

Court and prosecutor's records appear to be the target of suspected arsonist's fires in two buildings

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei—Before 4:00 on the morning of Tuesday, June 18, 2019, the security guard for the State Government complex noticed flames and smoke coming from the office of the prosecutor's office which is on the first floor of the Attorney General's office. He also noticed smoke and flames coming from the Chief Clerk's office on the first floor of the Supreme Court building which is adjacent to the Attorney General's office. He immediately got into his car and drove the few blocks to the Pohnpei State Police headquarters to report the twin fires.

According to Patrick Carl there were three fire fighters on duty at the time, but he called all of the firefighters to the scene, even going so far as to have Sokehs Police officers go to the home of one of the firefighters to wake him and get him to the scene.

The closest fire hydrant to the buildings was out of commission due to a careless driver but firefighters had enough hose on hand to reach the next hydrant and so did not have to use tanker trucks which would have hampered their firefighting

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FSM Supreme Court's order to dismiss sea cucumber case memorializes an agreement made weeks before

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Pohnpei— Sea Cucumber harvests can now take place anywhere in Pohnpei's waters

as long as they are conducted in accordance with Pohnpei State's own laws governing them. The dismissal of Civil Action 2016-014 took effect on May 21, 2019 when plaintiffs and defendants notified the Court of their mutual agreement to dismiss the case. The dismissal of the case removed the temporary restraining order that barred the harvest of sea cucumbers in Pohnpei's waters.

On June 11, 2019, the Court issued an order memorializing the agreement to dismiss the case. By issuing the order, FSM Supreme Court did not "grant" the motion to dismiss—it simply memorialized the

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Guam Governor and JCRP leaders pledge close cooperation

HAGÁTÑA, Guam—FSM Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP) Chairman Asterio R. Takesy and Director of the JCRP Secretariat, Epel K. Ilon, met this afternoon with the Governor of Guam, the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, and Lt. Governor Joshua F. Tenorio, to discuss issues related to the expiring provisions of the Amended Compact of Free Association and ways in which the two governments can further their close bonds of friendship and cooperation. Chairman Takesy provided background on the mandates of the JCRP in anticipation of the expiring economic provisions of the Amended Compact in 2023 and explained that the JCRP was formed, in part, to review the FSM’s performance during the amended Compact period and coordinate the country’s preparation for 2023 and beyond.

The Chairman stated that the FSM’s development of a robust private sector as well as fostering greater participation by non-governmental organizations and philanthropic entities would be critical in this regard. The parties also discussed access by FSM citizens in Guam to federal programs and services, the impact of remittances on the FSM economy by citizens living abroad, and areas of potential cooperation between the two governments on health and education sector initiatives.

Governor Leon Guerrero stressed that one of her Administration’s priorities was improving access to health care for FSM citizens residing on Guam. She expressed a desire to work with leaders throughout the FSM and the other Freely Associated States to look at ways to accomplish this goal. The officials present agreed to work closely to ensure that the Amended Compact best serve the needs of all Micronesians now and in the future.

To help Guam’s own effort to address the growing sentiment to have a voice at the international arena, the meeting discussed FSM’s experience with nation-building, specifically its path to participation in the international arena including membership in the United Nations. The meeting was held at the Governor’s Office with other officials from Guam in attendance, including Mr. Tony Babauta, Chief of Staff to the Governor; Ms. Carlotta Leon Guerrero, Chief Adviser for Military and Regional Affairs; and Mr. Melvin Won Pat-Borja, Director of the Guam Decolonization Office. Also in attendance from the FSM were Mrs. Justina Takesy; Ms. Debrah Ann M. Retuyan, JCRP Secretariat Staff Counsel; and Mr. Lance Laack, JCRP Secretariat Communications & Information Specialist.

President Panuelo & Vice President George receive Pohnpei State Legislature, discuss transparency & shared responsibility towards serving citizens’ interests

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On June 19th, 2019, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and the Honorable Yosiwo P. George, Vice President of the FSM, received the majority of Pohnpei State Legislature’s Senators for a courtesy call, including the Honorable Austen T. Lambert, the Honorable Stevick Edwin, and the Honorable McGarry Miguel, who are the Speaker, Vice Speaker, and Floor Leader respectively. The meeting covered a wide range of topics, from the summarizing of the President’s recent activities and goals for the future to promises of transparency and cooperation amongst all levels of Government to better serve the citizens of the Nation.

The meeting began with President Panuelo congratulating Speaker Lambert on his new position, and followed with discussion on the details of the recent trip to Washington D.C. and recent meeting with the Joint Committee on Compact Review & Planning (JCRP); the President shared enthusiastic optimism that the FSM will be united and “singing one song” in the nation-wide effort to conclude Compact of Free Association (COFA) negotiations promptly.

After discussing FSM-U.S. relations, the President advised the Pohnpei State Legislature on his transition committee. “Vice President George and I are already looking at cabinet members and our overseas missions...in July we hope to put all of our nominations up for consideration,” President Panuelo said. The President had previously submitted nominations for the Department of Environment, Climate Change, & Emergency Management (DECEN) and the National Archive, Culture, & Historic Preservation Office (NACH) in the 1st Special Session of the 21st Congress of the FSM.

“The states need help from the National Government,” said the Honorable Franciso L. Ioanis.

The Pohnpei State Legislature specifically requested from President Panuelo that the FSM National Government, and in particular the FSM Department of Transportation, Communication, & Infrastructure work more closely, collaboratively, and transparently with the Pohnpei State Department of Transportation & Infrastructure.

President Panuelo promised that his administration will prioritize collaboration, transparency, and accountability, such as through enhanced policies and oversight, as well as the hiring of a Special Assistant to the President on FSM State Matters whose role will include continuous liaising with the FSM State Governments.



The Honorable McGarry Miguel, Floor Leader of the Pohnpei State Legislature, and the Honorable Austen T. Lambert, Speaker of the Pohnpei State Legislature

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Kosrae Office of the Public Auditor conducts Good Governance and Anti-Corruption training in Kosrae

by Kosrae and Pohnpei Public Auditor

Tofol, Kosrae - On May 24- June 1, 2019 the Pohnpei Office of the State Public Auditor (POPA) was invited to conduct trainings on good governance and anti-corruption workshop with various government entities, especially the new administration. This is part of the Audit Offices proactive efforts in promoting good governance, integrity and ethical conduct in government.

Kosrae Public Auditor Stoney Taulung along with POPA's Investigative Advisor Sophia Pretrick, a Certified Fraud Examiner, conducted the workshops/trainings with the Kosrae State Executive Officials- Kosrae State Governor Carson Sigrah, Lt. Governor Arthy Nena and their cabinet members. Governor Sigrah expressed his gratitude and stated, "This is the first time for me to be in such training." He further elaborated that implementing and enforcing the Code of Ethics is very important for the government and employees should always be reminded of the Do's and Don'ts. He expressed interest in implementing ethics in government. The training also includes the Kosrae Youth Development, a non-governmental agency, this is to promote youth empowerment against corruption. These activities are part of the Strategic Alliances created between the FSM OPA Offices on cooperative investigations and prevention on financial crimes in the FSM.




President Panuelo receives Former President Mori, discusses nation-building & the interests of the citizens of the FSM



FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On June 17th, 2019, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, ninth President of the Federated States of Micronesia, received His Excellency Emmanuel "Manny" Mori, former and seventh President of the Federated States of Micronesia, in a courtesy visit. President Panuelo and former President Mori spoke together at length on issues affecting the citizens of the Nation, ranging from educational opportunities and economic development, to foreign policy and the environment, and how best to serve the citizens' interests in these areas and others.

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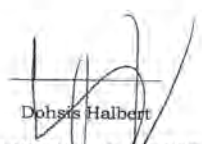
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Assistant Secretary Domenech Applauds Congress and President Trump for the 2019 Disaster Relief Act Includes Critical Disaster and Medicaid Support for the U.S. Territories

Office of the Assistant Secretary
Insular and International Affairs

WASHINGTON – Doug Domenech, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, this week applauded President Donald J. Trump for signing H.R. 2157, the “Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act of 2019”, now U.S. Public Law 116-20.

“I applaud the President for his support of the territories,” said Assistant Secretary Domenech. “All of the territories are in desperate need of this disaster assistance and the additional Medicaid funding,” Domenech concluded.

The new law provides significant disaster and emergency support directly to the territories as follows:

- The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is eligible for \$25.2 million for disaster nutrition assistance through September 30, 2020, to help address needs in response to the presidentially declared major disasters and emergencies, including needs following Typhoon Yutu.
- Similarly, American Samoa is eligible to receive an additional \$18 million in disaster nutrition assistance as made available under Section 18 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

More disaster assistance is available through several federal agencies as listed below:

- The Office of Insular Affairs will receive \$2 million in supplemental funding to be used for financial management technical assistance related to the impacts of Typhoon Yutu in the CNMI.
- The National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund will receive \$50 million to fund the repair of historic sites and properties in areas across the nation that received a major disaster declaration, for which the CNMI will be eligible due to Typhoon Yutu.
- The Department of Justice Federal Prison System will receive \$28.4 million for buildings and facilities related to the consequences of Hurricanes Florence and Michael, including Typhoon Yutu.
- Federal offices and agencies, such as the Economic Development Administration, the Veterans Health Administration, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the Environmental

Protection Agency, the Coast Guard, and the Government Accountability Office, have also received funding to support additional disaster assistance across the nation, and for which the territories are also eligible.

The Disaster Relief Act of 2019 also includes critical assistance for Medicaid funding related to health services in the territories as listed below:

- The federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) rate is to be increased to 100 percent for the period beginning January 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2019, for American Samoa, Guam, the CNMI, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The FMAP rate in the territories is otherwise statutorily set at 55 percent. This support essentially provides a waiver of the local matching requirement through the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2019, beginning in January.

In connection with this support, the law requires each territory to submit a plan to the federal government by September 30, 2019, outlining the steps they shall take to collect and report reliable data to the Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System.

- Finally, the CNMI will receive an additional \$36 million in Medicaid funds, also referred to as the Section 1108 allotment of the Social Security Act. This is the maximum amount of funding the CNMI may receive from the federal government in Medicaid allotments through the remainder of FY 2019. The FMAP match waiver is also applicable to this funding through the remainder of FY 2019.

The full text for U.S. Public Law 116-20, Additional Supplemental Appropriations for Disaster Relief Act for 2019, can be found here.

The Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Insular and International Affairs, and the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) carry out the Secretary’s responsibilities for the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Additionally, OIA administers and oversees Federal assistance under the Compacts of Free Association to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. OIA supports the Secretary’s mission of Fulfilling Trust and Insular Responsibilities through balancing efforts and limited resources towards stronger economic and health capacities, and fiscal accountability in the U.S. insular areas.



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For November 12, 2019

PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE PDHPEI ELECTION CODE	IMPORTANT DUE DATES (DEADLINES)	EVENTS/ACTIVITIES
Legal Residence 10 PC §1 – 103(6)	Close: Nov. 12, 2018	A person registering to vote may only be designated as his or her legal residence if the person was born in the local jurisdiction or he or she has actually resided in the local jurisdiction for at least one (1) year preceding the date of the next election.
General Election – when held 10 PC §6 – 102	November 12, 2019	General Election for the Governor, Lt. Governor and the Legislators shall be held simultaneously every four years, on the second Tuesday in November .
Time for filing Nomination Petitions 10 PC §5 – 111 as amended by S.L. No. 9L-110-19	Open: July 5, 2019 Close: Aug. 14, 2019	In the general elections, nominating petitions for candidates to elective office shall be filed with the Election Commissioner no more than one hundred (100) days or less than ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled date of the election.
Request for Absentee Ballot Off Island 10 PC §6 – 116 as amended by S.L. No. 9L-110-19	Open: June 15, 2019 Close: Oct. 3, 2019	Request for absentee ballots shall be made to the Election Commissioner in writing not more than one hundred fifty (150) days nor less than forty (40) days prior to the date of the election.
Request for Absentee Ballot On Island 10 PC §6 – 116 as amended by S.L. No. 9L-110-19	Open: Oct. 13, 2019 Close: Nov. 11, 2019	Request for absentee ballots by reason of Travel shall be made to the Election Commissioner in writing not more than thirty (30) days nor less than one (1) day prior to the date of the election.
Voting by Confine Voters 10 PC §6 – 115 as amended by S.L. No. 9L-110-19	Open: Oct. 13, 2019 November 11, 2019	Any registered voter qualified to vote at any general or special election who is physically present in the state but who is confined or hospitalized because of illness or physical disability as will prevent him or her from attending the polls shall request for an absentee ballot with the election commissioner not more than thirty (30) days nor less than one (1) day prior to the date of the election.
Marking and returning of absentee ballots: 10 PC §6 – 117 as amended by S.L. No. 9L-110-19	October 3, 2019	Not less than forty (40) days prior to the date of the election, the election commissioner shall send to persons who is entitled to vote by absentee ballot outside the state and who request the same, a ballot envelope, affidavit and a covering reply envelope.
POSTMARKED ballot envelope	November 11, 2019	The ballot envelop and the affidavit shall be enclosed and sealed in the covering envelop and shall be postmarked NOT later than MIDNIGHT on the day before the election.
Absentee ballots Must be received	November 21, 2019	Absentee ballots must be received by the Election Commissioner prior to the close of business, no later than seven (7) working days after the election day.
Substitute Candidate 10 PC §5 – 115 as amended by S.L. No. 9L-110-19	Five (5) days after a vacancy is declared	If a candidate for Governor, Lieutenant Governor or other singular elected position dies, withdraws or disqualified after the deadline for filing nomination petitions resulting in either not candidate or an unopposed candidate, substitute candidate may be nominated following the same procedure as the candidate who died, withdrew or was disqualified.
Recount 10 PC §7 – 101(3)	One week (7) days after certification date	Petition for recount must be filed within one week (7) days of certification of the result of the election.
Run-Off Elections 10 PC §6 – 103	December 10, 2019	Runoff elections shall be held 28 days after the date of the general election. In a runoff election, there is no write in ballots


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action already agreed to by the parties that came into effect the moment they notified the court. The order was made necessary because rather than simply filing a Stipulation as the rules that govern the dismissal of cases allowed the parties to do, they filed a multi-page stipulated “motion” with many pages of attachments.

The order also clarified the matter of whether the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP), which originally was a plaintiff and appeared in the case, is required to be a signatory of the stipulated agreement before dismissal could take place. In a footnote the order said that even though CSP technically appeared in the case, since CSP was dismissed from the original case because it lacked standing, it also lacks standing to object to a stipulated dismissal. CSP’s approval was not necessary for the stipulated agreement.

The court also said that Young Sun had not indicated whether it intends to object to dismissal of counterclaims it made against

CSP and the Mwoalen Wahu. With that in mind, the court granted Young Sun 20 days (until July 1) to file any objection regarding the dismissal of its claims. It quoted the rule that governs dismissal of counterclaims where the main case has been dismissed by stipulation. That rule says that unless otherwise specified by court order, a dismissal of counterclaims would be without prejudice, which means that a counterclaim, so dismissed, would be dismissed without consideration of the merits of the counterclaim and could be refiled at a later date. At press time, Young Sun had not filed any objection to dismissal of their claims.

By the time the Court issued its order, the harvest of sea cucumbers in Sapwuahfik had already begun based on accurate legal advice that the TRO was no longer in effect and could therefore legally proceed. Local fishermen conducted the harvest and sold their harvested sea cucumbers to Young Sun International Trading Company.

Governor Marcello Peterson said this morning that Pohnpei’s field trip ship, the “Micronesian Voyagers” carried many of the sea cucumbers when it came back to Pohnpei’s mainland from its southern

islands trip on Tuesday of this week. He said that because the ship was fully booked with passengers it couldn’t carry all of the sea cucumbers and a second trip had to be arranged to retrieve the rest of them.

Governor Peterson said that the report on exactly how many sea cucumbers were harvested and how much local fishers were paid for their efforts has not yet been completed.

When asked if rumors of a planned harvest in Pingelap were true he said that no harvest would take place anywhere in Pohnpei’s waters until after a post-harvest scientific study of Sapwuahfik’s waters is conducted and until a sustainable harvest plan is conducted for any other potential harvest areas. He said that a scientific survey of Sapwuahfik’s waters had been conducted in accordance with the law before the harvest began. He said that the harvest in Sapwuahfik involved only three species of several species that live in the waters. All the rest were left.

The Governor said that reports that none of the 300,000 sea cucumber spat that Young Sun planted in Sapwuahfik’s waters seemed to be in evidence during the harvest are likely due to the fact that the spat are very small and

therefore difficult to spot. He added that the baby sea cucumbers were also likely hiding from potential predators.

The Governor is one of the people in Pohnpei who believes that sea cucumber harvests can be conducted in a sustainable way. He says that the State is following the management plans for sustainable harvesting.

The people who disagree with his assessment tend to do so vehemently. Opponents cite a study by the Secretariat of Pacific Community that concluded that limited harvests of sea cucumbers for local use could be conducted sustainably but that sea cucumber populations could not support mass scale harvests for economic purposes. Some opponents have expressed feelings of disenfranchisement, powerlessness, and no small amount of anger over the recently concluded harvest. Some have held meetings to discuss strategies to try to put a stop to any future harvests. One community youth group has discussed the possibility of filing a class action suit in order to attempt to do just that. Organizers say that they want to give back the voice to sea cucumbers that one of the plaintiffs in the case promised to provide before he changed his mind.

Yap Community Group wins prestigious United Nations Award for Climate Change and Conservation Work

The Nature Conservancy

Tamil Resources Conservation Trust one of 22 groups awarded this year’s Equator Prize by the UN Development Programme

TRCT has partnered with The Nature Conservancy and other groups on initiatives to protect the Tamil community against climate impacts

YAP STATE, Federated States of Micronesia (June 11, 2019) — The Tamil Resources Conservation Trust (TRCT), a community group on the island of Yap, is one of 22 local and indigenous organizations to win this year’s Equator Prize, an international honor awarded every two years by the United Nations Development Programme to organizations that “advance nature-based solutions for climate change and local sustainable development.” Prize judges recognized TRCT for its innovative work to protect land and water resources from climate change while strengthening family farming and other sustainable projects.

Founded in 2011, TRCT won the honor out of a pool of 847 nominations across 127 countries. As part of the award, TRCT representatives will be invited to a September summit in New York during the 74th UN General Assembly, in addition to a \$10,000 prize.

In recent years, Yap has experienced flooding, erosion and drought driven by climate change. The community of Tamil, which depends

heavily on healthy natural resources for subsistence and local livelihoods, has seen its water supply and taro crops damaged by saltwater intrusion from sea-level rise.

In response, TRCT partnered with conservation groups to promote “ridge-to-reef” initiatives that protect land critical to a healthy watershed, promote family farming, and strengthen planning efforts to better protect marine resources.

A local women’s group, Tamil Women’s Association, also established a community nursery — the first of its kind in Yap — that is focused on climate-resilient plants such as Nipa palm used to revegetate vulnerable coastal areas, as well as crops that reduce pressure on marine areas for food while ensuring that the community has access to locally grown fruits and vegetables.

“Climate change affects our people’s livelihoods, our island community’s biodiversity, and our society,” the TRCT Board of Trustees said in a statement. “It is with great honor and appreciation to the Equator Prize for recognizing the Tamil Resources Conservation Trust for the work we been and are doing to address impacts of climate change in our community. We are very thankful to all our partners who helped us throughout the years and especially The Nature Conservancy for their continued support. We will continue to work together to ensure the security and sustainability of the community’s natural resources.”

TRCT is one of several community groups in the Pacific supported by the Micronesia Conservation Trust and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), which in 2015 helped the Tamil community implement a comprehensive watershed protection program, with funding from the German government’s Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety.

“The Tamil community is a model example of community leadership and stewardship of sustainable natural resource management,” said Steven Victor, Director of TNC’s Micronesia Program. “TNC congratulates TRCT on its sustainable vision of their community and resources and the success they have achieved thus far.”

TRCT joins Vanuatu’s Ser-Thiac, the first indigenous-owned accredited forest carbon project, and two native Hawaiian groups as Pacific Island recipients of this year’s prize. Other winners include groups from Peru, India, Kenya, Australia and Ecuador.

“Every day, thousands of local communities and indigenous peoples around the world are quietly implementing innovative nature-based solutions to mitigate and adapt to climate change,” UNDP Administrator Achim Steiner said. “The Equator Prize is both a recognition of their exceptional ideas and a way to showcase the power of people and grassroots communities to bring about real change.”

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Interior congratulates 24 graduates of the Pacific Executive Leadership Development Program

**Office of the Assistant Secretary
Insular and International Affairs**

WASHINGTON - U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, Doug Domenech congratulated the twenty-four new graduates of the Pacific Executive Leadership Development Program (ELDP) by way of video, along with Pacific Island leaders, during the graduation ceremony of the Pacific ELDP 2019 cohort at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Friday, June 14, 2019.

“Congratulations graduates, we are proud of your hard work! You have invested in your professional future and we have invested in you,” said Assistant Secretary Domenech in the video. “We will look to you to help improve the lives of people in the islands,” Domenech added.

President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands Hilda Heine presided at the graduation where she delivered keynote remarks to the graduates. “Having public servants with the right mix of leadership skills and qualities is essential,” President Heine shared. “You were all leaders when you joined this program, but there’s no doubt you’re better leaders today following your thoughtful and deliberate efforts during this program.”

Crystal Simanu of American Samoa, chosen by her peers to speak on behalf of her fellow graduates, had the following to say, “The ELDP has effectively equipped us to handle any and every situation that comes our way. We now head back to our respective home islands to make changes for the better.”

The graduation ceremony in Honolulu was preceded by a capstone week of training that featured the 2019 cohort giving final presentations of team projects to a panel of judges, which consisted of Office of Insular Affairs Director Nikolao Pula, former Director of the Micronesian Seminar Rev. Francis X. Hezel, and President of the Guam Community College, Dr. Mary Okada.

“I am impressed by the caliber of young leaders that are representing the U.S. territories and the freely

associated states today,” said Director Pula. “I emphasized to the graduating class the importance of the leadership quality of integrity. As President Eisenhower once said ‘The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible...’”

Additional sessions included the finalization of personal growth plans and individual leadership profiles. They also held final training sessions and discussions on key topics, such as government ethics, performance measurement, and challenges future island leaders will confront.

Several keynote speakers addressed the ELDP throughout the week, including:

- Admiral Philip Davidson, Commander, INDO-PACOM
- Mufi Hannemann, President and CEO, Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association
- Rev. Francis X. Hezel, SJ, Author and Historian, Micronesia Studies
- Kumu Ramsay Taum, Life Enhancement Institute of the Pacific
- Nainoa Thompson, “Pwo”, Navigator of the Hōkūle‘a

Administered by the Graduate School USA’s Pacific Islands Training Initiative, the ELDP is funded through the Office of Insular Affairs’ Technical Assistance Program, which is funded annually by Congress.

The ELDP was created in 2009 to help island governments in the U.S. territories and the freely associated states address challenges with attracting and retaining qualified individuals to work in core leadership functions. The twenty-four graduates of the 2019 Pacific Executive Leadership Program are:

- American Samoa
- Katrina Hunkin-Seumanutafa
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The full video of congratulatory remarks can be viewed at: <https://vimeo.com/342584953>

Rotary Club of Pohnpei donates for library renovation

The Rotary Club of Pohnpei supports local organizations and is always trying to increase the availability of educational opportunities to the children of Pohnpei. The Pohnpei Public Library is one such organization. The Library is in the process of renovating its children’s section of the library. It is making a total renovation of the children’s section, to make it more user friendly and to promote access for all of Pohnpei’s children.



Lester Ezekias, Pohnpei Public Library head librarian, with members of the Pohnpei Rotary Club.

The renovation project will include new wooden bookshelves, new paint and more kid-centric social areas. The idea is to get as many school children as possible to take advantage of the resources of the Pohnpei Public Library.

In support of this project, the Rotary Club of Pohnpei donated \$2,000.00 to the Library to assist in this renovation. We also invite you to come down to the Library and check it out.

The Rotary Club also invites the public to visit our little free library, which

the Rotary Club put up outside of FSM Telecom in Kolonia. That is another example of our commitment to education and to try and spread knowledge to the public. The little free library is unmanned, and relies on the public to take a book they want to read and leave any books when they are done.

The Rotary Club is currently reviewing applications for our scholarship program, and we are also administering the Vital scholarship program. Please support the Rotary Club at our events so we can continue to undertake projects to benefit the community.

Filipinos celebrate 121st Independence Day

Alvie B. Cabañez

On June 16, 2019, the United Filipino Community in Pohnpei (UFCP) celebrated the Philippines 121st Independence Day with the theme, "Freedom 2019: Courage of the Nation, Compassion for the People". Filipinos all over Pohnpei gathered at the COM Gymnasium-Pohnpei campus on a Sunday afternoon.

Independence Day commemorates freedom from colonizers. It celebrates the birth of a new nation. The Philippines is no stranger to that. It was colonized by the Spaniards for over three centuries. June 12, 1898 marks the liberation of the Philippines from Spain, hence, Independence Day.

UFCP is the umbrella organization of Filipinos alongside Samahang Tagalog Atbp sa Pohnpei (STAP), Timpuyog Dagiti Ilocanos Iti Pohnpei (TDIP), and Katilingbang Bisaya sa Pohnpei (KBP). According to Mr. Viner Macarubbo, UFCP President, since the inception of UFCP in 1980, Filipinos in Pohnpei have commemorated Philippine Independence Day every year. He reiterated that sacrifice and the pressure to implement the event were the major challenges they encountered.

The event was well participated with over two hundred participants in attendance. The participants were accommodated by the lovely usherettes and exchanged pleasantries. The stage was set with a fiesta-theme, embellished with native ornaments highlighted with little flags and the Philippine Flag. The event was also fitting to display an array of delicious Filipino dishes and delicacies. The very famous lechon, pansit-bihon, shanghai rolls, palabok, dinuguan, pastries, and beverages, to name a few.



The annual event opened with a prayer followed by the parade of UFCP officers and Regional officers wearing their best formal attire (Barong Tagalog and Baro't Saya). The OLM choir sang their rendition of the Philippine National Anthem with honor and glory. The event also showcased Filipino talents in singing and dancing. Voltaire and Company sang Dance with my Father as tribute to all fathers in the audience since coincidentally it was also Father's Day last Sunday. The participants were also entertained by selected children who danced tinikling, a Filipino folk dance.

One of the highlights of the event was the guest speaker Governor Marcelo K. Peterson who shared the similarities between the Philippines and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). Both nations have heroes, Soumadau en Sokehs and Andres Bonifacio, who led a rebellion. He further said that both nations are freedom lovers.

Another highlight was the awarding of winners of the Men's Volleyball Tournament 2019. The Red Team was hailed as the Champion lead by team captain Jojo Togonon who also won the Best Setter Award.

His Excellency, Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines message read by Mr. Michael Lajara, UFCP Secretary emphasized, "Let us commit ourselves to ensure that the sacrifices of our forefathers will not be in vain and that their dream of a truly independent Philippines- whose people live freely in a secure, stable and prosperous society-

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...Government Fires

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efforts. Before they could begin to battle the blaze, employees of Pohnpei Utilities Corporation first had to disconnect power to the buildings.

By 7:45 that morning, both fires had been extinguished, though in the middle of the afternoon firefighters were recalled to the Chief Clerk's office to put out a small fire that had been smoldering in one of the file drawers. Damage to both buildings was extensive but because of the outstanding response by the still new Division of Fire and Emergency Services, the buildings were not completely engulfed. Still it is not certain whether or not the concrete between the first and second floors of the two buildings is stable.

The Attorney General and his staff have temporarily relocated to the former offices of the Public Auditor. Hearings at the Supreme Court were cancelled pending an investigation and safety inspections.

"The fire has not impaired our operation," said Attorney General Dana Smith. "Our service to Pohnpei is uninterrupted by the

fires."

Because both blazes broke out at approximately the same time, arson is suspected. The alleged arsonist targeted the rooms in each office that contained records, many of which were either completely destroyed by fire or at least heavily damaged by the water that was used to extinguish the fires.

After the fires were extinguished, police detained two individuals for questioning but released them. Officers were also dispatched to the airport to check for any



suspicious individuals that might have been departing on that day. As of July 20, no suspects in the fires have yet been identified.

The Pohnpei Department of Public Safety has requested the assistance of the Guam Fire Department. Director Benito Cantero says that two arson investigators from Guam will arrive in Pohnpei on Sunday to conduct that portion of the investigation.

Governor Marcelo Peterson said that Attorney General

Dana Smith made an informal request on his behalf for assistance with the investigation. He said that if the results of the investigation prove that the fires were caused by an arsonist, he will make a formal request through proper diplomatic channels for assistance by the FBI.



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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 2019-004

It is the policy of the FSM Development bank that FSM citizens be given first priority for employment consideration, with other Micronesians, U.S. citizens, and other nationals utilized in positions for which no qualified citizens are available.

POSITION: ACCOUNTANT

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10. Processes disbursements.
11. Performs other duties as required.

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To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

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Bachelor's Degree in accounting plus three years related experience in accounting.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

All applications, curriculum vitae, and at least three letters of reference shall be completed and submitted to: FSMDB Corporate Office in Kolonia, Pohnpei, or any of the FSMDB Branch offices in Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap State. You may mail to: FSM Development Bank HQ, P.O. Box M, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941; or fax to 320-2842 or by email to: loverh@fsmdb.fm, on or before July 03, 2019.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT: Special Services Agreement - Project Assistant for WHO/CLO-FSM



The World Health Organization (WHO) is seeking a qualified individual to serve as a Project Assistant for WHO, Country Liaison Office (CLO), Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). The duration of the contract for this position is one year.

The Project Assistant will be based at the WHO/CLO Northern Micronesia office in Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM, and will serve the three jurisdictions under this office: Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The position will provide support to the general administration in support of the Universal Health Coverage (UHC) promoting projects in three countries (FSM, RMI and Palau).

Description of duties:

- Provide administrative assistance to the CLO and technical officers in the country office to implement the projects in close collaboration and support for the governments (FSM, RMI and Palau).
 - a. Assist the government to meet all requirements for the financial request process before sharing with WHO administration
- Perform other related office administrative duties as required or assigned by CLO:
 - a. Assist the administrative officer to get the nomination for WHO-hosted meeting events and/or other workshops.
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 - c. Assist the administrative officer on office errands such as office goods and supplies procurement and mail run.
 - d. Answer and screen phone calls and routing callers to the appropriate party.

Education:

- Minimum : Associate Degree in Liberal Arts or in Science in a community college
- Bachelor Degree in Liberal Arts or in Science is preferable.

Skills:

- Strong communication skills combined with the ability to write in a clear and concise manner; experience working in an international environment, knowledge of government functioning
- Good analytical skills;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite.

Required Competencies:

1. Communicating in a credible and effective way
2. Ensuring the effective use of resources
3. Fostering integration and teamwork
4. Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences

Experience: At least 2 years of work experiences in the management of administrative functions for a government or NGO project.

Languages: Fluent in written and spoken English, knowledge of local language other than Pohnpei language is a merit.

Annual Salary: SSA contracts salary based on experience/qualifications.

Timeline/Duration of assignment: The duration for the assignment is one year; Target Start Date: 01 September 2019

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume/CV in-person, by mail, or via email by 12 July 2019 (Friday) to the following address:

In-person or E-mail to:
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Mail to:
 Dr Eunyong Ko
 Country Liaison Officer for Northern Micronesia
 PO BOX PS70
 Department of Health and Social Affairs
 Mogethin Building, Palikir, Pohnpei,
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President Panuelo receives Dame Meg Taylor, Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On June 18th, 2019 His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), received Dame Meg Taylor, Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF), in a courtesy call. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the upcoming PIF meeting in Tuvalu in August, 2019, and the FSM’s position on key regional issues such as climate change and nuclear waste storage.

“Mr. President, in the [PIF meeting held in the Republic of Nauru in 2018], the leaders made the decision that climate change is the greatest

security threat,” said Dame Taylor. “[The PIF] will be interested in your views.”

“Our position has never changed, and will never change,” said President Panuelo. “This administration, I have already put out the notice that...the environment of our Nation will be at the top of the agenda.”

President Panuelo referenced the relatively recent transformation of the Office of Environment & Emergency Management with a Director as its designated head to the Cabinet-level Department of Environment, Climate Change, & Emergency Management with a Secretary as its designated culture of the Filipinos.

The celebration ended with the closing remarks of Ms. Roselle Togonon. She expressed her gratitude to all who came, and especially to the organizers. She closed the event by saying, “Sana ng dahil sa programang ito, mas lalo tayong magpunyagi para sa ating mahal sa buhay at sa ating Inang Bayan”. Hopefully, through this program, we will continue to persevere for our loved ones and for our mother land.

The Masters of Ceremony were Mr. Numeriano Ilagan and Ms. Margie Almazan.

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will be achieved within our lifetimes”. Foreign Affairs Secretary, Teodoro L. Locsin, Jr’s speech read by Ms. Rhodora Bacalando KBP Vice President, urged the Filipinos to remember our heroes who fought for our independence and paid the ultimate price for the freedom that we enjoy today, so we are reminded of our duty, in fact our honor, to protect and preserve Filipino freedom until the end of time.

Lastly, Jose Manuel G. Romualdez, Philippine Ambassador to the US’s speech read by Ms. Roan T. Cabacungan, TDIP Vice President, encouraged all Filipinos in the US and the Caribbean to take an active role in our country’s progress, to be involved in making positive changes for our communities here and back home, and to continue to contribute to our positive image and good relations with their host countries.

Several dignitaries and guests attended the Independence Day Celebration”Honorable Reed E. Oliver, Honorary Consul of Israel to FSM, and Lt. Governor of Pohnpei State; Honorable Yvonne Hawkins, Honorary Consul of Belgium to FSM; His Excellency Robert Riley, US Ambassador to FSM; His Excellency Huang Zheng, the People’s Republic of China’s Ambassador to FSM, and Second Secretary, Mr. Yu Yunshan; Mr. Anthony Alexander, US Consular/Economic Affairs Officer; and Ms. Nikisha Smith- Disability Officer for PNI Social Affairs. Each dignitary was welcomed with mwaramwar and enjoyed the Filipino foods served to them. They were amused with the song and dance number that brought them to the rich

head, as well as a bill in the Congress of the FSM to ban most forms of plastic, in support of the FSM’s stance on being climate positive.

“At the State-Level, we have amended our law to push the no-commercial fishing zone from 12 miles to 24 miles,” continued President Panuelo. “And we’re partnering with big powerhouse environment organizations, including the Waitt Foundation & Institute, Oceans 5, and the National Geographic Society.” President Panuelo emphasized his hope that the FSM become a paragon example of an environmentally friendly country.

Dame Taylor also asked President Panuelo his views on nuclear waste storage, in light of recent media reports that a storage facility in the Republic of the Marshall Islands may or may not be leaking radioactive material into the Pacific Ocean.

“The issue now is the suggestion that the dome is leaking...[and if true], the implications for life is very important,” said Dame Taylor. “I’d be interested in your view on the nuclear issue...if anything is happening at the dome, and there’s leakage, it affects all of us.”

President Panuelo emphasized his acute understanding of the issue. “We’re closer [to the Republic of the Marshall Islands] than most countries...during the [time of nuclear testing] there were talks that even maybe our country has been effected by mushroom clouds.”

Pingelap Atoll, a municipality within Pohnpei State and the FSM community closest to the communities affected by nuclear testing in the past, is less than 500 miles from Bikini Atoll, 385 miles from Enewetak Atoll, and 251 miles from Ujelang Atoll. Enewetak Atoll is home to Runit Island, where an 18-inch thick concrete dome was built over radioactive waste—itsself the result of nuclear testing in the 1950s. International media reports have suggested that the dome may or may not be leaking, in part due to cracks in the dome and in part because the crater the dome covers was never lined.



“We can [do objective testing to determine if there is a legitimate threat or not] in a way that can be cordial with the United States,” continued President Panuelo. “If we say we want an independent audit by the [International Atomic Energy Agency]....”

“What is lacking is independent verification,” said Dame Taylor. “Which frightens people.” Dame Taylor strongly suggested that an independent audit of the nuclear waste site in Enewetak Atoll, even if—perhaps particularly if—it showed no harm is being done would go a long way towards calming citizens around the world. Conversely, if the dome is shown to be leaking radioactive material, and such material is known to be harmful to living things, then the results of such an audit will inform future decision-making by Members of the PIF and the United Nations, including the FSM.

“We’re sensitive to these issues,” replied President Panuelo. “And even though it’s sensitive, I don’t think we should shy away from it...as a region we have the right to band together...I think the United States will understand that, we have close ties with them.”

After additional discussion on other issues of regional interest, the meeting concluded on a very positive note, with President Panuelo clearly showing his appreciation for having been able to formally meet Dame Taylor for the first time. They had met earlier in the day at the opening of the 16th Ministerial Forum Fisheries Committee Meeting. “It was an honor to meet you,” said President Panuelo.

Dame Taylor, for her part, commented on her reception in the FSM. “The food is good and the hospitality is wonderful.”



JOB VACANCIES IN CHUUK

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. CRS works to *save, protect, and transform* lives in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality.

The *Growing Resilience on Wutip-affected-islands* (GROW) Project aims to improve food security in communities impacted by Typhoon Wutip in Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Yap states. The 12-month project led by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) will support vulnerable households to diversify or enhance their agriculture livelihood strategies, in order to make their food production more resilient to typhoons and droughts.

CRS is opening an Office in Chuuk and actively recruiting to the positions below. *The recruitment of these positions is subject to CRS being awarded funding by the donor.* Interested individuals can receive more information or applications by contacting Therese Hart at therese.hart@crs.org or Stella Laamar at stella.laamar@crs.org or by calling (691)330-2491 or (691)930-9471.

Senior Project Officer

The Senior Project Officer will facilitate the achievement of project objectives through coordinating and reporting on all project activities and providing technical guidance and advice to staff and implementing partner(s). This position will include 25% Travel to target islands in the Mortlocks and the Northwest and 15% travel to target islands in Yap and Pohnpei.

Basic Qualifications

- Associate's Degree required, Bachelor's Degree preferred.
- Minimum of 2-3 years of work experience in project support, ideally in the field of Agriculture/Food Security and for an NGO.
- Fluent English, written and spoken, required
- Experience in participatory action planning and community engagement.
- Experience monitoring projects and collecting data
- Staff supervision experience a plus.

Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) Officer

The MEAL Officer will be responsible to monitor and report on all project activities for the GROW Project. The MEAL Officer is expected to maintain a thorough database and service-oriented approach. This position will include 25% travel to target islands in the Mortlocks and the Northwest and 15% travel to target islands in Yap and Pohnpei.

Basic Qualifications

- High School diploma required. College degree a plus.
- Additional education may substitute for some experience.
- Fluent English, written and spoken, required
- Experience in participatory action planning and community engagement.
- Experience monitoring projects and collecting data.
- Experience using MS Windows and MS Office packages (Excel, Word, PowerPoint).

Operations Assistant

The Operations Assistant will provide service in the day-to-day delivery of responsive, effective and efficient procurement, administrative, and human resources activities for CRS.

Basic Qualifications

- High School diploma required. Professional diploma/Certificate or courses in Admin a plus.
- Minimum of 2 years of work experience in supporting procurement/purchasing, logistics, and/or administration processes and activities.
- Fluent English, written and spoken, required
- Knowledge of local market conditions.
- Knowledge in MS Office package (Excel and Word)
- Strong writing skills
- Strong customer service orientation with excellent communication and interpersonal skills

Social Mobilization Officers (3)

The Social Mobilization Officers will assist in implementing Agriculture and Food Security activities by working directly with local partners and community members, coordinating project events and providing technical support. This position will include 40% Travel to target islands in the Mortlocks or the Northwest.

Basic Qualifications

- High School diploma required. Professional Diploma/Certificate or course, preferred.
- Fluent English, written and spoken, required
- Fluent Chuukese OR Mortlockese, required
- 2 years of work or volunteer experience in community development and mobilization. (Additional education may substitute for some experience.)
- Experience in implementation of community-based projects.

\$25,000,000 for Connecting Homes & Public Services to Fiber Optic Discussed in FSM Digital Information Communication Technology Forum

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—From June 6th to June 7th, 2019, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) ICT Digital Forum was held in the Government of Pohnpei State's Conference Room. The key goal for the FSM Digital ICT Forum was to construct ongoing and mutually beneficial dialogues between the FSM Telecommunications Cable Corporation (FSMT Cable Corp), FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC), the FSM Telecommunication Regulation Authority (TRA), the World Bank, and National and State Government stakeholders in the FSM's digital advancement.

In his official opening remarks His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the FSM, first re-emphasized his role as a public servant—and asked that attending parties consider, and work towards, the interests and wellbeing of the public.

“Shortly after I became President, I learned that some within the Office of the President call the walk between the [the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch] the ‘Longest Yard,’” the President said, referring to how perceived distance in viewpoints can work against the public good. “[Which is why] the first letter I sent in my capacity as President was to the Honorable Wesley W. Simina, Speaker of the Congress of the FSM, to invite Members on the trip to Washington, D.C...I promised Congress that we’d keep the relationship between [the Executive Branch and the Legislative Branch] close...united as family.”

“My hope,” President Panuelo continued, “is to look at all of you working together as one... We need to make full

Nahnmwarki en Sokehs bestows upon President Panuelo the Title “Luhk en Mwoalehlap”

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On June 13th, 2019, representatives of the Nahnmwarki of the Kingdom of Sokehs in Pohnpei State, Iso Nahlaimw and Soumaka Pikeniap, visited His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), to bestow upon the President the traditional title of Luhk en Mwoalehlap.

“This is a great honor,” President Panuelo said. “I respect the traditions that comprise the foundation for this island, and the traditions of all the islands and States in our Federation. ... As your President, I am still a public servant, and while I carry many responsibilities in this office, I work for each and every one of you.”

President Panuelo asked Iso Nahlaimw and

utilization of this technology.”

President Panuelo explained how the democratization of information access necessarily leads to the democratization of knowledge itself, which can be essential in areas such as promoting national unity (such as through national news and presidential addresses), video conferencing and digital patient files in the health sector, enhanced teaching materials to augment in-classroom learning, the promotion of tangible exports (e.g. marketing taro flour), and the development and exportation of digital products and services.

The FSM is presently the least connected country in the Pacific, with only 21 per 100 citizens subscribing to a mobile telephone service, and 52% of the population unconnected to digital communication technology. However, 1.8% of the FSM's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)—a means of measuring the health, size, and scope of an economy—is in the telecommunications sector, well beyond that of many developing nations (e.g. the telecommunications sector in the African continent represents 1.1% of GDP), and demonstrates the FSM's commitment to democratizing access to digital services.

In 2012 the FSM published its Information Communication Technology Policy, which was followed by the 2014 Telecommunications Act. In July 2018 and May 2019 respectively, the Yap State and Chuuk State fiber optic connections were completed. Approximately \$25,000,000 is presently available for developing fiber optic connections to homes, schools, and hospitals throughout the FSM. It's expected that Kosrae State will receive a fiber optic cable connection by late 2021 via the East Micronesia Cable System.

Soumaka Pikeniap to express his gratitude to the Nahnmwarki of the Kingdom of Sokehs.

As the meeting was conducted in Pohnpeian, FSM Information Services advises that all quotations are translations into English, and apologizes if any nuance with regards to honorifics and high-level respectful language is lost.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

This public notice is hereby made to inform the general public that the Pohnpei Port Authority is proposing the following amendments to its Seaport Rules and Regulations:

1. Chapter 1 Definitions, Section 109 to Section 145.
2. Chapter 6 Licensing and Permitting, Section 607, (a).
3. Chapter 8 Pilotage, Section 801.
4. Chapter 10 Port Fees and Charges, Section 1003, (a) 1, 2, 3, (c), (d) 1, 2, 4, (f) 2, (g), Section 1006, a., b., c.
5. Chapter 11 Penalties, Section 1102, (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) 1, 2, 3, (g), (h), (i), (j), (k).

The public is invited to comment on the proposed amendments in writing directed to Pius Roby, General Manager of Pohnpei Port Authority. All comments must be received by the office of the General Manager no later than 3:00 p.m., July 24, 2019.

Copies of proposed amendments of Seaport Rules and Regulations can be obtained at the office of General Manager located at Pohnpei International Airport, or Pohnpei Port Authority's website www.ppa.fm. For further information, please call Luciano Abraham, Marketing Manager, (691)320-2793, email l485sano1957@gmail.com.

Signed: 
Pius Roby
General Manager

Date: 6/12/19



Pacific Islands Development Bank

A regional development bank with financing in Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Marshall Islands and Yap is seeking qualified applicants for the following position:

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Letter to the Editor

Dedicated to Emelihter Kihleng—Reclaiming Micronesian Narratives and Indigenizing Spaces

On May 08, 2019, a gentle but steady indigenous voice gave life to a collection of “menginpeh,” long tucked away in storage in MARKK, Museum am Rothenbaum World Cultures and Arts in Hamburg, Germany. This handiwork, once filled with life by the hands of our ancestors, was traded, gifted, or sometimes forcefully taken by foreigners as they came through our islands. Over a hundred years after this colonial exchange in the Pacific in the early 1900s, a new decolonizing exchange is taking place.

Micronesian scholar and poet Dr. Emelihter Kihleng is undertaking the scholarly exploration and researched-based interpretation of some forms of menginpeh as well as reexamining the photographic portraits taken of Pohnpeians by Dr. Paul Hambruch, a German ethnographer. She recently presented “Kilel oh kapwat: Revisualizing Hambruch’s Photographic Portraits,” the first of a series of lectures on the Oceania collections at the MARKK.

Emelihter, proud daughter of Pohnpei to Simion and Kimberlee Kihleng, has recently been selected as the first Curatorial Fellow from the Pacific to work with the curatorial team at the MARKK on its Oceania collections, particularly the materials from the Federated States of Micronesia. Her research focuses on approximately eighty plus photographic portraits of Pohnpeian men and women taken by ethnographer Paul Hambruch during the Hamburg South Seas Expedition of 1910, as well as the forms of jewelry and personal adornment worn by these men and women when photographed. Given her doctoral research, Dr. Kihleng is also very interested in the menginpehn lien Pohnpei in the collection, especially dohr—elaborately designed, loom-woven banana fiber sashes made by women and worn by male chiefs.

MARKK, one of the premier ethnographic museums in Germany, is in the course of a major repositioning and decolonization process that includes a renovation of the museum building, the new conceptualization of the permanent display and a reconfiguration of the program. A main component of this process is the Curatorial Fellowship, which is “designed for international emerging scholars, preferably originating in and/or descending from the research area in question, to study a collection of the prominent Oceania holdings of the Museum am Rothenbaum.”

Embarking on this retrospective journey

to recreate an indigenous space for these precious materials to occupy, Emelihter’s research and work in the Pacific, as well as her birthright, are her most valuable tools. She holds a PhD in Va’aomanū Pasifika, Pacific Studies from Victoria University of Wellington in Aotearoa New Zealand; an MA in English with a concentration in Creative Writing from the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa; and BA with Highest Honors in English from the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa.

Emelihter has worked as an interim Curator, Pacific Cultures at the National Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa and taught at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa, University of Guam and the College of Micronesia-FSM. Her first collection of poetry, *My Urohs*, was published by Kahuaomānoa Press in 2008. Her work has also appeared in other national and international literary journals and anthologies.

In Fall 2015, Emelihter was the Distinguished Writer in Residence in the English Department at the University of Hawai’i at Mānoa. More recently, she served as the Cultural Anthropologist for the Pohnpei Historic Preservation Program in Pohnpei. She can now add to her long list of accomplishments the co-editorship of the first anthology of indigenous Micronesian writing, *Indigenous Literatures from Micronesia*, which has just been published by the University of Hawai’i Press this summer. The completion of this anthology brings my relationship with Emelihter full circle. With her encouragement and support, I was able to be involved in a historic literary achievement for Micronesia.

I had the honor of having Dr. Kihleng as my English instructor at the University of Guam in 2009. I remember wondering who this woman was walking around campus in her urohs—Pohnpeian appliqued and machine-embroidered skirts. While I always loved wearing clothes customary to the Freely Associated States in Micronesia, early experiences had convinced me that they did not belong in public spaces in Guam, specifically school and work settings. As an instructor, mentor, and friend, Emelihter encouraged me to be more comfortable wearing my heritage—to blossom like the flowers stitched onto urohs en Pohnpei when celebrating first birthdays or grace sacred spaces in mumus when paying respect to your elders. These pieces of culture must be worn as a sash, rather than a shield.

I was happy to realize that wearing your heritage was not something to hide in order to fit in. Instead, it was something to embrace and share with the world. It’s also something we have to respect and support.

In her class, I was exposed to other beautiful

aspects of Pacific culture from the region, which once seemed foreign to me even though we share the same vast ocean. Since then, I became more conscious of who I was in relation to the region I call home and who I aspire to be in the world we live in.

She has taught me that culture isn’t just something you wear, eat or speak, but live.

I offer warm and sincere congratulations to Dr. Kihleng for her exemplary work, which is now being recognized at regional and international levels. While she has many distinguished achievements in her work in the Pacific and now in Europe, Emelihter remains grounded and humble.

Emelihter channels what has been into what can be by creatively documenting the rich oral traditions and material culture of our islands for far-reaching audiences. Her creative writing fuses beauty and humor into important and often contested issues in the Pacific. Emelihter’s work also allows Pacific Islanders in the 21st century to re-examine ourselves as masters or pwo of our own journeys, navigating our pasts in order to shape our futures.

In closing, I’d like to share one of her newest poems, inspired by her research on MARKK’s Oceania collection, that weaves the intricate bond between indigenous people and menginpeh and explores the creative process in reclaiming narratives and indigenizing spaces.

Padil o (the Paddle)
Emelihter Kihleng

first time at Fischbek
Jeanette and I comb through the aisles
packed and piled high with objects
Ozeanian
precious, rare, many
horded, stolen, purchased
gifted even...lonely
oh so very lonely
isolated, surrounded only by dust
other lonely canoes, bowls, baskets
spears, more spears, fish hooks
missing the caress of Island hands

collected objects
some in crates
some somewhere
burned in the fire
most MIA (Missing In Action)
undocumented objects

we look through drawers
Tapakiste 1 and 2
Kleidmatte für Männer from Fais
Kleidmatte from Truk
Kleidmatte für Frauen from Santa Cruz
we look at the Regals
I see your nting

recognize your designs
we are kin
you without a number
like the Lien Rohnkitti without a name
you called my name
and led me to yours, a title
Joumadau
Soumadau
Soumadau en Sapwalap
your nting carved into black painted
breadfruit wood
whitened with lime
dated Mei 1910
Not (Nett)

when you arrived at this museum
you had a fellow padil, now lost
you must have been in mourning for years
did you smell me coming?
ready to pick you up
and dance with you again.

Details of her first presentation on
May 08 (translated from German to
English) <https://www.facebook.com/events/832658950431634/>

*Sincerely,
Nedine Songeni*

Yap State Government Federated States of Micronesia Office of Planning and Budget Project Management Office

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President Panuelo receives Joint Committee on Compact Review & Planning, calls for unity & “singing one song” in effort to conclude Compact of Free Association negotiations promptly

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On June 14th, 2019 His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Honorable Yoshiwo P. George, Vice President of the FSM, received Members of the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP) in a meeting to brief the JCRP on the President’s recent trip to Washington, D.C., including an update on its selection of a Chief Negotiator for the FSM, who would become a member of the JCRP, and to emphasize this administration’s intent to work closely with the JCRP and the Congress during Compact renegotiation discussions.

“One of the things I want to share with you,” President Panuelo said, “is to see if we can go with a marching order to try to indicate to the [Government of the United States of America] if we can conclude [Compact of Free Association] negotiations sooner rather than later.”

President Panuelo spoke in detail about the extraordinary success of his recent visit to Washington D.C., at the invitation of His Excellency

President Donald J. Trump, to meet with the President and other high-level U.S. officials including the Honorable Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, the Honorable Acting Secretary of Defense Patrick M. Shanahan, the Honorable Secretary of the Department of the Interior David Bernhardt, and the Honorable Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie.

The President also met with Members of Congress and staff, including Chairman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources, the Honorable Senator Lisa Murkowski, and the Honorable Representative Don Young, Dean of the House of the Representatives. Rep. Young expressed his desire to immediately approve extensions on the economic provisions due to expire in 2023.

During the visit, President Panuelo also attended a ceremony to lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery and paid tribute to the service of FSM citizens in the US military.

Further, President Panuelo emphasized that citizens of the FSM are becoming increasingly anxious about their economic security, and that it’s in

the citizens’ collective interest that their concerns be heard, acknowledged, and then resolved with a clear vision for the future.

“I want us to approach [Compact of Free Association negotiations] as one FSM family...to sing the same song,” President Panuelo continued.

“I want to express a sincere appreciation to you, Mr. President, for the expression of moving forward as one family...it couldn’t occur at a better time,” replied JCRP Chairman Takesy. Chairman Takesy, for his part, also suggested his view that assistance with natural disaster resilience play a greater role in Compact of Free Association negotiations going forward. “Moving faster is more prudent than waiting,” he explained.

Speaker Simina, on behalf of Congress and the JCRP, pledged his full support to working with the President to put forward a unified approach to Compact renegotiations. Additional outcomes of the meeting included specific arrangements for how a unified approach on Compact of Free Association negotiations might function, as well as discussion on some of the JCRP’s next steps forward.

Participating from the JCRP were the Honorable Senator Wesley W. Simina, Speaker of the Congress of the FSM; the Honorable Senator Esmond B. Moses, Vice Speaker of the Congress; the Honorable Senator Isaac V. Figir; the Honorable Senator Paliknoa K. Welly; the Honorable Lorin S. Robert, Secretary of Foreign Affairs; and the Honorable Asterio R Takesy, Chairman. Executive Director of the JCRP Secretariat, Mr. Epel K. Ilon, was also in attendance.



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