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Three young Pohnpeians to compete in Scripps Regional Spelling Bee in Guam



By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei, FSM— After 20 rounds of spelling at this morning's Pohnpei State Spelling Bee at the Pohnpei Legislature Chamber, 14-year-old Jody Sohs, an 8th grader from Awak Elementary School took the championship with her correct spelling of "Renaissance", a word that Microsoft Word just reminded me that I had misspelled on my first typing of it.

12-year-old Kei-Koa Ludwig of Kolonia Elementary took the first runner up

position, and 12-year-old Youreen Pelep took second runner up.

All three of the winners will go to Guam for the regional Spelling Bee that will be held on March 8. The winner of that Bee will head off to Washington D.C. to face off against nearly 300 other contestants.

The 26 contestants for today's Spelling Bee came from all over Pohnpei. They were the top spellers in Spelling Bees that were held in 13 Elementary Schools.

Despite the pressure, with nary a blink of an eye

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CHAMPION
Jody Sohs
14 years old
Awak Elementary School
8th Grade

1ST RUNNER UP
Kei-Koa Ludwig
12 years old
Kolonia Elementary School
7th Grade

2ND RUNNER UP
Youreen Pelep
12 years old
Nett Elementary School
7th Grade

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Pohnpei, FSM—Pohnpei's Nett District has been the center of election controversy in recent months and that controversy has left some Nett voters feeling that their right to vote was taken from them. But the Nett District Court essentially ruled that if voters chose to write in a vote for a candidate that could not be seated under the Nett Constitution then those voters chose to waste their own vote.

The controversy began after the November 12, 2013 election for the position of District Administrator. Apparently, based on a legal opinion by attorney

Joe Phillip, Adelino Edmund who had already served the maximum two terms that he could serve under the Nett Constitution decided to run as a write in candidate. He garnered enough write in votes to force a runoff between Edmund, the incumbent and Peteriko Hairens who was officially registered for the election as a candidate.

On December 20, Mr. Hairens filed suit at the Nett District Court through his attorney, Marstella Jack asking for the court to restrain Election Manager Quirino Loyola from holding the runoff election which was scheduled for December 27. The court heard argument in a hearing at 10:00 in the morning on Christmas day and granted the restraining order to postpone any runoff election until it could consider all of the matters before it.

For several days we have tried to locate Mr. Phillip, attorney for Mr. Loyola for his side of the story that is still unfolding, though the court ruled last Friday that

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Micro Games preparations well underway but help still needed

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Pohnpei, FSM—As of today there only 150 days remaining before the Micro Games will kick off in Pohnpei. Bob Spegal, the CEO of the hosting committee says that plans for the games are coming along quite nicely though there is still quite a bit to be done.

He said that a company out of Switzerland has been hired to resurface the PICS track and two of that company's employees have already been to the track to make a full assessment of what needs to be done. Payment for materials has already been made and the rubberized surface materials should be on their way from Switzerland shortly. Spegal said that the company has built over 200 tracks in Australia and the Pacific region and has, if you will, a good track record.

"We want to be sure to do this right this time," Spegal said. The last track that was installed did not have sufficient drainage and was installed over a crushed coral bed. The rubberized surface did not adhere to the underlayment and it began to buckle almost

as soon as it was installed. He said that this time Pohnpei Transportation Authority will be laying down an asphalt bed for the track and that it will take them about a month from start to finish to lay that down including time to let the asphalt cure. Next, the company will lay down a surface that is made of recycled tires followed by the final track surface. Spegal was told that process would take the company about two weeks to complete and that the track should last for many years with a minimum of maintenance.

He said the track would be completed in time.

Meanwhile the PICS gymnasium is also undergoing a major renovation which should be completed soon.

Because of the grant from the People's Republic of China, COM's China Friendship gym will also be getting a major facelift including lighting and sound improvements, the scoreboard will be repaired, backboards replaced, and some new air conditioning will be added. Plans have not yet been completed on how to deal with the broken arena seating and some discussion is being held about the possibility of removing the plastic backed seats entirely.

Spegal says that VCS has nearly completed the tennis court. Apparently all that remains is to lay down the surface which will require some dry days. The PICS track renovation will also require some dry days and he's keeping his fingers crossed that there will be enough dry weather during next 150 so that everything will be done before the games start.

Spegal said that since the last Micro Games held in Pohnpei in 2002 the local sports federations have become stronger and have been taking on more responsibility for the facility they use rather than assuming that the State Government will handle everything. For example, Senator Peter Christian and his son Chris are taking care of drainage problems and other facilities problems at the Daini baseball field where all of the baseball games will be held during the 2014 Micro Games.

The Tuna Commission has committed to fix up the Spanish Wall ball field where softball games will be held.

The College of Micronesia – FSM is putting in a new soccer field at the National Campus so soccer (football) will be part of the 2014 Micro Games.

Spegal said that Jim Tobin of the FSM National Olympic Committee has applied for and received nearly \$400,000 worth of grants

for sports equipment as well as to pay for officials such as referees for the games. New mats, weights, table tennis tables and other equipment have already been purchased and some of the equipment has already arrived. They have also ordered a system for the swim competitions that will record the exact moment that a swimmers hand touches the pool wall.

Spegal said that the venues have to be up to international standards in order for any record breaking athletic feats to be recorded in the international sporting community. He said that they will meet those standards.

The athletes' village will once again be at the PICS dormitories but the organizing committee is expecting 1700 to 1800 athletes and coaches for the games. The numbers won't be final until each of the participants have actually bought their plane tickets and the committee is still waiting to hear how many athletes will be coming from Nauru and Kiribas. Spegal said that they have arranged for Ohmine and Kolonia elementary schools to be used as overflow sites the for athlete's village. He said that next week they will be ordering food supplies, cots, pillows, bedding and other items that will be needed for the athletes.

Spegal said that as far as he knows, all of the hotel rooms in Pohnpei have been booked up during the Micro Games including new rooms that are still being built. He is trying to get a central phone number that people can call who might be willing to potentially host visitors in their homes but was unable to do so before press time.

He also said that many volunteers will be needed for accommodation, transportation, protocol, sports competition, security and others including food services. "Food services volunteers are the heroes of the games," he said.

The hosting committee also needs medical volunteers. Spegal said that during the 2002 games the United States sent some U.S. military medics who were very helpful. He hopes that might be able to happen again for the 2014 games.

Spegal said that the mandate for the Hosting and Coordinating Committee by the Micro Games Council which includes representatives from all of the 10 jurisdictions who will be sending athletes to compete in the games is to host a successful Micro Games so that any records that are broken can be recognized. He said that it is beyond the scope of the hosting committee to favor any jurisdiction's team over another. "It wouldn't be ethical for the organizing committee to provide special support for any one jurisdiction's teams," he said.

He said that early on it was decided that Pohnpei State would make any requests from local businesses for funding specifically for the support of the Pohnpei team, and that the Micro Games Organizing Committee would make any requests from the larger FSM and international business community for funding for the games themselves.



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50th APCC opens in Pohnpei, FSM Silver anniversary of the association timely as FSM looks to jump start its coco industry



PALIKIR, FSM – Delegates and Ministers from Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, India, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Jamaica, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Sri Lanka, Tonga, Vietnam and the Federated States of Micronesia kicked off the 50th Asia Pacific Coconut Community Ministerial Meeting today.

The four-day event is being held at the China-FSM Friendship Center, on the sprawling campus of the College of Micronesia, nestled on a plateau between vistas of the cloud forests and barrier reef of Pohnpei.

FSM Vice President Alik Alik was the Keynote Speaker at the meeting which is being hosted by the National Coconut Development Authority. The Vice President made a point of how the Tree of Life was an integral part of the daily lives of nearly every family in FSM, and the fact that the coconut tree is a consistent feature of ‘the vibrant agroforest system’ that dominates the landscape in the Federation. New APCC Executive Director Uron N. Salum, the first Pacific Islander to head the organization, stated in his opening remarks, “We have a challenge in front of us to ensure that the coconut is a cash crop for small rural families throughout the Asia-Pacific region.”

“At the same time, we often have a question on why the small farmer remains with the coconut...but it is not a question to us. In our island states and coconut producing countries many rely on the coconut for our basic livelihoods, for shelter and for health. There are examples of many viable, successful processing technologies. Compared to 20 years ago technology has significantly advanced and this is a great encouragement, particularly in the Pacific Island countries, where we can take our coconut sectors to another level.”

Salum noted that the rapid technological advances in the coconut industry of the Asia-Pacific nations allow the APCC to play an “increasingly important role in developing the coconut sectors for its members.”

50th APCC Chairman, Secretary of FSM Department of Resources and Development Marion Henry, advocated for foreign and domestic private sector involvement and investment into a more fully functioning coconut industry in FSM. According to Chairman Henry, this will drive the long-term growth and sustainability of the sector, and importantly, enhance livelihoods, job growth and income opportunities for families and farmers.

APCC member country statements were also delivered on the first day meeting. A few of the salient points from the Country Statements:

- Fiji produces 165 million nuts per year from 6.8 million coconut palms, most of which is used to produce Crude Coconut Oil (CNO);
- India is the largest coconut producer in the world, with production of 22 billion nuts annually;
- Jamaica palms have been hit hard by what is known as Lethal yellow disease since 1997, and the government is targeting the planting of 60,000 seedlings in 2014;
- In Kiribati, the contribution of coconuts to national export earnings has been as high as 75% in the period 2010-13;
- Malaysia produces 539 million nuts per year and is embarking on a government rehabilitation program to double yield from 3,500 nuts per hectare per year to 7,000 nuts per hectare per year; and,
- RMI produces 35 million nuts annually and expects to produce 7,500 tonnes of copra in 2014, with \$3 million earned from export revenue from the sale of coconut oil.

APCC Plaques of Recognition were presented to notable contributors to the coconut sector: the late Rosa Namio Nanpei, the only other GM of the FSM CDA since its inception in 1981, received a post-humous award for his many years of hard work and dedication to help farmers in FSM; and, Mr. Catalino Sam, former long-time FSM CDA Chairman and current President of Ponape Coconut Products, one of the major private sector coconut operators in the nation.

Immunization workshop in Pohnpei supported by JICA

Japan International Cooperation Agency

In collaboration with the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs (DH&SA) of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Project for System Improvement of Expanded Program on Immunization in the Pacific Region (J-PIPS Phase 2) conducted a two day workshop on Vaccine Principles and Surveillance Disease Outbreak in Pohnpei State on the 5th and 6th of February 2014.

The main purpose of the planned training workshop is to gear more on new updates on immunization schedule, vaccine management, surveillance and

investigation on disease outbreaks and principles of public health surveillance. All together twenty plus participants from State Public Health Program Coordinators, Dispensary Health Assistants, as well as Private Clinics were present. Facilitators and trainers were from National and State, including Chief of Dept. of Public Health, Dr. Eliaser Johnson (Dr. EJ), National Epidemiologist, Dr. Sameer Gopalani, National Immunization Manager, Mrs. Louisa A. Helgenberger, Immunization Health Educator, Mr. Carter J. Apaisam, Pohnpei Immunization Coordinator, Mr. Spencer Donre and JICA Immunization Senior Expert Prof. Naoki Nakazono.



Participants present at Immunization/ Surveillance Workshop

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Chuuk Women's Interest Center receives funding for second floor

Chuuk Women's Council

On Saturday, February 8, Deputy Chief of Mission from the Japan Embassy in Pohnpei, Mr. Masaki Tani, presented Chuuk Women's Council (CWC) a check for \$117,140 at a signing ceremony attended by over 75 local and expatriate residents of Chuuk. The grant, funded by the Government of Japan, will provide the funds to construct a second floor addition to the existing 2,600 square foot Shinobu M. Poll Women's Interest Center in Nepukos, on the island of Weno.

This is not the first time the Government of Japan has contributed to the CWC. It was thanks to a \$97,000 donation that the SMP Women's Interest Center first opened in 2011. Mr. Tani reminded those in attendance of this ongoing relationship between the CWC and the Government of Japan. Mr. Tani also congratulated CWC leaders and members on their outstanding work in health, education, and women's interests. After his speech, Mr. Tani graciously presented CWC President, Kiki Stinnett, a check for \$117,140.

CWC members sang their appreciation and

praised Mr. Tani and the Government of Japan for their continued support. Ms. Stinnett echoed this appreciation, acknowledging the necessary role this support has played in the success of the CWC and its programs.

In a beautiful speech, Governor Johnson

Elimo recalled his early memories of watching CWC founders working in the community in the mid-1970s, laying the foundation for what exists today. Governor Elimo also reconfirmed his commitment to support CWC and acknowledged their positive work in Chuuk State.

The second floor addition will provide the center with a staff office, media room, resource library, computer lab, restrooms, and a small apartment to support off-island visitors who come to Chuuk to help CWC. Construction will commence soon, and CWC expects to celebrate the opening in November of this year.



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Mr. Hairens must be seated as Nett's District Chairman. We could not find him and Mr. Loyola said by phone that he hadn't talked to him in a while either.

Marstella Jack said that Mr. Phillip has filed a case at the FSM Supreme Court asking for that court to set aside the ruling of the Nett District court because the Chief Justice, Mr. Ekiek is Marstella Jack's brother in law. Mr. Loyola said that he's not sure whether Mr. Phillip filed a case at the FSM Supreme Court or not.

Jack said that Phillip argued that Ekiek should recuse himself from the case because of the family relationship. She said that the court ruled that under the "rule of necessity" due to the lack of other judges, who could hear the case he did not need to recuse himself. She said that the appeals court upheld that ruling and that one judge that might have been able to hear the case is Mr. Edmund's uncle.

Despite the court's ruling, the runoff election went ahead as scheduled. Mr. Phillip

apparently argued that since the court's ruling had not been reduced to writing it was not in affect so his client proceeded with the election. Ms. Jack told us that it was the first time she'd heard that argument and filed a show cause motion against Mr. Loyola. The court found him in contempt, fined him \$50 and ruled that the results of the runoff election were void. Not only did the tabulating committee tabulate the results of the runoff election but they also announced on the radio that Mr. Edmund was the winner.

Once again, Ms. Jack filed a show cause motion and once again the court found Mr. Loyola to be in contempt of court and fined him an additional \$250.

The court later ordered the Election Chairman to certify that Mr. Hairens was the winner of the election but Mr. Loyola did not meet the court established deadline to do so. At yet another hearing on another show cause motion, Jack said that Phillip argued that it was not the constitutional duty of the Election Manager to certify the election. He argued that only the District Administrator could certify the election. The court then threatened to have Mr. Loyola thrown in jail unless he filed documents with the court by 5:00 that afternoon that show Mr. Hairens as the winner

of the election. Loyola complied.

After a hearing on Friday, February 14, the court ordered that Mr. Hairens must be seated as the District Administrator. That ruling arrived in Ms. Jack's office while we were conducting our interview on the matter on February 17.

Jack said that Mr. Phillip's initial argument on the case was that the people's right to vote is a basic democratic principal guaranteed under the constitution and that by not allowing the people the right to make their own decisions about who will represent them the court was violating the people's basic rights. Jack argued that the Constitution specifies the qualifications for a District Administrator and sets specific term limits for the office. Edmund had already served two terms and therefore was not qualified to be seated as the District Administrator.

Jack said that Phillip then modified his argument to say that the filing of the law suit had been premature because Mr. Edmund was not barred under the Constitution from running for the office, he was only barred from being seated as the District Administrator. According to Jack he argued that since Edmund had not been seated when the law suit was filed the suit was void because it was premature.

The court disagreed. It remains to be seen whether the matter is well and truly settled but for now, the District Court has ordered that Mr. Hairens should be seated as the Nett District Administrator.

Though we left messages for Mr. Phillip wherever we could and even went so far as to call other practicing attorneys in an effort to get his side of the story, all of our efforts failed.

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Fire trucks for Chuuk

Embassy of Japan

On Feb 7, 2014, the Chuuk State Government was officially handed-over the donation of the two fire trucks, equipments for the trucks, and training sessions that was granted to them in the end of October, 2013 in the amount of \$89,936 by the Government of Japan. The grant was provided through Japan's Grassroots Grant Aid Projects.

The procurement of this project is a joint effort by the Embassy of Japan and two local governments in Japan that each donated one truck and the Embassy assisted with the cost of shipping, reconditioning of the trucks and training.

Representing the Embassy of Japan, Counselor Masaki Tani was present at the ceremony.



JICA Alumni Association of FSM established Chuuk chapter

Japan International Cooperation Agency

On January 26, 2014 members of the JICA Alumni Association of FSM (JAA-FSM) from Chuuk held a meeting at High Tide Restaurant to formally establish the 2nd State Chapter for JAA-FSM followed by in Kosrae. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has already accepted more than 400 FSM officials for technical training in Japan for last quarter century. JAA-FSM was established in 2006 in Pohnpei as a non-profit organization with the purpose to (1) gather and create friendship among all JICA Alumni and those who studied in Japan (2) develop relationships between JICA and the Alumni with the frames of the Official Development Assistance Program of Japan, and (3) support economic, culture, scientific and technical cooperation between the FSM and Japan.

During the opening of the meeting Mr.



Charles Sakios, Administrative Officer of JICA-FSM, welcomed all 16 members of the JAA, JICA volunteers, guests and families from Chuuk. Mr. Moses Pretrick from Pohnpei, President of JAA-FSM, also delivered a remark on this occasion briefly outlining the history and purpose of JAA-FSM and the activities the Association had undertaken since its inception to date.

New officers were elected for the JAA-Chuuk Chapter; Mr. Bradford Mori, from EPA, as the first President for the JAA-Chuuk Chapter, Mr. Michael Kanas as Vice President, Ms. Maria Shomour as Secretary and Ms. Mackleen William as Treasurer.

Members of JAA-Chuuk agreed to formally have another meeting to brainstorm on activities that they will carry-out in Chuuk as the next action.

IOM assists Salvadorian migrant stranded at sea for one year to return home

After drifting at sea for 14 months and recovering from his ordeal with the help of residents of the Marshall Islands who provided food, water and clean clothes, José Salvador Alvarenga, a 36 year old fisherman from El Salvador, is returning home today with IOM assistance.

Working with the governments of the Marshall Islands and El Salvador, IOM handled the flight arrangements and paid for Alvarenga's transport home under its Humanitarian Assistance for Stranded Migrants Fund (HASM), which was created in 2006 and has provided direct assistance to more than 2,200 vulnerable stranded migrants.

Alvarenga's case received international attention when he was found on Ebon, a small island of only 22 square miles, located in the southernmost reaches of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. "He was tired and somewhat confused when I first met him, but obviously feeling very appreciative to have made it to land after so long at sea. He was especially animated when he had the opportunity to speak with his family in El Salvador via Skype," stated an IOM representative in Majuro.

"When I first met Mr Alvarenga he had just arrived in Majuro he was still getting his bearings. Over the week he spent in Majuro his health improved and he was able to skype his family for the first time from the IOM office," stated the representative. "IOM, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Immigration and WorldTeach in Majuro worked closely with the Government of El Salvador official to insure that Mr Alvarenga was well taken care of and that his privacy was respected." As he prepared to leave Mr Alvarenga received handicrafts and gifts from his new friends. He thanked the Marshall Islands and IOM, but was excited to start the long journey home to be reunited with his family.

Alvarenga told his rescuers that he and another fisherman had set off in late 2012 from Mexico on a short fishing expedition when they encountered engine problems following a storm. He experienced the death of his fellow fisherman, and consequently sailed adrift for 14 months surviving on fish, turtles and seagulls, until coming ashore in the Marshall Islands earlier this month.

After having been medically cleared to travel by the Hospital in Majuro, Alvarenga boarded a plane accompanied by a representative of the Government of El Salvador. He is scheduled to arrive in El Salvador on Tuesday, 11 February.

Alvarenga's parents are overjoyed at the news of his safe return home. According to his father, his son migrated to Mexico some 15 years ago and they had not heard from him since.

"My son always liked fishing. Since he was a child he managed to catch fish; I think that helped him survive these past 14 months," explained his father, Ricardo Alvarenga.

His parents and a 14 year old daughter, who will meet her father for the first time, will join Delbert Field, IOM Chief of Mission in El Salvador, at the airport to welcome Alvarenga home.

"The global reach of IOM and member state supported funds such as HASM enable us to assist in these cases. This was truly a combined effort of our offices across the Pacific, from Pohnpei and Majuro, to San Salvador. IOM expedited all of the arrangements for his return home and was in regular contact with the Government in both the Marshall Islands and El Salvador, as well as Mr Alvarenga himself," said Ashley Carl, IOM Chief of Mission in Pohnpei.

The IOM offices in Pohnpei and Majuro have previously assisted in the repatriation of two boat loads of Papua New Guineans in 2009.

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Japan grants school buses to Chuuk High School students

Embassy of Japan

On February 7, 2014 Chuuk High School received a grant amount of \$104,287 through the Grassroots Human Security Projects for the procurement of 2 school buses.

Counselor Masaki Tani of the Embassy of Japan was in Chuuk as the representative of the Embassy of Japan to sign over this much-awaited project.

It was reported that Chuuk High School has an estimated amount of 1,100 students and a large number of them walk to school due to transportation problems. Sometimes when the weather is too harsh, many students do not attend school and school can even be cancelled due to low student attendance.

Counselor Tani stated in his remarks that he is optimistic that the use of these buses will have a positive impact on the students, teachers, and all the families that have students attending this school and continued to state that he was certainly proud that the Government of Japan was presented with this opportunity to be actively involved in the improvement of this country's education system.

The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Wilfred Robert, Chief of Staff in Chuuk, government officials, school officials, students, and families of students.



Mr. Paul Hadik, Principal of Chuuk High School and Counselor Tani

Yap State's new semi-aerobic public landfill from the Government of Japan

Embassy of Japan

On February 11, 2014, the State of Yap celebrated with the Embassy of Japan the handing over of the project to improve Yap State's Public Landfill using the Semi-Aerobic Fukuoka method. The project was initially signed over in July 2012 under Japan's Human Grassroots Human Security Projects and the grant in the amount of \$99,807 was provided. The technical support from Japanese Technical Cooperation Project for the Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management (J-PRISM) through JICA was also provided to the project.

Remarks were given by Counselor Masaki Tani who represented the Embassy of Japan stating that he wished the best for this project's success and reaffirmed the government of Japan's continuous desire to work closely with the FSM. The Hon. Governor Sebastian Anefal, Yap Environmental Protection Agency, which is the main recipient of this project, and the Department of Public Works & Transportation received the project on behalf of the government of Yap.

The ceremony was witnessed by The Honorable Congressmen Joseph Urusemal, and Isaac Figir as well as government officials and staffs.



USDA Rural Development invested over \$350,000 in economic development projects in the FSM in fiscal year 2013

United States Department of Agriculture

February 18, 2014

Kolonia, Pohnpei – For Fiscal Year 2013, USDA Rural Development invested over \$350,000 in various projects across the Federated States of Micronesia. These funds were targeted towards home repair/rehabilitation and community facilities and equipment. Program delivery occurred in each of the FSM's four states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap.

Rural Development's investment includes \$306,664 in low interest (1%) fixed-rate loans and grants that helped thirty-one very-low-income families complete much needed repairs to dilapidated homes, remove existing health and safety hazards, and make them accessible to occupants with physical disabilities. It also includes \$45,937 in assistance for community projects that increase public safety, enhance environmental quality, and safeguard public health.

"Families in small, rural communities deserve access to decent, livable housing, a safe and clean living environment, and basic health services. I am extremely pleased that through the efforts of our local Rural Development staff, we were able to improve the quality of life for many families in all four FSM states," said Chris Kanazawa, Rural Development State Director for Hawaii, Western Pacific, and American Samoa. "As a priority of President Obama and Secretary Vilsack, Rural Development strives to provide the needed assistance to raise the standard of living for lower income families. This will ultimately result in stronger communities across the FSM."

These investments were made available

through Rural Development's Single Family Housing Renovation (504) Loan and Grant Programs and Community Facilities Programs.

"In FY 2014, Rural Development continues its mission in the FSM of improving the improving the standard of living for Micronesia's residents by elevating the quality of life for local homeowners and communities while creating economic opportunities for local businesses as a multiplier effect of our projects," remarked Gary Bloom, Area III (FSM) Director.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages housing, business and community infrastructure programs through a national network of state and local offices. Rural Development has an active portfolio of more than \$172 billion in loans and loan

guarantees. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

President Obama's plan for the rural areas of America and our Freely Associated "Partners in Progress" has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America and Pacific Islands to continue leading the way – strengthening our economies, small towns and rural communities. USDA's investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values.

The rise and fall of Kehpara Marine Sanctuary

Back in 1995, Mr. Dakio Paul moved back from Guam and dedicated his time to protecting the marine areas surrounding Black Coral and Kehpara Islands, including the massive grouper (Mwanger) spawning aggregations located just north of the area. Dakio recognized the importance of enforcement and what it meant to Pohnpei's future. Under his watch, the spawning aggregations of squaretail coral grouper (Pohnpeian name Sawi), brown-marbled grouper (Ripw-ripw) and camouflage grouper (Widir) had grown to thousands of fish, representing the largest grouper aggregations ever recorded in the Indo-Pacific—a proud and important title for Pohnpei and a testament to how marine protected areas work with active enforcement.

In recognition of the importance of these aggregations, The Nature Conservancy in 2001 joined with the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) to train them in monitoring the site to record these spectacular events, expecting them to grow under the newly designated Kehpara Marine Sanctuary (MMS), the first marine protected area (MPA) in Pohnpei. Unfortunately, in 2005 Dakio fell ill and enforcement stopped. The result has been an all-too-common story for the Pacific of what happens when enforcement ends and aggregation fishing starts.

Over the 8-year period since the state took over enforcement, these once grand and historic spawning aggregations have declined by 75%, putting Pohnpei's aggregations well below those of other regions, including Fiji, Seychelles and Palau. In response, CSP, in coordination with the University of Hawaii's Dr. Kevin Rhodes, recently presented evidence to the Pohnpei State Legislature's Resource and Development (R&D) Committee showing this decline and assisted with draft legislation to restrict the sale and catch of these three aggregating species during their spawning times, which occur from January through May.

According to Dr. Rhodes "Clearly, fishermen have taken advantage of the lack of enforcement at Kehpara since Dakio's death. If you look at the trends from 2001 to 2005, abundances tripled. Since 2005, numbers have declined dramatically. It's easy to see from these trends that by 2020, these aggregations will be completely fished out and elsewhere where that's happened, we rarely see recovery.

Do we need better enforcement? Without a doubt. But that alone isn't going to solve the problem. We need to let the MPA do what it was designed to do, which is to protect these aggregations from fishing."

This same monitoring data has also been combined with other evidence from household and market surveys from Pohnpei to show that our fishery is now 2-3 times above the sustainable yield for the coral reef fishery, meaning fishermen are pulling out more fish than fish populations can produce. "The fish just can't keep up with the fishing

pressure," says Rhodes. "Fewer fish means fewer eggs, and fewer eggs means fewer fish for the future. When fishermen target spawning aggregations, they are not just taking fish, they are removing eggs, and along with that, any potential for recovery. Together with the small size fish fishermen are now targeting, fishermen are not only driving fish populations to local extinction, they are setting themselves up for greater economic hardship.

While legislators have a responsibility to respond with new management, vigilant enforcement is also needed, which is something that Pohnpei hasn't experienced since Dakio passed", Dr. Rhodes further explained.

According to CSP Executive Director Eugene Joseph, "enforcement alone won't solve the problem. Pohnpei needs to use all the management tools we can get our hands on, combine market enforcement with some serious enforcement efforts at MPA sites like Kehpara and, most importantly, community involvement and compliance. That's the only way we're going to be able to restore our fish populations and achieve sustainability. While we wait for legislation, fish buyers should be aware that buying these fish from January to May, and buying under-sized fish, is helping to kill off these aggregations. If you go to the market today, you can already see fish from the aggregation for sale, which is why we're trying to expand the ban period."

Fisheries managers are not just waiting for the state to act. The Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture, along with Rhodes and CSP, is working with fishing communities to help find collaborative and adaptive management solutions to stopping fish population declines, while at the same time recognizing the needs of fishing communities. This newly created Marine Advisory Council will help conservationists work with fishermen and market owners to allow an exchange of ideas and help look for solutions to known problems, like non-compliance with existing management and declining fish stocks.

"We are all in this together. Sure, we want to help fish populations, but management is really about helping fishermen survive", Mr. Joseph added. "Fishermen already have it hard. We need all Pohnpeians—buyers, fishermen, government and conservationists to come together to restore our unique heritage and re-take the title of the biggest spawning site in the region." While these solutions are being developed, consumers need to be reminded that they have a hand in fish population declines. Pohnpei is a supply and demand society. If we don't buy it, fishermen won't catch it and markets won't sell it," Mr. Joseph added. Pohnpei holds the choice in how it wants the future to develop.

Pohnpei still has a chance to take back its title of 'the Indo-Pacific's largest spawning aggregations'. Is Pohnpei turning a blind eye to what the loss of these great natural phenomenon means to us as a people and to our fishing communities?

Clowns bringing comic relief to disaster zones in Asia-Pacific

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SYDNEY --- A new Australian group is heading out to disaster zones and disadvantaged areas across the Asia-Pacific region to help children.

So far the group has been to refugee camps in Myanmar, parts of the Philippines ravaged by Super Typhoon Haiyan, and remote Indigenous communities in Australia.

The group's members aren't doctors, lawyers, social workers, soldiers, police officers or even journalists.

They are - for lack of a better description - a bunch of clowns.

Clowns Without Borders started in Spain in 1993, and now has chapters across the globe.

Its volunteers travel to war zones, refugee camps and disaster areas to deliver smiles and laughter to needy children.

The Australian chapter officially started last year. Since then, the group has visited some of the region's harshest places.

Clowns Without Borders Australia recently completed a project in the Philippines, bringing comic relief to communities affected by super-typhoon Haiyan.

Briar Seyb-Hayden, who spent weeks in the disaster zone, says she was shocked by the scale of the devastation wrought by Haiyan.

"It was like ground zero; buildings down everywhere and trees flattened everywhere

and people living in tent villages," she said.

"So that side was intense, especially seeing so many kids - and of course you feel sad for what they have to live through."

As they deal with traumatised children, Clowns Without Borders performers must be professionals with experience in both the performing arts and teaching.

Kathryn Niesche is an experienced aerialist who has worked in Bollywood and teaches at Australia's National Institute of Circus Arts.

But after decades at the top, the 53-year-old says she's decided she wants to be on the ground.

"I think a clown offers unconditional love and is just there to respond to that child. If it is a hug, smile of little wink or nod, it is just there 100 per cent for them," Niesche said.

After returning from this trip, the group has big plans for its next act, including more projects within Australia providing emotional relief for victims of bushfires and flooding.

"I think charity begins at home ... it is really important that we have a national focus and then throughout Asia-Pacific as well," Briar Seyb-Hayden said.

"There is so much need and there are so many places Clowns Without Borders hasn't been yet.

"I really want to see us going to a lot more countries - and bringing the joy and the laughter."

...Spelling

Continued from front page

eye, one young native Pohnpeian speaker after another shamed me by correctly spelling words in my native language in front of an audience while I spelled them incorrectly in my head. As the editor of the English language newspaper, I turned a couple of shades of pink every time that happened.

I bow low to each of the contestants in today's Spelling Bee:

From Awak Elementary School: Cobe Bryant Hadley and Jody Sohs
From Enpein Elementary School: Cleopatra Waltu, and BJ Waltu
From ESDM: Mary Grace, and Emil and Kurten Hadley
From Kolonia Elementary School: J.A. Ashby and Kei-Koa Ludwig

From Lukop Elementary School: Jayson Hadley and Moniavin Andon
From Nanpei Memorial School: Leo Santos and Meleny Inowe
From Nett Elementary School: Rachel Loyola and Youreen Pelep
From Ohmine Elementary School: Lavita Benian and Nadia Hadley
From Pohnlangas Elementary School: B.J. Yehs and Jenifa Fera-Mae
From Rohi Elementary School: Kayrono Martin and Kristina Une
From Saladak Elementary School: Rosalisa Joseph and Taylor Helgenberger
From Sapwalap Elementary School: Julanny Augustine and Sheann Kado
From Wone Elementary School: Jayleen Immanuel and Seniorita Santiago

COM-FSM, Pohnpei Campus Educational Talent Search Program collaborated with United Airlines, the Rotary Club of Pohnpei, MAHI International, and the Pohnpei Department of Education.

Xavier High School establishes ties with Sophia University

CHUUK, FSM – Xavier High School in the Federated States of Micronesia has established a formal partnership with Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan.

The partnership, which will be formalized in a ceremony at Sophia University on April 3, 2014, provides for a qualified Xavier High School graduate to attend the noted Jesuit university on a full scholarship each academic year.

The unique partnership, the first of its kind for Sophia University in Oceania, is supported by the Tokyo-based Association For Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC), which, together with Sofia, will fund each Xavier High School students' four-year program of studies at the Japanese

university in commemoration of APIC founder Nobuhiko Ushiba, the former State

Minister and former Japanese Ambassador to the USA. APIC is now headed by Peter Yoshiyasu Sato, former Japanese Ambassador to China.

"The entire Xavier High School community is thrilled with our relationship with Sophia University. Having the opportunity to send one of our best students, each year, to this outstanding Jesuit university will open new opportunities for our graduates, and for their home nations," said Fr. Rich McAuliff, SJ, the director of Xavier High School. Fr. McAuliff will travel to Tokyo in early April to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Sophia University's President Prof. Takashi Hayashita and APIC President Sato.

"I want to thank, in particular, former Ambassador Peter Sato and former Japan Ambassador to the FSM Shoji Sato, and the Association For Promotion of International

Cooperation, who were instrumental in establishing our partnership with Sophia University," Fr. McAuliff added.

Sophia University has actively pursued academic and student exchange activities with over 180 partner schools and other academic institutions in 40 countries around the world. Also, Sophia has entered into memorandums of understanding with local high schools in Indonesia, China and Korea, establishing an "overseas affiliated schools" system to accept international students and build a solid relationship with countries of the Asia-Pacific region. Xavier High School will be part of Sophia's "overseas affiliated schools" system.

The Society of Jesus established Sophia University in 1913. Since then, the university has grown to one of Japan's premier universities. It conducts classes in Japanese and English. Sophia University

has approximately 11,500 undergraduates, 1,200 graduate students and nearly 300 students are from nations other than Japan. Xavier High School was developed by the New York Province of the Society of Jesus and welcomed its first class in 1952. It has graduated many of the leaders of the Micronesian region, including presidents, legislators, attorneys, physicians, and business executives. It currently has 183 students in grades

nine through twelve from six nations. Boys live in a dormitory at the Chuuk campus, while girls live with host families in the community.

For more information on Xavier High School, visit www.xaviermicronesia.org. For information on Sophia University, please visit http://www.sophia.ac.jp/eng/e_top.

Melioidosis Disease found in lab test

DHS/Media Division/YapStateGov News

COLONIA, Yap — The Department of Health Services (DHS) has released a statement informing the people of Yap about an infectious disease which has been diagnosed and confirmed in several cases seen at the Yap Memorial Hospital.

The Department stated that the disease, "melioidosis", is caused by the infectious bacteria *Burkholderia pseudomallei*. These bacteria are found in contaminated water and soil and can affect both humans and animals.

Health officials said people can get melioidosis through direct contact with water or soil contaminated with the bacteria. Contact may include inhaling contaminated dust motes or water droplets, drinking contaminated water, or exposing skin to contaminated soil or mud, especially through open skin wounds.

Health officials in Yap said the disease is extremely rare to spread from person to person. They also mentioned that animals such as pigs, cats and dogs could get the melioidosis disease.

In addition, symptoms of melioidosis can vary widely. Most cases present with fever and can include back pain, headache, joint pain, chest pain, cough or abdominal pain.

People with diabetes, liver disease, kidney disease, cancer, autoimmune conditions and certain blood conditions are at high risk of developing melioidosis.

Healthy people are at a decreased risk

of getting melioidosis; however, the most recent cases in Yap have included people who were previously healthy.

Diagnosis of melioidosis could be confirmed through culturing that can be performed on-island. Results from blood, throat and urine that will be

cultured may take 2-5 days before it could be finalized.

Once diagnosed, the infection could be treated with antibiotics either through IV or by mouth. It is important that people with the infection begin taking antibiotics as early as possible.

To prevent and reduce the risk of getting the infection, health officials have advised people to avoid direct contact with soil, mud, and standing water that may be contaminated with the infection.

For additional information regarding melioidosis, contact the Hospital hotline at Tel: (691)350-4161.

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The 7th National Trade Facilitation Committee Meeting adopts priority actions to increase production, export, and enhance investment climate in the FSM and with partners.

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The 7th National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC) meeting, which was held on January 20-21, 2014, at the Tuna Commission Annex Building in Kolonia, Pohnpei, concluded on January 21 with several recommendations on enhancing production, export, and the investment climate in the FSM. Other decisions targeted trade and economic cooperation and integration between the FSM, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and the Republic of Palau, and ongoing negotiations for the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA).

On the implementation of the recommendations arising from the May 2013 FSM Investment Facilitation Symposium, the 7th NTFC Meeting noted the work undertaken by the FSM Department of R&D, including the meeting with the Chief Justices in the FSM on December 19, 2013, to sensitize them to areas where the judicial system has bearing on the enhancement of investor-protection in the FSM. The meeting also facilitated discussions on how the Judiciary and the Executive Branches could work together to implement specific recommendations resulting from the Symposium.

The NTFC recommended that the FSM Department of R&D pursue ongoing dialogue, and follow-up with various Technical Assistance Requests submitted to the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank to review and harmonize investment laws and undertake a survey of highly skilled FSM entrepreneurs residing overseas. In addition, the NTFC urged the National Government and Pohnpei State Government to examine all the options available to resolve the issue that led to the suspension of Pohnpei Small Business Development Centre's activities, considering the role the Centre is expected to play in enhancing financial literacy within the private sector.

Progress with respect to the Draft FSM Investment Guide was highlighted, including consultations undertaken with the States and various national agencies. The NTFC recommended that the result of the SWOT analysis conducted by participants be used to update the Draft Investment Guide; and that the revised document is shared with States for comments by February 14, 2014. In order to ensure that all stakeholders are given the opportunity to comment on the investment guide, the NTFC urged States to convene a meeting of their respective State Trade Facilitation Committee to discuss the revised Draft FSM Investment Guide before submitting their comments to the FSM Department of R&D.

NTFC Meeting participants generally expressed positive feedbacks on the trade fairs initiated in all the States and recommended that training of producers be emphasized in 2014. The Meeting urged the FSM Department of R&D to work with States' Export Hero Teams to collect and share success stories in business through various media. The NTFC also urged States' Export Hero Teams to work with the State Trade Facilitation Committees to produce a comprehensive list of producers that can be used in identifying needs and providing support.

Participants to the 7th NTFC were also briefed on the legal framework to enhance trade and economic cooperation and integration among the FSM, RMI and Palau. It was recommended that further State-National consultation be undertaken immediately after a revised Draft Treaty with RMI and Palau is available.

Regarding the EPA negotiations, participants learned that the negotiations are contingent upon the need for the Pacific Region parties to be clear on the European Commission's position on key outstanding issues. The NTFC mandated the FSM Department of R&D to work with the relevant NTFC Subcommittee

to finalize FSM's negotiating positions, stressing the need for extreme cautions on fisheries issues.

The 7th NTFC Meeting was opened by FSM Vice President Alik L. Alik, Chairman of the NTFC. The deliberations were attended by Senator Jerry Fogolimul, Yap State Legislature, Dr. Rufino Mauricio, Secretary, FSM Department of Education, Mr. Lorin Robert, Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Marion Henry, Secretary, Department of Resources

and Development, Mr. Francis Itimai, Secretary, Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure, Mr. Patrick Mackenzie, Executive Director, National Oceanic Resources Management Authority (NORMA), Mr. Wilson Wagus, Commissioner, FSM Banking Board, Mr. Moses Nelson, Executive Director, Micronesian Shipping Commission, Ms. Anna Mendiola, President/CEO of the FSM Development Bank, representatives from the State and National Governments, Private Sector and relevant Non Government Organizations (NGO).

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MICARE HEALTH PLAN IS SEEKING FOR A QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL OR AN ORGANIZATION TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Audit at least 10% of the total dental reimbursement claims in fy 2013 submitted to micare by the private dental clinics in the federated states of micronesia;
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4. If needed, assist micare, fsm audit office and the fsm ag's office, of Any litigation resulted out of the audit findings;
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2. Names and number of qualified individuals who will be participating in this claim audit;
3. Number of calendar days you will be able to start and complete the claim audit;
4. The bid amount to cover costs of personnel, travel, equipment, supplies, printing, etc.
5. Preferred terms of payments;
6. Availability to perform the claim audit;
7. Other pertinent information related to your qualifications and how you could accomplish the claim audit within the established timeframe.

St. Cecilia School's new classrooms from the Government of Japan

Embassy of Japan

Counselor Mr. Masaki Tani of the Embassy of Japan officially kicked off the St. Cecilia's School Renovation project on February 7, 2014 to construct two new classrooms and renovate the lavatory facilities on the campus. The grant in the amount of \$121,870 USD was provided through Japan's Grant Aid Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects.

Counselor Tani handed over the project with high hopes for a successful education for the students and urged government leaders and the heads of the school to "explore the numerous means to improve the education system".

In response, Reverend Rosendo Rudolph, Vicar of Catholic Schools in Chuuk expressed the school's gratitude and appreciation for the assistance received from the Government of Japan.

The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Wilfred Robert, Chief of Staff in Chuuk, government officials, school board members, teachers, staffs and students.

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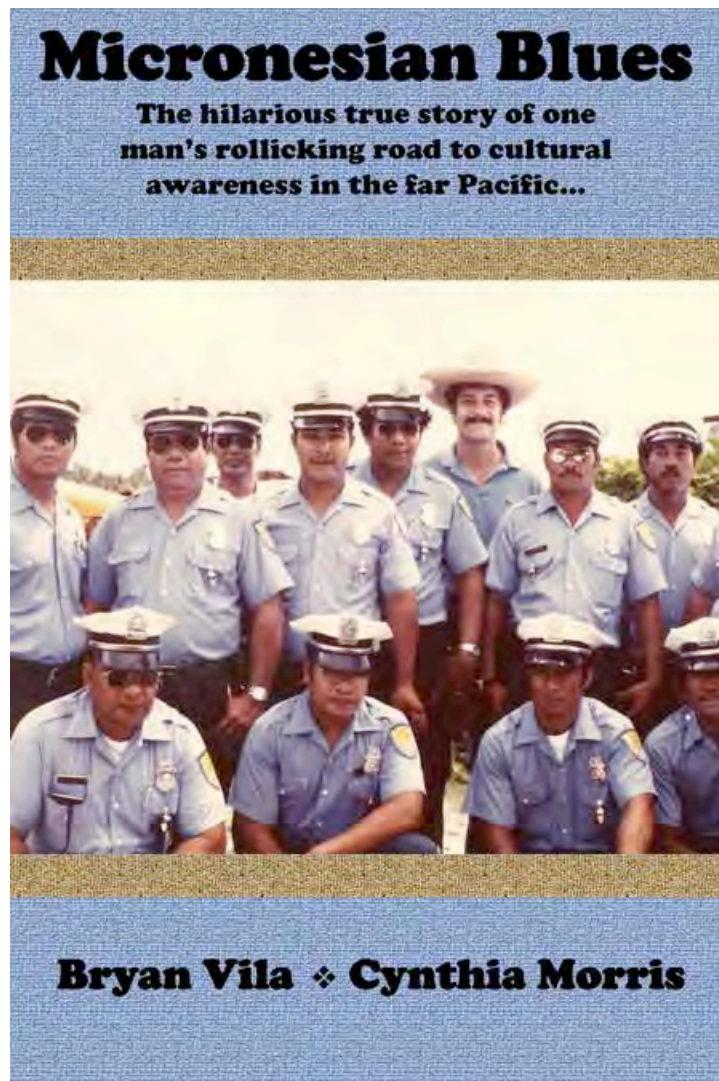
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Micronesian Blues - hilarious, challenging, sensitive and well worth the read



By *Bill Jaynes*
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Wishing he'd worn waders instead of running shoes as the blue sewage from the toilets sloshed up and down the aisles of the Air Micronesia Boeing 727 island hopper on every take off and landing, Bryan Vila arrived in Saipan on June 15, 1978. The "Micronesian chapter" of his life had begun, and so begins "Micronesian Blues", a book by Bryan Vila and Cynthia Morris, originally published in 2009 and now available as a Kindle Reader book on Amazon.com.

If you're looking for the "bottom line" early on in this review, let me give it to you now—buy it, but be warned, you may not be able to stop reading it until you've read the last page. In association with the publication of this review, for the next week it's on sale for only \$2.99 on Amazon, and no, I don't receive any kick back. I just loved the book despite my early misgivings.

"Micronesian Blues tells the hilarious true story of former L.A. street cop, Bryan Vila's rollicking road to cultural awareness as a police chief and trainer in the remote Pacific Islands of Micronesia," the book's synopsis says.

I'll be frank, the synopsis worried me. I was afraid that the book would poke fun at Micronesian law enforcers in the waning Trust Territory days as the Micronesia region moved toward independence. When the same synopsis described sakau as a "hallucinogenic substance that bore a close resemblance to elephant snot", I rolled my eyes. I'd never heard of anyone ever having "hallucinated" on sakau, though the "elephant snot" evaluation was right on in my estimation.

I have to admit that when Morris gifted the e-book to me in June of 2013, I didn't give it much of a chance. I made a few cursory attempts to download it for offline reading but when I couldn't figure out how to make that happen, I moved on.

But Morris was persistent. In mid January she sent me an email asking when I might get around to a review of the book. Embarrassed that I'd not given it a thorough go, I dug deeper and found out that downloading the book isn't all that difficult. For the next couple of days I was completely captivated, wondering what Vila would be up to next and how he would deal with what he encountered. It's a page turner and I had to turn my iPhone to "night mode" while I read it in bed until late into the night.

If I didn't know better I would swear that the book was a work of fiction, but the story is true. It reads like a novel, peopled by characters that most of us in Micronesia know, though a good number of the names in the book are necessarily false. Still, many of the names will be familiar to Micronesian readers.

Honestly, I can't remember the last time that I read a book that so fully engaged me. Despite my early misgivings that the book would be the culturally insensitive ravings of an expat who had once lived in Micronesia, I found it to be entirely respectful of Micronesian law enforcement officers and of Micronesians in general, sometimes even reverent.

"Micronesian Blues" is far more than a

chronicle of Vila's adventures as a law enforcement advisor in Micronesia at the eclipse of the U.S. Trust Territory days. If the stories were just funny the book wouldn't be nearly as good as it is. It's also a self deprecating story of a man who strove to understand the Micronesian culture wherever he was.

When in Ponape, as it was then known, he drank sakau, not as some poseur but as someone who truly wanted to understand the culture. That was on his second day in Micronesia.

In Yap he whiled away the hours with local law enforcement officials while chewing and spitting betel nut juice for the first time in his life.

In Palau, he ate "bat" with Tommy Remengasau and other members of the Micronesia Constitutional Convention, though he couldn't bring himself to eat the head.

By the time he was in charge of the Trust Territory law enforcement response during a protest by Marshall Islanders in Kwajalein, he had gathered enough experience that he understood the importance of traditional leaders. He knew that while law enforcement was vital, force would be counter-productive.

In Kosrae, he learned the language in order to interact with the officers during his short command there.

I think that any Micronesian would appreciate "Micronesian Blues" if for no other reason than to recap Micronesian history at the end of U.S. Trust Territory days.

The Pohnpeian name for expats is "mehnwai", or people from the island of wai—the island of far way. Kosraeans call us "ahset". I will not delve into the origins of that name here other than to say that we probably deserved it. Regardless of what we are called here I think that "Micronesian Blues" should be required reading for all of us expats before we step off the plane on any Micronesian island.

Life would be so much simpler if all of us, expats, mehnwai, ahset, and Micronesians operated on the basic assumption that we are all different but equal and that we can all learn from each other. It's probably one of the biggest messages I got from "Micronesian Blues", though I'm not at all sure that is what the authors hoped to communicate.

The Kindle Reader version of the book on Amazon usually sells for \$5.99 but until March 2 you can get it for only \$2.99.

You don't have to own a Kindle device to read the electronic version of the book. Simply download the Kindle Reader application for any computer, I-product, or Android device, buy the book on Amazon and then prepare for your life to be completely disrupted until you finish it. It's that kind of good whether you're a Micronesian, an expatriate, and even if you've never heard of Micronesia.

Australian Awards Pacific Scholarship (AAPS) Intake Year 2015

Opening Date: 01 February 2014
Closing Date: 30 April 2014

Eligible citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia are invited to apply for awards commencing in January 2015 for full time undergraduate and post-graduate study in Fiji, Vanuatu and Samoa. Awards cover tuition, accommodation, living expenses and airfares.

To be eligible to apply students must:

- Have completed an Associate Degree or equivalent, or due to complete by June 2014 with minimum GPA of 2.8, OR
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Applications are available at:
the Australian Embassy website
www.fsm.embassy.gov.au



All completed applications should be submitted online unless there are extenuating circumstances that prevent the applicant from doing so or if applying to Fiji School of Nursing or Fiji School of Technology. Applications are due by the 30th of April 2014.

If you have any questions please contact Joyce Gehr at joyce.gehr@dfat.gov.au or +691 320.5448 ext. 110

Ambassador Takesy presents credentials to President Shimon Peres in Jerusalem, Israel

FSM Information Services

February 13, 2014

A new page in the diplomatic history of the relations between the Federated States of Micronesia and the State of Israel was turned on 03 February 2014 at noon (Jerusalem Time) when Mr. Asterio R Takesy, resident in Washington DC as FSM Ambassador to the US, presented his letter of credence to Israeli President Shimon Peres in Jerusalem to formalize his cross-accreditation as FSM Ambassador to Israel. Concurrently Ambassador Takesy presented the letter of recall of his immediate predecessor, Ambassador Yosiwo P George, who has been elected to FSM Congress to represent the State of Kosrae.

Paying respect to President Peres as Israel's head of state, Takesy prefaced the standard diplomatic statement of presenting credentials with a Micronesian traditional phrase of paying tribute normally accorded to high-level leaders: "Tirow wom Fau-pung Hamwol." (In the Chuukese language, the phrase symbolizes a leader as a Rock situated on a barrier reef that remains standing calm and steadfast in upholding the best interest of the people in the midst of pounding waves).

The State of Israel is the first country in the Middle East region that extended diplomatic recognition to the then newly emerging Federated States of Micronesia.

Israel is one of the first foreign countries to establish full diplomatic relations with the FSM at a time when the newly born nation was embarking on the difficult task of establishing itself in the international community.

During the Presentation of Credentials ceremony at the Israel official Presidential Residence, President Peres welcomed Ambassador Takesy to Israel and bid him to "feel like a friend amongst friends," adding that Israel is grateful for FSM's consistent support at the UN, "a small land, but a great friend." He went on to say, "You stood day after day and year after year on our side and we are grateful for your position." Noting that the two countries are "oceans apart" in terms of geographical distances, President Peres remarked that the people of Israel are nonetheless grateful for the friendship extended by the people of Micronesia. He stated that Israel would like to reciprocate in anyway it can, drawing on national capability as well as scientific and technological discoveries to improve the lives of the people of the FSM, notably through the areas of agriculture, and aquaculture. In fact, these along with others have been identified as

possible areas of cooperation between the two countries, with the desirability being expressed on both sides for the formulation of a Blueprint for Cooperation.

For his part, after expressing his gratitude to President Peres for accepting his credentials, Ambassador Takesy conveyed President Mori's warm greetings and best wishes to President Peres for his continued good health and prosperity of the people of Israel. He also expressed President Mori's commitment to the support of Israel and his desire for visiting Israel again, to further strengthen the relations between the peoples and governments of the two countries. Ambassador Takesy added, "our friendship with Israel is no accident of history – its source is to be found, in part, in our shared belief in the Judeo-Christian values and in part in the preamble of our FSM Constitution, which states in relevant part – 'The seas bring us together, they do not separate us... We extend to all nations what we seek from each: peace, friendship, cooperation, and love in our common humanity.'"

Recalling the pleasure of being honored by the visit of President Mori in 2010, President Peres extended a welcome to President Mori to visit Israel again to augment the shared vision of friendly

relations between the FSM and Israel. Officials of the two governments have commenced exploring possible dates for the visit.

Apart from the Presentation of Credentials ceremony, Ambassador Takesy, who was accompanied by Deputy Chief of Mission James A Naich as his staff-advisor, undertook visits to agricultural sites as well as meetings with officials of the Foreign Ministry, such as the Deputy Foreign Minister, non-resident ambassador to FSM Ambassador Michael Ronnen, Director of the Pacific Affairs Department, and Director of the Policy Planning Division of the Agency for International Development Cooperation (MASHAV). He took time to meet with members of the Israel Knesset (Parliament), including Vice Speaker M.K. Ruther Calderone, K.M. Isaac Herzog, Leader of the Opposition (whose father was the only Israeli Prime Minister who visited the Pacific region), and M.K. Shimon Ohayon, Chairman of the Israel-FSM Parliamentary Friendship League, including FSM supporters in the Israel community at large. Before leaving Israel, Ambassador Takesy also underwent a program of cultural orientation organized by the Office of Protocol to acquaint him to the rich history and culture of Israel and its people.

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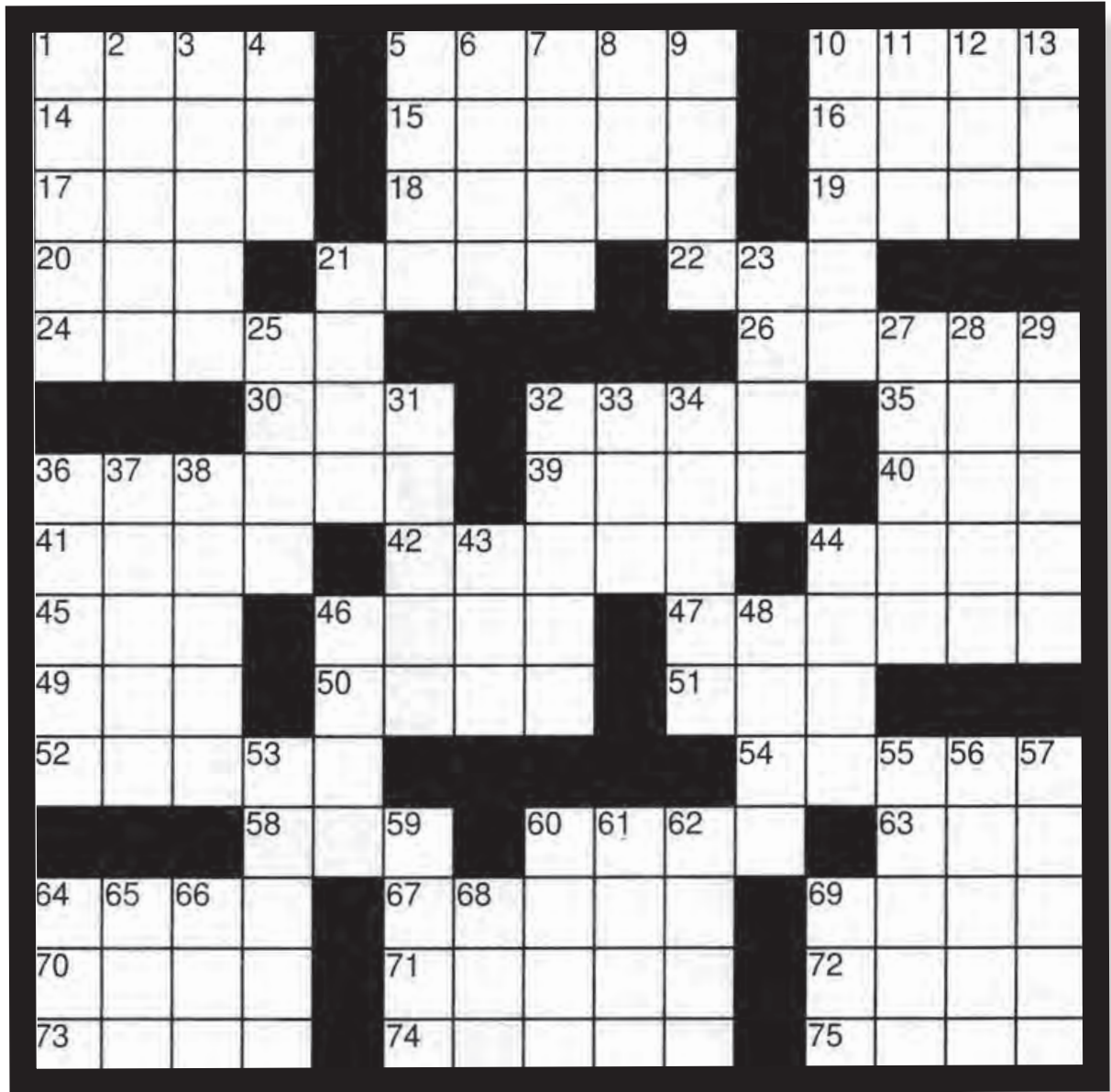
Crossword - So Much... So Much

ACROSS

- 1. Baja rahs
- 5. Stamps
- 10. Pts. and qts.
- 14. Cap-___
- 15. Trash
- 16. Sand
- 17. Jazz fans
- 18. "Halt, salt!"
- 19. Blvds. and rds.
- 20. Map abbr.
- 21. Plan part
- 22. Tarzan's pal
- 24. "Walk away ___"
- 26. Warms
- 30. Small flap
- 32. Las Palmas cash
- 35. RSVP part
- 36. Cash back
- 39. Latch ___
- 40. Jazz gp.
- 41. Track path
- 42. Bad lad's grab
- 44. Bawl
- 45. Ran
- 46. Charlatan
- 47. Warns
- 49. Change and ___
- 50. Aardvark snacks
- 51. Garland
- 52. Harsh
- 54. Warmth
- 58. Flap
- 60. Nana
- 63. ___Baba
- 64. Smart
- 67. Hallway
- 69. Dash
- 70. 24-Karat
- 71. Gap
- 72. Staffs
- 73. Marsh grass
- 74. ADAs and TAs
- 75. Flank

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- 1. AMPAS award
- 2. Strand
- 3. Had
- 4. Grad. class
- 5. Bat a gnat
- 6. Mansard part
- 7. Stat
- 8. AF rank
- 9. ___ trap
- 10. Match
- 11. D.C. Cab star
- 12. Draw
- 13. AL and WA
- 21. Pants part
- 23. "Rats!"
- 25. Catchall abbr.
- 27. MTMs
- 28. Lama's land
- 29. Smacks
- 31. Start
- 32. Standard and ___
- 33. Naval grad
- 34. Snach
- 36. Play parts
- 37. Match
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ADB visits Yap for tourism plans

Media Division/YapStateGov News,

Feb. 19, 2014

COLONIA Yap — A mission from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) visited Yap on February 16 – 18, 2014, to discuss the implementation arrangements and start-up activities for establishing the FSM National Tourism Sector Development Framework and State Government Tourism Investment Plans in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The mission is part of a technical assistance grant (TA – 8494) provided by ADB to support the FSM in establishing the National Tourism Sector Development Framework (NTSDF) and State Government Tourism Investment Plans (SGTIP).

The mission consisted of ADB Social Development Specialist Ninabeth Caradang, accompanied by FSM Tourism Officer Bermance Aldis. Throughout their visit in Yap, they met with the Governor and key department heads, Yap Chamber of Commerce, Yap Visitors Bureau, Yap Women's Association, Council of Pilung and others in the private sector.

The mission shared that there are two parts to the TA: the first part will be Assessment and the second part will be the Framework. ADB anticipates bringing onboard an independent consultation firm to execute both the assessment and the framework for the NTSDF and SGTIP. ADB also anticipates that the consultation firm will

include in the assessment among others, surveys and consultations with key stakeholders, government heads, policy makers, private sector, NGO's, and community members as their input will provide a wealth of data to be included in the framework for the NTSDF and SGTIP.

Yap is the first island state for the mission to visit as it makes its way towards the eastern sister States of the FSM. There will be more visits to Yap in the future by the mission as progress is taken on the current TA.

The mission also expressed its appreciation for the hospitality, cooperation, and guidance provided by Yap State Government and all stakeholders during the course of their visit.

Australian Aid grants for sport in Yap

Yap Sports Council

ABAY, Yap — The Honorable Ambassador of Australia, Terry Beven visited with Yap Sport and the associations of paddling and swimming [last] week to see the progress of two grants and to award another. Yap Association of Paddlers (YAP) was awarded an [Australian] Sport Outreach Program (ASOP) grant in 2012 to assist with constructing an international paddling canoe mold and one new canoe. The project is unique in that it assists Yap by allowing for local construction of canoes. The mold has been completed and the canoe is due to be finished in April 2014.

The Yap State Swimming Association (YSSA) was awarded the ASOP grant this year to assist in purchasing floating docks for the first ever swimming area in Yap. As the costs of building and maintaining a fresh water swimming pool are very high, the YSSA has decided to begin with this salt water swimming area to give a training ground for interested swimmers. The YSSA is certain that this swimming area will assist in attracting more athletes to the sport and will also be able to be used for swim training for youth in order to prevent drowning.

Ambassador Beven also hand delivered a check to Yap Sport Council from the Direct Aid Program (DAP) to assist with the purchase of a 52 inch Ariens zero turn mower. The mower will be used to maintain the fields at Yap High School and Colonia Middle School.

For more information on AUSAID ASOP and DAP programs please go to: <http://www.fsm.embassy.gov.au/phpi/study.html>

Australian Ambassador visits Yap

Media Division/Yap State Gov News

COLONIA, Yap — His Excellency Terence Beven, Ambassador of Australia to the Federated States of Micronesia, and his delegation arrived in Yap on Wednesday, February 12, 2014.

The Ambassador is accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Kim Beven, and the Embassy's Third Secretary, Nikola Pejic. This will be his first visit to the State of Yap since assuming his post as the new Australian Ambassador to Micronesia on January 17, 2014.

Ambassador Beven is also cross accredited to the Republics of the Marshall Islands and Palau, and is also Consul-General to the United States' Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Territory of Guam.

In his diplomatic mission to the State of Yap, Ambassador Beven began his courtesy visits early Wednesday morning with The Honorable Governor Sebastian L. Anefal, The Honorable Speaker Henry Falan, The Honorable Chief Justice Cyprian Manmaw, The Honorable Chairman of the Council of Pilung, Chief Bruno Tharngan, and The Honorable Chairman of the Council of Tamol, Chief Ignathio Hapthey.

Ambassador Beven and his delegation also took the time to meet with other Cabinet members throughout the day, including Director of Resources and Development Frank Haregaichig and Director of Planning and Budget Ray Igechep.

The Ambassador further requested to pay courtesy calls on The Honorables Isaac Figir and Joseph Urusemal of the Yap

Congressional Delegation during his visit to Yap, as well as meet with other entities—namely, the Yap Women's Interest Office, Yap Catholic High School, Yap State Correction Facility, and the Yap Sports Council and other sports associations, namely Paddlers and Swimmers. He further requested to visit a privately owned Clam Project in Malay, Kanifay Municipality, through John Guswel, and will also spend some time with the Historical Preservation Office and Yap Visitors Bureau to familiarize himself with the Yap Living History Museum, and Mr. Larry Raigetel at the Wa'agey Society Canoe house.

The Ambassador will continue his visits in Yap throughout the week before continuing on his trip to the Republic of Palau over the weekend.

Word Search Ha!

Farce Parody
Gags Puns
Buffoonery Japes Raillery
Burlesque Jests Satire
Clowning Jocularly Slapstick
Comedy Jokes Wisecracks
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FSM educators mark LIFT Project kick-off

FSM Information Services

February 12, 2014

Kolonia, Pohnpei – January 13-17, 2014 The FSM Response to Intervention Initiative (RtI) takes its first steps to improve language and reading skills for ALL students in the FSM. During the week, the FSM Department of Education conducted a kickoff meeting of intensive training to initiate a new program designed to improve language and reading skills for children in grades Early Childhood Education to 3. This project is now referred to as FSM Project Literacy Intervention for FSM leaders of Tomorrow, or FSM Project LIFT.

Secretary Rufino Mauricio opened the session addressing the Leadership Teams, including the Directors of Education from each State, and the National Department of Education staffs who joined together to learn new skills in providing effective reading instruction.

Consultants from the University of Oregon provided training and hands on experience for the Project LIFT Coaches with students at Sekere Elementary School. The consultants will continue to provide training and support for the implementation of the initiative. On-site visits for each State pilot school have been scheduled with the goal of preparing each school for the implementation of Project LIFT in school year 2014-15.

The FSM Project LIFT is being implemented in one pilot school from each State. The pilot schools are: Iras Elementary School, Chuuk; Tafunsak Elementary School, Kosrae; Sekere Elementary School, Pohnpei; and Gaanelay Elementary School, Yap. The school Principal (P) and Coach (C) at pilot schools are: Joseph Nakamura (P) and Maria Paz Saimon (C) from Chuuk; Clarenson Nena (P) and McNald Jonah (C) from Kosrae; Herry Wichep (Acting P) and Pressler Martin (C) and Akilihna Soram (C) from Pohnpei; and Miner Olingel (P) and Helen Leebay (C) from Yap.

The initiative focuses on effective core instruction in language development and reading, frequent screening of students for early identification of reading problems, focused instructional interventions for struggling students, and targeted professional development and coaching for teachers. The key is early identification and early intervention for students who are struggling to learn to read.

The goal of the initiative is to ensure that, within five years, 60% percent of all students will score at the proficient level in reading on the National Minimum Competency Test (NMCT). This is based on to the current level of less than 25% scoring at the proficient level in reading proficiency.

As implementation of the initiative continues, organizers emphasize the importance of community and parent support in joining the effort to ensure ALL students are proficient readers by the end of the 6th grade.

Spreading awareness about human trafficking – a global concern

FSM Information Services

February 20, 2014

Almost a month after the FSM National Anti-Human Trafficking Day, the promotion of awareness within the community continues.

On Wednesday 5 February 2014, the Department of Justice delivered an information session on human trafficking at the College of Micronesia. As part of the Government's continuing efforts in the national campaign against human trafficking, the presenters included Secretary of Justice April Dawn M. Skilling, Acting Chief of National Police Johnny Santos, Acting Chief of Division of Immigration and Labor Ricky Falcam, Transnational Crime Unit Captain George Skilling and Contract Attorney Caroline Rugero. As over 60 college students and staff listened to and participated in the information session, it was highlighted that human trafficking is a serious crime that can happen not only in the FSM, but is also prevalent throughout the world.

Reminders to FSM citizens to be cautious

and alert continue following the preparation of a National Anti-Human Trafficking Action Plan last week. Human trafficking is a clandestine crime that goes largely undetected and is shockingly the second most profitable crime after drugs smuggling and illegal arms trading. Micronesians are reminded to be extra cautious of job offers that seem too good to be true and to find out as much information as possible before making a decision to move overseas or accepting a job offer. Upfront payments, lack of contract and requesting to keep a person's passport are some of the signs that the employer is not being honest about their representations. Deceit is the key weapon used by human traffickers to lure their victims, many of whom are young children and women, who end up exploited as sex workers, cheap laborers or even have their organs removed and sold in the black market. Through education and by raising awareness within the community, citizens can help prevent human trafficking as well as help the authorities in prosecuting perpetrators.

Anyone who suspects someone is being trafficked is strongly encouraged to contact the national police on 691-320-2628/2058.

Acting Chief of Immigration Ricky Falcam delivering a presentation at the College of Micronesia

Diverse investment potential in the FSM: A mixed Japanese contingent makes courtesy call on President Mori

FSM Information Services

February 12, 2014

Visiting the Federated States of Micronesia President Manny Mori on February 3 was a group from Japan escorted by Ambassador Eiichi Suzuki, former FSM Ambassador to Japan Kasio Mida, along with the former Ambassador of Japan to the FSM, Shoji Sato.

President Mori welcomed his high-powered visitors to the FSM and expressed his gratitude to them for making the long trip, and in particular for calling on him at his office.

This group of mixed constituents arrived at the FSM Capitol to greet the President and apprise him of their various investment interests in the FSM, which include areas in business, education and entertainment.

In terms of education, there was a demonstration of interest in providing opportunities for College of Micronesia-FSM students to be able to expand their academic horizon in Japan.

One member of the group, who is the President of the Association for the Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC), added a business

perspective to the discussions, highlighting the potentials for business investments in the FSM States.

A graphic artist from the Japan entertainment industry expressed interest in producing a documentary film to be based on the life of the copra trader Mori Koben who settled in Chuuk in the early 1900s. Mori Koben's descendants mostly live in Chuuk but have spread throughout the FSM and abroad. FSM President Mori is one of Koben's great grandchildren.

Given his tenure in the FSM, Ambassador Shoji Sato, who is Ambassador Eiichi's immediate predecessor in the FSM, spoke of his awareness of certain difficult challenges in the State of Chuuk and discussed potential investment opportunities for Chuuk State.

President Mori noted with pleasure the various interests as expressed by the group and welcomed their desire to invest in the FSM in various areas, including education.

Through coordination with the Micronesia Registration Advisors, Inc., President Mori joined the visitors the next day on a boat tour after hosting them to a breakfast the Riverside restaurant, to provide time for friendly discussions in exploring areas of mutual interests between the groups and the FSM.



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Moscow-Russia, the new market place for the National Aquaculture Center (NAC), Kosrae, FSM

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February 20, 2014

After years of operating as a private business, the National Aquaculture Center in Kosrae has now reached a new market place, Moscow-Russia. On February 14, 2014, Martin Selch, the Manager of NAC has confirmed that a shipment of NAC's cultured giant clams (*Tridacna maxima*) commenced its first export to a "New Market Place Russia-Moscow". The shipment was carried by United Airlines via Honolulu to LAX then Zurich (Switzerland) to final destination Moscow, Russia. It was anticipated that the shipment would reach Moscow on the 17th of February after 50 hours of travel. Commenting on this achievement, NAC General Manager indicated that despite transportation constraints, which have partly been addressed with concerted dialogue and efforts involving Kosrae State Government, the FSM National Government and United Airlines, Mr. Selch believes that more is still to come. This is because Kosrae is one of the few places with most diversified ornamental fish species in the World; and NAC now has the technical expertise and know how to meet the challenge of shipping live animal, which will arrive in high quality, in any place in the World.

The New Market place broadens and diversifies the number of countries that NAC is now able to exporting to. In effect, despite the transportation issue, NAC has been very successful in exporting on a consistent basis to several countries namely: the United States, European Union, the United Kingdom, and most recently, Russia.

NAC's exports to major markets have contributed a lot in promoting and marketing not just ornamental fish from Kosrae in those places but more importantly, in exposing and making the FSM known to the rest of the World. Secretary Marion Henry, FSM Department of Resources and Development, commended Martin and his staff for their persistent effort, adding that the "Sleeping Lady will now be known in Russia"; while Senator Peter Christian, former Secretary of the FSM Department of R&D, added, "through its exports, Martin is one of the

NAC's success story shows that the private sector, in particular the productive sector in the FSM, can achieve a lot through professionalism and dedication. It is also an indication that as the FSM prepares for 2023, the termination year for economic assistance from the United States under the amended Compact, enhanced Public-Private Dialogue stands as a key strategy to spur economic development throughout the Nation.

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Pakin Atoll community plants pandanus



School and community planting of pandanus

By Mona J. Tara
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Pakin atoll is 25 miles from Pohnpei and has about 26-families. Despite the all night rain on January 27, the following day brought out the sun and a gentle breeze in the morning. Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) staff and Mr. Aisek Artui, Pakin Community Organization representative, took the "pandanus project" funded by the Australian Government to Pakin island. The smooth boat ride on Mr. Kuhmer Panuelo's big boat took about an hour and half to get to the island.

The community welcomed the IFCP staff with their local/traditional custom of

putting oil on the new arrival's bodies. It was very touching and also a very warm welcome.

The community meeting went well with Community Local Food Educator, Ms Emihner Johnson presenting the awareness of CHEEF (Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food security) benefits and also explaining and sharing the Pandanus project purpose to the whole community. Everybody, including the community leaders, showed their support for the project.

The Community Local Food Educator also visited the school which has 10 students in 6-8th grade. CHEEF benefits were

explained to the students and they had the opportunity to also learn how to plant pandanus. Two plants were planted on the school property by these students.

With 26 families of 160 household members on the island, 5 varieties of pandanus were planted totaling 54 plantings. Due to transportation problems, not as many plants as expected were planted. When more pandanus varieties can be brought from Mokil and Pingelap these will be added.

IFCP would like to acknowledge and thank the Australia Embassy of Pohnpei and the people of Australia for funding this project. IFCP would also like to thank Pakin Island Community and Mr. Aisek Artui for all their support and warm hospitality, and Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission for making this trip possible.



Pakin students planting pandanus

Drink: Red hibiscus flower with calamansi

Ingredients:
20 hibiscus flowers
2-3 calamansi
1 gallon of water
Sugar (to taste)
Ice cubes

Method:

1. Pick flowers and clean them
2. Bring the water to boil and turn off heat
3. Put the flowers in the water. Water will turn a purple color.
4. Take the flowers out of the boiled water.
5. Squeeze the calamansi into the water and water will turn a reddish color.
6. Add sugar (to taste) and cool. Add ice cubes when serving.

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