

# Pohnpei Department of Education celebrates Education Day including students this year

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**Pohnpei**—With the theme “Recognizing and Celebrating Learning Achievements”, the Pohnpei Department of Education celebrated Education Day at the COM-FSM China Friendship Gym in Palikir. Unlike previous events which most often involved only the educators themselves, this year’s event included students from all over Pohnpei and recognized their achievements along with those of the educators who helped them to achieve.

It was a very long event, but those who were in attendance and able to stay to the end seemed never to be bored, especially given the large number of awards and special performances by teachers and students.



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# Pohnpei files criminal charges against former Governor John Ehsa

## Extradition proceedings likely to begin soon

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**Pohnpei**—Today Pohnpei State filed an eight count criminal information against former Governor John Ehsa centered on allegations that on October 8, 2014 he approved a travel authorization for himself in the amount of \$13,000 to travel from Pohnpei to Pohnpei. The stated use was for representation funds.

The report that was forwarded to the Attorney General’s office by the Compliance Investigation Unit (CIU) of the Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor found that “the

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# Johnny says documents provided at "Sea Cucumber hearing" do not prove meetings of traditional leaders

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**Pohnpei**—Assistant Attorney General Judah Johnny said this morning that he didn't feel that the plaintiffs in the Sea Cucumber case had proved their contention that the Mwoalen Wahu en Pohnpei exists during the hearing that took place in January.

Partially based on an April 2016 letter to Governor Peterson from the Nahmwarki of Sokehs Herculano Kohler saying that the Mwoalen Wahu en Pohnpei had disbanded, the defendants in the case filed a motion to dismiss claiming that the plaintiffs in the case did not exist.

Our eyewitness sources for the story we wrote on the January hearing on the matter said that Billston Charley, Liaison Officer to the Mwoalen Wahu supplied minutes for five meetings of the council of traditional leaders. That did not in fact happen. They also said that Charley had testified that the minutes of the meetings were also supplied to the Office of the Attorney General. Our sources also were incorrect on that statement. No such testimony was ever given and Johnny says that the AG's office has never received minutes of the meetings.

Plaintiffs did in fact subpoena those minutes but did not produce them during the hearing. Johnny speculated about what might be in those minutes that would cause the plaintiffs not to produce them during the hearing. He didn't move for the production of those records before the matter went to the court for a ruling.

Johnny says that the plaintiffs actually only supplied transmittal documents for stipends given to members of the Mwoalen Wahu

and a couple of agendas, but no minutes. He said that he challenged the validity of the documents that were presented because three of them were not signed by the Governor or his representative as he says that are required to be. Further, he says that the transmittal documents don't actually prove that meetings were ever held. He said that is not uncommon for members of the Mwoalen Wahu to show up for meetings that never take place due to lack of attendance or other reasons. Quite often in those cases, members collect their stipend just for showing up even though a meeting never took place.

As we understand it, Johnny said that while on the stand Mr. Kohler explained that while the Mwoalen Wahu will always exist by tradition, the Mwoalen Wahu en Pohnpei is a modern construct that ceased to exist under that name before the letter he wrote to the Governor in April which preceded the date of the filing of the law suit.

Hinting that there might be some grounds for appeal should the court decide against the defendants' motion to dismiss but not saying so, he said that during his questioning of Mr. Kohler, the presiding Justice required him to reframe his questioning in a way that was different from what he intended. He also said that some of the testimony was conducted in the Pohnpeian language which was translated to English by a court representative. At one point the translator could not translate what Johnny called an important piece of testimony which the court accepted without translation. This morning he said he couldn't remember what that point was but that he has asked for a transcript of the hearing.

At press time, the Court had not ruled on the Defendants' motion.

# Small paving project in Kolonia Town a precursor to repaved roads Mayor says

By **Bill Jaynes**  
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February 8, 2017

**Kolonia, Pohnpei**—It might seem strange for Kolonia Town to have paved what amounts to about a three block stretch of road in front of and alongside Joy Hotel and Restaurant but Kolonia Town Mayor Jose San Nicolas says that it is a pilot project. The project also served as a training ground to teach employees how to use the new equipment purchased by San Nicolas' construction company, VCS Construction and an innovative asphalt paving product called "Liquid Road Ultra Blend" made by "SealMaster".



John Moody, Vice President of the independently owned franchise Seal Master, Hawaii said that his company has been working with Pohnpei for a year and a half. "I told them that if they buy the product I would be here to provide training and support, and that it works," he said.

"Liquid Road Ultra Blend" was applied during the pilot. It is an asphalt water based sealcoat, hot blended latex, fiber reinforced and with four pounds of sand per gallon. No heat is involved in the application and it needs no heavy rolling machines to make it smooth. As water evaporates from the road surface, it smooths out. Two applications are required.

It goes down very fast. The first coat on a block long section of road took one and a half hours.

Moody showed us a cell phone photo of a patch made over a year ago in Kolonia

using a SealMaster cold applied product that appears to be holding up very well.

"We have been in business for over 120 years in Hawaii. We have been doing SealMaster since 2003, and we just received the Franchise of the Year award for 2016," Moody wrote in an email.

Mayor San Nicolas said that during the next year, Kolonia hopes to repave all of the roads in Kolonia Town and also to put in a sidewalk from the Botanical Gardens through to the "Tuna Commission" building.

Kolonia Town doesn't have the money to do the two projects. FSM Senator Ferny Perman who represents Election District #1 in Pohnpei which includes Kolonia Town says that the money to pay for the project will come from a special projects allocation from FSM National Government. He estimates that the cost will be more than \$300,000 for both projects.

Perman said that although the pilot project was conducted using SealMaster products, he has also been looking for a potential alternative resource for comparison.

VCS does not have the project locked down, though they now have the equipment. The projects will be open for competitive bidding.



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## Terms of Reference Consultant (FSM National Government ICT Network Roll-out Plan)



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### A. Background

The Office of the President issued a memorandum in May 2008 appointing an Information Technology (IT) Committee to investigate how best the FSM National Government Palikir Complex can reduce cost of its Internet Connectivity and further initiate the process of planning and implementation of a more consolidated infrastructure that will provide a centralized intra-government communication network system utilizing the right technology that will allow a more efficient and secure government broadband network.

Consequently, the IT Committee was established and organized consisting of IT Managers from all Departments and Offices including Congress and Judiciary. The committee is Chair by the Assistant Secretary for Division of Communication, since the Department of Transportation, Communications & Infrastructure is lead agency for the task.

#### The Committee have achieved following milestones:

1. Connect all buildings at the Palikir Complex via fiber optic cable.
2. Consolidate a centralize Internet single connection (pipe) and negotiated/ executed Internet Contract with FSM Telecom for a unified single payment account eliminating all fragmented (ADSL/Dial Ups/Wi-Fi) connections and accounts.
3. Acquired from FSM Telecom the gov dot fm domain and the capability to register third level domain for government services.
4. Begun work of building a centralize web portal (www.gov.fm) to house links pointing to all government departments, offices and agencies' websites. The work includes building websites for departments, offices and agencies that do not have one.
5. Acquired Congress funding to hire Consultant for development of FSM National Government ICT Network Roll-Out Plan. This is to establish office or unit responsible for administration and management of the ICT network.

### B. RATIONALE AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

#### Overall Objective:

The objective of this consultancy is to develop a Plan (1 set document) to establish an ICT Office or Unit responsible for the administration and management of the FSM National Government ICT Network to enable government the full benefit of broadband technologies for transparency and good governance.

#### Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to align with the long term strategic goal in the 2012 FSM National ICT and Telecommunications Policy

(<http://www.ict.fm/documents/communications/policy/ict-policy2012.pdf>):

- ICT for good governance, transparency and accountability
- Development of an e-government strategy to improve government delivery of public services
- Develop policies for the procurement of technology efficient network equipment to support transmission of voice, data, and video for e-Government applications.

While the ultimate goal is to promote transparency and accountability thru ICT by developing and implementing an e-Government strategic policy plan, the thinking toward achieving this end (long term) is to harmonize given milestones with the long term plan

accounting records.

The counts filed by the State against the former Governor are: Cheating; Embezzlement; Grand Larceny; theft by failure to make required disposition of funds received; forgery; concealment, removal or alteration of records or proceeds; misconduct in public office; and, compounding a crime.

The CIU report said that Ehsa also advanced \$8,000 for a trip to Korea of which only \$4,065 was receipted. It claimed that the remaining balance is still outstanding. The statute of limitations for those allegedly outstanding funds has expired so were not included in the criminal information filed by

bearing in mind the availability of fund.

### C. Scope of Work (General)

The Consultant will report to the Assistant Secretary for Communication, Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure.

Generally, the Consultant will work closely with designated IT personnel or staff from each government department/office or agency in the preparation and development of the Plan and related work that will include:

- Prepare a summary work plan for undertaking the project
- Conduct Assessment and Evaluation Report of present situation of ICT infrastructure
- Develop FSM National Government ICT Network Roll-Out Plan
- Provide technical and expert support on retainer basis after the roll-out plan is implemented

### D. Duration and Location

The Consultant is expected to complete work in 12 months. Work can be done remotely but requires a preliminary visit to Palikir, Pohnpei at beginning of work and a follow-up visit upon completion.

### E. Deliverables

1 Set Completed FSM National Government ICT Network Roll-Out Plan that must contain following elements:

1. Develop Organizational Structure of Office or Unit that will Administer and Manage the FSM National ICT Network:
  - a. Create Organizational Structure of the Office or Unit
  - b. Develop Position Classification/Descriptions
2. Develop A Budget Plan
3. The Consultant will further provide expert advice and assistance in the implementation of the plan to ensure its successfully operational.

### F. The Candidate(s)

Candidate must have degree in computer science (MBA) or Information Communication Technology. Prefer at least 5 years' experience in IT management.

Desirable Work Experience in:

- ICT Strategic Planning
- Software Development Management
- Chief Information Officer Position
- Internet Network Planning

### G. Administrative Matters

Once the plan has been, reviewed, evaluated and accepted by the Assistant Secretary for Communication and IT Committee, the document will be submitted to the Secretary of Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure for approval and further transmitted for adoption and endorsement by the Government.

the Office of the Pohnpei State Attorney General early this week.

## ...Ehsa

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travel authorization was not valid, and therefore, the advance of representation fund money was inappropriate." The report also indicated that John Ehsa has not filed a travel voucher or other accounting for use of the funds.

The Pohnpei State Department of Treasury and Administration confirmed in writing to the Office of the Attorney General that the amount of \$13,000 remains outstanding and had not been receipted and liquidated on its

Ehsa is not on island. In March of 2015, the FSM government charged him with Criminal Deprivation of Civil rights, Obstruction of Justice, and Criminal Contempt. His passport was confiscated but returned to him by the FSM Supreme Court so that he could go to the Philippines for a medical referral. But he did not go to the Philippines. Officials believe that he is in the US mainland. Both FSM and Pohnpei State officials said that they will soon begin the process of extradition from the United States so that he can stand trial.



## ...Education Day

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Representatives of the School Districts raised their various flags and students of Madolenihmw High School sang the state anthem. Vicar Father Ken Ormolug gave the opening prayer beginning with the reading of prayer of a young student who asked God to bless his teacher who had given him so much.

Board of Education Chair Alice Bridge Ehmes presented her welcoming remarks followed by the special remarks of Governor Marcelo K. Peterson.

The Early Childhood Education students of Nett Elementary, dressed traditionally gave an excellent special presentation during which students gave speeches and sang songs both in Pohnpeian and in English.

DOE Director Churchill Edward gave a speech in Pohnpeian on the current state of education.

When his speech was concluded the award committee began to present over 200 awards to teachers and students from both public and private schools. Though each of the achievements is notable, the list of awards and commendable awardees spanned nearly

six pages. It is not possible for us to list them all here.

Pohnpei's Teachers of the Year were awarded the top cash awards for their efforts. As second runner up, Mayleen Wichep of Kolonia Elementary school was given \$150. Closariner Ifamilik of Seinwar Elementary School was the first runner up and was awarded \$250 dollars. Dean Anthony Likor of Nett Elementary School was this year's Teacher of the Year and was awarded \$500 in addition to the honor.

Along with 34 of their colleagues from Elementary Schools throughout the State, each of the Teachers of the Year received an additional \$100 each for being selected as Elementary School Teachers of the year.

The Principals of the Year received \$300 each. They were Peter Ramirez for Elementary, Anson Abraham for Elementary (1st), and Centry Paul for Secondary. Elise Ioanis was awarded \$100 for ECE Supervisor of the year.

Six teachers were awarded \$100 each for being selected as Teachers of the Year in Secondary Education. Six teachers from private schools also received \$100 each for Teacher of the Year.

Seniors in both primary and secondary education were given \$50 each for their high grade point averages. Eight students



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from 8th grade had straight 4.0 grade point averages which DOE labeled as ELITE. 18 8th Grade students had 4.0 cumulative grade point averages. 18 12th graders also received \$50 each for their 4.0 cumulative grade point averages.

An astounding 73 8th graders received \$25 each for perfect attendance. Only one achieved that goal in high school.

Six teachers received \$50 each for having been selected as CRT (Certified Resource Teacher) of the year. Six Early Childhood Education teachers received the same cash award.

Banners and bragging rights were awarded to the top schools of the year. Awak was the Elementary School of the year. Nanpei Memorial High School was the secondary school of the year. Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School was the private school of the year and Nett ECE was the Early Childhood Education center of the year.

Perhaps just as coveted was the banner for most improved schools of the year. Wapar Elementary School received the banner

for that accomplishment for elementary education. Nanpei Memorial High School also took the banner for the accomplishment in secondary education along with the top school of the year in secondary education. Wapar took the banner for ECE and Seventh Day Adventist School took it for private schools.

Prizes were also awarded for Specialist of the Year, Coordinator of the Year, Bus Driver of the Year, Cook of the Year, Librarian, PTA, and Office Staff of the Year and High Education Achievement Awards.

Lolihna Ladore was recognized as the longest serving teacher and Lolihmer Helgenberger was recognized as the longest serving DOE employee.

Merlens Amor was the Librarian of the Year. Carolyn Fredrick was the Counselor of the Year, and Youper Rex was the WDST Instructor of the Year.

*(Editor's Note: Name spellings and award presentations are as provided by the Department of Education.)*



## REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



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 for a Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) Officer based in Pohnpei, FSM.

### General Scope of Work.

- Coordinate Catch Documentation Scheme in the FSM, including but not limited to catch certification, mass balance reconciliation and traceability, monitoring of tuna transshipment and related port activities.
- Coordinate with industry agents on status of catch documentation for certification purposes and ensuring documents are in an acceptable filing system and transactions recorded in spreadsheet/database.
- Assist with the development and implementation of CDS policy and standard recommendations and a Competent Authority (CA) addressing Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing.
- Assist with further development of the relevant software systems to meet FSM NORMA's CDS needs
- Establish and implement operating procedures for management of CA-IUU and CDS in the FSM
- Attend and assist with ongoing trainings and workshops related to CDS in the FSM
- Provide relevant MCS support needed to ensure compliance
- Collaborate and coordinate with National Food Safety Program on CA implementation

### Minimum Qualifications and Short-listing Criteria

- Bachelors degree from a recognized institution in Marine Science, Fisheries Management, Economics, Project Management, Public Administration, International Relations or other relevant degree
- Minimum of four (4) years relevant experience
- Competency in the use of typical computer applications, particularly

MS Office, Excel and databases

- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Experience in project management
- Available to work outside conventional office hours

### Additional Desirable Qualifications

- Familiarity with seaport activities
- Highly dependable and motivated self starter who can work with minimal supervision
- Strong leadership and problem-solving skills with personal integrity and professionalism
- Ability to learn quickly, organized and detail-oriented
- Team oriented with excellent interpersonal skills

### Remuneration

- Salary will be based on the Local Labor Market Payscale and/or depending on qualifications.
- This will be a 2-year full-time position under contract with FSM NORMA subject to renewal based on performance.

### Application

Submit electronic and/or hard copies of the following by: FEBRUARY 28, 2017

- a) Letter of Interest;
- b) CV or resumé;
- c) Copy of relevant Degrees/Certificates; and
- d) three (3) reference letters to NORMA

Selection will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition).

Full Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from: NORMA, FSM National Government. Attn: Okean Ehmes, PROP Coordinator, P.O. Box PS-122, Pohnpei, FM 96941, Office Telephone: 691-320-2700/5181 Email okean.ehmes@norma.fm. Copy to moria.joseph@norma.fm.



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**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**  
FSMTC VA. NO. 01-17



**DATE:** January 04, 2017  
**POSITION TITLE:** President/Chief Executive Officer  
**LOCATION:** FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC) Headquarter, Kolonia, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.  
**COMPENSATION:**  
 • Salary: Depending on Qualification  
 • Use of Assigned Company Vehicle  
 • Medical and Life Insurance  
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 • Entitled to FSM Social Security retirement system, vacation leave, FSMTC Retirement Plan, Internet and other services at no charge as stipulated in the Company policies.

**SUPERVISOR**  
 Reports to: FSMTC Board of Directors  
**JOB SUMMARY:**  
 Under the general direction of the FSMTC Board of Directors, the essential functions of the job of President/CEO are to lead, plan, coordinate, research, analyze, and implement development strategies with primary aims to improve and expand the productivity of the Corporation, within the context of its mandate to provide telecommunication connectivity for the people of the Federated States of Micronesia.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Oversee all operations and business activities to ensure they produce the desired results and are consistent with the overall strategy and mission.
- Lead the Corporation in setting strategy and direction, modeling and setting the Corporation's culture, values, and behavior.
- Motivate subordinates to advance employee engagement and develop a high performing team.
- Review financial and non-financial reports to devise solutions for improvements
- Analyze problematic situations and provide solutions to ensure the Corporation's survival and growth.
- Maintain a deep knowledge of the market, industry and customer community.
- Formulate policies and planning recommendations to the Board; decides or guides courses of action in operation by staff.
- Responsible for the coordination of Board's meetings and formulation of materials needed for Board meetings. Advises the Board.
- Ensures staff and Board have sufficient and up-to-date information. Interfaces between Board and employees and between the Corporation and community.
- Looks to future for change opportunities. Responsible for the implementation of strategic goals and objectives of the Corporation.

- Recommends yearly budget for Board approval and manages Corporation's resources within those budget guidelines according to current laws and regulations.
- Assures the Corporation and its mission, programs, products and services are consistently presented in strong positive image in the communities it serves.
- Performs other related duties as assigned by the Board of Directors.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

- Knowledge of the country and company policies, procedures, and guidelines.
- Knowledge of the businesses and the telecommunications industry.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills.
- Ability to communicate effectively using verbal and written skills.
- Ability to maintain a high degree of confidentiality as necessary.
- Ability to prioritize and give direction for completion of tasks and projects.
- Skills in making digital presentations.
- Ability to work independently and be self-directed.
- Excellent skills in organization and time/priority management.
- Ability to manage time of self and others to accomplish goals.
- Ability to provide supervision and direction to subordinate employees.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

At least, a Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college with 10 years of work experience in business administration, public administration, telecommunications or related field with 5 years in an executive post. Ability to work extended non-traditional hours is required.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

1. Detailed resume and employment application form. Employment application form can be obtained at the FSMTC website: [http:// www.fsmtc.fm](http://www.fsmtc.fm).
2. Two (2) reference letters or written statement on why the applicant should be chosen for this job.
3. Require to provide Police clearance from his/her respective country
4. Must be legally authorized for entry to FSM
5. Photo of Applicant
6. Copies of degree(s)
7. Selected applicants will be interviewed for this job by members of the FSMTC Board of Directors
8. Only short listed applicants will be contacted
9. Selected applicant will commence work late April, 2017



**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**  
FSMTC VA. NO. 02-17



**DATE:** January 04, 2017  
**POSITION TITLE:** Executive Vice President/Chief Operation Officer  
**LOCATION:** FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC) Headquarter, Kolonia, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.  
**COMPENSATION:**  
 • Salary: Depending on Qualification  
 • Personal Use of Company Vehicle  
 • Medical and Life Insurance  
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 • Entitled to FSM Social Security retirement system, vacation leave, FSMTC Retirement Plan, Internet and other services at no charge as stipulated in the Company policies.

**SUPERVISOR**  
 Reports to: President/Chief Executive Officer  
**JOB SUMMARY:**  
 Supports the work of the company's chief executive officer focusing on the establishment and optimization of day-to-day operations in the company.

**EXAMPLES OF DUTIES**

- Advises the management team on key planning issues and make recommendations on important business decisions.
- Directs and participates in acquisition and growth activities to support overall business objectives and plans.
- Develop, establish, and direct execution of operating policies to support overall company policies and objectives.
- Strategic planning and resource allocation. Demonstrates successful execution of business strategies for company products and services.
- Establish operational processes/process improvement.
- Ensure quality control of all company output as pertains to customer acquisition and delivery of services. Participate in capital marketing development of the company.
- Ensure all department heads are fully informed of operational objectives.
- Set operational and / or performance goals for each department which are aggressive, achievable and tied to long-term goals.
- Develop, establish, and direct execution of operating policies to support overall company policies and objectives.
- Establish and monitor performance reporting systems.
- Monitor department performance against performance goals to ensure that progress is being made.
- Conduct regular meetings with department heads to ensure that priorities are clear and coordination

is good.

- Ensure activities comply with organizational requirements for quality management, legal stipulations, and general duty of care.
- Facilitate resolution of issues between departments.
- Take charge in high-priority crises.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

**KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES**

- Ability to lead, plan and manage change.
- Passion, or the willingness to become immersed in work.
- High-level interpersonal and oral communication skills, with demonstrated capacity to cooperate and communicate effectively with people at all level.
- High-level analytical and writing skills.
- Ability to work autonomously and under limited direction, to exercise sound judgment, take initiative and be flexible.
- Ability to generate respect and trust from employees and the public.
- Demonstrated organizational and administrative skills, ability in problem-solving, priority-setting and working on deadlines.
- Strong organizational skills
- Strong time management skills
- Strong negotiation skills
- The ability to set priorities

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Any combination equivalent to graduation from a recognized college with a bachelor degree in business administration, public administration, or related field plus five (5) years of experience in office management or staff work.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:**

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# japan week

February 16-18, 2017

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## Japan Festival

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Tanko Bushi Dance Performace



# Japanese Ambassador hosts reception for New Year celebration

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

February 8, 2017

**Pohnpei**—Ambassador Ryoichi Horie and his wife Yuko hosted a reception for Japanese residents of Pohnpei and for friends of Japan at their residence in Nanpohnmal on the evening of February 8. The reception was a late celebration of the New Year. Ambassador Horie greeted his fellow countrymen in the Japanese language and continued in English.



He reminded the attendees that next year

will be the 30th anniversary of Japan FSM diplomatic ties. "Towards 2018, I hope that our two countries will continue to work together to further strengthen our bonds of friendship," he said. "For such purposes, this year is very important."

He announced that in two weeks' time a Japanese team with two famous scholars will visit Pohnpei to start a Nan Madol related project. He said they would have exchanges with political and traditional leaders here. "I hope that our cooperation for the conservation of Nan Madol and tourism promotion to the FSM will be further enhanced and strengthened this year," he said.



The reception was beautifully decorated with stunning flower arrangements assembled by Mrs. Horie from flowers collected from the home garden of Joe and Ichiko Vitt.

Former President Manny Mori also spoke to the crowd of the deep bonds of kizuna between Japan and the FSM. He thanked the Japanese people for their many contributions to the development of the FSM and said that he anticipates that relationship and cooperation will extend long into the future.

Afterwards a magnificent dinner was served.



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## USAID and IOM complete construction of nearly 100 houses in Yap's Ulithi Atoll

In cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the government of the Federates States of Micronesia, USAID recently celebrated a major milestone as part of its Typhoon Maysak Reconstruction Project. In response to 2015's Typhoon Maysak, USAID responded with a \$50 million project to rebuild houses and public infrastructure damaged or destroyed by the typhoon in Chuuk and Yap states.



machines to support construction efforts, turning the seawater into freshwater, ensuring that the steel and rebar supports won't rust or corrode.

USAID collaborates with a wide range of stakeholders across the globe to implement U.S. assistance needs. For decades, USAID has utilized well-established implementing partners to monitor development results, improve aid effectiveness and coordination, and enhance transparency and social accountability. USAID has partnered with IOM on a variety of projects across the globe, including fighting Ebola in West Africa, providing agricultural support in Papua New Guinea, installing solar power in Haiti, and setting up food distribution centers and shelters in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake in Nepal in 2015 which killed thousands. The Typhoon Maysak Reconstruction Project represents a result of the established USAID and IOM partnership.

USAID's Senior Program Engineer, Karen Wonders, elaborates: "This part of the world experiences frequent storms, including super typhoons and tornados. The new houses were designed to withstand high winds and storm surges from coastal areas. It's important to us that residents of the FSM feel safer during inclement weather, which is also why locals, both in Chuuk and Yap states, are being trained in modern construction techniques. They are the ones who built these houses and they should be proud of how well the homes withstood one of their first real tests."

According to IOM's Chief of Mission, Stuart Simpson, "part of IOM's global mission is to train up locals – we call this capacity building. In this project, that means giving the islanders the tools, training, and jobs to perform the construction themselves. IOM has engineers on the ground to train the community worker groups and ensure that the work is done safely and properly. We have 235 locals in Yap and 960 in Chuuk working on construction projects. We're still recruiting, so those numbers will continue to increase."

Wonders is referring to a tornado which recently hit the island of Falalop, where 42 of the Typhoon Maysak houses have been built. On December 22nd, 2016, Falalop was struck by a tropical storm. A waterspout caused by the storm moved onshore and developed into a tornado. Storm updates from Guam provided Ulithians time to move to shelters until the all-clear was declared the next day, which minimized potential for injury. IOM was the only organization onsite prepared to perform an immediate evaluation of the tornado's impact on the Typhoon Maysak Reconstruction Program. According to the results, there was extensive crop damage, and destruction of approximately 15 cook houses and five residences. Power lines were damaged, but electricity was restored by the night of the 23rd.

In Yap, a total of 94 houses have been constructed in the Ulithi Atoll (made up of Falalop, Mogmog, Fadrai, and Asor islands) and Fais island. The houses were designed by an engineering firm in Hawaii which is familiar with the climactic hazards that exist in the Pacific; the wood used to construct the houses is termite-resistant and the foundation is set in a dozen concrete posts. Additionally, the houses each come with a 1,000-gallon water tank that incorporates tie-downs in the design to decrease the hazard of flying debris and materials when strong winds hit the islands. The project also provided reverse osmosis

Now that construction of homes has been completed in Ulithi, construction efforts are being concentrated on public infrastructure, with priority given to schools, at the request of the community. Falalop Elementary School received a new roof and several buildings at Outer Islands High School are being re-built from the foundation up. USAID and IOM are building and repairing over 65 public infrastructure projects throughout the Ulithi Atoll.

# Early Childhood Education (ECE) Literacy Week

By: Emihner Johnson, IFCP

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) was invited, along with other sectors to take part in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Parent Literacy Week which started on January 23 to January 27, 2017. . IfCP was asked to present on Nutrition Effects.

On January 23, 2017, ECE started this workshop of Parents of ECE students attending the ECE Centers in Kolonia which consist of Ohmine and Kolonia Centers. This workshop was held at the Pohnpei State Gym in Dolonier. IFCP Presents the Recommendations for Children within the age range of 4-5 of the following Behaviors to reduce or prevent obesity:

- Sleep – 10-13 hours of sleep within a day(24hrs)
- Screen Time- 2 hours or less(watching TV, video games with no PA)
- Vegetable Intake – 1Cup local vegetable in a day (local not canned imported)
- Fruit Intake – 1Cup local fruit in a day(local, not canned imported)

- Physical Activity – at least 1 hour or 60 minutes in a day
- Drink water- Drink water or coconut, avoid sugar-sweet drinks.

The second day of the workshop was held with the same theme to the Parents of Uh and Nett ECE Centers at Pohnpei Gym in Dolonier. There were 125 parents attended the workshop. On the third day, the workshop was held at Sekere GYM to the ECE parents of Sokehs ECE Centers. There were 115 parents attended the workshop. On the fourth day, this workshop was held at Pohnalamwahu Church to the ECE Parents of Kitti ECE Centers with 97 participants. On the last day, the workshop was held at Sapwalap Church with 86 parents of the ECE Centers in Madolenihmw.

IFCP would like to thank Dept of Interior-TAP program, Pohnpei State Government – Dept of Health Services, Bill Raynor Estate, Late Dr. Lois Englberger & Family, and the FSM Health for their financial support.

# Chuuk State to unite with JICA and Ichigo Holdings CO., LTD for “Resilient Water Station” utilizing natural energy

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

The implementation of the “Resilient Water Station” Utilizing Natural Energy is finally underway for the Chuuk State Government in partnership with Ichigo Holdings CO., LTD and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The Ichigo Holdings Team was dispatched to Chuuk from January 7th to 13th, 2017 for the purpose of installing the water purification system on the island of Weno, Chuuk. This type of mobile water treatment system will aim to provide stable and sustainable safe drinking water supply for daily usage and under emergency situations.

Honorable Marius J. Akapito, Lt. Governor of Chuuk later accompanied the Team to the project site to witness the first series of installation of water purification systems, all of which are Ichigo Holdings product from AQUANEXT (Seawater-type: Model SW-NE5 & SW-NE1, Blackish-Type: Model BW-GS5 & BW-GE5, and Manual-Type: Model BW-HP) for Chuuk State. Lt. Governor Akapito drank the first sample of the purified water on the first day to confirm the

quality of the water and its safety for the people of Chuuk’s daily use.

These water purification systems will continue to run during normal times to ensure that the systems are operable during emergency situations. The target areas and beneficiaries are Weno Island and certain surrounding islands in Chuuk.

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  3. It must be a living plan designed to be evolutionary;
  4. It must show benefits to Pohnpei and the Federated State of Micronesia;
  5. It should incorporate “role, vision and mission”;
  6. It should incorporate “ core values and philosophies”;
  7. It should include at SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) on PPA development addressing both external and internal factors;
  8. It should include Planning Assumption and Scenarios;
  9. It should include the Authority's need and strategic directions;
  10. Priorities and Goals;
  11. Objectives;
  12. Sources and uses of funds;
  13. Net Earning Reserve;
  14. Implementation and Control including methods of monitoring progress and measuring performance;
- a) All proposals should include the project time line, cost proposal & budget.  
b) Proposals will be accepted starting February 05, 2017. Closing day for proposal is February 28, 2017 no later than 5:00pm.

Pohnpei Port Authority reserves the right to reject any and all proposals received in connection with this proposing request. Additional information regarding this request proposal can be obtained from:

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Thank you for your time and attention to this proposing request.

  
Nelperson Etse  
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# Appointment of Mrs. Janet S. Panuelo as FANGO Executive Director

**Kolonia, Pohnpei: February 6, 2017.** On December 13, 2016, the Interim Board of Directors of FSM Alliance of NGOs (FANGO), after consultations and discussions among various key NGO stakeholders, selected Mrs. Janet S. Panuelo to the position of Executive Director, on a voluntary basis during this challenging period of FANGO, to assist the Board of Directors and the FSM Civil Society to build capacity and strengthen FANGO as the FSM national representative body for the civil society and the NGOs.

Mrs. Panuelo brings to FANGO great wealth of experience, having served in various capacities in the NGO community of the Pacific being a staff of PREL in Hawaii and FSM, board and advisor of Pohnpei Women Council, board member and co-founder of Conservation Society of Pohnpei. In her capacity as the Administrator of the Office of Social Affairs for Pohnpei State Government, she had oversight on women, youth and senior citizens' interests.

FANGO Board has great confidence that, with Mrs. Panuelo's involvement in the management of FANGO at this critical stage of organizational re-strengthening, all stakeholders - governments, and support organizations - will be willing to provide technical and financial assistance to enable FANGO to better serve the interest of FSM

Civil Society and the NGO community.

We call on the FSM Government through its official point of contact, the Department of Health and Social Affairs, all State Governors and Presiding Officers of the State Legislatures, the Local Governments, the FSM-based Embassies, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, the Pacific Islands Development Forum, Pacific Islands Association of Non-Government Organizations (PIANGO) and international NGO organizations (CIVICUS, TNC, etc.) to rise up to the support of FANGO to enable it to engage with the FSM civil society and NGO community in its role of achieving the 2030 Agenda.

FSM Alliance of NGOs (FANGO) is the FSM NGO umbrella organization established as the representative body of the whole of FSM NGO community and Civil Society to enhance economic and social well being of the people of the FSM through inclusive participation in state and national policy development.

FSM civil society consists of numerous NGOs and community based organizations working in different areas with varied scope of work for the good of their members and society at large.

Traditionally, NGOs are supported by members' contributions and voluntary

services to provide aid to the people at the grass root level where most marginalized citizens are locked in their subsistence way of living, barely making it through each day.

Within the "informal sector" of the economy is where most of the citizens groups – women, youth, senior citizens, disability, school age children not attending school or are dropped out – are living in sub-standard conditions, facing food security due to impact of climate change, drinking untreated water, and are very much LEFT BEHIND.

The new global agenda adopted by the United Nations in September 2015, known as the Agenda 2030, sets out 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that succeeded the 10 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), setting out a global vision of "Leaving no one behind" with development priorities for the next 15 years and ending in 2030.

Clearly, the successful achievements of 2030 SDGs will require inclusive participation of the NGOs and civil society in partnership with FSM States and National Governments. The vital role of civil society needs to be recognized and supported by the States and National Leaders.

We believe that, at the national and state

levels, a large number of civil society groups are still unaware of the 2030 SDGs and new Framework for Pacific Regionalism, nor do they have access or the capacity to influence state and national policy dialogue.

The FSM national NGO umbrella organization, FANGO, needs the support of FSM and States Leaderships to help strengthen its capacity to better represent FSM CSO as an equally important development actor with the emphasis on inclusive development and inclusive partnership.

FANGO shares office space with Pohnpei Women Council (PWC) until it can secure a permanent office location.

Any inquiry or question relating to FANGO should be directed to Mrs. Janet S. Panuelo as the new Executive Director of FANGO at the above contact numbers and email address. Further inquiry could be directed to Marstella Jack at [ejacklaw@gmail.com](mailto:ejacklaw@gmail.com), the Interim Secretariat, who will be assisting the new ED.

Current Interim Board Members are: Herman P. Semes, President, Pohnpei State; Christina Stinnett, Vice President, Chuuk State; Elizabeth Phal, Secretary, Yap State; and Kenye Livae, Treasurer, Kosrae State. These Board members can also be contacted for further information on FANGO in each of the States.

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**For stakeholders interested in submitting comments to PPA, a copy of the proposed budget can be obtained from PPA's head office adjacent to the Pohnpei International Airport in Dekehtik.**

**Comments may also be submitted at PPA's website: [www.ppa.fm](http://www.ppa.fm), where a digital copy of the propose fiscal year 20187 budget is also available.**

**The deadline for submitting comments shall be March 02, 2018".**

Thank you  
  
Nelperson Etse  
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### Letter to the Editor

## My Dad, My hero. FERNY S. PERMAN, a true representative of the people

As I leave for college abroad, I can't help but want to declare to Pohnpei and the FSM, a world of thanks & gratitude and my admiration to the man I call DAD, Ipa, my father, and Congressman Ferny S. Perman. Less than two short years ago, Pohnpei Election District 1 elected my dad, a political unknown compared to his colleagues, to be their representative in the Federated States of Micronesia's Congress -- a mighty feat because it was only after his third attempt that he won.

From humble beginnings, my dad was born in Pohnrakied, Pohnpei in the summer of 1965 to Judy Shoniber Perman and the late Francisco Perman. He was raised in Mwalok, Sokehs. As a firstborn son, he bore many responsibilities at home with the farming, the clearing of the land, helping with his younger siblings, and his all-time favorite, fishing. At an incredibly young age, he was so fascinated about fishing, that his father gifted him with a locally-made canoe to experience the ocean and take on new adventures. An avid fisherman today, he developed his love of fishing in this canoe.

His drive to learn on the farm and in his fishing adventures grew with him as he completed his studies at the Pohnpei Island Central School and further at Hawaii Loa College. His knowledge and skills in technology gave him determination and his hands on training provided him a strong work ethic. My dad built an outstanding career having stayed



and contributed to the development of our own FSM Telecommunications for over 25 years in their IT Division.

My dad is a true representative of the people. A true son of the soil, my dad is well acquainted with the problems and grievances of the people. Before Congress, he was a local councilman for his community for 12 years. During this time, he was elected twice as a Constitutional Convention Representative -- once

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## Improving Island Life



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for Sokehs Local Government and another time for Pohnpei State's Constitutional Convention. I believe that this is where he developed his passion for service to his people. As a councilman, there were many significant changes in his community that he was heavily involved in. For example, my dad helped negotiate easement rights for road on the island of Sokehs to be connected. As councilman, he was directly involved in the cleanup of the channels around Sokehs including removing all debris around the island and under the bridge in Sokehs. Also while councilman, my dad was a Board member of Pohnpei's Environmental Protection Agency or EPA and had an integral part in the removal of all pig-pens and benjos on the shorelines of the island of Sokehs. In fact, he was a member of the EPA Board during the latest cholera epidemic. During this epidemic, the Board sought & received grants for low-income families to build their own working toilets, many of them being first time owners of indoor restroom facilities.

Prior to joining Congress, my dad was already involved in many community projects, many times doing them on his own time and with his own resources. If you are one of many who eat lunch or hang out in our causeway, you will be pleased to know my dad built all of those huts out there with family outings and activities in mind. Being a family man, he knows many people from the villages do not have venues to eat during their lunch hour as they travel long distances every day to work in Kolonia. These huts provide for such place so people can take a break, enjoy the scenery and cool breeze, and spend time with their friends and families.

Speaking of the causeway, the causeway today is lit with beautiful streetlights, a collaborative project between the Congressman and Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC). The streetlights now run from the causeway all through Kolonia town and all the way to our Nation's Capital and more are coming. My dad recently installed streetlights up on Sokehs Ridge so it is safer for hikers and adventurers on their early morning and evening walks. I think the streetlights not only provide safety, but they beautify the island, something that is important to my dad.

My dad has done a lot of worthy things for his people, too many to list -- many of these things a first for people in his community. Solar lights for students and senior citizens from the outer-islands who had never before enjoyed the amenities of electricity like we do on the main island of Pohnpei. Students from there can now study using their solar lights instead of oil lamps. Desalination equipment now exists on some of our outer islands producing 500 - 1000

gallons of water per day to those who need it. Communication towers on remote islands such as Pakin (the first of its kind) that not only help fishermen communicate to the mainland if they encounter trouble beyond the reefs, but enable many families to communicate to their loved ones abroad through the web on skype, email, and Facebook.

It is hard to believe that in this day and age, there are many citizens of Pohnpei who have not enjoyed the benefits of electricity and running water, not to mention drivable conditions to their homes which are very basic necessities. My dad has helped many of these families by facilitating the funding necessary to construct or repair roads that have enabled these working families to, for the first time now enjoy working utilities that otherwise would not have been afforded them due to poor conditions of their roads.

Within the short two years alone, my dad has supported many public projects and community activities, including much needed road expansions (example: tuna commission one-way road expansion to ease up traffic), sidewalk expansions to benefit pedestrians, especially students who walk to and from school, construction and renovation of community centers for women and youth groups, General Education (GED) programs for many young people who want a second chance at schooling, Wi-Fi connectivity in many public areas including community centers, churches, our own hospital and airport, etc.

Our airports look more modern now with extra seating made available to everyone and beautiful local plants that are enjoyed by the many patrons of the airport, visitors to Pohnpei, and locals alike. Never before school related activities that directly benefit

our children including the first ever testing of school children around Pohnpei on rheumatic heart diseases, the establishment of computer labs with the latest computer equipment for our public schools, assistance given to private schools for their ongoing efforts, even so far as providing our local teachers with laptops so that they can have access to better teaching resources and materials.

Though perhaps small in some ways, these are things that have never been done before and I honestly believe these projects and activities enrich our lives and benefit many of us the people of Pohnpei, but especially the young - the future of Pohnpei! I am proud of my dad for the great things he has managed to accomplish and achieve in the short time he has been with Congress.

With all of these efforts by my dad, Pohnpei is a much safer place now. However, we need it to be safer. We need it to be as beautiful as it can be because Nan Madol became a World Heritage Site, the first ever in Micronesia in July 2016 - something all of us Micronesians should be extremely proud of! Our infrastructure needs to be better to accommodate these changes. Our conservation efforts need someone who respects our environment, someone who understands our Micronesian culture, someone who understands the people's needs, and someone who is proud of being a Pohnpeian. Our healthcare system and schools need major improvements so that we can compete among Micronesia's finest. Pohnpei needs a person who is an advocate

for these kinds of improvements. Our islands need someone who has the ability, the willingness, and the passion to serve. This person is my dad, Ferny S. Perman.

Being a leader, whether it be in your community or within your own family, there are always higher expectations and higher responsibilities. As a leader in the community and at home, my dad has made some mistakes over the course of his life, but he is no doubt a dedicated husband and a loving father. My dad has taught my siblings and me the value of service through his passion and dedication to his people. Even after losing many times, my dad taught me and my siblings about patience and perseverance - that it is OK to fail - what's important is that you get back up on your two feet and try again!

My dad continues to teach my siblings and me to respect ourselves, to respect our community, and to respect our culture. I am a proud Pohnpeian young woman entering medical school because my dad teaches me and my siblings the value of education. He imparts on us his children the value of love, the value of family, and last but not the least the value of hard work and dedication. Thank you Ipa. I am very proud of you!

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