, establish, develop, construct, enlarge, improve, maintain, equip, operate and regulate the ports within Pohnpei State."

Previously employees of the six divisions of Pohnpei Port Authority have been housed in separate facilities. In March of 2002 employees of the Seaport Division and Finance Division of PPA were forced to relocate to a building on the newly completed Fisheries Dock due to unsafe conditions of the previous Administration Building which was subsequently demolished. The new building stands on the same site as the previously demolished building.



A small crowd gathered at the site of Pohnpei Port Authority's new Administration Building on the grounds of Pohnpei State International Airport

EH Roque Architects won the bid for soil engineering and architectural and engineering plans for the new building on March 3, 2006. They completed the architectural and engineering plans on June 19, 2006 with construction costs estimated at over \$923,000 excluding mobilization costs.

4TY, a local construction company was awarded the contract to construct the new Administration Building in December of that year with a winning bid of over \$768,000. Construction began on April 14, 2007 with the completion date set for January 9, 2008. Construction was completed in September of 2008 due to change orders and subsequent time extensions.

spoke on behalf of Board Chair Albert Panuelo who was absent. Speaker Nelson N. Pelep of the Pohnpei State Legislature gave memorable remarks followed by Keynote Speaker Lt. Governor Churchill B. Edward. Iso Nahnken of the Kingdom of Nett Salvador Iriarte had the final say at the ceremony. Father Dave A. Andrus blessed the building and the ribbon cutting was performed by First Lady Mrs. Julinida Ehsa, Second Lady Mrs. Nancy Edward, and Mrs. Nieves Pelep.

Barry Brayer, Manager of the Micronesian Program of the FAA and Ron Simpson, Manager of the FAA Honolulu Airports District Office were also in attendance at the ceremony.

The final cost for the building was \$977,599.79.

Reverend Bender Enicar gave the invocation at the dedication ceremony. Leske Iehse in addition to serving as the Master of Ceremonies

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Japan Ambassador to the FSM visits Yap



Department of Youth and Civic Affairs

His Excellency Ambassador Shoji Sato of Japan to the FSM made his first official visit to Yap since assuming his post as the first resident Ambassador of Japan accredited to the FSM. During his visit, Ambassador Sato paid courtesy calls on Governor Anefal and Lt. Governor Tony Tareg as well as other government officials, including the two traditional chief Councils. During the visit, Anefal welcomed the Ambassador to the island and expressed gratitude to him for taking time to visit Yap. Anefal said that he has been monitoring developments at Palikir, particularly on the matter pertaining to the upgrade of the Japan Embassy to the ambassadorial level, and thus he is indeed grateful that this has become a reality soon before the second visit to the FSM by former Prime Minister Mori. Mori Sensei has indeed been a long-time friend of the FSM and the prime mover and shaker for positive bilateral developments between FSM and Japan, according to Governor Anefal.

Ambassador Sato said that since his arrival on the island, he has had

a chance to observe a little of the island and was impressed with what he had seen. He informed the Governor that the Japan Embassy in Pohnpei has now been upgraded to a full fledged embassy with the necessary staff. He further indicated that this will enable more attention to the state governments from the embassy particularly for Yap, which is the farthest state from Pohnpei. During the course of their discussion, the two exchanged views on issues and matters of common interest, including Japan technical assistance through JICA/JOCV and OFCF. The Ambassador said that his intention is to pull together the Japanese government and other affiliated agencies working in the FSM to form a "Japan Team" that would develop a concerted effort to help the States.

Ambassador Sato was also able to visit grassroots projects supported by his Government. During his island-wide tour, Ambassador Sato was taken on a canoe ride by members of the Yap Traditional Navigation Society. The Ambassador and his small delegation participated in a small dinner sponsored by the Yap State Leadership.

Ambassador Sato was accompanied by JICA Resident Representative, Mr. Shinichi Hamada, and Yap JICA/JOCV coordinator, Ms. Fumiko Mastutade.

Govt to Decide on Pacific Patrol Boats

Sydney Morning Herald

The future of the Pacific Patrol Boat program, in which Australia has supplied 22 patrol vessels for use by small Pacific nations, will be determined in the upcoming Defence White Paper.

That follows Australian Defence Force (ADF) concerns that the program is under pressure with high costs, particularly for diesel fuel, leading these vessels to spend an average of just 36 days a year at sea.

In a submission to a Senate committee considering security challenges facing Pacific nations, defence said the program was the ADF's major contribution to regional maritime and economic security.

"Its future is subject to government consideration and endorsement of White Paper 2008 recommendations," Defence says in the submission.

With the current Pacific patrol boat fleet reaching its end of service life in the period 2017-27, Defence is considering whether to build replacements.

"On the basis of White Paper considerations to date, Defence does not intend to recommend a defence-led follow-on PPB (Pacific Patrol Boat) program in the options taken to government."

Australia launched the program in the 1980s with 22 of the 31-metre Pacific class patrol boats donated to 12 countries over the period 1987-97.

They are used for a wide variety of activities

including fisheries enforcement, search and rescue, policing, border security and disaster relief.

Australia continues to support the operations of these vessels, spending \$23 million in 2007-08 with \$28.5 million expected to be spent this financial year.

In 2000, the former government agreed to spend up to \$350 million on a refurbishment program over the period 2003-27.

However, Australia doesn't meet all costs, with recipient nations expected to fund crewing, operation and maintenance.

For some that has proved challenging. Defence said it encouraged nations to achieve 50 sea days a year but the average was 36, mostly due to budget constraints.

It said the rising cost of fuel meant each day at sea could cost up to \$10,000, increasing dependence on Australia for supplementation. One possibility would be for other nations to help out, defence suggested.

Palau, Micronesia and the Marshall Islands, each with one patrol boat, are in compacts of free association with the US but rely on Australia for primary support of sea patrol activities. They have written to the US seeking assistance, particularly for fuel costs.

Similarly, the Cook Islands is linked to New Zealand. But apart from one New Zealand navy technical adviser, Australia exclusively funds and manages the Cooks' single patrol vessel.

<http://news.smh.com.au/national/govt-to-decide-on-pacific-patrol-boats-20080930-4qxm.html>

Chinese tourists outraged after DEA body searches

By Stefan Sebastian
Saipan Tribune

Nearly 200 Chinese tourists arriving on Shanghai Airlines' recently launched charter service to Saipan were outraged Saturday morning after security staff subjected many of them to body searches as part of an operation initiated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Staff with a travel company, Century Tours, have reported that after one of the Shanghai-to-Saipan flights touched down around 2am Saturday, customs agents corralled scores of passengers one by one into a private room where they received an intensive body search that included their "private parts" and every piece of checked and carry-on luggage. The searches resulted in a three-and-a-half-hour delay upon their arrival and angered many.

"Some of the tourists were yelling at our tour guides as soon as they came outside of the arrival area with comments like 'What kind of place is this! I will never come here again!'" a Century Tours staffer said. "One lady told me that they even reached 'inside my hair, look at my hair now,' which was messy. Most of the tourists were scared and wanted to know why they were being disrespected by the customs agents."

In an interview Monday, DEA agent Daniel Holcomb disclosed the searches were part of a drug interdiction effort the agency has long had in place at the nation's airports. Such mass searches are con-

ducted less frequently on Saipan, he noted, due to a shortage of time and manpower.

"It's basic interdiction work," he said, adding that the Shanghai flight was randomly selected and that the searches found nothing. "People should expect to see us at the airport because that is part of our job."

DEA searches at the local airport are often linked to confidential tips that illegal drugs are on board an arriving aircraft but in the case of the new Shanghai flights, the agency may have a desire to monitor the newly started service, according to Jesus Muña, director of the CNMI's Division of Customs Service.

"There was no particular reason why they did that, just that, I would assume, it was the airline's second flight from Shanghai and they were doing a random check," he said. "They're just making sure that we are secure and that the people who we are bringing in are okay for us."

However, local tourism officials are now pursuing talks with the agencies involved in Saturday's searches in a bid to prevent such incidents from happening again. Perry Tenorio, managing director of the Marianas Visitors Authority, said the searches could damage the CNMI's reputation in China, adding that some Chinese government officials were traveling on the flight.

"Obviously, this is not a good start for their arrival on the island," he said. "The information we have on how these tourists were handled gives us the sense that a lot of them felt violated. We're trying to get together with the agencies involved to prevent something like this from happening again."

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Mori Sensei returns to a grand Chuuk State welcome

The State of Chuuk pulled out all the stops to welcome back former Prime Minister of Japan, the Honorable Yoshiro Mori



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As soon as the plane carrying Japan former Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori and the accompanying high level delegation reached the tarmac, the State of Chuuk rolled out its grand welcome in the traditional Chuukese way.

Governor Wesley W. Simina and the leadership of Chuuk State were at

planeside to receive former Prime Minister Mori and his delegation who were accompanied to Chuuk by the National Government leadership, President Emanuel 'Manny' Mori and members of the 15th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

A locally woven mat was rolled out to the steps, lined on both sides with young coconut plants, to begin the traditional welcoming ceremony for Mori Sensei. The former Prime Minister was escorted by Governor Simina and President Mori through a line of honor guards to the Airport's VIP lounge. A sea of flower leis further welcomed the high level delegation inside the VIP lounge where they had some light refreshments and a brief rest before the boat trip to the island of Tol.

Exiting the VIP lounge, Mori Sensei was treated to traditional chants and local dances by a dance troupe from the Hall Islands who continued the welcoming ceremony in the airport lobby. The airport parking lot mean-

while was brimful of primary level students from the different schools on Weno anxiously awaiting the arrival of Mori Sensei. As soon as Mr. Mori emerged from the lobby area, the parking lot erupted in a chorus of Japanese songs. The students sang at the top of their lungs, the younger ones waving little Japanese flags while the older students held up banners and signs in both English and Japanese, all excited with the same message: Welcome to Chuuk Prime Minister Mori!

Moved by such a warm and resounding reception, the former Prime Minister took time to walk the length of the parking lot, and to their extreme delight, shook hands with the students.

Yet another sea of students from the high schools and the college lined both sides of the road between the airport and the dock, this time the general public joined the students welcoming Mori Sensei to Chuuk by waving flags, signs, and banners while others simply waved.

While the whole state was excited by the visit, the portion of the visit that involved Tolesiom was respectfully accorded an ambience of reverence.

A central part of former Prime Minister Mori's visit to Chuuk was to visit the grave of the late Suzumu Aizawa on

Tolesiom. The Aizawa family took care of Mori Sensei's father during World War II. The former Prime Minister has since had a "special relationship" with the Aizawa family, especially the late Suzumu Aizawa.

Mori Sensei observed a very solemn and intimate ceremony at the grave site with candles and prayers. The short ceremony was concluded with the laying of a wreath on the grave. After the ceremony the former Prime Minister and his delegation returned to Weno and docked at the Blue Lagoon Resort.

The breadth of lawn at Blue Lagoon Resort waterfront was later that evening the site for the welcoming dinner reception hosted by the National Government. The State of Chuuk assisted with the details and logistics for the dinner.

Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Lorin S. Robert was the master of ceremonies for the dinner reception and welcomed, on behalf of the national government, Mori Sensei and his delegation to the FSM, especially to the State of Chuuk. Secretary Robert invited both President Mori and Governor Simina to the podium to share brief remarks on the occasion.

President Mori and Governor Wesley Simina both extended warm words of welcome to Mr. Mori and members of his delegation and spoke fondly of the excellent cooperation and strong friendship between FSM and Japan. Both leaders acknowledged with appreciation that it was through the efforts of Mori Sensei that the relationship has been highly strengthened and has progressed successfully thus far.

Inviting Mori Sensei to share a few words on the occasion, Secretary Robert referenced the former Prime Minister as being "Japanese by birth, but Chuukese by heart." This introduction was received with much applause and appreciation by the dinner guests, which included members of the Japanese communities in Chuuk and Pohnpei, the leadership of the state and various distinguished guests. The downpour of rain at the onset of the reception did not dampen the enthusiasm of the participants at the dinner.

When Mori Sensei took the stage, he told the audience that he wholeheartedly embraced the introduction by the Secretary, 'Japanese by birth, Chuukese by heart.'

"Let me tell you why that is," said the former Prime Minister, and whisked the whole audience back with him to his younger days in Japan.

Mori Sensei was born in 1937 and never knew his father until the end of World War II in 1945. His mother passed away the year before the war ended and left him and his two younger

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siblings. His father remained a mystery to him.

It was during his 2nd grade year that Mr. Mori first met his father and first heard of the island of Truk. Mori senior recounted to his son story after story about Micronesia, the island of Truk, especially the island of Tol and its people - and that's all he would ever talk about. It was those memories and wonderful experiences that his father shared with him about Truk and its wonderful people that gave the State of Chuuk, especially the island of Tol, a special place in his heart.

Mori Sensei noted that dear to his heart is the Aizawa family, especially the late Traditional Chief Susumu Aizawa. It was the Aizawa family that took special care of his father during the war, with daily care given by then young Susumu Aizawa. When Mori Sensei later met Aizawa, it was this care and this experience that forever bonded these two young men. Mori Sensei noted that the late Aizawa, "was like a brother in Chuuk (for me)."

The last time they met was when Aizawa, a famous pitcher in the Japanese league, returned to Japan and threw the opening pitch for his team's home game. Aizawa passed away shortly after his return from Japan.

Concluding the inside-look into his personal relationship with Chuuk, Mori Sensei touched on the bi-lateral relationship between Japan and the FSM.

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Kernel Rehobson, 43, of Goodman, served as a pastor at the church. Also killed were his uncle, Intenson S. Rehobson, 44, and Kuhpes Jesse Ikosia, 53, also of Goodman. Four other people were wounded.

The Micronesian community has struggled with the loss of men who were looked to as local leaders, but some say the tragedy has united them with the Americans among whom they now make their homes.

Inderson Rehobson said several people are trying to fill the void left by Kernel Rehobson's death. Kernel Rehobson served as a spiritual leader, economic adviser, and at times a de facto ambassador for his people to local business and community leaders.

"To be very honest, it hasn't been filled yet," Inderson Rehobson said. "Kernel was so good, and we all are trying our best to be like him."

But the shooting unified the Micronesian and non-Micronesian people of the Neosho area, and induced the city to offer "the hand of friendship" in the wake of the slayings, according to Neosho Mayor Howard Birdsong.

He acknowledged the many challenges facing the FSM, especially Chuuk and underlined transportation as one of the state's main challenges. Mori Sensei urged that "this is an area for our two sea-faring island countries to continue to cooperate."

Following the pre-dinner formalities, Mori Sensei and his delegation were treated to a feast of island delicacies. In the true form of island welcome various groups performed for Mori Sensei and his delegation, they included the Yoshiro Mori Chuuk Foundation (YMCF), groups from the Northwest region, groups from the lagoon, Jimmy Mori and his Band, and many more groups entertained the visiting dignitaries with dances ranging from Chuukese traditional stick dances, 'moonlight dances' to re-mixed stick dances to the ever popular hula dances, and many, many more.

On the next morning a breakfast was hosted at the Blue Lagoon Resort by Japanese descendants in Chuuk to honor former Prime Minister Mori and his delegation.

On their way to the airport the Honorable Mori Sense and his delegation, and President Mori stopped to pay respects at the grave of the late Tosiwo Nakayama, the FSM's first President and nation builder. The entourage also stopped at the War Memorial Monument at Bay View. Mr. Mori and his delegation departed Chuuk on September 17, 2008 on Continental flight 956 bound for Japan.

"We saw only friends and neighbors who were hurting and grieving the loss of their loved ones," Birdsong said when the city made a "sister city" pact with the island community of Pohnpei at a meeting on July 8. Pohnpei is one of four states that constitute the Federated States of Micronesia

Although religion is an important part of the Micronesians' lives, Inderson Rehobson said many of the people struggled initially with returning to the First Congregational Church.

"There's a barrier in between," said Inderson Rehobson, who has assumed the duties of senior pastor for his people's congregation. "Some people are still scared or they don't want to see that place because it reminds them of the incident."

The pastor of the First Congregational Church said he believes the tragedy has brought his congregation closer to the Micronesians, who attend regular services on Sunday mornings and also hold separate services in their native language on Sunday afternoons.

"We were in a merger kind of a thing around the time the tragedy took place," said pastor Thomas Thorne. "It was the

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President Mori Addresses 63rd UNGA

(United Nations Department of Public Information):

New York

Emanuel Mori, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, said that the world financial situation, along with the fuel and food crises, had a negative impact on efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and the broader pursuit of sustainable development.

Island nations remained under threat from climate change, he added. Those most affected were those who could least afford a response, most often the small island developing States. Families in Micronesia had been adversely impacted by the inability to secure fuel, he said, calling for the acceleration of development and sharing of technologies for renewable and affordable alternative energy sources. The assistance of the international community and financial institutions should follow.

The energy crisis led to an increase in the cost of foodstuffs, he said, noting that imported rice, a staple of the Micronesian diet, had become unaffordable. The nexus between food security and climate change was being felt in his country, which had farmlands barely a few meters above sea level. Taro, and other crops, had already been inundated by salt water from the surrounding rising waters. The seas must be managed sustainably to preserve the bounty they provide. Collateral catches and discards in commercial fisheries were also troubling as they impacted both critical resources and areas of cultural importance to Micronesia.

The world's financial turbulence, while emanating from larger economies, put everyone at risk. He encouraged developed countries not to use this current situation as a pretext to pull back from the agreed target of 0.7 per cent of gross domestic product for official development assistance (ODA). He further spoke of Security Council reform, supporting expansion of membership in both categories, and said that India, Japan and Germany should all be made permanent members.

Returning to climate change, he said that it was the greatest challenge to achieving the Millennium Development Goals for small islands developing States. Sea rise could wash away those

islands and their culture. Melting glaciers and snow pack from the Tibetan Plateau, and the disintegration of the Greenland and West Antarctica ice sheets could reach a "tipping point", causing metres of sea rise, putting the entire planet in peril. He called for fast-track mitigation strategies to protect the climate and the ozone layer, such as strengthening the Montreal Protocol on ozone depletion.

While sustainable development was essential, he said that global warming must be approached from a holistic perspective, rather than limited to sustainable development, humanitarian or technical issues, or economic or environmental issues. Climate change also impacted human rights, international peace and security, territorial integrity and the very existence of small island nations. The United Nations, Governments, public and private enterprises, such as academic and research institutions, must work together to combat climate change.



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Loan funds will be utilized to establish a revolving loan fund for business and community development in the Federated States of Micronesia. The establishment of the IRP fund will set aside funds that will give priority to start-up and medium enterprises and assist existing small and medium business enterprises in need of working capital and to improve or expand services.

According to Lorraine P. Shin, USDA Rural Development State Director for Hawaii and the Western Pacific, "This partnership of Rural Development and the FSM Development Bank is a positive step in promoting economic development in the area."

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Start Today, Save Tomorrow: EPA Speech Contest Demands Action

By Michaela Corr

September 24th, 10AM - Political leaders, environmental officials, school administrators, and students filed into Pacific Missionary Fellowship studio to kick off the academic year's first high school speech contest, "Start Today...Save Tomorrow - clean up our islands". The contest, sponsored by Pohnpei Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) along with the Australian Embassy, marked the end of Pohnpei's 2008 environmental awareness week (September 19th-25th). The theme of the awareness week served as the speech contest prompt.

Mr. Charles Lohn, Environment Health Educator with the Pohnpei EPA, acted as the Master of Ceremonies for the event that included contestants from Pohnpei's three public high schools: PICS, Madolenihmw High School, and Nahpei Memorial High School (Kitti). Ms. Janet

Whitaker, Second Secretary, Australian Embassy, served as the guest speaker. She spoke about the Australia-based "Clean Up the World" campaign.

According to its website, "Clean Up the World" encourages communities to "clean up, fix up, and conserve their local environment". In partnership with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), the movement proposes initiatives "ranging from waste removal and tree planting to water and energy conservation projects". In conjunction with its partners, "Clean Up the World" rallies an estimated 35 million volunteers from over 100 nations annually.

It all began in 1987 when an Australian yachtsman named Ian Kiernan embarked on the BOC Challenge, an around-the-world sailing competition. He was shocked at the level of trash that polluted the Caribbean's Sargasso Sea, a body of

water renowned for its beauty. Rather than let his anger fade as he sailed on, Kiernan decided to take action. In 1989, he mobilized 40,000 volunteers for the inaugural Clean up Sydney Harbor Day. The harbor clean up which prompted the removal of everything from rusty cars to cigarette butts was followed by Clean up Australia Day, a nation-wide volunteer effort that attracted 300,000 participants in its inaugural year (1990).

In 1993, after gaining support from UNEP, Kiernan took the "Clean Up the World" campaign to the rest of the world to reinforce the idea that environmental preservation is an international concern. Nonetheless, "Clean Up the World" encourages both a global and grassroots approach: promoting a universal theme while allowing individual communities the freedom to determine which clean up initiatives fit them best.

As recognition for his efforts Kiernan received the UNEP Sasakawa Environment Prize and was named a Global 500 Laureate. The "Clean Up the World" campaign was recognized with a Building World Citizenship Award by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl

Scouts.

Utilizing the campaign's slogan as a foundation, the student-speakers not only articulated today's environmental woes but also recommended specific actions that must be taken to ensure environmental longevity. Like Kiernan before them the speakers proposed initiatives at both national and local levels. They appealed to policy makers to pass environmental protection laws, to law enforcement officials to enforce such laws, and to you and me to obey them. The speakers identified the environmental hazards of plastic and challenged Pohnpei to make do without it. They held fellow islanders responsible for the current environmental crisis, and called for them to take accountability for their actions. They even proposed banging on doors in order to physically encourage friends and family to reach down and pick up that which does not belong on the ground.

Citing the winner's use of the phrase "don't just talk the talk - walk the talk", the contest's MC invited all in attendance to participate in a trash pick up immediately following the event. Political officials, environmental agents, education administrators, teachers, and students were provided 50 gallon trash bags and latex gloves. They worked side by side to reduce the amount of trash between the PMF Studio and the Spanish Wall. For that brief period formalities were cast aside. Participants seemed to view the task at hand as something tangible that everyone could do. Ominous terms like pollution, climate change, and global warming that so often prompt people to raise their hands in defeat, had been replaced by a 'not-in my-backyard' mentality challenging dozens of hands to pick up what did not belong on the ground.

For that brief period on September 24th, an assortment of people displayed the motivation we all need to clean up, fix up, and conserve our environment. Will you put this motivation to use today in order to save tomorrow just as Ian Kiernan did seventeen years ago?



U.S. COMPACT GRANTS TO FSM IN SEPTEMBER 2008

For the twelfth and final month of the current fiscal year, the FSM Department of Finance received Compact-funded grants from the United States Government totaling \$ 4,086,139. These payments were for Compact sector grants for Education, Health, Public Sector, Environment, and Private Sector Development plus Infrastructure and Supplemental Education Grants for September of Fiscal Year 2008. The breakdown of these grants follows:

	Education Sector	Supplemental Education Grant (2007)	Health Sector	Public Sector	Environment Sector	Private Sector Development	Infrastructure	Total Payment
Sector Grants for Yap State	\$238,272	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$30,000	40,000	70,000	N/A	\$778,272
Sector Grants for Pohnpei State	\$71,628	\$253,325	\$151,284	\$107,448	\$64,254	N/A	N/A	\$1,380,741
Sector Grants for Chuuk State	N/A	\$37,580	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$588,248	\$625,828
Sector Grants for Kosrae State	\$71,628	\$177,908	\$265,892	\$18,810	\$1,864	\$95,650	\$175,184	\$806,936
Sector Grants for the FSM National Government	\$60,000	\$128,892	\$75,000	N/A	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$210,470	\$494,362

TOTAL SECTOR GRANT PAYMENTS FOR FSM
(September FY 2008): \$4,086,139

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

...Chuuk Infrastructure

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and follows through with plans to keep the drainage systems clear of debris. He said if the State doesn't follow through, clogged drainage systems could cause water to undermine the road which would ultimately cause cracks.

Initial road striping, which is included in the plan, will be up to United States standards including crosswalks and stop lines for stop signs. Chuuk State will need to maintain the road striping. Westerfield estimated that the State would need to do this at least once every five years.

The PMU office said that Phase II of the road plan would likely begin immediately after the completion of Phase I. Phase II would be a road extending east from the airport past Kurassa Hotel in the direction of Xavier High School in the northeast of the island.

Westerfield said that there are still a few easements that they will need to obtain before the project can go forward with certainty. He said that FSM-PMU doesn't anticipate any problems in that process that would keep the road, drainage, water and sewer project from beginning as scheduled.

That has not been the case with many of the infrastructure projects in Chuuk. Land issues for the proposed new wastewater plant have hampered the development of the plant. Drainage lines from the new road will still drain directly into the ocean until that plant can be built.

A letter from Jack E. Yakana, Program Manager of the PMU said, "Chuuk State has not furnished land title records to the PMU office for this project as requested in written communications to Chuuk State, however, the PMU has obtained some documentation and information directly from Mr. Redley Killion, who may own some or all of the land in question. Even though Chuuk State is in default on the land purchase agreement, Mr. Killion has given the PMU his personal assurance that he will take no action to regain possession of the land or to block Chuuk State's use of the land for public purposes. In addition, Mr. Killion has reviewed and agreed to execute a waiver and quiet enjoyment document which may satisfy the Compact's FPA (Fiscal Procedures Agreement) requirement that Chuuk State provide clear legal authority for use of land upon which a capital improvement project is to be constructed."

The Killion's did not agree to waive any right they have to collect the money they say that the Chuuk State government still owes them from the original purchase agreement for the property. They asked that the amount still owed by Chuuk State be clearly stated in the agreement that would allow the construction of the Waste Water Plant on their property. They asked that Chuuk State acknowledge the amount owed to them as a debt and that the debt be included in the list of Chuuk State obligations to be paid. "By execut-

ing this Agreement and agreeing to permit development on their land, Mr. and Mrs. Killion do not agree to have their obligation treated with any less priority than all other obligations of Chuuk State.

The plant still cannot be constructed until Chuuk State provides documentation that clearly shows that they have the right to utilize the land where the Weno Island Wastewater Treatment Plant is located which may be situated on land owned by more than one owner.

The State must also approve the draft agreement with Redley and Jacinta Killion. The agreement with the Killion's was only pursued after a May 30, 2008 letter to Governor Wesley Simina met with no response. PMU asked Governor Killion for Chuuk State's comments and/or concurrence with the draft Agreement with Redley and Jacinta Killion in a letter dated August 21, 2008.

The May letter to Governor Simina mentioned the fact that the Land Commission Office burned down several years ago and vital land records were destroyed. Without those records, proof of ownership or other legal authority for use of land may be difficult to establish. It is not clear whether or not Chuuk State government has taken steps to reconstruct all of the land records for Chuuk State that were lost in the fire.

Meanwhile other projects in Chuuk are being held up due to property issues.

For the construction of Iras Demo Elementary School in Weno, Chuuk State provided certificates of title for the land on which the school was to be built. They didn't disclose the fact that the land titles are the subject of litigation that is still

active in court. The construction project for the school cannot go forward even for the design phase until the land title showing that Chuuk State can utilize the property for its purposes is clear of all legal claims against it.

Land titles for Weipat High School in Onoun municipality are not currently clear. The title is in the name of the municipality and no legal authorization has been provided to PMU by Onoun Island that would allow Chuuk State to use the land for the High School. There appears also to be an overlap of land titles with Onoun Municipal Junior High School. The net affect is that the High School cannot be built on the land until the title issues are cleared.

"Southern Namoneas High School upgrades are on hold pending resolution of land disputes between the heirs of Nipwech Ungeni and Seny Moses and a payment dispute between Chuuk State on the Moses family. Chuuk State is in default on a land purchase agreement which resulted in closure of most of the school facility," said the letter to Congress from Yakana," said the letter written to the FSM Congress.

Indeed, an attachment to the letter showed a picture of a sign hanging in the High School saying "Site closed until payment made trespassers (sic) will be 'prosecuted'."

Even possible repairs and renovations to the Chuuk State Hospital which have not yet even been considered have been put on hold until land title records that evidence legal authority to use the land on which the hospital can be provided by the State. The records that have so far been provided were found to be incomplete.



Royal Australian Navy Sale 2002 Nissan X Terra 4X4, Yamaha 8HP Outboard and Aluminium Punt/Dinghy

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THE POHNPEI LIONS ROAR ON INTERNATIONAL LIONS' DAY OF ACTION

By: *Raul C. Miralles*

Kolonia, Pohnpei

On September 27, 2008, at about 9:30am, the Pohnpei Lions Club, in its efforts to join the International Lions' Day of Action, sponsored a community project known as "Operation Clean-Up" which occurred in Main Kolonia thorough-fare. The twenty or so students wearing gold shirts with Pohnpei Lions emblem, who were members of the College of

Micronesia National Campus' Social Science Club, under the auspices of a fellow lion, Mrs. Mariana Ben Dereas, its advisor, joined the Pohnpei Lions Club to pick up trash from the Pohnpei Public Library en route to the Spanish Wall, while stopping at the Governor's and Pohnpei State Legislature's office, to clean up the premises.

The clean-up went on until noon time. On the same day, Pohnpei Lions Club held their induction ceremony at the Town Plaza Restaurant at 7:30pm. The families and friend of the club members were invited to this momentous night. The program started with the outgoing president, Mr. Noel Pascua, who called the event to order, followed by an invocation and readings of the Lions Code of Ethics and Objects. Mr. Pascua narrated his lists of projects during his farewell speech. At

this induction, the new set of officers for LY 2008-2009 were introduced. The new officers that took oaths were Mr. Rick Dereas, President; Ms. Lore Nena, Vice President; Mr. Noel Pascua, Secretary; Ms. Alicia Ada, Treasurer; and Mr. Raul Miralles, Lion Tamer; other officers are Mr. Eden Skilling, Lion Twister; Ms. Ruthy Lebehn, Fund Raising Chairperson; and Mrs. Iris Falcam, Membership Chair.

The Pohnpei Lions Club does so much fundraising and contributions to the Pohnpei communities and neighboring States in the FSM.

As Lions Clubs International has grown to earn its stature in large part because of its continuity of purpose, Lions have drawn upon what has gone before to further solidify their objectives of quality community and humanitarian service, we at Pohnpei Lions Club also grown to earn our stature and to enhance the "WE SERVE" image by having accepted responsibilities as lion leaders in our communities, thus making innovation our gateway to a brighter future.



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Rotary mobilizes happiness through recreation in Pohnpei

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Kolonia, Pohnpei - On Wednesday, October 1 dignitaries from The Salvation Army and members of the Rotary Club of Pohnpei gathered at The Salvation Army Center for Worship and Service to celebrate a donation of recreational supplies to be used at The Salvation Army's Youth Center. Major Edward Hill, Divisional Commander of the Hawaii and Pacific Islands Division of The Salvation Army was also on hand to accept the donation and expressed his gratitude for the work of The Salvation Army in Pohnpei.

Pohnpei Rotary Club President Vida Ricafrete said "The intention of this project is to provide our youth with a place to go to enjoy the facilities that are there and keep them busy and keep them out of trouble. Some of the sports equipment is also going to the Madolenihmw outpost (of The Salvation Army). The Salvation Army provides good programs for youth and the Rotary Club hopes that donating the sports equipment would assist in these programs and help the Salvation Army continue their good work with our youth."

Several Rotary clubs from Tokyo, Korea, and the FSM worked collaboratively on the project and raised \$13,200 to purchase the sports equipment that includes two billiard tables, two air hockey tables, two table tennis tables, two shuffle boards, several basketballs, foosball tables, volleyballs and nets, baseballs and baseball bats and other sporting goods for the youth center.

The project was conceived when Major Scott Nicloy was the Commanding



Two air hockey tables brought these Pohnpei young people together for fun in Kolonia

Officer of the Salvation Army of Pohnpei. He made a written request which was presented at last year's Annual District Conference for Rotary International in Tokyo. The Rotary Club of Tokyo Japan accepted the challenge, and with the assistance of District 2750 which is the district that includes the Rotary Club of Pohnpei, the sister District 3650 of Korea and seven of their clubs, along with matching funds from The Rotary Foundation money was raised for the project.

Rotary clubs from Korea that participated in the project included the Rotary Club of Seoul-Hangang, Rotary Club of Seoul-Munwha, Rotary Club of Seoul-Poshingak, Rotary Club of Seoul-Sangrak, Rotary Club of Seoul-Bunkbu, Rotary Club of Sae-Kanbuk, and the Rotary Club of Seoul-North.

Commanding Officer Taylor Santos said of the donation, "I am very excited about the donation. Thanks to the Rotary Club we can meet the needs of young people in Pohnpei who come here to seek happiness and to make friends. Because of Rotary we can meet those needs here at The Salvation Army."



Happy Pohnpei young people make friends and share happiness around a new foosball table at The Salvation Army Youth Center.

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Federated States of Micronesia



European Union

MICRONESIA CONSERVATION TRUST is accepting project proposals for the Conservation and Environmental Protection Program (MCT-CEPP), funded by the European Union under the 9th European Development Fund.

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Letter to the Editor**Calvary Christian Academy
states its position**

Calvary Christian Academy's mission statement reads, "The Lord Jesus Christ is the main theme of the school, and everything that is done points to the cross of Calvary. Our primary mission and purpose is to train the children of the 'household of faith' (Galatians 6:10) and provide opportunities for all children to hear and receive the gospel of Jesus Christ. From a Biblical foundation, we strive to develop students' intellectual, emotional, and spiritual capacities in a wide variety of fields and to lead students to a deeper worship of God and closer conformity to the image of Christ." (CCA Parent/Student Handbook) Calvary Christian Academy acknowledges the Bible as its standard and makes no apologies on its mission and as long as God will, it will continue to operate with this mission.

We would like to publicly commend our politicians who write the laws for Pohnpei. We are privileged to live in a country whose politicians still acknowledge its trust in God and affirm this by allowing public prayer in the classrooms and for the most part allow its teachers to teach the curriculum but still have the freedom to voice their religious convictions. We are thankful that the Federated States of Micronesia and Pohnpei State Government do not prohibit private schools from practicing Biblical guidelines that are prevalent even in their curriculum. We are

thankful that there are no laws prohibiting the private schools from practicing corporal punishment. (Pohnpei Education Act of 199)

We are privileged to have parents who entrust us with the care and guidance of their child's well-being. This privilege is taken seriously with regard to academics and discipline. Discipline based on the Word of God is done lovingly with the intention of correcting the child and changing his behavior. No student is being beaten or abused and no child is disciplined without the parents consent. Parents are given the option of disciplining their own children. Because Calvary Christian Academy operates in loco parentis (in place of the parents), we give the parents ultimate responsibility for the education of their children, and parents who do not agree with our mission statement are welcome to find enrollment elsewhere.

"As Christian citizens we are to "be subject unto higher powers" (Romans 13:1) As the goals of secular education have become increasingly contrary to the goals of Christian education, private Christian schools that meet the requirements of attendance laws and also allow parents to guide their children toward being conformed to the image of Christ have become necessary." (Management Principles for Christian Schools, p.19) However unpopular it may be to the public, Calvary Christian Academy operates on the standards of the Bible and sometimes this may be contrary to the "status quo".

-Pastor Isamo Welles

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hope of Kernel that we could get together more and merge into one congregation officially."

Thorne said it was a "gradual process" for the Micronesians to continue attending church services. Now, many of the Pacific Islanders attend regular morning services on Sundays.

"They meet with us now twice a month," he said. "Then they have their services on the other Sundays. We're now meeting together on a very regular basis."

Thorne said he believes the sister-city pact has strengthened the bonds between the islanders and the local community.

"Without the tragedy that we've had, that probably never would have happened," he said.

It is estimated that 1,000 Micronesians live in the Southwest Missouri area.

Many came to work at the Tyson poultry plant in Noel and have since been bringing their families over.

Micronesia was among a group of Pacific islands administered by the United States from the end of World War II until 1979. The two countries now have a Compact of Free Association, allowing Micronesia's inhabitants to enter the United States without visas and to establish residences here

for work or schooling without having to meet the requirements for other non-U.S. citizens, according to the city of Neosho.

Lovihna Rehobson said she believes her husband would be pleased with the progress made between the Micronesians and the local community, particularly the sister-city relationship.

"He always tried to get to know people and to help people," she said. "He would be so, so glad that this thing happened."

**LEGAL
NOTICE**

Lourdes David for herself and doing business as Lolly's Store and Delco Construction Company, has filed a petition for voluntary bankruptcy with the FSM Supreme Court. Any person or entity who has a claim against this person must file proof of that claim with the FSM Supreme Court within thirty days of this notice.

Kpress Perspective

Happy anniversary FSM Telecom!

October 1st, 2008 marked the 25th anniversary of FSM Telecommunications operations in the FSM. From the very beginning FSMTC has constantly risen to the challenge of providing telecommunications services in the FSM that no one could ever have anticipated that we would need.

Not everyone thinks so and some have even called for the public corporation to be dismantled to allow for competition in the FSM. Even some of the Board members for this newspaper would like to see Telecom dismantled.

Fair enough.

Competition is a healthy thing and many people in the FSM seem to be clamoring for it in telecommunications services. The prevailing thought seems to be that competition would drive prices down for intrastate, interstate and international communications. Perhaps it would but before jumping to that conclusion consider a few things.

A recent report on Pacific Islands economic development was released by AusAID. The report is entitled Pacific Economic Survey 2008 and is available online in HTML format at <http://www.pacificsurvey.org/site/>. On page 4 of the chapter that deals with Telecommunications in that report is a comparison of prices for cell phone service in the Pacific Islands. It is intended to show that competition drives costs down. It generally does show that fact except in the case of the FSM.

Tonga's government allows for competition in telecommunications. "Shoreline",

one of the companies operating there has a lower per minute cell phone price by nearly half than that of the FSM which does not allow for competition. Palau does allow for competition and ties with FSM Telecom for the second to lowest cost within the Pacific Forum nations. The next lowest priced provider is "TCC" in Tonga and "SamoaTel" in Samoa whose prices are nearly double that of FSM Telecom. Both allow for competition.

Recently I participated in a seminar that included journalists from the Cook Islands, Vanuatu, Samoa, Timor Leste, Fiji and, of course, the FSM. I did an informal survey of the participants about the cell phone prices in their countries and was astonished

to hear that prices range in those islands from 20 to nearly 60 cents per minute. My colleagues were just as astonished to hear that customers of FSMTC get cell phone service for 10 cents a minute.

It's possible that after the new service provider begins service in Fiji on October 1 the price for cell phone service there will go down but since the current price is nearly 40 cents per minute I can't imagine that the price will go as low as the current rate that FSMTC provides to its customers. The Pacific Economic Survey shows that the price the newest provider in Fiji was offering in Samoa at the end of 2007 was approximately 2 and a half times higher than the price FSMTC offered its customers.

Some Pacific islanders get free cell phones from their providers in trade for signing up for cell phone service. After analysis the cell phone is not actually "free". The cost is built into the pricing structure of the providers who give the phones away as a way to help them build a market. One of the cell phone service providers listed in the AusAID report charged its customers nearly 60 cents per minute for cell phone calls, nearly 50 cents more than FSMTC charges. How many minutes would a customer have to use a "free" cell phone at that price before the price that the provider paid for the cell phone was recovered? Yet a customer in that market would likely continue to pay the high price long after their money has been applied to the purchase cost of the phone.

Land line prices according to my little informal survey were also significantly higher than FSM Telecom's price for that service.

Despite their comparatively low prices FSMTC manages to maintain a surplus of cash for future development of technology. They also have maintained a credit rating that is good enough to allow them to continue to secure loans when those loans are needed for technological advancement.

Interestingly, a telecommunications company recently came to the FSM seeking to compete with FSMTC. The company who reportedly decided that they couldn't compete with FSMTC rates instead offered to buy FSMTC outright. FSMTC's Board of

Directors met and seriously considered the offer but decided that the move would drive up communications costs in the FSM. They ultimately rejected the take over bid.

I'm with you. Telecom's service mentality could be improved. Personnel could be more sensitive to the needs of FSMTC's customers. Perhaps the management of each of the divisions of Telecom could be more attuned to what its customers are saying about the service that is being provided and they might be able to work more dili-

service and vice versa hampers my ability to contact my grown children living in the U.S. via email. I have written my share of letters and emails to FSMTC to try to get problems solved, some to better effect than others.

With all that said it is still astounding to me that the communications services are as good as they are in the FSM especially when I consider the geographic separation of the islands of the FSM. More developments are happening all the time. Maybe



gently to respond to complaints or, for that matter, even to hear and understand those complaints.

FSMTC still has room for improvement and I hope that management doesn't think that because the company operates as a monopoly they don't need to try. I don't think that is the case but I can see how easy it could be to become complacent. Many people in the FSM have complained that is already the case.

FSMTC can be frustrating. Believe me, I know. I don't even try to use the email service when I'm off island. The recent discontinuation of cell phone "text to Internet"

they're not happening as quickly as we would like to see them happen but they are happening and that to me is impressive.

Maybe in the FSM hearing the words, "Thank you for choosing FSM Telecom" is like hearing the same message coming from our single airline provider. Still, considering all of the above, in my opinion, FSMTC has done a remarkable job.

Congratulations to Telecom for 25 years of service to the FSM!

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

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Small Steps Towards Healthy Living and a Healthier Environment a Big Success

Kolonia, Pohnpei- Over 350 members of the community participated in the 1st Annual Pohnpei Green Steps 5km Fun Walk and tree planting event on Saturday, October 4. It was a hot and dry morning in Pohnpei, but that didn't deter many of the sweaty and tired participants from walking to PICS to plant 50 tree saplings on school grounds. Elementary, high school and college students, athletes, and other community members completed a 5km race-course and picked up garbage along the roadside.

The aim of Pohnpei Green Steps was to link a healthy lifestyle with a healthy environment. Organizers targeted students, the future of a sustainable Pohnpei: the students did not disappoint, as they arrived by the dozen just after sunrise. The walk began at the Pohnpei State Track and Field. After a speech given by Lt. Governor Churchill Edward and a ceremonial tree planting by the Lt. Governor and FSM Olympic athletes Kerson Hadley and Debra Daniel participants either ran or walked a 5km race-course, armed with

garbage bags to pick up trash along the way. Participants picked up nearly two truckloads of garbage off the streets of Kolonia. After the walk they headed to PICS to plant a variety of tree species native to Pohnpei in an effort to promote local biodiversity and the goals of the Micronesia Challenge. Eventually, these trees will provide shade and fruit for the students.

The Pohnpei Green Steps was made possible through the collaboration of the FSM National Olympic Committee, the coordinators of the Micronesia Challenge Young Champions Intern Program and the Micronesia Conservation Trust. The very popular t-shirts were provided by an International Olympic Committee Solidarity Sport and Environment grant. The Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) acquired seedlings and participated in the tree planting. Seedlings were donated by NRCS, Pohnpei State Forestry and COM Land Grants. The Island Food Community donated coconuts and bananas that were enjoyed by all participants at the completion of the walk. All



proceeds raised from the event will be used to start an environment club at PICS in order to help maintain the planted seedlings.

The Micronesia Challenge is a commitment by Micronesian leaders to conserve the natural resources that are crucial to the survival of Pacific livelihoods. The overall goal of the Challenge is to effectively conserve at least 30% of the near-shore marine resources and 20% of the land resources across Micronesia by 2020. Co-operative in nature, the Micronesia Challenge will partner with the governments of Palau, Guam, CNMI, RMI and

FSM, communities and local conservation organizations to conserve important natural resources for generations to come. Covering 6.7 million square kilometers of ocean, the Micronesia Challenge represents more than 20% of the Pacific island region and 5% of the largest ocean in the world. The first of its kind, the Challenge has inspired similar progressive environmental programs around the world. The FSM National Olympic Committee and Micronesia Conservation Trust are committed to holding a similar event on Pohnpei next year.

Papua New Guinea presents furniture valued at over \$110,000 USD to the Tuna Commission

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Kolonia, Pohnpei - Delegates to the Fourth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) gathered in Pohnpei at the headquarters of WCPFC on the evening of the 30th of September for a feast and some time together before the meetings began in earnest.

Papua New Guinea Minister of Fisheries, the Honorable Ben Semri advantage of the opportunity of the gathering to present to the Fisheries Commission a donation of hand made furniture for the WCPFC headquarters valued in excess of \$110,000 USD. At the WCPFC meetings held in March, WCPFC headquarters staff members made a plea to member nations to help them to furnish the building in Pohnpei. Papua New Guinea was the first to respond to the plea.

The furnishings include hand carved chairs, a carved conference table, curtains, WCPFC signage, and hangings. Executive Directive of the Secretariat, Andrew Wright's office was fully furnished as well. The conference room at what has become known as the Tuna Commission office was appropriately named Papua New Guinea Rumana ("PNG House") since they furnished the entire room.

Minister Semri challenged the gathered country delegates to respond in like fashion to complete the furnishings for the Tuna Commission building.



Papua New Guinea Minister of Fisheries Ben Semri addresses the delegates of the Fourth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission for Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Astronomical Tide Prediction September 3 - 16, 2008

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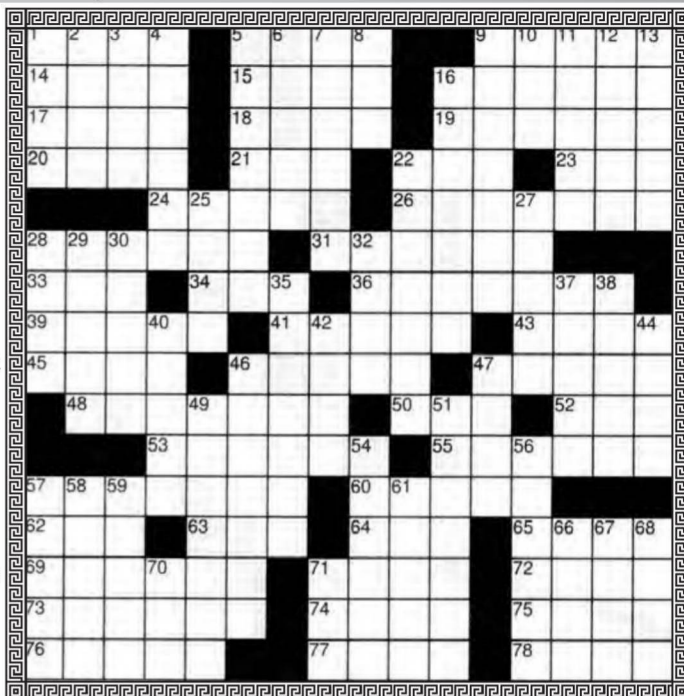
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Crossword - It may be golden

- ACROSS**
1. Like storm clouds
 5. Burn balm
 9. Where knights battle
 14. Jazz instrument
 15. Leverage
 16. Audible
 17. Toilet paper holder
 18. Smug
 19. Tux store customer, often
 20. Use a stool
 21. Make a vroom
 22. Do a garden chore
 23. Something to stroke
 24. Abrade
 26. Spoken
 28. Unrehearsed exercise
 31. Hummus, e.g.
 33. Payable
 34. ___ peeve
 36. Flowers for Nero Wolfe
 39. It may be golden
 41. Bread staple
 43. Conceal
 45. Tilt
 46. Undesirable
 47. Slingshot missile
 48. Fall movie, often
 50. ___ Done Him Wrong
 52. Mother Teresa, e.g.
 53. Valued
 55. Firstborn
 57. Uncooked
 60. Nimble
 62. Sonnet's kin
 63. Surprise title to a 20-something
 64. Deface
 65. Move while waiting
 69. Small child
 71. Hang in a ham-mock
 72. Verify
 73. Proofreaders catch them
 74. It's been ___!
 75. Father
 76. Covers with a blanket
 77. Sleep spots
 78. Loose ___
- DOWN**
1. Freckles
 2. Get next to
 3. Ill one's gear
 4. Fish that's big enough
 5. Endorse
 6. Enticed
 7. Antipasto ingredients
 8. Slippery tree
 9. Fast cat
 10. Deane
 11. Go into
 12. Attack
 13. Cape Cod treat
 16. Keep safe
 22. Crowd cheers
 25. Knot maker
 27. Decree
 28. Revered one
 29. Stubborn ones
 30. Use a bike
 32. It often rhymes
 35. Hair snare
 37. Proceed monotonously
 38. Head cavity
 40. Not competent
 42. Forest hopper
 44. Folded
 46. Liquor shop supply
 47. Bear's advice
 49. Students clap
 51. Woman in a will
 54. Wreck
 56. Oust
 57. Hard books to carry
 58. Embellish
 59. Printer's proof
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CAST	LAST	SHUT	VEER
CHIP	LIME	SPARE	VIGIL
CORD	LINT	STRIKE	VISIT
CROWD	MEDAL	STRUM	WARD
CYCLE	PAID	SUIT	WEAR
DECK	PECK	SWEET	WEEN
DELAY	QUEST	SWIM	WHALE
DIME	RAIL	SWOON	WHEAT
DOOR	READ	TELL	WHIT
DRAB	RELY	THAW	WHOLE
FAME	RIDE	THROAT	WILD
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FSM Tennis Association's Junior Development Program

By Caroline Adams
FSM Tennis Association

Year 2008, though not over yet, has proven to be a fruitful year for the FSM Tennis Association's Junior Development Program. Participation from junior boys has always been lacking, but in 2008 the number of boys playing tennis surpassed the girls for the first time. In fact, there were five boys playing for the FSM in the North Pacific Qualifying (NPQ) tournament boys 13 and under division in Guam this past June. We usually have only two or three. All together the FSM sent 13 young players to Guam for the NPQ event... the largest group ever sent.

Another pleasant surprise for the year was Shawn Adams placing 2nd in the girls' 13 and under division in the NPQs, thereby qualifying to play in Fiji in the Pacific Oceania Junior Championships (POJC) in August. She did extremely well placing in the top ten in singles and bringing home a silver medal in the girls' 13 and under doubles with her partner Thea Minor of CNMI.

Alyssa Hawkins also participated in the POJC tournament in Fiji by earning a wild card from International Tennis Federation's Dan O'Connell who claimed that her performance in 2007 and 2008 earned her the wild card. POJC is the largest and toughest regional competition including players

from Samoa, American Samoa, Solomon Islands, New Caledonia, Tahiti, Papua New Guinea, Kiribati, Tonga, Vanuatu, Palau, Guam, CNMI, FSM, Marshall Islands, and Nauru.

The Association, coaches, and players would like to thank the sponsors who made 2008 a year of great success. In particular, we would like to acknowledge the generosity of Tan Holdings who for the last two years donated five hotel rooms for the FSM junior team in Saipan in 2007 and in Guam in 2008. In addition, special thanks go out to Mr. Kikuo Apis, Mr. Carl Apis, and Mrs. Darlene Welbert who tirelessly communicated with Tan Holdings on our behalf.

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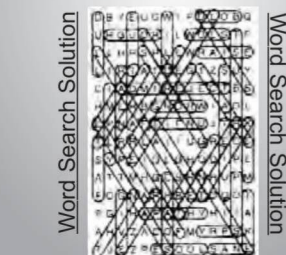
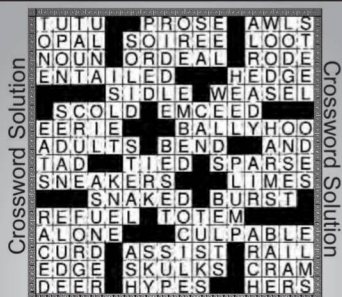
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Let's Go Local High School Club IFCP leaves Nett Elementary School students singing about the benefits of local foods

By Kathay Larsen, Island Food Community of Pohnpei

A crowd gathered as the Let's Go Local High School Club presented to Nelson Damarlane's 4th grade class at Nett Elementary School on Tuesday, September 17, 2008. The class is learning about the importance of yellow fleshed foods so the teacher asked Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) to coordinate with the Let's Go Local High School Club and put on a presentation for the class. Club President Nelvin Bartolome opened by first introducing the four club members in attendance. He then went on to explain why they felt that it was so important to have a club like this in Pohnpei, and what purpose the club serves in the community.

Members Craela Diana and Cassandra Cantero used the "Pohnpei Banana" and "Vitamin A-rich Foods" posters provided by IFCP to visually explain to the class the difference in the banana varieties and the importance of beta-carotene in a healthy diet. At lunch, prior to the presentation, the majority of the 29 students stated that they had eaten rice, which has no beta-carotene. Club members explained to the students how important it is that we continually eat foods that are rich in vitamins. Even though the banana shown to have the most beta-carotene is the Utin Iap, the children were told that all bananas here on Pohnpei have some beta-carotene. You will obtain more health benefits by eating those which are more yellow fleshed, but you will still reap some benefit by eating the white-fleshed bananas with less beta-carotene, such as the Utin Menihle. The students were further treated to a

"tasting" demonstration as the club brought along with them banana varieties such as the Karat, Daiwang, Akadah, Weitahta and Utin Menihle.

Club member Shawn Frank wanted to help the students remember key points of the club's message, so he wrote on the chalk board, both in Pohnpeian and in English, the five "CHEEF" benefits of local foods. Culture - Tiahk, Health - Roson M w a h u , Environment - Wasahn Kouson, Economy - Paien Wehi, Food security - Ansou koaros pahn mie mwonge, itarete ma sohp me kin wahlongodo mwongehn liki kan pwindin wahlongodo mwonge de pil solahr wahdo mwonge nan Pohnpei. Ma mie wahn sahpw kital pahn sohte duhpekla. The club members, along with the staff from Island Food who also attended the presentation, then taught the students the song "Let's Go Local", from the movie "Going



Yellow". The students enjoyed singing with the club members and IFCP staff. The lyrics to "Let's Go Local" were left with the teacher so he can continue teaching his students the song and importance of the song's message.

The session was concluded by the club members asking key questions to the students, so as to gauge the reception of the message. Students, Maria Blanka Edwin, Joyceleen Epina, Freelen Selgar and John Edwin were able to answer correctly questions such as "What are the five benefits of local foods", and "What diseases are helped by eating bananas". Each of the students answering the questions correctly were given small prizes, donated by Island Food, as a thank you for their participation and listening so well to the message. All of the students, as well as the teacher were given the new "mood" pencil from Island Food Community of Pohnpei. Before the students were given the pencil, they were informed that bananas contain a chemical called tryptophan and that chemical is a mood enhancer and will make you happy. The simple message is "Be happy - Eat a banana"! This new pencil, available at Island Food's office in the Botanical Garden, changes colour depending on the temperature. When it's cold, it's orange, but when it's warm, it turns yellow.

Thanks are extended to the New Zealand Embassy for funding support of this activity.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Stir-fried Taro with Vegetables

- 2 medium-sized Colocasia taro corms (sawa)
- 2 cups washed green leaves (chaya, pele, kangkong, sweet potato tops, chinese cabbage)
- 1/2 cup other vegetables (e.g. bell pepper, cucumber, eggplant)
- 1 large onion
- 2 small spring onions
- 1 teaspoon cooking oil

1. Peel taro and cut into serving-size pieces.
2. Arrange in a saucepan and add enough water to cover.
3. Boil for around 30 minutes or until cooked.
4. Boil vegetables separately for a few minutes until cooked and drain off the water.
5. Stir-fry the taro, vegetables, onion, and spring onion for 1 to 2 minutes and serve.

NOTE: For health reasons it is best to avoid adding salt or sugar to recipes if possible. Also, many people like the taste of "natural foods". One can add seasonings at the table, if desired.

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