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Chuukese man severely beaten by five thugs in Nanpohnmal

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

September 1, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—Two days after a gang of thieves beat him nearly senseless, Kendal Dobich was finally able to start thinking in terms of going back to classes and to work even though he still couldn't fully open his left eye.

Dobich, who is 22 years old, started his day on Wednesday, August 28 like he does most weekdays. He went to his classes at the College of Micronesia where he is a Liberal Arts major. After classes he went to Ocean View where he works as a waiter. He starts work at 4:00 in the afternoon and works until midnight at Orchid's Restaurant and Bar. Occasionally he works overtime as he did on that night.

At about 2:00 in the morning, after Orchid's had closed for the night, the establishment's security guard gave Dobich a ride to his home in Nanpohnmal where he has lived with his sister and her husband for the last three years while he has been taking classes at COM. The two stopped on the way only long enough to drop the evening's income at the owner's home.

Dobich said that the security guard dropped him at the intersection across from Peter Lohn's store. Because his home is at the end of a short dirt road, he's accustomed to being dropped off at that place and walking the rest of the way. Because of his busy schedule as a full time employee and a student he hasn't had much time to engage with the people in the neighborhood but he said that he'd never had any problems before. This time things were significantly different.

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FSM Police Academy graduates proudly accept their honors

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

August 2, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—On Friday, August 30 Pohnpei Chief Justice Benjamin Rodriguez issued the oath of office to the 24 graduates of the FSM States' Police Academy.

The ceremony was held on the front porch of the Pohnpei Government building with pomp and circumstance while family members and supporters craned their necks looking for their favorite recruit.

28 recruits from throughout the FSM entered the Academy on June 11, 2013. 24 emerged as fully fledged law officers. Three of them were women.

In a particularly moving portion of the ceremony, the

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Photo by Bill Jaynes

International students gather at Nihco for “Harvest School”

By **Bill Jaynes**
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September 2, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—A group of approximately 60 students from all over the world and approximately 40 FSM students is currently taking part in Iris Ministries’ “Harvest School”.

The entire group is staying at Nihco Marine Park in Pohnpei where they will participate in training exercises until they graduate on October 15. The students started arriving in Pohnpei in the days surrounding the August 15 start day of the training.

Organizers said that the international students came from South Africa, Madagascar, England, Scotland, Switzerland, Australia, America, Singapore, Mozambique and other far flung regions in order to participate in the Harvest School. The FSM students are primarily from Pohnpei but there are also students from Chuuk and Yap, some of whom travelled to Pohnpei specifically to take part in the first of its kind training in Pohnpei.

It won’t be the last. Iris Ministries Pohnpei base is planning another Harvest Training that will start on March first of next year and will end on May third.

In a formal ceremony held at the Pohnpei State Government Complex on August 18, Governor Ehsa officially welcomed the students to Pohnpei on behalf of the government.

What is Iris Ministries?

Iris Ministries was founded as a dedicated Christian missions organization in 1980 by Rolland and Heidi Baker. At first based in the United States, it encompassed short-term evangelism trips to the Philippines, Taiwan, Indonesia, and Hong Kong, until



Jesse Gellatly

projects include continuing outreaches to very remote coastal regions via Iris’s recently acquired boat, expansion of Iris’s air transport abilities, investment in a range of cottage industries, and a special well-drilling initiative. Iris, having recently acquired a drilling rig by generous funding from several U.S. churches, intends to transform life in desperately dry villages everywhere possible.

Iris Micronesia

Jesse Gellatly doesn’t like to refer to himself in terms of titles but grudgingly said that if we had to refer to him by a title he supposed that he and his wife Tanya are the directors of Iris Micronesia. They established the Iris base camp ministry in Madolenihmw about a year ago. They also run the Harvest Training that is happening in Pohnpei right now. Iris Micronesia has partnered with “Every Home for Christ.”

According to the website for Iris Micronesia “Jesse and Tanya Gellatly moved to Mozambique in June 2007, one week after their wedding and they have been serving with Iris Ministries since that time. For three and a half years they lived in the northeastern province of Niassa, ministering the Gospel to the Yao tribe. Their daughter, Zoe, was born in their small house where they lived very simply with no electricity or running water. During this time they were also helping to build a new Iris base and orphanage in the town of Lichinga.

“In the past couple of years God has taken them to over thirty different countries around the world to share His love with the poor and lost. In 2010 they led a team around Southeast Asia ministering in red light districts, to the poor in India, and in the remote areas of the Himalayan Mountains. In 2011 they led a team of 25 missionaries on a 14 month journey traveling through every country of Central and South America. They went to the jungles of the Amazon, the prisons, the red light districts, the homeless, the indigenous tribes in the Andes, ministered to the local churches and any other place the Holy Spirit would lead them. They completed this journey in November, 2012 and their son, Zion, was born just after.

They are now living in the Federated States of Micronesia on the island of Pohnpei where they are co-leading and building a new Iris Ministries base and missions training center.

in 1985 Rolland and Heidi moved to Indonesia. Eventually denied permanent missionary visas in Bali, Rolland and Heidi then moved to Hong Kong. There Iris’s activities were focused on the care and evangelism of residents of the poorest and most crowded slums.

In 1995, after seminary training, the Bakers moved to Mozambique, Africa, arguably one of the poorest nations in the world at that time. They have concentrated their ministry efforts there ever since. “As of this writing, Iris is active in fifteen nations, and is still growing, as expansion has proceeded far faster than all initial expectations,” the Iris Ministries website says. “Iris Ministries currently feeds well over 10,000 children a day, as well as various members of many other communities, currently including 4,000 families in Malawi. Its network of churches also numbers more than 10,000, including some 2,000 churches among the Makua people of northern Mozambique. Iris operates five Bible schools, in addition to its three primary schools and its school of missions in Pemba. Current major

From here they will be reaching out to the islands of the South Pacific and focusing on sending out missionaries specifically to the remaining unreached people groups around the world.”

Big plans in Pohnpei

“We are currently in the process of constructing more base housing for Iris missionaries and students as well as other projects to facilitate our missionary training center,” the Iris Micronesia website says. “The focus of our missionary training center is to equip indigenous islanders and international students to carry the love and glory of God to the remaining unreached people groups and to the darkest places of the world, especially among the poor, the broken and the desperate.

“In the near future we hope to acquire land in Kolonia, Pohnpei where we will build a healing center for those coming out of addiction, a suicide prevention center and a 24/7 house of prayer.”

Harvest Training School

The “Harvest” refers to the harvest of souls for Jesus. The participants in the training are in Pohnpei to learn skills that will help them to survive when they go into remote areas to reach people who may not have heard the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All of the trainees paid for their own tuition which covers the cost of the training including food and shelter for the two months that they will be here. They also covered the cost of their own airfare.

Iris does not have a payroll. “Iris is a faith based ministry. It’s a ministry of miracles” Jesse said. He said that the ministry attracts people who love God, love people, and are not afraid to suffer in order to reach people who may have never heard the gospel message. He said that every day during the training they read from Foxe’s “Book of Martyrs” as inspiration.

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JEMCO passes three restrictive resolutions at annual meeting Draft allocation resolutions essentially cut off national sector grants

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

September 4, 2013

Pohnpei, FSM—On August 22 the Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) that decides on issues of the Compact of Free Association as Amended between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia met in Honolulu, Hawaii. At the meeting, JEMCO members passed three resolutions and tabled two others until the mid-year 2014 meeting.

The first JEMCO resolution said that it would consider proposals from the FSM for the use of prior year unobligated sector assistance only under certain limited conditions.

The second resolution prohibited the use of Compact Sector and Supplemental Education Grant assistance for international travel during FY2014 with very limited exceptions.

The third resolution said that it would continue to fund non-insured international medical referrals through FY2014. The 2015 requested levels for such funding should be 1/3 lower than 2014 requested levels. 2016 should be 2/3 lower than 2014 levels. During FY2016 and beyond, health Sector grant

assistance will no longer be used to support international medical referrals.

No official resolutions on allocations to the FSM States or to the National Government were passed during the meeting. A spokesperson for FSM's SBOC (Office of Statistics, Budget & Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance and Compact Management) said that resolutions on allocations were being handled outside of the meeting.

SBOC said that draft resolutions on allocations have since been circulated amongst the five members of JEMCO for voting.

SBOC said that the proposed JEMCO allocations did not include requested sector grants from the FSM National government other than \$2.4 million earmarked for the College of Micronesia. Withholding of the National Government's sector allocations seems to be a matter of JEMCO resolutions that according to a May, 2013 letter to FSM JEMCO members have been on the books since 2010. The letter says that the resolution (2010-2) provides that "the FSM National and State Governments shall develop a report that addresses the broad range of fiscal challenges facing the FSM".

Each of the FSM State governments went through an arduous process to develop Long Term Fiscal Frameworks (LTFF). Each of the LTFFs outlines how the States will deal with annual funding decrements that were built into the Compact as amended.

The US government holds the majority position in the JEMCO. Their letter of May 1, 2013 to the FSM JEMCO members outlined the US position which essentially demanded that the FSM National Government should clearly and firmly commit to "some form of burden sharing (with the FSM States) from the National Government as well as FSM-wide revenue reform."

The letter promised that US JEMCO members would vote to withhold funds from the National Government unless their demands were met.

The FSM JEMCO members countered that the US members' demands had been met by the FSM National Government through the proposed FY2014 budget

"The National Government proposed FY2014 budget complements the State government plans," the FSM's letter dated July 1, 2013 to US JEMCO members says. "But more importantly, it

demonstrates commitment to preparing the Nation for a smooth transition to the post-Amended Compact funding era."

"A fundamental flaw in the LTFF process is that it is primarily focused on cutting spending. A fiscal strategy to be effective must consider raising revenue and cutting expenditure," the FSM JEMCO members wrote. "Increasing revenue is not going to be possible without a robust private sector...The Compact funds have been fueling the social sector, i.e. education and health, with little attention to growing our economy. By concentrating solely on the social sector and neglecting to develop our basic resources of fisheries, tourism, clean energy, and agriculture, we are becoming more and more of a consuming, not a producing economy."

"We need to start working on a smart strategy to balance our investments between social programs and economic development," the FSM JEMCO members wrote. "President Mori's proposed FY2014 budget does just that. It reflect the FSM's strategy going forward, not only to grow the economy but also to contain the size of government, through incentivized, targeted and necessary reform..."

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Yap Congressmen brief members of State Legislature

Yap Congressional Delegation

August 20, 2013

Colonia, Yap—In hopes for more transparent governance, and unified leadership, Congressman Joseph J. Urusemal and Congressman Isaac V. Figir, Yap's representatives to the 18th FSM Congress, briefed the Yap State Legislature on certain legislative measures before the FSM Congress, primarily those enacted during the First Special Session of Congress last July. Both Congressmen had a similar briefing with the Governor and Lieutenant Governor a week earlier.

Speaker Falan opened the informal, but official, meeting by thanking the Congressmen for initiating to brief the Yap State Legislature on matters before the FSM Congress.

He further added that the Yap State Legislature thought it would be prudent, as it is in the best interest of the State, to also discuss Yap's needs and progress towards the State's submarine fiber optic connectivity, which would enhance Internet services in the State of Yap.

For this reason, the Governor, the Director of DY&CA, and the General Manager of FSM Telecom Corporations Yap Branch (FSMTC) were also invited to join the senators in the meeting.

Before the gist of the discussions began, Senator Chieng voiced to suggest that future briefings by the Yap delegation to Congress be collective of all branches of the Yap State government. He urged for unity amongst the leaders especially now that the leaders and people seem to have been divided over some recent issues before the State.

Both Congressman Urusemal and Congressman Figir agreed that the recommended approach is best, and easier for them. Future briefings by the Congressmen will be communicated to the Governor and Speaker to coordinate a collective meeting with the rest of the State leadership.

Speaker Falan followed with a progress report on the submarine fiber optic connectivity project between Guam and Palau with a spur to Yap, and further reiterated the State leadership's position on the need to connect to fiber optic.

He reported that based on meetings the State leaders have had with representatives of the World Bank (WB), Asian Development Bank (ADB), and the FSM Department of Transportation, Communication, and Infrastructure (FSM TC&I), the State leadership has learned that there is "an offer of a lifetime" presented to [FSM] by the World Bank. This is a full grant offer and it will ensure

10 year aspirations and targets presented and endorsed at Kosrae State Leadership Conference



Opening Remark: T.H. Lyndon H. Jackson Governor, Kosrae State



Remark: T.H. Gibson Siba, Speaker, KSL



Remark: H.E. Alik, Alik, Vice President, FSM

Yap's connectivity to the fiber optic cable, and other related technical assistance. He also added that a requirement for this grant offer is the need for the FSM to pass a legislation liberalizing telecommunication services by early next year.

Chairman Figir pointed out that he and Chairman Urusemal have very limited knowledge and information on the project, as they have yet to be briefed on the project. They are also not aware of any recent proposed legislation pending before Congress to liberalize telecommunication services.

Both Congressmen further commented that when a proposed legislation on the issue is introduced, they would have to do an in-depth study of the bill and its impacts on the governments and the people of Yap and the FSM, and only if the bill will benefit Yap and the FSM will they vote to support the liberalization of telecommunication services.

Chairman Urusemal then went on to brief the Yap State Legislature (YSL) on recent congressional acts during the Special Session last July.

The Chairman shared Congressional Bill 18-26, now Public Law 18-06, which is an amendment to extend the deadline

Kosrae State Government, Department of Resources & Economic Affairs, Division of Planning

22nd August 2013, KOSRAE, FSM – Kosrae sector groups and representatives presented their aspirations and strategic targets that were then endorsed by the Kosrae State Leadership at the recent Kosrae State Leadership Conference.

The Leaders of Kosrae State gathered at the Rose Mackwelung Library from July 30 - 1st August, 2013 to discuss, review and endorse the "Kosrae Strategic Development Plan 2014-2023" necessary for informing and guiding development in the State of Kosrae for the next 10 years.

The Leadership was presented the plans for 13 sector and cross-sector areas including Health, Education, Environment, Tourism, Fisheries, Agriculture, Business & Trade, Energy, Gender, Culture, Youth, Infrastructure and Public Safety. Sectors received valuable and constructive feedback and recommendations from those present at the Conference.

The Kosrae Strategic Development plan will now be formalized in the coming weeks and then transmitted to the Kosrae State Legislature for further consideration. The plan will include the inputs and recommendations from the Conference along with further details of activities, budgets, data and monitoring systems.

The Steering Committee Co-chairs of Andy George, Executive Director, Kosrae

Conservation and Safety Organization (KCSO) and Steven George, Director of the Department of Resources & Economic Affairs (DREA) thanked all those who attended the Conference, the Leadership, the Steering Committee and Sector Facilitators for a job well done. The Co-Chairs noted, "The presentations to the State Leadership were clear and outlined the vision for the next 10 years. It was valuable for all stakeholders and leadership to hear from each sector and we appreciate the constructive and insightful contributions made by those present."

The Conference Resolution "Endorsing the Kosrae Strategic Development Plan: 2014-2023 and requesting the Kosrae State Legislature to expedite its formal adoption of the Kosrae Strategic Development Plan" has been transmitted to the Governor of Kosrae; the Speaker of the Kosrae State Legislature; the Mayor of each Municipality; the Chief Justice of the Kosrae State Court; the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce; the President of the Kosrae Women's Association; the Chairman of the Kosrae Council of Pastors; the President of the Kosrae Senior Citizens Association; the President of the Kosrae Youth Association; the President of the Federated States of Micronesia; and the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Further photos and information can be viewed at the Kosrae Strategic Development Plan Facebook Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/KosraeStrategicDevelopmentPlan>

for implementation of the FSM Tax Reform. This amendment was to allow the remaining States who have not passed its Value Added Tax (VAT) legislation to do so by September 30, 2013, for the FSM Tax Reform to go through.

Senator Giliko and Senator Mooteb posed similar questions pertaining to the effect of the legislature's action on the FSM Tax Reform effort as the legislature have recently adopted a committee report not recommending passage of Yap's RAA and VAT legislation because of constitutional issues.

Chairman Figir responded by saying that the FSM Tax Reform will not go through as the law currently stands, unless an amendment is made to repeal the provision of the tax law which requires all four states to pass its VAT legislation by the said deadline. Chairman Figir further commented that he and Chairman Urusemal respects the decision of the Yap State Legislature, and "we have to live with the consequences one way or the other, and must move on" with nation building.

The Chairman's report also included Public Law 18-11, which is an appropriation of \$1.68 million to assist the States of Pohnpei and Yap with recurring debts and budget shortfalls. \$550,000 of this

appropriation was given to the State of Yap for this purpose, provided that \$50,000 of the amount is to be used for fuel costs for a ship field trip.

Another appropriation by Congress, the Chairman reported, was Public Law 18-07 for funding public projects and social programs, which includes among other Yap State projects a \$150,000 supplemental grant for the Yap Catholic High School construction.

Additionally, Public Laws 18-08 and 18-09 were also mentioned, which are acts of Congress to forgive remaining balances of loans given to Kosrae and Chuuk respectively.

The Chairman also shared with the legislature three resolutions recently adopted by Congress, including a resolution confirming the nomination of Mr. Vincent Tafileluw to serve as a member of the FSM Social Security Board of Directors.

Chairman Urusemal concluded the briefing by informing the legislature that the 18th FSM Congress is scheduled to reconvene for its Second Regular Session in early September. A similar briefing will be communicated after the Session for a collaborative leadership meeting with all branches of the Yap State government.

Regional energy workshops strengthen national capacity in the energy sector

Secretariat of the Pacific Community

August 26, 2013

Suva, Fiji – The Economic Development Division of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) is currently conducting a series of regional workshops in an effort to strengthen the capability of Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs) to: (i) formulate energy policies and plans based on their national energy database; (ii) manage the petroleum sector, particularly its safety and environment challenges, and (iii) improve energy efficiency through appliance labelling and standards.

The three back-to-back workshops are currently being held at the SPC Suva Office from August 19–26 and are attended by representatives of national energy offices, power utilities, petroleum and pricing commissioners and authorities, national and regional oil companies, as well as regional agencies and development partners.

In his opening address, SPC's Economic Development Division (EDD) Director, John Hogan, said, 'At the Pacific Energy Ministers' meeting in 2009, the leaders expressed the need to strengthen national capacity in energy data and information to better inform national and regional energy planning and policy choices.' He drew attention to the fact that in 2012 the EDD Energy Programme published the 2009 energy security indicator country profiles for 14 Pacific Island countries and – due to the generosity of the Australian government and the European Union Energy Initiative's Policy Dialogue Facility – is currently embarking on the major task of updating the profiles of 2010, 2011 and 2012.

He said, 'Field work has reconfirmed that there is still a lot of work to be done and so the workshop is timely in terms of improving skills and techniques for participants to compile their own energy database, as well as address some of the ongoing challenges

in terms of data access and energy data skill competency.'

The Petroleum Pricing and Basic Health, Safety, Security and Environment Standards Workshop, which

began on Thursday 22 August is a follow-up to requests made by PICTs during a similar regional workshop conducted in June 2012. SPC's Petroleum Adviser, Alan Bartmanovich, stressed that safety is the prime consideration in the petroleum sector. 'The issues of safety, environment, health and supply security should be non-negotiable and pre-conditions for suppliers that intend to supply fuel to PICTs. Only once these are satisfactorily in place, then we can consider negotiating on the price of fuel. Suppliers that offer cheap fuel but not taking safety measures into proper consideration can result in millions or even billions of dollars' worth of investments turning into ashes in a matter of minutes.'

The workshop participants appreciated SPC's petroleum advisory services, such as the reviewing of the petroleum pricing templates. The advice has proven extremely beneficial for PICTs. A 2011 review of Tonga's petroleum and liquefied petroleum gas pricing templates has led to savings of approximately 2.5 million pa'anga per year.

The workshop and steering committee

meeting for the Australian government-funded programme Pacific Appliance Labelling and Standards (PALS) is today (26 August). Participants will discuss country updates on progress and challenges and several other initiatives, including legislation and synergies with parallel projects, such as the International Union for Conservation of Nature's energy efficiency programmes.

'Energy efficiency continues to be a top priority in SPC's effort to enhance energy security in our region. The use of energy efficient appliances through mandatory performance standards and energy labelling implemented by SPC's PALS programme has gained significant support from PICTs, and promising advancements have been made, particularly in Kiribati, Samoa and Tonga,' John Hogan said.

'It is pleasing to note the level of support to this programme. The cabinets of Vanuatu and, more recently, Solomon Islands have approved the implementation of PALS in their respective countries,' said Makereta Sauturaga, Project Manager for PALS.



Palikir Community Group aims to eradicate harmful starfish from the Palikir reef system

During the summer of 2012, the people of the Kousapw Palikir Community Group (KPCG) became aware of an outbreak of Crown of Thorns Starfish (COTS) in the Palikir reef system and decided to do something about it. With consultations from the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP), the group applied for and was awarded a small grant from the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), which is funded by AusAID and managed by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) in Australia. The grant, worth \$2,730.00AUD, was used to purchase equipment so that members of the Kousapw Palikir community could go out on the reefs and hold COTS eradication.

The first step of the project saw members of the marine division of CSP hold a community educational workshop in October 2012. The workshop introduced Kousapw Palikir to the work of CSP and educated the people on what COTS are and how an outbreak of them can negatively affect the coral, and therefore the fish, in the Palikir reef system.

The first two eradication were held in November 2012 and saw more than 120 COTS taken from the Palikir reef area. Control spears were used to remove the COTS from the reefs and the specimens were taken to the Dekehtik landfill for disposal. During this eradication, the Kousapw Palikir Community Group was assisted by CSP and special guests from the science survey vessel the MV Alutia joined the group to take underwater video of the eradication.

Since then, the KPCG has had four other eradication and collected more than 85 COTS for composting. Now, it allows members of the community to use the eradication equipment for fishing projects and bring back COTS as "payment" for usage of the equipment. According to Mr. Patrick Blank, Program Manager for KPCG, the project has been a big success. "This was the first community project our village has done since we registered our group as a non-profit. Every family in our community has participated in this project and now we have 15 full sets of spear fishing equipment that the community can use. The awareness of COTS has led people to collect them from the reefs and compost them versus let them stay on the reefs and reproduce. It has been very educational for our community and especially our youth, which took a central role in this project. We hope this project has a positive effect on our reef fisheries and we want to thank the ICRI and the GBRMPA for this opportunity to help our environment."

On August 30, 2013 the one year project comes to an end. Although the funding and reporting will stop, the KPCG community will continue to do spot eradication of COTS in the Palikir reef system to help prevent future outbreaks.

More information about this project can be found in the ICRI website at <http://www.icriforum.org/node/980> or on their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/icriforum>.

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Call for recognition of the rights of persons with disabilities in FSM

Secretariat of the Pacific Community
Regional Rights Resource Team

Pohnpei Consumer Organization

A two-days Training held in Pohnpei from 12 to 13 August 2013 on Human Rights and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) organized by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community Regional Rights Resource Team (SPC RRRT) in partnership with Pohnpei Consumer Organization (PCO) ended last week with a call for greater recognition of the rights of people with disabilities in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).

President of PCO, Mr. Nelbert Perez in delivering his speech to the training participants who were Government and Non-Government organization representatives from FSM highlighted the many challenges faced by persons with disabilities in the country particularly stigma and discrimination and the need for the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

“All partners, stakeholders including the government of FSM can and should work together to ratify the Convention on the Rights of Person with Disabilities” Mr Perez said.

As a critical step forward in advancing working collaboration between partners in

this sector, PCO convened a meeting during the event with the members of the newly formed FSM National Disable

People Organization (NDPO) from Kosrae, Chuuk, and Pohnpei. The meeting re-visited the Organisation’s Vision statement and endorsed a request submitted by PCO to seek RRRT technical assistance in developing FSM NDPO’s five year strategic plan.

The training was an important step in building the capacity of partners in understanding the core principles of the CRPD and its application in their work. The training also aimed at strengthening the working relationship between the Government and the Disable People Organization (DPO).

The Convention for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities promotes, protects and ensures the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and promotes respect for their inherent dignity.

The Pohnpei Consumer Organization



Mission is to protect and promote the human, civil and legal rights of persons with disabilities through the provision of information and advocacy. PCO general objective among others is to overcome barriers to health care, rehabilitation, education, employment, and support services and to collaborate with relevant Government agencies and civil society to help create the environments which will enable people with these types of disadvantages to live better life in the

islands. The Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT) is a programme under the Education, Training and Human Development Division of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. RRRT provides training, technical support, policy and advocacy advice in human rights to support 22 Pacific Island Countries and Territories, NGO’s and insitutions.



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... Beaten

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Dobich said that five males were "hanging out" at the head of the driveway to his home. He was tired but exchanged greetings with them. He thought the proffered handshake of one of the males was a friendly gesture but it was no such thing. The handshake was poison, and Dobich suffered dearly for shaking that hand which closed around his and pulled him in for a severe beating.

The thugs pounded him mercilessly. After he was down they kicked him repeatedly

At least one of the attackers had a knife which he used to cut off Dobich's long pony tail.

Dobich said that he has no idea whether or not the attack was racially motivated but he said that his attackers chastised him for being Chuukese.

The pack of thugs stole Dobich's backpack that contained \$20, two keys, and some items of clothing. They also stole his wallet that had about three dollars in it.

When the brutal attack was over he wasn't unconscious but he was close.

"I was laying there and I was aware of everything. I knew what was going on but I couldn't move," he said. But a concerned and kindly neighbor helped him to get

up and move toward his home where he arrived, bleeding and battered.

He refused to allow his sister to call the police. He told her that he didn't think they would do anything.

On Friday his sister visited the detective's section of the Pohnpei State Police and filed what she thought was an official report about the brutal attack but we could find no confirmation that a report was ever filed. Officers have not interviewed the Dobichs.

When we called the office of Pohnpei's detectives to check on the status of the case, no one seemed to know anything about the report. After numerous telephone transfers, we could find no one who knew whether police officers had identified any suspects in the beating or whether any arrests had been. We could find no one who knew anything about the report at all and promised return phone calls never happened.



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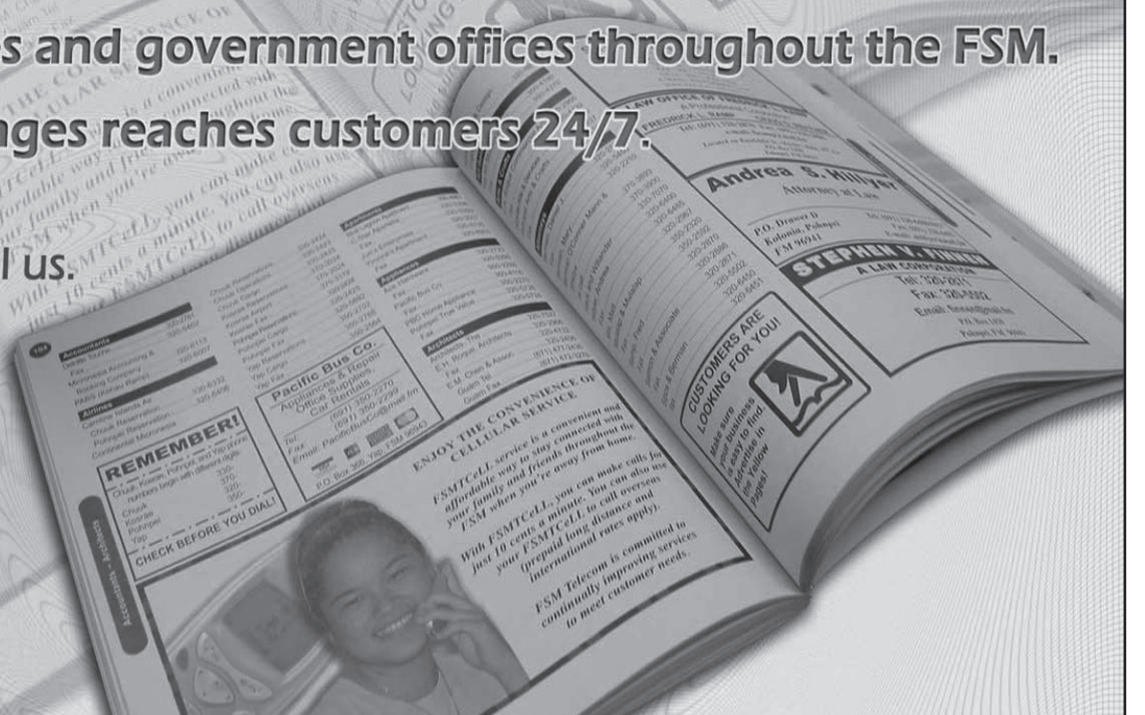
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Above: March of Unity in Kolonia on Saturday August, 31

Right: Mwoakilese dancers entertain Harvest school students

...Iris

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Jesse said that the group is split into eight “camps”, groups who on any given day will be involved in separate activities. Every weekend some of them climb Nana Laud and sleep in caves. Some of them are taught how to fish with a spear, a net and other methods of catching fish. Some are dropped off at an atoll with no supplies for a few days where they have to survive by their own devices. Others are involved in island wide clean up campaigns. All participate in ministry outreaches.

Jesse said that after the training is completed Iris will help the students to decide where they will go for their own ministries. Iris does not “assign” missionaries. In that regard, “we’re a lot more free than some other organizations,” Jesse said. “They are free to choose,” and Iris Ministries will help to provide some guidance if they want it.

They have fun too. On Saturday, August 31, the Harvest school students took part in a “Unity March” in the streets of Kolonia along with several other churches of different denominations. Approximately 200 people showed up for the march. Jesse said that all churches were invited to participate and that he hopes that the next march will be even bigger.

On Tuesday, August 27 they were treated to local dance groups at the Nihco Marine Park nahs. The origins of the Pohnpeian stick dance were explained to the group. That dance was developed well before missionaries came to the island. The Iris students were delighted at the performance and gladly volunteered when the group offered to teach them the dance.

“We reach out to people in love,” Jesse said. “We embrace the culture. We’re not interested in smothering out the culture that is beautiful.”



Above: Pohnpeian stick dance

Right: Harvest School students take part in the dance

All Photos by Bill Jaynes



...Police Academy

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recruits’ loved ones pinned the badges on the new officers.

The Academy, which was partially funded by a capacity building grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, was held at Pohnpei Island Central School. The funding was on a shared basis with each of the departments who sent recruits covering a portion of the tuition.

The staff of the Academy included officers from the FSM National, Pohnpei State, and Kosrae State police departments, and also included three civilians.

Recruits came from the National Police, Pohnpei State Police, Kosrae State Police, Yap State Police, and the Kolonia Town Police. Chuuk did not send any recruits.

Special awards were presented to the following officers:

- Valedictorian—Marvin Peter – Pohnpei State Police
- Salutatorian—Murphy Sigrah – Kosrae State Police
- (Bryner Rosario (Pohnpei State) and Raynold Julios (FSM National)

tied at Third Marvin Heine (Pohnpei State) and Givenson Charley(FSM National) tied at Fourth Jacob Pali (Kosrae State) and Steward Silbanuz (Pohnpei State) came in Fifth)

- Commandant’s Award—Kevin C. Thumguy – Yap State Police
- Leadership Award—Marvin Peter – Pohnpei State Police
- Achievement Award—Palik Sigrah – Kosrae State Police
- Physical Fitness Award—Delson Kilafaken – FSM National Police
- Best notebook Award—Rose-ann Joseph – Kolonia Town Police

This was the third Police Academy funded by US-DOJ. The first one in 2009 was held at PATS with matching funds from the FSM government. The second training was held in 2010 for Pohnpei State only.

Speakers at the graduation included Pohnpei Police Chief Cerley Araceley, Governor John Ehsa, Vice President Alik Alik, US Ambassador to the FSM Doria Rosen. The keynote address was given by Speaker Peter Lohn of the Pohnpei Legislature who is a former Pohnpei State police officer.



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Japan grants FSM project for improvement of domestic shipping services

Embassy of Japan

August 27, 2013

Palikir, Pohnpei—This morning the Government of Japan and the FSM Government held a signing ceremony at the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs for the Exchange of Notes for the Project for Improvement of Domestic Shipping Services in the FSM. The project in the amount of one billion one hundred ten million Japanese Yen (equivalent to 11.65 million USD) will be utilized to build a new vessel that will assist the current operating *Caroline Voyager* with its duties, which was also donated to the FSM by the Japan Government. The project also includes the provision of spare parts for *Caroline Voyager* to further prolong her life.

The *Caroline Voyager* will have reached its 16th year of service to the FSM this year since it was acquired in 1997. It is getting old and with the increase in demand for its services in the FSM, the procurement of a new vessel comes at an excellent time. The new vessel is structured to carry more passengers to address the increasing numbers of passengers who travel to and from the islands.

The Government of Japan is confident that another vessel will be of great assistance to the people of the FSM both socially, and economically. It will provide a means of easily commuting

between their home islands and the main islands. Coconut products, daily basic needs, and medical supplies are commodities that are transported between the islands. There are also occasions that the government or other organizations send medical authorities or volunteers to administer immunization programs, educational events, and other social gatherings.

In his speech Ambassador Suzuki said that he is delighted that the government of Japan has again been given this opportunity to continue to strengthen the bonds of friendship with the FSM. He quoted the strong words of the FSM Constitution which says that, "The seas bring us together, they do not separate us."

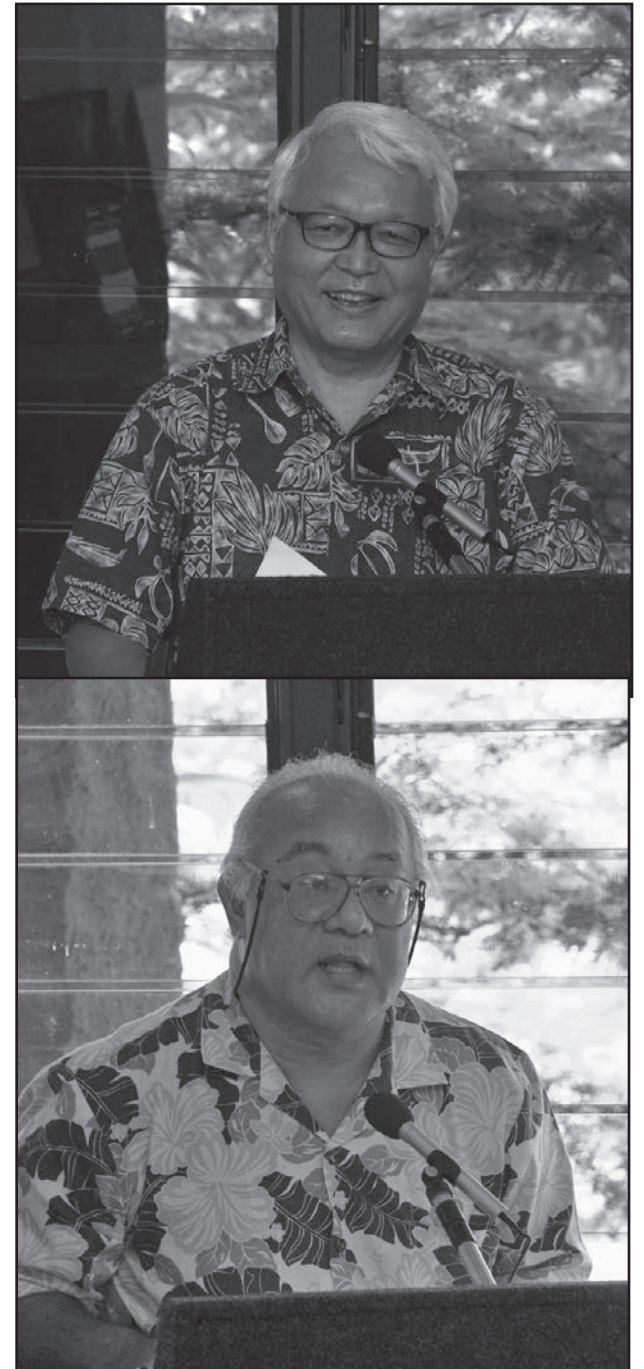
On the receiving end, FSM Foreign Affairs Secretary Lorin Robert said that every signing ceremony is always like the first for the FSM Government. He conveyed the FSM's gratitude for such signs of great friendship between the two countries since the first Japanese pioneers who first landed on the FSM islands and "set the stage which is the very foundation of this ceremony."

He said that since the FSM and Japan are both Pacific island nations it makes perfect sense that the project signing ceremony is for a vessel.

To conclude the ceremony Francis Itimai, Secretary of the FSM Department of Transportation and Infrastructure offered a toast. He said that the project will be treated as a precious gift that signifies the great bonds of friendship between FSM and Japan.

The exchange of notes took place with FSM Government represented by Foreign Affairs Secretary Lorin Robert and Japan's Ambassador to the FSM Eiichi Suzuki for Government of Japan. Since JICA-FSM is the organization that will oversee the implementation of the Project, Mr. Kaoru Iwasaki, Resident Representative of JICA to the FSM, signed the Grant Agreement along with Secretary Robert.

The landmark event was witnessed by high officials of the FSM Government and staff of the Embassy of Japan.



Youth Environmental Ambassadors (YEA) Club

Conservation Society of Pohnpei

Pohnpei, FSM—On the 7th of August 2013 through the 9th of August 2013, the Youth Environmental Ambassadors Club completed the school year with their annual summer camp. The members of YEA club consisted of high school students from Madolenihmw High School and Nanpei Memorial High School. Since 2005 the focus of each summer camp has alternated between a terrestrial and a marine focus. This year's summer camp was held at Pahn Takai, U, which is a terrestrial base. A total of 32 students attended from the two high schools. The site was a perfect place for the students to learn about the importance of the upland forest resources that our beautiful island of Pohnpei has to offer and at the same time they could learn about how the depletion of our natural forest resources are in dire need of help from all.

The students are all members of Youth Environmental Ambassadors Club (YEA), which began at PICS high school in 2005, Calvary Christian Academy (CCA) and the Seventh Day of Adventist (SDA) high School and has since grown to include Madolenihmw and Nanpei schools. Each club has student officers, memberships and faculty advisors, and meets regularly

to address local environmental issues. Club members have organized activities such as roadside and campus cleanups, community outreach, and more. Members are dedicated to spreading their knowledge about all the environmental challenges facing Pohnpei through peer and community outreach.

The Society's Terrestrial and Education programs staff led the students through three full days of interactive sessions. The students learned about the challenges happening in Pohnpei's forests, mangrove areas. CSP partner agencies made several presentations, such as Forestry, a presentation from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, a presentation from Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP), demonstrations from the office of Natural Resource and Conservation Service (NRCS), a demonstration of mapping presented by the office of International Organization of Migration (IOM), a presentation on water quality from the office for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and lastly but not the least, a presentation from RARE, to introduce their project in Nan Wap community. The students even had presentations from staff members of the terrestrial program from the CSP office.

The main objective of the summer camp was to allow the students hear from CSP staff members and partner agencies about what their main objectives are when it comes to preserving our natural resources. The YEA Club successfully ended their annual missions this summer by convening at Pahn Takai to share their 2013 outcomes as well as sharing their lessons learned and achievements throughout the school year, develop 2013-2014 work plans, and had fun

CSP would like to express its deepest gratitude for all those who helped to support us in this year's summer camp activities: Palm Terrace, Hide Out, Isamu Nakasone Store (INS), Pohnpei Service Station, Eugene Joseph, Tino Donre, Wisney Nakayama, and Andy S. George. Thank you all for your generous donations and strong support.

... JEMCO

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Without economic development, the FSM will remain dependent on Compact financial assistance."

The draft allocation resolutions seem even more stringent than the US JEMCO members suggested they might be if the FSM National government didn't comply with its demands. Apparently, no FSM national government sector grants were funded in the draft resolutions though the US JEMCO members' May 1 letter said that they would potentially provide a "first-quarter-only" allocation for FSM Department of Education and the FSM Department of Health Services.

According to limited SBOC communications, only the COM grant is part of proposed allocations on the nation level.

"As an independent, sovereign nation, we seek a partner in the U.S. Government to operate not from a position of adverse, unilateral actions, which contravene the friendly relationship and mutual consultation enshrined by the Amended Compact, but to work hand-in-hand with us to develop our economy, our nation, and to secure lasting friendship between our countries," the FSM JEMCO members' July 1 letter says.

At press time the allocation resolutions had not been passed by JEMCO.

First courtesy call on President Mori by Peace Corps Director, Dr. Reid

FSM Information Services

August 27, 2013

Palikir, Pohnpei—On August 26, The President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) welcomed the new Country Director of the United States Peace Corps in the FSM and the Republic of Palau, Dr. Robert Reid, through a courtesy call on the President.

Dr. Reid was accompanied by Ambassador Doria Rosen from the US Embassy in Pohnpei.

In the meeting, President Mori reiterated his appreciation to the Peace Corps for the many years of engagement in social development and other activities aimed at improving life in Micronesia. He also spoke of how the program has helped deepening FSM-US ties and forged productive interactions beyond the official level.

The visit afforded Dr. Reid up-close discussions with the President as the Director has already sunk his hands into his new role in Micronesia where the Peace Corps has brought in over four thousand volunteers since the program started in 1966, serving primarily the educational and health needs in the islands.

Throughout the discussions, President Mori stressed that the program integrate its human resource and technical assistance within its mainstream focus as well as other emergent development priorities with strong impacts on economic development.

Given his varied background of over forty years of government and non-government capacities, Dr. Reid spoke of his intent to direct the program in activities that fit with the current aspirations of the nation and the communities. He said, volunteers would not be confined to classroom instruction, but engaged in what their communities would require in improving capacities for better living.

Among a number of concerns and focus that were probed, the officials explored possibilities in community small scale agriculture, diverse tourism activities, renewable energy, solid waste management awareness, and the need for integrated planning on synchronizing the more traditional social development responsibilities with time-specific sustainable projects that spur economic growth.

“I am a doer, not a talker”, said Dr. Reid after the President expressed his desire to see in real terms the ideas he has shared in discussions with others over the years.

Dr. Reid has had years of services in different capacities with the Peace Corps and other government and non-government sectors, including services in countries such as Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Jamaica, Tuvalu and Fiji. He also has held an important role with the Habitat for Humanity International where he supervised projects for the regions of the East Europe to East Asia and the Pacific Islands, according to information from the US Embassy in Pohnpei.

NZ commits \$5m to low-lying countries

the Marshalls.

MAJURO, 04 SEPTEMBER 2013 (NZ HERALD)—New Zealand has committed \$5 million (US\$3.9 million) to low-lying countries that are vulnerable to water shortages.

Prime Minister John Key announced the new commitment at the Pacific Islands Forum in the Marshall Islands this morning.

As part of a five-year partnership, New Zealand would improve water security in Tuvalu, Tokelau, the Cook Islands, and in

This included ensuring gutters were properly connected to storage tanks, training national water security officers and helping maintain water storage facilities.

The low-lying Pacific nations are susceptible to water inundation - storm surges in parts of the Marshalls have contaminated water wells so badly that it would take ten years for it to become drinkable again.

The programme is expected to begin in six months' time



The Pohnpei Soccer Association wants to thank the Ambassador, the Hon. Martin Quinn and the Australian Embassy for their donation of football boots to the Pohnpei Soccer Association. The donation is helping a lot of young people to improve their game.



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Opinion Editorial

Facing a rising tide

*By Axel van Trotsenburg
Regional Vice President for East Asia and
the Pacific at the World Bank*

Pacific Island nations are living close to the edge, where the effects of climate change are tangible. With the planet today already 0.8 °C warmer than in pre-industrial times, Pacific Islanders can see and feel the impacts.

In the Marshall Islands, the highest point above sea level in the atoll nation is only 3 meters. It is an appropriate venue for this week's Pacific Islands Forum which focuses on: "Marshalling a Pacific Response to Climate Change".

In May this year, an unprecedented drought in the northern atolls of the Marshall Islands left many without enough food and water. In July, storm surges combined with king-tides washed over the seawall, flooding the capital city, washing over the airport runway, and contaminating limited freshwater supplies.

In a very real sense, the Marshall Islands and the wider Pacific region are on the front line of climate change and more frequent natural hazards.

As the recent World Bank global report, "Turn Down the Heat" warned, without ambitious climate action we could experience a 2°C (3.6°F) warmer world in our lifetime and 4°C (7°F) increase by the end of the century.

A 4°C temperature means the risk of sea levels rising from 50cm to 1 meter over the coming century, leading to the loss of freshwater reserves in many island states. Coral reef systems could become extinct, and low lying atolls face the risk of being submerged.

Climate change could undermine future food security and have serious implications for people's health. Natural hazards such as cyclones and tidal surges, which already cause loss of life and immense damage across the Pacific, may increase in intensity. In the face of this rising tide, failure to act on

climate change risks putting prosperity out of reach of millions of people in the developing world; it also threatens to roll back decades of development.

It is not too late to hold warming to 2°C. But this will require commitment and decisive action from a range of global partners to reduce emissions.

The World Bank Group is working with the global community to find and implement solutions, providing over \$8 billion dollars in 2012 to help mitigate global temperature rises.

Even if new policy measures manage to limit global warming to around 2 degrees by the end of the century, huge investments will still be needed to help countries adapt and to strengthen the resilience of the communities most at risk.

At the Pacific Leaders Forum in Vanuatu in 2010, the World Bank was asked to do more to help Pacific countries adapt to the impact of climate change. We have acted.

By the end of this year, the World Bank will have committed over \$120 million to help Pacific Island Forum member countries adapt to climate change and build resilience to disasters. This includes \$80 million in extra resources from global trust funds and from partners, as well as \$40m from the International Development Association (IDA), the World Bank's fund for the poorest.

In Samoa, the World Bank is helping to "climate proof" key transport infrastructure, and we are working with the UN to build the resilience of coastal communities. We have also provided support for recovery from Tropical Cyclone Evan, helping to rebuild damaged roads and bridges and providing seeds, tools and livestock to affected farmers.

In Vanuatu, we are partnering with the European Union to encourage farmers to introduce climate resilient livestock and crops,

Letters to the Editor

Kosrae State in dire need of kidney dialysis machines

Today, there are an increasing number of Kosraens living in Honolulu, Hawaii, not because they want to but because they have to so that they can be closer to where they can get the help of kidney dialysis machines. The Kosrae State Department of Health Services does not have kidney dialysis machines at their disposal for their kidney patients to use. Recently, a young Kosraen lady was denied access to the machines at the Pohnpei Hospital and later died after she returned home.

Kidneys fail for a variety of reasons including gout, but for Kosrae, like in other islands in the FSM, Type II diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure and expensive dialysis treatments are the only solution after that happens. Type II diabetes can be completely avoided through proper diet and physical exercise.

There is no insurance program in the FSM that covers dialysis treatments.

Pohnpei State Hospital has five kidney dialysis machines but Kosrae cannot afford even one. If money is the problem, we don't have to wait for the government. We already know that the government is dead broke. We can resort to other ways like fund raising and

asking our leaders to approach embassies or foreign governments for help. We tend to be successful in doing fund raising to build all the nice churches around Kosrae and I think we can succeed in doing just that. It's no doubt it's going to be a worthwhile effort and a life saver for our kidney patients if we can be successful about it.

Each of the dialysis machines costs over \$30,000, a small price compared to money spent on travel and other unnecessary expenses by government employees. Each time the machine is used for a hemodialysis treatment, it cost \$123 excluding the cost of medical personnel and utilities, according to a 2012 interview of Dr. Johnny Hedson, Pohnpei's Chief of Medical Services. There are other costs associated with hemodialysis treatment.

If nobody (elected officials, businesses, etc.) would volunteer to help, I would like to urge that somebody would help to initiate a fund raising drive immediately or soon so that we can realize this dream and bring our kidney patients back home.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Robert A. Jackson*

Kudos to Pohnpei State Police

Dear Editor,

I want to acknowledge the great work of the Pohnpei State Police officer especially the Patrol Section of the Police Department. They have responded to calls of disturbance at all hours of the night and day. I know it is their duty to protect the public however; at times they are in the dark where it is very dangerous and I have seen them run in the dark chasing after these peace disturbers at the wee hours of the night.

In Kolonia especially the Ponrakied area the drunks continue to destroy the peace with their drinking, shouting, fighting and etc. I wish more of us citizens take it hard and make it an important issue or matter to call the Police when it is needed. Police protect....I know because I have two sons who are both Police Officers in the US and they protect. They have

helped tons of Micronesians who have taken their bad habits with them to the US Territory. We must take action and help our neighbors, families and citizens of our State from people who have no respect for others.

I thank the Pohnpei State Police for a great job.

I salute you for your continuous work. I know your job puts your life on the work of duty hours and I thanks you all so very much for a great job.

Congratulation for your BRAVERY. I stand proud of all that you have done for our State and continue to do to help our citizens.

*Sincerely,
Ginger Porter Mida
Postmaster General, FM 96941*

and implementing disaster risk management programs in some 35 communities. A tsunami warning system is being installed for Port Vila and Luganville and national hazard response systems are being strengthened.

In Kiribati, with Australia and New Zealand, an Adaptation Project is helping the country improve water management, with initial improvements in the capital, South Tarawa, already increasing bulk water supply by 20 percent. It is also working with communities to build seawalls and has planted over 37,000 mangroves to protect coastlines.

We are also working with countries to put in place regional insurance schemes that can help strengthen immediate responses to

natural disasters.

The leaders of the Pacific Island Forum will this week propose the Majuro Declaration for Climate Leadership, to galvanize a new wave of climate action. At this critical time in the history of the Pacific, it is essential the discussion goes beyond words and pledges and results in concrete actions and commitments, from all actors, to combat climate change. The World Bank Group stands ready to work with Pacific Island nations to meet this challenge.

The children of the Pacific deserve our best efforts so they can grow up to live on the same soil as their parents and grandparents.

Minginfel wins gold

FSM athletes compete around the world

By **Jim Tobin**

FSM National Olympic Committee

Federated States of Micronesia athletes competed in numerous sporting events around the world during the summer of 2013, including many world championships, and the Pacific Mini-Games.

At press time (Wednesday, September 4th) the FSM National Olympic Committee had just received results of the first day of competition from the 2013 Pacific Mini Games, in Wallis and Futuna. Manual Minginfel, world famous FSM Olympic weightlifter from Yap, won a gold medal in the 62kg men's Weightlifting division, for Total Weight by lifting 164kg. Minginfel also won two silver medals in the Snatch and Clean and Jerk. Additional first day results were John Howard (Chuuk) ran the 100m (meter) sprint, in track and field, in a time of 11.28 seconds finishing 6th place in his preliminary heat and 17th overall of 22 runners; and Marcellus Taman (Yap) finished 4th place in the 56kg men's Weightlifting division with 5 lifters competing. Taman is only 14 years old and has been selected to represent the FSM at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, China. At press time, FSM weightlifters - Chase Taylor Libyan (Yap) and Maria Fathangin (Yap) had yet to compete.

The 2013 Pacific Mini-Games are being

held in Wallis and Futuna from September 2-12, with 21 Pacific islands competing in 7 sports. The FSM competed in Weightlifting and Track and Field (Athletics) and sent a small delegation of 5 athletes. The delegation members were Minginfel, as delegation leader (Chef de Mission), Weightlifting coach and competing as an athlete in the 62kg men's Weightlifting division; John Howard running the 100m and 200m sprints in Track and Field; Marcellus Taman - athlete men's 56kg men's Weightlifting division; Chase Taylor Libyan - athlete 85kg men's Weightlifting division and Maria Fathangin - athlete 69kg women's Weightlifting division. The four Yapese weightlifters trained at the Oceania Weightlifting Institute, in New Caledonia, prior to the games, with Minginfel working as a coach at the institute funded by a yearlong International Olympic Committee Coaching Scholarship. All of the training and games costs including airfare and accommodation in New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna, were funded by the FSM National Olympic Committee and Olympic Solidarity grants.

The 2013 Oceania Track and Field (Athletics) Championships were held in Tahiti from June 2-5, with 21 Pacific islands competing including Australia and New Zealand. A group of 5 FSM runners were coached by Rendy Germinaro and Mihter Wendolin both from Pohnpei. The FSM track athletes were: Terrell Smith and TJ Fiti from Chuuk and Jason Ernest, Xler

Rodriquez and Wendolin from Pohnpei. All competed in the 100m sprint and 4x100m relays, with the FSM finishing 4th place in the mixed men and women relay. The group's airfare and accommodation costs were funded by IAAF and Oceania Athletics Association (OAA) grants.

The 2013 FISU World University Games were held in Kazan, Russia from July 6-16 with over 160 countries participating 22 sports for university students. Castro Joab, COM-FSM sport and recreation director, was the FSM team manager and coach. Debra Daniel (Pohnpei), FSM female swimmer, competed in the 100m butterfly, 100m backstroke and 100m freestyle. Dionisio Augustine (Pohnpei), FSM male swimmer, competed in the 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly and 50m freestyle. All costs including airfare and accommodation were funded by a FISU grant.

The 2013 IAAF World Youth Track and Field World Championships were held from July 10-14 in the Donetsk, Ukraine. Brenden Yamase, a Senior at Xavier High School from Pohnpei, competed in the 100m sprint with a time of 12.15 seconds. His airfare and accommodation costs were funded by an IAAF competition grant.

The 2013 FINA Swimming World Championships were held in Barcelona, Spain from July 19 to August 4. The FSM swim team, all from Pohnpei, was

coached by Sweeter Daniel and Lestly Ashby Mendiola. The FSM swimmers were: Justin Rodriquez - 50m freestyle (25.00 seconds); Derek Dainard - men's 50m butterfly (35.88 seconds); Danisha Paul - 50m freestyle (34.29 seconds) and 50m butterfly (38.39 seconds). Daniel and Mendiola also represented the FSM at the FINA Congress. All of the costs, including airfare and accommodation, were funded by a FINA competition grant

The 2013 IAAF Track and Field World Championships were held in Moscow, Russia from August 10-17. Marcellus Akapito (Chuuk) was the FSM manager/coach. McCaffrey Gilmete (Pohnpei) FSM male runner competed in 100m sprint with a time of 11.80 seconds. Akapito also represented the FSM at the IAAF Congress. All costs including airfare and accommodation were funded by an IAAF grant.

And finally, the 2013 ITF Pacific Oceania Junior Tennis Championships were held in Fiji from August 12-24. Representing the North Pacific region, and from the FSM, were junior tennis athletes Anne Skilling (Kosrae), TJ Apis (Pohnpei), Margarete Finnen (Pohnpei), Joab William (Kosrae) and Tilda Tolenna (Kosrae). This is the first year the FSM had more than 2 junior tennis players that qualified for the championships. The costs were funded by ITF and FSM National Olympic Committee grants and outstanding local fundraising done by Pohnpei and Kosrae Tennis Clubs, parents and athletes.

Message of Appreciation

We the family of the late
SeNellie Phillip Singeo
(Limesekedil)

would like to express our most heartfelt and sincere appreciation to all friends, relatives, her colleagues and acquaintances for the expression of love, support and comfort during our moment of sorrow.

Your prayers and consoling words helped ease the sadness of this tremendous loss to our family. Your generosity and thoughtfulness will always be cherished in our hearts forever.

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US Ambassador visits Pohnpei Buzz Coffee Farm

John Ranahan

29 August 2013

On Thursday, 29 August, U.S. Ambassador, Doria Rosen, visited the Pohnpei Buzz coffee farm in Palikir to gain a better understanding of the challenges and promises of establishing a coffee industry on Pohnpei.

Among others, the Ambassador was accompanied by farm owners Wilbur and Magdalena Walter, Jim Currie, Vice President for Cooperative Research and Extension at the College of Micronesia, Arlene Rosencrants, Resource Conservationist for USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Angelo Arnold, a young man who has aspirations to develop his land in Madolenihmw for coffee production. "I look forward to being a part of a productive enterprise that has the potential to make a positive impact on the economy of Pohnpei state," said Mr. Arnold.

The group toured the farm, noting the healthy growth of coffee fruit on many of the bushes. One tree was blooming; its near-jasmine aroma filled the air. Members of the tour noted the variety of plants in the field besides coffee. Such inter-planting of crops forms an agro-forestry system that protects the soil and offers the farmers several cash crops

which mature at different times during the year.

Ms. Rosencrants of USDA commented on how well many of the plants are doing. Like others on the visit, she was impressed by the work the Walters have accomplished. Along with the College of Micronesia extension service, she will work with the Walters to maximize plant health and, therefore, yield.

Ambassador Rosen had recently returned from the JEMCO meeting in Hawaii where participants taste-tested samples of the Pohnpei Buzz medium and dark roasted coffee. Some of the participants completed a survey that returned a variety of responses, from praise to indifference about the aroma and taste of the coffee. Most participants praised the effort being made to develop a coffee industry here in Pohnpei. They had not heard about coffee even being present on Pohnpei.

Coffee fact: coffee is native to tropical Africa, probably to the highlands of Ethiopia, where the climate is considered subtropical, rainfall is high, and soil pH is slightly acid*.

Pohnpei offers similar conditions, promising to produce excellent coffee.

• *Growing Coffee in Hawaii*, by Virginia Easton Smith, etal. 2009.



Ambassador Rosen gets a close-up experience with coffee blossoms



Angelo Arnold, Ambassador Doria Rosen, Wilbur Walter, Magdalena Walter, Jim Currie, Wanpen Ordonez, Arlene Rosencrants during the visit to the Pohnpei Buzz farm

Top 10 nutritious leafy greens of the Pacific

By April Turner
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Found in the Pacific, leafy greens such as kangkong, pele, and leaves from sweet potato, taro (sawa), chilli, and pumpkin plants, are highly nutritious. They are abundant in protein, minerals, vitamins and fiber. Iron is one important mineral found in these leaves grown in Pohnpei. Consuming leafy greens daily can help with weight loss and also reduce the risk of diabetes, heart disease, cancers and eye health.

It is recommended that 3 handfuls of leafy greens are eaten daily. For optimum nutritional intake, eating leaves raw (or cooked until just wilted) with some vitamin C, such as citrus juice, helps with the absorption of iron.

Leafy greens are quick and easy to both cook and grow at home.

Factsheets found at the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (<http://aci.gov.au/News2013July>) provide nutritional information and advice on growing, harvesting and using the top 10 nutritious leaves. Try adding a handful to each meal to improve your health!



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Kangkong Salad

By *Mona J. Tara*

- 1 bunch of kangkong, cut in pieces
- ½ cup calamansi juice
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- Optional: Pohnpei pepper and/or chilli pepper

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Lightly cook kangkong, by placing stems in boiling water for one minute. Turn off and add leaves for 30 seconds. Drain well. Mix remaining ingredients with kangkong and serve.

Not just the bananas are good for you!

By April Turner
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Banana plants offer more than the sweet taste of bananas and a convenient plate or mat from the leaves. Banana flowers are also edible providing a free source of nutrition and food for your family.

The flowers can be eaten raw in salads and also cooked in soups, stir fries etc. They are high in calcium and iron, which you need for strong bones, teeth and blood. Different from the banana itself, they are low in carbohydrates.

Flowers can be removed from the

banana plant at the stem after all the hands have started to develop, actually, it is suggested that this may even help fruit development.

To prepare the banana flower, oil your hands lightly to prevent sap from sticking, remove purple/pink outer leaves and the stem, discard the small

flowers inside each layer, and cut the banana flower crosswise into thin slices. Soak immediately in water with a tablespoon of citrus juice until ready to use, rinse. This process removes the spider web-like sap and prevents the flowers from turning brown. It can be enjoyed as a salad vegetable at this stage or cooked.

Banana Flower Salad

Ingredients

- 3 banana flowers, prepared as above
- ½ onion, chopped
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- ¼ cup soy-sauce
- ¼ cup vinegar
- Pohnpei or chili pepper
- Optional: local ginger and/or sesame oil

Method

- Put prepared sliced banana flowers in a pan and boil 5 minutes. Drain and set aside to cool
- Mix oil, vinegar, soy-sauce, pepper and optional ingredients in a small pot and heat
- Mix flowers and onion, pour on the warm dressing and stir
- Let the salad rest for at least one hour, stir again and serve

Serve on top of grilled tuna for a delicious and nutritious meal!

Astronomical Tide Predictions for Pohnpei September 9 - 22, 2013

		HIGH		HIGH		LOW		LOW	SUNRISE	SUNSET
9	Mo	500am	4.1	523pm	4.5	1059am	1.1	1139pm	616am	627pm
10	Tu	529am	3.7	557pm	4.4	1121am	1.3		615am	627pm
11	We	558am	3.3	639pm	4.2	1223am	1.7	1143am	615am	626pm
12	Th	630am	2.9	741pm	3.9	127am	2.0	1203pm	615am	626pm
13	Fr	749am	2.5	958pm	3.7	415am	2.2	1200pm	615am	625pm
14	Sa	132pm	2.8			654am	1.9	442pm	615am	625pm
15	Su	1204am	4.0	140pm	3.2	727am	1.5	634pm	615am	624pm
16	Mo	106am	4.3	202pm	3.6	755am	1.3	728pm	614am	624pm
17	Tu	150am	4.6	228pm	4.0	821am	1.1	810pm	614am	623pm
18	We	227am	4.8	255pm	4.3	847am	1.0	848pm	614am	622pm
19	Th	301am	4.8	323pm	4.6	913am	0.9	923pm	614am	622pm
20	Fr	333am	4.7	351pm	4.8	937am	0.9	958pm	614am	621pm
21	Sa	402am	4.6	419pm	4.9	1001am	1.0	1031pm	614am	621pm
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