

Extended travel restrictions allow FSM to build health infrastructure to deal with COVID-19

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February 21, 2020—With the novel corona virus (now officially known as COVID-19) rapidly spreading in many places in the world, FSM President David Panuelo instituted a strict policy outright banning travel to the FSM from anywhere in mainland China. He also established travel restrictions for travelers to the FSM requiring them to have spent 14 days in a country or territory that had not had any confirmed cases of the virus. For FSM travelers, that primarily meant Hawaii or Guam.

On the morning of February 12, a committee of Congress held a public hearing on a resolution that had been introduced that would keep the outright ban on travel from China to the FSM in place but lift the quarantine restriction for



travelers. It also would extend the Emergency Health Declaration by 60 days. The resolution would also authorize the President to reinstate the quarantine restrictions if the World Health Organization (WHO) provided guidance that led him to believe that he should do so.

A WHO representative provided testimony

during the hearing. He reiterated several times that travel bans are not effective as the ONLY tool for the prevention of the spread of the virus but that it could be an effective tool for a government to buy time while readying its response to the virus. Since that time, an anonymously sponsored website has been spreading the message that the WHO says

that travel bans are ineffective. That is not the position of WHO either in its testimony at the FSM Congress hearing or in its official policy statements.

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February 10, 2020
 Madolenihmw, Pohnpei—Prosecutors at the Pohnpei Office of the Attorney General have filed criminal charges against four representatives of the Madolenihmw Government for the theft of over \$67,000.

Each of the defendants is charged with Grand Larceny, Embezzlement,

Theft by Failure to Dispose of Funds Received, Cheating, Misconduct in Public Office and Criminal Conspiracy.

The charges are the result of a criminal investigation recommended by auditors of the Pohnpei Office of the Public Audit after an audit of Madolenihmw, conducted in August of last year. That audit questioned many unpaid salary advances that were never reimbursed.

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Pohnpei Government and College of Micronesia FSM enter into agreement for Nan Madol management

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Pohnpei—This morning the Pohnpei State Government and the College of Micronesia FSM (COM FSM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for capacity building for the management of the Nan Madol World Heritage Site. The purpose of the MOU is to build capacity for the management of the Nan Madol World Heritage Site through educational programs, training, and certification of skills and abilities necessary or desirable for site conservation, interpretation, resource and visitor protection, administration, applications of technologies, and general management.

The government has agreed, within budgetary constraints in cooperation with external partners, to provide financial support to COM FSM to pay for the develop and delivery of education, training, and certification programs related to the management of the Nan Madol World Heritage Site. The payments would be based on contracts for services negotiated with COM FSM. It agrees to provide COM FSM with access to resources it has in order for COM FSM to develop educational programs related to the management of the Nan Madol World Heritage Site.

Among other things, COM FSM has agreed to develop courses, training programs, workshops and associated outlines, syllabi, and any other necessary training materials for the management of protected areas, specifically World Heritage Sites and



national parks.

Acting COM FSM President, Vice President Karen Simion signed the MOU on behalf of the College.

Pohnpei Lt. Governor Feliciano Perman signed the MOU on behalf of the government during a brief ceremony in the Governor's conference room.



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Japan hosts National Day celebration in Pohnpei

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February 19, 2020

Pohnpei—Ambassador Sobashima, Japan's Ambassador to the FSM hosted a celebration of Japan's National Day, the Emperor's birthday at his home in Nett this evening. Each year, the people of Japan have celebrated the Emperor's birthday and that fact did not change after the enthronement of Emperor Naruhito in October of 2019. Emperor Naruhito will be 60 years old on February 23.

Ambassador Sobashima expressed his appreciation to FSM President David Panuelo for having attended the enthronement ceremony and also for his bilateral visit with Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. The Ambassador said that during that visit, Prime Minister Abe told the President that Japan would strengthen support for the FSM's sustainable economic and social development.

Ambassador Sobashima began his speech by saying that he has been impressed by the leadership of President Panuelo, and the efforts of all concerned as the Novel Coronavirus virus crisis has arisen, in order to prevent infection in the FSM.

"The Government of Japan, for its part, is endeavoring to contain and effectively control the disease, including at the cruise ship Diamond Princess. I sincerely hope that we will win this fight against the new infectious disease soon," he said.

He encouraged those in attendance at the evening's ceremonies to take advantage of the many hand sanitizers placed around the reception area.

He reminded the invited guests that though Japan and the FSM established diplomatic relations in 1988, their people's exchanges date back more than 120 years ago.

"In the recent years, while extensive activities of fishing by Japanese vessels have been seen in the waters of the FSM, the Government of Japan has been engaged in various development cooperation projects in the FSM including technical cooperation through people-to-people exchanges by JICA," he said. "Exchanges organized by private and academic institutions have been also abundant between the two countries."

"...I am determined to do my best, building upon the long-standing friendly and cooperative relations between our two countries, and in cooperation with the Japanese residents, experts, volunteers, NGOs and companies in the FSM, among

other partners, to further advance the relations.

"In the past 4 months, I signed grant contracts to provide a garbage truck to Madolenihmw, Pohnpei State in December last year, and to provide a portable X-ray machine to Chuuk State last month this year. In addition to my stay in here in Pohnpei State, I visited Chuuk State last month," he said.

He concluded his remarks with a toast to continued friendly and cooperative relationships between Japan and the FSM.

FSM President David Panuelo began his remarks with an explanation of the FSM's efforts to protect its citizens from the Novel Coronavirus (now known as COVID-19).

Many times during his Presidency, former FSM President Emmanuel Mori who was in attendance at the ceremony remarked on the bonds of "Kizuna" between Japan and FSM. "Kizuna" is a Japanese word signifying not just friendship that is intertwined in the same way that the thin elements of a rope is wound and braided so that combined, it is stronger than any individual element. President Panuelo followed suit in his speech remarking on the strong bonds of friendship between Japan and the FSM.

After dinner was served guests were treated to an unexpected Japanese cultural dance.



Australian Ambassador to the FSM George Fraser has farewell meeting with FSM President and Vice President

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On February 18th 2020 His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and the Honorable Yosiwo P. George, Vice President of the FSM, received His Excellency George Fraser in a courtesy call. The purpose of the meeting was to broadly discuss a series of topics of import to the FSM and Australia, such as agricultural development, coronavirus travel restrictions, Australian scholarships for FSM students, Australia's appreciation for the FSM's financial contribution in the aftermath of the bushfires earlier this year, and the date for Ambassador Fraser's replacement in March.

President Panuelo explicitly solicited the Ambassador's frank and cordial opinions, noting that one of the reasons for the close relationship between the FSM and Australia is due to mutual respect for each other's sovereignty and development agendas.

The conversation began on the topic of agricultural development in the FSM. Ambassador Fraser highlighted President Panuelo's keen desire to lessen the Nation's reliance on imported fruits and vegetables, particularly in light of the FSM's extraordinarily productive soil conditions.

"If [citizens] wanted to compete with the prices in the supermarkets by growing locally, they could make money," Ambassador Fraser said. "[Australia] is interested in doing this work in the North Pacific, but the question is: what would they do? Some examination on what's possible may be the best input.... If you wish to go ahead, I could mention it to my successor." "Absolutely," replied President Panuelo, who spoke in detail about the need for the FSM to be able to provide its citizens fresh fruit and

vegetables. It was argued that this should occur predominantly in the private sector, which spurred the conversation towards private sector development more generally.

"We look very much to seeing a bright future for the FSM," Ambassador Fraser said, "and we would like to see a greater and more active private sector. I know that we have a responsibility and our part to play in that—I mentioned to the Ambassadors [from the United States and Japan] that we all need to somehow encourage business to come here. And not just extractive business, but business that does something."

"One of the things that [may be the most helpful to the FSM] would be a unified business code," Ambassador Fraser continued, speaking in depth about how businesspeople rely greatly on stability and seamless processes. "Companies coming [to the FSM] can make money, but they need to have a fair business system and a unified code that will allow them to work throughout [the FSM]."

"That was one of my agenda items with the Governors," President Panuelo said, referring to the February 12th Chief Executives Conference. "I want their inputs by the State & National Leadership Conference prior to the [Fourth Regular Session of the 21st FSM Congress]—because we have a pending Foreign Investment Bill."

President Panuelo and Ambassador Fraser agreed that, should the Foreign Investment bill be voted upon and become law, there is a need for a seamless visa process for people who have a legitimate investment license.

The conversation then turned to economic development more broadly, including how COVID-19 (the official scientific name for the new coronavirus) and the Nation's travel restrictions are impacting the Nation's economy. Ambassador Fraser noted that Australia has no complaints about the policies in place, and that Australia recognizes how devastating such a disease could be if it reached the Nation's shores—however, it was also emphasized that there may be tangible, real-life impact on the Nation's economy.

"This coronavirus is going to be a big economic issue," Ambassador Fraser said. "I've discussed with [the Honorable Henry S. Falan, Governor of the FSM State of Yap] that...hotel occupancy dropped from 90% to 10%. Do you have any idea about the financial impact

[the coronavirus] has been on the country?"

"Congress voted and enacted [Congressional Resolution 21-117] based on the economic impact, and I do recognize that," President Panuelo said. "We included clarifications for cargo shipping because we don't want to damage our lifeline. But we had to redeclare the 14-day quarantine because our States are saying that we don't have the capacity. So, we're constructing [isolation facilities], conducting [infection control and case management] training, among other measures."

"I had to make a decision," the President continued, "on the issue of economic impact and the lives of our citizens. I thought that one takes precedence over the other."

President Panuelo noted that, presuming that capacity improves, he doesn't intend to reinitiate the travel restrictions on February 29th unless new information demonstrates it's in the best interest of the Nation and its citizens.

The conversation then turned to Australia's appreciation of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) that the FSM Congress voted to donate in the aftermath of the bushfires that devastated large portions of the country. "Thank you for the [\$100,000] for the bushfires," Ambassador Fraser said, noting that it's good to have friends and to show solidarity. "We're very grateful."

"We cannot see [tragedies and crises] without expressing our sympathies," President Panuelo said. "I am grateful that Congress and I are unified in our Micronesian spirit of solidarity and supporting one another. It's their leadership that allows us to have this conversation today."

Although the conversation briefly explored other topics—such as the anticipated arrival of the Guardian-class patrol boats, and the Nation's continued appreciation for Australia's flagship maritime security cooperation program with Pacific Islands—the final topic of extensive depth was with regards to Australian scholarships for FSM students.

"We're very pleased that over the past four years we've been able to increase the number of scholarships," Ambassador Fraser said. "Something we have asked, and will continue to ask, is if there are any particular areas of greater need for the Government. We understand that there are needs everywhere, but if it is assessed that [the FSM] needs more of this or that, please let us know and we will provide more scholarships in those areas."

"Thank you, Ambassador," President Panuelo said. "That's noted. I will be instructing [the Honorable Kalwin Kephas, Secretary of the Department of Education] to provide me information on whether that's something we'll wish to look into further."

The meeting ended on a positive note, with Ambassador Fraser expressing his personal appreciation to President Panuelo for his friendship.

Ambassador Fraser's replacement is tentatively scheduled to arrive in the FSM on March 7th.

Citizens of the FSM interested in studying on an Australian scholarship for a Masters or Doctorate degree are encouraged to visit the Australia Embassy of the FSM website here: <https://fsm.embassy.gov.au/> or call the Embassy at +691-320-5448.



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WHO does not dictate to countries what their response should be and that every country should decide based on their level of preparedness, the impact on the local economy and a variety of other factors.

In that morning's session Congress passed the resolution. The new policy was effective immediately on passage and Congress resolutions do not require Presidential approval. However, enforcement is the responsibility of the Executive Branch which was to have notified airlines and others that Congress had lifted certain travel restrictions. It didn't do so. In practice, a traveler who had not yet spent 14 days in a country or territory that had not yet had a confirmed case still could not be boarded on an airline that travels to the FSM because no one notified the airlines or enforcement officers at points of entry that the restrictions had been lifted.

For the next two and a half days the President met with his Cabinet members and the COVID-19 task force in afternoon and late evening sessions. On Friday, February 14, the President reinstated the 14 day quarantine period for FSM bound travelers. He explained his reasoning to Congress and to

the people of the FSM through press releases and letters. The restrictions will remain in place until February 28.

In a letter dated February 19 but circulated to the general public on the evening of the 20th, Dr. Livingston A. Taulang, FSM's Secretary for the Department of Health and Social Affairs sent a letter to WHO Country Liaison Officer, Dr. Euyoung KO explaining the reasons behind the FSM's prevention efforts in regards to COVID-19 including travel restrictions. The letter led some to wonder why the WHO, which had already testified that it doesn't dictate the responses of sovereign countries but only makes recommendations would need an explanation at all. Others wondered if perhaps the WHO had changed its advice.

"The FSM, as a member state of the United Nations in good standing, respects the wishes of the United Nations to submit justifications and explanations for its actions. Although the FSM is sovereign and accountable to its people, the Nation is also accountable to the global community. As the foremost representation of the global community, the WHO asks for justifications for travel restrictions. The justification letter sent to the WHO is in line with the FSM attempting to ensure it is a responsible member of the global community," the President's information officer responded. He said that

the letter does not at all indicate any change in recommendations by the WHO.

One of the reasons for the reinstatement of travel restrictions and quarantine requirements was to give the FSM time to build infrastructure and capacity to respond to the virus. That work has been progressing steadily. Infection control training is ongoing in Pohnpei State and trainers are also traveling to the other three FSM States for that same training. Quarantine sites have been identified or are being identified in each of the States.

In Pohnpei, the US Navy Seabees helped to construct a facility on PPA property adjacent to the airport where travelers who manage to slip through the cracks of the travel ban despite government precautions but who show no symptoms can be quarantined. So far that facility has four beds but more rooms and beds are currently being built. If a person in one of the quarantine facilities begins to show symptoms they would then be moved to an isolation ward at one of the hospitals.

While health infrastructure is, as FSM Chief of Staff Leo Falcam testified during the Congress committee hearing the 12th, "suboptimal", it has definitely progressed beyond the capabilities that were in existence at the time that President Panuelo reinstated the travel restrictions.

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The criminal charges accuse Pretrick Ringlen, Meninkeder Lapalapen (Mayor) of Madolenihmw of having "obtained for himself \$29,542.18 in form of salary advancements outside of his regular payroll checks." The advances occurred of the course of 12 years beginning on July 6, 2007 with the last reviewed advance in July of 2019.

The charges accuse Meioleen Etse of advancing and not repaying \$9,200.18 in advances above salary during the period beginning on September 9, 2007 through June of 2019.

They accuse Sohnaem George, the Account Clerk of receiving and not reimbursing \$16,910.10 in salary advances beginning on June 19, 2009 and concluding in September 2018.

Hernet Ringlen, Madolenihmw Tax Collector stands accused of taking \$11,872.38 in "loans" beginning on August 14, 2014 through June of 2019.

The defendants are merely accused and are presumed to be innocent in the eyes of the law unless otherwise proven during a fair hearing.

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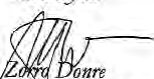
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For stakeholders interested in submitting comments to PPA, a copy of the proposed budget can be obtained from PPA's headquarters adjacent to the airport terminal in Dekehtik.

Comments may also be submitted at PPA's website. www.ppa.fm, where a digital copy of the proposed fiscal year 2021 budget is also available.

The deadline for submitting comments shall be March 15, 2021."

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Installation of Water Security Measures in the three Communities, Dugor, Rummu and Tamil in Yap Proper, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)

The Pacific Community (SPC) would like to invite interested individuals, enterprises and businesses to submit proposals for Installation of Water Security Measures in the three Communities, Dugor, Rummu and Tamil in Yap Proper, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).

Copies of the 'Request for Proposal' (RFP) can be downloaded from the SPC website (<https://www.spc.int/procurement/micro-public-tenders/rfp-20-011-installation-of-water-security-measures-federated>) under procurement notices, in which detailed specifications of the required services has been provided. For any additional information or clarification on the RFP, send an e-mail request to procurement@spc.int quoting RFP20/011 in the subject line.

Completed proposals should be emailed to procurement@spc.int with the heading "RFP20/011 Installation of Water Security Measures in the three Communities, Dugor, Rummu and Tamil in Yap Proper, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)" or sent by courier to:

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All proposals should reach SPC before 13th March, no later than 4.00pm Fiji time.

No submission shall be made or communication undertaken directly with SPC staff on this procurement.

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NAME OF PROJECT:
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Environment and Social Safeguards Assessment and Preparation of instruments.

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The Federated States of Micronesia has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient Road Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include an Environmental and Social Assessment and the preparation of environmental and social instruments in accordance to the World Bank Environmental Safeguards. It is expected that the assignment will require approximately 150 person-days of professional input and will take about seven months to complete.

Further details, including a copy of the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment and the short-listing criteria, can be obtained from the contact address below.

The Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure (DoTC&I) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services. The shortlisting criteria will include experience on similar assignments and the technical, managerial and financial capacity of the firm.

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Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Consultant Selection Method (CQS) set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours 0900 to 1700 Pohnpei Time (Local Time).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) by **Friday, March 6th, 2020**.

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European Union Technical Assistance to Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor

Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor (POPA)

European Union (EU) representative Ms. Marga Peeters had a meeting with the management of Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor (POPA) on February 4, 2020. The meeting is about the possible technical assistance of EU to the FSM government, specifically to the FSM Finance Department and Public Auditors’ Offices in Pohnpei, FSM. The technical assistance is part of the EUR 14.2 million grant under the European Development

Fund (EDF 11) that FSM congress recently approved. In the meeting, Ms. Peeters discussed the possible assistance that EU can provide to Public Auditors’ offices in the FSM. POPA is exploring the possibility of a consultant who will train and/or work with POPA’s staff for not more than one (1) year. POPA is currently working in collaboration with the Office of the National Public Auditor (ONPA) on the proposal for possible Technical Assistance grant under this program.



Australia appoints new Ambassador to the FSM

February 18, 2020

Today I announce the appointment of Ms Jo Cowley as Australia’s next Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). Ms Cowley will also be accredited to the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI).



Australia has strong relationships with both FSM and RMI, built on over three decades of cooperation following Australia’s early diplomatic recognition of both countries in 1987.

We work with FSM to support a secure and prosperous Pacific region, including through defence, development and community links. Australia will supply two Guardian-Class Patrol Boats to FSM in 2022 to bolster maritime security. Australia is a long-term development partner for FSM, working to support improvements in education and gender equality.

Australia’s engagement with RMI continues to grow. We are working with RMI to strengthen maritime security,

including by providing a Guardian-Class Patrol Boat in 2022. Our work in development cooperation aims to improve water and sanitation, enhance women’s empowerment, and respond to emergencies, including the recent outbreak of dengue fever. We will cooperate closely with RMI on the United Nations Human Rights Council during RMI’s three-year term.

Ms Cowley is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and most recently was Assistant Secretary, Scholarships and Alumni Branch. She has previously served overseas in New Zealand and Italy and in Canberra has led work on Pacific strategy, security cooperation and partnerships with Pacific island countries.

Ms Cowley holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Technology, Sydney.

I thank outgoing Ambassador George Fraser for his contributions to advancing Australia’s interests in FSM since 2016.

WHAT CAN COMMUNITIES DO TO BUILD THEIR RESILIENCE TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE FSM?

Droughts, coral bleaching, bigger storms, invasive species and saltwater intrusion are some of the problems that FSM is facing due to climate change, and while the FSM is not responsible for the changes in climate, there are some things that we can do to build our resilience to it so our communities can continue to thrive.

Droughts

- Communities can seek funding to provide water tanks and use rain catchment to survive during times of drought.
- It's a good idea to store extra bottles of water when a storm is approaching.

Planting new crops

- Talk to the state agriculture specialists and seek advice on climate resilient types of crops to plant.
- Certain varieties of crops grow better than others when the temperatures rise.
- Salt tolerant taro varieties can grow when saltwater is present.

Food security

- Plant more food.
- Communities should practice agroforestry techniques.
- Don't cut down trees when creating farms.
 - Cutting trees harms the environment and causes erosion which then causes sedimentation of the reefs, and harms our ocean resources.

Planting more trees and replanting mangrove forests can help take carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere to help lower rising temperatures and also protect our islands from landslides and from storm surges.

Training

- Communities should undergo disaster response training and risk identification for those issues that a specific community can face during a disaster or from climate change.

The more we know about our risks, the better we can build our resilience and overcome the challenges when they arise.

The FSM National Government and state governments are currently doing project activities to help communities improve their resilience to climate change, but communities can also help build resilience. Funding for these types of activities can be found from our elected state and national leaders and from the FSM GEF Small Grants Program and other donor sources of funding. Communities should be proactive in asking for assistance and in finding funding to help them build their resistance to climate change. Your future is in your hands.



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MCT's own JoLynne Gallen Mori- Leading by example



Micronesia Conservation Trust

Kolonia, Pohnpei- The Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) prides itself on building the capacity of Micronesia's young and emerging conservation champions through its peer learning networks, internships and scholarship programs. Over 100 young Micronesian women and men are supported by these programs, and

recently one of MCT's own, Senior Grants Officer, JoLynne Gallen Mori, graduated with a Master of Business Administration from the Benedictine University with a 4.00 average in every single semester she completed. JoLynne has been with MCT since 2014 and will continue serving in her capacity as a Senior Grants Officer. Her main role as Senior Grants Officer is to manage a number of grants that MCT has secured from international donors. She manages over 25 subgrants to our local implementing entity partners, supporting a wide range of conservation and climate change adaptation projects.

Jo Lynne joined MCT in 2014 after 2 years with the GEF Small Grants Programme (GEF-SGP) where she served as the Programme Assistant. She earned her Associate Degree at the College of Micronesia-FSM in Liberal Arts in 1996. She worked at the FSM Department of Economic Affairs as the Assistant Registrar of Corporations from 1997-2002 where she decided to further her education at the University of Hawaii in Hilo. In 2005, she graduated from the University of Hawaii with a B.B.A in Business Administration.

Outside of MCT, Jolynne enjoys spending time with her family and friends, caring for her Mom and her home, participating in community events and volunteering whenever she can including being a founding member of the newly established KOHWA NGO in Pohnpei. KOHWA stands for Koupweliki OH Wauneki Atail -sohso, which means to have pride and

respect for our inheritance including natural resources and culture. KOHWA is based in Pohnpei, FSM and works with communities to improve sustainable practices through alternative income generation and community education on health, environment and cultural heritage in Pohnpei.

Congratulations to JoLynne for a job well done! JoLynne's graduation with a masters degree increases the number of recent MCT supported graduates students to four (4) in the last few months. MCT will continue to support our emerging leaders in the coming years and this year will soon be announcing four new scholarship opportunities for Fall2020.



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RMI's Second Contribution of 25K to the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Fund (BRMC)

*Republic of the Marshall Islands
Public School System*

Majuro, Marshall Islands – On Tuesday February 18th, 2020, the Republic of the Marshall Islands contributed its second \$25,000 check to the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge (BRMC) Scholarship Fund, for a total contribution from the RMI government of \$50,000. This contribution will secure a 1:1 match from a US based anonymous donor.

The Minister of Education, Sports and Training Hon. Kitlang Kabua presented the check to the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) Board of Trustees, Mr. Francis Carlos Domnick at the Ministers office.

Also, present to witness the handover was Associate Commissioner Sally Ann deBrum.

This contribution is to support a target goal to raise an endowment fund of approximately \$1.2 million dollars to generate at least 5% earnings per year, to support two full time students per year with \$30,000 annual scholarships. This endowment fund is to support graduate students in natural resources management fields who are citizens and/or long-term residents of the five jurisdictions of Micronesia, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Republic of Palau (ROP), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), US Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) pursuing their graduate degrees in biodiversity conservation and other related sustainable development at universities within the Pacific region or in the US mainland. To date the fund has supported 13 students from across Micronesia with 3 having graduated thus far.

Mr. Lakjit Rufus of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Commerce is the first Marshallese recipient of the scholarship. He is expected to graduate with a Masters in Global Environmental Studies from Sophia University in Japan this summer. Applications are now open, please go to www.ourmicronesia.org/scholarships for more information.



The Minister of Ministry of Education, Sports & Training, Hon. Kitlang Kabua, hands over the 25k check to Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) Board of Trustees Mr. Francis Carlos Domnick.

MRA donates major upgrade to the Pohnpei International Airport Facilities


The Micronesia Registration Advisors, Inc. or MRA as it known in Pohnpei, has met with the General Manager of the Pohnpei Port Authority to discuss a donation to the people of FSM. MRA is looking to improve the check-in/lobby area of the Pohnpei International Airport by enclosing it completely with walls and doors and installing air-conditioning in the lobby area where people check in for their flights and wait for the screening to open before entering the departure area.

Currently, the lobby area is open to the elements and on days when there is little breeze, it can get very hot in the lobby. Air-conditioning will alleviate this issue and create a pleasant atmosphere for our visitors and for people coming to the airport to say goodbye to their family and friends. The total cost of the upgrade is valued at \$27,500.


The Pohnpei Port Authority would like to thank MRA for its donation and is looking forward to the renovations to the lobby area in the near future.

As background, Micronesia Registration Advisors, Inc. (MRA) was established in 2005 and has a long-term contract with government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to promote the FSM Captive Insurance Domicile and the FSM Corporate Registry Program to corporations in East Asia.

Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia



Vehicle for Sale



This is to inform the public that Bank of the FSM intends to put up for sale the Vehicle as described below:

Vehicle type: SUV
 Year Made: 2011
 Model: Hyundai Tucson 2012
 Engine# TKKAAH27094
 VIN#KM8JT3AC0BU180786
 Color: Gray

Accessories: Air Condition, Power Steering, Tilt Wheel, CD Player, Dual Front Air Bags, Automatic Transmission.

The Car to be Sold "As Is"

(Reverse gear not functioning)
 Sale begins: 2/10/2020
 Ends: When sold

Sold for: USD\$4,000.00 or best offer

For viewing and observation, you can visit our Corporate Office.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call the Bank Premises Manager, Dennis Ehmes at the Corporate Office at 320-2724 or visit the Corporate Office.

Thank you.

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President Panuelo, Vice President George, & all four FSM State Governors convene Chief Executives Conference

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On February 12th, 2020 His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), following the Chief Executives Council with FSM Petroleum Corporation/Vital, convened the Chief Executives Conference to discuss matters of import with the Nation's Governors. Agenda topics included the Nation's relationship with the Blue Prosperity Coalition and the National Geographic Society, the proposed Foreign Investment Bill, financial assistance from the People's Republic of China (China), updates from the Joint Committee on Compact Review & Planning (JCRP), Tax Reform, and Overseas Development Assistance, among others. The purpose of the meeting was to begin discussions on topics of interest so that the May 2020 iteration of the State & National Leadership Conference can make executive decisions and agreements immediately prior to the Fourth Regular Session of the 21st FSM Congress.

Regarding the Blue Prosperity Coalition, the State Governors commended the Nation's initiative and encouraged further collaboration among the five Governments.

Regarding the Foreign Investment Bill, it was recommended that Governors convene discussion on this issue with their respective states on the premise that the FSM—internationally regarded as a weak choice to invest in due to five separate foreign investment regimes—must improve its investment image abroad, and the best means to do so is to have a single, nation-wide standard as opposed to five separate foreign investment regimes. "I want to be part of the movement going forward," Governor Falan said, in comments echoed by the other Governors.

Regarding assistance from China, the Department of Foreign Affairs provided a briefing on the six agreements signed in December 2019 (which were the agreements on economic and technical cooperation, the MOU on agricultural cooperation, letters of exchange on renovating the Pohnpei State Government Complex, letters of exchange on a feasibility study for road improvements and the Micronesia subregional training institute, protocols between FSM and Chinese medical teams, and a visa waiver for Government officials). Governors urged the Department of Foreign Affairs

to follow-up on with the Chinese Government on the progress of aid for all four FSM States.

Regarding the JCRP, the Chief Negotiator provided an update on the work completed so far by the FSM and what is known to have been completed by the United States. Although not formally mentioned in the Joint Communique, the feeling in the room was that the JCRP's work and the negotiations regarding the Compact of Free Association, as Amended, are the top priority for the State Governments.

Regarding Tax Reform, due to time constraints the President shared with the Governors the need to revisit the subject and recommended further consideration of the topic in the future. "It's all very exciting what we're working on," the President said, noting that an in-depth conversation on Tax Reform would require a significant amount of time to discuss the intentions, the mechanics, and the results.

Regarding Overseas Development Assistance (ODA), the Governors exchanged views on the importance of ODA and coordinating their actions as a whole. The Office of ODA (a division of the Office of the President) briefed the Governors on past, contemporary, and planned ODA projects. The Governors recognized the importance of existing ODA Policy, and also highlighted the need for expediting the State priority approval process, including support from the FSM State Legislative Branches.

It was discussed that a donors roundtable, inclusive of all ODA partners, would be useful for future dialoging. President Panuelo briefed the Governors about his intention to plan for a donors roundtable meeting to be held in the FSM sometime in the next 12 months.

President Panuelo later invited the four Governors for a closed-door discussion on matters of mutual interest and concern. Although the subjects discussed are not part of the Joint Communique, the President advised that it was a productive conversation that fostered a sense of unity amongst the Chief Executives.

The meeting ended on a positive note, with the Chief Executives agreeing that they will closely collaborate to take action's today for our Nation's prosperity tomorrow.



President Panuelo and Vice President George share information with the FSM's State Governors



CMI invites applications for the following job openings:

Position Title: Science Instructor
Full-Time- \$25,137 - \$33,515 annually
Closing Date: March 13, 2020.

The STEM Department invites applications for a full-time Science Instructor to teach courses in the Anatomy, Physiology, Biology, Microbiology and Chemistry disciplines. The candidate also has opportunities to develop new courses and departmental initiatives in his/her areas of expertise. The semester workload is 15 teaching contact hours per week, 5 scheduled office hours per week, and other duties as assigned for a total of 40 hours per week over a ten month academic year. (Summer semester teaching is optional with additional pay at the adjunct/part-time rate.)

The College is now seeking a passionate science educator willing to relocate to our small and remote location where his/her teaching and learning expertise is greatly valued by a developing population with a distinct Pacific culture beginning August 01, 2020.

Benefits:

- Initial contract of three years;
- Transportation from the point of hire to the Marshall Islands;
- Moving in allowance of USD \$2,000;
- Not to exceed \$9,000 housing allowance per year;
- Repatriation reimbursement not to exceed \$2500.

Successful candidate must have;

- A Master's in Biology, Chemistry, or Microbiology or related degree OR a Master's in Education with Bachelor's in Biology, Chemistry, or Microbiology or related field.
- Experience teaching Chemistry or related subjects.

Making an Application: Applicants must apply online at CMI jobs website www.cmi.edu or <https://jobs-cmi.peopleadmin.com>. **Full Job Descriptions available online.**

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Federated States of Micronesia
Project for Strengthening
Public Financial Management
(funded by World Bank)
(P161969)



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Project Officer

The National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) has partnered with the World Bank (WB) to implement development activities within the FSM in various sectors. The objective of the Strengthening Public Financial Management Project for Micronesia is to improve reliability and timeliness of financial reporting of the National and four State governments in FSM, implemented through the Department of Finance and Administration (DoFA), located at the FSM Capital in Palikir. A Project Implementation Unit (PIU) is established to support the planning, implementation and monitoring of all activities under the project. The PIU is comprised of a Project Manager and a Project Officer.

We are hiring a Project Officer to support the Project Manager in the day-to-day operations under the project and further liaise with other project staff, consultants, CIU finance staff, DoFA staff and representatives of the states on administrative, finance and procurement requirements of the project under the direction of the Project Manager. This interesting position in an international team set-up is full-time for an initial 2 year period with 3 months probationary period. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website:

<http://www.dofa.gov.fm/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/REoI-Project-Officer.pdf>

The following expertise and level of experience is required:

- Bachelor's Degree from a recognized institution finance, business, IT or any related fields. Associate Degree may be considered with proven extensive and relevant experience
- Work experience in a similar context in project management, procurement, accounting and/or financial management or similar proven expertise relevant for the position
- Fluency in written and spoken English, excellent communications skills
- Competency in the use of computer applications, especially the MS Office package

Additional Desirable Requirements:

- Ability to quickly adapt to new tasks and challenges and develop appropriate solutions independently
- Excellent organisational skills, structured and motivated working attitude
- Working experience with donor-funded technical assistance projects
- Demonstrated ability to work under pressure and pay attention to detail
- Understanding of and interest in the political and economic developments in FSM

The Department of Finance and Administration now invites eligible candidates to indicate their interest in the position. Interested candidates must provide information (such as their latest CV, and other relevant documents) indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. This is a local recruitment and preference shall be first given to qualified citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours; 0900 to 1700 hours local time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered by e-mail by Thursday March 5, 2020, 5:00 pm Palikir Time to:

Attn: Arne Framk (Mr), Project Manager
Project for Strengthening Public Financial Management,
Department of Finance & Administration Federated States of Micronesia
(FSM) Email: arne.framk@dofa.gov.fm

President Panuelo calls for State support of Transformation Act at FSM Petroleum Corporation hosts 2020 Chief Executives Council

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On February 12th, 2020 His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), alongside the Honorable Johnson S. Elimo, Governor of the FSM State of Chuuk, the Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of the FSM State of Kosrae, the Honorable Henry S. Falan, Governor of the FSM State of Yap, and the Honorable Reed B. Oliver, Governor of the FSM State of Pohnpei, convened the 2020 iteration of the FSM Petroleum Corporation (FSMPC)/Vital's Chief Executive Council (CEC). As prescribed in Public Law 15-08, the CEC must meet annually with the Board of Directors to review FSM Petroleum Corporation/Vital's ongoing work.

The President and the Governors began the CEC with opening remarks. "I just want to open with saying that, as a country," President Panuelo said, "I believe that everything we do in the area of economic development must be in harmony with our environment because our environment truly sustains us. [FSMPC/Vital] has already transformed from its origins [in Public Law 15-08] as an entity that was supposed to stabilize the price of fuel, to better facilitate the buying, selling, exporting, manufacturing, and processing of copra and other coconut tree products with the FSM through [Public Law 18-68, also known as the 'Coconut Tree Act']. The FSMPC Transformation Act would further evolve their mandate to focus on renewable, sustainable, and clean energy. I encourage the [CEC] to deeply consider the merits of such legislation and how it would positively impact development in your State and in our Nation."

"The development needs for each of the [FSM] States must be recognized," Governor Elimo began. "I am thankful to you Mr. President for honoring our request to...come together and discuss the unique issues [that each of our states face]. ...[Today] we are going to discuss another effort of our Nation in promoting the [FSMPC/Vital], which is a vitally important aspect of our Nation and its unity...[as we] forge our way forward."

The Governors of Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap shared similar remarks on the importance of national unity and the duty of the CEC to oversee and support FSMPC/Vital.

In the past decade, FSMPC/Vital has reduced the price of gasoline approximately \$1.40 at the pump, with approximately 80 million dollars in financial benefits to the Nation. These equate to 14 million in debt repayments; 15 million in cash, inventory, and stock; 10 million in risk mitigation and assets; and

42 million to people in the form of passing on savings at the pump.

Leaders queried how FSMPC/Vital passes on savings to citizens. CEO Jared Morris explained that FSMPC/Vital is a wholesaler that tries to sell as low as it can. "Whether that benefit is then passed on from a business to a community, that's not our call to make. We don't run a service station and don't know the cost of operating a service station...that being said, the fuel prices are amongst the most [visible benefit to citizens].... There is a strong pressure from consumers [for affordable gasoline]."

CEO Morris further explained that having very stable prices allows Governments and citizens to reliably make appropriate budgets, which is evidenced by the FSM's gasoline price stability when compared to, say, the U.S. Territory of Guam. While in some years the FSM is cheaper than Guam's gasoline (e.g. in 2017), the key idea is gasoline prices in Guam and elsewhere are highly volatile whereas prices in the FSM are not. Stability in fuel prices was FSMPC/Vital's original mandate, and in this respect the FSM National Government recognizes them as being highly successful.

"Energy security is very important to our country," President Panuelo said, followed by the CEC at large challenging the Board to not become complacent, but rather, to consistently improve upon the corporate systems and processes to ensure continued successful performance into the future. CEO Morris noted that FSMPC/Vital would benefit from instructions on how to ration fuel, if necessary, in the event of a national emergency. The CEC agreed, per FSMPC/Vital's request, to provide guidance on a Product Rationing Policy.

Perhaps the most notable major outcome to follow—as much of the discussions were informational briefings that don't require action by the CEC—were the CEC's profound support for FSMPC/Vital's 2025 Strategic Plan, including projects such as: the National Oceanic Marine Resource Authority's Marine Bunker Initiative; the Coconuts4Life Initiative (i.e. the Integrated Coconut Processing Facility in Tonoas Island in Chuuk State), and the Nation's coconut export potential; the non-FSM related revenue initiatives including expansion into Guam, the Republic of Nauru, and potentially American Samoa; and the aforementioned Congressional Bill 21-06 for the FSMPC/Vital Transformation Act.

The CEC ended on a positive note, with Leaders reaffirming the need for the CEC to meet on an annual basis.

Date: 02/14/2020
Bid No: BD 20-01
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

1. General

FSM Telecommunications Corporation hereby solicits bid from interested competent companies to provide Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) to island-state of Yap.

For detailed information of the Request for Proposal can be obtained in the FSMTC website: <https://www.fsmtc.fm/news/request-proposal>.

2. Eligibility

Companies who are in good standing or who are licensed to work in the FSM.

3. Format of Bid Submission

1. Name and Address of Company
2. Telephone and Facsimile numbers, including contact email addresses and website, if any.
3. Name, address, and email address of the contact person.
4. Detailed estimate cost.
5. Evidence that the company has the necessary resources to provide the entire RFP or any portion thereof.
6. A signed cover letter from the responsible officer.

For specifics on Request for Proposal and Project Timeline, see page 7 of RFP: <https://www.fsmtc.fm/news/request-proposal>

4. Submission

Bidders must submit a hard copy of their proposal to the address below:

FSM Telecommunications Corporation
PO Box 1210
Pohnpei, FSM 96941
ATTN: Alfred Aliven

Submissions must be post-marked no later than March 13, 2020 at 4pm GMT +11 with the applicable bid number, BD 20-01, clearly shown on the envelope:

Or e-mail electronic copy to: Mr. Alfred Aliven at alfred.aliven@fsmtc.fm.

Any general & technical questions shall be emailed directly to Mr. Alfred Aliven and cc'd to Jocy Anson, – jocy.anson@fsmtc.fm.
FSM Telecommunications

Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all bids and/or waive any informalities or imperfections in the bidding in the interest of the Corporation.

The FSM Department of Transportation, Communications & Infrastructure hosts Emergency Telecommunications Cluster Workshop with UN World Food Program; Terms of Reference & 2020 Action Plan Developed

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—From February 19th, 2020 to February 20th, 2020 the FSM Department of Transportation, Communications, & Infrastructure (DTC&I) hosted an Emergency Telecommunications Cluster (ETC) workshop with the United Nations World Food Program. Inclusive of attendees such as FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC), the FSM Telecommunications Regulation Authority (TRA), Micronesia Red Cross, the Weather Service Office, Pohnpei Port Authority, the Department of Environment, Climate Change, & Emergency Management (DECCEM), and the FSM State Disaster Coordination Offices, the purpose of the workshop was to explore how the FSM presently communicates to citizens during national emergencies and crises and to determine means of improvement. The primary outcomes of the workshop included the development of the FSM's ETC Cluster Terms of Reference as well as an Action Plan for the remainder of 2020.

The workshop began with opening remarks from the Honorable Carlson D. Apis, Secretary of DTC&I. "The FSM Telecom Act of 2014 points

to the provision of disaster relief services under the universal access policy while the National [Information & Communications Technology/ICT] Policy of 2012 outlines the use of improved public safety through ICT, specifically disaster communications, as one of the FSM's strategies," Secretary Apis said. "Our aim today is to strengthen national and state coordination in the area of emergency telecommunications."

Following the Secretary's remarks, Dr. Hlekiwe Kachali, ETC Coordinator for the United Nations World Food Program's Pacific Office, presented the agenda—including topics such as: what is ETC?, how is ETC implemented in the Pacific?, and what is the FSM's ETC policy? Antholino Neth, Assistant Secretary at FSM DECCEM, presented on FSM and FSM State coordination—particularly with respect to natural disasters. This was followed by the FSM State Disaster Coordination Officers sharing best practices and experiences, and then a series of emergency simulation exercises.

At the conclusion of the workshop, the attendees developed an ETC Terms of Reference and an FSM ETC Action Plan for 2020.

The purpose of ETC is to strengthen overall response capacity and effectiveness. An ETC is a network of humanitarian organizations (e.g. Red Cross), Government organizations (e.g. DECCEM), and private sector organizations working together to provide shared communications services in humanitarian emergencies, such as natural disasters (e.g. typhoons, tsunamis), and public health emergencies (e.g. COVID-19, Measles), etc.

"Communications are difficult because they require explanation," Dr. Kachali said. "You don't need to explain why logistics are important to someone, or what they are. If you leave your house to go to the office, that's logistics. You don't need to tell people why a hospital is necessary. But communications...can be invisible, and if they're invisible they don't get resources."

Dr. Kachali gave multiple examples of how common alerting protocols (i.e. the same messages being disseminated across television, radio, text messages, and the internet) have magnified and assisted emergency services in the past, both in the Pacific and elsewhere in the World, and how communications blackouts similarly devastate emergency response capacity to implement necessary services.

"You can have the best technology—but if the procedures don't work, it won't matter," Dr. Kachali said. "If you try to call a remote island, and the satellite phone isn't charged, or the radio is off, or the radio is broken—that's why you need a Plan A, a Plan B, a Plan C, all the way to Plan Z, and Standard Operating Procedures."

His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the FSM, noted his enthusiastic support for the FSM to develop its own ETC Cluster, including its Terms of Reference and Action Plan, and for engaging the Pacific region through best ETC practices.

"Lack of information, misinformation, and conflicting information harm individuals and societies, in times of peace and most assuredly in times of emergency," President Panuelo said. "I am confident that if the FSM has superior ETC practices that some of our communications issues during this Public Health Emergency for coronavirus wouldn't have occurred, and I am equally confident that superior ETC practices will save lives and livelihoods during the next natural disaster."

"I give the FSM's ETC Cluster my explicit blessing of support and encourage all partners and stakeholders to work together for the common good of our Micronesian Nation."

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Public Announcement

Pohnpei Port Authority is soliciting Sealed Bids Sales open to the public for the following items provided below:

1. 25-footer Boston Whaler fiberglass boat (Aton) with two 150 Yamaha horse power outboard motors.

Viewing and Bid starts on February 27, 2020 to March 17, 2020 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at Pohnpei Port Authority seaport division. For detail information, please contact Mr. Baron Mendiola email address at baron.mendiola@ppa.fm or call Pohnpei Port Authority Seaport division at phone No: 320-2793 or 320-2682 during working hours.

The Sealed Bid shall be conducted under the following conditions:

- Property sold on as it is where is basis for cash payment without refund or warranty;
- Purchaser shall pay any customs duties, local taxes or other charges imposed by the government of Pohnpei or FSM.
- Successful bidder must pay the full bid amount in cash, exact amount, no later than March 20, 2020.
- All fully paid items must be removed from the Pohnpei Port Authority premises immediately following payment;
- Pohnpei Port Authority reserves the rights to reject any or all the bids;

American retiree hopes to develop permaculture demonstration site for sustainable living

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

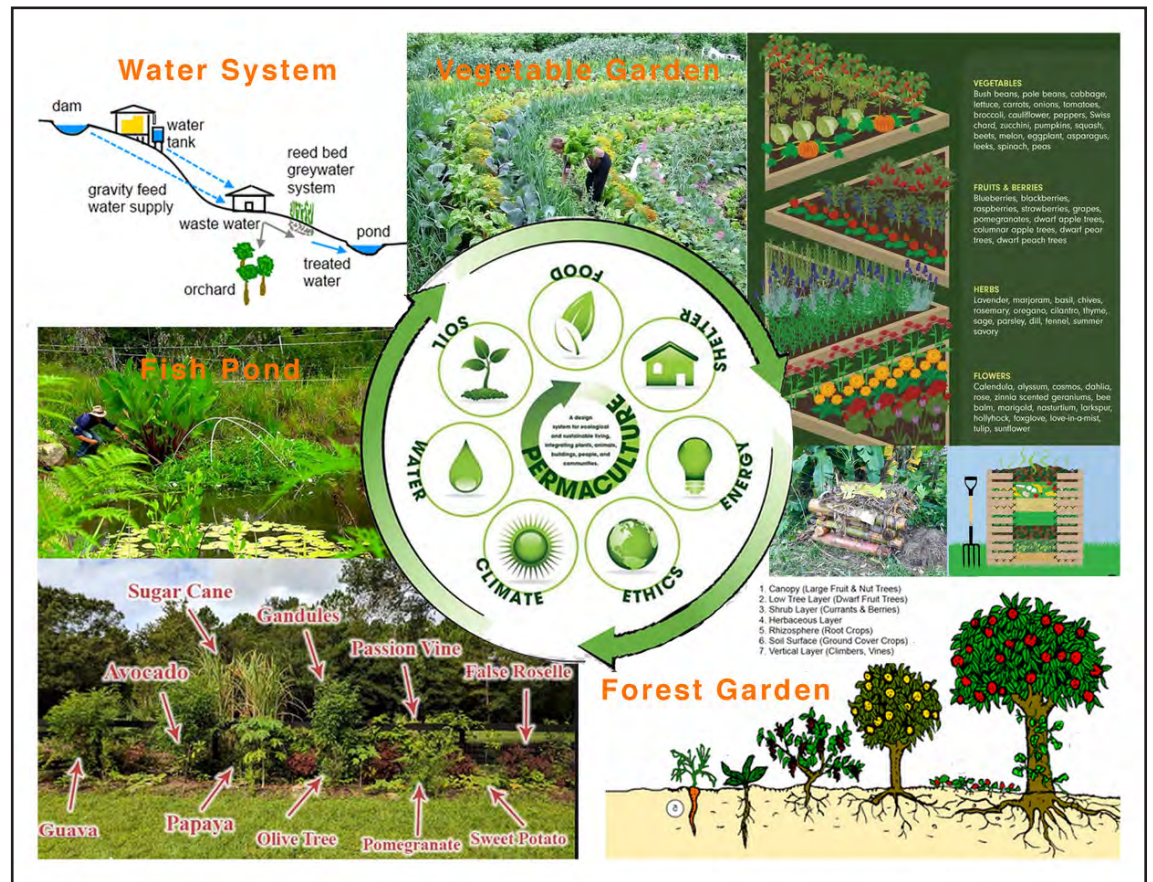
Pohnpei—“Permaculture” isn’t all that easy to explain but the idea seems, on the face of it, to be a good one—a self-sustaining homestead. Marek Albrecht, a US citizen of Polish origin who has retired to Pohnpei thinks it’s an idea that would work here and wants to set up a demonstration center to help people here to put in their own infrastructure to live “off the grid” in a sustainable way.

“I wouldn’t want to be in their shoes,” Albrecht says speaking of Pohnpei young people who he says he wants to reach out to. “Imported food is too expensive and who knows if it will always be able to be shipped? So this is sort of my gift to the next generation.”

He calls it the Pohnpei Homestead Project. Once he identifies a site for the demonstration center, he plans to build the structures from recycled and locally grown materials such as bamboo. It would be open to the public for instructional purposes. There he would teach about composting, water purification systems, low effort agricultural methods, biogas, solar energy and other concepts to build a self sufficient homestead.

He said that the project is a way for him to give back to the island. It is not intended to be a profit center for him. He said that he is funding it himself.

He arrived in Pohnpei four months ago and since then has been doing some agricultural experimentation to determine the best and most productive type of soil and composting methods.



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Educational Talent Search Program- College of Micronesia-FSM, CTEC

Caroleen Eliam Becomes Pohnpei State Spelling Bee Champion; Jerishameri Benjamin, Jadea Gene Salvador, and Teeshantra Amor Runners-Up

KOLONIA, Pohnpei—On February 11th, 2020 the COM-FSM Educational Talent Search Program (TSP), in partnership with Pohnpei Rotary Club, Pohnpei Department of Education and Pohnpei Catholic School, held the 6th Annual Pohnpei State Scripps Spelling Bee at the Pohnpei State Legislative Chamber. The Champion of the 6th Pohnpei State Spelling Bee is Ms. Caroleen Eliam, representing Ohmine Elementary School, with Runners-Up include Jerishameri Benjaming (Ohmine), Jadea Gene Salvador (Saladak), and Teeshantra Amor (Sapwalap). These four students will represent Pohnpei State at the Scripps Spelling Bee Regional in Guam on March 7th, 2020.

After an opening by Mr. Diopulos Diopulos who served as the emcee, and an invocation by Bernadita Benavente Helstrom, Principal of Pohnpei Catholic School, CTEC Dean, Mr. Grilly Jack, of the College of Micronesia provided

welcoming remarks.

Attendees of the 6th Pohnpei State Spelling Bee enjoyed fifty-four (54) rounds of spelling. The Championship word was “totipotency”, which is the ability of a cell to differentiate into any other type of cell and thus form a new organism OR to regenerate any part of an organism.

Facilitated by Mrs. Kamleen Sam, the 6th Pohnpei State Spelling Bee included Mr. Patrick Petrus as the Pronouncer, Elder Blake as the Assistant Pronouncer, Ms. Phyllis Silbanus as the Judge, and Ms. Terleen Shelten & Ms. Drystal Silbanus as the Record Keepers.

Prior to the State Bee on February 11th, which consisted of champion spellers from schools across the State, were the School Bees. In this respect, TSP recognizes the following students as School Bee Winners:

1. Ohmine Elementary School—

Caroleen Elmera Eliam (7th grade), Jerishameri Benjaming (8th grade), & Ioreen Lopez (8th grade);

2. Kolonia Elementary School—Omar Kenyon Santos (8th grade), Grace Aldis (8th grade), & Chirstenson Nelper (8th grade);

3. Nett Elementary School—Lana S. Lucios (8th grade), Cailyn Ponapart (8th grade), & Hector David (8th grade);

4. Awak Elementary School—Lora Victor (8th grade), Deshawn Obed (8th grade), & Elray Silbanuz (5th grade);

5. Saladak Elementary School—Jadea Gene Salvador (8th grade), Sean Dae Amor (7th grade), & Lilly Jean Alex (8th grade);

6. Lukop Elementary School—Louisandra Ladore Sahle (8th grade), Kayleen Usor (8th grade), & Hasten Valentine (8th grade);

7. Sapwalap Elementary School—Haley Jonathan (7th grade), Teeshantra Amor (7th grade), J-marisha Dee Redes (8th grade);

8. Pohnpei Catholic School—Gabriela Gallen (5th grade), Jasma Rose Ringlen (6th grade), Sheridan Giltama (8th grade);

9. Nanpei Memorial School—Danylove Tom (8th grade), Itleen Santos (8th grade), Herbieshae Santos (8th grade).

TSP notes that the nine schools that held School Bees are all schools that are either Level Three or Level Four per the FSM School Accreditation Procedures. Further, the Champion and Runners-up are all students at Level Four schools per the FSM School Accreditation Procedures. TSP encourages schools presently at Level One or Level Two to implement School Bees as part of their regular extracurricular academic programming.

Congratulations to all for their participation and for making the 6th Pohnpei State Spelling Bee a success!

Employment Opportunity

Opening date: February 24, 2020

Closing Date: March 23, 2020

Coconuts for Life (C4L) Chuuk State Outreach Assistant (OA)

Under the supervision of the Chuuk C4L Coordinator, this individual is responsible for all outreach preparations and minute-taking in all community outreach meetings conducted by the MCT Chuuk Livelihood Office. The work involves other direct contact with MCT staff, local program partners, communities as well as assisting any other MCT project(s) in Chuuk that may be required. A skilled OA will perform tasks required by the project including assisting with BSS (Business Support Services) trainings that will take place upon the establishment of PGS groups in Chuuk State. This individual will be essential in assisting the Chuuk Coordinator in reaching the reach goals set out in the contract between MCT and Vital.

Summary of activities include:

- Assist the Coordinator to ensure that all C4L activities, adhering to the MCT Gender, Social and Environmental Risk Management policies and associated processes.
- Assist Coordinator in reviewing the Participatory Guarantee System Handbook and provide input as appropriate to the State of Chuuk.
- Assist with the delivery of capacity support for his/her host agency, with the aim to graduate the state program into a self-reliant support service entity to PGS farmers groups.
- Assist the Chuuk Coordinator implementation of the PGS formation, registration, and participation in the C4L trade in his/her assigned state.
- Assist the Coordinator with PGS trainings for those communities who are ready to receive them as assigned by the LPM.
- Assist with development of a 3-5 year schedule of community outreach, engagement and training as pertains to his or her state.



Qualifications

- Education:** At least a 2-year university degree in environmental fields, Environmental Economics, Business Administration or similar field.
- Experience:** At least 2 years of relevant experience in development work, which should include project management and community outreach.
- Managerial skills** Excellent analytical and writing skills
Excellent teamwork and people management skills.
Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
Good negotiation and problem-solving skills.
- Language requirements:** Fluency in English and Chuukese.
- IT skills** Proficiency in standard computer software (word-processing, excel, presentations, databases and internet)

SALARY AND BENEFITS:

This is an entry level position. The individual selected will be eligible for MCT's benefits including, health and life insurance and retirement plan. Salary will depend on experience and qualifications and will be negotiated upon selection. MCT offers salaries comparable to, or higher than, other employers of its type in Micronesia. **Full TOR available upon request.**

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The National and State campuses offer various programs in Career and Technical Education (CTE). A mandate for the State campuses is to offer CTE training programs that meet the needs of the local communities. The CTE certificate programs offer a chance to develop technical skills and provide a pathway for future training, education, and employment.

CTE Programs are not always available at a particular campus, but are offered on demand when qualified instructors and appropriate facilities are available. New initiatives include the addition of associate of applied science degree programs and the apprenticeship program, which are in response to the need for highly skilled workforce. These programs prepare students for technical employment.

Another initiative is the use of technology in the delivery of the associate of applied science degree programs in telecommunications, electronics and building technology. In addition to fulltime programs, the State Campuses also offer customized industry training to meet specific labor force needs and demands.

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