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## Chinese investors propose huge tourism development plans for Yap

By Arlynn Chugen  
The Kaselehlie Press

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**Colonia, Yap**—The Exhibit and Travel Group (ETG) - a private entity headquartered in Chengdu in the Sichuan province of the People's Republic of China is seeking to invest heavily on the island of Yap. If ETG's plans pass scrutiny in Yap it would be the largest investment by a private sector entity anywhere in the FSM.

The ETG proposal includes the construction of 8 to 10 hotel complexes with a combined total of up to 4000 guest rooms. These complexes could be completed and opened by 2015 if the Yap State Government approves their plan. Their plans extend to the development of as many as 10,000 guest rooms by 2020.

ETG's proposals are not limited to hotel complexes.

In their vision to create what they term a "world class island international tourism resort" in Yap, ETG also plans to build convention centers, casinos, and entertainment centers. To complement the need for such world-class resorts, tentative plans of development also include the construction of 8 to 15 golf courses.

The implementation of such a large-scale project would require a vastly improved infrastructure in Yap. In anticipation of that need ETG has included the improvement of the transportation system in order "to satisfy the need of large passenger jets" and

the expansion of ports in order "to satisfy the need of international tourism and shipment," in its plans

In their presentation, ETG claims that their proposed development ideas will "highlight the long history of the indigenous [Yapese] culture, adding a unique ethnic element to sightseeing." The completion of the project "will make tourism the key industry in FSM, which shall also promote the development of agriculture, fisheries, crop farming, and other industries." Further, the private enterprise also claims their ideas reflect on such themes as

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## Supplemental budget bill covers 2011's FSM cost overruns

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

January 27, 2011

**Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM**—In its final session of the 2011 fiscal year the 17th FSM Congress passed a \$213,503 supplemental budget bill in order to resolve cost overruns in the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Coconut Development Authority (CDA). Supplemental budget requests are only needed when departments have over-obligated (overspent) their budgets above what Congress approved before the beginning of a given fiscal year.

FSM Senators have often said that supplementary budget requests are only needed when there is poor planning, poor management practices, or both.

The budget overruns that were resolved by the passage of the supplementary budget bill were caused by over-extensions of salary obligations in the two departments. The overwhelming majority of those overruns were for the Department of Justice.

Senator Dohsis Halbert, Chairman of the Ways and Means committee said today that CDA's cost overrun was just over \$22,000. That amount in part consisted of a "market place premium salary" granted to one CDA employee who Chairman Halbert claims did not qualify for the premium salary. Halbert said that the salary was approved by the FSM's Office of Statistics, Budget, and Overseas Coordination (SBOC) despite the fact that the approved CDA budget could not support it.

The remaining amount of over \$191,000 in the supplemental budget bill was for cost overruns that took place in the FSM Department of Justice.

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## Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Technical and Compliance Committee meets in Pohnpei



## Pohnpei Little League Championship Games 2011



## Daniel Pearl: "Harmony for Humanity"



# Transco CEO alleges state interference with private sector

## Congress J&GO committee assigned to investigate allegations

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

September 28, 2011

**Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM**—The FSM Congress Committee on Justice and Governmental Operations, chaired by freshman Senator David Panuelo has been assigned the task of investigating allegations contained in a letter from Myron Hashiguchi, President of Truk Transportation Company, Inc. (Transco). The letter dated September 23 and officially received by Speaker Isaac Figir on the following day expressed Hashiguchi's concerns about what he feels are several examples of unwarranted state interference with the private sector.

Late in 2008 FSM President Mori, a shareholder of Transco, filed suit against Transco (Civil Action 2008-1111), and several other defendants including Hashiguchi and Elsa Lagradilla, a national of the Philippines who has worked as the Management Specialist for Transco for over nine years. The litigation concerns a sale of Transco stock to President Mori by Barney Olter, who was selling the shares owned by Olter's deceased father. Hashiguchi's letter to Congress did not mention the allegation

that Olter later sold the same shares to Hashiguchi for a higher price. It does say that the ownership of the shares is still in dispute and that a third party, the wife and child of the deceased shareholder are challenging the sale (or sales) of the shares by Barney Olter.

Ownership of the shares has yet to be decided by the court.

Hashiguchi wrote that in March of 2010 President Mori attempted to have Transco's attorney arrested for not giving Mori a \$1,620.00 dividend check on the disputed shares (as reported in K-Press, Volume 10, Issue 9, March 31, 2011). "The Transco Board had issued a resolution making the dividend check payable to the court and these dividends were deposited in the court," Hashiguchi wrote in his letter to Congress.

According to a March 25, 2010 ruling by Chuuk State Associate Justice, Ready E. Johnny the dividend was deposited in an interest bearing account until such time as the ownership of the shares is decided.

Hashiguchi's letter to Congress said that in August of this year the work permit of Elsa Lagradilla was denied, "on what we believe

to be the direct orders of the President."

President Mori has read Hashiguchi's letter and said that he intends to write his own communication to Congress on the matters Hashiguchi raised. "I want them (Congress) to go deeper. I want you to go deeper. It's not personal," he said during an interview at the tables inside Pohnpei's Amcres gas station this afternoon, a meeting place he selected. President Mori invited his staff member Marz Akapito as a witness to the interview to be certain that we didn't misquote him or take his words out of context.

President Mori said that he asked the Division of Immigration about what the Division is doing about a moratorium on certain types of employment in the FSM that should be reserved exclusively for FSM citizens. He confirmed during the interview that he told the Division of Immigration that it should specifically check into Lagradilla's immigration status because "it just happened that I know her." He said that some jobs like hers should be reserved for FSM citizens.

"I know her (Lagradilla's) capability because I was a (Transco) board member and when I ask her for things she says she can't do it," President Mori said. "A Management Specialist should have at least some skills in management," he said and then reminded us that his background is in business management.

He said that in approximately 2005, Transco shareholders demanded that Lagradilla be removed and replaced by a local employee.

A telephone call to Congress this afternoon revealed that while there was once a moratorium on the importation of foreign workers for certain types of jobs that were reserved exclusively for FSM citizens that moratorium expired some time ago.

President Mori indicated that he hoped that Congress would act to impose a new moratorium restricting the importation of foreign workers but that if they did so he would oppose any moratorium in the areas of construction and tourism because the FSM is trying to build capacity in both of those areas.

President Mori said that he told the Division of Immigration that they should begin to look at how long a foreign worker has been in their position. If the foreign worker had been in the position for more than five years then it is apparent that their employer has no intention of replacing the worker with an FSM citizen employee.

"The law is clear," he said. "FSM citizens have priority," for employment in the FSM and this was the depths to which he wanted Congress and the Kaselehlie Press to go, his central message of the interview. Essentially he was saying that he was not acting personally in the matter of Lagradilla but on behalf of FSM citizens who need employment.

President Mori said just slightly above the din of the Amcres gas station's business proceedings that he has been asking the Division of Immigration to give him a report of corporations that have training programs for local citizens that are designed to phase out the need for foreign workers and also those that don't have such programs.

"Have you seen the difference between banks and other corporations (in the FSM)?" he asked. "When you cash your check at the bank, who cashes it? They're all FSM citizens. The banks have training programs and they employ locals and they pay a good salary," he exclaimed. "Why should we have all these training programs and spend thousands of dollars (of foreign assistance) if internally our corporations are hiring from the outside?"

Hashiguchi's letter to Congress says that the denial of Lagradilla's immigration status was appealed and "after a hearing the decision was overturned by decision on September 16 by the Chuuk branch of FSM Immigration." His letter said that he was told that the work permit and immigration permit still would not be issued despite the Chuuk branch decision on the matter.

Hashiguchi's letter did not say who told him those permits would not be issued but this afternoon he said by phone that the Chief of Labor told him that they wouldn't be issued.

Hashiguchi said that after that information he didn't know how to formally continue an appeal of Lagradilla's work status. "What would I appeal? I only have documents that say that the denial was overturned. How do I appeal that?"

By email we asked Mohner Esiel, Chief of the FSM Division of Immigration whether or not President Mori in any way influenced the initial decision to deny Lagradilla's work and immigration permits. We also asked him if it was true that work and immigration permits would still not be issued and if so why that was true.

"The questions (you) asked were not that difficult to provide answer to, however, I cannot at this time comment on the matter as it is still within its appeal status provided under our procedures," he wrote in reply.

President Mori said during our lunch time interview that he didn't know why Chief Esiel responded in that manner since he was under the impression that the immigration appeal was completed in mid-September.

Hashiguchi's letter to Congress also alleged that this month "the Registrar of Corporations sought numerous records on probate actions provided to Transco for transfer of shares and payment of dividends. This issue is also an issue in the litigation described above (C.A. 2008-1111), and is an area that is not a responsibility of the Registrar."

President Mori said this afternoon that if the Registrar took that action it was not at his instruction. He said that his discussion with the Registrar was limited to his belief that legislation should be in place requiring every FSM Corporation to conduct an annual audit that should be filed at the FSM.

The National Registrar of Corporations was not willing to speak with us about the matter.

President Mori said that he filed the suit against Transco not just for himself but because of his belief that many shareholders in the FSM do not get their fair share of corporate returns. It was another one of President Mori's central messages of the interview this afternoon. He was not acting personally but on behalf of all shareholders of all corporations in the FSM.

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# FSM to receive new airplane for outer island service

## Plans include runway refurbishment

### FSM Information Services

September 26, 2011

The AVIC International Holding Corporation headed by Mr. Jin Xing, Vice President of the Civil Aircraft Marketing and Sales, and his colleague Mr. Shi Yanfeng, Assistant President of the Civil Aircraft Marketing and Sales, called on Vice President Alik L. Alik on September 20, 2011 after having a briefing meeting with the T&C Congressional Committee and witnesses from the Department of TC&I. The visit by the delegation was a response to a number of requests, most notably a request by Ambassador Zhang of the People's Republic of China to visit the FSM after the Embassy received an official note from the Department of Foreign Affairs for the utilization of two Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreements signed on February 23, 2011 and July 28, 2011 by Secretary Lorin Robert and Ambassador Zhang Weidong. The agreements are in the amounts of 10 million RMB and 20 million RMB respectively and are to be used for project(s) to be agreed upon between the two Governments pursuant to terms of the Agreements.

President Emanuel Mori had a discussion with Ambassador Zhang Weidong before the official note was submitted to the Chinese Mission and both parties agreed for the two grants

to be utilized to purchase a Y-12 airplane and for upgrading and maintenance of the airfields in the outer islands.

During the call, Mr. Jin Xing briefed the Vice President of their response to the request by the Chinese Government and expressed sentiments for a smooth meeting with the FSM Officials.

In response, Vice President Alik L. Alik expressed his appreciation for the visit and re-affirmed FSM's interest to purchase the aircraft mainly to improve status of transportation system in the FSM. He reiterated that with the joint efforts of the two sides, this project will contribute to the social and economic development of the FSM.

In attendance during the courtesy call were the Acting Secretary of the Department of TC&I, Mr. Jolden Johnnyboy and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asian Affairs of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Brendy Carl.

The AVIC Mission also had a meeting with the Department of TC&I, namely consultant Francis Itimai, Acting Secretary Jolden Johnnyboy and Assistant Secretary for Civil Aviation, Massy Halbert. A meeting was also held with the Caroline Islands Air current CEO and Pilot Alex Tretnoff to exchange technical information.

# President Mori swears in FSM diplomats in New York and Washington, D.C.

### FSM Information Services

September 26, 2011

On Thursday, the FSM Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York, Mr. Jeem Lippwe along with FSM Deputy Chief of Mission at the FSM Embassy to the United States of America in Washington, D.C., Mr. James A. Naich, were formally sworn in by President Emanuel Mori during a brief ceremony at the Permanent Mission of Micronesia. While in New York to participate at the High-level Meetings and General Debate of the 66th United Nations General Assembly, President Mori administered the oath of office to the two Micronesian diplomats.

The FSM Congress confirmed Messrs Lippwe and Naich's appointments at its May session.

About 20 of Messrs Lippwe and Naich's friends, families, and the Permanent Mission staffers witnessed the event as President Mori administered the oath of office. The daughters of the two diplomats, Lynette Jeem and Alessandra Maria Naich, assisted in the ceremony as Bible bearers.

After the oath-taking ceremony, President Mori thanked families of the two serving diplomats for their steadfast support in keeping up with the demands of work and time imposed on Mr. Lippwe and Mr. Naich. He also called on citizens of the FSM who are in the United States to be productive and goodwill Ambassadors while living in the United States.

President Mori also took the occasion to express

his deep appreciation to Ambassador Nakayama for his long service to the FSM Government. Ambassador Nakayama has ended his tour of duty as Permanent Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations, a post he has held since November 01, 1997.

## K-Press welcomes free lance journalist for Yap

The Kaselehlie Press would like to welcome Arlyne Chugen who will be covering news items in the State of Yap on a free lance basis beginning with her front page story in this issue.

Chugen graduated from the University of Hawai'i. While there she was a staffwriter for the student newspaper, "Ke Kalahea" covering news of election issues and Hawai'i candidates for county, state, and national elections.

She gives to her community and serves as a tutor for Yap Upward Bound High School students.

Chugen can be contacted at shofca@gmail.com.

Welcome Arlyne!

**KAMAGAR!**

**KINISOU CHAPUR!**

**KALAHNGAN!**

**KULO MA LULAP!**

**Mahalo!**

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## President Mori expressed “serious concern” over JEMCO draft resolutions

FSM Information Services

September 06, 2011

In a August 31 letter to Mr. Nikolao I. Pula, chairman of the 5-member Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO), President Manny Mori expressed “serious concern” over two draft JEMCO resolutions under consideration by the U.S. side of the committee.

JEMCO draft resolution 2011-2 proposes an incremental \$700,000 annual reduction in compact funding expenditure for the College of Micronesia-FSM beginning in FY2013 until the college’s funding is peaked at \$1million per year throughout the remainder of the compact economic provisioning years. By 2023, a net amount of approximately \$25 million will have been subtracted away due to this proposed change. This resolution also rejects a total of \$8.4 million expenditure on infrastructure improvement at the college for the next four years.

JEMCO draft resolution 2011-3 demands reductions in scholarship expenditures in all of FSM by \$1.8 million, eliminating a total of \$18 million in scholarship grants over the remaining compact funding years.

In total, both proposals demand a net reduction of approximately \$52 million by the time compact funding ceases altogether, on top of already built in decrements jointly agreed upon at the start of the amended compact.

The President writes, “what is staggering is not only the amount of these cuts, but the arbitrary and capricious way in which they are being proposed, with very minimal descriptive rationales, with almost no hard data to support them, no alternate expenditure plans and, most importantly, with absolutely no discussion with FSM leaders”.

The President alluded to a one page prior communication from JEMCO explaining the rationale for the proposed cuts to have been based primarily on two positions understood to reflect the sentiments of the US JEMCO members:

1. “Funding for post-secondary education is beyond the intent of the Compact.”
2. “Compact support is needed and would be better spent elsewhere.”

According to the President, these two positions contradict the “policy of our nation over the duration of the Compact to date and are not reflected in the language of the FPA (Fiscal Procedure Agreement)”.

The President pointed out that FPA Article II on “economic assistance implementation” stipulates that the education sector grant “shall support and improve the educational system of the Federated States of Micronesia, including,

without limitation, the systems for primary, secondary, and post-secondary education”, along with the human and material resources that comprise such systems.

The position number one clearly clashes with the explicit language of FPA Article II.

The proposed resolutions are deemed major policy changes that will impose very substantive impacts on implementations of certain goals and overall results in education sector. The FSM has not been afforded the opportunity to consult with the US regarding these proposed changes. Instead, the fate of these proposed changes, along with the fate of the programs and services they stand to change, are set to be determined by JEMCO whose voting split disfavors the FSM.

The way the proposals have been put forth seems to have ignored the bilateral nature of the FSM-US relations and fallen short of assuring the FSM people “real participation” in deciding over a matter that will shape their future.

In concluding his letter, President Mori requested that the matter be given a more in-depth review and transparent consultative process that allows for stakeholder involvement in search of mutually satisfactory lasting solutions.

## FSM to claim an additional 144,000 square kilometers of seabed territory

FSM Information Services

September 23, 2011

The FSM is lodging a submission, in accordance with the rules of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), with the United Nations Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS) for jurisdiction over an additional 144,000 square kilometers in the Eauripik Rise Region beyond its current 200 nautical mile exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

In May 2009, the FSM lodged a joint submission with Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands for the Ontong Java Plateau including 602,000 square kilometers of seabed territory southeast of Pohnpei and Kosrae States. This claim was presented to the CLCS at the United Nations headquarters in New York City in April 2010. The project was primarily funded through a United Nations Trust Fund. The current Eauripik Rise continental shelf submission is an independent claim of the FSM and covers approximately 144,000 square kilometers south of Eauripik Atoll in Yap State.

The Eauripik Rise Submission was completed in September 2011. Mr. Scott Sweet presented a formal Power Point briefing to members of the FSM Congress and the Continental Shelf Task Force on September 19-20. After the document is formally adopted and printed by the FSM it will be submitted to the UN in November 2011.

The FSM’s current EEZ is composed of approximately 3 million square kilometers in the Pacific Ocean. If approved, the Ontong Java Plateau and Eauripik Rise Continental Shelf Submissions could increase the total jurisdiction of the FSM by nearly 25 percent. However, some form of Maritime Boundary delimitation will need to take place with the Ontong Java Plateau and the Eauripik Rise region could also be subject to delimitation with

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## TARIFF CHANGES ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

The Board of Directors and Management for the FSM Telecommunications Corporation wishes to inform the general public and its valuable customers that the tariff changes as proposed and posted on July 14, 2011, have been approved in its entirety in our meeting of September 16, 2011. The tariff will be implemented in two phases. The Board is proposing the following implementation schedule:

Phase I of the schedule will take effect on November 1, 2011. Phase II will commence on October 1, 2012.

Service	Phase I (Nov. 1, 2011)	Phase II (Oct. 1, 2012)
*PSTN Residential.....	\$10 per month.....	\$12 per month
PSTN Business.....	\$20 per month.....	\$24 per month
Calling 411 from Landline.....	\$0.15 per call.....	\$0.25 per call
Calling 411 from Mobile.....	\$0.15 per minute.....	\$0.25 per minute
Cell Calls Voice.....	\$0.15 per minute.....	\$0.15 per minute
Cell SMS (Text).....	\$0.06 per message.....	\$0.10 per message

\*Caller ID Features will be available to customers (both residential and business) free of charge during Phase I. For Phase II all the Value Added Services (VAS) features (call waiting, call forwarding, speed dialing, etc) will be available to customers free as part of the basic PSTN service.

Should there be any questions or comments regarding this public announcement, please do not hesitate to contact any of your local FSMTC office. Thank you.



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## President Mori meets with American Jewish Committee in New York

FSM Information Services

September 23, 2011

New York, New York (September 20, 2011) – President Emanuel Manny Mori arrived in New York on Monday, September 19, 2011, to join other world leaders in the High-level meetings and General Debate of the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). The UNGA plenary session opened on Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

President Mori began his busy schedule in New York by meeting with officers of the American Jewish Committee (AJC), a global Jewish advocacy group for the State of Israel. The annual meeting of the AJC on the margins of the UNGA, which has become a tradition for the AJC and the FSM delegation to the UNGA, reflects the FSM policy of supporting the State of Israel and the triangular relationship between the FSM, United States, and Israel. The purpose of the annual gathering is to consult with the AJC on issues of common concerns and to review and further strengthen the ties between FSM and Israel.

At the meeting, President Mori expressed appreciation for AJC's support for the Federated States of Micronesia especially in the areas of humanitarian and medical assistance over the past several years. He also thanked the group for its role in facilitating the provision of dialysis machines from the State of Israel that are now placed at the Chuuk State Hospital.

Heading the AJC delegation at the meeting was Ambassador Peter Rosenblatt, who once served as President Carter's Ambassador to the Negotiations on the Future Political Status of the Trust Territory of Pacific Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia. He expressed sincere appreciation for FSM's steadfast support of Israel especially in the UN fora. Ambassador Rosenblatt further expressed AJC's commitment to continue advocating issues for the Freely Associated States with the United States, both in the Executive Branch and on Capitol Hill.

Both sides assured each other of the need to continue collaboration on issues of mutual concerns including those relating to the FSM's relationship with the US under the Compact as amended.

Israel was among the first few foreign governments, beside the United States and the Marshall Islands that extended friendship and diplomatic recognition to the FSM. The establishment of foreign relations took place at a time when it was hard for the FSM to find friends and gain diplomatic recognition. The affinity between the Israeli and Micronesian people is further strengthened by their shared Judeo-Christian traditions and values.

Accompanying President Mori for the meeting were Foreign Affairs Secretary Lorin S. Robert, Consultant for the Department of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Jeem Lippwe, Charge d' affairs ad interim of the FSM Permanent Mission in New York, Mr. James Naich, Charge d' affairs ad interim from the FSM Embassy in D.C., and Mr. Jackson Soram, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multilateral Affairs from the Department of Foreign Affairs.

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Papua New Guinea and Indonesia if there are CLCS approved claims in overlapping areas.

All coastal countries are entitled up to 200 nautical miles from their coasts as an exclusive economic zone for activities such as fishing, mining, shipping and other economic purposes. Some States are also entitled to claim additional areas of seabed beyond the 200 nautical mile zone, if it is able to prove it has a continental shelf that extends beyond that 200 nautical mile line. A team was hired to analyze geological and geographical data and draft technical and legal documents in support of the FSM's claims to the CLCS. The team included Scott Sweet, a Geographic Information Scientist who has been involved with the project since 2005, Geologist Dr. Alain Murphy, and Legal Advisor Joshua Brien.

The consultants have established that the FSM has a credible claim on the continental shelf which extends south of Eauripik Atoll in a series of documents and supporting data compiled as a work called "Submission by the Federated States of Micronesia to the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf Concerning the Eauripik Rise". This continental shelf area is a natural geological extension from the atoll in Yap State. The seabed and subsoil in this area

could one day prove to be an important source of natural resources contributing significantly to economic development in the FSM. If the FSM did not make this claim now, the opportunity to increase the FSM's seabed territory would be lost.

The project began after the FSM became a signatory to the UNCLOS in 1991 with major developments happening since 2005 when the FSM National Oceanic Resources Authority (NORMA) took the lead under former Director Bernard Thoulag. Earlier this year Congress approved funding for the Eauripik Rise Submission and under Executive Order no. 38, the FSM Extended Continental Shelf Project Task Force was formed. The Task Force is comprised of: Department of Foreign Affairs; Department of Justice; Department of Archives & Historic Preservation; Department of Resources & Development; and NORMA.

Key contributors to the project include:

FSM Congress  
Team of Consultants (Scott Sweet, GIS; Alain Murphy, Geologist and Joshua Brien, Legal Advisor)  
Late Bernard Thoulag - Former Executive Director  
Patrick Mackenzie - Executive Director  
Eugene Pangelinan - Deputy Director  
Leonito Bacalando Jr. - Assistant Attorney General  
Mathew Chigiyal - formerly with NORMA  
Alfred Lebehn - NORMA Technician

## The 4th Meeting of MTC endorsed roadmap for conclusion of MTA

FSM Information Services  
September 23, 2011

The FSM Government hosted the 4th Meeting of the Micronesian Trade Committee (MTC) from September 15-16, 2011, at the Cliff Rainbow Hotel Conference Room in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

In his opening remarks to the Ministers, Vice President Alik L. Alik highlighted that sub-regional groupings have become a trend in the Pacific region, and invited MTC Ministers

to consider a possible framework and road map towards formalizing a Micronesian Trade Agreement (MTA) in 2012. The Vice President also stressed the need for the FAS (Freely Associated States) to ensure that in all trade negotiations where fisheries issues are considered, they secure the most out of their fisheries resources, while ensuring that future generations would be able to derive the same benefits.

The Ministers considered the proposed framework for the future MTA and agreed

that a comprehensive study be undertaken to analyze which options would benefit the FAS significantly. They also endorsed the road map for the eventual conclusion of the MTA at the end of 2012.

The Ministers also agreed on several issues which includes the independence of the MTC Secretariat from other sub-regional governmental organizations when fully established, the FAS to finalize consultations nationally on the financial contributions to the budget of the MTC, to continue their efforts to harmonize immigration and labor laws between the FAS and the proposed textual changes in the Fisheries chapter in the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) being negotiated by the Pacific ACP countries.

## President Mori going international regarding oil leak in Chuuk Lagoon

FSM Information Services  
September 12, 2011

In a August 30 letter to the ambassadors of Japan and the United States in the FSM, President Manny Mori provided them final confirmation on his decision to make an international intervention at the Pacific Island Forum in Auckland, New Zealand, and the United Nations General Assembly at the UN Headquarters in New York regarding the oil leak in Chuuk Lagoon from the submerged World War II shipwrecks.

"I decided to raise this issue now in light of the imminent danger posed to the people in Chuuk by a potential oil-spill as documented in a 2008 Earth Watch Study which predicted that the more than sixty wrecks have 10-15 years before they will succumb to corrosion and spill their oily contents into the lagoon and surrounding marine ecosystem", the President wrote.

The wrecks have earned considerable significance to the people of Chuuk and their Japanese friends, wreck divers and underwater enthusiasts, marine scientists and the evolving marine life that have made homes on most of these wrecks.

Several informal reportings and local

witnesses have pointed out that the oil leak is already happening.

The letter also points out that the South Pacific Regional Environmental Program (SPREP) together with the Asia Pacific Applied Science Associates have documented their environmental impact assessment study conducted in 2008, claiming the potential onset of massive environmental disaster from a probable oil-spill that could result from the weakening wrecks containing an estimated over 30 million gallons of oil. The Earth Watch Study of the same year predicts that the sixty plus wrecks will give in to corrosion in ten to fifteen years. The oiler Hoyo Maru is already leaking. The President expresses concern regarding his decision to take the issue to the international community as doing so might appear insensitive to FSM's very close friends. Yet he is also keenly aware of his duty to "protect the interests of (his) people by raising (issues) at appropriate forum".

The President's decision to alert the ambassadors on his decision to go international on the issue affords those respective governments the time to provide preliminary reactions to such sensitive undertaking.

The decision to establish the MTC was made during the 7th Micronesia Presidential Summit (MPS) of September 2007, when the Chief Executives of the FAS directed their Trade Ministers to formalize a Micronesian Trade Committee to facilitate trade in goods and services among the FAS countries. In July 2008, Trade Ministers formally established the MTC through a Memorandum of Understanding.

The Meetings were attended by the Honorable Jackson R. Ngraingas, Minister of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce of the Republic of Palau (Palau), the Honorable Harry R. Fritz, Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Tourism (Palau), the Honorable Hubert Yamada, Acting Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development (FSM), Mr. Thomas Kijiner Jr., Secretary, Ministry of Resources and Development (Republic of the Marshall Islands) and Mr. Marion Henry of the FSM Department of Resources and Development. Also in attendance were Mr. Gainmore Zanamwe, Regional Trade Policy Adviser of the Hub and Spokes Project under the Forum Secretariat, Trade, Fisheries, Quarantine, and Immigration Officials of the FAS.

The 5th meeting of the MTC will be held in Majuro in September 2012, at which time the countries will report back to the Ministers on the actions that have been taken on the decisions made at this meeting.

Deadline

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Oct. 12, 2011

## Pacific NCD Crisis

*FSM Information Services*

*September 15, 2011*

Secretariat of the Pacific Community and World Health Organization, Noumea, 14 September 2011 – An epidemic of chronic lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, heart failure and cancer is undermining economic development and has placed the region in ‘an NCD crisis’, Pacific Islands Forum leaders have declared.

At their meeting in Auckland last week, Forum leaders heard the facts about the impact of NCDs (non-communicable diseases, so-called in medical circles to distinguish them from communicable ones such as malaria, influenza, tuberculosis and dengue).

World Health Organization (WHO) surveys show NCDs now account for three out of every four deaths in the region and leaders were told the Pacific has some of the highest rates of these diseases and their causes in the world. This has resulted in a growing burden on health systems and high levels of slow, painful and premature deaths with considerable social and economic impact.

Recognizing the situation as a ‘human, social and economic crisis requiring an urgent and comprehensive response’, Forum leaders said decisive action was needed to address the NCD crisis.

In their statement, ‘leaders expressed alarm that 75 per cent of all adult deaths in the Pacific are due to NCDs, with the majority coming from the economically active age bracket, and that many more times this number suffer severe side effects that undermine their capacity to contribute further to economic development’.

Noting the World Economic Forum’s ranking of NCDs as one of the top global threats to economic development, leaders concluded the crisis could undermine the future economic development of countries of the region.

Leaders are now concerned that NCDs cause a substantial drain on economic potential by adversely affecting the four main factors of economic growth: labour supply, productivity, investment,

and education. The crisis could also undermine the region’s achievement of the 2015 Millennium Development Goal (MDG) health targets.

The main causes of NCDs are high levels of tobacco and alcohol use, low consumption of fruit and vegetables and low levels of physical activity. Leaders thus committed their governments to fast-track five key actions proven to reduce NCDs—tobacco control, improved diets (mainly through reduction of salt, fats and sugar), physical activity, reduced alcohol intake, and access to essential drugs and technologies. They also noted that many NCD interventions are revenue-generating, such as increases in taxes for tobacco and alcohol.

Forum leaders further commended and welcomed the commitment by Pacific Ministers of Health to provide sustained leadership and support for NCD prevention and control through ‘whole of government and whole of society’ approaches to address the NCD crisis. They also welcomed a similar commitment by Pacific Ministers of Sport.

They specifically called on the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and World Health Organization and other regional agencies to work with all Pacific Island countries using their respective ‘whole of government, whole of society’ approaches to strengthen their capacities to address NCDs as a matter of urgency.

WHO Western Pacific Regional Director, Dr. Shin Young-soo, and Director-General of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Dr Jimmie Rodgers, acknowledged ‘with great appreciation’ the priority accorded by the leaders to NCD prevention and control and pledged their support and cooperation to assist the region address this number one public health problem.

Welcoming the declaration, Dr Rodgers said that top-level political commitment to taking action on NCDs was critical.

‘The call for a ‘whole of government and whole of society approach’ is both timely and crucial as most of the risk factors and determinants for NCDs lie outside of the health sector and so do most of the solutions,’ he said.

‘The war against NCDs needs to be fought at the individual, family, community, whole of government

and the whole of society level in each country and in the Pacific region.’

‘The war needs the vision of leaders, the commitment of governments, the support of partners, and assistance from regional and international bodies. Together we will make a difference.’

‘Pacific leaders have declared the crisis. Now we in the Pacific must take up the challenge’.

Also supporting the declaration, Dr Shin Young-soo said it was ‘great to see the urgency’ leaders have placed on NCDs since they are among the biggest health burdens in Pacific Island countries. They impact on all spheres of development and hinder the achievement of the MDGs and the ‘Healthy Islands’ principles agreed to by all countries and territories.

‘It augments the commitment by Ministers of Health to scale up their action including the strengthening of their respective health systems to deal with NCDs and other areas in their last meeting in Honiara,’ he said.

WHO Western Pacific Region has prioritised NCD prevention and control and the 62nd Regional Committee next month will address NCDs with a view to expanding and intensifying prevention and control in the region.

SPC’s governing body, the Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (CRGA) has prioritised prevention and will also address NCDs at its 41st meeting in November with a view to intensifying prevention and control efforts in collaboration with WHO.

Both WHO and SPC are supporting the Pacific Islands delegations to the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on NCDs in New York next week (19–20 September 2011) which should add global momentum to the fight against NCDs and lead to enhanced collaboration between agencies and partners.

SPC and WHO applaud Pacific Island Forum Leaders for their leadership and foresight in addressing the issue of NCDs with urgency. They acknowledge the current support for NCD work provided by Australia and New Zealand through the 2-1-22 Pacific NCD programme and welcome the recent announcement by Australia of continued support for NCD prevention and control in the region.

## President Mori and Rights of Persons with Disabilities Convention

*FSM Information Services*

*September 24, 2011*

On Friday, moments before he was due to address the 66th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, President Emanuel Mori signed the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). The occasion is significant as it affirms President Mori’s commitment to the protection of the most vulnerable society members including women, children, and the disabled.

The Convention was adopted by members of the United Nations in December 2006 at the Sixty-first Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). It entered into force in May 2008. As a human rights instrument, the Convention aims to improve the situation of persons with disabilities. It stresses that persons with disabilities share the inherent right to life on an equal basis with all others.

By signing the Convention, President Mori signals his Government’s intention to abide by the Convention.

The event followed a series of initiatives including commitments made by Mori’s Administration on the occasion of FSM’s review during the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) for Human Rights. Domestically, the Department of Health and Social Affairs has already commenced the necessary leg work needed to promote the rights of persons with disabilities along with other advocacy groups, including associations for persons with disabilities at the State and National jurisdictions.

Ratification of Conventions is a Congress prerogative in accordance with the FSM Constitution.

## ...Yap tourism

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“green and environmental” and a “combination of environmental protection and development.”

One Yap State government official said that nothing is finalized but there are definitely some ideas of development already being discussed.

An ETG entourage lead by ETG chairman Deng Hong, flew into Yap on August 16, 2011 on a chartered plane where they met with Yap State Leadership to discuss their proposed development plans.

The August meeting between ETG and Yap State leadership was not the first meeting between the two parties. Both groups met earlier in the year to discuss the ideas. ETG had invited representatives from various Yap government agencies to visit Chengdu so that Yap’s representatives could see firsthand the types of economic development they have accomplished there.

“ETG investment could be the best thing that happens to Yap, but we must maintain control every step of the way” said one employee of Yap’s Division of Commerce and Industry.

Reactions to ETG’s proposals amongst members of the public we contacted were mixed ranging from outright skepticism to optimism.

“We stand to gain but what do we know about what to lose?” said John G. Mangefel, a Yapese employee working at the Youth Services.

“It’s good foreign investment but history has shown that foreign investment isn’t necessarily good for the general populace” another Yapese who wished to remain anonymous said.

Dieter Kudler, General Manager and co-owner of Yap Pacific Dive Resort, held a different view. “It’s a lifetime opportunity for Yap Island” he said. Kudler is also the General Manager of one of

the hotels on the island. He said that he thinks that competition and the possibility of an increased number of flights to the island could work to the advantage of the dive resort.

The Yap State government has not agreed to any development plans in Yap but it is in the process of forming a taskforce with several mandates. In a government communication dated September 5 that was submitted to the Yap State 8th Legislature and the Chief Councils, the Governor Sebastian Anefal called for the formation of the taskforce, also known as the “Work Group.” The Work Group would be tasked to do the following: 1) “identify and describe each land parcel that is suitable for development, its relative size, and identify who owns each parcel of land”; 2) recommend the types of development (hotel, beach expansion, golf course, etc.) most compatible for each identified parcel of land; and 3) identify such land areas “that are so ecologically, historically, and culturally important to (the) people of Yap” that they should be exempted from development plans.

The Work Group is expected to report its findings to the State Leadership by November 30, 2011.

The members of the Work Group, as indicated in the government communication, will consist of five members: a representative of the Administration; two members of the 8th Yap State Legislature; one member of the Council of Pilung; and one member of the Council of Tamol. Any decisions and recommendations made by the Work Group will require a unanimous vote by each of the members of the Work Group.

In addition to consensus decisions within the Work Group, the government would need to work out some major current roadblock to such a large scale project. For example, ETG’s proposed plans to build casinos would require some changes in Yap State law. Gambling is currently prohibited according to Title 11, Section 601 of the Yap State Code.

The status of the Work Group is still unknown. Government official did not respond to our requests for comments on the status of the project plans.

The Yap State Legislature is currently in recess. Their next regular session is scheduled to begin in January 2012, though their next session day is subject to call.

## ...FSM Budget

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Conversations amongst Senators on the floor of the Congress chamber early in the regular session indicated that they were not predisposed toward the passage of such a bill. More than anything those early discussions seemed designed to send a strong message to the FSM's Executive branch; particularly to the DOJ.

Former FSM President, Senator Joseph Urusemal stated in no uncertain terms that the time is long overdue for government officials to face the consequences for their actions or for their inactions. He said that the FSM Constitution is designed for checks and balances amongst the three branches of the government and it was high time that checks were made to be effective.

DOJ's Secretary Maketo Robert was present in the Congress Chamber during the early discussions.

Chairman Halbert said that Congress has been asked to consider supplementary budget requests in every Congress session for several months.

Speaker Isaac Figir shook his head and said that overruns have been a persistent problem in the FSM government for many years.

Indeed, in September of 2010 Congress passed a supplementary budget bill in excess of \$200,000

to rectify budget overruns from fiscal year 2010. The majority of that supplemental budget bill was also due to FSM-DOJ overruns.

Congress ultimately passed the supplementary budget bill which, assuming that President Mori, who requested the supplement to FSM's 2011 fiscal year budget signs the bill into law, will empower the government to meet long overdue payroll obligations for DOJ and CDA employees who have not been paid for many months through no fault of their own.

According to agenda summaries of two of President Mori's communications to Congress the President apparently asked Congress to allow reprogramming of department budgets that had surpluses in order to resolve the problem of cost overruns in the two errant departments. He said that allowing for reprogramming would cover the budget overruns without a need to resort to a supplemental budget.

Instead of allowing for reprogramming Congress instead agreed amongst themselves to build into future budget bills an explicit disallowance of that type of budget reprogramming in order to "build in safeguards."

Only two Senators made comments when Congress voted for the passage of the supplementary bill on its first reading. Freshman Senator Wesly Simina said that he was voting for the passage of the bill on behalf of all of the Chuukese who had not been paid for work they

had performed.

Senator Urusemal voted next and said that he was voting for the passage of the bill on behalf of all of the FSM citizens who had not been paid, "real working people."

For at least a year the matter of cost overruns in the Executive Branch has served as a bone of contention between the Executive Branch and the FSM Congress.

On October 6, 2010, Senators of the 16th Congress reminded Speaker Isaac Figir of his authority to establish a special committee to investigate the matter of cost overruns which are violations of the Financial Management Act.

While Speaker Figir did not immediately establish a Special Committee to investigate those alleged violations he did write a letter to the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor (FSM OPA) requesting an audit of four departments based on the allegations of cost overruns that were raised in Congress.

Ultimately Speaker Figir did eventually establish a Special Committee to investigate the matter and assigned then Vice Speaker Frederico Primo to be the chair of the committee. It convened on January 6, 2011. Ultimately that committee made no recommendations and did not make a decision to appoint a special prosecutor.

FSM OPA's audit report on cost overruns was not released until July 25, 2001. The introduction of the audit said that the environment that included the existence of a Congressional Special Committee as well as the involvement of the media "made it difficult for the Auditors to obtain good information on a timely basis since employees of the Executive Branch were concerned about their jobs and potential prosecution." The introduction did not say that the audit was also hampered by some internal personnel problems though that was also true.

According to a lengthy legal argument by DOJ Secretary Maketo Robert in response to the audit, employees need not have been concerned about potential legal prosecution. Robert said in that response that it is not the legal responsibility of FSM department heads to ensure that their departments stay on budget. He said that it is the responsibility of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to keep FSM department heads on track on their budgets.

His argument essentially quashed any possibility of prosecution for violations of the FSM's Financial Management Act since DOJ is responsible for those prosecutions.

FSM OPA did not refer any budget overrun matters to its Compliance Investigation Division for possible referral to DOJ for prosecutorial consideration.

## David and Lucille Packard Foundation partners with Conservation Society of Pohnpei

By *Patterson K. Shed*  
*The Conservation Society of Pohnpei*

The Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) is fortunate to reaffirm its partnership with The David Lucille Packard Foundation for funding support for conservation efforts to protect Pohnpei's "Ridges to Reefs" over the next two years. At the recent Packard Board meeting held in September 2011 in San Altos California the Executive Director Mr. Patterson Shed got this positive news from Mr. Bernd Cordes Packard's Western Pacific Program Officer on October 26, 2011. In the coming weeks the CSP and Packard Foundation will be signing into implementation a partnership contract agreement for \$275,000.00 to fund CSP's conservation initiatives over the next two years. Specifically this funding will further advance biodiversity conservation and effective management of Pohnpei's protected areas network in partnership with Pohnpei State Government, Local Governments, traditional leaders and community network partnerships. A new strategy and growth area also being supported under this new partnership will support CSP's efforts to collaborate with state and local governments and communities for effective policy and enforcement of Pohnpei's natural resources through a new strategy Policy and Government Relations Program.

The Society gratefully would like to thank the Packard Foundation Board and its Western Pacific Program for the strong partnership support to CSP and Pohnpei's conservation efforts over the past nine years. In partnership Pohnpei now has a comprehensive protected areas network island wide and as far as Pakin island and Ant island Biosphere Reserve. Over the next two years we envisioned to innovate and further advance management of our unique natural biodiversity. We are grateful to a strong partner far from our shores!

### Expressions of Interest Security Services



**Deadline for Submission:**  
October 14th, 2011

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission invites expressions of interest from qualified individuals or firms for the provision of security services to the Commission's headquarters property. Minimum hours are 4:30 p.m. to 8 a.m. on normal working days and 24 hours a day on weekends and Commission legal holidays. Services are expected to commence on December 1st. The contract will be for one year with two one year options based on satisfactory performance.

Expressions of interest should include the cost per month, relevant background, experience, and a description of how it is proposed that the security services will be provided. All staff involved must be able to produce medical and police clearances as well as references. Further information and an inspection of the property can be arranged by calling Aaron Nighswander, the Finance and Administration Officer at 320-1992. The closing date for expressions of interest is October 14th, 2011. Expressions of interest should be marked for the attention of Aaron Nighswander, Finance and Administration Officer and may be delivered to the Commission's Receptionist or emailed to [aaron.nighswander@wcpfc.int](mailto:aaron.nighswander@wcpfc.int).

## U.S. Honors Journalist in "Harmony for Humanity" Event

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United States of America Kolonia*

possible, an unbiased view of events."

On September 24th, Pohnpei local band Wetter Than Seattle dedicated its live performance at the Rusty Anchor to the 10th Annual Daniel Pearl World Music Days. The World Music Days "Harmony for Humanity" is inspired by the life and work of Wall Street Journal reporter and musician Daniel Pearl, who, in 2002, was murdered by terrorists while investigating a story in Pakistan. U.S. Ambassador Peter Prahar commemorated Daniel Pearl during his remarks at the event. He reminded us "how much we owe to journalists, our guardians of freedom of speech and freedom of expression, and especially to those who risk their lives in the most dangerous places on earth, under the most hazardous circumstances imaginable, to bring us, to the extent

The Daniel Pearl Foundation was established as a global concert network affirming the ideals of tolerance, friendship and shared humanity. The inauguration of Daniel Pearl Music Days in October 2002 was launched with a huge impact, incorporating over 100 concerts in 18 countries. For ten years, musicians ranging from small amateur bands to symphony orchestras have dedicated performances to the ideals for which Pearl stood: friendship, tolerance and a love of humanity.

In 2010 a record number of 1,644 musical events in 84 countries took place in this global initiative.

For more information please visit [www.danielpearlmusicdays.org](http://www.danielpearlmusicdays.org)



*U.S. Ambassador Peter Prahar delivers remarks to a crowd at Rusty Anchor in honor of Daniel Pearl*

## Pit-Bulls Bite Inter FC



By Ross Perkins

The finals of the MAT CARLO pre-season super league came to a spectacular conclusion on Sunday at PICS field, when two powerhouse teams vying for first place collided on the soccer pitch. The International Football Club competed against the Pit-Bulls Club Football to see who would be the team to beat in the upcoming Pohnpei Liberation Champions League. The game started slowly as each team sized up the other. However, it quickly turned physical as the two teams began to battle for scoring opportunities.

Defense for both teams was stellar for the first 25 minutes of the game as each team continued to look for opportunities to get shots on goal. The first score of the game came from the Pit-Bulls when Dilshan Senarathgoda converted a penalty shot at 25 minutes into the first half. The International Football Club was not discouraged and scored two goals of their own before the end of the first half, leaving the Inter FC up 2-1 at the half. The International Football Club ended the first half on a down note as Midfielder Carl Dupper was red carded by the referee and sent off the field, which left down one player for the remainder of the match.

The second half started just as physically as the first half ended, with each team battling for scoring opportunities. The Pit-Bulls continued to press their attack with a one-player advantage, and their fortitude paid off when Dilshan Senarathgoda scored his second goal to tie up the game as he converted another penalty shot. The Pit-Bulls' offense attack was non-stop against a determined Inter FC defense. Playing with only 10 players, Inter FC was able to frustrate the Pit-Bull's offence, until Dilshan broke the tie with a power shot from outside the box to score his third goal...an impressive hat trick. Inter FC countered back with a beautifully placed corner kick that was headed in by George Isom to tie the game 3-3.

As the final minutes ticked down both Inter FC and the Pit-Bulls CF were determined to battle until the end; however, a costly penalty in the box by Inter FC gave the Pit-Bulls the opportunity to break the tie when they converted another penalty shot. The game ended with a 4-3 win for Pit-Bulls Club Football and both teams, exhausted from the physical play congratulated each other for a well-played game.

The 2nd Runner-up match was played earlier in the week when the Island Warriors faced off with the COM-FSM soccer team. Bob Paul of the Island Warriors scored a hat trick to lead his team to a victory over the powerful COM-FSM team. Both teams will be a factor in the upcoming Pohnpei Liberation Champions League.

After the match on Sunday, prizes were handed out to the first three places:

Champions: Pit-Bulls Club Football (\$300),  
Runners-up: International Football Club (\$200),  
2nd Runners-up: Island Warriors Football Club \$(100).

The players of all the teams who played in this year's pre-season league would like to thank Mr. Albert Carlot. Mr. Carlot sponsored this year's MAT CARLO pre-season super league. The Pohnpei Liberation Champions League is scheduled to start the first week of October, so come out and cheer on your favorite team.

## Pohnpei Fishing Club gets busy

By Scott Campbell  
Pohnpei Fishing Club

August and September were a couple of very busy months for the Pohnpei Fishing Club. PFC members competed in four tournaments over the period with plenty of quality fish caught. The wahoo are back and starting to be caught consistently; making for some exciting fishing action.

August 27 saw teams competing in the annual Matson Derby. Matson, Amcres, Palau Shipping and Triple B were the official sponsors and provided a generous \$3000 in prize money. It was a very wet day, with visibility extremely limited at different times during the day. The fish didn't play the game on the day with several boats missing out on fish. Jula Porter (23.5lb Wahoo), Ordinance Olter (16lb Skipjack), Kazuhiro Fujita (25.5lb Trevally) and Glenn Hurry (11.5lb Barracuda) took out the major prizes on the day. Although not many fish were caught the PFC with like to thank Matson and their co-sponsors for their support thus enabling this tournament to go ahead.

The 3rd and 4th of September saw the PFC represented at the All-Mike Fishing Tournament in Majuro. Alex and Mary Tretnoff fished together as PFC Team 1 with Walden Weilbacher, Kumer Panuelo and Paulino Suldan-Henry fishing as PFC Team 2. Three return tickets to the All-Mike were generously donated by United Continental Airlines with the PFC providing financial assistance for the remaining tickets. PFC Team 1 won the All-Mike Tournament biggest fish section with Alex and Mary landing a 541lb marlin, and the 3rd place yellowfin. PFC 2 didn't miss out either winning the 3rd place wahoo prize. Both teams also had a successful tag-and-released marlin.

The annual Rusty Anchor Pub and Grub Kids Tournament was held on the 10th of September. Wayne and Marie hosted a fantastic opportunity for the kids of Pohnpei to compete in their own tournament with the ages of competitors restricted to between four and fifteen years old. This tournament was a bottom fishing/inside the reef competition so a large variety of species were weighed. Along with providing a great barbeque lunch Wayne and Marie ensured that there were plenty of quality prizes for all the children that entered and even the kids that turned up to watch the presentation didn't leave disappointed. A big thank you goes out to FSMTC for the donation of two cell phones as prizes. Kavika Mulholland (1st Place), Jaxon Campbell (2nd Place) and Connor Boylan (3rd Place) took home the major prizes. With the slip and slide in action the parents could finally relax as the kids played into the afternoon.

The final tournament from the August and September period was the 4th Annual Blue Nile Tournament held on the 17th of September. 17 boats competed for prizes donated by Dickerson and Quinn, Nihon Tekkan, Permarch and Blue Nile. The weather conditions were superb with calm seas and very little offshore rain. A big congratulations goes out to Glenn Hurry who won the biggest fish prize with a huge 343lb marlin. 2nd place went to Frank Panuelo for his 46lb yellowfin and a 26.5lb wahoo gave Alex Tretnoff 3rd place. There were also prizes awarded for a catch six format with anglers chasing marlin, yellowfin, skipjack, barracuda, wahoo and trevally. Nemo skippered by Rickstein Susaia took out 1st place, True Blue skippered by Scott Campbell came in 2nd and Two Dragons skippered by Glenn Hurry was in 3rd. The biggest fish from each species also won prizes but competitors were only allowed to win one prize per fish. With only one marlin being caught the marlin prize money was divided among the remaining five species to create a 2nd place prize. Anthony Manuel (13.5lb yellowfin), Rickstein Susaia (13.5lb skipjack), Don David (14.5lb wahoo), Mary Tretnoff (16.5lb Barracuda) and the casting master Kazuhiro Fujita (11lb Trevally) were the winners of this part of the tournament. It was a fantastic tournament facilitated by Kumer Panuelo and his staff and PFC members are looking forward to the 2012 Blue Nile Tournament already.

Once again it has to be mentioned that any PFC Fishing Tournament would not go ahead without the selfless actions of some of our members who assist at every weigh-in. The PFC would like to acknowledge the support of Bill from ACE for assisting as a weigh master, Noel Boylan and Bob Spegal for collecting the results, Uta Krause for managing the return of the EPIRBs and Kumer's team that always assist with setting up the barbeques, banners and tarpaulins.


The PFC has two tournaments remaining in 2011. The True Value tournament will be held in October and the Budweiser tournament will be held in November. Dates for these tournaments are yet to be confirmed so keep your eyes out for the flyers or check the Pohnpei Fishing Club site on Facebook.



BlueNile Tournament winner Glenn Hurry, Don David and Sam Taufao with their 343 lb marlin



Winner of the Rusty Anchor Pub and Grub Kid Tournament, Kavika Mulholland

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 <p>CONSERVATION SOCIETY OF PohnPEI Preserving Our Natural Heritage for a Sustainable Future</p> <p>P.O. Box 2461 Kolonia, Pohnpei, FM 96941 Phone: 691.320.5409 Fax: 691.320.5063 E-mail: <a href="mailto:csp@serehd.org">csp@serehd.org</a> Website: <a href="http://www.Serehd.org">www.Serehd.org</a></p>	<p><b>Opening Date:</b> September 28, 2011</p> <p><b>Closing Date:</b> October 28, 2011</p>
	<p><b>Position and Salary:</b> Executive Director <i>Negotiable</i></p>
	<p><b>Location:</b> Conservation Society of Pohnpei</p>
	<p><b>SUMMARY OF POSITION:</b> The Executive Director will provide vision, leadership, strategic direction and resources to the work of the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) and its partners in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. CSP is a non-government organization (NGO), organized and incorporated under the laws of FSM. S/he will supervise all CSP staff, and work closely with the CSP Board and staff to ensure the development of a strong program. The Executive Director will be responsible for setting goals, budgeting and building an integrated marine and terrestrial conservation program. S/He will be responsible for the implementation of all facets of CSP's program by ensuring programs undertake sound conservation planning, develop and implement conservation strategies which achieve results at scale, and develop appropriate programs to measure results objectively. The position will also focus on catalyzing alliances with partners and agencies, which can contribute to the implementation of conservation strategies and programs. The Executive Director will be responsible for recruiting and leading a team of outstanding staff, assisting with fundraising efforts, undertaking financial and grants management oversight and resolving program administrative issues. The position will be based in Pohnpei and will involve some travel in the immediate region and to other international destinations for meetings and fund-raising.</p>
<p><b>QUALIFICATIONS:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. B.Sc. degree in conservation biology, ecology, environmental/land-use planning, or equivalent, with a minimum of 5 years of biodiversity conservation experience. Graduate degree highly desirable.</li> <li>2. Demonstrated ability to provide strategic direction, leadership and technical support to conservation initiatives. Proven success in managing multiple projects simultaneously.</li> <li>3. Working knowledge of politics, society and environmental community of Pohnpei.</li> <li>4. Experience in senior leadership and/or working as a program director strongly desired.</li> <li>5. Past experience in working as a project site manager or conservation practitioner at the field level desired.</li> <li>6. Experience in capacity building, mentoring, and networking of partner organizations and staff especially in the areas of technical/conservation matters, organizational management, and fundraising.</li> <li>7. Excellent and demonstrable interpersonal, intercultural, written and verbal communication skills required.</li> <li>8. Ability to persuasively convey projects and priorities to diverse groups, including donors, partners, and local Pohnpei audiences with skillful public speaking ability.</li> <li>9. Skillful team Builder and motivator by example and innovative leadership attributes. Willing and skillful listener.</li> </ol>	
<p>Please send a letter of interest, your CV and two letters of reference to the Office of the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP), at the Public Market Street, or by email to <a href="mailto:csp@serehd.org">csp@serehd.org</a> or Chairman of the Board, Resio Moses Jr. at <a href="mailto:aieu@mail.fm">aieu@mail.fm</a>. For more information please call 320-5409 or visit our office.</p>	

# Madolenihmw 56 - Champions of Pohnpei Little League

By Jim Tobin

The championship game for the 2011 Pohnpei State Little League Baseball was held on Tuesday, September 13 at the Spanish Wall field in front of hundreds of spectators. The Madolenihmw 56 battled Pohnpei Plumbing to a 6 - 4 run win, led by league most valuable player and pitcher Jerome Silbanuz. The Little League Baseball competition started in June. The 10 teams played a round robin league until August with each team playing 9 games. From the results of league play a 10 team double elimination playoff was held in August and September.

The final results of the league were:

- Madolenihmw 56 – Champions
- Pohnpei Plumbing – 2nd Place
- Kitti B – 3rd Place
- Barracudas – 4th Place
- Kitti A - Team Sportsmanship
- Jerome Silbanuz – League MVP

The individual Most Valuable Player for each of the 10 teams was:

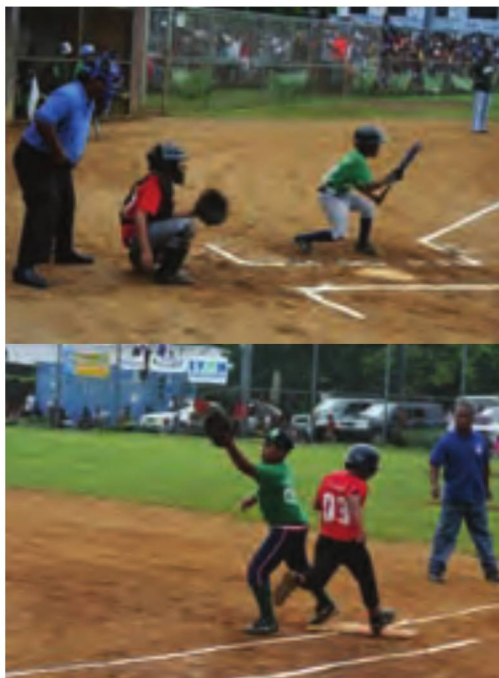
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| XIX Niner – Vincent Mark            | Kitti B – Mcbane Martin           |
| Liamweimwei – Tony Darra            | Kitti A – Gibbs Jack              |

The Pohnpei Little League Baseball Association would like to thank and recognize league sponsors: Lyons and Associates; the Honorable Peter M. Christian, At-Large Senator FSM Congress; Luen Tai Holdings; Palship; Matson Shipping; Office of the Governor, Pohnpei State; Office of Sport, Pohnpei State and FSM National Olympic Committee.

In May, the Pohnpei Little League Baseball Association was formed with Chris Christian elected as President and Jim Tobin as Secretary. Members of the association are Mike Loyola, Stanley Scaliem, Kingston Anson, Glenn Harris, Daniel Panuelo, Jose Joab, Patterson Anson and Leon Panuelo. The PLLBA now plans to meet with the Office of the Governor and the Department of Education in the next few weeks to implement Little League Baseball into the Pohnpei elementary schools in the next few months.



Champions Madolehihmw 56



League MVP  
Jerome Silbanuz

## Building Pohnpei Toward a Better Future Today

You, as a leader of your family and yourself, have the responsibility of making your government work for you by putting into office an honest and capable public servant who has the passion to serve the people and the vision to create a self-sustaining economy for the people of Pohnpei now and in the future.

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November 8, 2011

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## Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA)

The **Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA)** are the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu that provides a framework for co-operation in the management and conservation of shared tuna stocks. The waters of the 8 Parties account for approximately 70% of the total catch of all species of tuna in the Western and Central Pacific and 30% of the world's raw canning material and an average of 1.1 million metric tonnes of tuna is taken from the Parties' waters each year.

The PNA Office was established in January 2010 with its Headquarters in Majuro, Marshall Islands. Its role is to:

- Develop and coordinate commercial programmes and activities for which a Party may enter as it so decides;
- Coordinate implementation of the provisions of the Nauru Agreement and other agreements concerning the Parties
- Develop strategic fisheries conservation and management initiatives for the Parties
- Formulate initiatives to maximize the sustained direct and indirect economic benefits to the Parties
- Administer PNA management initiatives and undertake such other functions as the Parties may decide.

The PNA Office is currently embarking on the development of initiatives that would maximize economic returns to the Parties and ensure control of their tuna fisheries. It works closely with existing regional and international organizations such as the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency, Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission and Oceanic Fisheries Programme of the SPC.

The PNA now seeks to expand their staff by recruiting qualified, experienced and highly competent people to the following positions:

### Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is based at Majuro in the Marshall Islands and is responsible to the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) for the overall management, strategic direction and efficient operation of the PNA Office.

The CEO develops and implements business plans, policies, appropriate regulations and procedures, including the formulation of annual work programmes and budgets for consideration by the Parties.

The Position is responsible for the policy implementation of the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS), the FSM Arrangement, VMS, Observer, Crew Placement and Training programs and other initiatives. This role involves establishing and maintaining external relations with appropriate government and private enterprise organizations involved in the tuna fishery and other internal and external stakeholders.

The CEO provides advice to the Chair of the PNA and Government Ministers on policies and issues related to the PNA and he/she is the administrator of regional treaties, agreements and arrangements.

This position requires extensive travel in the Pacific region and internationally.

#### Essential Competencies

- Tertiary qualifications in fisheries management, fisheries law, fisheries science, fisheries economics, business management, or a relevant discipline. Relevant post graduate qualifications preferred.
- At least 10 years experience in a senior management position with proven "hands on" leadership, financial management, administration, human resources management skills and extensive experience in the development and implementation of business plans and policies.
- Have experience in the formulation of work programmes, budgets and is knowledgeable in the fishery industry, especially the tuna industry, with relevant work experience in both the private and public sectors.
- Possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills with proven experience and ability to communicate effectively with Government Ministers, high level Government officials and industry leaders.
- Have an understanding of the social, economic and political aspirations of Pacific Islands people, coupled with the ability and willingness to travel extensively, both regionally and internationally.
- Must be in good health and have the ability to work in hot and humid tropical conditions and to adapt to living in small island communities.

### Commercial Manager

The Commercial Manager (CM) is based in Majuro and reports directly to the CEO, PNA. This position is responsible for developing a commercial arm with associated commercial activities and ventures for PNA to maximize economic opportunities for the Parties.

The CM provides advice to the CEO, Government Ministers and Officials on policies and issues related to the commercial arm of PNA.

#### Essential Competencies

- Tertiary qualifications in fisheries management, fisheries law, fisheries science, fisheries economics, business management, or a relevant discipline. Relevant post graduate qualifications preferred.
- At least 10 years experience in a senior management position with proven success in a relevant commercial industry. Must have extensive knowledge of and commercial experience in the tuna industry.
- Possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills with proven experience and ability to communicate effectively with high level Government officials and industry leaders.
- Have an understanding of the social, economic and political aspirations of Pacific Islands people, including the ability and willingness to travel extensively, both regionally and internationally.
- Must be in good health and have the ability to work in hot and humid tropical conditions and to adapt to living in small island communities.

### Policy Development & Implementation Advisor

Based at the PNA Office Majuro, the Policy Development and Implementation Advisor (PDIA) reports to the CEO and works closely with the CEO and the CM in the development and implementation of tuna fishery policies, with the goal to conserve the fishery resource and maximize economic, commercial, social and employment benefits to the Parties.

#### Essential Competencies

- Tertiary qualifications in fisheries management, fisheries law, fisheries science, fisheries economics, business management, or a relevant discipline. Relevant post graduate business qualifications preferred.
- Be highly computer literate and have proven experience in fisheries policy development, ideally tuna and preferably within the Pacific region.
- Possess extensive experience in the development and implementation of management plans and policies, and is well versed with the formulation of work programmes and budgets.
- Have proven high level analysis and project management skills and is knowledgeable in the fishery industry, especially the tuna industry, ideally with work experience in both the private and public sectors.
- A strong, outgoing and confident personality with excellent communication and interpersonal skills and a proven experience and ability to communicate effectively with high level Government officials and industry leaders.

- A creative and lateral thinker, proven planner and implementer who is enthusiastic, self motivated and has an understanding of the social, economic and political aspirations of Pacific Islands people. He/she has to have the ability and willingness to travel extensively, both regionally and internationally.
- Must be in good health and have the ability to work in hot and humid tropical conditions and to adapt to living in small island communities.

### Implementation Coordinator

The Implementation Coordinator (IC) reports to the PDIA at Majuro and is responsible for assisting in the efficient and timely implementation of policies and projects.

#### Essential Competencies

- Tertiary qualifications in fisheries management, fisheries law, fisheries science, fisheries economics, business management, or a relevant discipline. Relevant post graduate qualifications preferred.
- Proven experience in the successful development and implementation of business plans and policies, having at least 5 years experience in a project management role with proven "hands on" leadership, financial, administration and people management skills.
- Be highly computer literate and competent in relevant statistical methods, preferably with extensive experience in the formulation of work programmes and budgets.
- Have a thorough knowledge of and relevant work experience in the tuna fishery industry. Has effective communication and interpersonal skills and is able to understand the social, economic and political aspirations of Pacific Islands people.
- Must be in good health and have the ability to work in hot and humid tropical conditions and to adapt to living in small island communities.

### FSMA Regional Data & Licensing Administrator

Reporting to the Implementation Coordinator (IC) at Majuro, this position is responsible for administering the FSMA arrangement, Data Bases, Licensing and Observer placement and management.

#### Essential Competencies

- Tertiary qualifications in fisheries management, fisheries law, fisheries science, fisheries economics, business management or a relevant discipline.
- Minimum 3 years experience in a project management role, managing data bases and disseminating accurate and timely information.
- A working knowledge of the tuna fishery industry or administration is desirable.
- Possess effective communication and interpersonal skills, with an understanding of the social, economic and political aspirations of Pacific Islands people.
- Be in good health and have the ability to work in hot and humid tropical conditions and to adapt to living in small island communities.

### VDS/VMS Data Centre Officer - Madang

The VDS/VMS Officer is responsible to the PNA IC for the day to day operation of the PNA VDS/VMS system based in Madang, PNG.

This role will include validation of non-fishing activities, actioning of system generated alerts and other activities necessary for the PNA to effectively manage the PNA Vessel Register and Vessel Day and VMS Schemes.

#### Essential Competencies

- Preference for short course training in fisheries law, compliance, investigation or prosecution. Certificate in IT Management preferred.
- Minimum of 5 years experience in operational fisheries management with at least 2 years work in a monitoring, control and surveillance environment. Must have a detailed working knowledge of Fisheries Management, enforcement, investigative and evidential procedures.
- Have understanding and knowledge on VMS tracking and surveillance software such as Smart Track, TeraVision, Argos and Geographic Information System, including Inmarsat C and D+transponders or Automatic Location Communicator (ALC) units such as Thrane & Thrane, Furuno, JRC, SAILOR, Mini C, Trimbal, Iridium (Faria Watchdog) and Argos.
- Possess technical experience in fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance operations, with proven integrity in all matters of interaction with the public, the fisheries interest groups and commercial operators. Have a well developed computer literacy and is able to learn more.
- Have an understanding of fisheries surveillance strategies in a national, regional and international context and is able to demonstrate confidence in personal capacity to participate in meetings and consultation.
- Excellence in oral and written communication, with a proven ability to produce sound reports. Must have the ability to demonstrate sensitivity in situations involving people and can be able to maintain an open and enquiring approach in communication.
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## K Press Perspective

### Winners, whiners, wieners, and wanters...

Winners, whiners, wieners, and wanters; in terms of the recent Gubernatorial Elections in Chuuk which is which will depend on the individual reader. It's not my prerogative to definitively state which face belongs to which adjectives and I'm not about to do so though I do have some strong opinions.

I've decided to come out of "K-Press Perspective limbo" because I strongly believe that a great injustice has been done...again, and that injustice has again been perpetrated against the good voters of Chuuk whose voices have, in my opinion not been fairly heard; whose human rights under the principles of democracy have yet again been violated; and whose elected leaders are not standing up for what is good and what is right. Someone must stand and speak on behalf of the people who love Chuuk all the more because they are citizens of that majestic land and some people are doing so.

As I have said, I intend to make several more strong statements in this editorial but before I do I feel that it is important to say that I have no idea or concern about whether Alexander Narruhn would have won the election if it had been conducted in an unquestionable, completely above board manner.

In the interest of full disclosure, I do know "Sander" who I call "Alex" because he has an office two floors above mine. In the five years I've occupied the Namiki office space, Alex and I have spoken on a cursory level a total of perhaps 10 times. With the exception of one occasion that happened just three weeks ago when I met him in his office because I was pursuing a story about his appeals of the Chuuk elections, each of our conversations have taken place in the parking lot and only when our paths just happened to cross. My contacts with Narruhn have not been nearly enough for me to decide whether or not he would be a great governor for Chuuk. He might have been.

I have no personal or philosophical preference amongst Governor Johnson Elimo, Alexander Narruhn, or Redley Killion which is only reasonable since The Kaselehlie Press does not make political endorsements of any kind and even if I were a citizen of the FSM my home is in Pohnpei.

I will not belabor or re-list the specific allegations of election wrong doings. Narruhn outlined them pretty well in his open letter to the Chuuk legislative bodies which is printed in this issue. I have also personally written two front page news items that contained at least a summary of those allegations and that should be enough as far as that goes.

In MY opinion the Chuuk State Election Commission failed its voters on many levels but the one that currently has me most bothered on behalf of Chuuk's marginalized voters is that they failed to perform anything like a meaningful look into whether Alexander Narruhn's allegations of election wrong doing might actually have been true.

Never mind for a moment that four election Commissioners traveled so that they could supervise polling places in lands far flung from Chuuk; or that each of those "Commissioner supervised" polling places was alleged to have suffered from serious election malfeasance issues including polling places that didn't open until seven hours after they were supposed to open and then stayed open for only just over an hour; or that Chuuk's Attorney General long ago issued a legal opinion saying that Election

Commissioners MUST not directly supervise elections because they might later be called upon to adjudicate matters of polling place malfeasance which they couldn't reasonably do if they were the ones who personally supervised a polling place whose practices were called into question which is exactly the current situation. Never mind any of those things.

The Election Commission, in the same Chuuk bureaucratic tradition that has allowed each and every Governor in the State's history to get away with completely ignoring the Chuuk Constitutional mandate that the Governor must appoint a Public Auditor as well as an Independent Prosecutor, had no problem during the actual election and the days leading to it, ignoring not only a legal opinion issued by its Attorney General but common sense. The commission only called up the law when Alexander Narruhn's appeal of the election came to them on deadline day for appeals unaccompanied by a small stack of U.S. greenbacks. Meanwhile, the commission was allegedly closed to the public on one of the interceding days between election certification and the legally mandated deadline for election appeals which is five days after certification. Narruhn and his attorney have claimed that the Commission did not officially notify them that the election results had been certified until nearly three days after they were certified which left them only just over two days to file an appeal.

Apparently the Election Commission was unconcerned that Narruhn made some very serious allegations of outright election fraud including ballot boxes that his appeal says mysteriously ended up with new locks after election night, pre-marked ballots, on sight campaigning, job security intimidation...and I said I wasn't going to belabor the allegations. On behalf of all of the voters of Chuuk, the commission instead dismissed the allegations outright and focused on a technicality. To add insult to injury the commission kept the money that did arrive on the day after deadline that was to pay for the appeal. Come on folks!

And what about the decision of the Chuuk State Supreme Court that essentially said that it wasn't their job to put words in the mouths of the framers of the Constitution that weren't actually there? What about the role of the Supreme Court to weigh in on the spirit of the law rather than just the letter? What about their role to interpret the Constitution. I am no lawyer. Not only do I not have the training for it, I don't have the temperament but I get it. Precedence is vital and precedence is exactly what Narruhn's appeals seem to be all about. Just the same, can anyone really say that the Chuuk Constitutional framers intended for there to be a difference between a standard for a "regular" gubernatorial election and an election to fill the seat of a Governor who has vacated a position.

Here's what I mean. Let's do a hypothetical for a moment. Let's say that John Jacob Jingleheimerschmidt and his running mate Goldilocks Rumpelstiltskin win as a ticket in a regular gubernatorial election set at the regular time for gubernatorial elections on some fourth year. Jingle...etc is the new Governor and Rumpelstiltskin is the Lt. Governor. They won as a ticket over their opponent tickets fair and square by one vote over 50% of the votes cast.

Now, let's say that Governor Jingle...etc sits in his seat and begins to govern but his day doesn't

go too well. He decides after a sleepless night that the job isn't all it's cracked up to be. In fact it is downright unpalatable and he walks out of the office on the next day leaving a letter of resignation on his desk. Three years and 364 days are left in his term.

Constitutionally there is no question, his position must be filled and 20 people think it would be neat to warm the chair of the Chuuk State Governor for the remaining days of the vacated term. They all file the correct paper work and pay all the correct fees and run as they're allowed to do. They have five weeks to run their campaigns before the elections.

Since we're being a bit ridiculous in this scenario which under the circumstances seems apropos, let's say that 18 of the candidates each get exactly 4.88 percent of the votes cast but two candidates pop out on top. Candidate Toto Notinkansas gets 6.02 percent and Judy Garlic gets 6.14% of the vote. In our ridiculous imaginary scenario, Garlic with 6.14% of the votes would be Governor. According to the recent Chuuk State Supreme Court ruling, no runoff between Notinkansas and Garlic would be required.

Can anyone say with a straight face that

type of scenario is in the spirit of the Chuuk Constitution? Apparently some can. The Chuuk State Supreme Court did.

Winners, whiners, wieners and wanters; which one is which?

Whiners are winners if they whine on behalf of the peoples' choice; present and future.

Winners are whiners if they allow any criticism of the process that made them winners to be put down.

Wieners are just wieners as far as I see it. While some of them might consider themselves to be winners because they won, they're still wieners in my book if they had sixteen aces up their sleeves when they did it.

Wieners are only whiners when they're called out by wanters and I think it's high time that people in Chuuk want fair elections so badly that they finally, after all of these years, stand up in force and tell the wieners that enough is enough and insist upon a fair election now and forevermore.

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## Guest Perspective

### Daniel Pearl World Music Day: Recognizing our debt to journalists

Ambassador Peter Prahar  
U.S. Ambassador to the FSM

Every year since Daniel Pearl's death in 2002, musical events have been held around the world near his October 10th birthday. Last year a record setting 1,644 musical events in 84 countries took place under this global initiative – including a performance by Wetter Than Seattle at the Rusty Anchor. On this, the 10th anniversary of Pearl's death, the organizers hope to see more than 2,000 such musical events around the world held in his memory.

On September 23, the Wetter Than Seattle band did its part again with a performance at Rusty's.

At the event, more than a few members of the audience asked me: Why Daniel Pearl? Why musical events?

Well, let me answer each of those questions.

First, you may recall that Daniel Pearl was an American journalist who was kidnapped and beheaded by Al-Qaeda. At the time Pearl was serving as the South Asia Bureau Chief of the Wall Street Journal. He was in Pakistan to investigate alleged links between Al-Qaeda and Richard Reid (the "shoe bomber"). Pearl's widow, Mariane Pearl, wrote the memoir *A Mighty Heart*, which tells the full story of Pearl and offers more insights into his life. The book has been made into a powerful, moving film starring Dan Futterman as Daniel Pearl and Angelina Jolie as Mariane Pearl.

Danny Pearl was a journalist on the trail of a story when he was murdered. His life – and his death – remind us of how much we owe to journalists. They are our guardians of freedom of speech and freedom of expression, especially those who risk their lives in the most dangerous places on earth, under the most hazardous circumstances imaginable to bring us an unbiased (to the extent possible) view of events.

The list of countries in which journalists routinely risk their lives to report the news is almost too long – and too discouraging – to recount. You may not realize how many journalists have been killed in efforts to bring you the news. The Committee to Protect Journalists reports that since 1992, 151 journalists have been killed in Iraq, 71 in the Philippines, 60 in Algeria, 52 in Russia, 43 in Colombia, 39 in Pakistan...the list goes on and on with twenty countries having double-digit death tolls.

The list of countries in which journalists risk arrest, imprisonment, and torture is even longer. Wherever journalists stand

on the front lines against corruption, tyranny, and oppression they face such peril. One can easily point to Burma and North Korea here in the Asia Pacific Region as examples, but they are hardly unique in this regard.

So, why Daniel Pearl? A free press is essential to a free society and is, for that reason, one of the founding principles of the United States. In signing the Daniel Pearl Freedom of the Press Act in May 2010, U.S. President Barack Obama stated that Daniel Pearl's life and death "reminded us of how valuable a free press is, and reminded us there are those who would go to any length to silence journalists around the world."

But, why music?

Daniel was a classically-trained violinist, as well as a fiddler and mandolin player. He joined musical groups wherever he traveled. His mission in life was to connect diverse people through words and music. For this reason, near Daniel Pearl's October 10th birthday, musicians of all genres are invited to use the universal language of music to spread a message of hope and to unite people across geographical and cultural borders in a quest for a better world.

Through these commemorative musical events, as Judea and Ruth Pearl, the parents of Daniel Pearl and Co-Founders of the Daniel Pearl Foundation, have said, "we reaffirm our conviction that Danny's music has not been silenced and that, standing united, humanity will triumph and harmony will prevail."

I would like to thank Bill Jaynes, who, like Daniel Pearl, is both a journalist and a musician; and the other members of the Wetter Than Seattle

band: Steve Finnen, Ross Perkins, and Nigel Jaynes. Without their willingness to perform, we would not have been able to participate in this global commemoration – Daniel Pearl World Music Day. I understand that practice venues and high band-member turnover are constant challenges for the group, so I applaud their resilience. As Bill once said, "It isn't easy being a rock band in Micronesia." And I know it's never easy being a journalist, either!

The Daniel Pearl Foundation was formed in memory of journalist Daniel Pearl to further the ideals that inspired Daniel's life and work. The Foundation's mission is to promote tolerance and understanding internationally through journalism, music and dialogue. For more about the Daniel Pearl Foundation, please consult <http://www.danielpearl.org/>, which has links and information on:

1. DP World Music Days
2. The DP Dialogue for Muslim-Jewish Understanding
3. Pearl Youth Initiatives
4. DP Fellowships
5. The DP Media Internship
6. The DP Lecture Series
7. A Musical Tribute to Daniel Pearl
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The World Health Organization (WHO) is seeking a qualified individual to serve as Coordinator, Non-Communicable Diseases through Primary Health Care. The successful applicant will be assigned to the WHO Country Liaison Office for Northern Micronesia. In collaboration with the Nutrition & Physical Activity unit of the Division of Pacific Technical Support (DPS), the Coordinator will provide technical and administrative support for activities towards addressing the Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) crisis through building healthy communities and populations in the Federated States of Micronesia.

**Job description:**

- To assist and provide technical support to MOH on implementation of primary health care and in particular the Package of Essential NCD (PEN) Services to be piloted in the designated primary care setting
- To assist and provide technical support to countries in PICs on implementation of NCD regional initiatives (FCTC; Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health; alcohol harm reduction strategy; marketing of foods and non-alcoholic beverages to children) through the National Nutrition and/or NCD Plans
- To assist and provide technical assistance in implementing prioritised Healthy Islands initiatives in particular through the healthy settings (Health Promoting Schools, Health Promoting Workplace, Health Promoting Churches and Communities) approach.
- To assist and provide technical assistance in implementing the WHO country budget on nutrition and NCD
- To act as WHO focal person to collaborate with SPC and MOH on implementation of other 2-1-22 Pacific NCD program activities
- To perform other related duties as assigned by the supervisors.

**Educational and experience requirements:**

- Bachelor's degree in health-related field preferred. Post-graduate public health qualification would be ideal.
- Experience in non-communicable disease control and/or primary health care is an advantage.
- Experience with international agencies, particularly with the World Health Organization, is an advantage.
- Good knowledge of spoken and written English. Knowledge of one or more of the local languages is an advantage.

**Details of the proposed position:**

- Salary for this position will be US\$18000-23000 per annum (paid monthly), based on qualifications; subject to local taxes.
- Duration of position: one year (no expectation of renewal).
- The person will be provided office space and necessary office equipment in the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs.

**Timing of Appointment:**

This position will remain open until filled. A qualified individual is sought to begin immediately.

Applicants interested in interviewing for this position should submit a cover letter and resume/CV in person, by mail, fax or email to the following address:

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Subject to the agreement of both parties, these terms of reference may be modified from time to time, as required in the interest of the project/activity.

The signatory will primarily work under the direction of and will report to the Country Liaison Officer and technically to the Technical Officer – Nutrition and Physical Activity of DPS.

# Letter to the editor

## An open letter to the Leadership and Members of the Chuuk State Legislature:

In light of recent event, I am compelled to share with you certain matters I feel are of great significance to the welfare and future of the people of the State of Chuuk. And with all due respect, these matters warrant your consideration and possible actions as direct representatives of the people, but mostly as the policy setters for the State.

These matters of note are specific to the recent Special Election for Chuuk State Governor held on August 24, 2011. Through this letter, I address my concerns to the Chuuk State Legislature for the apparent lack of responsibility, consideration and control over the manner in which the noted 'special election' was conducted throughout the State as well as the designated polling places abroad. To substantiate my concerns, I submit for your information the following observed inconsistencies:

1. Ballots were pre-checked in certain polling places;
2. Polls were held at private homes, not at 'official' polling places;
3. Shut down of certain polling sites prior to the official closing time, denying citizens their rights to vote;
4. Absence of the Official Master List from certain polling sites, denying citizens their rights to vote;
5. Security of Ballot Boxes compromised, misplacement of keys/changes of locks;
6. Election Commissioners taking charge of ballot boxes abroad in light of legal opinion by Chuuk State Attorney General;
7. The tabulation location was not controlled and full of interested political party members,

8. Voting under duress, state employees were mindful of job security;
9. Exclusion of results from official results without explanation, which amounts to de franchise of the right to vote; and
10. The locations of the ballot boxes abroad weren't announced to inform all Chuukese citizens, including the date of the special election.

Given the above noted circumstances, it would be reasonable to conclude that the recent Special Election of August 24th 2011 was not conducted in a manner 'free and fair' to the people of Chuuk (**Please see attachment, Exhibit No. 1**).

The key element in the exercise of democracy is the process of a free and fair election which enables the people's will to be genuinely expressed. This is the fundamental principle upon which the founding fathers built our nation, to allow us a democratic process through which we can lawfully and rightfully participate and decide on the future of our country. If 'Elections' in the State of Chuuk is not a free and fair process, then the integrity and legitimacy of

the election results would be highly questionable.

While the implications of the Chuuk 'election process' may be wide and far reaching, much closer to home and more devastating to the State of Chuuk is the deliberate destabilizing of the democratic foundation upon which our nation was built.

It is in that respect, that I submit the following measures for your consideration and possible legislative actions:

1. Hold over-sight public hearings on the allegations set-forth herein and in the attachment, Exhibit No. 1.
2. Adoption of resolutions for the removal of Election Commissioners, especially Commissioners in charge of the polls in Honolulu and Hilo during the August 24, 2011 Special election;
3. Amend the Election Law to ensure that the designated polling places for state elections are the same polling places for FSM National Elections all through-out the entire state and abroad; to conduct counting and tabulation of the votes at each designated polling place.
4. To do this by statute or requiring procurement of election regulation by the Election Commission: To allow and if not require the presence of poll-watchers with the dispatcher of election results from each polling place and the presence of poll watchers with the receiver of the election results from each of the polling places; and
5. To allow candidates to (nominate or have a say of the selection of poll workers, to ensure a fair election/representation, considering the poll-workers complete control and authority over election activities at the polls/election precincts ) select their own poll workers in each of the polling places.
6. To allow the Director of the Election Commission to do his duty as over all in charge of the election process.
7. Any other remedy that will establish a fair and free election for the State of Chuuk.

Thank you for your consideration to this very urgent matter, thus to avoid, the same issues elections after elections.

Sincerely Yours,  
**Alexander (Sander) R. Narruhn**

Nomoneas ballot box to Guam and brought it back the same to Chuuk; at the closing of poll in Guam, ordered not to count the ballot box for Southern Nomoneas on Guam (He was not the officer in charge of the ballot box for Guam). The Ballot box is still under his custody at the Chuuk Police Station as of this writing. The custody went like this: The same officer/deputy chief took the ballot box from the Chuuk Terminal in his vehicle, went to the election office, transferred the ballot box to the police vehicle and transported to the Acting Governor residence in Iras and sat there for an hour or so, then transported the ballot box to the police station.

3. Counting and Tabulation of Votes. Several times more than one ballots for Alexander (Sander) R. Narruhn was actually disposed even though the call and count is only once. Poll watchers noticed these wrong doings after many boxes had already tabulated and results had been recorded. Infact, at times the voter choice was Alexander, however, the pronouncer announced as Johnson Elimo. Poll watchers noticed this after several ballot boxes had already tabulated and results had been recorded. (This counting process had been happening in many State Elections in the past and recent one).

4. Private Home used for Election. Neirenom election was conducted in a private home of a supporter for Johnson Elimo, not in the public designated place, Neirenom Elementary School.

5. Unauthorized involvement of Public Officials. Two of our prominent Chuuk State Legislators actively and participated in the process by availing themselves in the election office and actually receiving and reviewing the tally sheets before they are input on the computer by the secretary. The review is actually the job of the Executive Director of Election and the Overall Chairman of the Counting and Tabulation Teams. Their presence forced the Executive Director of Election to leave the place. One of them is the brother in law of Acting Governor; the other is the supporter of same. Both are the leader of their political party in Faichuk Region.

6. Unequal application of Election Law: For example, the poll-workers at East-Fason Polling Place, required those individuals known to be supporters for Alexander (Sander) R. Narruhn, whose name not listed in the master list but are regular voters from Fason to provide birth certificates. Unlike the known supporters for Johnson, they were allowed to cast their vote without requiring them to provide birth certificates.

7. Switching of Locks on Ballot boxes over-night. Unexplainable switches of lock occurred. The next working day of the tabulators, night of August 25, 2011, when tabulators opened the ballot box for Winifei, the contents were contents (acknowledgment sheets) of the PPO-Weno VAAPP.

8. Early Closing of Poll from voters. Example, Manaio Polling Place. Poll workers closed poll at about 2:30 P.M. from (48) voters from Manaio, Polle, who were supporters for Alexander.

9. Exclusion of results of Southern Nomoneas VAAPP-GUAM without known reasons, which amounts to de-franchise of all voters.

### Attachment, Exhibit No. 1

1. Pre-Cast Ballots: Voters were provided with already cast ballot for Johnson Elimo at East Fason, Tol and at Neirenom, Polle.

2. Missing Master Lists for Various Absentee Polling Places:

--Honolulu-- Polling Place: Master Lists for Faichuk (Election District 6, and 7 for Tol, Polle, Patta and Oneisom, respectively for a total of 1,474. The copies of the master list for the said polling place were received at 4:22 pm Hawaii time and the polling place was closed at 5:22 pm despite the recommendation by the Chuuk State Attorney General to continue the election for another 8 hours upon the received of the missing master lists.

--Hilo Polling Place: Master Lists for Uman, Election District No. 4 involving some 256 voters. The master lists arrived from Chuuk before 4:00 p.m Hawaii time(despite the recommendation by the Chuuk State Attorney General to continue the election for another 8 hours upon the received of the missing master lists). As a result, most did not exercise their right to vote that day.

--Guam Polling Place. Master Lists for Parem Municipality and Siis Municipality, El. Dist. 3 were missing at all times through out the election day. Their right to vote were effectively denied.

These problems have occurred repeatedly from one election to another - involving the same individuals, yet no preventative measures were ever secured nor were there any corrective actions taken.

--Southern Namoneas Ballot Box on Guam: One active campaigner for Johnson Elimo, a police officer, took the Southern



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	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Monday	10/03		10/10		10/03		10/10	
	12:17AM	1.8	02:13AM	4.4	02:22AM	0.8	01:35AM	1.8
	05:20AM	2.7	08:31AM	0.8	08:51AM	0.0	08:14AM	0.0
	11:07AM	1.4	02:39PM	4.2	04:39PM	1.7	02:16PM	1.5
	06:17PM	3.7	08:41PM	0.9			07:59PM	0.3
Tuesday	10/04		10/11		10/04		10/11	
	01:20AM	2.1	02:48AM	4.5	08:39AM	0.0	02:07AM	1.7
	05:27AM	2.4	08:58AM	0.7	05:12PM	1.6	08:22AM	0.1
	11:10AM	1.7	03:09PM	4.5			02:31PM	1.7
	07:14PM	3.4	09:19PM	0.7			08:41PM	0.2
Wednesday	10/05		10/12		10/05		10/12	
	09:32AM	1.9	03:23AM	4.4	08:39AM	0.0	02:36AM	1.4
	09:55PM	3.3	09:25AM	0.7	05:12PM	1.6	08:26AM	0.2
			03:39PM	4.8			02:50PM	2.0
			09:57PM	0.6			09:25PM	0.1
Thursday	10/06		10/13		10/06		10/13	
	07:05AM	1.7	03:57AM	4.1	07:58AM	-0.1	02:58AM	1.1
	01:56PM	2.5	09:52AM	0.8	11:40PM	1.6	08:23AM	0.2
	04:57PM	2.4	04:11PM	4.8			03:12PM	2.1
	11:57PM	3.6	10:36PM	0.8			10:10PM	0.2
Friday	10/07		10/14		10/07		10/14	
	07:18AM	1.4	04:30AM	3.8	07:53AM	-0.1	03:09AM	0.8
	01:32PM	2.9	10:17AM	0.9			08:12AM	0.2
	06:33PM	2.0	04:45PM	4.7			03:35PM	2.2
			11:18PM	1.0			11:01PM	0.3
Saturday	10/08		10/15		10/08		10/15	
	12:53AM	3.9	05:02AM	3.3	12:24AM	1.7	02:52AM	0.5
	07:40AM	1.1	10:41AM	1.2	07:56AM	-0.1	07:56AM	0.0
	01:48PM	3.4	05:20PM	4.5	02:21PM	1.0	03:59PM	2.2
	07:22PM	1.6			06:32PM	0.7		
Sunday	10/09		10/16		10/09		10/16	
	01:35AM	4.2	12:04AM	1.3	01:00AM	1.8	07:43AM	-0.1
	08:05AM	0.9	05:34AM	2.9	08:04AM	0.0	04:23PM	2.1
	02:12PM	3.8	11:02AM	1.4	02:10PM	1.2		
	08:02PM	1.2	05:58PM	4.2	07:17PM	0.5		

## Women in Mwoakilloa and students took action on climate change and food security

By Emihner Johnson, Acting Director/Local Food Educator and Chizuru Seki (JICA), Island Food Community of Pohnpei

In the morning of September 12, 2011, building upon the Agroforestry "Let's Go Local" campaign and the Pandanus Characterization Project awareness talks, many women brought edible and non-itchy, depleting rare varieties of pandanus cuttings from their land. Total 252 pandanus cuttings were collected in 13 varieties. Even though numerous pandanus grow in Mwoakilloa, some of them are getting rare. On Monday, two of the rare and depleting varieties of the pandanus: Insohl and Moakoskos were brought in. Five Insohl cuttings and four Moakoskos cuttings were collected and shared among those who were interested to plant them.

Those 252 pandanus cuttings were distributed among the households and planted on their land on the same day. Each household planted at least five pandanus cuttings. Many of them told IFCP staff that it was their first time to plant so many pandanus cuttings in one day. Mrs. Emihner Johnson, IFCP Acting Director/Local Food Educator, who also grew up in Mwoakilloa said that "it might be history to these women of Mwoakilloa to plant so many edible pandanus in one day other than Koampoani (the traditional way of sharing knowledge, time, effort and resources with each other)".

This distribution and planting of pandanus created and led to a little competition among women in Mwoakilloa. They said that if their neighbor planted so many pandanus, they have to plant so many, too. They will see who will give a good care to their newly planted pandanus and grow the most pandanus.

Since so many pandanus were brought by those women, 18 of them were planted along the shoreline on school premises on Monday.

Next day, September 13, 2011, IFCP held an awareness workshop targeting school children in Mwoakilloa atoll. Mrs. Johnson emphasized what it means to "Go Local." "Going Local" means to plant, maintain, harvest, cook and eat more local food. Mrs. Johnson also presented the IFCP red pen messages and CHEEF (Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food Security) benefits of local food.

Students' new knowledge about local food was tested by playing a local food quiz game boys vs. girls. Boys won by one point. Both boys and girls showed their knowledge and understanding toward local food very well.

The school awareness workshop concluded with planting pandanus cuttings on school

premises. Each student planted one pandanus along the shoreline.

The process of planting pandanus includes:

- Cut a branch for planting from a mature desired type of pandanus tree (mother tree).
- Dig up a hole that is deep enough for the pandanus cutting to be buried. At least the bottom green leaves (1/4 of the green leaves) of the cutting need to be covered with soil at ground level.
- Set or put the cutting in the hole, making sure the top of the cutting is facing up or upright. (The angle of the cutting can be slightly slanted or lying flat depending on the angle of the cutting so that the top stand upright).
- Cover the cutting with soil and compact it. Make sure the base is covered and compacted with soil so it doesn't move. Soil can be thrown between the leaves of the plant to keep moisture at the base of the leaves so when they die, the pudding can be rooted and the plant can grow.

Pandanus is a very nutritious food and contains rich concentrations of beta-carotene (provitamin A carotenoid), other vitamins and minerals.

Pandanus are scientifically proven to be high in beta carotene, and their roots can hold the soil along the shoreline and help prevent coastal erosion as sea levels change.

*It was a huge success of planting various kinds of pandanus which showed the community based adaptation to climate change and food security. IFCP and people in Mwoakilloa hope for those pandanus to grow, so the school children as well as the rest of the community can enjoy the healthy atoll fruit.*

In five years from now, IFCP anticipates to see the island filled with orange fruits and people chewing their healthy nutritious pandanus, from the tree or "Sikmehu" (healthy life style – swim and eat).

You want to chew, Chew a pandanus.

Island Food Community of Pohnpei would like to thank the Mwoakilloa Community, Women, Students, School Principal and Teachers for their active support and involvement in this project. Special thanks also goes to the families of Hedson, John, Harry, Lebehn, and Edward for a wonderful host and promoting local foods as hospitality. Acknowledgements are made to the SPC CePacT, US Forsest Services for funding assistance and Pohnpei State Department of Education for allowing IFCP to use their Mwoakilloa Elementary School facility.

## Characterization of Pandanus

By Emihner Johnson, Acting Director/Local Food Educator and Chizuru Seki (JICA), Island Food Community of Pohnpei

During the visit to Mwoakilloa from September 7th to 16th, 2011, Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) carried out its Characterization of Pandanus project and found out that many pandanus have been neglected, and some of them have been on the verge of extinction.

There used to be 26 varieties of Pandanus on Mwoakilloa, but from this project IFCP staff found out there are only 20 varieties can be found. Out of 20 varieties, two types are fruitless (Uhmahng, Mwisikel), and one of the bearing fruit varieties is not edible because of its itchiness (Oarwehn).

Pandanus is an atoll plant that grows and bears fruits well on small islands. An excellent plant for Climate Change Adaptation and Food Safety because it can grow well by the shoreline and bear fruits even when the roots are touching the seawater. It can also hold the soil to prevent erosion.

Pandanus is also an important tree to the atoll islands and its people due to its many uses. The trunk of the tree can be used for building houses and fishing rods. Its roots are used for local medicine.

The leaves are used for roofing, sleeping and working mats, making mwarmwars (leis), making handicrafts including purses, baskets, belts, bags, jewelries, hair ornaments, hats and indoor decorations. The leaves can also be rolled and served as smoking pipes. It can also serve as a rope for tying.

The fruits are enjoyed by everybody regardless of age and however it is prepared: raw, boiled, baked and thawed after being frozen.

After the juice is extracted or sucked and when it dried, keys (a part of fruit where people chew to suck juice) can be used as firewood, paintbrush and other domestic uses.

Mrs. Emihner Johnson, IFCP Acting Director/Local Food Educator, who is from Mwoakilloa atoll said that the most memorable and enjoyable childhood play on Mwoakilloa was Sikmehu (dive and get it). The ripe bunch of pandanus is thrown into the lagoon with a heavy rock tied to it to sink. So whoever wants to chew, one has to dive and get your chew.

It has been noted that many pandanus are getting too old, overgrown and neglected. Aged pandanus bear smaller fruits than

the younger healthy plants, and its fruiting cycle decreases. Neglected pandanus are those pandanus that the fruits were never harvest and rot on the branch causing it to decrease the size of the branch as well as its fruit. It also effects the fruiting cycle (breaking the consistent fruiting and delaying the cycle).

Pandanus requires people's care in order for it to grow. A pandanus cutting has to be cut from the mother tree and planted in the ground in a way that it doesn't move. When a fruit is left on the tree, keys will fall on the ground, and a leaf bud starts to come out. However, those pandanus trees grow from keys do not bear fruit and some will turn into Mwisikel (male type). The Mwisikel can be used for scents for hair and skin oil. To grow a fruit bearing pandanus, a pandanus cutting has to be cut from the tree and planted on the ground.

Even though many varieties of pandanus are getting rare, there are still many varieties of pandanus on Mwoakilloa. IFCP captured the photos of Insohl, Johnmonoia, Moakoskos, etc which cannot be found on Pohnpei Island.

Not only the numbers of pandanus grow on Mwoakilloa but also the size of the pandanus and the contents of juice are superior to ones on Pohnpei Island. Pandanus grow on Mwoakilloa are much bigger and juicier than ones on Pohnpei.

Island Food Community of Pohnpei would like to thank the Mwoakilloa Municipal government and the Mwoakilloa Community, Women, Students, School Principal and Teachers for their active support and involvement in this project. Special thanks go to Mr. Joseph Edward, Mr. Charley John, and Mrs. Mokaida Harry for their extra effort and time they rendered in locating and identifying the rare types of Pandanus. Special thanks also goes to the families of Hedson, John, Harry, Lebehn, and Edward for a wonderful host and promoting local foods as hospitality. Acknowledgements are made to the SPC CePacT, US Forsest Services for funding assistance and Pohnpei State Department of Education for allowing IFCP to use their Mwoakilloa Elementary School facility.



*Pandanus was planted less than 10 feet away from the shore on school premises*



*LEFT: Students in Mwoakilloa planted 29 Pandanus on school premises*



*RIGHT: Total 18 pandanus were planted on school premises by women in Mwoakilloa*



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