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Three Pohnpeian suspects charged in China Town murder of Mortlockese man

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM – Just before 3:00 in the morning on Saturday, April 8, two men, aged 18 and 31 found the dead body of Isel Phillip, a 30 year old man from the Mortlocks who had been a security guard at the United States Embassy. The men found the body lying in a ditch outside the sewage pump house in China Town.

The graffiti covered PUC sewage pump house is situated at the apex of the half circle road cutting through a portion of what is known as “China Town” in Pohnpei. Most tenants at the three story Bernard’s apartment complex have balconies that overlook both the pump house and the lagoon beyond. Next door to the pump house is Bernard’s store. Across the street from the pump house is the home base of NRY’s Taxi Service.

After their gruesome discovery the men went across the street to NRY’s Taxi Service and asked the dispatcher to notify the

Pohnpei State Police who arrived shortly thereafter. Police took the statements of the two men and witnesses in the area.

Three Pohnpeian men were arrested and charged with the crime. According to Captain Berley Araceley of the Detectives unit all three of the men have posted a bond to guarantee that they will show up at their hearing and were released from police custody. Araceley said that he didn’t know when a trial is scheduled to begin at the Pohnpei State Supreme Court.

When asked what the motive might have been for the murder Araceley simply said, “Alcohol.” He said that all those involved in the crime had been drinking on that



night including the victim though he didn’t say how it was that the investigators determined that to be the case.

Pohnpei State Police said that hospital officials determined that the customary autopsy in cases of violent death was not necessary because the cause of death was obvious. Phillip had a sharp gash in the upper left portion of his head and his skull was crushed.

Audit of Chuuk State pork barrel projects funds could lead to prosecutions

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Palikir, Pohnpei – The FSM Office of the National Public Auditor (ONPA), on August 13, 2009 released its audit of Congress Funded Public Projects in Chuuk State (2009-04) which can be found online at www.fsmopa.fm. Auditors examined 39 of the 69 funded projects from fiscal years 2005 through July 31, 2008, half of FY 2008. Some of what was discovered regarding expenditures during that time has been turned over to the Criminal Investigation Division for possible prosecution.

The 13th Congress appropriated approximately \$1 million in local revenue funds when they passed Public Law 13-36 (as amended) for the purpose of funding social and economic projects in Chuuk State. The ONPA audit found that 17 of the 39 projects they examined did not appear to meet the definition of

“social and economic development project.” Haser Hainrick, Director of ONPA said in a press release on the matter that those 17 projects were, in essence, subsidies for municipal operations and the Chuuk Delegation Office. For example, the Chuuk Delegation Office was awarded \$40,000 for the purpose of defraying its operating costs and another \$20,000 was awarded for a project titled “Chuuk Delegation Office Operation.” Similarly, the Southern Namoneas region received \$45,000 for the purpose of subsidizing general municipal operations. Polle, Sattawon, and Ta received funding to defray operating costs.

The press release said that project selection processes occurred without any documentation as to why the selected projects were chosen, how they would contribute to the social and economic development of Chuuk, or what criteria was used to select projects.

Of the seven vehicles, four boats and ten

engines that were purchased in conjunction with the 39 projects reviewed the Chuuk State Commission on Improvement Projects (CSCIP) or the FSM Finance Field Office in Chuuk could locate and account for only one vehicle. The boats, engines, and six of the seven vehicles seem to have vanished.

Once again Project Control Documents figure prominently to audit exceptions. Chuuk is not the only State in the Federated States of Micronesia that has had the use and handling of PCD’s pointed out to them by ONPA. According to the audit PCD’s are intended to ensure that all purchases are for the project’s intended purposes and within authorized limits. The audit team found that not all expenditures were appropriate or within the budget.

The Chuuk Delegation Office Operations project had the stated purposes of defraying operating costs. However, Congress members used the funds to pay themselves reimbursements and to

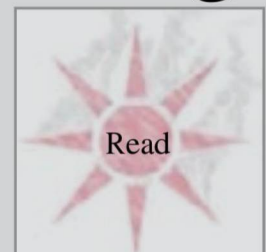
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Since 2005 residents of the Federated States of Micronesia have been able to contact the Nebraska Regional Poison Center for expert assistance in poisoning cases at any time they need to do so.

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Pohnpei Law Enforcement Officials talk about crime efforts

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM – One couldn't quite call the meeting at the Attorney General's office on Thursday, July 30, a press conference. It was much less formal than that. The Kaselehlie Press was invited to the meeting to discuss with top ranking law enforcement officials, Pohnpei State's response to their feeling that the public is less than satisfied with Pohnpei performance on crime prevention and the prosecution of crimes.

State Attorney General Scott Garvey, who called the meeting, said that he wants his office to be completely transparent and accountable.

Along with the AG, present at the meeting were Assistant Attorney General Ira Shiflett, and Prosecutors Dixon Santos, and Jackson Joseph. Representing the Department of Public Safety were Director Lucas Carlos and Assistant Chief of Police Tony Burnet.

The meeting had initially been intended to include only members of the AG's office. Garvey said that he felt that it was important to invite the Department of Public Safety to the discussion because DPS serves as Pohnpei's primary line of defense in the law enforcement community's fight against crime in the State.

Garvey announced that the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Pohnpei caught up with all of the criminal filings in the month of June and July. It was a remarkable first for the office, at least for a long time. He said that the office is trying, though it has not had an increase in staff members, to improve the quantity of filings at Pohnpei State court. Ominous, over his shoulder on the wall was a chart that showed the dates of hearings on various filings at the court for which attorneys from his office were responsible for the next few weeks. The writing was small and there was a great deal of it.

Garvey said that while prosecutors are overloaded, his office is still committed to prosecuting all criminal cases that need to be prosecuted in Pohnpei State.

On behalf of the Department of Public Safety,

Director Carlos and Assistant Police Chief Burnet said that the Pohnpei State Police Department has begun a Community Crime Prevention Partnership in Pohnpei. They said that the Police Department has begun to approach community leaders to create a more participatory response to crime prevention on the island.

Pehling, Kitti is the first community that has participated in the program. Burnet said that target communities were identified by two youth surveys which helped to identify communities with a high percentage of crime.

They said that the first target for the program was Sekere, Sokehs but that potential participant's schedules could not be coordinated because of the relatively large number of church and community leaders in the small area in addition to the various agendas of all of the people that should be consulted in the community.

The idea, said Carlos and Burnet, is to get the community itself involved in determining what crime enforcement priorities need to be established in an area and to increase awareness of the types of crimes that occur in a community. The department wants to create a "working together" arrangement with communities; something that can take a great deal of time and countless negotiations before they can be established.

Pehling has just begun their participation in the program but already, State Police officers raided and confiscated a marijuana plantation in the community.

More than a dozen communities are slated for possible participation in the community based program.

Money is still an issue in Pohnpei Law Enforcement. Both the AG's office and the Department of Public Safety said that their offices are short of staff and that there is no money to hire more law enforcement officers or prosecutors.

Assistant Chief Burnet, when asked why there isn't a greater police presence in terms of patrols that might serve as a deterrent to crime said that there is a shortage of vehicles, manpower, and fuel. He said that even communications equipment has begun to break down and that there is no money to fix or replace the equipment. Due to budgetary constraints, the department had to purchase radio units

that were less sturdy than the more expensive equipment that many police departments around the world use.

Both Carlos and Burnet said that the DPS is doing the best it possibly can.

They are seeking comments from the public regarding their service. He said that a form that was designed "a long time ago" has recently been put into use at the police department. He said that from this point forward, upon completion of an investigation, officers will be using a victim notification form to be certain that communication occurs between the police department and the public.

During a recent telephone conversation, we asked Chief Joe Roby why it is that motor vehicle information cannot be obtained after the office hours of the motor vehicle division. Currently if a police officer needs to find out who owns a particular vehicle based on a license tag number after the motor vehicles division is closed for the day, or for the weekend, that officer must wait until the office is open again, by which time the issue at hand might not matter. Roby said that there currently just isn't enough staff but that the Police Department has obtained a grant for a computerized motor vehicle database that will ultimately solve the problem.

The prosecutors at the Pohnpei Attorney General's Office are now operating under a Prosecution Policy Memorandum issued by the office that promotes "consistency in the making of the various decisions which arise in the institution and conduct of prosecutions." They have been operating under the new set of policies since January of this year.

Garvey said that as far as he knew the memo is the first comprehensive written document outlining the prosecutorial policies that the AG's office has ever had.

The memo speaks first and foremost about impartiality in the AG's office saying that prosecutions should not be influenced by race, religion, sex, national origin, or political association. The decision to prosecute, under the policy "shall not be influenced by any political advantage or disadvantage to the Government...The role of the prosecutor is to seek justice and treat all with fairness, respect, and dignity."

The document outlines guidelines for charging a case. It outlines the structure of the Prosecutor's office, and who in the AG's office can make exceptions to the policies. It also outlines the circumstances under which a criminal case can be dismissed by a prosecutor and what is required to effectuate the dismissal of a case.

The policy says that a plea bargain will be offered by the prosecutor in all criminal cases with the minimum plea to be set by the Office of the Attorney General.

There has always been a delicate balance in the AG's office between customary practices and the legal system's law enforcement policies particularly where the practice of customary traditional apology ceremonies are concerned. The AG's prosecutorial memorandum does not say under which circumstances the AG's office will accept a traditional apology as recompense for a crime but it does say under which circumstances it will not accept a traditional apology.


The memo says that the prosecutor will not accept a traditional apology if he or she believes the apology is solely an attempt by the defendant to evade or avoid criminal prosecution.

The office will not accept a traditional apology if the victim is the government. Those crimes include all those codified by Pohnpei statute as Offenses against Public Administration. (Title 61, chapter 10) It will not accept a traditional apology if the defendant was acting in their capacity as an agent or employee of the Government when the crime was committed.

Traditional apologies will not be allowed for any crime against the environment including civil or criminal charges arising out of any violation of the Environment Protection laws of the Pohnpei Code. (Title 27, chapter 1)

Defendants charged with charges of sexual abuse or any crime involving a minor that is of a sexual nature will not be allowed to use a traditional apology as recompense for his or her crimes.

Traditional apologies will not be accepted by the Attorney General's office if the defendant is charged with a violent crime if that defendant has a history of violence including anyone who has been previously arrested or convicted of any crime of violence within the past six years.


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Tax Reform Technical Group Holds Meeting in Chuuk

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August 12, 2009 - The FSM Tax Reform Technical Group held a meeting in Weno, Chuuk on July 7-9, 2009 to further review tax reform legislations. The technical group completed its review of the draft Unified Revenue Authority Act (URA) in the previous meeting held in April of 2009, so at this meeting, they focused on reviewing draft legislations for the Revenue Administration Act (RAA), the Net Profits Tax (NPT) Act, the National Import Value Added Tax (VAT) and State Model VAT Acts.

The technical group reached agreement on the substance of the draft RAA and NPT legislations but there were substantive issues on the National and State VAT legislations that needed to be addressed before they recommend the legislations to the Executive Steering Committee (ESC).

For the RAA, the technical group recommends ESC endorsement and that the same Revenue Administration Act needs to be passed by the National as well as each State Government.

For the NPT Act, the technical group recommends that the ESC consider the draft Act giving consideration to the policy issues and questions that they submitted with their decision.

The staff will do more research on the remaining substantive issues for the VAT Acts as well as seek input from the legal advisor authoring the bills, Mr. Lee Burns, who will need to give more input to address the issues.

The technical group will meet again in Guam, prior to the next ESC meeting that will be held in Guam on August 24th and 25th.

President Mori Schedules State Visit to the Mortlock Islands in Chuuk State

FSM Information Services

August 7, 2009 - President Mori is scheduled to visit the Mortlock Islands of Chuuk State later this month to continue his State Visit from July of 2008. During the trip in 2008, the President was not able to visit all of the islands in the Mortlocks. On this upcoming trip, President Mori will be travelling on one of the FSM patrol boats that has been chartered by the Department of Health and Social Affairs (DHSA) for an immunization program in the Mortlocks. He plans on leaving Pohnpei on August 19th and reaching Weno, Chuuk on August 23rd, holding meetings on Lekinioch, Satowan, Moch and Nama along the way.

Because the Caroline Voyager was already booked during this timeframe, the patrol boat was chartered by the DHSA for this trip. Due to the limited number of passengers that can ride on a patrol boat, the President is inviting a few representatives from the Departments of Resource & Development, Foreign Affairs, Health & Social Affairs, Education,

Department of Transportation, Communication & Infrastructure, and the Offices of Environment and Emergency Management, SBOC, and the Public Information Office to join him on this trip. He has also extended invitations to Chairman Peter Sitan of the FSM Congress, who represents the Mortlock Islands, and the Governor of Chuuk State to accompany him on this State Visit.

President Mori intends to hold discussions on issues of importance to the region such as sea level rise, health, food security, energy, transportation, education, and infrastructure.

Upon arrival in Weno, the President plans to attend a Chuuk State Leadership Conference with participants from the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the Chuuk State Government. At this meeting, President Mori intends to review the joint accomplishments that have transpired since the last Leadership Conference and talk about ways to continue moving forward with reform efforts that have been laid out and agreed upon by the State and National Governments.

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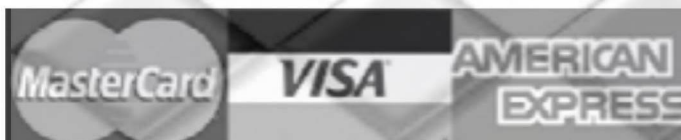
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President Mori Attends 40th Pacific Island Forum in Australia

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FSM EMBASY, SUVA, FIJI – His Excellency President Emanuel Mori led a delegation to the 40th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' meeting in Cairns, Australia, which was held on August 4 to 7, 2009. President Mori was accompanied by First Lady Emma S. Nelson-Mori and staffed by The Honorable Lorin Robert, Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Fabian Nimea, Director, Office of SBOC, and His Excellency Samson Pretrick, FSM Ambassador to the Republic of the Fiji Islands. The Forum was also attended by head of states and governments of Australia, Cook Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu, and representatives from Kiribati and Palau. The spouses of the heads of states and governments were also present and had their own separate programs like visiting schools and hospitals. New Caledonia and French Polynesia attended the formal session as Associated Member States and Timor-Leste, Tokelau, Wallis & Futuna, the Commonwealth Secretariat, the United Nations, and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission were present as Observers. The heads of the major organizations in the region, known as the CROPS, as well as representatives of international financial institutions such as the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and Asian Development Bank (ADB), and development partners such as the United

States, the People's Republic of China, Japan, the United Kingdom, the European Union, Canada, South Korea, Italy, France, India, Portugal, Indonesia, Philippines, and Malaysia were also present and participated in the Post-Forum Dialogue Partners' Plenary Session.

The three days of the Forum included related meetings such as the Smaller Island States Leaders' meeting, Pacific ACP Leaders' Summit, the Official Opening of the Forum, the Forum Plenary Session, the Leaders' Retreat, and the 21st Post-Forum Dialogue Partners' Plenary Session. The highlights of the Forum discussions were on the global economic crisis and climate change. Other principal issues discussed included renewable energy, the strengthening of development coordination, security, fisheries, trade, millennium development goals, and the situation in Fiji, among others.

At the margins of the Forum meetings, the FSM delegation took the opportunity and held bilateral meetings with allies and friends like the U.S., the People's Republic of China, Japan, Canada, EU, as well as with developing partners such as the ADB and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). The main cross-cutting issues that were discussed include strengthening bilateral relations, climate change, vital infrastructure development, private sector development, the trust fund, renewable energy, socio-economic cooperation, development assistance coordination, and the 5 year Compact Review.

Nebraska Poison Control Center educators in the FSM to promote toll free phone assistance in poisoning cases

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM – Pop quiz; your young child just picked up that cup of bleach you were about to use for cleaning and swallowed it down. What do you do? Do you know? Would it ever cross your mind to pick up your phone and dial 288, wait for the operator and then dial 1-800-222-1222 for expert help? Did you know that the number costs you nothing to dial and works both from a land line and a cell phone?

Maybe not, but since 2005 residents of the Federated States of Micronesia have been able to contact the Nebraska Regional Poison Center for expert assistance in poisoning cases at any time they need to do so, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In the Pacific the program is also available to residents of American Samoa.

Two staff members of the Nebraska Regional Poison Center swept through the FSM beginning during the week of August 10 starting in Kosrae, continuing on to Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap. Kathy Jacobitz if the Managing Director of the Center and Joan F. McVoy is the Public Education Specialist for the poison center. Both are Registered Nurses and Certified Specialists in Poison Information with years of experience behind them.

Their mission, in addition to education on what to do in case of poisonings was to hammer the message home that when their help is needed, people in the FSM should remember the phone number 288 followed by 800-222-1222. They visited schools and community groups across the FSM to get that word out.

Jacobitz said that they would be primarily focusing on educating small children and sending materials home to parents through them. Costumes for the education program's mascot, Pinky the Elephant (an elephant would never forget to call the poison center or the rules for poison control) will be provided so that poison control education can continue long after the Center's two representatives leave the island.

In Pohnpei, Rullens Phillip who works with the FSM's Bio-Terrorism Unit coordinated the educational opportunities.

He said that unit would be responsible for continuing the educational program.

Since the program began in the FSM in 2005 the Center has received only 44 calls from the FSM for help with poisoning cases. 41 of those phone calls came from physicians at FSM hospitals. Three of the phoned in requests for assistance came from private citizens in the FSM who called most often due to human bleach ingestion.

A person who calls the Poison Center for answers during a poisoning emergency can expect to receive expert assistance from nurses or a physician who are nationally certified to handle poisoning cases. Jacobitz said that those who assist have a minimum of 15 years of experience in the field.

"Some people just don't know to call the poison center," said Jacobitz. "75 per cent of poisoning cases can be managed in a home setting." But a person needs to know how to do it and that is where the poison center excels.

In addition to spreading the word about the four year old program, Jacobitz and McVoy introduced a "Poison Proof With Pinky" activity book for young children. They are expecting soon to have printed pamphlets available on the subject of poison control. They want to be certain that people know exactly what to do in cases of poisoning and they especially want FSM people to know that there is a service available to help them in those cases.

After the two left the offices of The Kaselehlie Press we tried the numbers from both a land line and a cell phone. After dialing 288 you will hear the AT&T jingle after which an operator comes on the line and asks you to dial the number you are calling. Dial 800-222-1222 and a representative from the Poison Center will answer the phone.

It seems like a lot of numbers to remember. To counteract that problem the visiting educators are distributing stickers that residents can put on their phones to help them to remember what to do even while they are in the middle of a potentially life threatening situation.

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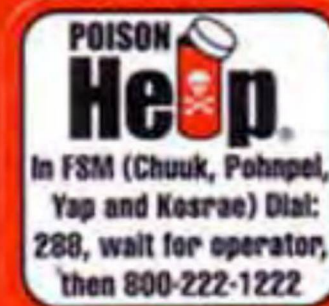
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Pwihn Keisu Community Hall Opens with the Japanese Grass- roots Assistance

Embassy of Japan

August 01, Madolenihmw - People of Pwihn Keisu, Madolenihmw, gathered together to celebrate the opening of the multi-purpose community hall which was constructed with the Japanese Grant for Grassroots Human Security Projects. This is a long awaited community hall for the people of Pwihn Keisu community, who originally came from Pingelap Island. This community hall will enable the Pinge-lapese, who are known as being very active and energetic to organize regular community meetings, handicraft workshops and training for women, youth activities to preserve traditions and cultures, immunization programs, and many others.

Together with the people of Pwihn Keisu were the Wasa Lapalap Isipahu Kerpet Eh-pel, Nanmwarki of Madolenihmw and Lik-end, Dohkasa, Dr. Berysin Salomon, Nanmwarki of Pingelap and Mrs. Salomon, His Excellency Shoji Sato, Ambassador of Japan to FSM and Mrs. Sato, the Honorable Fred Primo, Senator of the FSM Congress, the Honorable Peter M. Christian, Secretary of Department of Resources and Development, the Honorable Petrick Ring-len, Meinkeder Lapalap, Madolenihmw Municipal Government, and Mr. Ieske K.

Iehsi, the General Manager of Pohnpei Port Authority. All five chiefs of the subsections of Pwihn Keisu were also present.

The ceremony started with a prayer led by Rev. Albert, followed by remarks by Mr. Podis Pedrus, the chief of the Mand section of Pwihn Keisu, the Honorable Petrick Ringlen, Meninkeder Lapalap of Madolenihmw Municipal Government, the Nanmwarki Isipahu, and Japan Ambassador Sato, who made his statement in the Pohnpeian language. It rained throughout the ceremony, which is supposed to be a blessing according to the Pohnpeian culture and beliefs and it was a very happy occasion with songs by youth and adults of the community members. With the ribbon cutting, the multi-purpose community hall became officially open to the public.

The Embassy of Japan provided the Pwihn Keisu Community with US \$88,493 in March 2009 in order to support building the multi-purpose facility for various community activities for the people of Pwihn Keisu. Ambassador said in his remark at the opening ceremony that 'I am very pleased to see a beautiful building like this finally completed for your use. I hope that we can utilize the community hall also to strengthen our bond of friendship or kizuna between the people of the FSM and Japan.

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2. Parcel No. 004-F-02, land known as "Fitewayang", situated in Mulro' Village, Weloy Municipality, Yap State, with an area of 759 square meters, more or less, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 004-F-00, registered as Document No. 3049 at the Yap State Land Registry, Office of the Registrar.

- There are no minimum bid amounts for the parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "September 23, 2009 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Ms. Teresa Fagaltinan at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Colonia, Yap on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 between 12:00 p.m. noon and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on September 23, 2009.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
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- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The parcels are offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to their condition whatsoever.
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Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Ms Teresa Fagaltinan, Representative for Land Sales, phone no. 691-350-3185 or 691-950-5523 or Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel, FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-6533, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, website: www.fsmdb.fm



Japan Assists Development of Small Scale Fisheries in Yap

Embassy of Japan in the FSM

August 05, Kolonia, Pohnpei: Mr. Peter Gilinug, Chairperson of Yap Fishing Authority and His Excellency Shoji Sato, Ambassador of Japan to the FSM signed a Grant Contract for 'the project for assistance to development of small scale fisheries in Yap State'. The project is funded through the Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects and \$97,000 will be provided to the Yap Fishing Authority to purchase five FRP boats and four Payaos. The authority will be fully responsible for the execution of this project and will ensure that small-scale fishermen in Colonia as well as the Southern and Southeastern parts of the Yap Island will receive necessary support and leadership in order to improve the livelihood of the community members.

The Government of Japan has long been supporting fisheries development in Yap. In the past, approximately 2.2 billion Japanese yen or 22 million US dollars were invested in supporting the improvement of the Fisheries Sector in Yap including infrastructure development such as harbor extension and establishment of docks.

In terms of support for human resource development, Japanese experts worked at the Fisheries and Maritime Institute while their counterparts also had opportunities to attend training courses in Japan in order for these counterparts/trainees to eventually become expert trainers of fisheries in the FSM. Necessary fishing boats and other equipment were also provided while training materials were developed with support of the Japanese experts. The assistance from August 2000 to January 2006 amounted 1 billion Japanese yen or 10 million US dollars. Fisheries and Maritime Institute became a two-year college of COM where some of the graduates of Japanese training assistance became managers and/or instructors of the programme.

More recently from 2005 to earlier this year, two experts from the Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan were based in Yap, each of whom stayed there for 2-3 years and provided valuable technical assistance to enhance organizational management capacities of the Yap Fishing Authority.

Ambassador Sato said in his speech during the signing ceremony that with this long time cooperation for infrastructure and capacity development in Yap and the FSM as a whole, he believed that the two parties have developed a strong trusted partnership. Such history would enable them to continuously work together to further strengthen the fishery sector and thus the livelihood of people in Yap. The Embassy of Japan previously provided similar support to people of Yap especially to those in the North who were badly affected by Typhoon 'Sudal' which hit the island in April 2004. The new project targets those who did not benefit much from the previous Japanese support and have not fully recovered from the negative impacts that the Typhoon had on them.

...Chuuk Audit

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make contributions to constituents. Essentially the funds were used as an extension to the representation funds that Congress provides to each Senator.

Auditors found that funds for a fishing project were used to purchase a vehicle and construction material.

Though auditors made a thorough review of 39 of the 69 funded projects they looked at the budget to expense reports of all 69 projects. 21 of the 69, or 30% of the projects exceeded the dollar amount appropriated by law.

ONPA said that inappropriate purchases were allowed to be made because the CSCIP did not have a process for reviewing expenditure requests to verify that the purchases related to the project purpose prior to their submission to the Finance Field Office. The Finance Field Office also did not have a process for reviewing the fund requests prior to certifying fund availability and making payment.

There also were no controls to ensure that projects were completed. By law, PCD's are supposed to designate a project inspection official. Auditors discovered that 87% of the PCD's reviewed did not include a designated project inspection official. Also, payments should not have been approved by the CSCIP

unless a project inspection has been completed.

Auditors conducted site inspections such as sea walls, a pathway, and a meeting hall and discovered that those projects were never completed. Payments for construction materials related to those projects were paid out but the materials could not be accounted for because the FSM Finance Field Office did not require submittal of a completed inspection report.

As is customary for auditors, ONPA asked CSCIP, the FSM Finance Field Office in Chuuk, and Chuuk Congress to respond to the audit. They made multiple requests for response. None of them responded.

Notice of Land Sale By Auction

Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on July 16, 2009, public notice is hereby given that the parcel described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Parcel No. 043-U-02, land known as "Inmulala", situated in Utwa Municipality, Kosrae State, with an area of 3,526 square meters, more or less, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 043-U-00, registered as Document No. 6099 at the Kosrae Land Court, Office of the Registrar.

- There is no minimum bid amount for the parcel.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "October 8, 2009 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Mr Skiller Jackson at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Tofol, Kosrae on Thursday, October 8, 2009 between 12:00 p.m. noon and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2009.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must clearly state the bid amount for the parcel.
- The winning bidder will be notified by a duly issued Court order transferring title to the land, including all buildings, fixtures, equipment, and other improvements on the land, upon delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Supreme Court" no later than ten (10) days after notice is given. The winning bidder must be eligible to hold title to land in the FSM.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The parcel is offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Skiller Jackson, Representative for Land Sales, phone nos. 691-370-2751 or 370-7820, email: Skiller@pacificsbdc.com or Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel, FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-6533, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, website: www.fsmdb.fm

Pohnpei Fishing Club holds first ever Kid's Fishing Tournament

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM – The tension was high at the first ever Kid's Fishing Tournament in Pohnpei. These young expert fisher boys and girls were anxious for the results after a hard half day's effort casting and retrieving lines. They brought groupers, and trevallies, and parrot fish, and surgeon fish, and a barracuda. One even brought what looked like a tiny little minnow but that youngster probably found that one floating in the water after the boats came in and was not weighed.

Actually, tension was not high at all and many of the children would rather have been tumbling and sliding down the wet slip and slide as opposed to watching weigh master Paul Thomas weigh their fish.

26 young people signed up for the competition. Only a few of the fish caught were heavy enough to register on the Pohnpei Fishing Club's new digital scale which registers a half pound at the bottom. Just the same it was apparent that the children who participated in the event sponsored by Marie Olter and Wayne and Jack Bricknell, the Association of Pacific Island Legislators, Ace Hardware, Pohnpei Center Cinemas, and Matson Shipping had a great time and that, after all was the true goal.

Fishing, Barbecue, land based games and swimming: Mission accomplished!

Still, as in every contest there were winners. This one had winners in several age categories:

4-6 years
1st Mercedes Olter
2nd Damon Perman
3rd Owen Bowley

7-9 years
1st Emma Perman
2nd Colby Bowley
3rd Bert Moses

10-12 years
1st Keanu Musrasik
2nd Devon Martin
3rd Skyla Bowley

13-15 years
1st Shania David
2nd Utitia Perman
3rd Tyana Musrasik



NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

PURSUANT TO THE DEED OF TRUST ACT (41 PC 7-101, ET AL.), POHNPEI STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE DEED OF TRUST INSTRUMENT HEREBY GIVES PUBLIC NOTICE THAT THE PARCELS OF LAND DESCRIBED BELOW WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TERMS:

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| 1. Portion of Parcel No. 051-E-09 (T-73870) situated in Enipos, Madolenihmw Municipality consisting of an area of 3 acres. Minimum bid: \$9,785.39 | 2. Parcel No. 051-E-09 situated in Enipos, Madolenihmw Municipality consisting of an area of 12,099 square meters more or less as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 051-E-00. Minimum bid: \$1,605.87 | 3. Parcel No. 020-A-155 situated in Dolonier, Nett Municipality consisting of an area of 4,765 square meters more or less as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 020-A-13. Minimum bid: \$7,670.04 | 4. Portion of Parcel No. 020-C-06 situated in Pehleng, Kitti Municipality consisting of an area of 30,000 square meters more or less as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 020-C-00. Minimum bid: \$26,643.89 |
| 5. Portion of Parcel No. 133-A-01 situated in Awak, U Municipality consisting of an area of 35,205 square meters more or less as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 133-A-00. Minimum bid: \$3,164.40 | 6. Portion of Parcel No. 051-D-12, Tract No. 74362, situated in Areu Village, Madolenihmw Municipality consisting of an area of 24,615 square meters more or less as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 051-D-00. Minimum bid: \$2,381.45 | 7. Parcel No. 016-A-40 situated in Mapwusi, Kolonia Town consisting of an area of 576 square meters more or less as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 016-A-00. Minimum bid: \$3,366.91 | 8. Parcel No. 029-A-08 (T-70960) situated in Kahmar, Nett Municipality consisting of an area of 57,093 square meters more or less as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 029-A-00. Minimum bid: \$50,075.89 |
| 9. Parcel No. 018-F-08 situated in Poatoapoat Village, Kitti Municipality consisting of an area of 27,401 square meters more or less as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 018-F-00. Minimum bid: \$5,565.56 | | | |

TERMS:

- The minimum bid amount is as stated for each parcel/portion of parcel.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "PSHA Land Auction" by personal delivery to the Office of the State Attorney General located at the former Penny Hotel next to former U.S. Embassy Office.
- Deadline for submission of bids is August 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. or the next business day if such day falls on a weekend or holiday.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, and e-mail or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must state a bid amount separately for each parcel. Bids may be placed on one or more parcels.
- The winning bidder will be notified in writing by the Office of the State Attorney General. Each winning bidder shall pay the full amount of the bid by delivery of a cashier's check payable to the Pohnpei State Housing Authority no later than 10 days after the winning bidder is notified.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- Pohnpei State Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
- The property is offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.
- The winning bidders will take title to the parcel or portion of the parcel, whichever applies, through a quitclaim deed issued by the Pohnpei State Housing Authority.
- Sale of property is limited to Pohnpeian citizens who are also pwilidaks of Pohnpei.

Please contact the Office of the State Attorney General at Tel. nos. 320-2356/4629/5220; fax 320-5298 or email mona.apangelinan@gmail.com for any inquiries in regards to the above.

President Mori's Address at Tällberg Catches European Commission's Attention

FSM Information Services

On June 25th, 2009, President Manny Mori gave the keynote address at the Tällberg Forum in Sweden and told an international crowd about the plight that Micronesia is facing because of climate change. Since then, President Mori has received an invitation to go back to Sweden and talk on climate change issues from the President of the European Commission, Jose Manuel Barroso, and the Prime Minister of Sweden, Fredrik Reinfeldt. Sweden took over the Presidency of the European Commission on July 1st, 2009.

President Mori has been invited to take part in the fourth edition of the European Development Days to be held in Stockholm on October 22-24, 2009. This is an annual policy forum and is Europe's platform for discussion and exchange of ideas with partner countries, global civil society and the development community.

In the invitation, President Barroso states that, "The world's climate looks set to continue changing at rates unprecedented in human history. We know that the poorest people and countries are the most likely to be hit the hardest by rising sea levels, desertification and natural disasters, yet they are often least responsible for the causes." He also states that, "we must also adapt to climate change and support the poorest people and countries in their efforts to do so."

He specifically asked for President Mori to be part of an intervention in the special plenary session on Climate Change during the meeting in Stockholm, which is only a few weeks before the 15th United Nations Conference on Climate Change (UNCCC) in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Although President Mori was pleased with the opportunity to bring to light the effects of climate change on the FSM to other leaders in Europe, he is not able to attend this conference. The President does have plans to attend the UNCCC in Copenhagen in December.

Pacific Activists Shut Down Major Queensland Coal Export Terminal

Greenpeace

Pacific Greenpeace activists have shut down Abbott Point coal export terminal in Queensland to demand Kevin Rudd stops risking the future of Pacific Islands by undermining real action on climate change and expanding Australia's coal industry.

The action was launched from aboard the Greenpeace vessel the Esperanza, which is currently stationed just metres from the coal export terminal on the eve of the Pacific Islands Forum in Cairns.

"As Pacific Island leaders call for the 40-45% emission cuts needed to save their homes, Kevin Rudd presides over a massive coal industry expansion while posing as a climate hero," said Fijian Greenpeace campaigner Lagi Toribau. "Australia's Prime Minister needs to back Pacific calls for concrete action, not try to bully their leaders into submission."

Prime Minister Rudd has made highly conditional promises to reduce domestic carbon emissions by 5 to 25% by 2020, yet this export coal expansion would cancel out even the most ambitious target six times over. For the 5% reduction, this rises to fifteen times the target.

Financed by more than \$328 million of public money in 2009/10, the doubling in size of the coal terminal at Abbott Point alone will result in an extra

67.5 million tonnes of carbon pollution per year. This is equivalent to the annual carbon footprint of 2.4 million Australians.

The Abbott Point coal terminal is only a small part of Australia's largest coal export expansion in decades, which will see total capacity more than double from 332 to 730 million tonnes per year.

"It doesn't matter where this coal is burned, carbon pollution has no borders," said Papua New Guinea activist Sam Moko at Abbott Point. "Climate change is already having a devastating impact on our homes and we need genuine support from our Australian neighbours. Unless emissions are drastically and rapidly reduced, low lying atolls such as Tuvalu will soon be uninhabitable."

Moreover, as a new Greenpeace briefing demonstrates, far from being a boon to Australia, coal is becoming an economic and environmental millstone around our necks. Public support for continued expansion is also in short supply, with a July poll commissioned by Greenpeace showing that 76% of Australians support a cap or reduction of coal exports.

By reinforcing Australia's position as the world's largest coal dealer, Rudd continues to shun not only his neighbours, but also common sense. Supporting Pacific leaders at the Pacific Island Forum would be a major step in the right direction.

Forum Abandons Pacific People to Climate Disaster

"The outcome of the Pacific Island Forum is a disaster for the Pacific," said Greenpeace Political Adviser, Seni Nabou.

"Kevin Rudd has chosen big polluters over the very survival of Pacific Islands.

"At the same time, Pacific Islands leaders have buckled to a watered down climate agreement that is devoid of substance."

"The Forum Communiqué comes as a slap in the face for the Pacific leaders who went into the PIF calling for 45% cuts in greenhouse pollution by 2020. Today they leave agreeing to 50% cuts by 2050. They went in with a strong position that global warming needs to be kept below 1.5 degrees, and finished up agreeing to 2 degrees.

"The Small Island States reiterated their demands at a press conference just two days ago. Not only have those demands disappeared from the final commu-

iqué, all 2020 targets have disappeared all together.

"Pacific Island leaders made it clear they need urgent, deep emissions cuts. Instead they got platitudes and handouts to build higher sea walls against the rising tides caused by Australian coal."

"Aiming to limit global warming to 2 degrees spells certain disaster for Pacific Islands, and leaves Rudd's moral credibility in tatters.

Greenpeace has blockaded the Hay Point coal terminal for the past two days to bring attention to the hypocrisy of Rudd's climate policy, late this afternoon sending its ship the Esperanza in to block the port.

Greenpeace will continue to take peaceful direct action to highlight the injustice of Australia abandoning our Pacific neighbours in support of the big polluters.

"Rudd's real climate policy is on display to the world, as he throws his support for the ongoing expansion of the coal industry," Ms Nabou said.

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-Thomas Carlyle, essayist and historian (1795-1881)

New Poster Highlights Unique Plants of Pohnpei

Wayne Law, Ph.D.
The New York Botanical Garden/
Conservation Society of Pohnpei

It will finally be possible to stand in one spot and see 12 plants found only on Pohnpei, and you will not have to climb up mountains or to the tops of trees to see them! Something like this usually would not happen--many of these plants, some trees, some vines, and some shrubs, occur in very different places and habitats, and some of them are very hard to find. The Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP), The Embassy of Japan, and The New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) have made it possible by producing a colorful and vibrant poster featuring the pictures of 12 species of plants endemic to Pohnpei, and reminding us to protect them.



E pahn mengeiongehr aramas en kak pto-patohte wasa kis oh mahsanih de patohwan tuhke 12 me kak direkte Pohnpei, komwi sohte pahn dauhr nahna kan de douda nan tuhke pwe komwi en kak patowan. Soahng me duwehte met kin sohte kalapw wiawi—pwe soangsoangen tuhke kan me rasohng sahl akan, kisin tuhke tikitik kan kin dierek wasa tohto oh wekpeseng wasa me re kin mihmie, oh oakoai irail pil kin apwal en direkda. Palien Conservation Society of Pohnpei, Embassy en Japan, oh New York Botanical Garden (NYBG), patowen ehu penehr oh wiada poster me kilel eisek riahu

en peihn atail tuhke kan kasansal loale oh mehn ketemen kei ohng kitail pwe kitail en kak apwalih oh pereh tuhke pwukat.

Why is this? Endemic—a term scientists use when something is unique-- plants are very special in that they are plants that are found no where else in this world—in the case of these 12 plants they are only found

on Pohnpei. That means if something happens to harm these particular plants on Pohnpei, they may disappear forever, as they do not occur anywhere else in the world. However, these 12 featured plants are not the only endemic plants of Pohnpei, in fact there are 61 more plants that are only found on Pohnpei. Of the 356 different plants originally native to Pohnpei-

-plants that naturally occur here-- 61 are endemic plants meaning the island has a 17% rate of endemism. This is a very high rate of endemism and makes Pohnpei one of the top 10 plant endemic conservation hotspots of the world.

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...Plants Poster

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Dahme elehda met? Endemic-lepin pato ieu me irail semen en palien tuhke kan kin doadoahngki pwe ren kawehwe tuhke depil kepikipik kan me kin dierek te wasah kis nan sampah, me rasehng tuhke eisek riau wet me direk te nan Pohnpei. Met me wehwehki ma mie kahpwal ieu pwarada me kak kamwomwala tuhke pwukat nan Pohnpei, eri ma re mwomwala, wewehki re mwomwala douluhl pwe pil sohte ekis wasa me re kak dierekda ie. Kaidehkin soangen tuhke eisek riau pwukat te, ahpw pil soangesoangen tuhke 61 me pil kak dierekte Pohnpei. Nan pwungen soangesongen tuhke 356 kan me dierek Pohnpei, meh 61 me wia tuhke pwilidak en Pohnpei oh met kasalehda me nin limatail Pohnpei sapwelimanki percent 17 en tuhke pwilidak ni ah kapahrekiong wehi laud kan nan Sampah. Uwen present en tuhke pwilidak wet me laud mehleh me elehda Pohnpei ah iang patopato nan sahpu 10 me patopato keieu powe ni arail kolokol oh nahk tuhke pwilidak tohto nan Sampah.

Many of the endemic species of Pohnpei are becoming more difficult to locate as native forest habitat is being degraded. This poster is meant to raise awareness of those plants that are unique to Pohnpei, and highlight the need of the public's attention, for

protection and recording its occurrence on the island. Pohnpeians are encouraged to report sightings of rare species like *Parkia korom* (kurumw) to CSP so they can be monitored and protected.

Pali tohto en tuhke pwilidak kan tepdahr apwal en dierek nan wahl akan sang ni tikilahn Nanwel akan. Kilel de poster wet wia tetehn kasikuhl de kaweid kesempwal ohng tuhke kan me kak dierekte Pohnpei, oh me sansalehr ohng weipokon me anahne perehre oh kileldi wasa kan me irail mie nan Pohnpei. Mehn Pohnpei sohte lipilipil anahne ren ngongki pakairki wasa kan me irail diar ie soangesoangen tuhke pwildak kan me apwalahr me rasehng *Parkia Korom* (Kurumw) ohng ohpis en CSP pwe irail en kak tetehk oh perepereh pwehn dehr mwomwola.

Protecting the endemic species of Pohnpei is of critical importance to the world, as biodiversity, or the variation of living organisms, is responsible for creating stability in the world by supporting the natural ecosystem process like air quality, disease control, water purification, climate, biological pest control and prevention of erosion.

Epwel pen tuhke pwilidak kan en Pohn-

pei wia mehkot kesempwal ohng sampah, me diwehte kepikipik kan, de tetehn mour ohng kepikipik kan nan Sampah ni ah pahn utungada koasondi en momour pene en kepikipik kan me koasondier me rasehng mwakelekel en kisinieng, epwel pen semuwahu kan, mwakelekel en pihl, mwakelekel en nan wehwe, kepikipik kan me kin pwukoahki kamwomwala meninkau kan oh perehre ohng peilahn pwehl akan.

The pictures seen on the poster have been compiled through the collaborative Ethnobotany of Pohnpei project headed by CSP, NYBG, and The National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG), which has been documenting plant diversity and their uses over the last ten years. More information on plants and their uses in Pohnpei can be found in the just-released book, *Ethnobotany of Pohnpei: Plants, People and Island Culture*, published by the project under the direction of the Mwoalen Wahu Ileilehn Pohnpei.

Kilel akan me pato nan pelien doaroapwe wet koasondier sang doadoahk pene en pali me kin pwukoahki roprop ohng mour en tuhke kan nan Pohnpei me pato nan ohpis en CSP, CSP (ethnobotany) ni ah ehukiong New York Botanical Garden oh National Tropical Botanical Garden roprop en tuhke kan oh kilelehdi ehu ehu songeson-

gen tuhke kan oh arail arail pwukoah kan nan Pohnpei nan iraihr en souhnpar eisek me neklahr akan. Ire pisetik me pid tuhke kan oh arail pwukoah doadoahk kan kak pil dierek nan pwuhk me apwtehn intingda oh kohpesengehr me iei "Ethnobotany of Pohnpei: plants de Tuhke kan, Aramas akan oh Tiahk en Pehi wet," me kohpesengier sang palien doadoahk wet pahn kaweid en Mwoalen Wahu Ileile en Waihn Pohnpei.

While this beautiful poster brings you 12 of Pohnpei's unique plant species, hopefully, just seeing these plants on a poster will not be satisfying enough for you. To really appreciate these plants, you should see them and enjoy their beauty in real life!

Ahnsou me tetehn kasikuhl wet (poster) me audauhd kihda kilel kaselel kan en tuhke pwilidak 12 en Pohnpei. Ele patohwante kilel en tuhke pwukat pahn kak en sohte itar en keitarala kupwur omwi. Ahpw pwe komwi en kak itariki oh iang kapingki tuhke pwukat, komwi anahne en patohwan ehu ehu tuhke pwukat oh pereperenki oh kapingki lingan oh katepen tuhke pwukat nin diwen mour kesempwal kei me irail kepikipikdahng!!!

Pereh sapwelimatail kepikipik pwilidak akan !

NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

Public notice is hereby given the following parcel of land described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Parcel No. 004-A-14 known as Feis, located in Mechitiw Village of Weno Municipality, Chuuk State, consisting of an area of 1,206 square meters, more or less, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 004-A-00 dated March 9, 1992.

- The minimum bid amount is \$ 12,000.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "FSMDB Land Auction" by personal delivery to FSM Development Bank, Corporate Office, 2nd Floor of the Namio Building, Kolonia, Pohnpei, or to the FSM Development Bank Chuuk Branch Office, Kurassa Building, Mechitiw Village, Weno, Chuuk.
- Bids may also be submitted through fax transmission to 691-320-6533. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure confirmation of receipt of his/her bid by fax by the deadline.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2009, Chuuk State Time (5:00 p.m. Pohnpei State Time).
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, and e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must clearly state a bid amount for the parcel.
- The winning bidder will be notified in writing by FSM Development Bank. The winning bidder shall pay the full amount of the bid by delivery of a cashier's check payable to the FSM Development Bank no later than ten (10) days after the winning bidder is notified.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- FSM Development Bank reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
- The property is offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.
- The winning bidder will take title to the parcel through a quitclaim deed issued by the FSM Development Bank. The winning bidder must be qualified to hold title to real property in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel at the FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-6533, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, website: www.fsmdb.fm

K-Press Perspective

“Please sir, can I have some more?” – Oliver Twist via Charles Dickens

If I understand things correctly a good journalistic story needs to answer six principal questions, “who, what, where, why, when, and how.” I’ve been a writer for most of my life but I’ve only been a journalist for a comparatively short time. For over three years I’ve written and published stories on all sorts of issues in the FSM. The K-Press has published over 1600 pages since I began as the Managing Editor for the paper. Hopefully we’ll publish thousands more before my time is done here.

One of the things I’ve noticed is that amongst the stories we’ve published, the “who, what, where, when, and how” components vary wildly and sometimes dramatically. The “why” doesn’t vary quite as much. Money, the lack of it, the need for it, the wrong person getting it, what we do or don’t have because of how much of it we do or don’t have, what we did with it, what the lack or excess of it made someone do, and on and on; it is the central issue of most stories.

That might seem obvious to you and most people in the world have long ago thought of that connection but sometimes it takes a slow news week to allow me enough time to slow down and really look at things that are probably obvious to everyone else. As a very famous king said in a very famous book, “there is nothing new under the sun.”

That same book said that “the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.” The existence of that quote from that famous and very old book says to me that the problem didn’t start in what is now the Federated States of Micronesia only after whalers and other merchant vessels started landing in the Pacific, or after the Japanese occupation during World War II, or even during the United States Trust Territory days. I’m just guessing here but I would imagine that even when money as we know it today was not used in the FSM islands, and importation to the FSM was non-existent, something like the concept of money was still problematic even when all islanders lived on a subsistence basis. I would venture to guess that the big difference would have been a sense of community and an individual’s contribution to community. That loyalty to each other seems to have devolved since the days of subsistence living.

I’ll have to ask Father Hezel what he thinks about that.

It’s not really money but a disparity between the “haves” and the “have

nots” that seems to be the root of the problem. I can’t think of a revolution that didn’t have that problem at its very central core though there may be several that took place for other reasons. I’m not calling for it here or in any way advocating it but, except for the social traditions of the FSM, I can’t imagine why there hasn’t been an uprising of those who have next to nothing against those who have plenty and more and who patently do all of their work to be sure that the balance of power (oops, I mean, money) stays just the way it is, the rest of society be damned.

I’ll just let the audit of Chuuk pork barrel projects stand as it is without further commentary. I wrote this editorial several days before I received that audit.

No matter how it sounds, honestly, I’m not trying to write a sermon here. I wouldn’t dare. I’m just sort of thinking out loud and what I’m thinking is that when money is absent; when it is in scarce supply we tend to throw up our hands in defeat as the only realistic response to the situation.

Is it? Is money really the only solution to problems? Did we always say, “Well, if we had more money we wouldn’t have this problem or that problem or the other?” That’s a “no brainer” solution. Of course we wouldn’t have the same problems. We might ultimately have other problems that might, in the end, be worse than the ones we were trying to solve in the first place but at least we wouldn’t have the same set of problems.

Okay, let’s get concrete, Pohnpei’s Governor Ehsa asked the Legislature for \$250,000 to help jump start a school lunch program for elementary school students after he repeatedly asked for the assistance of private citizens (all of them, not just a few) to deal with the problem of lunches for school children.

The Legislature in dealing with the problem of financial needs for the government move into the Chinese built State Government complex, had a problem. In terms of state finance choices, they were betwixt and between. Some say that the body’s over-obligation of funds as a solution to the relocation problem was unconstitutional.

Ultimately they felt that they had to say “no” to the Governor’s request for funds.

So that’s it, right? Pohnpei School children will begin to look like those

on the posters for “Feed the Children.” The chart that shows the already poor test results for Pohnpei school children will spiral downward like the path made by a South American cliff diver doing a triple somersault with three and half twists. The future of Pohnpei is doomed because we haven’t been given enough money, right?

But what about the kosahp (village) in Kitti whose members have, for years, since before the idea of a publicly funded school lunch program was ever raised by a gubernatorial candidate, been preparing school lunches for their own children every day? I’ve been told that the responsibility for preparing those lunches has been rotating amongst the parents in the kosahp at their own expense, whether financial or the farming labor they provided. I’m told that the community members don’t have much in terms of material assets but that their children are sent to school every single day with a nutritious lunch prepared for them by people who love them.

Now, just how cool is that?

Do problems always need to have money poured on them before they can be solved?

I had a conversation with Pohnpei State’s Attorney General Scott Garvey and the Director of the Department of Public Safety, Lucas Carlos a couple of weeks ago (see story on page 2) and the same theme reared its ugly head: money, or the lack of it.

“Why aren’t there more patrols to serve as a deterrent to would be criminals?”

“Money.”

“Why are the Assistant Attorneys General, despite their having caught up with court filings in June and July, still overloaded with criminal cases?”

“Not enough attorneys and not enough money to hire more.”

The meeting had been called to express to the Editor of The Kaselehlie Press that law enforcement entities in Pohnpei are concerned about what seems to be a rising crime rate. They wanted to assure me so that I could help to assure you that they are doing everything they can about the problems as quickly as they can. And they appear to be but it still seems to be not near enough.

Money would certainly help to solve

the problem. If we had enough money Pohnpei State could go so far as to create a police state if it wanted to. Wouldn’t an individual sense of community responsibility be a better solution?

A person concerned about the other members who share his or her community wouldn’t be as likely to grab a spray can and paint something ridiculous and infantile on the wall of a building like some gang banger in East L.A. instead of what they are, a member of a community privileged to live in one of the most beautiful places on earth.

A person concerned about others in his or her community wouldn’t break into another person’s home and steal that person’s belongings so that they could trade those stolen items for enough money to buy a bottle or two of 151 proof rum. They wouldn’t get howlingly drunk and beat another person to death at some small hour of the morning.

Community members who are business people wouldn’t cheat on their taxes. Business owners who know they are community members wouldn’t gouge their customers so badly that the aisles of their stores end up covered in blood. A real community member wouldn’t unfairly bar competitive businesses but would instead insist on competing on an even footing by bettering his or her services and pricing structures. He would do that because the community member would know that the rest of the community members would benefit from competitive pricing. They would know that if their businesses got more competitive they would make more, rather than less money and that they wouldn’t be viewed with suspicion wherever they appeared in the community. A real community member would be concerned about the other members of the community and would not practice any other of a host of antisocial behaviors...

And Disney’s Pollyanna would be our leader and all would be right and just in the world no matter what...

...but it’s not that way. Pollyanna died a long time ago and was fictional in the first place.

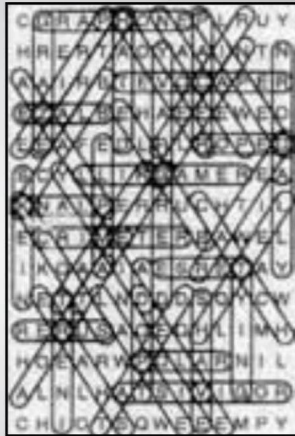
I guess we’ll have to ask the money man, please, sir can we have some more?

Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

Puzzle Pleasure Previous Issue's Solution

Jackpot

Crossword Solution



Food Wonderful

Food (1)

Adopt, adorn, ample, aorta, black, blaze, bugle, caper, catch, covet, crime, dally, delve, dimly, earth, gamer, glean, graph, gravy, graze, great, greed, grill, hated, hotel, hover, inert, lapse, meter, pacer, pecan, phone, piped, plank, plaza, polar, prize, rated, ricer, roped, share, skein, stock, surer, tamer, taped, terse, tying, vigor, vista.

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A man who had played the bassoon
Was heard whistling a hillbilly tune.
And although it's not fair
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And forbidden to play Claire de lune.

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- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.
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- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the Truk Stop Hotel Restaurant VIP Room. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at:
- rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com

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- News is news. There is no charge to run news items.
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- Although the deadline for submissions is on the Friday before the Wednesday that the paper comes out, if your item gets to us earlier it has a better chance of being run.
- Even advertisers should consider the "earlier is better" guideline. We do run out of space even for advertising.
- The Kaselehlie Press will take submissions in any form however; your item has the best chance of run-

- ning and the end result will have no transcription mistakes if it is submitted in one of the word processing formats for text material or jpg files for graphics. Power Point is not a word processing format but it also works.
- Converting a word processing document into a PDF file makes no sense for submission to a newspaper. Unless you have a real need to submit items in that format we would much prefer that you don't.
- Please, if you say that you have attached a file to an email and you say that it is a press release, be sure that the file is actually attached. Double check, triple check if necessary. Oftentimes we don't find out that there is no attachment to an email, or

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- We will work with you in whatever way that we can. If you have questions about your press release or advertisement please contact us at 320-6547 or at email address kpress@mail.fm.

Pohnrakiet Prepares for Planting

By Kim Del Guercio

The village of Pohnrakiet, also called Kapinga Village, is pleased to announce the launch of a container gardening initiative with the support of Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) and other agencies. On 31 July 2009, approximately 40 residents of the village joined in the community nahs to view a container gardening workshop led by Tobias Damarlane, extension agent from College of Micronesia-FSM Cooperative Extension Services. This intervention was a direct response to information gained from a food security survey conducted by Master of Public Health candidate, Kim Del Guercio. While gathering information for her thesis, Ms. Del Guercio found that many residents of Pohnrakiet do not have access to land for farming and rely increasingly on imported foods. Adelino Lorens, Pohnpei Chief of Agriculture of the Office of Economic Affairs, was integral in brainstorming ideas for agricultural interventions, and suggested container gardens as a way to make use of the small land area and need for increased crops.

In his demonstration Mr. Damarlane instructed residents on proper soil composition as well as procedures for caring for and maintaining seedlings. Participants were then given the opportunity to 'practice' planting chinese cabbage using some of the materials Mr. Damarlane brought from the Extension Services greenhouse.

Enthusiasm for the project was obvious, and many residents expressed interest in starting their own container gardens. Participants will be provided with cucumber, eggplant, chinese cabbage, tomato, and bell pepper seeds, banana plant suckers, and technical advice throughout the length of the project. In return, participants will allow IFCP staff to check in on their gardens and monitor plant growth progress. It is expected that these container gardens will add more variety (and vegetables!) to participants' daily diets and promote the use of foods high in micronutrients with health benefits.

Special thanks are owed to Sosten Gamure and the community of Pohnrakiet and COM-FSM Cooperative Extension Services for presenting the workshop. The Pohnpei Waste Management Services is thanked for helping to gather recycled containers for participants. The workshop was funded by the international nutrition organization, Sight and Life.



COM-FSM Cooperative Extension Services Agent, Tobias Damarlane, shows Pohnrakiet residents how to make their own container gardens as community leader, Sosten Gamure, and others look on.

People of Pohnpei love their Papaya!

By: Kathy Larsen
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Here on Pohnpei, as on most Pacific Islands, we are blessed to have a plentiful supply of papaya. Not only is this fruit tasty, but it is very healthy for you. You can eat the fruit green, or wait until it ripens.

If you eat ripe papaya, you will be giving your body a big dose of provitamin A (beta-carotene). This is important for healthy eyes, proper growth, and disease protection. There is also much vitamin C in ripe papaya. A green papaya provides small amounts of provitamin A and vitamin C as well. Vitamin C is important for the body as it assists to protect against infection and helps to process iron.

There are three types of papaya trees. The male trees flower on their long, hanging stalks. Even though the male papaya does not bear fruit, you must have one male tree nearby for every ten female trees so that the male can pollinate the females. The female papaya has flowers on their short stalks. They bear fruit at the base of their crowns.

The last type is the hermaphrodite papaya tree and has both male and female flowers on their stalks and can also bear fruit.

The seeds necessary to produce papaya trees can be taken from the fruit or seeds can be purchased (for example, the Solo variety). The papaya is a relatively fast growing tree. It will bear fruit within one year of planting. When ripe, the fruit is yellow and soft, so you must handle it carefully to avoid bruises. In order to protect the fruit still on the stalk, when you pick a papaya, you should cut the stalk close to the trunk of the tree. This will protect the fruit remaining on the tree, from the sharp ends of the stalk. A mature papaya tree will bear between 15 and 30 fruit a year. If you have several plants on your land, you and your family will have plenty of papaya to enjoy.

Whether you choose a green or ripe papaya, you have a healthy, tasty, easily digestible, and vitamin-rich food. As the papaya is plentiful on our island, there is no excuse for not eating them.

Acknowledgements are made to the South Pacific Food Leaflet No. 2, on Papaya, 1992.

Astronomical Tide Prediction August 19 through September 1, 2009

		Pohnpei				Chuuk			
	Day	Time	Tide	Time	Tide	Time	Tide	Time	Tide
Wednesday	08/19	02:25AM	4.4	12:23AM	1.4	01:42AM	2.4	02:42AM	1.0
		09:14AM	0.3	05:51AM	2.9	09:37AM	-0.4	09:12AM	0.0
		03:08PM	3.1	11:49AM	1.1	03:38PM	0.6	05:02PM	1.7
		08:35PM	0.8	06:39PM	3.6	06:44PM	0.4	11:33PM	0.9
Thursday	08/20	03:02AM	4.6	01:11AM	1.8	02:14AM	2.4	01:47AM	1.0
		09:40AM	0.3	05:52AM	2.4	09:48AM	-0.3	09:06AM	-0.2
		03:36PM	3.4	11:51AM	1.4	03:28PM	0.8	05:26PM	1.6
		09:15PM	0.6	07:21PM	3.3	07:37PM	0.3		
Friday	08/21	03:37AM	4.7	11:20AM	1.5	02:42AM	2.2	09:08AM	-0.3
		10:06AM	0.3	08:54PM	3.0	09:56AM	-0.1	05:59PM	1.5
		04:05PM	3.7			03:33PM	1.0		
		09:53PM	0.5			08:22PM	0.3		
Saturday	08/22	04:10AM	4.5	09:25AM	1.5	03:05AM	2.0	09:14AM	-0.3
		10:32AM	0.4			09:58AM	0.1		
		04:34PM	3.9			03:45PM	1.2		
		10:31PM	0.6			09:04PM	0.3		
Sunday	08/23	04:41AM	4.2	12:11AM	3.2	03:21AM	1.7	12:14AM	1.5
		10:56AM	0.5	08:40AM	1.3	09:53AM	0.2	09:21AM	-0.3
		05:04PM	4.0	03:33PM	2.3	04:01PM	1.5		
		11:07PM	0.8	06:07PM	2.2	09:43PM	0.4		
Monday	08/24	05:09AM	3.8	01:07AM	3.4	03:25AM	1.4	12:40AM	1.7
		11:17AM	0.7	08:36AM	1.1	09:42AM	0.2	09:22AM	-0.2
		05:34PM	3.9	02:49PM	2.5	04:20PM	1.6		
		11:44PM	1.1	07:12PM	2.0	10:20PM	0.6		
Tuesday	08/25	05:33AM	3.4	01:40AM	3.7	03:13AM	1.1	01:02AM	1.8
		11:36AM	0.9	08:42AM	1.0	09:26AM	0.1	09:17AM	-0.1
		06:06PM	3.8	02:46PM	2.8	04:40PM	1.7	04:04PM	0.8
				07:47PM	1.7	10:56PM	0.8	06:10PM	0.7

Papaya Fruit Salad

- 2 cups ripe papaya, cut in bite-size pieces
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice, or the juice from 3-5 calamansi (karertik)

Mix all ingredients.

Leave for half an hour in a cool place and serve as a snack or as side dish to a meal.

Variation: Add pieces of your other favorite fruits, ripe banana, soursop, passionfruit, or guava.

FSM Courts Hold Conference in Yap

FSM Information Services

The Office of the Director of the Department of Youth & Civics Affairs in Yap has just released the following information.

The 12th FSM Judicial Conference has opened in the State of Yap following welcoming remarks by Yap State Court Chief Justice, the Honorable Cyprian Manmaw, and the official opening by FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice, the Honorable Andon Amaraich, at Yap Small Business Center on August 3, 2009.

This year's Conference has brought to Yap more than 40 participants from the four FSM States and the National Government over the weekend to attend the Court meetings. The conference will continue its discussions through Thursday on Court issues, among others the Rule of Law and Customs, Case Flow Man-

agement, Ethics for Judges, Performance Evaluation Standard for Staff and other related issues concerning Court operations in the FSM.

The group consists of the Chief Justices, Associate Justices, Legal Counsels and Court Administrators from all over the FSM State and Supreme Courts. Those who will be giving presentations on some of the topics for discussions during the weeklong conference include all the Chief Justices and other Staff of the Courts. The Honorable Charles Case III and the Honorable Aliksa B. Aliksa both gave presentations on Alternative Dispute Resolution during the discussions.

On Tuesday, August 4th, the Honorable Charles Case III led the discussion with a review of yesterday's discussions and move on to the next on the agenda the Case Flow Management. Later in the day Mr. Kapilly Capelle, Director FSMSC, took on the discussions by giving a highlight on another issue concerning the Tools that must be used in Courtrooms. The group will begin tomorrow by reviewing all that has transpired today before taking up another subject.

Charity Awards Sixteen Scholarships to Pacific Islanders

Students in the small Central Pacific nation of Micronesia face many challenges on their path to college.

Public schools in Micronesia, which receive support from the United States government, are often under-resourced. Many struggle with staffing problems. Only a small number of families can afford the modest tuition charged by the handful of missionary and nonprofit private schools operating in the islands.

The financial and logistical obstacles are particularly high for students who live in the isolated "outer islands" located far beyond the reef of the state capitals.

Many of these low-lying coral Atolls are thousands of miles away from a major port of call. They all lack regular power and indoor plumbing. Most of the islanders there still engage in subsistence farming and fishing. For parents in the outer islands, sending their children to a nationally competitive independent school is just a dream.

That's where "Habele" enters the picture.

The word Habele is Ulithian term meaning to wish for and realize a future. It is a compound of the words "to be" and "to make."

The Habele Outer Island Education Fund is an all-volunteer, US-based, nonprofit organization that works to promote academic attainment and opportunities for outer islands students. It hopes to give Outer Island

students a hand as they ascend from primary and secondary school onto college.

Habele works with local educators and traditional leaders to build libraries, provide school supplies, and issue tuition scholarships for deserving students to

attend prestigious private schools on the more populated "high islands" that serve as Micronesia's state capitals.

This year Habele has awarded over \$7,500.00 in scholarships, paying the major part of tuition for sixteen of the outer island's most ambitious young scholars.

Tuition scholarships were awarded to students from the islands of Kutu, Ta, and Lekinioch in Chuuk State, and from Ulithi, Woleai, Ifaluk, Eauripik, Satawal, and Fais in Yap State. Parents of the students have committed to paying transportation and other fees, as well as to provide Habele with report cards and progress reports. Checks were mailed directly to schools in Yap, Chuuk, and Pohnpei.

David Reside, a former US Peace Corps official in Micronesia, has praised the work of Habele, noting that "it is particularly important that there be opportunities for those students who show great promise but are at a great disadvantage in accessing continued education."

Two former Habele scholarship winners are now enrolled at the College of Micronesia, Yap Campus.

The average Habele scholarship for 2009-10 was just under \$500.00. The awards were funded by the gifts of seventeen individual donors and two corporations, representing states from across the United States.

Habele is an IRS recognized, not-for-profit corporation, headquartered in Columbia, South Carolina. South Carolina has a special connection with Micronesia thanks to the work of Palmetto State native Jim Boykin, who spearheaded the development of an outer island high school during the 1960s.

Continental Airlines Begins New Nonstop Service From Guam and Honolulu to Nadi, Fiji

Twice-weekly flights offer convenient connections from Japan and U.S. mainland

TOKYO, August 6, 2009 – Continental Airlines (NYSE: CAL) today announced new service from its Guam hub and Honolulu to Nadi, Fiji beginning Dec. 18, 2009. The flights will also offer convenient connections from Japan and the U.S. mainland to Nadi.

"We are pleased to add Nadi to our portfolio of Pacific destinations," said Jim Compton, Continental's executive vice president marketing. "Fiji is a popular vacation spot that attracts visitors from around the world and we see a strong demand for leisure travel to the area."

The service will be operated by Continental Micronesia using Boeing 737-800 aircraft with 14 seats in business class and 141 seats in economy on the routes.

The flights from Guam's A.B. Won Pat International Airport (GUM) will operate on Mondays and Fridays departing at 10:55 p.m. and arriving at Nadi International Airport (NAN) at 7:30 a.m. the next morning. Return flights will operate on Wednesdays and Sundays departing Nadi at 12:40 a.m. and arriving in Guam at 5:10 a.m. the same day.

The flights from Honolulu International Airport (HNL) will operate on Mondays and Fridays departing at 6:55 p.m. and arriving in

Nadi at 11:40 p.m. the following day. Return flights will operate on Tuesdays and Saturdays departing at 8:50 a.m. and arriving in Honolulu at 5:25 p.m. the previous day, after crossing the International Date Line.

"I am very excited that the launch of the Guam-Fiji service brings convenient access to Fiji for customers in Guam and islands in Micronesia" said Charles Duncan, president for Continental Micronesia. He continued "Fiji has been a popular destination for high-end repeat visitors from all over the world and has also had a strong demand as a perfect honeymoon destination. We are committed to closely working with Fiji Tourism Office and travel agency partners to further promote the attractiveness of Fiji to travelers in Guam and Micronesia as well as to grow its traffic demand."

Fiji, located in the heart of the Pacific Ocean, is a group of more than 300 islands and atolls dotted across 200,000 square miles of sea. The islands are known for their picturesque coasts, tall coconut palms and brilliant turquoise lagoons fringed by coral reefs and white sandy beaches. Travelers from around the world visit Fiji for its pristine beauty, varied activities, including diving and surfing, and relaxed lifestyle.

Pacific Islands explore options for implementing tuna commission decisions

HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, 7 AUGUST 2008: The Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) concluded a Legal Workshop on Implementation of Measures Agreed at the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) at its regional headquarters in Honiara yesterday.

30 participants from each of the 15 Pacific Island member country and territories attended the workshop from 4-6 August 2009 to run through cost-effective options for legislation and regulations that would assist with implementation of WCPFC measures in the Pacific Islands.

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) is a decision making body for management of tuna fishing in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean. Conservation and management measures (CMMs) of the Commission are legally binding and apply to all WCPFC members and the Convention area. All of FFA's members are also members of the WCPFC. The last meeting agreed to a new Conservation and Management Measure for Bigeye and Yellowfin Tuna that will require

significant updates to legislation and regulations in the member countries (for more information about the measure see <http://www.ffa.int/node/106>).

Out of a total of 32 participating territories and members of WCPFC, over half (17) are FFA members, forming a significant voting bloc (although so far in the WCPFC's history decisions have been made by consensus).

The Western and Central Pacific Ocean accounted for 54% of the world's tuna catch in 2007 making tuna a key economic resource. Increasingly industry, environmental organisations and the international community are closely monitoring the outcomes from WCPFC annual meetings.

FFA supports its members to participate in the WCPFC by providing information and advice on technical, legal, fisheries management and monitoring, control and surveillance issues. This work is in part funded by the GEF-funded Oceanic Fisheries Management Project.