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# Historic direct Tokyo to Pohnpei “Friendship Flight” carries 120

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# FSM sheds lowest rating in US Trafficking in Persons report

FSM now ranked at Tier 2 Watch List, the highest level it has ever attained

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

June 21, 2012

**Federated States of Micronesia**—The 2012 Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report for efforts to curb human trafficking during 2011 was issued by the US State Department yesterday in Washington D.C. The Federated States of Micronesia was returned to the Tier 2 Watch List after a year at the Tier 3 status, the lowest status attainable.

For activities in 2008 and 2009, FSM was on the Tier 2 Watch List. Because FSM was on the Tier 2 Watch List for two years in a row without any improvements or apparent law enforcement efforts to curb Human Trafficking it was demoted on the 2011 report on 2010 activities to Tier 3

The crime of human trafficking has been largely misunderstood in the FSM as being the same as the crime of prostitution but the two are not equivalent. Essentially human trafficking is the crime of forcing a person into what amounts to modern slavery whether or not national borders are crossed. Since a large number of victims of human trafficking are forced into service in the sex industry some in the FSM have assumed that human trafficking is prostitution. It is not. Human trafficking is forcing a person through coercion of any kind to perform services they do not want to perform, including but not at all limited to prostitution. It is involuntary servitude.

In a high profile case last year in Washington State, two citizens of Chuuk were convicted of crimes related to human trafficking after they forced a relative to perform household duties by withholding her passport and other documents. During the short time that the victim worked outside of the home she was required to give up her paycheck. She could not

escape and that is involuntary servitude, a crime of human trafficking.

In 2012 FSM acceded to the 2000 United Nations Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Protocol. The FSM Congress also drafted and passed new legislation that revised the country's criminal code to include anti-trafficking provisions. It also made commitments to fully comply with the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking.

The FSM's new TIP law sets down penalties of 15 to 30 years imprisonment and fines not exceeding \$50,000 "which are sufficiently stringent and commensurate with penalties prescribed for other serious offenses, such as rape," the report said.

"However, the Government of the FSM did not prosecute any trafficking cases, made no efforts to identify or assist victims of trafficking and failed to make substantive efforts to prevent trafficking or increase the general public's awareness of trafficking in 2011."

Song Ja Cha was convicted in Guam for human trafficking violations in February of 2011. She was found guilty of luring young women from Chuuk to work in Guam. The girls were told that they would be working at a store as waitresses at her restaurant. When they got there the girls' passports were confiscated and a jury determined that they were forced into the sex trade at Cha's "Blue House" karaoke lounge. Though evidence in the case said that a man in Chuuk had recruited the girls who became victims of human trafficking including his own under age daughter, no charges against the alleged "recruiter" in the human trafficking scheme were ever filed in the FSM.

The U.S. State Department's report on human trafficking contained

recommendations for the FSM to pursue in order to adequately combat the crime of Human Trafficking:

"Publicly recognize and condemn all acts of trafficking; make robust efforts to criminally investigate, prosecute, and punish all trafficking offenders; develop and implement procedures for the proactive identification of trafficking victims among vulnerable populations, such as foreign workers in the FSM, fishermen on fishing vessels, women and girls in prostitution, and FSM nationals migrating to the United States for work; establish measures to ensure that victims of trafficking are not threatened or otherwise punished for crimes committed as a direct result of being trafficked; train officials on human trafficking and how to identify and assist trafficking victims; support and facilitate comprehensive and visible antitrafficking awareness campaigns directed at employers of foreign workers and clients of the sex trade; make efforts to notify foreign workers of their rights, protections, and ways they can report abuse; establish a registration system for overseas employment recruiters as agreed to in the Compact of Free Association as Amended (2004); initiate monitoring mechanisms for recruitment agencies both domestically and abroad; investigate and prosecute recruiters who may be engaged in fraudulent recruitment acts that lead to trafficking in persons; and develop a national plan of action for anti-trafficking matters."

## Ambassador Suzuki thanks FSM for warm reception

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to His Excellency President Mori, national and states governments' officials and many citizens including children who waved flags on the sidelines, or performed traditional dance for their warm reception extended to the Japanese participants to the Rainbownesia Program.

I am very pleased to witness that the inaugural direct flight between Japan and the FSM resulted in a magnificent landmark of our history of friendship.

Japanese visitors were deeply satisfied with their trip, and so many members left the FSM telling that they would be back again to this beautiful country.

Once the flight landed on Saturday, June 9th, the handover ceremony of extension of Pohnpei International Airport runway was held with President Mori, government officials, many citizens, and international press present in the arrival terminal lobby. The ceremony demonstrated how Japanese ODA fund is used for the efficient development of the FSM.

On the second day at the Spanish Wall, the visitors had opportunities to experience traditional performances, local foods, and purchase Micronesian crafts. The following two days were dedicated to discover the beauty of the nature, to visit famous sites such as Nan Madol and Sokehs Mountain, and to attend cultural exchange with local people. A certain number of participants extended their visit to Chuuk state to meet their relatives whose ancestors came and started to live in Chuuk, and deepened their friendship.

This project is a milestone of new relationship between the FSM and Japan, and I am sure that our bond of friendship, or "Kizuna" will be further strengthened in the future.

I am eager to see a second and third direct flights to follow with new visitors on board.

Once again, I thank you all of the FSM people.

*Eiichi Suzuki*  
Ambassador of Japan to the FSM

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# EIG proposes solar and diesel power plan for Pohnpei

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

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**Pohnpei, FSM**—Energy Infrastructure Global, Incorporated (EIG) has submitted to Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC) with copies to Pohnpei State and the Pohnpei State Legislature, a proposal to provide 10 megawatts of diesel power generation and 2 megawatts of solar power on the basis of a power purchase agreement at essentially no cost to the FSM.

EIG's proposal is proprietary and absolutely massive in scope with a number of bells and whistles including technology for classroom education on how much photovoltaic (solar) power is being generated at any given time is just one small hint of what they are proposing. They have also proposed a plan to rehabilitate the Nan Pil Hydroelectric plant.

The basic gist of the plan which due to the proprietary nature of the proposal offers a three phased plan that would take a total of six months to implement. It says that once all of the agreements are in place, EIG and their local partner VCS Construction would be ready to begin implementation within 48 hours. All of the phases would be implemented

simultaneously.

During Phase I EIG would install a 4 megawatt backup generator system. That phase would be completed within three months.

Simultaneously, during Phase II EIG would begin to install a 2 megawatt photovoltaic ground mount array (a series of solar power generating panels installed on the ground.) That phase would be completed within six months.

Also simultaneously, during Phase III EIG would complete the construction and installation of a 10 megawatt diesel power generation plant. The commissioning of that plant would be six months after the beginning of that phase of construction, essentially simultaneous with the commissioning of the solar ground array.

EIG's proposal says that all generators and all parts would be 100% American made product.

Before execution of the first phase PUC would need to pay a \$75,000 fully refundable deposit to EIG. The proposal says that after the completion of Phase I, EIG would refund the deposit plus nominal interest of .05%.

Of course land for the proposal would necessarily be part of the equation. The

proposal summary doesn't mention how much or where it should be. Also the proposal is based on the execution of an agreement for a power purchase agreement between EIG and PUC. The proposed payment per kilowatt hour is proprietary in nature and is not set in concrete.

The proposal summary says that after five years, PUC could opt to buy the power generation infrastructure they will provide. At the end of 25 years PUC could either opt to buy EIG equipment installed under the proposal or EIG would remove the equipment at their own expense.

The cover letter to the proposal says that EIG team members have engineered, designed, and built more than 30 percent of the Solar Photovoltaic Projects throughout the Mid Atlantic region of The United States including the fourth largest rooftop solar photovoltaic array in North America. It says that they have a proven track record for delivering high quality projects on time and under budget.

Jose San Nicolas of VCS Construction said that the company submitted the proposal to PUC but that PUC representatives said they would have to wait to consider the proposal until after they have issued a request for proposals from other potential vendors.

# WorldTeach volunteer honored

A memorial plaque and ladder was set in place in honor of Becky Schaffer, aged 23, the WorldTeach Volunteer who died in a fall at Liduduhniap Waterfall. The volunteer died tragically when she slipped and fell about 40 feet onto rocks in the waterfall's lower pool on August 6th, 2011. The accident occurred while she and several other WorldTeach Volunteers were at the falls. Schaffer's mother and father visited Pohnpei in January to view the site of the tragedy and spread some of her ashes at the falls. While here, they made a donation for the construction and installation of a rope ladder at the falls to help prevent future accidents. Rick Herman designed and installed the ladder along with a plaque honoring Schaffer's life. At the dedication of the plaque and ladder were Rick Herman, U.S. Ambassador Peter A. Prahar, and the in-country WorldTeach, Field Director, Kate Troutman.

*[Editor's note: This item appeared in the last issue of KPress with significant errors. Our apologies to Becky Schaffer's family for not catching them.]*

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## Governor Ehsa declares implementation of Pohnpei Recycling Law



Bennito Dannis, Pohnpei's Chief of Public Works

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

June 15, 2012

**Pohnpei, FSM**—During a dual purpose ceremony this morning, Japan's Ambassador Eiichi Suzuki handed over a newly renovated recycling center to the Kolonia Town Government. The renovation was funded by Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Project.

Ambassador Suzuki said that a JICA study of the landfill in Dekehtik showed that over 14 tons of waste enters the landfill on a daily basis and that 55% of the waste comes from Kolonia Town alone. He said that the recycling center will help to keep aluminum cans from entering the landfill.

"If this could be a chance for us to think of the environment and future of this country, I call this project a great success," he said during his speech.

Pohnpei's only recycling center is just behind Ellen's Market in the China Town area of Pohnpei. Because of the \$54,234 grant provided by the Japanese government, the building is now completely enclosed and easy to access on the newly paved road between the Seabreeze Hotel and Ellen's Market.

The second purpose for this morning's ceremony was realized when Governor John Ehsa declared full implementation of the Pohnpei Recycling Law which, according to a speech by Lt. Governor Marcello Peterson, was at least eight years

in the making. The law which passed in August of 2011 established a six cent per can levy for importation of canned beverages. The first levy for aluminum cans imported during the month of June will be due from first sellers of canned beverages in mid July.

On Monday, June 18 the refurbished recycling center will begin issuing cash refunds for aluminum cans at the rate of five cents per can. The other penny collected from importers will go toward maintenance of the recycling program. Proceeds from the sales of collected aluminum cans will also be used to support the administrative costs of the program including the cost of supporting recycling retention centers.

Lt. Governor Peterson said that next week a retention center will be opening in Madolenihmw. The law allows for businesses, groups and municipalities to run retention centers upon application and inspection by the EPA. He said that so far the Madolenihmw Municipality had been the only municipality to apply but he expected others would follow suit.

There is a 500 can minimum for cash redemption. At 24 cans per case the 500 can minimum is four cans short of 21 cases.

Benito Dannis said that the recycling center will not be counting each and every can that comes into the recycling center. Dannis is Kolonia Town's Chief of Public Works and oversees the activities of the Kolonia recycling center. He said that when a person or group comes into the center with

cans to be redeemed the cans will first be sorted between usable and unusable cans on an outside "table". The usable cans will then be dumped into a surprisingly small container that looked to be approximately three feet wide by three feet long by three feet tall. He confirmed twice that the container is measured to fit 500 cans.

Redemptions will be based on the number of times that container can be filled. At five cents per can one load equals \$25.

After the ribbon cutting, participants at the ceremony were treated to a demonstration of the can crushing unit at the facility. A crew member dumped 500 cans into the unit and within a few moments an aluminum wafer popped out the machine ready to be catalogued for shipping to recyclers.

Dannis said that the last 20 foot container Kolonia Town sent to recyclers contained over 27,000 pounds of crushed aluminum. He did not know the dollar value of its contents.

In his former capacity as Mayor of Kolonia Town, Lt. Governor Peterson was the principal driving force behind Pohnpei's aluminum can recycling law. He challenged Pohnpeians to take advantage of the plan to clean up Pohnpei so that future generations can benefit from what was begun today.

In a later interview Lt. Governor Peterson said that in three or four months the recycling program will expand to include the collection of plastic bottles and car batteries for recycling.

## New Peace Corps trainees arrive on Pohnpei

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia



(Kolonia, Pohnpei) - A new contingent of 24 Peace Corps Trainees arrived on Pohnpei for three months of intensive training. The training includes cultural understanding, English as a Second Language (ESL), and local language classes. Greeting the volunteers at the airport were Peace Corp Volunteers from across the Federated States of Micronesia, Peace Corps Program and Training Officer Janeen Dorsch, and other Pohnpei-based Programming and Training Staff.

The Trainees will be sworn in as Volunteers upon successful completion of the training. The Volunteers will then receive assignments to various islands in FSM and Palau. Prior to departing for their duty stations the Volunteers will work together to improve instructional methods in order to raise educational standards.

The Peace Corps is a United States Government agency that sends volunteers to countries requesting assistance worldwide. Peace Corps was founded in 1961 when then-Senator John F. Kennedy encouraged students to serve their country by living and working in developing nations. Volunteers work at the local level and focus on improving education, health, business, information technology, and agriculture and environment sectors. In the FSM and Palau, volunteer efforts are focused primarily on education.

The Peace Corps mission is "to promote peace and friendship." Since its official establishment in 1961, the Peace Corps has sent approximately 205,000 volunteers to countries all over the world. Peace Corps volunteers first arrived in Micronesia in 1966. Since then, more than 5,000 volunteers have served in various islands throughout the FSM.

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## Sequoia conducts training, delivers humanitarian aid in Poluwat, Chuuk, FSM

Fourteenth District Public Affairs  
U.S. Coast Guard

**POLUWAT, Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia** - USCGC SEQUOIA conducted boater awareness and safety training, provided medical attention and education, and completed electronic repairs to the island of Poluwat on Saturday, 09JUN12. This visit by SEQUOIA was the first U.S. ship to visit Poluwat in over thirty years. In addition to providing training, SEQUOIA delivered humanitarian supplies to the local population.

Petty Officer Geri Cabrera and Petty Officer Chris Hall conducted boater safety training with numerous adults and children. The training focused on how to be visible and safe at sea, critical information for small island communities in the Pacific. Recognizing that modern safety gear is not available to the residents, the training taught ways to improvise common lifesaving equipment. SEQUOIA crewmembers explained how survival and signal tools, such as mirrors, could

be improvised by using a CD or other reflective objects, and how lifesaving tools like lifejackets can be supplemented in an emergency by mooring balls or even coconuts. Simple actions such as wearing bright clothes, painting your boat bright colors and having a mirror can be the difference between life or death. In addition, SEQUOIA crewmembers provided the residents with float plans which provide crucial information to the Coast Guard in the event of a search & rescue (SAR) case. The plans detail who is onboard, what they are carrying, how far they are going, and what time they will be back so people on island can accurately report any missing or overdue vessels. The training was well received and as Petty Officer Hall notes, “[the resident’s] understanding of the importance of SAR leads to safer boating practices and their rescue in an emergency.”



SEQUOIA crewmembers prepare to distribute humanitarian supplies to the people of Poluwat

Time is a resource in short supply during SAR, especially in the Western Pacific. Dr. Art Allen, an Oceanographer for the Coast Guard SAR program, explains that every step of the SAR process for operations in the Pacific takes precious time to complete: “When local authorities are notified after 24 hours and the Coast Guard is notified 24 hours after that, it will take another 24-48 hours to send a C-130 from Barbers Point, HI.” Therefore, stranded vessels typically must wait days before receiving assistance and float plans increase the probability of finding boaters in time and ultimately increase their chance of survival. Therefore, both Petty Officer Cabrera and Petty Officer Hall emphasized the importance of float plans during their training.

Chief Petty Officer Leonardo Cirino, a Navy Hospital Corpsman stationed at Military Sealift Command Ship Support Unit Guam, joined SEQUOIA on its voyage. As one of the first crewmembers ashore, Chief Petty Officer Cirino met with the local nurse and residents. He provided medical supplies and basic medical services to

the people of Poluwat by cleaning wounds and treating other various ailments.

A collaborative effort between SEQUOIA’s Electrician’s Mates (EM) and Electronics Technicians (ET), Petty Officer Nate Villagomez, Petty Officer Muy Khut, and Petty Officer Steve Schmoll enabled repairs to the community’s UHF radio. Salvaging parts from discarded electronics, they were able to power the sole radio on Poluwat, and reconfigure Poluwat’s solar panel system. Their reconfiguration efforts enabled the radio to be continuously powered by solar panels. They also verified the integrity of the radio tower and ensured it functioned properly. Their hard work guaranteed that the residents would be able to communicate in the event of an emergency and coordinate efforts with the other surrounding islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and United States Coast Guard.

SEQUOIA’s small boat, crewed by Petty Officer Bobby Richardson, Petty Officer Wayne Chandler, Petty Officer Clint Amerman, and Petty Officer R.J. Tangalan, made numerous trips from SEQUOIA to Poluwat to deliver humanitarian supplies. SEQUOIA’s small boat and crewmembers spent hours to ensure fifteen pallets of humanitarian supplies made it to Poluwat’s shores. The supplies were donated by the Ayuda Foundation which coordinated the collection of food and further essential supplies for Poluwat.

The overall Poluwat experience was rewarding both to the locals and to SEQUOIA—as Petty Officer Cabrera remarks, “It is always a very gratifying experience to be involved in saving a life.” Ultimately, SEQUOIA and its crew provided much more than humanitarian supplies, but gave the Poluwat people vital training and services to ensure their wellbeing in the future.

SEQUOIA, homeported in Apra Harbor, Guam, is manned by a crew of seven officers and 37 enlisted personnel. It is the 15th Juniper Class sea-going buoy tender and the 10th “B-Class” cutter built by Marinette Marine Corporation in Marinette, Wisc. Sequoia’s primary missions are maintaining aids to navigation, homeland security, law enforcement, marine environmental protection and search and rescue. Its 225-foot long with twindiesel engine propulsion, bow and stern thrusters and advanced maneuverability capabilities that make it the world’s premier buoy-tending platform.

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**Position Reference:** PNI - 005**Duty Station:** The consultant can perform services remotely; however site visits will be required.**Location:** Pohnpei, FSM**Duration:** 3 month consultancy contract, with possibility of extension**Deadline:** July 06, 2012**Context**

On behalf of the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) is implementing the Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Education (CADRE) Programme.

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Under the direct supervision of the Programme Manager and in close collaboration with the Programme Officer (Education) and Service Providers/ Partners engaged by IOM, the consultant will be responsible for providing technical and editorial assistance in support of the production and publication of IOM's Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials being produced under the CADRE Programme.

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**Scope of Work**

IOM will utilize the consultant for key educational advisory services and English editing to ensure high quality IEC materials. The consultant's scope of work will include (but not limited to): developing, reviewing and enhancing curriculum for senior elementary school students; providing specialist advice on pedagogical approaches, providing English editing of existing content of IEC materials, as well as, other advisory support.

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- Excellent writing and communication skills and high level of computer literacy.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and flexibility to work as part of a large team.
- Ability to prepare clear and concise reports and a high level of computer literacy.
- Personal commitment, efficiency, initiative, drive for results, respect for diversity, creative thinking.
- Ability to work effectively and harmoniously with colleagues from varied cultures and professional background.
- Able to work under tight timeframes and during weekends and overtime, when required.

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**Desirable qualifications:**

- Familiarity with Federated State of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands, including an understanding of the culture, traditions, social structures and environment.
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**Context**

The IOM is currently seeking qualified translators for a stand-by roster dedicated to the provision of translating services; specifically from English to the local languages of Micronesia.

IOM is currently implementing a number of programs requiring the dissemination of information, education and communication materials to schools and the wider community.

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**Location**

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# FSM Tourism Promotion Ambassadors recognized at a courtesy visit

**FSM PIO**

As part of the activities for the “friendship flight” between Japan and the FSM on June 09 to 13, an eight-member delegation known for their varying expertise in tourism promotion visited the FSM Office of the President on June 12, where they were received by Vice President Alik L. Alik.

Vice President Alik welcomed the delegation at President’s Office Conference Room where he recognized their collective efforts in realizing the Japan-FSM Inaugural Flight and promoting the historical ties between the two countries and their people. The Vice President also highlighted that transportation sector is a great challenge for the FSM Government due to the high input costs, impacting viability for other sectors such as tourism.

On behalf of the delegation, Mr. Hiroyuki Suzuki conveyed their appreciation to Vice President Alik. He noted that tourism is not only an economic promotion but also a promotion and exchange of cultures and peoples. In addition, he also expressed their commitment to promoting FSM tourism in Japan, recognizing the need to stabilize the direct flight between Japan and FSM to generate progressive results.

The courtesy visit ended with a group photo and presentation of certificates

designating the following eight professionals as Tourism Promotion Ambassadors, promoting the strengthening of friendly relations between the people of the Federated States of Micronesia and the people of Japan.

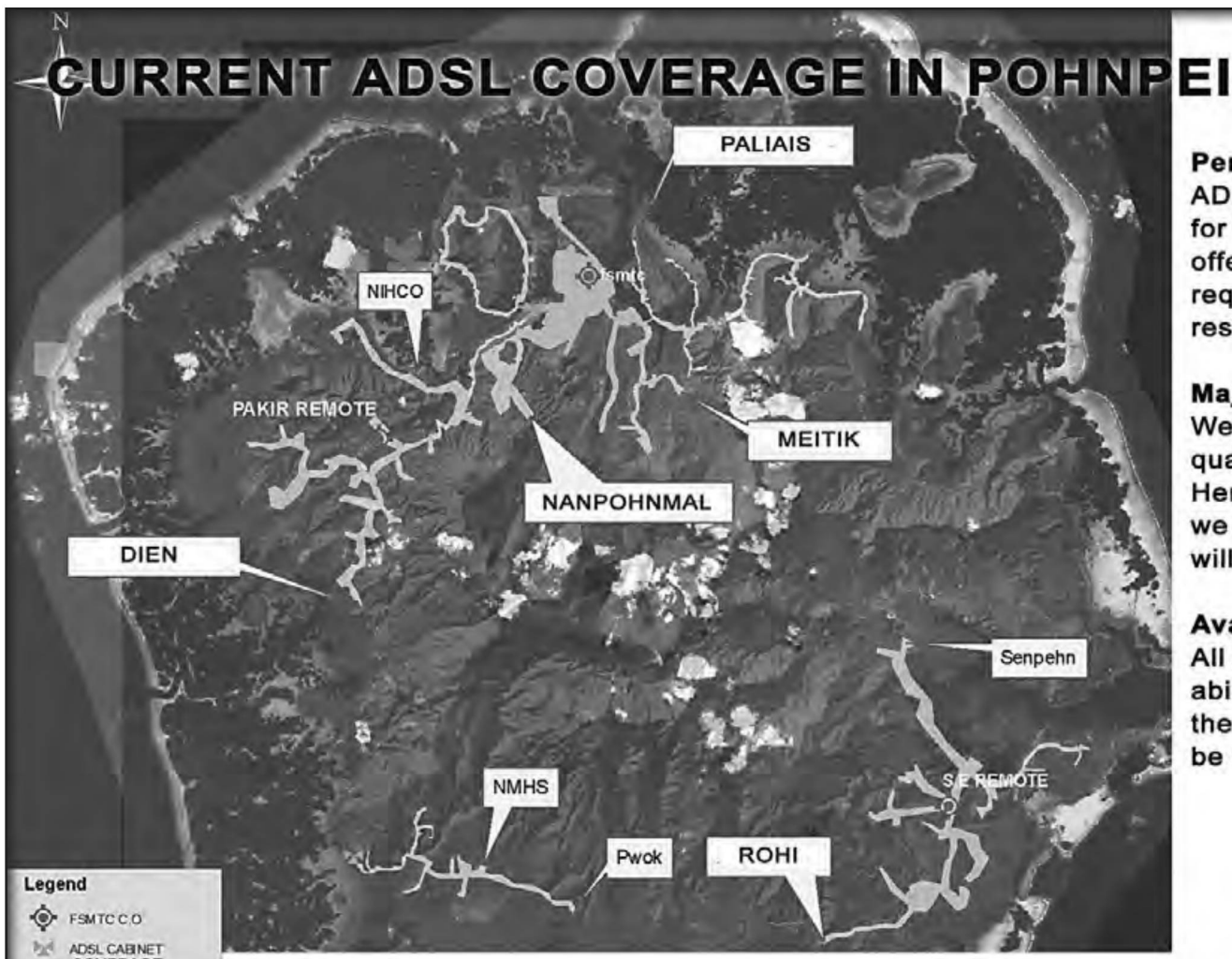
1. Ms. Junko Konishi is a leading fashion designer, well known both domestically and internationally, and also holds a Goodwill Ambassador for the Japan’s Government campaign “Tourism Japan” (Yokoso Nippon). Note: She was represented by her husband Mr. Suzuki.
2. Mr. Seiji Morimae is a Bonsai

Master with various positions such as Chairman of US Bonsai Research Organization, Special Advisor to China Bonsai Arts Organization, Visiting Professor of Seihoku Norin University in China.

3. Mr. Shuji Makino is a former Grand Chef of Hotel Ohkura, also well known as Master of “French Cuisine in Japan”
4. Mr. Yasuaki Wada is an expert on Fund Management in Hong Kong. Note: He was represented by a member of the delegation
5. Mr. Shigeru Nakajima is an expert on Food and Nutrition, has held various

positions in NGOs and organizations promoting food in Japan

6. Ms. Eriko Tachibana is an expert in labor management overseeing the work conditions of labors and their social security and insurances. Note: She was represented by her staff Mr. Takayuki Yoshikawa
7. Mr. Isao Yamamoto & Mrs. Kayo Yamamoto: Mr. Yamamoto is a well known architect and designer; worked and designed over 200 homes for well know people in Japan; also designed a Ferrari (vehicle) special edition.
8. Mr. Yoichiro Saito is a talented leader of a volunteer group.



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## Library to library donation



Kayla Haynes, Interim Director of the Saluda County Library, led a joint effort with the Friends of the Saluda County Library to put together a gift of several dozen fiction books for teenage and adult readers on the tiny island of Mogmog. Situated about 300 miles south of Guam, Mogmog is one of only four inhabited islands in an outlying string of Micronesian islands called Ulithi.

The island's small public elementary school has a sparsely furnished reading room that doubles as a community library. The addition of several boxes of books will be a source of tremendous excitement for a community with very limited access to new literature.

"These are books that were being pulled from circulation, so we're excited to know they'll continue to be enjoyed," Haynes explained.

group of former Peace Corps Volunteers who served as librarians and teachers in the Federated States of Micronesia. In addition to supporting public school and community libraries in the remote "Outer Islands" of Micronesia, the group also organizes after-school programs including traditional canoe carving and robotics competitions.

"These young adult and adult fiction books are great," said Neil Mellen, a Habele volunteer in Columbia. "Remote communities like Mogmog are starved for educational materials, and we're doing everything we can to help meet that need with limited resources. Now, the older readers on Mogmog must take an open boat across the choppy lagoon to the high school library on another island just to check out books at this reading level. The generosity of the Friends of the Saluda Library will save them the trip!"

### Habele Outer Island Education Fund

(Saluda, South Carolina) Thanks to the efforts of volunteers in Saluda County, young adults on a remote island in the Central Pacific will have some much-needed reading material.

The Friends of the Library is a nonprofit organization that supports Saluda County's two public libraries. Their work includes sponsoring public support of the library, promoting library facilities and services as well as providing additional money for library materials, equipment and services.

The donation will be sent to Micronesia by the Habele Outer Island Education Fund, another South Carolina based charity. "Habele" was established in 2006 by a

From June through August 2012, James Harmon, a graduate student working under the guidance of Dr. Jonathan Deenik in the Department of Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences at University of Hawaii, Manoa, will be conducting experiments on Saimon Mix's farm in Sokehs. Mr. Harmon is working with Mr. Mix to increase compost production efficiency on Pohnpei, while utilizing local materials. In addition, he is addressing management of piggery waste, which, if unmanaged, causes environmental and public health problems. One portion of the experiment will also determine the optimum rate of compost additions to soil for sustainable vegetable production. The results of this experiment at the Mix farm will aid Mr. Harmon in developing his thesis for completion of a Master's Degree in Soil Science from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Compost is a soil amendment used to increase tilth and fertility. It is something that can be made with locally sourced materials instead of purchasing imported chemical fertilizer, which is expensive and is only a short term solution to managing soil fertility in the tropics. The compost mixtures for the experiment includes the use of piggery waste, fish by-catch from the ships, wood chips, especially hibiscus, and green vegetative materials such as fresh grass or leaves. In addition to utilizing wasted local resources, composting can also provide a use for invasive plants such as Kerosene tree and African Tulip as composting materials. To determine compost production efficiency, Mr. Harmon is creating a profile of microbial activity which is responsible for the composting process. He is taking daily measurements of temperature and carbon dioxide levels to determine if there is a difference in compost production rate and quality based on differing materials used to make compost. The compost piles will be turned weekly for approximately eight weeks. Samples of the finished product will be sent to the University of Hawaii to determine nutrient quality made from the different compost materials.

With the abundance of piggeries on Pohnpei, an excess of manure is available. If utilized properly in compost, manure can be beneficial to help farmers produce food. Unmanaged pig waste contributes to water pollution, unsafe drinking water, and exposure of people to water-borne diseases, including Leptospirosis. By adopting composting practices across Pohnpei, farmers can utilize an otherwise unexploited resource which can actually be beneficial for food production. This project is in collaboration with the College of Micronesia-Pohnpei Campus Cooperative Extension Service Agent Mark Kostka and Dr. Kazuo Ishikawa, as well as the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.



## Composting benefits farmers and the environment

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## Historic Tokyo to Pohnpei “friendship flight” lands in Pohnpei



Japan's Ambassador to the FSM, Eiichi Suzuki presents framed photos of the Japanese funded airport renovations to Lorin Robert, FSM Secretary of Foreign Affairs

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

**Pohnpei, FSM**—In the very late afternoon of June 9, the arrivals area of Pohnpei International Airport (PNI) was rammed full of people from two nations, the Federated States of Micronesia and Japan. They were all there to celebrate the handing over to Pohnpei State of airport improvement projects that were funded by grants from Japanese Overseas Development Assistance. The ODA program funded the complete renovation of the airport terminal and also paid for the extension of the PNI runway.

The celebration was also to commemorate the arrival of the first ever direct charter flight from Tokyo to Pohnpei. United Airlines flight 1864 carried 120 passengers including former Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori and Japanese film and recording superstar, Hideaki Takizawa.

Because the United Airlines regular commercial flight to Pohnpei was late on that afternoon, the inaugural friendship flight from Japan was delayed after it was already in the air. The flight from Narita should have lasted just over four hours but the pilot had to adjust the flight plan in order to stay out of Pohnpei airspace for an additional hour.

Despite that hitch the flight was historic.

“This is the day that the entire nation and especially Pohnpei State has been waiting for. If you don't believe in dreams come true, please think again,” said Lorin Roberts, FSM's Secretary of Foreign Affairs during his speech at the handing over ceremony. He told the crowd that Tokyo International Airport in Narita is the sister airport to Pohnpei International Airport. “...our airport relationship is no longer on a dotted line, as wishful thinking,” he said. “It is now real and it is here.”

“It is my fervent wish that the improved Pohnpei International Airport will contribute to the further promotion of tourism and increasing economic activities including transporting marine resources caught in the FSM,” said Eichii Suzuki, Japan's Ambassador to the FSM.

The concept of a direct charter from Japan had been envisioned for over ten years but it never really gathered steam until about three years ago because of the PNI runway extension project.

In the early days of planning, organizers had hoped to charter a Boeing 767 which has a capacity of 254 passengers. Though it is now possible for a plane of that size to land in Pohnpei, the island doesn't have enough lodging space.

A representative from Pohnpei's Tourism office said this week that there are still only a total of 198 hotel rooms in Pohnpei.

Early organizers were forced to scrap plans to charter a 767 for inaugural Friendship Flight.

FSM Ambassador to Japan, John Fritz wrote in an email that the implementation of the inaugural flight faced three main obstacles. One was that the government was unable to sign a charter contract. The second was the difficulty in identifying an airline and an agent that would share the long term visions of the project. The third was the crucial timing for the actual charter to take place.

Ambassador Fritz wrote that Mr. Motoaki Haga of Organization for Global Exchange (OGE) was on the Tokyo Task Force for the Inaugural Friendship Flight. Mr. Haga “understood the nature of this charter (flight) and the mutual importance it

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## FSM hosts reception for passengers of “Friendship Flight”



Mwokillose dancers pose before performing at the reception.

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

June 10, 2012

**Pohnpei, FSM**—To celebrate the historic first direct commercial flight from Tokyo to Pohnpei, the FSM government played host at a gala standing room only reception at the Cliff Rainbow Hotel and Restaurant.

Due to the late arrival of United Airlines flight 1864 the program did not get started until after 8:00 that evening and food was not served to the hungry travelers until after the speaking portion of the program was completed.

After dinner was served, the visiting guests from Japan were entertained by energetic traditional dances in traditional dress by a group from Mwokillose who call themselves Jupwiki Paranno. The dedicated group consists of dancers as young as kindergartners and as old as college students. Though the travelers were tired by the time they performed, the dancers brought down the house.

At the beginning of the program Pohnpei's Governor Ehsa who stood at the podium in a light rain, welcomed the visitors of UA 1864 including former Japanese Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori, Keiko Hamada of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Takki, (Hideaki Takizawa), “a Japanese superstar.”

He said that the inaugural flight was a “symbol of commitment, cooperation and friendship between Pohnpei and Japan.”

He reminded the visitors and guests that Pohnpei shares a common past with Japan and that many Pohnpeians have Japanese family names. “Names like Yamaguchi and Nakasone,” he said. Both Senators were in the audience.

Governor Ehsa thanked Japan for the many evidences of support for Pohnpei including the airport, the seaport, and the circumferential road, among a host of other projects that have benefitted the people of Pohnpei.

He praised the people of Japan for their resilience and innovation, welcomed them with a “warm spirit of kaselehlie,” and said that he hoped that their visit would enrich their lives long after they returned to Japan.

FSM President Manny Mori invited Hideaki Takizawa to the platform and presented a certificate of appointment for the Japanese film and music star to serve as an Ambassador of Goodwill “to promote and strengthen the friendly relations between the people of the Federated States of Micronesia and Japan.”

Japan's Former Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori, or Mori sensei as he is known with respect, was next to speak. As always, Mori Sensei was personable, humorous, and a delight to watch and to hear even through a translator even if he did not deliver the State message that FSM representatives expected.

He began by thanking Governor Ehsa for stopping the rain that earlier in the day had fallen in torrents. “But then I understand the Governor can do anything,” he joked through a remarkable translator; a citizen of the FSM. He requested that Governor Ehsa share his techniques with Governor Elimo of Chuuk, his next stop on the journey, and his third visit to the State of Chuuk where his father served on Tolesom during World War II.

“At 10:00 this morning, when I was in the airport in Narita I heard the announcement for boarding on UA 1864 to Pohnpei, Micronesia and my heart shivered,” he said through his translator. “When I heard it I knew that the dream had finally come to be.”

That particular announcement had never in history been made at Tokyo International Airport.

“Imagine, only five hours from Tokyo to Pohnpei,” he said. But the flight was supposed to have been an hour shorter. He joked that when the United Airlines Captain told the passengers that the flight would be an hour longer than planned he assumed that the Captain didn't know a direct route to Pohnpei

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## Coast Guard Cutter Sequoia conducts SAREX in Chuuk, FSM

Fourteenth District Public Affairs  
U.S. Coast Guard

CHUUK, Federated States of Micronesia. USCGC SEQUOIA completed a week long international search & rescue exercise (SAREX) that involved coordinated efforts between Coast Guard District 14, Coast Guard Sector Guam, and Chuuk. SEQUOIA participated in the mock scenario by deploying a skiff to simulate the panga boats that are commonly used in the South Pacific and subjects of genuine South Pacific SAR cases. Scientists, Dr. Art Allen, LT Victoria Futch, and Mr. Ben Brushett collected leeway drift data from skiffs and other small watercraft on board SEQUOIA as well.

Deemed the Manaw SAREX, this scenario consisted of a simulated 19 foot skiff with two people on board that drifted for two days west of Chuuk until reported overdue. The deployed watercraft provided position data which was used to compare to the position predicted by the Coast Guard's Search and Rescue Optimal Planning System (SAROPS) software. SAROPS predicts the drift of common SAR objects and optimizes the utilization of Coast Guard resources and assets to find those objects. Using 51 Coast Guard operational centers, data collection for SAROPS has been compiled from all around the United States,

Canada, and Norway, and now the South Pacific.

This latest focus on the South Pacific is increasingly important for the Coast Guard, as Dr. Art Allen laments: "Simply, no matter how effective you search, if you are searching the wrong location you will not find the survivors." SAR missions occur roughly five times a year around Chuuk and the surrounding atolls, costing the Coast Guard approximately one million dollars per case. Dr. Allen further explains that every step of the SAR process for operations in the South Pacific inherently costs precious time to find the survivors: "When

local authorities are notified after 24 hours and the Coast Guard is notified 24 hours after that, to send a C-130 from Barbers Point it might take another 24-48 hours to get to this region...there might be already 4-5 days of drift. Reducing any uncertainty is critical." Therefore, SAREXs like the Manaw SAREX provide crucial data which improves drift predictions, saving money and the increasing the chance of survival for the victims.

Dr. Allen, LT Futch, and Mr. Brushett all foresee increased SAREXs in the future and contribute the success of the exercise to the indispensable functions and capabilities of SEQUOIA as well as the experience, motivation, and support of the SEQUOIA crew. The true importance and reliability of leeway drift data and the Manaw SAREX ultimately proved itself. While SEQUOIA was in Chuuk, Sector Guam Command Center notified SEQUOIA of an overdue vessel. Using the data gathered on SEQUOIA, an updated drift pattern was generated which led a C-130 to successfully pinpoint the location of the stranded panga craft on its first pass.



Dr. Art Allen (left) is an Oceanographer for the Coast Guard SAR program (CG-SAR-1) and has been conducting leeway experiments since 1985



SEQUOIA deck force members work to recover the outrigger canoe

### FSM COMMERCIAL BANKING SYSTEM BALANCE SHEET March 31, 2012

(US\$ In Thousands)	31-Mar-12	%	31-Mar-11	%	Yearly Variance	% Change	Preceding Qtr. 31-Dec-11	%	Quarterly Variance	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>										
Cash & Due from Local Banks	3,507	2%	3,833	2%	(326)	-9%	3,003	2%	504	17%
Foreign Assets/Due from Banks & Others Abroad	146,376	69%	120,167	64%	26,209	22%	129,436	66%	16,940	13%
<b>Total Liquid Assets</b>	<b>149,883</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>124,000</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>25,883</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>132,439</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>17,444</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Loans</b>										
Commercial	32,083	15%	33,621	18%	(1,538)	-5%	32,338	16%	(255)	-1%
Consumer	24,108	11%	22,455	12%	1,653	7%	23,915	12%	193	1%
<b>Total Loans</b>	<b>56,191</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>56,076</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>56,253</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>(62)</b>	<b>0%</b>
Other Assets	7,551	4%	7,985	4%	(434)	-5%	7,506	4%	45	1%
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>213,625</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>188,061</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>25,564</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>196,198</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17,427</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; CAPITAL</b>										
<b>Deposits</b>										
Demand	42,662	20%	42,983	23%	(321)	-1%	46,124	24%	(3,462)	-8%
Savings	118,451	55%	91,176	48%	27,275	30%	98,363	50%	20,088	20%
Time	27,715	13%	28,699	15%	(984)	-3%	27,220	14%	495	2%
Other Time/Other Deposits	662	0%	1,380	1%	(718)	-52%	635	0%	27	4%
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>189,490</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>164,238</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>25,252</b>	<b>15%</b>	<b>172,342</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>17,148</b>	<b>10%</b>
Other Liabilities & Capital 1/	24,135	11%	23,823	13%	312	1%	23,856	12%	279	1%
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Capital</b>	<b>213,625</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>188,061</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>25,564</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>196,198</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>17,427</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Memorandum Items:</b>										
Loan/Deposit Ratio (%)	30%		34%				33%			
Consumer Loans (% of total loans)	43%		40%				43%			
Commercial Loans (% of total loans)	57%		60%				57%			

## ...Flight

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holds for FSM and Japan, (and) opted to have his organization sign on behalf of the Government," Fritz wrote. "Through his connections, he secured support and financial backing to guarantee the initial payments of the charter. Mr. Takashi Okuno of TOYO Life Service (TOYO) was one of those that were pulled into the project by OGE." Obstacle number one was resolved.

As to obstacle number two, the Tokyo Task Force for the inaugural friendship flight contacted, All Nippon Airways, Japan Airlines and various other airlines including what was then Continental Airlines.

"The downturn of Japan's economy and restructure of various airlines posed a serious hindrance in the Tokyo Task Force negotiations," Ambassador Fritz wrote. The group finally chose United Airlines as the "final fall back option," but United was only able to offer the 737-700 class for the charter. The 737-700 class can carry a maximum of 121 passengers; a smaller number than the 737-800 class which regularly serves the FSM on a daily basis and can carry 145 passengers.

The Tokyo task force decided on Nippon Travel Agency (NTA) as the overseeing travel agent.

By mid-2011 the target date of June 9, 2012 for the flight was set but that date could not be announced to the public due to a variety of factors including the Japan tragedies of March 11, 2011, and the subsequent downturn in Japan's economy along with a changed Japanese political situation. Additionally, because of a construction complication on the runway extension, US Federal Aviation Administration clearance was uncertain. The combined effects meant that organizers could not make an official announcement about the flight until only two months before the actual departure date.

"Although NTA was the overseeing agency for the flight and OGE was the guarantor, the expected passengers were those with close affiliation with FSM. Therefore, all passenger recruiting, except the OGE group (which included TOYO and Hideaki Takizawa along with his entourage and media representatives) were done by the Tokyo Embassy," he wrote. The FSM Embassy was able to secure 90 passengers for the inaugural flight.

Fritz wrote that the 90 passengers it recruited consisted of former Mori sensei (Prime Minister Mori) and his group, family groups with descendants in FSM, NGOs active in FSM such as the Association for Micronesian Development and Friends of Micronesia,

representatives of various fisheries companies, and traditional friends and supporters of the FSM that the Embassy has built over the years.

Bernance Aldis of FSM's office of tourism says that "Rainbownesia," a Japanese registered NGO endorsed five years ago by FSM's President Manny Mori and the Governors of the four FSM States and which coordinates its activities closely with the FSM Embassy in Tokyo, also had an impact on bookings for the inaugural flight.

Aldis said that "Rainbownesia" is an FSM marketing tool designed to attract Japanese

tourists to the FSM.

"Rainbownesia" subscribers pay an annual fee of 5000 Yen (approximately \$68USD) annually to get updates on FSM events. Subscribers also get discounts from participating businesses across the FSM.

"Rainbownesia" has a website in the Japanese language. Its volunteers participate in tourism and trade fairs to promote Japanese tourism to the FSM.

Aldis said that the June 9 inaugural flight will not be the last charter flight from Tokyo to Pohnpei.



The United States celebrates its **Independence Day** on **July 4**, a day of patriotic celebration and family events throughout the USA. To mark the Fourth of July tradition the U.S. Embassy is hosting an open house Wednesday July 4 from 3 PM to 6 PM

All U.S. Citizens and their families and especially Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families, are invited to the U.S. Embassy in Kolonia, for a Fourth of July traditional party.

There will be games for the kids, hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, desserts, music, and informational displays.



In the words of Founding Father John Adams, the holiday would be *"the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance. ... It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."*



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## ...Reception

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*FSM's President Mori presents a certificate of appointment to Japanese film and music star Hideaki Takizawa to serve as an FSM Ambassador of Goodwill*

and had to start over again.

He said that the usual travel route to Pohnpei is very expensive because travelers have to pass through Guam which requires a transit and because "the airfare from Guam to Pohnpei is very expensive."

He told the Japanese passengers of UA 1864 that they were all goodwill ambassadors from Japan to the FSM.

He reminded the audience of the history of Japan's occupation of the islands that now make up the FSM and how the local people supported Japanese troops when they had no food or supplies. Mori Sensei's father was one of them.

"I feel strongly about providing assistance to the Pacific Islands," Mori sensei said through the interpreter. "Prime Minister Noda pledged whatever he can in front of everyone at PALM6 to do all that he can for FSM and the rest of the Pacific Island nations," he reminded the audience.

He said that Pohnpei is not yet ready to handle "this many people coming in on an airplane," and joked about geckoes falling from the ceilings of the accommodations. "While you are here, look at what is needed and think about ways that you can help," he challenged the passengers, most of whom already have deep ties to the FSM.

He challenged them to think about ways to preserve Pohnpei's attractive natural environment and about ideas for renewable energy.

After Mori sensei's "off script" speech he introduced a fellow passenger, Mr. Nakagawa, who he introduced as living national treasure for Japan. Nakagawa's father had also served in Chuuk during World War II and during the reception presented to FSM's President Manny Mori, a valuable metal sculpture he had made especially for the event.

Hideaki Takizawa, or "Takki" as his website and many of his fans call him, proposed a toast to the FSM and to the Friendship Flight between Tokyo and Pohnpei before dinner was served.

## Pohnpei Fishing Club 19th Annual Tournament

### Pohnpei Fishing Club

The Pohnpei Fishing Club held its 19th annual tournament on May 10 and 12, 2012. We had fine weather for fishing and a lot of good big fish were caught. This is the Pohnpei Fishing Club's 19th tournament, and the annual event has grown tremendously over the years.

A lot of fun was had at the weigh in and barbecue at the end of the competition. The tournament format was most points from landed point fish. The fishing club has minimum weights for fish to count for points. Allois Malfitani on the Pohnpei Surf Club boat, won the tournament and the grand prize of two United Airlines tickets. He caught two big fish, a 110 pound marlin and a 26.5 mahimahi. Neither were the biggest fish in each category, but together they were enough to win.

The winners and prizes are listed below.

1. Allois Malfitani 136.5 points, (110 marlin and 26.5 mahimahi), Grand prize 2 United Tickets
  2. Jeff Aintemia 113 points (marlin) \$1,000.00 donated by Matson, Best Buy and Bank of FSM
  3. Jula Porter 111 points (78.5 YF and 32.5 wahoo) \$500.00 donated by China Star
- Lady Angler Arleen David 13.5 wahoo  
Junior Angler Jack Qu 15.0 wahoo

We also had prizes for the two biggest fish in each of the Catch 8 categories:

### Billfish

- Jeff Aintemia 113 marlin

### MahiMahi

1. Konrad Englberger 27.0
2. Allois Malfitani 26.5

### Wahoo

1. Francisco Sohl 33.5
2. Jula Porter 32.5

### Barracuda

1. Ben Schroer 16.5
1. Ishiwara 16.5

### Yellow Fin And Other Tuna

1. Jula Porter 78.5
2. Petrus 45.5

### Skip Jack

1. Tony Manuel 12.0
2. Tony Manuel 11.5

### Rainbow Runner

1. Walden Weilbacher 8.0
2. James 3.5



*Sam Bailey, Allois Malfitani, Sophie Finnen, Steve Finnen*



*Jeff Antemai, Jula Porter, Allois Malfitani*

### Giant Trevally

1. Ishiwara 40.0
2. Eddie Abraham 37.5

Congratulations to all our winners. The winners in the individual fish categories received gift certificates from our sponsors.

As you can see a lot of good size fish were caught, and the prizes were distributed to most of the boats. All boats that entered received free t-shirts and a case and a half of Bud Light from our sponsors Budweiser and Ambros, Inc.

We also want to thank all our sponsors, United Airlines, Budweiser and Ambros, Inc., Matson, Best Buy, Bank of the FSM, China Star, FSM Telecom, Ace Hardware, Ace Office Supply, Napa Auto Parts, Movie Land, Pohnpei Surf Club, Joy Restaurant, Village Hotel, Blue Nile, Ocean View, Patterson Lawrence, Visual Impact, Palm Terrace, Seven Star, Pohnpei Cinema, Panuelo Gas Station, Cupid's and Etscheit Enterprises, LP Gas.

We couldn't put on this kind of tourney without our sponsors, so please support them when you need to make purchases.

## Team FSM to compete in London 2012 Olympic Games

By Jim Tobin

The Federated States of Micronesia will be sending five athletes to this year's Olympic Games competing in Weightlifting, Swimming and Athletics (track and field). The 2012 Olympic Games are from July 27 to August 12, 2012 in London, England. The FSM sports delegation will include 5 athletes (Manuel Minginfel, Debra Daniel, Kerson Hadley, John Howard and Mihter Wendolin), 5 coaches (Ron Etshecit, Sweeter Daniel, Rendy Germinaro, George Steven and Lestly Ashby), 1 Chef de Mission (Ted Rutun), 1 doctor (Dr. Felix Yomai), 1 Press Attaché (Marcellus Akapito) and FSM National Olympic Committee (FSMNOC) President and Secretary General (Berney Martin and Jim Tobin).

Over 10,000 athletes from 205 countries will participate in 28 sports. The first FSM athlete to compete in the London 2012 Olympic Games will be 4-time Olympian Manuel Minginfel, male weightlifter from Yap State, on July 30 in Weightlifting. At the Beijing Olympic Games he lifted a total of 270kg and finished a respectable 11th place in the men's 62kg category. Kerson Hadley and Debra Daniel, both from Pohnpei State, will compete in the 50-meter free style in Swimming on August 02 and 03. John Howard, Chuuk State and Mihter Wendolin, Pohnpei State, will compete in the 100-meter dash in Athletics on August 04 and 05.

For the first time ever, the FSM National Olympic Committee has sent the 2 FSM swimmers (Daniel and Hadley) and 2 FSM runners (Wendolin and Howard) and one coach (Germinaro) to a pre-Olympic Games training camp. The FSM group arrived to Liverpool, England on June 11 and will remain at the camp for 6 weeks prior to moving into the Olympic Games Village in London on July 23. The FSM swimmers and runners will be trained by world-class English coaches from the NW England region. This should greatly improve their results in the 50-meter free style and 100-meter dash at the London 2012 Olympic Games. The FSM National Olympic Committee applied and received a 25,000 pound pre-games training camp grant from the London Olympic Games Organizing Committee (LOCOG) to fund the majority of the costs of the FSM training camp. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) funded the airfare costs.

Minginfel has been training full-time since February at the Oceania Weightlifting Institute in New Caledonia. Last week, he qualified on his own merit for the London 2012 Olympic Games by winning the men's 62kg category at the 2012 Oceania Weightlifting Championships in Samoa. He was the only lifter at the Oceania Weightlifting Championships who qualified on his own merit and was awarded the Best Overall Lifter trophy. Minginfel will be traveling with Paul Coffa, his institute coach and mentor, along with other Pacific island lifters from New Caledonia to London on July 24.

The FSMNOC also supported Keitani Graham, FSM male wrestler from Chuuk State, in his bid to qualify for the Olympic Games in Wrestling. For over one year, Graham trained full time in Honolulu with some of the best USA wrestlers. He competed in numerous continental and world Olympic wrestling qualifiers in Australia, Morocco, China and Finland but fell short. This was not due to his great efforts but to an unfair qualification policy set by FILA, the international wrestling association. In our opinion, Graham is the best wrestler ever from Micronesia and should be very proud of his wrestling results. Graham, Daniel and Minginfel all received 2-year \$28,000 London Olympic Games Athlete scholarships, more than another National Olympic Committee received in the region.

The FSMNOC, with funding support from the IOC, is working with FSM Telecommunications Corporation to live television broadcast the London Olympic Games on Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae, most likely from a feed from SkyTV of New Zealand.

## Minginfel dominates 2012 Oceania Weightlifting Championships and qualifies for Olympic games

By Paul Coffa and Jim Tobin

The 2012 Oceania Weightlifting Championships and continental Olympic qualification came to an end on Saturday June 9 in Apia, Samoa. In the men's division only five spots were given to the Oceania continent. This meant that the top five teams in the men received one spot each for London 2012 Olympic Games. They were:

- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1st Australia   | with 148 points. |
| 2nd Kiribati    | with 142 points. |
| 3rd Fiji        | with 141 points. |
| 4th New Zealand | with 139 points. |
| 5th PNG         | with 127 points. |



Missing out on a spot for the London 2012 Olympic Games was American Samoa in 6th place with 117 points. Tonga in 7th place with 116 points. And the two most powerful Pacific weightlifting countries Nauru and Samoa came 8th and 9th place respectively with 110 points and 99 points. This was due to both teams suffering injuries and therefore lifters were eliminated from the tournament. Nineteen Oceania countries competed including the FSM.

In the women only the top four countries received one spot each for London 2012 Olympic Games. They were:

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| 1st Samoa     | with 106 points   |
| 2nd PNG       | with 103 points   |
| 3rd Fiji      | with 98 points  |
| 4th Australia | with 98 points also, with Fiji taking 3rd position on a count back. |

Missing out was New Zealand in 5th position with 94 points. And Solomon Islands in 6th position with 53 points.

It was great to see that three times Olympian, Manuel Minginfel from the FSM, qualified on his own merit in the 62kg Men's weight category, and therefore he will be competing in London 2012 Olympic Games for the FSM in his fourth Olympic Games. His performance in Samoa was brilliant according to competition manager and coach Paul Coffa. His total of 280kg placed him as the BEST WEIGHTLIFTER of the entire tournament. To qualify on your own merit, you need to be in the top 15 in the world. He was the only Oceania lifter who qualified on his own merit at the 2012 Oceania Weightlifting Championships.

Congratulations to Manuel Minginfel. He continues to be a great ambassador for our country and a role model to our youth. Since February, he has been training full time at the Oceania Weightlifting Institute in New Caledonia funded by a London 2012 Olympic Games Athlete scholarship. He will compete in the London 2012 Olympic Games in the 62kg Men's weight category at 2.30pm on Monday, July 30.



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## Former Prime Minister Mori makes third visit to Chuuk

*FSM Information Services*

Accompanied by President Manny Mori, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Lorin Robert, Japanese Ambassador Eiichi Suzuki and Ambassador John Fritz of the FSM Embassy in Japan, the Former Prime Minister of Japan, the Honorable Yoshiro Mori, made his third visit to Chuuk State on June 11, heading a delegation that included Mr. Nakagawa, a life living treasure for Japan, various rotarians, and a handful others who have family ties in Chuuk.

Mori's and Nakagawa's fathers lived in Chuuk during the Japanese Administration of Micronesia and were stationed on the island of Tolesom through the end of the Pacific War. Both returned to Japan after the war.

### Morning of June 11

At the Blue Lagoon Resort, Governor Johnson Elimo officially received the Former Prime Minister and his delegation in a welcome breakfast reception that was preceded by a courtesy meeting between the Governor and Mr. Mori the morning of June 11.

Joining Governor Elimo in welcoming the dignitaries at the Blue Lagoon Resort were the First Lady of Chuuk State, Mrs. Bersita Elimo, the President of The Senate, the Honorable Mark Mailo, the Speaker of the House, the Honorable Inosenti Oneisom, Mrs. Noket and the Honorable Kamino Noket, Chief Justice, and other officials of the state government.

In a brief remark at the breakfast, Governor Elimo extended a special welcome on behalf of the people and the leadership of Chuuk to "Mori Sense" and the rest of the visiting friends.

"I understand this is your third visit to Chuuk, for which the people of Chuuk are very grateful, as it shows your deep regard of and affinity toward this place", Governor Elimo told Mr. Mori through an interpreter.

Governor Elimo also noted the presence of some members of the families of Mori, Nakayama and Aizawa who accompanied the Former Prime Minister on this trip. The Governor said that this visit has highlighted the importance of "remembering, celebrating and solidifying" the special familial and friendship bonds



*Mori Sensei respectfully sifts through a basket containing the kinds of foods that sustained his father while he was hiding in a cave on Tolesom*

that exist between the people of Chuuk and the people of Japan.

Speaking through an interpreter, Former Prime Minister Mori commended about the excellent weather condition and thanked Governor Elimo and President Mori for the hospitality extended to him during all his visits.

The Former Prime Minister talked about the affinity he and Mr. Nakagawa have toward Chuuk as a result of the kindness and care that enabled their fathers to survive the difficult living conditions during and after the war.

Mr. Mori also spoke of the need to improve living standards in Chuuk to attract more visitors and raise living conditions for everyone, calling on the Japanese visitors to work together with the islanders in every way to bring about improvements.

### Going to Tolesom

Mori Sense and his friends, accompanied by President Mori and Governor Elimo, spent the rest of the day on a journey to Tolesom, stopping first in Netutu where the visitors paid respect to the grave of the late Susumu Aizawa, a part-Japanese Paramount Chief in Tolesom, and later at Foson Village, where there is a burial location for some Pacific War-related casualties from Japan.

After the eventful day at Tolesom, a dinner reception was held at the Blue Lagoon Resort by President Mori in honor of Mori Sense and the visitors. At this dinner, Mori Sense expressed his appreciation to the President and Governor Elimo, most especially those who helped to make the trip and activities to Foson Village possible.

Also at the dinner, Lieutenant Governor Ritis Heldard spoke on behalf of the Governor and the people of Chuuk, reiterating the Governor's message of gratitude to Mori Sense for taking time to visit Chuuk all these years. The Lieutenant Governor also mentioned that the people of Chuuk are appreciative of the special bond and the many assistance and interactions that continue to take place between FSM and Japan.

### June 12 Departure from Chuuk

Before he left for Japan on June 12, Former Prime Minister Mori paid respect to the grave of the former FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama in Mwan Village and had breakfast with the Japan-FSM Friendship Society – Chuuk Chapter at Truk Stop Restaurant. On his way to the Chuuk International Airport, he also made stops at the Chuuk Women Council's Shinobu Poll Convention Center in Nepukos and the War Memorial Monument at Bay View.

Mori Sense and those departing with him were hosted for lunch at the Leiside Restaurant right next to the airport where they rested before embarking on their way back to Japan through Guam.

The 85th Prime Minister of Japan previously visited Chuuk on September 20, 2001 and September 16, 2008.

## Mori-sensei visits 'his' tree in Palikir

**PALIKIR, POHNPEI.** - Former Prime Minister of Japan Yoshiro Mori returned to Palikir on June 10, 2012 to enjoy the fruits of a tree he planted when he first visit the Federated States of Micronesia in September 2001.

On the 19th of September 2001, Mori-sensei led a delegation to the Federated States of Micronesia to meet with the national leadership as invited by then President Leo A. Falcam. During his meeting with members of the 12th FSM Congress they established the FSM-Japan Parliamentary Friendship League and both Mori-sensei and the then Speaker Jack Fritz each planted a coconut tree to symbolically signify the cultivation of a new partnership.



In September of 2008 Mori-Sensei again visited the FSM, this time at the invitation of Speaker Isaac V. Figir and members of the 15th FSM Congress. Congress acknowledged his prominent role in the successful realization of undertakings such as Pohnpei's airport extension, completion of its circumferential road and the appointment of a resident Ambassador to the FSM. As part of the invitation, Mori addressed Congress live from the Chamber where he called on the leadership of the FSM to explore further means of enhancing the FSM-Japan relationship.



This third visit Mori-sensei joined Japan's 120-member delegation on the inaugural direct-flight from Japan to the

FSM on June 9th to officially witness the completion of the Japan funded project for the runway extension and facility improvement of the Pohnpei International Airport.

After the ceremonies for the inaugural flight, on June 10 2012, Mori-sensei returned to Palikir with a small 11-member delegation accompanied by Japan Ambassador to the FSM His Excellency Eiichi Suzuki and FSM Ambassador to Japan His Excellency John Fritz to see his fruit-bearing coconut tree.

Vice Speaker Berney Martin and Senator Roger S. Mori welcomed Mori-sensei and his delegation with refreshments mostly from the coconut tree. Mori-sensei was pleasantly surprised by the development of his tree which was bearing fruits and equally delighted when provided a coconut drink from his tree along with a hat woven from its leaves. Mori-sensei and his delegation were treated to refreshments and products made from the versatile coconut tree.

The visit wrapped-up close to two hours later and the group headed out to visit the ancient ruins of Nan Madol.



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Please note earliest start date for the position is 19 November 2012.

Closing date for applications is close of business on 27 July 2012.

## Letter to the Editor

# Open letter to the FSM: Namoneas in crisis

Hey KPress!

The Northern Outer Islands of Chuuk are in crisis again.

The Nomonuitoes and all of the Northern Islands have lost their access to air transportation. We can no longer call for medical evacuation nor bring in personnel or hardware for The Cuthbert Project, located at WeiPat High. We are hosting, on Onoun, an educational symposium in early July and all of the participants will have to travel by boat and gas, when available, is almost \$8.00 per gallon. We, the people of the Northern Islands need your immediate intervention and help.

The airstrip on Onoun has been declared unsafe due to the dense growth at both ends of the runway and on both sides. Also, there are pot holes in the surface of the landing strip. We, the people of Onoun and the students of WeiPat High are willing to do the work but we need the necessary tools to do the work. We need chainsaws, bush cutters, herbicides, wheelbarrows, picks and shovels as well as the necessary spare parts and safety equipment for the people to perform the necessary clearing and patching. We estimate that the cost of the tools and supplies can be purchased for \$15,000, and can have everything delivered to Onoun at the end of June when we have a private boat coming to Onoun from Guam. We will then have the necessary tools to do regular maintenance on our landing strip to ensure continued access to air transportation.

We don't often ask for much but, we need access to air transportation for those in crisis.

*Bill Hagen*

*The Cuthbert Project*

## Opinion Editorial

# Racial discrimination versus freedom of expression in Fiji

Putting an end to racism and racial discrimination is a stated priority of the Government of Fiji. Fijian authorities have, since the coup in 2006, talked of the divisive and harmful impact of racism on their country and political system and the need to stop acts of racial vilification in the country. The goal of ending racism is one that is supported by international human rights standards, which require the respect for human rights for all without distinction on the basis of race or other status.

Governments must take responsibility for reducing racism in their countries and this includes dealing with issues of racial vilification or hate speech. At the same time, governments must ensure the right to freedom of expression and any limitations place on this right must be clearly and narrowly defined in accordance with international standards. These are issues that have become a focus for global discussion in recent years. In 2011, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights organised four regional expert consultative workshops in Europe, Africa, Asia-Pacific and the Americas

on the issue of freedom of expression and the prohibition of incitement to national, racial or religious hatred, which is to culminate in a final expert event in Morocco later in 2012.

The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, although not ratified in Fiji, provides authoritative guidance on how to balance the protection of people against racism and ensure freedom of expression. It provides that "any propaganda for war" and "any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence shall be prohibited by law" (Article 20).

The aim of these limitations to freedom of expression is specific. It is to prevent acts that incite national, racial or religious hatred, and to protect individuals against direct violations of their rights.

As pointed out by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on freedom of expression, Frank LaRue, these limitations are not intended to suppress the expression of critical views,

controversial opinions or politically incorrect statements.

Action taken to prohibit hate speech under Article 20 should meet a number of clear requirements. It should not involve any type of prior censorship; it should be clearly and narrowly defined; it should be the least intrusive means in what concerns limitations to freedom of expression; and it should be applied by an independent judiciary.

The Special Rapporteur, who has also previously made similar comments directed at Fiji's Media Industry Development Decree (2010), said that a broader interpretation of these limitations is not in line with existing international human rights instruments and would ultimately jeopardize the full enjoyment of human rights. Limitations to the right to freedom of opinion and expression have more often than not been used by Governments as a means to restrict criticism and silent dissent.

Furthermore, as regional human rights courts have already recognized, the right to freedom of expression is applicable not only to comfortable, inoffensive or

politically correct opinions, but also to ideas that "offend, shock and disturb". The Special Rapporteur said that the constant confrontation of ideas, even controversial ones, is a stepping stone to vibrant democratic societies.

The challenge of ensuring all rights for all people in Fiji is a big one. It will be important that over the next years, as Fiji moves towards a rule of law underpinned by a constitution and the strengthening of democratic institutions, that the protection of people from all forms of discrimination and the enjoyment of the right to freedom expression are strengthened hand in hand.

As the United Nations Human Rights Committee stated, freedom of opinion and freedom of expression are essential for any society and constitute the foundation stone for every free and democratic society.

*Matilda Bogner*

*Regional Representative,  
United Nations Human Rights Office  
in the Pacific*

## Pohnpei: Field of Dreams

Even if you've never seen Kevin Costner's movie, "A Field of Dreams," you probably know the most famous quote from the movie. It's the mantra of those on islands whose dream it is to develop tourism—"If you build it they will come."

There are two problems with that line. The first is that it's pretty much blatantly untrue. There's much more to it than that.

A little too far south of Seattle is a small kiddie amusement park. It's been closed for years. They built it and people stayed away in droves.

The second problem with the "If you build it they will come," line is that people tend to forget that even Kevin Kostner had his "game on" when those ghostly baseball players did finally come. Apparently those baseball legends were so excited about what they would do when they got to the Field of Dreams built in a cornfield that they took the time to come back from the dead to do it.

People told Walt Disney when he bought up a huge tract of land that Orange County was too far away out in the country and people wouldn't come. But Walt Disney had his game on. He built such an attractive and fun theme park that people not only drove in from the LA area to have fun at his park but they came across the country and even from around the world to visit Disneyland, and all these decades later, they still do.

I was only able to talk to a few of the visitors from the Friendship Flight while they were here. Unfortunately I could only talk to the few who knew at least some English. One of them told me during Saturday evening's reception that he was pleasantly surprised at the quality of his hotel room. "I wasn't expecting much," he said. "I thought it'd be awful, but it isn't."

His comment led me to believe that the tourists who came to Pohnpei didn't have particularly high expectations. They had not been "oversold" on what they would find here. They just knew it would be a beautiful island paradise. When I was in Japan in several cities a few weeks ago, the Japanese people I encountered who knew about Pohnpei but had never been there consistently told me they would like to come see it because they knew it as "an attractive and desirable place for resting the mind."

The few negative comments from Japanese tourists from the friendship flight that I heard were all centered on the concept of service; basic services like the toilet paper or towels in hotel bathrooms, surly and/or inattentive wait staff in restaurants, clerks in stores, or service personnel in the hotels. Some said that they felt that their presence was an imposition rather than the bread and butter of the people in the hospitality industry.

I personally did not hear one of them complain about a lack of things to do. They seemed not to have come here to have every moment of every day filled with activity but to relax.

That's not to say that there wasn't anything

## K Press Perspective

### Why I "hate" "PNI Nation" Or is it text messages? I can't remember

I imagine that on publication day I will be able to actually hear the gasps and the little sucking sounds from thousands of fan navels collectively puckering when they read the headline for this KPress Perspective. Before "PNI Nation" fans get nuts and storm my front door and etch little hateful messages into the paint on my car take a deep breath and read on.

At least half of the above headline is untrue. Let's get that straight right up front. So is the posting on Facebook that says that KPress (aka "me") is one of "PNI Nation's" many "haters".

I haven't heard of ANY "PNI Nation haters," much less, MANY.

I freely confess that I have not heard PNI Nation's music yet but WAIT!

I was an early fan of "Boyz N Harmony." It wasn't "my" style of music but then "my" style of music wasn't theirs either and we were cool with that. When I ran V6AV FM 88.1 The Mixx ("your favorite music on the island," back in the day) I played their music and promoted it.

I actually laid down a few guitar tracks for the "Kastaway" compact disc. I played their music as well and I promoted it too. I always promoted local musicians and it wouldn't hurt my feelings to be able to do the same thing with the newspaper.

"Boyz N Harmony" is "Kastaway" is "PNI Nation".

Of course, that's over simplified but I know that those Salomon boys can wail and I know that they write great music. I'm hoping they'll ask me to sit in with them on their next recording project. As those people who are

for them to do. There were plenty of things for them to do and not just the flurry of the ceremony and reception on their arrival day. On Sunday afternoon, Pohnpei put on a cultural fair for visitors from Japan at the Spanish Wall Park. The cultural fair featured local dance and music performances and vendor booths with participants from as far away as Kosrae.

Representatives of Kosrae's Visitor's Bureau said that they felt that participation in the fair was time and money well spent in order to expose Japanese tourists to Kosrae. They said that Kosrae is excited about the possibility of more direct charter flights to Pohnpei because they're sure that Japanese tourists will also want to come to the island of the sleeping lady. They know that it's not enough to "build it," you also have to sell it and you can't "oversell" it or before long no one will be willing to buy because they won't believe the paradisiacal hard sell line anymore.

Performers on the Spanish Wall stage included Pwudoj, Pohnlik, Pidek en Dolen Wenik, Sapuafik Pelenehk, and

significantly less than 50 years old say, "I'm totally down with that."

I am NOT a hater of "PNI Nation".

Just the same, of the nearly 1700 words in my article on Australia's Music Festival for Reconciliation, the 34 of them I wrote about "PNI Nation" have become a focal point; a bone of contention since the article was published on June 11, 2012.

From a purely journalistic point of view, I stand behind what I wrote based on a written communication from Jun Salomon. HOWEVER, and it's an important "HOWEVER", text messages don't always say all that they mean to say and sometimes they don't get to the person to whom they were sent.

That seems to have been the case this time.

Salomon says that he sent other text messages to the Paradise organizers of the festival. William Hoffman of Paradise says that he never received those other text messages.

None of the "he said, she said," matters at this point. The fact is, I now know that PNI Nation had very good family related reasons for why they could not perform at the music festival and that's why I took a chance on a dicey headline so that you'd actually read this KPress Perspective. I wanted you to know what I didn't know when I wrote that "PNI Nation" representatives canceled their performance because the money wasn't sufficient.

"PNI Nation" demonstrated as recently as April 28 of this year, just over a month before the June 2 Music Festival that it was not "all about the money." On that day they put on

Pingelap Liamweimwei. There was also a demonstration of the traditional sakau ceremony.

Bermance Aldis of the FSM Tourism Department said that on Monday, half the Japanese visitors visited world famous Nan Madol, and Kepirohi Falls. They had lunch at the Sei Botanical Gardens and stopped in Enipein where they were treated to more local dancing and singing. On the next day the other half of the tourists had the same opportunity.

Aldis said that other optional experiences were also made available to the visitors. They could choose to take a trip to the white sandy beaches of Ant Atoll. They could choose to visit Nahlap Island Resort, or take a snorkeling trip on the reef. Some arranged for diving trips through Snowland, and some just wandered through town seeing what there was to be seen.

There was no shortage of activities for them to participate in or not to participate in if they chose and that's a good thing.

a show they called "2012 Keamealis" (which means "Mix" in the language of Pingelap) at the College of Micronesia that featured local artists purely for the sake of promoting local musicians and dancers.

Salomon said that the event was a "non-paid, admission free gig."

He says that there were so many people at that gig (concert) that people outside the door had to wait for another person to leave before they could get a seat.

I hear that "PNI Nation's" sponsors have threatened to pull their funding if they don't clear up the 34 words I wrote in what otherwise was an uplifting article about a first time concert event. I think that would be a mistake. The Salomon boys, Berney (AKA PNI Pride), Berysin (AKA JR, AKA Jun, AKA J-Starrz) and Holland (AKA Nemesis 691) seem to be very interested in promoting not only themselves but also the music of other locals.

The Salomon boys (I should say men) run 691 Underground Productions. "Our goal is to push Micronesian music, especially Pohnpei, so the rest of the world could hear and recognize it," Jun wrote in an email.

Sounds like an admirable goal.

So, my apologies to PNI Nation and the Salomon boys for taking your text message to mean only what it said.

I don't hate PNI Nation but I'm starting to hate text messages!

*Bill Jaynes*  
*Managing Editor*

Kenny Omura drove a bus for the tourists while they were here. Of course Kenny speaks fluent Japanese since he is Japanese himself. He told me that other than the service issues all of his passengers had good things to say about Pohnpei and its people. They told him that they found the people of Pohnpei to be honest, that they felt welcome. They were pleased that they also felt safe because Pohnpei is a peaceful place where they didn't have to worry about crime. All in all, Omura said, they told him that they were very happy with their visit.

So maybe in fact if you build it they will come, we just need to be sure that when they do we all have our game on. It seems to me that hospitality business operators learning to actually be hospitable will go a long way toward building a tourist industry in Pohnpei. In my opinion nothing will build tourism like successful tourist visits and good reports back home.

*Bill Jaynes*  
*Managing Editor*

## Opinion Editorial

## Overcoming man-made impediments to growth in the FSM

**Peter A. Prahar***U.S. Ambassador to the FSM*

On February 8, 2011, I spoke at the National Economic Symposium in Chuuk which had been called to address the topic Overcoming Impediments to Growth. I believe the participants at the symposium understood that the country has a long way to go and a short time to get there. The FSM's gross domestic product is essentially unchanged since 1995. Per capita income, adjusted for inflation, has stagnated since the early 1980s. The main source of income and employment remains the public sector, which is largely funded by Compact grants and other U.S. federal programs. Government operations are becoming increasingly constrained as Compact funding decreases (as planned) year after year until it ends in 2023. FSM citizens are leaving for good in large numbers – some 2,000 a year, including some of the country's best and brightest – in search of the opportunities the FSM economy is not generating.

We all know that the FSM faces impediments to growth that are inherent to Pacific Island economies: relatively high costs of energy and transportation, small domestic markets, and frequent natural disasters. These are a reality of doing business here and cannot be changed. However, in my 2011 speech, I spoke of a number of impediments to growth that could be changed: ones that were the result of human choice and those which have created a policy environment that impedes private-sector led growth.

I am not a lone voice crying in the wilderness on this. Every year, for example, the World Bank reviews laws, regulations, and practices in ten different areas including registering property, getting electricity, paying taxes, starting a business, and enforcing contracts. I think all would agree that these are of critical

importance to any businessman, foreign or domestic, and, in total, are a fair and straightforward way to evaluate the "business climate" of a country.

So how is the FSM doing in these ten areas?

Well, the answer is not a happy one. Year after year, the World Bank Ease of Doing Business Report (<http://www.doingbusiness.org/reports>) puts the FSM's business climate among the also-rans and flat-out losers in the global economy – a rating, sadly, that is perfectly consistent with the country's poor economic performance and prospects. In 2012, the World Bank placed the FSM 140 out of 183 countries in its overall rating. This means that the FSM is among the most difficult places in the world to do business. What should be even more eye-opening (and action-inspiring): No country in the Pacific Ocean rated lower than the FSM. Not one.

The purpose of the World Bank Ease of Doing Business Report is to spur macroeconomic reforms – and it works. Doing Business 2012 shows that governments in 125 economies out of 183 that were measured implemented a total of 245 business regulatory reforms—13 percent more reforms than in the previous year.

Unfortunately, the same report made clear that in the FSM another year passed without tackling the impediments to growth that the country can control.

Admittedly, some painfully slow progress has been made in implementing tax reform. The proposed tax reforms would, among other things, incentivize local business to reinvest their profits into new and expanding enterprises. They would also improve the administration of the tax system to ensure that everyone is paying what is owed. If this country is to have modern health and education systems after the end of direct Compact funding, it simply must have a

modern tax system and vibrant economy to fund them.

However, we have yet to see any progress with regard to land registration and titling reform. No sensible investor, domestic or foreign, wants to put his money into improving someone else's property. An investor needs security of title, lease, or easement. In this sector the FSM ranks 183. That's not a typographical error. The World Bank considers the FSM the worst place in the world in terms of registering property. At least according to the World Bank, you're better off trying to secure property in war torn Afghanistan than you are in the FSM. You can argue the point, but the message this rating sends to potential investors is unmistakable: Steer clear, look elsewhere.

The World Bank also flunked the FSM in the area of enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency. It is not hard to see why this is important: A business cannot be successful if it cannot depend on the contracts it signs or collect the debts it is owed.

Per the World Bank ranking, the FSM rates 146 out of 183 in enforcing contracts and 164 out of 183 on resolving insolvency. On the later, the FSM rates lower than Haiti, which is still recovering from a devastating earthquake that destroyed its national capital – not to mention its history of failed governments. The FSM rates slightly better than Rwanda (the scene of one of the worst genocides in the 20th century) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (scene of the world's deadliest conflict since World War II, killing more than five million people since 1998). I am personally familiar with Rwanda, having served as the State Department's Desk Officer for that country, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, having served there for two years at the height of the fighting. Believe me, any time you are lumped in with these two, you are in trouble. A

high-level review of courts' capacity to handle commercial matters quickly and transparently is in order. This systemic failure is yet another impediment that could be removed.

Overcoming these and the other impediments to growth requires effort and creativity, and – let's be blunt – will entail sacrifice and perhaps short-term pain. While most will benefit from tax reform, a few are bound to pay higher taxes – and you can be sure they will do everything in their power to stand in the way of reform. Some may profit from a chaotic system of land registration too, but many more are kept from engaging in business or even their own home improvements, because they cannot secure title to a piece of property.

Reliance on foreign donors or fly-by-night development schemes is not a strategy for long-term success. However, decades of experience around the world demonstrate that comprehensive reforms along the lines suggested by the World Bank and others will, over time, result in greater economic activity and a higher standard of living. In addition, the effort to comprehensively address the man-made impediments to growth would be evidence of political courage and a seriousness of purpose towards self-reliance which is a key principle of the Compact of Free Association between our two nations. A tall order to be sure, but certainly not an impossible one.

*The Harris family wishes to extend our heartfelt and deepest appreciation to all friends, colleagues, and family for the many words of comforts, support and contributions you had given us during our time of bereavement. There are no words to describe the feeling of gratitude which we feel nor there is, no way can we fully show our appreciation to the love and support shown to us. We thank you very much from the bottom of our hearts.*

*From the Harris family...*

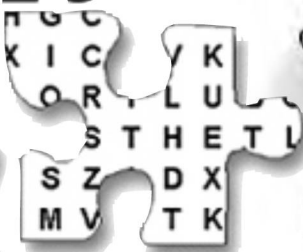
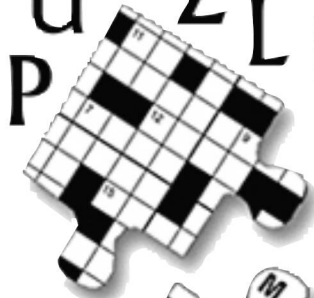


## Little Fish, Big Decisions

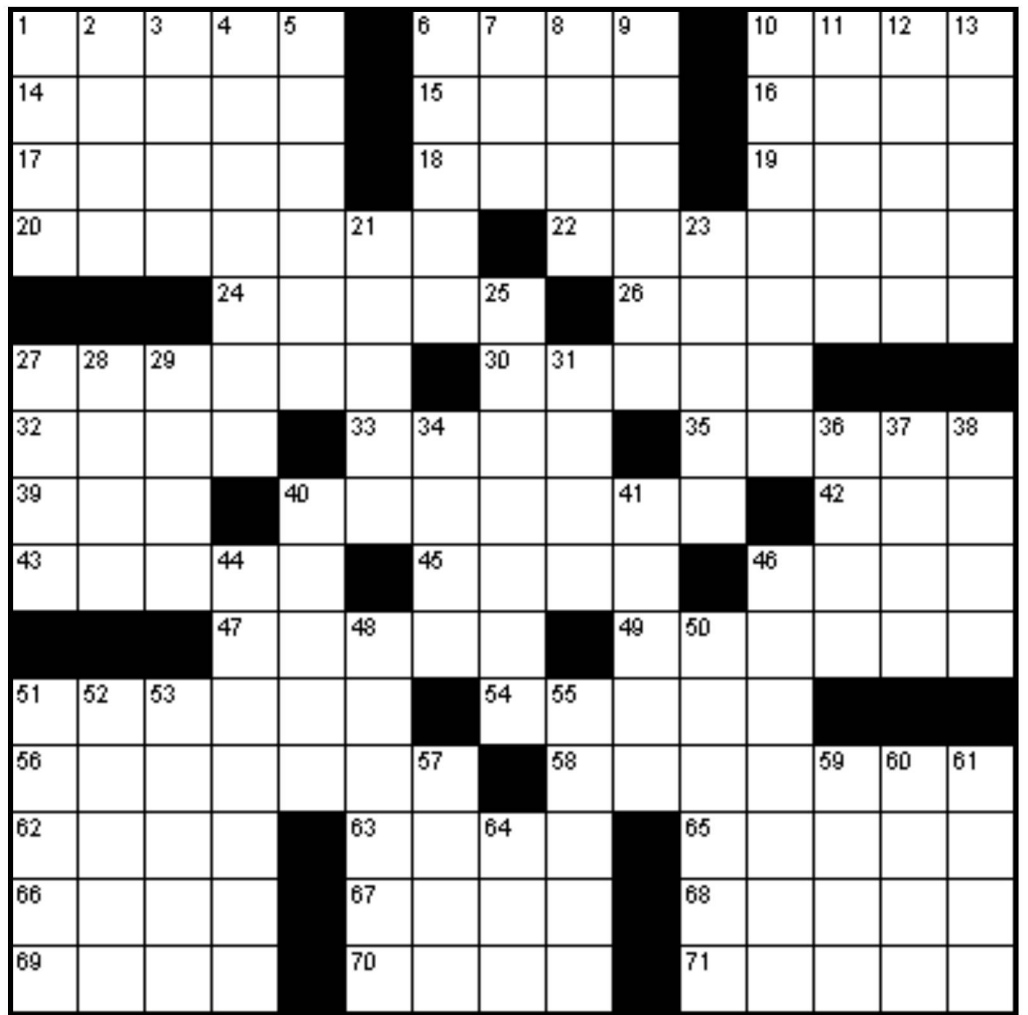
If any of you has been down to the fish market or spent any time in the water in recent years, you've probably noticed that the size of fish is getting smaller and smaller. There are a lot of reasons for this, but the main reason is that Pohnpei has put off big decisions about prioritizing coastal resource protection for decades. Local fishermen, scientists and conservationists working in coastal fisheries have long been aware of the problems, but where is the legislative response? It's not for lack of trying on the part of those concerned. For more than a decade, local scientists and conservationists have put forward a suite of recommendations to the State to fix problems of overfishing, among them size limits, protection of endangered species, limits on destructive gears, such as small net mesh size, protection of spawning sites and restrictions on nighttime spearfishing. For whatever reason, these recommendations have failed to gain the attention of the Pohnpei State Legislature, leading to our current sad state of affairs. Algae now smother large areas of the reef, sedimentation from dredging and sand mining is smothering coastal corals and poaching is rampant in the marine sanctuaries. Fishermen take as much as they can and markets sell whatever they want, regardless of size and including some protected species. Recent surveys with fishermen and fishing communities has found huge concerns about dwindling fish stocks and reef conditions, yet there has been no attention paid to these matters by the Legislature. These same surveys found 80% support for a range of management action within these fishing communities whose lives depend on healthy fish stocks. So you have to ask, why hasn't action been taken? Estimates by University of Hawaii scientists now show that Pohnpei is outstripping its supply of reef fish—now estimated at 2-5 times higher than sustainable levels of harvest. These estimates and recommendations to stem the downward spiral has been provided to the Legislature almost every year for more than 15 years, but not one has ever gained the attention of our legislative decision-makers. Given the obvious level of decline, we're at a make-or-break point in marine resource protection. Without quick action, future management won't be able to repair or restore our fish stocks to former levels, or for that matter, even sustainable ones. Many older fishermen remember a time when an hour of fishing was enough to fill the boat. Not too long ago, giant clams (pahsu) filled the lagoon, large schools of bumphead parrotfish (kemeik) of 50-100 pounds slept peacefully on shallow reefs and humphead wrasse (merrer) to big to find sleeping holes roamed the reef. Today, these animals are all but gone. We have to ask if this is the future we want and, if not, we need to demand immediate action from our leaders. If we don't, the fish are just going to keep getting smaller, the decisions are going to get bigger. and Pohnpei's fishing history will be a distant memory much like that of the Saudeleurs.

**Kevin Rhodes**

# PUZZLES



## Crossword



### Across

- 1 Lights
- 6 Thomas \_\_\_ Edison
- 10 Actor Lugosi
- 14 Banish
- 15 Great Trek participant
- 16 Berserk
- 17 Funny man Woody
- 18 "Touched \_\_\_ Angel"
- 19 Persian fairy
- 20 Must
- 22 Speaker's spot
- 24 Billy, Nanny and the kids?
- 26 English counties
- 27 Heraldic dragon
- 30 Orbital point
- 32 Weeding tools
- 33 Commotion
- 35 D-day beach
- 39 Like some vbs.
- 40 Checkpoint sites
- 42 Yang's opposite
- 43 Words of agreement
- 45 "I \_\_\_ Kick Out Of You"
- 46 Hang in the balance

- 47 Works for actors
- 49 Rough and outspoken
- 51 Fought for air
- 54 Not our
- 56 Diffusion through a membrane
- 58 For fun
- 62 One of these
- 63 Uninteresting
- 65 Danny DeVito's "Taxi" role
- 66 "Women and Love" author
- 67 Tel \_\_\_
- 68 Touch of color
- 69 Rushed
- 70 Computer command
- 71 Readily available

### Down

- 1 "Ryan's Daughter" director
- 2 Wheel support
- 3 Race distance
- 4 Promises
- 5 It picks up readings
- 6 Monks' head
- 7 Frequent Powell co-star
- 8 Calf's flesh
- 9 TV's "Gunsmoke" star
- 10 Christening
- 11 Mideast prince
- 12 Mr Moto portrayer Peter
- 13 Actor Claude
- 21 So much, to Solti
- 23 Aegean island
- 25 Most pathetic
- 27 Caprice
- 28 Days gone by

- 29 Green, in heraldry
- 31 Longfellow, e.g.
- 34 Wild party
- 36 Passing remarks?
- 37 Helpful suggestion
- 38 Capp of comics
- 40 Tree trunks
- 41 Track events
- 44 Anti
- 46 Filch
- 48 Gymwear name

- 50 Commercial area of Venice
- 51 Ancient invaders
- 52 On board
- 53 Afflict
- 55 Reduce by 50 percent
- 57 Fiji's capital
- 59 Female relative
- 60 Baltic port
- 61 Retain
- 64 Actress Ullmann

## Word Search - So Soon -

- Buffoonery
- Burlesque
- Clowning
- Comedy
- Drollery
- Farce
- Gags
- Japes
- Jests
- Jocularly
- Jokes
- Nonsense
- Parody
- Puns
- Raillery
- Satire
- Slapstick
- Wisecracks
- Witticism





## Chinese Embassy in the FSM supports the work of Island Food Community of Pohnpei

By Chizuru Seki (JICA)  
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) received \$1,000 donation from Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Federated States of Micronesia on 5 June 2012.

This is given to IFCP to keep going with its awareness effort of the benefits of Micronesian indigenous island food among people in the Federated States of Micronesia from all generations.

Since it is chartered in 2004, IFCP has been conducting the Go Local campaign (encourage people to plant, grow, maintain, harvest, cook and eat more local food) for its CHEEF benefits (Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food Security).

Changes toward healthy lifestyle have been taken by community and church groups. Mand community, Madolehnimw and Kosrae Kolonia Congregational Church banned the use of soft drinks at their event.

Moreover, Go Local campaign has been showing its influence in the town. Before IFCP was established, there were rarely unique yellow fleshed bananas and local cooked food in Kolonia town; however, there are those types of bananas and local ready-to-eat take outs in town for sale.

Above examples are just few of the many good healthy changes.

IFCP is very fortunate and grateful to encounter these healthy changes made by people in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The support given to IFCP from Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Federated States of Micronesia will assist IFCP to make more impact and accelerate this trend toward "going local."

IFCP would like to express gratitude to Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Special thanks are given to IFCP funding sources: SPC CePaCT, Australian Embassy, SPC Healthy Life-Style, UNESCO, Division of Public Health of Pohnpei Department of Health Services, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).



Mr. Pan Haitao, Embassy of the People's Republic of China, handing over the donation to Ms. Mona J Tara, Island Food Community of Pohnpei

## July 7th, 2012 is the Island Food Community of Pohnpei 3rd annual fun run/walk and plant!

Saturday, 7 July 2012 is the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) 3rd annual Fun Run/Walk and Plant!

IFCP will encourage public to get enough exercise for a day in a local way. Instead of running or walking 5k, participants will run or walk to the designated government area and plant indigenous local plants such as yellow flesh banana, pandanus, papaya, lime and more.

Planting local food will require much physical exercise and provide healthy nutritious food when it is grown. It also takes important role in securing the food for the future. IFCP FUN RUN/WALK/PLANT will be an event that will benefit all people in Pohnpei.

**Time:** 7am (registration starts around 6:30am)

**Starting Place:** Palm Terrace Parking Lot, Kolonia, Pohnpei

**Registration Fee:** \$5

**Designated government area:** Ohmine and Kolonia Elementary School, Pohnpei Legislature compound, Dekehtik causeway and Pohnpei State Department of Health Services compound

All participants who planted a local plant will receive a NEW IFCP Let's Go Local! Cap.

For more information, call IFCP at 320-3259.

An advertisement for MiCARE's Open Enrollment Season. The background is a mix of blue, green, and orange. Large white text reads "OPEN ENROLLMENT SEASON". To the right, a red box contains the text "JULY 1-31, 2012". Below this, a white box with a red pushpin icon says "Don't miss your chance to enroll." To the right of this box, contact information is listed: "For more information, Call us @ tel no. 320-2549/5865/3415 Email us @ info@micareplan.fm Visit our website @ www.micareplan.fm Kosrae: 370-2935 Chuuk: 330-5891 Yap: 350/2307". At the bottom, the MiCARE logo is displayed in blue and red, with the tagline "Primary Solution for your Healthcare Needs" in green.



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