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Chuuk celebrates International Woman's Day

Chuuk Women's Council

On Wednesday, March 5th, the Chuuk Women's Council (CWC) kicked off the celebration for the 2014 International Women's Day by collaborating with the Chuuk Public Health Services Staff to provide the Women's Health Clinic at the SMPoll Memorial Center & Wellness Facility.

The schedule started at 9:00am when the GYN Clinic opened at the CWC and with Ms. Eleanor Setik and her team assisting 23 women. Other activities included an interviewed booth, counseling, blood screening plus full breast exam, pap smear and treatment for the women. Women in line to see physicians and nurses enjoyed DVD educational programs about health, nutrition, and healthy lifestyle while waiting their turn in the CWC conference room.

Thursday, March 6th, was set aside for the NCD team to do their physical screening and to promote healthy nutrition. The conference room was used for a cooking demonstration conducted by Chuuk

Hospital Nutritionist Ms. Elvira Mejia. The dish that was prepared and cooked for participants to enjoy was beef sautéed in local mixed vegetables. This demonstration was an excellent opportunity for the women to learn how to use some of our local vegetables in their cooking.

On Friday, March 7th, a workshop on Primary Health Care and Maternal Child Health, which was spearheaded by Dr. Rita Mori, Ms. Enrieta Pillias and Ms. Eleanor Setik. About 70 women, young girls, and 40 children participated in the three days of activities associated with this International Women's Day. Many of the adults brought their children who received Vitamin A and Vermox pills.

Saturday, March 8th, which is the official International Women's Day (IWD), was a full day of celebration and our activities highlighted this year's UN theme: "Equality for Women means progress for all" (translated: "Anonopoku fefiin, ina fefitan meinisin"). This year's celebration took place at the Mwan Elementary School and with over two (200) women and children showing up to enjoyed the



activities and a beautiful sunny day.

love follows and is reflected in the love and care for others and her community.

CWC's invitation focused on bringing all the wives of the Traditional, Government, and Municipal Leaders together and be part of this International Women's Day celebration. We felt it important to recognize these lovely and humble ladies for their key roles in supporting their husband's leadership role in our communities.

CWC President Kiki Stinnett spoke and sincerely thanked everyone for participating and congratulated all the women who joined the CWC and other the women around the world in celebrating IWD. She explained the importance of this year's theme and encouraged the women and youth to be more involved and engaged in all aspects of their families, church, community and our government. She noted that each one of us have special talents and skills that God has entrusted to us to use these talents and skills to make positive changes in their lives. And, all were encouraged to be leaders in their own families, church, community and our government.

Our traditional roles are very important and we need to be effective leaders, we need to stay healthy and practice healthy lifestyles and if believed necessary, get check at the hospital or at the SMPoll Center. Whatever your talents, let them be used to glorify God.

Chuuk State First Lady Bersita Elimo, our keynote speaker, gave a thought provoking and encouraging speech to the Chuukese women in attendance on this great day. She echoed the importance of women's roles and using our talents wisely because our family and community need what we have to offer. First Lady Bersita highlighted bible verses from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 on what Love is and when a women practices and behaves in loving ways the feeling of

The First Lady is an educator and a mother, and stressed how important it is to help, engaged, and participate in our children's school activities. We have a responsibility to be proactive and involved in our children's learning and as parents we have the right and responsibility to know how our children are doing in school and how the teachers and principals are helping our children learn. So, let's get to work and get involved in every level and aspect of our family, church, community and government. First Lady Elimo closed saying that all she shared is only possible if we allow Jesus Christ to be our guide and we need to show God's Love in all we do. The crowd cheered for First Lady Bersita to show their appreciation for her encouraging words of advice and support. CWC Board Co-Chair, Ms. Eleanor Setik, closed the morning ceremony of this special day by thanking our First Lady for her commitment to her role and to Governor Elimo for their support of the CWC efforts in working together to make a healthier and safer Chuuk for everyone.

The second half of the program celebration was entertainment and fun through dancing, skits, and lots action songs with perfume being sprayed on everyone and candies flying. All participants were served a delicious plate lunch and ate while enjoying the different groups that performed. Awards were given to every team that performed with the most treasured give-a-ways being water coolers, ice-chest, and sacks of rice.

Special acknowledgement and Kinisou Chapur was expressed to all the individuals, local business and most especially our FSM Congressman at Large, Wesley Simina that contributed to the success of the event.

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Launching of FSM Community-based Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (CEAFM) and Climate change Adaptation (CCA) Project in Yap

On Friday, February 28, 2014, during Yap-Day celebration, the Honourable Governor of Yap Sebastian Anefal officially launched the "FSM Community-based Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management and Climate change Adaptation Project" which is supported by the regional program, Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Island Region (CCCPIR) representing a network of partners from international, regional, national, state and community level.

The CCCPIR program is funded by the German Government through the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)

The Governor also handed over the community fisheries management plans prepared with three participating communities since the project inception two years ago. To support the participating communities with managing their fisheries resources, the project conducted training programs for community representatives on rigging, deploying and maintenance of Fish Aggregation Devices (FADs), fishing gear and methodology around FADs, as well as community consultations culminating in the development and production of community fisheries management plans. Additionally, the project deployed 6 nearshore FADs as alternative to support management undertakings by the participating communities.

On Friday afternoon the Yap-Day committee also presented the winners of a poster competition on the topic "Climate Change, Fisheries and Communities". More than 200 students from 10 Yapese schools from 1st to 12th grade participated in their posters competitions. Some 35 winners in several categories were announced and received prizes from 10 to 100 USD. The winning posters were made available for public viewing as part of the Yap Day display by the Marine Resources Management Department (MRMD) where some 500 visitors also received information on climate change adaptation and the management of coastal marine resources in Yap.

Pacific Island countries (PICs) are among those most vulnerable to climate change impacts, and there is an urgent need to progress adaptation and mitigation measures in the region. Climate change impacts such as changing rainfall patterns, more extreme floods and drought, seasonal changes, increased cyclone intensity, ocean acidification and rising sea level are likely to affect all communities in PICs.



Results of the poster competition presented at the MRMD booth during Yap-Day 2014

Recent surveys conducted on the status of coastal fisheries resources in FSM revealed a dramatic decline with fisheries resources. This has raised grave concern for the national and state governments, the municipalities and the island communities. To address this problem, the national government with technical assistance from SPC and NGO partners supported communities to implement a community-based ecosystem approach to fisheries management (CEAFM) program.

CEAFM represents a combination of fisheries management, ecosystem management and community-based management. CEAFM is therefore the management of fisheries, within an ecosystem context, by local communities working with government and other partners. CEAFM through community participation aims at improving community awareness on adverse impacts of climate change to assist in maximizing opportunities for communities to adapt to social, economic and environmental changes. This will strengthen the capacity of local communities to respond to climate change impacts through the application of integrated coastal management and conservation based adaptation measures to improve resilience of marine ecosystems and the livelihoods of people depending on them.

In 2012 and 2013 several community consultations were undertaken in three selected communities and community fisheries management plans were developed. Management activities identified included:

- Strengthening of marine protected



- areas (MPAs);
- Control of destructive fishing gear and practices;
- Control of land-based activities that impact the marine environment;
- Rehabilitation of critical habitats;
- Strengthening of community enforcement and monitoring;
- Identifying and developing alternative livelihoods (e.g. deployment of Fish Aggregating Devices FADs and post-harvest activities) with the aim of diverting fishing pressure from coastal fisheries to offshore areas and facilitating climate change adaptation; and
- Strengthening of community leadership and governance.

FADs improve access for coastal subsistence and artisanal fisheries to skipjack, yellowfin tuna and other pelagic fish. FADs are also used for management purposes as they alleviate fishing pressure from inshore areas by facilitating access to offshore fisheries. They also provide alternative livelihoods for local communities. Activities implemented so far included:

- Community training on FAD construction, management, deployment and maintenance;
- Deployment of 6 near-shore FADs constructed by community members in Yap
- Ongoing data collection and monitoring activities to evaluate social and economic benefits of FADs;
- Community training on FAD fishing gear and technology; and

- Stockpiling materials for repair, maintenance and new FAD deployments.

In addition capacity building is being undertaken through training attachments for state counter-parts at SPC headquarters on resource management planning processes and monitoring.

For 2014 and 2015 the following activities are planned to be carried out under the SPC-GIZ CCCPIR program:

- Capacity building for FSM national researchers to conduct resource monitoring and scientific observations in all states;
- Exploration of post-harvest and preservation options for value adding and to extend shelf life of catches;
- Vulnerability and adaptation assessments for selected communities.

With the launching on Friday, February 28, 2014 the project was officially handed over to the Yap State Government where MRMD will spearhead community work and full implementation of the management plans. SPC, GIZ and FSM national government continues to provide technical support for the project.



Community consultations in Yap on climate change adaptation and coastal resources management

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Oceania comes together to implement CITES shark protections Regional workshop identifies action points



March 5, 2014

NADI, FIJI—On Feb. 11 and 12, more than 60 people from nine countries met to develop a plan to implement the new Appendix II listings for sharks under CITES, the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, which will have ramifications for the future of the shark fin trade in the Pacific. The workshop was hosted by the Fiji Department of Environment, The Pew Charitable Trusts, and the Coral Reef Alliance.

All eight CITES parties in Oceania—Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu, plus one non-party, Kiribati—attended the meeting. Additionally, the workshop brought together regional and international experts with decades of experience in CITES, fisheries management, environmental advocacy, and shark conservation to provide advice to the governments.

Three species of hammerhead sharks, porbeagle sharks, oceanic whitetip sharks, and both species of manta rays were added to CITES Appendix II in March 2013.

At the workshop, participants discussed the obligations countries must meet in order to successfully implement Appendix II listings and ensure sustainable trade in these species. This requires the development of non-detriment findings, which are scientific assessments that determine if continued trade in a species is sustainable or if it will threaten the species with extinction. If so, trade must stop. The countries also discussed how to issue permits when trade has been shown to be sustainable.

The countries agreed that non-detriment findings are unlikely for oceanic whitetip sharks (*Carcharhinus longimanus*) and both species of manta rays (*Manta birostris*) due to their current vulnerability and existing measures, such as the Western and Central



Pacific Fisheries Commission retention ban for oceanic whitetip sharks and the Appendix I listing by the Convention on Migratory Species for giant oceanic mantas. When the Appendix II listings go into effect on Sept. 14, 2014, trade in these two species will be prohibited in 19.2 million square kilometers of ocean, an area the size of China and the United States combined.

Workshop participants made it a priority to establish better data for hammerheads—preferably on a regional level, and regional funding is needed to implement these listings as soon as possible. The Australian and New Zealand governments, as Oceania representatives on the CITES Standing and Animals Committees respectively, will request funding for research and capacity building from the CITES Secretariat.

“It was very exciting to see all of the countries across Oceania cooperating on the implementation of these listings,” said Imogen Zethoven, director of Pew’s global shark conservation program. “The Pacific Islands continue to be leaders on global shark conservation.”

Countries are also coordinating with Pew and Dr. Demian Chapman to schedule training assistance for shark fin identification, so that the new protection measures can be easily enforced.

Earlier, Pew published a dispatch from the workshop here: <http://www.pewenvironment.org/news-room/other-resources/dispatch-from-fiji-putting-new-shark-protections-to-work-85899541348>

Happy Faces = Go Local!

By *April Turner*

Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Island Food Community of Pohnpei has been delivering a series of fun lessons on local food benefits with preschool students at United Church of Christ Preschool (UCCP) in Kolonia.

The lessons have been targeted to the learning styles of young children by including games, animation stories and lots of movement. The 3-5 year old children enjoyed playing games to identify which foods are local and which have been brought by ship from far, far away and guessing the type by listening and feeling the food items.

The children particularly enjoyed the animation story about the CHEEF benefits of local food that was published by the Japan International Cooperation Agency and IFCP for the Early Childhood Education department.

It was fun for the children as we acted out feelings when we eat local foods and when we eat imported, processed foods. Strong muscles and happy faces when we Go Local and sad, sick, tired bodies when we only eat packaged foods. Fun was certainly had by all whilst an important message was being delivered.

Educational materials for lessons on local food can be borrowed or copied. Please contact IFCP for more information 320-3259 or email communitydevelopment@islandfood.org. Our website www.islandfood.org can also be used for educational purposes.



Eggplant Dip

Ingredients

6 large eggplants
2 tablespoons coconut oil
½ onion, sliced
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon salt
2 tomatoes, chopped or 2 tablespoons tomato paste
1 teaspoon Pohnpei pepper, crushed
4 calamansi juice
Flesh of 1 coconut, chopped
1 tablespoon coriander, chopped

Method

- Wash eggplant, peel skin from half the eggplants and cut into pieces.

- Heat oil on low heat and cook eggplant, onion and garlic until softened.
- Add cumin and salt, cook stirring for 2 minutes.
- Add tomatoes and a small amount of water to prevent sticking. Cook covered until eggplant is completely soft.
- Mash with remaining ingredients or blend in food processor.

Notes

Best to use coconut flesh that is still soft but not too young. If you don't have a food processor cut coconut very finely.

Serve with sticks of cucumber or local chips made from breadfruit, bananas, taro or yam. Or put tablespoons of dip on top of giant swamp taro slices.

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Pakin celebrate's Women's Day



Lien Pakin celebrated the International Women's Day on the islets of Pakin in the Community House that was funded by a Seacology Grant. The community organized a group song competition. The Pakin Community Association board members that participated were Sounirek Pakin Mr. Pius Siten and his wife, PCA Vice- President Mr. Mike Chipen and some other group members from Sokehs Municipal Section 2 in the state of Pohnpei. Pakin is approximately 28 miles from the west coast of Pohnpei and has a barrier reef around the island.

Japan provides grant for athletic field at COM National Campus

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

March 18, 2014

Pohnpei, FSM—The Japanese government has provided a grant of \$120,569 to the College of Micronesia-FSM to complete an athletic field at the National Campus. Though the field will be used as the soccer venue for the upcoming Micro Games, its primary intended purpose is to combat Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in the FSM.

“The main basis of this project is to address the rising health problems in FSM due to non-communicable diseases such as obesity, hypertension, and diabetes,” said Japan’s Ambassador to the FSM, Eiichi Suzuki during the grant’s handover ceremony this morning at COM-FSM. “These diseases could be prevented or slowed down if appropriate means of prevention were

practiced. The field can be a means of promoting healthy lifestyles through activities such as walking, jogging, running, or playing outdoor sports.”

“To this day, Japan has maintained a close friendship with the FSM and has made clear its support and commitment to education, health, social, and economic projects that ultimately benefit the whole of FSM,” said College President Dr. Joseph Daisy. “I wish to offer thanks on behalf of all, whose lives will be lengthened, their children, and their children’s children who will enjoy a healthy life because of access to, and use of this field,” he concluded.

Japan funded the completion of the athletic field through its grassroots and human security aid program. Plans are for the field to be completed in time for the Micronesia Games in July.



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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

2014 Survey of Pohnpei's Perennial Streams completed

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

March 19, 2014

Pohnpei, FSM—The results of the 2014 Survey of Perennial Streams in Pohnpei are in, but according to Pohnpei's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) no firm conclusions regarding the state of Pohnpei's rivers can yet be drawn from them.

An EPA spokesperson said that a variety of unpredictable factors can influence individual test results including rainy days that can wash what would otherwise be land based bacteria into rivers. "Even a pig farmer washing out his piggens upstream while we were testing could influence the results," the spokesperson said.

Pig pens, outhouses, and septic systems situated too close to Pohnpei's rivers are likely the biggest causes of *E. coli* contamination in the 40 rivers and streams that were tested.

Several organizations including the EPA have been working to eradicate upriver sources of *E. coli* contamination but the results of their efforts may not be known for a long while. EPA says it needs to accumulate data over several years. Even when this year's test results showed *E. coli* readings that were under the threshold for recreational use, the report listed the readings for the rivers as "transitional".

In 2013 the survey of the same rivers showed that 65 percent of Pohnpei's rivers were unfit for recreational use at the time of the survey. The levels of *E. coli* were higher than 576 mpn ("most probable number"—a



statistical term) per 100 ml of water, the level considered to be safe for recreational use. This year's test results taken from the same sample sites said that 50 percent of Pohnpei's rivers that contained higher levels of *E. coli* than is considered to be safe.

Four rivers that were measured to be safe last year failed the test this year, one in Madolenihmw and three in Kitti. Of those, the Dauen Kopil River in Kitti had the highest increase in the *E. coli* readings. The reading

for that river last year was 430 mpn/100 ml of water. This year the level was 3200.

EPA has not declared those rivers to be safe but has published the readings and declared their status to be "transitional".

Eleven rivers that were tested at levels considered to be unsafe for recreational use last year had levels this year that were considered to be safe at the time of testing.

EPA also declared the states of those rivers to be in transition.

The report says that nine rivers in Pohnpei "Remain Good", meaning that last year's tests and this year's tests showed levels that were safe for recreational use. 16 of the rivers had *E. coli* above the acceptable recreational use levels when they were tested in 2013 and 2014. They "Remain Bad".

	2013 E. coli, mpn/100 ml	2014 E. coli, mpn/100 ml	Changes
Madolenihmw			
Tuweri	450	1,300	Transitional
Ipwitek	3,150	> 24,000	Remain Bad
Lehnpwus	1,600	400	Transitional
Pahnahdo	410	190	Remain Good
Kitapw	245	190	Remain Good
Lehdau	485	550	Remain Good
Lehn Diadi	880	740	Remain Bad
Peiai	2,050	6,700	Remain Bad
Nankep	390	490	Remain Good
Sapwehrek	1,450	135	Transitional
Parahu/Mahnd	2,900	660	Remain Bad
Pohndau	680	390	Transitional
Kitti			
Dauen Kopil	430	3,200	Transitional
Sounkroun	1,700	1,600	Remain Bad
Enpein Powe	385	305	Remain Good
Enpein Pah	120	585	Transitional
Pwok 1	125	70	Remain Good
Pahnkati	210	165	Remain Good
Kipar	1,050	545	Transitional
Lehn Mesi	195	1,030	Transitional
Diadi	18,000	1,165	Remain Bad
Sekeren Lapahu	770	245	Transitional
Pehleng	1,330	115	Transitional
Kepin Mwomwi	115	235	Remain Good
Paies	885	290	Transitional
Sokehs			
Soundau	480	255	Remain Good
Dolon	17,000	17,000	Remain Bad
Sekere	> 24,001	5,600	Remain Bad

	2013 E. coli, mpn/100 ml	2013 E. coli, mpn/100 ml	
U			
Diadi en U	580	1,250	Remain Bad
Nihmoak	>24,000	>24,000	Remain Bad
Dien	1,850	7,100	Remain Bad
Pahlap	4,250	195	Transitional
Metipw	5,650	1,200	Remain Bad
Awak	20,000	1,800	Remain Bad
Nett			
Luhke	765	180	Transitional
Meitik	3,000	2,750	Remain Bad
Kahmar	745	415	Transitional
Lowetik	2,300	65	Transitional
Kolonia			
Dauen Neu	58,500	14,500	Remain Bad
Nintu	19,500	>24,000	Remain Bad

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Assets		Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	
Cash and due from banks	\$ 27,142	Liabilities:	
Federal funds sold	5,000	Deposits:	
Interest bearing deposits in banks	64,441	Non-interest bearing	\$ 321,408
Total cash and cash equivalents	96,583	Interest bearing	862,037
Restricted cash	400	Total deposits	1,183,445
Investment securities available for sale	182,832	Accrued interest payable	164
Investment securities held to maturity	88,989	Federal funds purchased	-
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	2,098	Borrowings	-
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	860,883	Other liabilities	5,544
Accrued interest receivable	4,013	Total Liabilities	1,189,153
Premises and equipment, net	18,249	Commitments and contingencies	-
Goodwill	783	Stockholders' Equity:	
Other assets	28,178	Common stock	1,840
Total Assets	1,283,008	Additional paid-in capital	15,435
		Retained earnings	81,570
		Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(4,700)
		Common stock in treasury, at cost	(290)
		Total Stockholders' Equity	93,855
		Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,283,008

BANK OF GUAM FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA BRANCH STATEMENT OF CONDITION At December 31, 2013 / (\$ in thousands)

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,054	Deposits:	
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	12,929	Non-interest bearing	\$ 24,213
Accrued interest receivable	51	Interest bearing	103,248
Premises and equipment, net	671	Total deposits	127,461
Other assets	2	Accrued interest payable	20
Due from Headquarters	112,913	Other liabilities	139
Total assets	\$ 127,620	Commitments	-
		Total liabilities	\$ 127,620

STATEMENT OF INCOME Year ended December 31, 2013 / (\$ in thousands)

Interest income:		
Loans		\$ 1,370
From related parties		238
Total interest income		1,608
Interest expense:		
Savings deposits		476
Time deposits		17
Total interest expense		493
Net interest income		1,115
Provision for loan losses		54
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		1,061
Non-interest income		
Service charges and fees		368
Other income		275
Total non-interest income		643
Non-interest expense:		
Salaries and employee benefits		730
Occupancy		351
Furniture and equipment		136
General, administrative and other		647
Total non-interest expenses		1,864
Net income (loss)		\$ (160)

25 years' run toward amity and prosperity Commemorating the 25th anniversary of diplomatic relationship between China and FSM

By *H.E. Mr. Zhang Lianyun*
Chinese Ambassador to the FSM

The year of 2014 marks the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relationship between the People's Republic of China and Federated States of Micronesia. To celebrate this memorable event, the Chinese Embassy is busy preparing a series of plentiful and various events in the whole year of 2014, starting with a 5KM run to be held on April 12. You can get more information about this 5KM run from the advert of this week's Kaselehlie Press. And more to come are the projected Chinese Film Week in the middle of this year and a Chinese Martial Arts Troupe to visit FSM around September. Of course, there will also be some high level visits in both directions and some major projects to be launched with the aid and assistance from China.

25 years, seemed short and not a great length of time in history, is literally long enough for a Country to go through tremendous changes. Back in 1989, when China was still at its early stage of opening up and reform, and FSM had just won its independence, it was the wise political decision of our two countries' leader that bond us together and opened a new chapter of our friendly cooperation. Since then, the relay baton has been passed on from generation to generation. Together we joined hands and scored a lot. In summing up, I think there are 3 main characteristics of our friendship, which is mutual Respect, Unfailing support and New future, namely RUN.

Firstly, China always upholds the principle that no matter big or small, wealthy or not a country is, it should be treated as equal. China supported the desire of the FSM people for the termination of trusteeship soon after the matter was brought to the attention of the world and recognize FSM before many countries. It did what it could in the UN and ADB to help FSM gain international recognition and achieve sustainable development. China was also the first country outside the South Pacific to invite FSM president to pay a state visit who received all the courtesies deserved by the head of a sovereign and independent country.

Not only do we honor your leaders, but also we respect your own culture and tradition. Reciprocally, China is always grateful for FSM government's steadfast commitment to the One China Policy and appreciative of the understanding it gives on issues of core interests to China.

Secondly, China and FSM offered each other unfailing support in their own capacities and with sincerity. In the past 25 years, the bilateral trade volume between our two countries rose from nearly nothing to 15 million dollars last year. The pilot farm donated and constructed



by China has successfully run for 18 years and quite a number of biogas generators have been set up in local farmers' homes. The 2 cargo-passenger vessels donated by China are playing vital roles in Chuukese and Yapese people's daily life. The fruitful outcome of our practical cooperation can also be easily seen around us, like China-FSM Friendship Sports Centre in Pohnpei and High School Building in Kosrae.

In education area, over 200 government officials and technicians received training in China and over 100 FSM students granted the full government scholarship to study in China. In the health sector, 2 groups of Chinese medical experts have visited FSM and offered precious service to local people. It has become a much told tale in Pohnpei that Chinese doctors help many patients regain sight after many years of suffering from blindness caused by cataracts. More and more FSM people begin to appreciate Chinese culture and see China as a genuine friend.

Thirdly, it is fair to say that the foundation of our relations has been solidly built and there is no conflict of interests between us. More importantly, our friendship is embracing a promising future.

China will continue to offer its sincere assistance within its ability to help FSM achieve sustainable development and enhance its people's living standards. I am glad to share with you that, soon the Bridge Project in Kosrae will break ground and a team of Chinese medical experts will arrive soon to provide health service to FSM people for 2 years. And there are more exciting new projects under detailed discussion and making important progress. Great potential also lies in tourism, infrastructure, transportation, and fisheries etc.

Through our joint efforts, China and FSM have run a great course for 25 years. Along the way, we have become each other's close friend and good partner. Just as a Chinese proverb says, a bosom friend afar brings distant land nearer. The success stories of the last 25 years have made us believe that we are on the right track toward amity and prosperity. Like perseverance and vigor is vital for a runner to run farther, it is only natural that as long as we are consistent with our policy of respecting each other's core interests and major concerns, conduct practical cooperation through equal coordination, more energy will be injected into our fast growing bilateral relations and there will be a lot more could be achieved.



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Kosraens graduate with Master's Degrees

Two native Kosraeans recently graduated with Master's Degrees from two separate universities and sent their pictures along as a source of possible academic inspiration for other FSM citizens.

Mark Tulensru Tolenoa earned a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice at Boston University. He served 21 years in the US army, and retired in 2012. He was recently accepted to Syracuse University to the Master of Social Work graduate program for Marriage and Family therapy. He will begin his studies there in the Fall.

Kennedy Tulensru Tolenoa earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration at University of Guam in the Fall of 2013. He is currently an assistant researcher at the University.

Both brothers look forward to returning home in order to help their communities and to dedicate their time to public service.




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Letter to the Editor

Time to take action...

To the Editor, Kaselehlie Press.

Recently as I turned on my old fashioned AM radio I heard President Emanuel Mori stating the challenges we face ahead, especially in regard to future funding for the government and the services it provides to its citizens. We are expected to have a shortfall of \$700 hundred million dollars in the trust fund "that is the future money to operate the national government and each state in this union from 2023 onward.

Some time ago certain members of the Pohnpei State Legislature made some amendments to the foreign investment law which I believe were mostly not positive in its message to investors from abroad. It's kind of worrisome to see some representatives in our legislature taking lightly the kind of jobs and capital that these foreign companies can bring to our economy, especially when they know the potential for revenues realized is substantial and that they can help resolve the known fact that most of our employable young people are not employed at this time.

The State of Pohnpei has one of the highest unemployment rates in the world. In fact the whole FSM has this major problem. Every year there are hundreds of young people coming out of our high schools and colleges and these young people often end up with nothing to do. A lucky few, depending on their persuasions managed to join the military or leave to work in the continental United States. There probably is a line of reasoning going around that our graduates should go into farming or fishing. But the point is, these graduates weren't taught by our educational system to be fisherman or farmers. Our present educational system is mainly oriented towards providing skills and knowledge for our students to function in a market based economy and not a subsistence one. It is discouraging for many of these same young people to realize that their diplomas or degrees will be useless here because there is no opportunity to productively apply what they have learned in jobs that the economy because there are none.

I believe that if we continue to turn away potential foreign investors from any opportunity to invest in Pohnpei, we are denying the people of Pohnpei the right to better their lives by denying them the right to choose who they want to work for, or at what better wages. Despite the recent wage increase from \$1.35 to \$ 1.75 salaries are still quite dismal. For example - if we are to examine our local companies more closely we will find that most local companies pay their workers at a lower or at minimum wage which is \$1.35 an hour which we know equals to \$ 108.00 bi-weekly minus a combined income & SS tax of 6% each resulting in a take home pay of \$ 95.00. And that does not yet include deductions for utilities, for water and power or the cost of gas or taxi going to and from work. Simple mathematics shows us that this worker is

not making enough to live reasonably well.

My point is that if the local businesses are protected by our representatives through enacted laws then who will protect our citizens from local employers who are at times very abusive and unfair. I believe it is right and proper that if the legislature can make a law to protect local businesses from competition then I believe it is time for the same legislature to make laws ensuring that our citizens working for our own private business are given a fair wage, a safe and appropriate working environment, and finally protection from local businesses that are pursuing unfair practices that hinders the well being of the individuals working for them (if these laws have not already been implemented).

At this crucial juncture in time Pohnpei State needs to move to reform and modernize as quickly as possible. I believe that we all know what the impediments to future growth are and we should review our laws and regulations to see what can be changed in order to create a better atmosphere so that we can attract foreign investors and address local business concerns about the methods we'll have to take regarding future growth of the economy. We must also include traditional leaders in these discussions. As we move along this course we should be aware of the essential need for compromise in order to achieve our stated goals. Be assured that we cannot please each interest group 100% but we probably do agree the something has to be done. We must initiate something here and now. Pohnpei must modernize in a manner that create's the most opportunity for all instead of just for a select few.

Our state is faced with an enormous challenge today and that is to provide viable employment for a large and growing population of employment aged people and we must find future revenues that are island generated and sustainable. This can only be achieved with the assistance of foreign investors side by side with local businesses.

Those investors could go into manufacturing or other capital and labor intensive projects that our own local business are not capable of establishing due to insufficient money at their disposal or a lack of will or technical expertise. This could, if given the opportunity and without unfair government interference, create more jobs within a short span of time. I agree with former Governor David, present Governor Ehsa, and the representatives who had reservations about the law as implemented. This issue is very important because it is reasonable to guess that the local businesses are not able to employ at least 70% to 80 % of the people who are at the age to be productive in our state today or to substantially raise their wages. It is up to our elected leaders to create an environment conducive to economic growth and then to continually support this frame of thought. The time

for talking is over. The people need and want action that will lead to better jobs and wages, and that will also provide them the means to enable them to better their lives and to live the Micronesian dream that they want or wish to live.

In closing I'd like to quote from the FSM national & Pohnpei State preambles which are the opening statements of the contract between the governments and the people of Pohnpei it was created to serve.

Pohnpei State Constitution Preamble

We, the people of Pohnpei, in whom almighty God has bestowed sovereignty over this sea, the air, space, and the islands within, do now by his grace establish this constitution.

*Through the exercise of our sovereign right of self-determination, we accept without hesitation the challenge and responsibility to serve as the guardians of our people and islands, both now and in the future; to protect and uphold the inalienable rights of our people; to protect and maintain the heritage and traditions of each of our islands; **and to protect and promote the harmony and prosperity of all the people of Pohnpei.***

*We acknowledge the strength that comes from the union of our individual cultural past; we are united by a common sea; and we freely express our desire to live and work together in peace and harmony **for the common good of the people of Pohnpei and all mankind.** with this constitution, we proclaim and reaffirm the sovereignty of Pohnpei*

Preamble of the FSM Constitution

We the people of Micronesia, exercising our inherent sovereignty, do hereby establish this constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

*With this constitution, we affirm our common wish to live together in peace and harmony, to preserve the heritage of the past, **and to***

protect the promise of the future.

To make one nation of many islands, we respect the diversity of our cultures. Our differences enrich us. The seas bring us together; they do not separate us. Our islands sustain us, our island nation enlarges us and makes us stronger.

Our ancestors, who made their homes on these islands, displaced no other people. We, who remain, wish no other home than this. Having known war, we hope for peace. Having been divided, we wish unity. Having been ruled, we seek freedom.

Micronesia began in the days when man explored seas in rafts and canoes. The Micronesian nation is born in an age when men voyage among stars; our world itself is an island. We extend to all nations what we seek from each: peace, friendship, cooperation, and love in our common humanity. With this constitution we, who have been the wards of other nations, become the proud guardian of our own islands, now and forever.

I urge our leaders of Pohnpei to remember the story of Sapwkini. Sapwkini was bold enough to sail into unknown water's to find a paradise yet then unknown (our beautiful island of Pohnpei). We have the same legacy! We can and must venture out into unknown waters to safeguard the future of generations to come and as we move along we, like our ancestors must adjust to the circumstances we face in order to create a better and more vibrant community for posterity. Let us be the first to lead Pohnpeans. Let us be the first to tackle earnestly these known economic problems... "For nothing is impossible... with the help of God." We must have faith in the future and faith in ourselves. Most importantly we must work towards this future and God will do the rest for us.

With great wahu and due respect to our elected leaders, I remain.

Win E. Thomas
Constituent and citizen



Coast Guard Cutter Sequoia delivers humanitarian aid

Fourteenth District Public Affairs
U.S. Coast Guard

Ulithi Atoll, FSM- On March 10, 2014, the USCGC SEQUOIA stopped at Ulithi Atoll while returning to Guam from a fisheries law enforcement patrol. While holding station off the coast, SEQUOIA had the unique opportunity to transport and deliver humanitarian aid supplies, provided by the Ayuda Foundation in Guam, to Falalop Island using her small boats. SEQUOIA's Commanding Officer, LCDR Jessica Worst, stated "We are grateful to have such a capable vessel that allows us the flexibility to perform our primary missions while also supporting humanitarian efforts in the Pacific."

After arriving offshore of Falalop, SEQUOIA crew members removed aid supplies from the cargo hold and organized them on the buoy deck. The supplies consisted of ten pallets containing items such as education materials, medicine, clothing, rice, sugar, and rain barrels for catching water. Once the contents of the pallets were spread out on deck, SEQUOIA launched two small boats to ferry personnel and supplies to the residents waiting on shore. Cutter personnel helped to transport the supplies from the small boats to the island, where members of the local community stacked and sorted the various items.

Through close cooperation between the crew of the SEQUOIA and residents of Falalop, the cargo was transferred to shore in less than four hours. The islanders welcomed the SEQUOIA crewmembers warmly and thanked them for transporting the supplies, which are an important resource for families living on these remote islands, particularly since there are no piers for cargo ships to utilize on the island. SEQUOIA's versatile multi-mission design and capabilities make the vessel an ideal platform to perform a wide variety of missions.

SEQUOIA, based on Guam, is manned by a crew of nine officers and 44 enlisted personnel. It is the 15th Juniper Class

sea-going buoy tender and the 10th "B-Class" cutter built by Marinette Marine Corporation in Marinette, Wisconsin. SEQUOIA's primary missions are maintaining aids to navigation, search and rescue, law enforcement, marine environmental protection and homeland security. It is 225-foot long with twin diesel engines, bow and stern thrusters, and advanced maneuvering capabilities that make it one of the world's premier buoy-tending platforms.



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Changes at Chuuk High School

In 2011, Chuuk State Education Director Gardenia Aisek Macayaon, decided to make Chuuk High School a pilot program in the new Reform Plan. At the time CHS had an enrollment of 580 students and a faculty that employed less than a half dozen teachers who had BA degrees. Three years later CHS has seen its enrollment explode to over 1200 students. Over 30 teachers have BA degrees. A number of reforms have been implemented in the areas of daily schedules, yearly calendar, classroom curriculum and vocational program offerings. Parental support has been high and CHS has seen over 100 students transfer in from the private schools on Weno.

One of the biggest indicators that Chuuk High School is heading the right direction has been the large number of donations the school has received this year. "We have been very fortunate this year," said Paul Hadik a consultant running the day to day operations at CHS. "People have watched what we are doing and have decided they want to help us".

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon Church) has partnered with the Chuuk High School in improving education for the youth of the island. The Church has donated sports equipment, Android tablets, music and vocational equipment, books and DVD's, and many other supplies and equipment valued at nearly \$100,000. According to Bill Davis, Micronesia-Guam Service Center Manager, the Church has partnered with the Chuuk High School because it recognizes the school as an organization that is dedicated to improving the lives of the young adults and to helping them to prepare for a brighter future. He has noted that with the renewed efforts of the instructional staff, increased number of World Teach volunteers and the leadership of Paul Hadik, the Church has seen a great improvement in the education being offered to the students.

"We have always felt that many of our youth have desires to learn and improve their lives," Davis said. "We wanted to provide the tools that the staff and management of Chuuk High School needed to perform their duties and help make the education process are little more fun! We are proud of the students for their recent achievements and enthusiasm in their education. We would also like to recognize the hard work and dedication of the educators at the Chuuk High School. Without them, we wouldn't have been able to make the contributions that we did. We look forward to our continued partnership with Chuuk High School."

Last summer the Chuuk State Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program awarded CHS a \$5,000 grant to develop after school sports programs that will help keep Chuukese young people to

stay drug free. The money was used to buy basketballs, volleyballs and a Speaker System which is the first step in putting together a Chuuk High recording studio.

The Habele Non-Profit Organization has donated dictionaries, T-shirts, classroom materials like chalk, pens and pencils and is in discussions with the school to further donate robotics materials and sports jerseys.

Not to be overlooked are the contributions from the World Teach Volunteer Program. The program at CHS has grown from 5 volunteers in 2012 to 25 volunteers in 2013. The majority of students at CHS now have 5 English speaking teachers each day and the school is excited to see what the impact on yearly tests will be. "One of the biggest attractions of the school right now is our young, energetic, English speaking teachers," said Hadik. "In fact, this summer we ran an ad campaign in which we said that the only difference between us and the local private schools is that we don't charge tuition". The volunteers teach all grade levels, oversee a growing ASL for Deaf Students program and run the majority of the after school programs. They also volunteer at the local Children's Library as reading tutors, the Chuuk Women's Council doing grant writing, and the nearby Akoyikoyi School doing municipal health screening.

The largest donation of the year has come from the Japanese Government Grassroots Human Services Project which recently awarded the school \$104,287 for the purchase and delivery of 2 school buses. Ms. Mihoko Sato worked closely with Mr. Jason Reiong at CHS to put together the proposal which will bring the very first set of buses to CHS. All students walk to school and many students have walks of over an hour, often through heavy rain to get to class. On February 7th, Mr. Tani, Deputy Chief of Mission for the Japanese Government in Pohnpei arrived at Chuuk High School to present the handover contract and the check. The Senior Class of 2014 from CHS sang for the Deputy Chief and other VIPs including Chuuk State Chief of Staff Wilford Robert.

Chuuk State Government has joined in supporting Chuuk High School. In late January Governor Johnson Elimo approved a CHS proposal for unallocated funds in the amount of \$295,000 for 4 more buses, renovations of the State Gym, and vocational equipment. "We deeply appreciate the Governor's support for our students and their future," said Hadik. Now the proposal moves on to the National Government and the Office of Insular Affairs for final approval.

The events of the last year at Chuuk High School prove that there is a large community of people committed to the improvement of education for the young people in Chuuk.

U.S. and Australia unite to provide fencing at Lukop Elementary School

March 20, 2014

Lukop, Madolenihmw—Lukop Elementary School had a problem—several in fact. Like many schools in Pohnpei it had become an easy target for vandalism, graffiti, break-ins, and broken windows during the hours that the school was closed. During school hours its 200 students and staff members were sometimes subjected to the dangers of unauthorized access by strangers. The community tasked Principal Wailer Olter to find a solution but there was another problem that seemed insurmountable. The school had very little money with which to work.

In the spirit of donor cooperation, the governments of the United States and Australia stepped up and solved the last problem. USDA Rural Development provided a grant of \$41,250 to the school and Australia's Agency for International Development provided \$13,750. The money was used for the installation of a fence that now surround Lukop Elementary School as well as the Lukop Community Health Center and the Early Childhood Education Center.

Lukop students now enjoy a safe and secure campus at their beloved school. Security for the school has also been upgraded as a result of the shiny new seven-foot fence, complete with multiple barbed wire strands at the top to prevent intruders from climbing over it.

"My colleagues, parents and especially students thank USDA Rural Development for your help, kindness, and support. Our school now has a much safer environment conducive for learning," said Principal Olter during the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony. "Without Rural Development's sincere, kind, help and support, this wonderful and beneficial project would not have been successfully completed."



Lukop Elementary Students excitedly show visitors their new perimeter fence enclosing the school grounds, procured with an RD CF Program Grant

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US provides \$9.7 million in compact grant assistance payments in January and February

United States Embassy, Pohnpei

In January and February, the FSM Department of Finance received Compact Grant Assistance payments from the United States Government totaling \$9.7 Million. These payments were for Compact Sector Grants and Supplementary Education Grants:

Health	\$3,888,198
Education	\$3,405,708
Infrastructure	\$1,050,051
Public Sector Capacity Building	\$ 355,947
Private Sector Development	\$ 321,622
Supplementary Education Grant	\$ 294,000
Environment	\$ 287,006
Enhanced Reporting and Accountability	\$ 190,566
Total Amount	\$9,793,098

This amount is provided to the States of the FSM as follows:

Chuuk	\$ 3,732,445
Kosrae	\$ 964,345
Pohnpei	\$ 2,941,826
Yap	\$ 2,154,482

U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs provides \$349,400 in grant assistance to combat Yap's Chikungunya Virus: In early November 2013, the Yap State Government asked OIA for assistance to combat the Chikungunya Virus which continued to spread since the earliest positive case was identified in August. Chikungunya is a mosquito-borne disease, often mistaken for Dengue Fever, due to its symptoms of high fever, headaches, nausea, joint pain, and rash. By January, when the funding proposal was officially submitted, Yap had experienced over 1,400 cases and was expecting the disease to spread to the neighboring islands with the visit by the ship. The grant funding will be used to treat patients on the main island of Yap, reduce the larval habitats of the mosquitos, and assist the neighboring islands by providing mosquito repellents and medical supplies. The efforts to reduce the larval habitats of the mosquitos are also expected to reduce the incidence of other mosquito-borne diseases in Yap in the future.

Medical waste incinerator for Kosrae

Embassy of Japan

In a ceremony held at Kosrae State Hospital on March 7, 2014, Kosrae State Hospital was presented with a medical waste incinerator and a renovated incinerator shed provided under Japan's Grassroots Human Security Projects scheme. Mr. Tsuneaki Sato, Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan was in Kosrae as the representative to officially hand over the equipment. The grant for the project amounted \$80,700 in total.

In response to Kosrae State's report of their medical wastes not being able to be disposed of properly, Japan decided to provide these materials. Improper disposal of medical wastes could have been harmful, possibly causing spread of various types of diseases such as Hepatitis and HIV/AIDS. The Hospital does have an incinerator but it can no longer operate properly due to damage.

There are high hopes from both parties that the provisions of this project will have a positive impact on the livelihoods of the people of Kosrae and on another level, further strengthen the connection between FSM and Japan.

The ceremony was witnessed by government officials including Dr. Livinson Taulung, Director of Kosrae Dept. of Health and Services, Mr. Weston Luckymis, Director of Kosrae Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure, hospital staff and members of the community.



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Pohnpei Governor hosts live press conference

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei, FSM—Pohnpei's Governor Ehsa presented another live press conference at the government complex in Peilapalap this morning. The press conference was broadcast live on State Radio V6AH.

During the conference he briefed the listeners on actions since the grounding of the Ping Da 7 on Pohnpei's reef. He announced plans for a new field trip ship for the outer islands. He presented a report on the progress on preparations for the Micro Games. He gave a report on the progress on the Strategic Development Plan and World Park saying that Pohnpei State is currently at a critical juncture in its economic development. He announced that FSM had transferred several properties to Pohnpei increasing the fixed assets of the State by \$14 million. He also gave a report of a recent visit of a team of orthopedic physicians to Pohnpei.

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Pohnpei Women celebrate International Women's Day

Pohnpei Women's Council

March 8, 2014

In yet another fabulous exhibit at the PICS track and field, this year's International Women's Day celebrations with the theme "Inspiring Change and Maintaining our Culture" showcased two weaving competitions in the category of

local basket and local mat. The Pohnpei Women's Council and invited dignitaries started off the day's celebrations with remarks from Governor John Ehsa and FSM Secretary of Health and Social Affairs Dr. Vita Skilling. It was fortunate that the guest speakers were able to attend this year's celebration as they had not been able to in previous years due to their

busy schedules. Thank you Governor Ehsa, First Lady Ehsa and Dr. Skilling for joining us in our celebration this year.

A new event for this year's celebration was the urohs (skirt) fashion show, showcasing a parade of young and not so young but vibrant models exhibiting the different patterns and designs that have started to grace the beautiful colorful Pohnpeian urohs we see these days. Although the fashion show was not a competition itself, one particular urohs stood out which caught the attention of the judges and claimed the first prize for Lien Tikpeieng. It depicted the greatly revered Pohnpeian sakau cup "ngarangar" surrounded by the beautiful and highly valued indigenous flower "pwuhr". Unfortunately, it was not for sale and the FSM Postmaster General went home lamenting over it.

Yet again, the Lihn Mwoakilloa outshined the crowd with their "salt fish" dance and their first and third prizes in the local basket and local mat categories respectively. A huge tupperware of salt fish was offered to the invited dignitaries for a taste of Mwoakilloa. Kalahngan en kamwai Lihn Mwoakilloa. Three groups

competed evenly for the 2nd prize in the local basket category, and they are Lien Pingelap, Lien Madolenihmw and Lien Nanpil. Pohnpei Ladies Club took the third prize in this category. Despite their extremely tight schedules, the nurses and doctors at the Pohnpei State Hospital did find time to weave a mat, and therefore claimed the first prize in the local mat category. Soko kumwail. However, special recognition this year goes to the new group that joined the Council a few weeks prior to March 8th. The women from Kapingamarangi, called Ahina Dau, came out to the crowd with a big bang by claiming 2nd place in the local mat category and entertaining the crowd with the only male dancer -Dimebolo-godou.

Special mention should be made that the celebration this year commemorated all the hard work undertaken by the Council last year, including the opening of the first ever family support and counseling shelter in the entire FSM. Good job Pohnpeian women, and a well deserved celebration this year. The Council extends its sincere appreciation to all our partners and sponsors for making this year's celebration a success. See you next year!



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