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Concerned about well-intentioned death from above, two FSM Governors call for cancellation of Operation Christmas Drop

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Pohnpei—On November 23 and 24, the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs forwarded to the U.S. Embassy to the FSM, two letters written by two FSM Governors requesting cancellation of the 69th Annual Operation Christmas Drop which is set to happen on December 5.

“Pohnpei State COVID-19 Task Force ha(s) carefully reviewed the health risks Involved and, with regrets, advise(s) that it is in the best interest of our people and everyone who cares for us to reconsider and hold off on this year’s Christmas Drop,” wrote Pohnpei’s Governor Reed Oliver. “The vulnerability of our outer island populations toward potential outbreak of this contagious virus, COVID-19, is a risk too high and a cost too exorbitant to leave it to chance. It is better to err on the side or caution than to risk lives under this very vulnerable circumstance.”

“...I deeply regret to inform you that I have received written requests from the Council of traditional chiefs of the Yap outer islands, formally



Loadmasters with the 36th Airlift Squadron out of Yokota Air Base, Japan, watch as the four Low-Cost, Low-Altitude humanitarian assistance bundles they just airdropped parachute down to those in need during Operation Christmas Drop 2019, at Nomwin, Federated States of Micronesia, Dec. 13, 2019. During 2020, Airmen will take strict measures to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. Participating Airmen will wear a mask, wash their hands and practice social distancing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matthew Gilmore)

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Kingdoms of U and Madolenihmw join in celebration of Thanksgiving and a welcome of the Christmas season

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U, Pohnpei—On Saturday, the kings of U and Madolenihmw joined together at the home of Iso Nahnken Ihlen Joseph in U for an unprecedented local styled celebration of Thanksgiving and to welcome the new Christmas season with good will and spirit.

It was the first time for Wasa Lapalap Isipahu Herbert Hebel, Nanmwahrki of Madolenihmw, to visit U and to meet with Wasa Lapaplap Sahngoro Pedro Moses, Nanmwahrki of U.

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Pohnpei Legislature expected to issue resolution objecting to December 5 repatriation flight

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Pohnpei—Members of the Pohnpei State Legislature met with President David Panuelo on the morning of Friday, November 27 asking him to call off the small repatriation flight from Guam scheduled for December 5. According to Senator Shelten Neth, the Legislature’s Chair of the committee that handles health and social affairs, the President would not agree to call off the flight.

Neth says that the Speaker is calling for a special session during which it is anticipated that the Pohnpei State Legislature will pass a resolution registering its official opposition to the repatriation flight.

At this date, the repatriation flight is still at this moment tentative according to a Presidential press release. According to that release, the 41 people who are scheduled to be on that flight, which includes diplomats attached to an Embassy in the FSM, stranded medical referees, and students, each had to present a negative COVID-19 test before they could enter the official FSM quarantine site in Guam. Access to that site has been restricted and “there are multiple more COVID-19 tests during the pre-quarantine process”.

“Upon arrival in the FSM,” the President continued, “all repatriating persons will

be tested for COVID-19, electronically cleared through Immigration and Customs with no physical contact, and immediately escorted to the designated quarantine facility, which carries a minimum 14-day experience. All repatriating persons and onsite medical staff, who will live in the quarantine site for the duration of the repatriation, will be tested for COVID-19 multiple times. National and State law enforcement will ensure the quarantine site is secure and that access and visitation are prohibited. Every single repatriating person will undergo the same COVID-19 testing and security protection regime.”

While the Pohnpei State Legislature may register its objections, the President’s press release makes it clear that “only the FSM COVID-19 Task Force can make decisions on the repatriation process with guidance given to them by the 21st FSM Congress through Congressional Resolutions extending the Declaration of Public Health Emergency. Decisions being made for repatriation efforts are collectively developed in the FSM COVID-19 Task Force, in close consultation with the State Task Forces; no single individual, to include elected and appointed officials, can, or does, unilaterally make repatriation decisions on a case-by-case basis,” it said.

“I have demanded an airtight repatriation regime, and that is precisely what we’re doing,” His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the FSM, said in a statement.

“Ever since our border closed in March, our citizenry ha(s) been split into two distinct groups: those who wish to maintain the border closure until the Pandemic is no longer a threat, and those who wish to reunite with loved ones stranded abroad. As your President, I am obligated to protect and secure our Nation’s borders and to keep you safe from external threats. We remain COVID-19 free, and we are implementing an airtight process to keep the COVID-19 virus out. I will not allow community transmission of the virus in our country. That said, I am not only the President to those of us here at home, but also to our brothers and sisters abroad. I am responsible for all of you, and I am committed to ensuring our citizens return safely home while our Nation’s citizens in the FSM remain safe from the virus,” the press release said.

Some of the arriving diplomats who live inside gated communities will be allowed to home quarantine but that process also will be monitored.

The President’s press release included

contact information for FSM citizens and residents stranded abroad wishing to repatriate to the FSM. The Manager for Environmental Health & Preparedness can be reached at mpretrick@fsmhealth.fm or at +691-320-8300. The Public Information Officer/Press Secretary can be contacted at richard.clark@gov.fm or at +691-320-2548. Citizens may also send a direct message to the Office of the President’s Division of Public Information on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/piofsm/>

“I’ve asked our Task Force to keep me updated on the development of vaccines, and there are positive developments on a vaccine that will be available soon in the months to come. Our Nation has reserved adequate funds, in the millions of dollars, that we can purchase an effective vaccine to cover 100% of our population, beginning with frontline workers and vulnerable members of our society. Until every person is vaccinated, our border must remain closed—but we remain committed to bringing our stranded citizens home safely,” the President’s press release concluded.



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It turned out to be a fine day for fishing and everyone had a lot of fun. The fish are starting to bite again.

We had 16 boats register and everyone went out and came back safely.

NFC put up cash prizes and everyone competed heavily for the prizes.

Welber David was the big winner with the \$300.00 top prize, for a 69 pound yellow fin.

There was also another big yellow fin for second place.

That about did it for the yellow fin though. Your honorable secretary tied for the biggest yellow fin prize, after the top two yellow fins had already won a better prize. Let me just say the big yellow fin prize was simply for an outstanding catch.

All of the other prizes and winners are listed here:



BIG FISH CATEGORIES

BOAT NAME	CAPTAIN	ANGLER	SPECIES	LBS #	AWARD #	AWARD
POAWOAHWOAH	WILBUR DAVID	WILBUR DAVID	YELLOWFIN	69	1ST PRIZE	300.00
POAWOAHWOAH	WILBUR DAVID	GILLION DOONE	YELLOWFIN	60	2ND PRIZE	175.00
JOHN MARINGTON	DONALD DAVID	MARCIA DAVID	WAHOO	19.5	3RD PRIZE	125.00

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SPECIES PRIZES

BOAT NAME	CAPTAIN	ANGLER	SPECIES	LBS #	AWARD #	AWARD
HAPPY TUNA	AARON NIGHSWANDER	STEVE FINNEN	YELLOWFIN	6.5	TIE	50.00
FIRST LADY	PRESIDENT DAVID PANUELO	PATRICIA EDWIN	YELLOWFIN	6.5		50.00
HAPPY HOOKER	KUMER PANUELO	TROY SHONIBER	WAHOO	18	1ST PRIZE	100.00
MS. MOLLIE	GUS KOHLER	GUS KOHLER	BARRACUDA	13	1ST PRIZE	100.00
JOHN MARINGTON	DONALD DAVID	KOJAK SIENES	MAHI MAHI	14.5	1ST PRIZE	100.00
MS. PIKENIAP	ANKY MENDIOLA	LESLEY MENDIOLA	SKIPJACK	9	1ST PRIZE	100.00

LADY ANGLER

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BOAT NAME	CAPTAIN	ANGLER	SPECIES	LBS #	AWARD #	AWARD
HARD LIFE	SAIMON MIX	RESIHNA MIX	GT	14.5	1ST PRIZE	100.00

JUNIOR ANGLER

JUNIOR

BOAT NAME	CAPTAIN	ANGLER	SPECIES	LBS #	AWARD #	AWARD
HAPPY TUNA	AARON NIGHSWANDER	DANE NIGHSWANDER	WAHOO	10	TIE	50.00
POAWOAHWOAH	WILBUR DAVID	DEARMER DOONE	WAHOO	10		50.00

No one caught the big marlin for the marlin jackpot. That jackpot is still going up.

The weigh in was a lot of fun, and the club supported the Pohnpei Public Library selling hot dogs.

Thanks to all the helpers, Bill, Virginia, Cel, Uta, the boom truck guys and everyone on the dock. We can't do it without you. We also want to thank Mangrove Bay for hosting us, and a big thanks to NFC.

A special moment was a tribute to Peter Sitan who suffered a tragic accident a few months ago. Peter, the CEO of NFC, and a former senator will be sorely missed.

Thanks again to all and congratulations to the winners. We are trying to squeeze in one more tourney this year, so we will keep you posted.

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FSM Government fires DeOrio and Oliver for “leaking” document regarding “public project”

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FSM—After having suspended Mark DeOrio and his wife Norleen Oliver without pay in mid-October, the FSM Government has now taken the step of terminating their employment. Both DeOrio and Oliver are facing criminal charges related to actions taken to attempt to block a “public project” that would pave a road through the land they occupy that leads only to Patricia Edwin’s family home.

The separate letters that National Police delivered to DeOrio and Oliver on November 18 said that they had 15 calendar days to submit a written appeal to the action. According to Oliver, the Government isn’t forthcoming with information on exactly what should be done. She said that her husband’s attempt to meet with the Department of Personnel for information on policy and other information pertaining to their employment and the process of appeal was “met with great resistance.” She said that he was told that a memo had been circulated within the National Departments that instructed employees to refrain from communicating with DeOrio and Oliver, but that the memo had been labeled “confidential”.

Indeed, according to the FSM Public Information Officer, employees have been instructed not to discuss the ongoing matter and he could not do so.

Each letter to DeOrio and to Oliver said that the Department heads were taking the termination action based on a written recommendation from the Department of Justice. The terminations were issued for:

- “Stealing of official information”;
- “Breach of Executive Privilege consisting of a communication between President and Cabinet member”;
- “Conflict of Interest”;
- “Violation of Executive Order No. 1 (2008) as amended which delineates the mandates of the several divisions of the Department of TC&I”

DeOrio is criminally accused of charges similar to those listed in the reasons for the government’s decision to terminate his employment but his case has not yet been heard. The felony charge the government filed against his wife was already thrown out by the time the government fired her. The remaining misdemeanor charge against her has nothing to do with the government’s listed reasons for firing her.

“Taking into consideration the proposed termination and the explanation you offered, the Government has decided to terminate your employment. The Government is of the view that your termination will serve the good of the public service,” said TC&I Secretary Apis’s letter of termination to DeOrio. Earlier in the letter he wrote, “I am convinced that your termination from employment is warranted and in the best interest of the public service.”

The Secretary of the Department of

Health and Human Services, Livingston Taulung’s worded the likely DOJ issued wording more tersely. “I have decided to terminate your employment effective today upon your receipt of this notice. This termination serves the good of public service.”

None of the cases filed at the FSM Supreme Court against DeOrio or Oliver have reached anything like a final disposition, and Oliver’s civil action is also still in preliminary stages.

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Pohnpei COVID-19 Task Force releases excellent video drama every Micronesians should see wherever they are

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Pohnpei—As Pohnpei has sought to remain COVID-19 free and ensure that its people are safe if it should arrive, the Pohnpei COVID-19 Task Force released many advisories and safety warnings—warnings that Peterson Sam, Commissioner of Pohnpei State Radio and member of the Task Force felt were being largely ignored. He said that Pohnpei still has risk factors even though the borders are currently closed. He felt that the Task Force should put out something more compelling; something that would show rather than tell what COULD happen to hopefully motivate viewers to begin to practice safety guidelines.

Peterson said that despite rejection of the idea from some funders and even some members of the FSM Task Force, Pohnpei Governor and Lt. Governor and the Pohnpei Task Force stood behind the idea and provided funding to create the video “Irair Wet Kak Lelehng Komwi” (This could happen to you) which the Task Force released in its final form within the last two weeks. Readers can view the video by

Googling the name.

The organizers made a strategic error when they released a trailer for the video in early October with the caption “Coming Soon”. That caption was to say that the video was coming soon but many people read it to mean that COVID-19 was coming soon. The comments on the video were overwhelmingly negative, most saying that the trailer was far too alarmist, and certainly, without the context of the story line, it was.

However, the final product, while still alarmist, carries an important and true message that is extremely well done and carries an engaging story line. All of the actors took the task seriously and many of them performed like veterans of video drama. The thirteen plus minute video devotes the last three minutes to deliver important information about the effect and spread of the novel coronavirus and how it can be contained. It does not hide the fact that the percentage of people who die from the virus is still quite low and hits those with pre-existing conditions the hardest. Yes, it is alarmist but it is a needed message.

Peterson created the basic story idea and sent

it to Landon Cook of LSC Video Production Company in Utah. Cook wrote the script and sent back story boards. Micronesia Productions recruited the actors and filmed the multiple camera angles for the engaging video. They sent all of the footage to Cook who edited it all into the final product which moves quickly and dramatically.

If all you have seen of “Irair Wet Kak Lelehng Komwi” is the video trailer, you have not seen it. The story line made this

editor cry because in fact, “this COULD happen to you”. If you haven’t seen it and have only heard the negative comments, I suggest that you give it another chance. With easy to follow English language subtitles, it is a video that I feel every Micronesians wherever they are should watch and take at least a moment to think about.

Kudos to the Pohnpei COVID-19 Task Force for carrying on despite the nay-sayers.



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recognized as the Council of Tamol, and our Yap State COVID-19 Task Force Leading Agency, Yap State Department of Health Services, to respectfully inform you to convey their regretful request to our friends at the U.S. Embassy to kindly cancel the Christmas Drop operation for this year, if it is still possible, particularly for the Yap Outer Islands," wrote Yap's Governor Henry Falan. This request is made due to the risk and fear of introducing COVID-19 into our vulnerable islands and people, since our borders are still closed, and I do hope that this special tradition will continue in the years ahead when COVID-19 is no longer a threat to our people.

Both Governors expressed deep regret for the need to cancel the airdrop which was scheduled to begin on December 5 and also for all of the work and time that has already gone into the preparation for the drops. "This annual tradition of Christmas Drop by the U.S. Air Force has been a special tradition of love and care between our two nations and it has been in practice for many decades. It is also a tradition that uplifts the Christmas spirit in the lives of people of all ages on these remote islands including children and adults over many decades during this time of year," wrote Governor Falan. Governor Oliver expressed similar feelings.

On November 25, an online publication of the Pacific Air Forces published an article entitled, "US, Japan to kick off Operation Christmas Drop despite COVID-19". The article describes the extensive safety precautions to guard against COVID-19 transmission potentially being carried

from dropped cargo on what would have been the 69th iteration of the Department of Defense's longest annual, bilateral humanitarian and disaster relief training mission.

According to Bruce Best, even if the FSM elects not to participate, the Christmas Drop will continue into its 69th year at least in Palau which has not to date expressed any desire to cancel it. "...Very sad for the outer islands," he wrote. "We even had extra tools for Kapingamarangi to help repair rain catchment." Though the atoll island of Kapingamarangi has recently received some rain it has been in the grips of a severe drought requiring outside aid for some time now.

US Charge d'Affaires Somer E. Bessire-Briers said that at least as of today, the FSM has not yet made an official request to cancel the drop entirely. She said that she had received a communication from FSM President David Panuelo that he was trying to work on a safe way to administer the drop and that she expected final word would come by Monday, our print deadline day.

Best said that the FSM had bandied about the idea of just dropping all the boxes to the State centers for the States to later transport the items to the outer islands. He said that plan doesn't take into account things like expiration dates on donated items, USDA restrictions, or the fact that the New Zealand, Australian, Japanese and other armed forces are spending money to be involved specifically to learn and to practice the low level drops that the United States Air Force does.

He said that the pilots, crew, commanders and other military personnel involved in Operation Christmas Drop are anxiously awaiting updates since they will need to deal with the details of changed logistics.

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Christmas Message 2020

Wesley W. Simina
Speaker of the 21st Congress of the
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*May the God of hope fill you with peace and joy
as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope.
Romans 15:13*

Vice Speaker Esmond B. Moses, Floor Leader Florencio “Singoro” Harper, Members of the 21st Congress, along with our families and staff join me in extending our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you, the people of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).

2020 has truly been a trying year for the world as the COVID-19 pandemic encircled the globe within months of surfacing and wreaking havoc on what we hold dear: family, community, culture, economy and stable governments.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted our shared fragility, it has also given the world a pause for self-reflection and reassessment of its priorities in the realization of how everything and everyone are truly connected in our common humanity.

The pandemic has reset our realities and ways of life forever.

It has also directly and indirectly impacted our lives, especially our citizens who live abroad. Yet those of us in the FSM have been spared much of the harsh realities of the COVID-19 world to date, and for this we shall always be grateful to our Lord.

So, as we gather across the Nation this Holiday Season with our families and friends in celebration of Christmas - that Holy Birth in Bethlehem long ago, let us also take time to take stock of and appreciate our blessings as individuals and as a Nation. As we celebrate Christmas this year, may we be reminded of its eternal message of love, compassion and hope. Let us also pray for the health and safety of our citizens abroad and our world at large.

In that spirit of love, compassion and hope we, Members of the 21st Congress along with our families and staff extend our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year to the people of the FSM and all our friends who have also made FSM their home.

Again, may the God of hope fill you with peace and joy as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope.

Be safe and have a Happy Holiday Season!

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The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia's National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Pacific Regional Oceanscape

Program, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward a local Corporate Services Consultant to be working with FSM NORMA in Pohnpei, FSM. The Consultant services include:

GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK & DELIVERABLES:

The objective of the assignment is to provide NORMA with support in its transition on reforms and restructuring under the new strategic and corporate plan with a focus on operations as a fisheries management organization. The local consultant being a resident of FSM will assist the international consultant in undertaking operational level tasks required for the establishment of the Corporate Services Division of FSM NORMA.

The Fisheries Corporate Services Consultant will report to the FSM NORMA Deputy Director and work closely with NORMA staff and other relevant NORMA consultants to collaborate on the following tasks to establish and strengthen the NORMA Corporate Services Division:

- Set up and initiate operation of the Corporate Services Division including developing/compiling an operational manual for the day-to-day operation of NORMA's new corporate model to ensure the office is adequately equipped and able to function effectively.
- Formulate and deliver Corporate Services Divisional requirements in the NORMA Strategic and Corporate Plans during its transition and initial stages of implementation.
- Establish protocol and be the point of control and coordination for important internal and external communications for NORMA including website and social media ensuring such are in the operations manual.
- Establish procedure, coordinate and quality control internal and external reporting requirements for NORMA, ensuring such are in the operations manual and in line with FSM government processes;
- Coordinate the development and implementation of a communication strategy and plan for NORMA
- Formulate templates and processes to ensure that reports and data analysis presented to NORMA management are well structured, complete and quality assured through mentoring and/or collaboration with other Divisions
- Establish admin and logistics SOPs where needed and ensure systems are in place that meetings, travel and logistics are carried out to a high standard for NORMA and ensure such are in the operations manual;
- With the FSM Personnel Department, develop NORMA HR-related SOPs and assist with initial recruitment, training and capacity development at NORMA especially as related to the corporate restructuring and reforms. Provide advice and assistance for any HR related matter at NORMA including conflict resolution.
- Develop and maintain initially an Asset and Human Resources management system for NORMA.
- Assist with development of a staff orientation package to ensure all new staff and Board members go through a formal orientation process incorporating the new corporate strategy, structure and corporate plan.
- Establish SOPs and schedule and propose how to conduct/coordinate regular audits of how the organization of NORMA functions to ensure NORMA is functioning as effectively, efficiently and focused on the new strategic plan and corporate plan.
- Establish internal budget development procedures and assist with initial implementation of such to ensure NORMA works to an approved budget according to the government budget instructions, operates its finances to the highest possible standard and according to the FSM Financial Management Regulations – and ensuring these are in the operations manual.
- Ensure the NORMA budget process is developed in alignment with FSM Government regulations, the new strategic plan and managed in collaboration with each Division at NORMA.
- Work with management and relevant Divisions on the Administrative

Penalty System to ensure payments made are accounted for and managed appropriately per accepted practice.

- In consultation with management and NORMA staff, supervise the setup of NORMA IT systems and infrastructure and address its initial development needs including providing management advice for ICT development and management
- Work with NORMA Management and Divisions to establish and implement protocols and controls of all important documents and data for NORMA including establishing policies, plans, agreements and standard operating procedures thereto. Ensure everything is secure, current, relevant and easy to find and use and also including such in manuals as appropriate.
- Review and advise on NORMA services necessary to ensure the delimitation of FSM's boundaries (maritime and seabed) and GIS capability is maintained, including initial oversight of services.

Specific Deliverables:

- The Fisheries Corporate Services Consultant is expected to work closely with advice of the existing international consultant to deliver more specifically the following:
- An operations manual, compiling all existing SOPs of the Authority and incorporating new SOPs as they are developed;
- SOPs specific to the corporate services division including on administrative, finance/budget management and logistics operations in alignment with national processes and incorporated in the operations manual;
- Update organizational structure of the Corporate Services Division with job description of all the positions therein with capacity development plan of posts in the Division;
- A NORMA-wide filing system that incorporates paper documents and electronic files of all the 4 divisions of the Authority; and
- Other duties as may be assigned to the Consultant as relate to the general scope of work.

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- b) Excellent oral and written communication skills in English; computer literacy; people management skills; attention to detail and process; highly motivated, trustworthy and dependable; supportive and accountable to effective delivery of services to client.

Additional desirable qualifications:

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Chuuk High School student wins top essay award during Australian recognition of National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee week in Pohnpei



Clockwise from lower left: 1st Place winner from Chuuk High School, Aiko Nakayama, 2nd Place winner from NMHS, Bennet L. Saimon, and 3rd place winner from OLMCHS, Kelly Keller

*By Alvie Cabanez
KPress Volunteer*

On November 13, 2020, the Australian Embassy hosted a dinner reception to cap off the week-long National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) week. It is a celebration throughout Australia and is usually held in July. However, due to the global pandemic, the celebrations were pushed back to November this year.



The NAIDOC 2020 theme, “Always Was, Always Will Be,” invites all Australians to embrace the true history of Australia—a history which dates back over 65,000 years.

Takuro Steele, Charge d’ Affaires, Australian Embassy Pohnpei welcomed the guests who enjoyed an exhibit of mask making from Torres Strait. They also enjoyed the conversations over the various foods and desserts.

The Embassy works with the National Museum of Australia to exhibit these Indigenous art works. This year, the College of Micronesia-FSM agreed to display the panels at the college’s library.

The event opened with a Sakau ceremony followed by opening remarks by Takuro Steele. It was immediately followed by a speech from Hon. Feliciano Perman, Lt. Governor of Pohnpei, who shared his impressions of this year’s NAIDOC theme and works that were being exhibited.

The celebration announced the winners of a nationwide essay contest that had been open to all high school students across the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). Students were asked to explain how they relate to the theme as Micronesians.

“2020 is the Embassy’s 5th year to celebrate NAIDOC, and this year is quite special as we decided to include an essay contest involving all the high schools in the FSM,” said Takuro Steele. “We received a large number of essays from across the country and it was a pleasure to read the many different perspectives coming from FSM’s youth.”

The winners of the contest were Aiko Nakayama- 1st place from Chuuk High School; Bennet Saimon- 2nd place from Nanpei Memorial High School; and Kelly Keller- 3rd place from Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School. Aiko received an HP laptop, Bennet received a Samsung cellular phone, and Kelly received an Alcatel tablet. One of the highlights was Nakayama reading her piece in a pre-recorded video.

The event was attended by Japanese Ambassador Sobashima Hidenobu; Chinese Ambassador Huang Zheng and wife, Zhao Yinguang; Cromwell Bacareza, Chief of UNICEF, North Pacific and wife, Dimple Bacareza; Somer Bessire-Briers, Charge d’ Affaires, US Embassy; The Hon. Kandhi Elieisar, Secretary of Foreign Affairs (representing the Office of the President); Samson Pretrick, Director of the FSM Office of Personnel; representatives of international organizations, business people, and senior officials of the FSM Government.

SDG Workshop on Early Childhood Development held on World Children’s Day

KOLONIA, Pohnpei – As part of the UN75 Focus Dialogue - FSM National Awareness Series, to mark World Children’s Day, the FSM Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Working Group in collaboration with the FSM National Department of Education and UNICEF held an Early Childhood Development Orientation and Refresher training Workshop on Friday, 14 November 2020. A total of 22 participants from across various sectors including education, health, environment, and civil society met at the UNICEF Office in Kolonia to discuss a range of topics centered around Early Childhood Development.

old in the world are not achieving their full potential, which could be because they do not receive the five elements of ‘nurturing care’ required for their age. These five elements include health, nutrition, early stimulation, learning opportunities and protection.

The workshop participants also made recommendations for a follow-on panel dialogue to be held on Monday, 30 November 2020. Please visit the UN Country Team in the FSM Facebook page for details of this and other events in the UN75 Focus Dialogue – FSM National Awareness Series.

Some of the key issues discussed include the importance of the first 1000 days of a child’s life, which is the period from conception to about two; the nurturing care that is required during this period; the compulsory age for pre-primary school; access to services for children with disabilities; improving maternity leave laws; and the importance of well coordinated child related programs across governments.



FSM National DOE ECE Coordinator Mario Abello presents SDG 4 Quality Education and outlines the importance of the first 1,000 days of a child’s life.

According to UNICEF, an estimated 43 per cent of children less than five years

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Samaritan's Purse donates two aircraft to Pacific Mission Aviation

November 27, 2020

Tamuning, GUAM- For 46 years, Pacific Mission Aviation (PMA) has provided services such as medical evacuations, sea searches, disaster relief and more, for islanders in isolated islands.

The pandemic has brought on many challenges this year with an ever-increasing demand for flight services. There was urgency and need for better and faster equipment to expand PMA's reach to adjoining states and countries in the region. In order to enhance their capabilities, they looked into grants to support the purchase of the Beechcraft King Air 200, training of pilots and mechanics, as well as spare parts.

On November 8th, the organization contacted Samaritan's Purse, who happened to have two Beechcraft King Air 200's that were already outfitted for mission work, with extra cargo carrying capabilities, strong landing gear, and many other enhancements.

Four days after the initial contact, PMA



received correspondence directly from Franklin Graham, CEO of Samaritan's Purse, asking for more details about the Mission and the need for these aircraft. Two days later after several back and forth emails, Franklin Graham called Nob Kalau, CEO of PMA, and informed him that Samaritan's Purse was going to donate these planes to PMA.

Samaritan's Purse was prepared to assist PMA as best they could to integrate seamlessly into the world of turbo-prop powered aircraft. Franklin Graham committed to preparing the planes so that when they arrived in Micronesia, they would be ready to serve. This included the training of three PMA pilots and

three mechanics, upgrading the avionics on both planes, and even exchanging components that were nearing their life limit such as one engine and two propellers.

"These aircraft are tools that PMA will utilize to extend the vision of Samaritan's Purse, which also mirrors PMA's vision in Micronesia of - Bringing Hope, Changing Lives," said Norbert Kalau, President and CEO of PMA. He went on to say that "the donation of these aircraft brings in a new era of extended service, increased safety and spreading God's love to the people of Micronesia. PMA is deeply thankful to Franklin Graham, and the generosity of Samaritan's Purse."

More than 100 people benefit from free Health Screening on World Diabetes Day

KOLONIA, Pohnpei -- On Saturday, November 14, 2020, to mark World Diabetes Day, healthcare workers from the Pohnpei Community Health Center and Pohnpei State Division of Public Health conducted free community health screenings for people in Pohnpei State. The event, which was organized by the FSM Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) Program and the UN Country Team in the FSM, was part of an ongoing UN Focus Dialogue National Awareness Series to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of establishing the United Nations.

A total of 106 people benefitted from the services, which included free blood pressure checks, blood sugar examination, cholesterol tests, dental screening, eye clinic and chiropractic assistance. The beneficiaries also received information and education materials intended to keep enforcing the key messages on diabetes and other non-communicable diseases.

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As required by FSM law, the Bank wishes to inform these customers that accounts will be closed and the funds transferred to the FSM Secretary of Finance in January 2021. If your account appears on this list, you can avoid having your funds turned over to the Secretary of Finance by making a deposit or withdrawal to the account before December 31, 2020.

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In fwal nuke pusren Masap lun FSM, Bank FSM inge akkalemye nusin Customers nukewa ,ma e akkalemyeyuk lung inge la account lowos ma akkalemyeyuk inge e tufwa kauli a money ka an ac tuhfeh itukyan nusin Secretary lun Finance ke FSM National Government ke January 2021. In oralla account se lom an tia putatyan nuke oakwuk ku oiya se inge, kom enenu in tuku nu Bank FSM oralla sie deposit ku withdrawal nuke account san meet liki December 31, 2020.

Chuukese:
Sia awora ei esinesin ngeni ami kei aramas, mwicheichen aramas, ika sopai mi affat itemi assan pun faan pungun annukun FSM, masowan ami kei accounts epuene lo ngeni ach ewe FSM Finance lon January 2021, ika pwe ese wor mwokutukutun uttut (withdrawal) ika isonanong (deposit) lon me mwen December 31, 2020 Ach anean pwe kopwe chuuto rech ach sipue annisfengen won om kei account.

Yapese:
Tan e Motochiyal nu FSM, Bank e badag ni nge yog ko pi customer rok ney ni rayan I January 2021, maran close nag e pi account ney, man pii e salpiy riy ko FSM Secretary ko Finance. Fa'an ra be mug e account rom ko re list ney, ma rayog ni dabni pii e salpiy rom ko Secretary ko Finance faanra ngamub mu deposit fa mub mu withdraw nag e salpiy ko account rom u m'on ko December 31, 2020.

Pohnpeian:
E kosonndier sang ni ruwes en kosonned en FSM me FSM Bank udahn pahn pakairkiheng aramas oh pwihn en aramas me sansalehr powe, me epwelpen amwail tungol de sapwellimomwail nekinek nan Bank en FSM pahn katoktokidi nan sounpwong en January pahr 2021. Mwoni koaros me patpato nan nekinek pwukat pahn kesepwillang FSM Secretary en Finance. Ma mwaromwi iang sansal powe ah komwi kak pwaredo de ketido oh kapidohi de kasauwada omwi tungol de sapwellimomwi nekinek sang nan FSM Bank mwohn December 31, 2020 ma komw sohte kupwuriki omwi tungol de sapwellimomwi nekinek en kepideklang FSM Secretary en Finance.

Japanese private foundation supports Kapingamarangi drought recovery

Embassy of Japan

In the wake of the severe drought which hit Kapingamarangi Atoll, the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation, or APIC, decided to donate 20,000 US Dollars for the purpose of purchasing 8 units of 1,000 gallon water tank in Pohnpei Island and shipping them to Kapingamarangi Atoll.

APIC is a private foundation based in Tokyo, whose aim is to strengthen relations between Japan and nations in the Pacific and the Caribbean.

For the Federated States of Micronesia, APIC has implemented various development projects in the FSM as well as invitation and scholarship programs in Japan for both the leaders and the youth of the FSM. The assistance by APIC to Kapingamarangi was decided upon the request from the Micronesian Conservation Trust (MCT) for the cooperation. Earlier this year APIC already donated through MCT also 20,000 US Dollars to Weno, Chuuk State, which had been severely affected by a drought, for the installation of 10 units of water tanks.

The handover ceremony for

Kapingamarangi was held on Tuesday 17 November 2020. The Hanover Ceremony for Kapingamarangi Drought Recovery and Support for Conservation Equipment held at the Pohnpei State Government building from 4 pm for about 30 minutes, was attended by Pohnpei State Governor Reed Oliver, Lt. Governor Feliciano Perman, State Senator Casinda Ludwig from Kapingamarangi, MCT Executive Director William Kostka, and Japanese Ambassador Sobashima Hidenobu, among about 40 participants.

Mr. Kostka explained how this assistance had become possible, and about APIC.

Ambassador Sobashima, having referred to the cooperation to the FSM both from the Government and private organizations of Japan, including APIC, introduced the message from Ambassador Peter Sato, President of APIC as follows: "We are pleased to work with the Micronesia Conservation Trust to help alleviate suffering caused by the droughts on Kapingamarangi and on Weno. The 18 water tanks purchased and installed at the strategic locations will reduce the likelihood that the next drought will cause so much suffering."

Ambassador Sobashima concluded that

he hoped that the water tank placement would proceed smoothly, and the water tanks donated by APIC would develop to become another symbol of friendship

between Japan and the FSM.

Governor Oliver appreciated and thanked the cooperation from Japan.

Digital Atlas of Micronesia advances FSM data beyond Guam, Hawaii

University of Guam

With the culmination of a five-year effort to gather a breadth of geospatial data and display it on an interactive digital atlas, the four main islands of the Federated States of Micronesia are now more easily researched than any other island in the Pacific, including Hawaii, Guam, and Fiji.

The Digital Atlas of Micronesia launched on Nov. 1 and is a free and available resource for anyone to use at <https://islandatlas.org>. It currently covers Yap proper, Chuuk Lagoon, Pohnpei, and Kosrae.

The atlas is a collaborative project among Island Research & Education Initiative, or iREi, a nonprofit organization located in Pohnpei; the FSM Department of Environment, Climate Change, and Emergency Management; and the Water and Environmental Research Institute at the University of Guam and was funded by the U.S. Geological Survey and the FSM National Government.

"We have gone way above and beyond the initial vision, and we now have, by far, the most comprehensive and versatile 'national' geospatial data repository anywhere in the Pacific Islands," said Danko Taboroši, chief editor of the atlas and director of Island Research & Education Initiative. "iREi and WERI created our first digital atlas for Guam in 2009. What we did for the FSM benefited from that experience and loads of new data and improved technologies over the past 10 years."

Fishermen wanting to know the boundaries of marine preserves, tourists interested in seeing historical and cultural sites, a contractor needing to bury new utility lines, a student needing demographics for a particular set of villages for a project, a diver looking for shipwreck sites, or a biologist wanting to find areas with specific vegetation — it's all searchable on the digital atlas. Users can customize a map for their purposes and then export or print it.

"There's a lot of information contained in this atlas that — if you just have it in text or table form, it's really hard to comprehend, but if you look at these maps and graphics, they really tell a story," said Maria Kottermair, a UOG WERI alumna and geographic information specialist who

is co-editor of the atlas. "We discovered and digitized old, hard-to-find maps, information from the population census ... we even located and digitized maps from a number of historical documents and master's and Ph.D. theses and produced a range of layers representing cultural and historical heritage of the FSM."

The digital atlas features nearly 500 pre-designed static maps, which can be found in the "Gallery," as well as interactive maps for each island with 400 layers that can be toggled on and off. The optional map layers include:

- cultural sites
- conservation areas
- infrastructure, including quarries, wells and water lines, and building footprints
- population demographics
- vegetation cover
- rainfall and waterflow
- reef information
- land characteristics, including elevation, slope degree, soil types, and geology.

"To document this much vetted information in one place — especially for a remote area like Micronesia — is a major feat," said John W. Jenson, director of the Water and Environmental Research Institute at UOG, which helped secure the core funding and provided oversight of the project. "This atlas is an efficient and accessible source of scientifically informed data, and that's the kind of project WERI is always proud to support."

The atlas can be used for a variety of purposes, including sustainable development, effective management of natural resources and infrastructure, emergency response, research, as an education and teaching tool, for general public awareness, and for business as well. It is designed to be user-friendly and intuitive.

"It's a living project, and we intend to keep updating it as new data become available," Kottermair said. "I encourage everyone to just go to the atlas and explore."

The team will work next on including the outer islands of the FSM in the atlas and to rebuild Guam's digital atlas at hydroguam.net, which Kottermair said has been a popular resource but has become outdated.

...World Diabetes Day

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Elizabeth, one of the beneficiaries of the free screening said, "I've been wanting to see an eye doctor for over 6 months and when I heard that this screening would happen, I prioritized coming here today."

In his brief remarks, the NCD Program Manager for FSM Mr. X-ner Luther underscored the need for routine health screening by people as it is an important entry point for case management and care. "There is an ongoing effort to bring the concept of 'public' back into 'public health'. It is not just about services but rather ensuring that we as a community are aware of what we can collectively do to deter the increasing trend of diabetes and other non-communicable diseases," said Mr. Luther.

World Diabetes Day (WDD) was founded in 1991 by the International Diabetes Federation and the World Health Organization in response to growing concerns about the increasing health threat posed by diabetes. It is also the world's biggest diabetes awareness campaign that requires countries, particularly those with high disease burdens, to draw attention to issues of critical importance

to the diabetes community while keeping diabetes firmly in the spotlight. The theme for World Diabetes Day 2020, The Nurse and Diabetes, was selected to further raise awareness on the crucial role that nurses play in supporting people living with diabetes or those at risk of developing the condition.

In the FSM, though the estimated number of diabetic patients based on prevalence (25 years old and above) is about 14,762, only 3,918 people representing nearly 27% are currently registered and receiving regular care. The National NCD Program is concerned about this phenomenon and therefore actively sensitizing the public to undergo voluntary periodic screening so they can manage their own health conditions including receiving the right available care.

The organizers of the event, while acknowledging the immense contributions of all volunteers and supporters, have undertaken to make free health screening a part of all future World Diabetes Day celebrations in the FSM.

Please visit the UN Country Team in the FSM Facebook page for details of the next community screening and other events in the UN75 Focus Dialogue – FSM National Awareness Series.

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