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Pomp and controversy at Xiamen conference on trade, tourism and investment

By Bill Jaynes
 The Kaselehlie Press
 Xiamen, China -

Beginning on September 6 leaders from Pacific Island nations gathered in Xiamen, China for a five day conference on trade, tourism, and investment. The conference that the public saw was full of pomp and spectacle with all dignitaries present.



Chinese performers and fireworks celebrate China's fast economic growth

At the opening ceremony, all of the Pacific Islanders delivered addresses to the gathered crowd from island nations. While most of the speakers used the time to thank China for projects that had been given to their islands some used the time for subtle digs. Deputy Prime Minister Misa Telefoni Retzlaff of Samoa thanked China for not forcing an agenda on the Pacific Island nations and called them a true friend, a remark that earned him a short lecture from representatives of the Australian government later that day. He repeated the same statement at another meeting the following day.

He also challenged Pacific Island leaders to remember that the success of leaders should be judged not by the standard of living of people at the highest economic echelons of society but by the standard of living of those at the lowest.

FSM's Secretary for Resources

and Development Peter Christian also spoke. His time was limited because other speakers took much longer than their allotted time. He used his short time to say that FSM's relationship with China was established because of a dire need not by choice. He said that over time the FSM had come to appreciate the relationship and that now it is by choice.

He reminded the Chinese of their own proverb that says "A tree that grows slowly bears good fruit." He said that if that is the way that Pacific Islands move forward toward economic growth then it will take a century just to catch up.

He said that Christians believe that God made the world and it was good "but then God made one mistake" when he made man and the world is suffering for it with global warming, food shortages, and the high cost of oil. Those factors could wipe out the development that the Pacific islands have achieved so far,



he said and Pacific Islands are the first to get hit by the problems. He said that because of where we are and what we don't have it takes Pacific islands longer to recover.

He said that China had shown a real interest in Pacific island countries and thanked them for it.

He closed by saying that he hoped that the result of the conference wouldn't be a "one size fits all solution," and reminded the leaders that bilateral talks are important.

Indeed, the real work of the conference seemed to be taking place in smaller rooms through bi-lateral talks away from the mass meeting halls. Secretary Christian signed a substantial agreement for China to provide doctors to Chuuk in a meeting of that type.

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Chuuk Travel Section contributing to misuse of funds says ONPA

By BILL JAYNES
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Palikir, Pohnpei -
 An audit issued by the FSM's Office of the National Public Auditor (ONPA) on August 28, 2008 says that the Travel Section of the Chuuk State Government did not do its job to protect travel funds from misuse and abuse in 2006 and 2007. The Travel Section is charged with handling the details of insuring that travel is properly approved, records are kept, and collections are performed for advances issued for travel.

Chuuk State budgeted \$536,762 for travel in 2006. They actually spent \$388,276. For reasons unknown the budget for travel was increased for 1997 to \$796,961 for 2007. The State spent only \$347,433 that year.

The preliminary survey for the audit revealed several questions concerning travel by DOE personnel. As a result the travel vouchers auditors chose for review were mostly for travel vouchers of that department. ONPA said "however, since the Travel Section processes travel forms from all departments and offices in

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Journalists from 59 Countries Gather in China

By Bill Jaynes
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 Beijing, China - 59 countries were represented by journalists from developing countries in a seminar for journalists hosted by the Chinese Government in

Beijing at the Training Center complex for China's Radio, Film, and Television industry. Journalists from South America, Africa, the Middle East, Pacific Island countries and Asian countries gathered to hear from

top media officials in the Chinese Government and to share ideas amongst themselves.

Journalist from the Pacific islands met in Xiamen to witness and to cover the Trade, Tourism, and Investment conference of South Pacific Islands before traveling to Beijing. The FSM, though not a South Pacific Island was represented

there both by government leaders and media representatives. Kester James was the media representative from the National Government, John Hasimai represented Yap, and Bill Jaynes of the Kaselehlie Press represented Pohnpei.

For Pacific Island journalists the seminar began on September 6 and will end on September 25.



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DOUBLE WHAMMY FOR ISLANDERS

Soaring fuel, food prices monumental train wreck

By Asterio Takesy

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write this, oil prices have just soared to over US\$145 a barrel and a gallon of gasoline has risen to more than US\$4 a gallon in the US and over US\$9 a gallon in French Polynesia.

Record price levels have become an almost weekly occurrence throughout the world and the Pacific is no exception.

At the same time, food prices also are soaring and shortages are becoming common in some regions. Signs point to these trends converging to form a monumental train wreck for the world's people and environment in the coming months.

For years countries with large agricultural sectors have touted biofuels as a means to reduce reliance on petroleum.

For years crops grown for these purposes represented only a small portion of total output. However, growing price and environmental pressures have resulted in greater reliance on biofuels as a lower-cost

and, some argue, cleaner alternative.

Unfortunately, shifting agricultural production to biofuels has adversely impacted world food supplies and prices. At the same time energy costs have reached record levels, global food prices have also soared and shortages of some key commodities have become common.

Not surprisingly, it is the poorest who bear the brunt of this "double-whammy."

The food crisis has led to increasingly vocal protests in many nations and prompted the FAO (Food and Agricultural Organisation) to meet in an emergency session last June in Rome.

Many place much of the blame for the crisis on the shift to biofuels.

Touted by some as an environmentally-friendly way to reduce the use of fossil fuels and carbon emissions, biofuels have recently lost much of their lustre.

Indeed, the degree of environmental benefit of these technologies, if any, has become the subject of consider-

able worldwide debate.

But with a powerful agricultural lobby group pushing for wider use, the issue is not likely to go away any time soon.

The rising demand from rapidly expanding economies, mainly in Asia, continued political instability in many countries, and other factors are responsible for the unprecedented fuel price rise. Many of the causes involve fundamental issues that are not likely to lessen anytime in the near future. Most experts concede that the high petroleum prices are here to stay, with many predicting prices may reach US\$200 a barrel by the end of the year.

This, of course, is a mixed blessing for the environment. On one hand, higher petroleum prices more than anything else will prompt the adoption of more efficient technologies and practices, and renew interest in renewable sources of energy.

For example, the trend toward ever-larger, gas-guzzling light trucks and sport utility vehicles as a primary mode of personal transportation in developed countries is coming to an abrupt end, and not a moment too soon.

Consumers in all countries now demand more fuel-efficient cars, including hybrids. Public transportation, carpooling and work-from-home have taken off as never before. These are all positive steps toward reducing our global carbon footprint.

On the other hand, it's difficult to see how the global food crisis can lead to any positive environmental outcome. More land will be converted to agriculture—accelerating

deforestation and land degradation issues worldwide.

Fish stocks, already a subject of great concern in the Pacific and elsewhere, will likely be depleted at a faster rate. Many of the most harmful pesticides and herbicides used in agriculture have gradually been phased out in the past 20 to 30 years.

With starvation threatening millions of people, there are new compelling pressures to increase yield at any cost. Clearly, the world risks a return to the "silent spring" we thought was relegated to history.

Unfortunately, the world is now paying the price for most governments' slow acceptance of alternative energy sources.

The scramble is on for cheaper alternatives to petroleum, but many of these technologies require years of research and development to become viable.

It's not surprising, therefore, that biofuels have become so popular so quickly for those looking for a "quick fix".

The technology is available now and already in widespread use in even the poorest countries. In many cases, the Pacific islands have been leaders in adoption of these technologies, such as the use of coconut oil as a diesel substitute by Vanuatu for all its government vehicles or for buses and utility vehicles in Micronesia.

In 2007 alone, the power utility in Vanuatu (UNELCO) used more than a million litres of copra oil for power generation.

In Fiji, sugar processing continues
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Global warming threatens Asia-Pacific security, warns Australian PM

Kevin Rudd announces increase in defence spending in response to accelerating arms race in region

Food and water shortages caused by global warming could lead to military conflict among the Asia-Pacific's emerging superpowers such as China and India, the Australian prime minister, Kevin Rudd, warned today.

Australia needed to strengthen its armed forces in response to an "explosion" in defence spending in Asia, he said. There was a growing arms race in the Asia-Pacific, and economic and political conflicts could lead to military confrontation, he said.

"Militarily ... as it has already become economically and politically, the Asia-Pacific will become a much more contested region," Rudd said.

Among the emerging challenges to Australia's security were the "increased militarisation" of the region and "preparing for the new challenges of energy security and anticipating the impact of climate change on long-term food and water security," he said. "Population, food, water and energy resource pressures will be great."

While the Asia-Pacific would increasingly be linked economically, the Australian prime

minister said, long-standing disputes - such as those between North and South Korea and between China and

Taiwan - were likely to remain potential flashpoints for conflict.

Rudd announced that Australia's defence budget would increase by 3% annually for a decade, and said strengthening the navy was the country's military priority.

"There is an arms build-up across the Asia-Pacific region and Australia therefore must look at the long-term future at the same time as advancing our diplomacy," he said.

Neil James, the executive director of independent thinktank the Australian Defence Association, said that due to inflation the spending increase would not be enough to maintain Australia's current military capability, let alone expand it.

"Australia underspent on defence for about three decades, so the current increases are really a catch-up," said James.

Rudd said Australia would strengthen security cooperation with Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore, while maintaining its defence alliance with the United States as the bedrock of its security policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Federated States of Micronesia and Republic of the Marshall Islands, Micronesia Cable Project: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

Agency: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

Action: Notice of finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS), an agency that administers the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Utilities Programs, has received applications from the Federated States of Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC) and the Marshall Islands National Telecommunications Authority (MINTA) to finance submerged, powered fiber-optic cable segments and attendant infrastructure to serve Pohnpei Island, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and Majuro Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI). The cable segments are part of a larger proposal known as the Micronesia Cable System (MCS), the purpose of which is to provide upgraded telecommunications services connecting Guam, and Kwajalein, RMI. The upgraded services are needed to provide faster and more reliable transmission, capacity for future growth, lower costs, and less reliance on satellite communications.

ADDRESSES: The environmental assessment (EA) and FONSI are available for public review at USDA Rural Development, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-1571; at the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, Redstone Arsenal, Building 5220, Huntsville, AL 35898, Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807-3801; and at the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Reagan Test Site, P.O. Box 26, APO AP 96555-2526. To obtain copies of the EA or for further information, contact: Richard Fristik, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, USDA, Rural Development, Utilities Programs, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, Telephone (202) 720-5093 or e-mail: richard.fristik@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The portion of the MCS that would connect Guam and Kwajalein comprises a marine route of approximately 1570 miles; the branching segment to Pohnpei is approximately 107 miles, while the segment to Majuro is approximately 300 miles. The deepwater cable has an outside diameter of <1 inch; armored cable with diameters of 1.5-2 inches would be used for shore landings and in waters progressing in depth from 330 to 4900 feet. Repeaters would be necessary to maintain signal strength throughout the system; these would be spaced every 30 miles, and would be encased in housings typically 13 inches in diameter and up to 18 feet in length. The cable would lay on the ocean floor but would be buried or encased as necessary for protection once it reached a specified depth from a shore landing; this depth would vary according to reef structure, slope, and environmental factors. Burial/encasement would also minimize the threat of electrical shock to humans and marine organisms in near shore areas. Once on land, the cable would be buried in new trenches, but in existing

rights-of-way or other disturbed ground wherever possible. One new building would be required on Pohnpei to house line terminating equipment; the building would be constructed adjacent to a similar, existing structure.

Alternatives considered by RUS and the applicants included: a) no action; b) purchase of additional satellite communication bandwidth; c) alternative cable landing methods; and, d) alternative routes and/or locations for cable landing.

RUS was a cooperating agency with the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (USASMDC) in the preparation of the EA. USASMDC is the proponent and lead U.S. agency for the main segments and for the segment and associated cable landing site extending to Kwajalein Islet. USASMDC's proposed action is in overseeing the installation and operation of the MCS, while RUS's proposed action is the decision to approve or not approve financial assistance for the proposed branching segments to Pohnpei and Majuro. The USASMDC distributed the EA (and draft FONSI) for public and agency comment, with the 30-day comment period ending on June 5, 2006; no comments were received. The notice of availability was placed in the Marshall Islands Journal and Kwajalein Hourglass newspapers, and was made available for review at the following libraries: Alele Public Library, P.O. Box 629, Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands 96960; Majuro Public Library, Majuro, MH; Grace Sherwood Library, P.O. Box 23, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, APO, A.P. 96555; Roi-Namur Library, Roi-Namur, Marshall Islands 96557; and, Pohnpei Public Library, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941. USASMDC issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on June 28, 2006.

RUS received loan applications from FSMTC and MINTA in June and July, 2008. Based on the findings of the EA pertaining to the Majuro and Pohnpei branching segments, RUS has determined that the proposal will not have a significant impact on the human environment, and that an environmental impact statement (EIS) will not be prepared. RUS has also determined that this finding of no significant impact fulfills its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1500-1508), and RUS' Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1794).

Dated: September 3, 2008

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Rural Utilities Service

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The other members of the FSM delegation at the conference heard that the deal had been signed for several days and we were promised details about the agreement that never materialized.

The Kaselehlie Press was allowed to be present when Secretary Christian met with the Special Envoy from China's Department of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Wang Yong Qiu.

While no other leader at the conference brought up the subject of the One China Policy Ambassador Wang quickly during the meeting thanked the FSM for sticking by the policy that does not recognize Taiwan as a separate country. He told Secretary Christian that with new leadership in Taiwan cross strait relationships had been getting better for the last three months and that they hoped things would continue to improve in the future.

Some have been speculating that if China and Taiwan's relationship improves it would mean that neither country would need to compete for the attentions of Pacific Island countries through aid programs. Ambassador Wang said that China should do more and that because of their economic growth they can do more.

He reminded Secretary Christian that the FSM is only one of two countries that has not submitted an application for a concessional loan. He said that he was surprised about that since most countries wanted as much help as they can get. He said that Nigeria, for instance wanted a \$2 billion loan and that they didn't care about the terms they just needed cash to stimulate the economy. They didn't receive that loan but they certainly wanted it.

Secretary Christian during his turn to speak reminded the Ambassador that China is not the only donor country to the FSM and that FSM had applied for a loan from China to establish PetroCorp, the new FSM fuel supplier in the FSM but that China said that the \$10 million they needed for the project was too small for the concessional loan.

As to the one China policy he said that the FSM would hold to that policy and that he is cognizant of diplomacy but that the one China policy would not keep the FSM from pursuing business interests in Taiwan if that is where they need to go in order to solve problems. He said that the FSM government would not have government meetings in Taiwan but they would continue to have business contacts there and in China as well.

He pursued the topic of transportation services in the FSM and told Ambassador Wang that he wants to speak to an airline in China that could potentially service the FSM as a second gateway that would bypass the US border controls

by flying through the Philippines.

He thanked them for their continued interest in small projects in the FSM like the pilot farm in Pohnpei. He adamantly requested that China not close that project as they are currently talking about doing.

He mentioned two fishing companies from China that want to come to the FSM and said that the FSM would work with China on that but that he wanted to be sure that the FSM would benefit from the proposals and that it might take some time.

He spoke of the memorandum of understanding that was signed three months ago with China that establishes the FSM as a tourist destination for Chinese citizens. He said that after he signed it he didn't sleep worrying about what would happen if all 1.4 billion people from China came to the FSM. "We would sink."

As is diplomatic practice, Ambassador Wang was to be the last to speak. He said that he was concerned about moving too fast on tourism until the infrastructure is in place. Those that take vacations to places like the FSM are those who are wealthy. If the infrastructure is not in place then tourists will return to China with a negative report and people will stop coming.

One of the themes that was repeatedly constantly at the conference was the speed at which China's economy grew after they opened their doors to outside investors thirty years ago and Ambassador Wang was no exception. He began to explain why China's economy has grown.

Secretary Christian interrupted him and said that the reason their economy grew is because the country was closed for so many years before they opened up and that maybe the FSM should do the same and close its borders to outside businesses and then open them up some time later. He said that the FSM doesn't want to have a vibrant economy that it doesn't own.

Ambassador Wang reassumed control of the conversation and said that China's growth was the result of three "p's": 1) political stability, 2) policy, he said that the policy before China opened its doors in 1978 kept its people poor and, 3) people, "Chinese people work hard because they are working for their future."

The investment, trade and tourism conference continued on with more flourishes including a Tuesday night fireworks display and performance with a cast of hundreds. Once again the theme was the people's gratitude for China's quick economic development.

...Food and Fuel Prices

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apace with ethanol derived from the bagasse now helping to supplement petrol imports, while its energy experts are studying technologies used by other countries to produce ethanol from cassava.

These are some positive examples of how biofuels can be a viable and environmentally sound alternative to fossil fuels. In these cases, languishing agricultural industries were given new life, emissions-spewing diesel engines were taken off the roads and less fossil fuels burnt for generating electricity.

Yet not all is bright. The greenhouse gas contribution of biofuels versus fossil fuels has been hotly debated with many arguing it's a draw. Some, however, have argued that some types of biofuels are actually even worse for the environment than petroleum.

Biofuels are particularly problematic for those parts of the world already vulnerable to fluctuations in food supply.

In some areas, plots of land traditionally used for food crops have been replaced with huge farming operations exclusively for biofuels.

This, along with the ever-present and

growing population pressures and growing prosperity, has resulted in a greater demand for more food than can be met.

Controversy aside, biofuel production—if locally produced and consumed—could be quite sustainable in the Pacific. Recent studies in Fiji, Vanuatu and Marshall Islands suggest it is possible.

However, each biofuel project needs to be carefully analysed for its impact on food security as well as employment, and biofuels for export raises a whole other set of issues.

But for local production and use there are a lot of benefits that could be attained such as fuel security, employment creation and reclamation of fallow agricultural land.

Obviously, great caution is needed in the push towards biofuels as a petroleum replacement.

However, we must be careful to not dismiss their value entirely. Second-generation biofuels (and beyond), while in the very early stages of development, offer great hope for real and sustainable alternatives to fossil fuel use, in particular recent research on algae.

ANNOUNCEMENT
The Law Office of
Fredrick L. Ramp is
pleased to announce
that
Kasio "Kembo"
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is joining the firm as
an attorney
effective
September 15, 2008

...Travel voucher abuse

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a similar manner, our findings and recommendations are applicable to all other employees' travel advances, liquidation and outstanding travel advances for the other departments, offices, and agencies of the Chuuk State Government.

The audit was hampered by the existence of three separate sets of written regulations and policies for travel. The Chuuk State Attorney General was consulted for a formal legal opinion on which set of regulations should be used. They were different from the ones that staff members of the Department of Administrative Services, to which the Travel Section reports, said that they had been using.

The Director for the Department of Administrative services during the period under review was Winiplat Bisalen. After Gillian Doone took that position he approved the write-off of outstanding travel advances which are carried as receivables totaling \$119,364 due to various reasons such as death, inactive employment, and unknown whereabouts of the employees who previously traveled ostensibly on behalf of the government.

Chuuk State regulations require that travelers submit travel vouchers and supporting documents along with any reimbursements that may be due within 10 days upon returning from a trip. 45 percent of ONPA's selected sample of DOE travel vouchers were submitted late by 40 to 169 days. Of 47 traveler vouchers reviewed for travelers attending the 2007 Pacific Educational Conference (PEC) 39 travelers

had not filed travel vouchers by the time of the audit 115 days later. Part of the problem was a new requirement by the US Office of Insular Affairs that hotel receipts be provided to justify per diem for travel. The audit said that the Chuuk Compact Funds Control Commission said that each of the travel vouchers each had a notification attached to them notifying the travelers of the change.

Of a sample of vouchers tested worth \$80,217 none of the travelers had been notified by Travel Section employees of the overdue account as that office is required to do. Further, several travelers who had outstanding travel vouchers were issued additional travel vouchers for later trips. Some had been issued travel vouchers for as many as four additional trips.

At the end of 2006 there was \$303,963 in outstanding travel vouchers at Chuuk State. By the end of 2007 that figure had increased to \$479,236 before Gillian Doone authorized the write off of \$119,364 in uncollectable travel vouchers.

The Travel Section did not maintain proper files. They processed unauthorized transactions, miscalculated travel advances, processed travel vouchers without adequate documentation and mischarged expenses to the wrong accounts. 36 percent of sampled vouchers had inadequate documentation. By way of example, ONPA said that one voucher was paid that included a car receipt in the name of a person other than the traveler. Others were paid that had missing receipts for conference registration fees.

ONPA said that current regulations don't require attendance certificates for participation in conferences but that without them it is difficult to tell with certainty that the funded travelers actually attended the seminar or conference the state paid for them to attend. The auditor said that though they were able to obtain confirmation from an official of the program that the 107 Chuuk employees who attended the 2006 and 2007 PEC conference in Honolulu did register there was no way to verify whether the travelers attended the various segments of the conference. The travel cost for the two conferences was \$316,967.

Some travelers had extended stays with paid per diems for each of the days.

As examples, 16 vouchers were issued for attendance at a 4 day PEC in Palau for varying stays lasting from 10 to 15 days.

Another traveler attending a three day Pacific Rim Conference on Disability was paid full per diem for 14 days in Honolulu.

Chuuk Director of Education, Sanfio A. Sony said that the problem was due to Chuuk's practice of paying for airline tickets at the last minute and having to take the flights that were still available. He said that they had tried to solve the problem.

ONPA said that the PEC was for teachers and educators, yet a significant number of travelers were administrators and secretaries. In 2006 only 25 percent of the participants were teachers. In 2007 only 30% were teachers. Sony said that everyone that works at the Department of Education has an effect on a child's educa-

tion not just teachers.

People hired as computer operators were sent to a seminar on Basic Microsoft Office Training at a cost of \$8,801. The auditor said that people hired as computer operators should already have that basic knowledge.

The Department of Education provided funding to send 20 employees to Pohnpei for training in various levels of Microsoft Office. They spent \$34,552 to do it. The Chuuk campus of the College of Micronesia charges \$800 per participant for classes in the use of Microsoft Office. The auditor pointed out that DOE could have sent 42 people to the class in Weno rather than sending 20 to Pohnpei for the training.

The auditor suggested that training alternatives could improve the effectiveness of travel and training funds. ONPA suggested that rather than sending large delegations off island for training other methods should be looked into. He named three: Bring-the-trainer, train-the-trainer, and obtain training locally.

As a parting shot, the auditor pointed out that a traveler under current practices is paid per diem for a full day that includes the day that the traveler leaves their destination for home. Though they spend that night at home they are given money for a hotel for that night. He suggested that travelers only be given per diem for meals on the last travel day.

The full audit can be found at the Office of the National Public Auditors website at www.fsmopa.fm.



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**Global Environment Facility - Small Grants Programme
Micronesia Subregional Office
(Palau, FSM, Marshall Islands)
Vacancy Announcement**



Position: Subregional
Coordinator

Salary: NO-B Classification
(Depending upon qualification)

Opening Date: August 25,
2008

Closing Date: September 26,
2008

Location: Hosted by
Micronesia Conservation Trust in
Pohnpei, Federated States of
Micronesia

****It is the policy for this post that qualified nationals of Palau, FSM and Marshall Islands are given priority consideration****

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(ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY):**

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IT Skills: Proficiency in standard computer software (word-processing, excel, presentations, databases and internet)

**Palau Micronesia Challenge Endowment Gets
\$1 Million Boost**

Momentum gaining as other donors pledge assistance

Koror, Palau – In recognition of the extraordinary progress it has made in establishing and sustainably funding their national protected areas network as part of their commitment to the Micronesia Challenge, the Republic of Palau is scheduled to receive a check for \$1 million from The Nature Conservancy (TNC). The check, which will be handed over to President Tommy Remengesau during a high-level event in Koror, Palau, on September 10, is the first payment of the organization's \$3 million pledge to sustainable funding for the Micronesia Challenge. Similar funds have also been pledged by Conservation International.

Remengesau said that the national government of Palau will invest the \$1 million, along with \$2 million they have raised from other public and private sources, to launch a permanent Micronesia Challenge Endowment managed by the Micronesia Conservation Trust, a regional not-for-profit organization. Based on financial planning efforts being undertaken by the various Micronesian jurisdictions, the target for this endowment is anticipated to eventually be \$100 million.

"This pledge demonstrates the serious commitment the Republic of Palau and The Nature Conservancy have made to the Challenge and our dedication to effectively preserve our important natural habitats," said President Remengesau. "More importantly, in addition to serving as an inspiration to Palau, the financial commitment by TNC has already begun to leverage significant sources of international funding from the Global Environment Facility and other private individuals, agencies, organizations and governments around the world. It is the proverbial pebble sending ripples across the world's oceans and Palau is proud that pebble came from its shores."

Already, the Micronesia Challenge, along with the Global Island Partnership – an international joint venture that assists islands in protecting their natural resources, has spurred more than

20 island countries throughout the Pacific, the Coral Triangle and the Caribbean to take more ambitious steps toward sustainable environmental conservation.

In addition to raising almost \$2 million on its own through both public and private funding, Palau became the first developing country in the world to enact a national Protected Area Network law. A key provision of the law establishes a \$30 visitor's fee, of which \$20 will go towards the sustainable financing mechanism of Palau's Protected Areas Network. The law takes effect on October 1, 2008.

President Remengesau added that this illustrates how a regional grassroots approach can be extremely successful in maximizing the capacity and ability of the region to access technical and funding assistance from various sources, and he called on the other Micronesia island nations to take advantage of the matching funds provided by the TNC and CI.

"The Micronesia Challenge is a tremendous example of how political will can transform the conservation landscape and inspire others to do the same," said Russell Leiman, The Nature Conservancy's Asia-Pacific Regional Director. "The global environmental leadership of President Remengesau and the Republic of Palau serves as an inspiration, not only to the region, but the rest of the world as well."

The Micronesia Challenge is a commitment by the Chief Executives of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands to effectively conserve at least 30% of the near-shore marine resources and 20% of the terrestrial resources across Micronesia by 2020. Covering 6.7 million square kilometers of ocean, the Micronesia Challenge represents more than 20% of the Pacific island region and 5% of the largest ocean in the world.

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LIBERATION 2008



Students and teachers from Pohnpei State ECE enjoy the day's festivities

By Michaela Corr

There was sweat, blood, and tears. Ok, well maybe there was no blood (at least none that I saw), but yesterday's Liberation Day Games illustrated Pohnpei athletics at its finest. After two weeks of rigorous training, student-athletes from PICS, Madolenihmw High School (MHS), and Nanpei Memorial High School (NMHS) congregated at the Pohnpei State Track and Field to do battle, undeterred by the merciless sun and sweltering humidity. There were no camera crews, no major sponsors, no state of the art facility. Instead of internationally-recognized athletes, there were local standouts; instead of technologically-superior footwear, there was a hodgepodge of hand-me-down-spikes, sneakers, and even some good ol' fashioned bare feet. Instead of individuals sacrificing their formative years for one race, there were bright-eyed youth eager to try something new. After four years of Division I athlet-

ics and an international track and field scene laden with scandal, I could not have found the Liberation Day Games more liberating. This was athletics in its purest form.

The day began at 10AM with a procession of athletes and coaches, as well as a welcoming ceremony, which included speeches from the Liberation Day elementary school speech contest and an exuberant belting of the national anthem by students from Pohnpei Early Childhood Education. After the opening rituals, the athletes jumped into their warm-up regimens, filling the air with an intensity that conveyed the ever-present rivalry between the schools. The running events kicked off with the 100 meter preliminaries, and was followed by the 1500 meters, 200 meter preliminaries, 800 meter preliminaries, and 400 meter preliminaries. After a brief lunch break, competitors returned for the finals in the 100, 200, 400 and 800, and the highly-anticipated 4X100 meter relay. While NMHS, notorious for its sprinters, claimed the men's 100 and 200 and the women's 100, 200, and 400, PICS

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ABOVE: Charles Edwin, Pohnpei State DOE Sports & Recreation Specialist, briefs athletes on race protocol before the 100 meter preliminaries BELOW LEFT: Athletes explode out of the blocks during the women's 100 meter preliminaries BELOW RIGHT: The 2008 Liberation Day banner hangs at the Pohnpei State Track and Field.



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made quite a presence in the middle-distance races, capturing victories in the men's 400, 800, and 1500, and the women's 1500. In the relay, the ladies from NMHS blew the competition off the track, assembling a quartet of the top sprinters from the 100 and 200 meter distances. For the

men, a tragic baton/water bottle drop during the final exchange cost NMHS the title, which was instead claimed by MHS.

The field attracted a talented bunch as well, seeing athletes from all three schools compete in the long and triple jumps. While PICS claimed

both men's titles, the women's jumps were split: NMHS went 1-2 in the long jump, while three PICS athletes went 1-2-2 in the triple jump (tie for second at 8.08 meters). The javelin throw was scratched from the meet due to a lack of implements.

Although the athletes' display of sheer determination inspired all who watched, they were not the only ones putting forth their best effort. Coaches from PICS, NMHS, and MHS, bus drivers,

Pohnpei State Department of Education employees, and various others volunteered their time and effort to make the Games such a success. And thanks is due to all spectators who encouraged the athletes with their presence and words of inspiration (and provided just as much entertainment as the competition itself).

During lunch, while a friend and I sought refuge in the stands from the near 100 degree heat, we watched elementary-age children flock to the track, running and jumping in spontaneous competition. We could only laugh as they clenched their teeth and flailed their extremities, set on claiming their place at the top of the podium. Children everywhere have heroes; this time, however, it wasn't Michael Jordan or LeBron James. This time, it was some local high school athlete from the 2008 Liberation Day Games. When that happens, everyone wins.



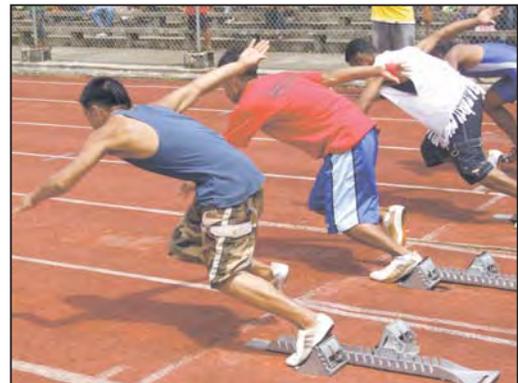
ECE students perform the Pohnpei State Anthem during the opening ceremonies



ABOVE: Competitors from NMHS (Kitti) run through their warm up stretches BELOW LEFT: An ECE student smiles for the camera BELOW RIGHT: Competitors use all their strength in the mens' 100 meter preliminaries



during the opening ceremony before the 4x100 meter relay



Letter to the Editor

Jessell Ruloma

Chuuk, FM

Dear Editor,

I've written to you before regarding my father's problem with the FSM SSA when they amended their law to only give the non-FSM non-residents the lump sum of what they contributed to the system. But until today I don't have anything else to do but ask for more help. Now my father worked from 1972 to 1989 in Chuuk, and was expecting a pension because the law stated he would be receiving monthly benefits when retired, but all of a sudden the law changed. Now, this changed clearly helps the future retirees, knowingly blocking the old workers of the past from getting their monthly benefits. And the lump sum isn't fair value because they won't give also the economical value of what my father contributed in the 70's and 80's. There are many things you can buy with \$1.00 then than now. His lump sum is around \$2800+. And they also used my father's contribution to gain interest as clearly printed in their website that they have a \$40 million investment portfolio in Hawaii. Why not apply the new law to those who are ready to opt out of the system? They have unfairly applied it to my father. Or they have made a mistake in their lawmaking.

As a contributor to the FSM SSA, I surely hope that the administration isn't corrupt that they are doing their changes to affect retirees. As a contributor to the FSM SSA, I would like to get a pension worthy when retired. And as a contributor to the FSM SSA although we are required by law, that we must require the FSM SSA to furnish public records of their expenses including payroll for every worker of the FSM SSA. They seemed to be profited most from other peoples' money. And they have the power to change the laws.

I just hope that the Micsem can do something about this to provide justice and fairness to those who clearly need them. I just wish that we have a lot of money and just don't mind about the change, but we don't and there are more of us. Going thru court is what the FSM SSA wants as when they clearly repeated denied my father's appeal for a monthly benefit or a better lump sum. But hiring a lawyer is very expensive and my father can not gamble for it. We just hope there's something like a declaratory complaint against the FSM SSA to consider amending this unlawful rule against my father. My father deserves a pension he thought he would be getting when retired.

That's all I have to write here. Don't have anywhere else to go.

Thanks for hearing me out and hopefully you can help us.

U.S. NAVY MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREAT OVER 3,500 IN POHNPEI

The Embassy of the United States of America

During the week of August 18-23, a visiting team of 26 military professionals from the United States Naval Hospital Ship USNS Mercy treated 3,567 patients in Pohnpei. This remarkable number represents over ten percent of the main island's total population. These patients received primary medical care, optometry, dental, pharmacy and physical therapy services during the clinics. Mercy dental professionals performed a total of 247 tooth extractions, 127 of these on adults and 120 of them on children. Mercy optical professionals treated 903 patients and distributed 759 pair of prescription reading glasses and 345 pair of sunglasses. Mercy pharmacists saw 2,414 patients and filled 4,673 prescriptions. Patients who were screened and found to be in need of more serious health treatment (such as medical, surgical or orthodontic procedures) were referred to the Pohnpei Department of Health Services for treatment.



In addition to the health care services delivered, two biotechnicians from the Mercy team also repaired the following medical equipment at the Pohnpei State Hospital: one blood bank refrigerator, one blood unit collector, one x-ray machine, two pulse oximeters, four dental curing light units, one dental chair, four portable dental units, one dental air compressor and one calposcope (used for cervical checkups). They also diagnosed malfunctions and recommended parts to be ordered to fix the hospital's embalming machine, dialysis machine and three additional dental curing light units.

The two technicians also provided on-the-job maintenance training to Pohnpei Hospital staff maintenance and personnel who work with these machines.

Officials from the Pohnpei State Governor's Office, Pohnpei Department of Health Services, Pohnpei Department of Education, together with Traditional Leaders and Municipal Government Officials from Kitti, Kolonia, Madolenihmw, Nett, Sokehs and U helped plan and execute the week's activities. Also instrumental in the success of the Mercy community outreach clinics in Pohnpei were volunteer translators and public health educators from the Pohnpei Department of Health Services and the Micronesian Red Cross Society. At each location Mercy military personnel worked side-by-side in close partnership with their Pohnpei counterparts in the screening, administration, treatment, and referral of patients.

U.S. NAVY MEDICAL PERSONNEL TREAT OVER 2,000 IN YAP

The Embassy of the United States of America

During the week of August 25-29, a visiting team of 26 military professionals from the United States Naval Hospital Ship USNS Mercy treated 2,288 patients in Yap. This number represents over twenty percent of the main island's total population. These patients received primary medical care, optometry, dental, pharmacy and physical therapy services. Mercy dental professionals performed 357 tooth extractions and other dental procedures. Mercy optical professionals treated 804 patients and distributed 738 pairs of prescription reading glasses and 212 pair of sunglasses. Mercy pharmacists saw 1,233 patients and filled 3,425 prescriptions. Patients who were screened and found to be in need of more serious health treatment, such as medical, surgical or orthodontic procedures, were referred to the Yap Department of Health Services for treatment.

In addition to the delivery of health care services, two medical technicians from the

Mercy team also repaired \$204,500 worth of non-functioning biomedical equipment at Yap State hospital. They inspected 15 machines and successfully repaired 11 of these, including one anesthesia machines, two electrosurgical units, an ICU ventilator, two defibrillators, an EKG machine, a medical x-ray machine, two dental x-ray machines, an oxygen supply monitor, and an oxygen volume monitor. They diagnosed malfunctions and recommended parts to be ordered to fix another defibrillator and a laparoscope. The two technicians also provided 42 hours of on-the-job maintenance training to Yap Hospital staff and maintenance personnel who work with these lifesaving machines.

Officials from the Yap State Governor's Office, Yap Department of Health Services, Yap Department of Education, along with Traditional Leaders and Municipal Government Officials from Tamil, Gagil, and Rull, helped plan and execute the week's activities. Also instrumental in the success of the Mercy community outreach clinics were volunteer translators and public health educators from the Yap Department of Health Services and the Micronesian Red Cross Society. At each location, Mercy military personnel worked side by side in close partnership with their Yapese counterparts.



Kpress Perspective

Children: Praise them in public discipline in private

If what I was told by the Pohnpei State Attorney General's office is true then Pohnpei's Calvary Christian Academy (CCA) has been violating State law for years by administering corporal punishment (spanking) on their students.

This year the school upped the ante when they issued a parental consent form to parents of 4th through 6th graders that gave parents only two options:

- 1) By my signature, I hereby give my consent to the school to discipline my child by spanking
- 2) I prefer to administer the discipline myself, but I agree to do so in front of the appropriate school official. I understand that my child will not be allowed to return to class until the discipline has been administered.

It's really not a new policy. I borrowed a copy of a handbook that was revised in 2006 that essentially says the same thing as the consent form says. Parents are required to read the book and sign a form saying that they agree with the rules of the book before their child can be enrolled in the school. The parent whose copy I borrowed said that she hadn't read it before she received the consent form from the school and that she had never been to a Parent Teacher Association meeting but that she certainly would be going from now on.

Now, to be fair, it's not like CCA teachers are picking kids out of their classroom at random and giving them a good wallop for kicks and giggles. Spanking is a last resort after all other avenues of discipline have been tried.

The book lists all of the offenses that would require disciplinary action. There is a demerit system for various violations that ranges from horse play to serious violations of civil law which I suppose is ironic given the fact that according to title 18 of the Pohnpei State code under the Pohnpei Education Act of 1999 it is illegal to spank a child in a school in Pohnpei.

The rules are extremely conservative and many of them are meant to be in force even when a student is away from the school like the rule that says that a student of the school cannot attend a prom or a dance. Five years ago students were expelled just before graduation because there was dancing at a graduation party held at PCR. The book is full of Biblical quotations that justify the beliefs they are teaching but they left out the ones from the book of Psalms where dance was used as a sign of joy (like one would feel when they are nearing graduation) and even of praise to God.

Students are not required to go to CCA. Even their handbook says that enrollment

at the school is a privilege not a right. Parents who signed the form that says that they agree with the rules and standards of the school don't really have a right to complain if their child earns demerits for misbehavior as it is defined by CCA.

I'm not a lawyer and I don't fully understand law but it seems to me that no one can demand that you sign away your rights under the law. It seems to me that CCA's policy of spanking children is illegal and that no matter how many consent forms a parent signs their agreement with the policy simply makes them complicit with law breaking. It does not make school spanking legal.

I fully understand that there is a segment of Pohnpeian society that is very conservative in its views. Fine, that's just fine and probably even good. I also understand that school discipline is important and that it can be difficult for teachers to get sometimes. I get that too. CCA says rock music as a style, superheroes, dancing and whatever else is on their list are evil. That's their view. Parents who send their kids to CCA may agree with those values and that's absolutely wonderful. I just don't think that a parent by signing a consent form provides CCA the permission to reject the law.

Allow me for a moment to speak in a way in which CCA is familiar. Jesus himself said that he did not come to abolish the law but to fulfill it. The Proverb that said "Spare the rod and spoil the child" was the old covenant fulfilled when Jesus came.

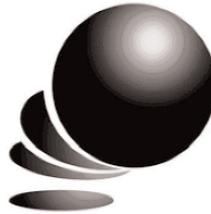
I wonder, considering how parents in Pohnpei handle discipline don't you think that a note or a phone call would end in a flurry of spankings the child would never forget that just might solve the discipline problem? Perhaps CCA doesn't trust the parents of its students.

Trying to be fair, I called the school to speak with the principal. She was very polite and said that she didn't know if the school was making any comment on the issue but that she would call me back to let me know after she'd spoken with the administrator. To her credit she called within ten minutes and said that the school would not issue a statement on their policy. I would imagine that they will very shortly be issuing a statement to parents who didn't read the handbook, who pay full tuition for their children on a month by month basis even if classes were only held for a few days in a month, and who are bent because they believe as one parent told me, "a child should be praised in public and disciplined in private."

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

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Lack of funding won't keep Public Safety down

By Nigel Jaynes

The Pohnpei Department of Public Safety, like many other police departments in the FSM often runs into problems with funding for projects and improvements. However, according to Chief of Police Joe Roby, "we have to keep moving on."

That's just what they do. Officers and staff of the Pohnpei State Police Department have pooled their money to contribute to the latest project at the Department of Public Safety.

Pohnpei State has had two police motorcycles for quite a while now with no place to house them. Often the motorcycles are parked outside under Pohnpei's blistering heat and rainy weather.

Through contributions from Pohnpei White Sand for sand and from Pohnpei Ace Hardware

for tin roof, the Department of Public Safety now has a convenient place to park their motorcycles.

Lack of budget just won't keep the Pohnpei Department of Public Safety from getting done what they need to do.



The 6th Micronesesian Police Executives Association conference meets in Saipan

Police officers and Public Safety officials from around the FSM gathered for their annual Micronesesian Police Executives Association Conference in Saipan last month. Guam, Chuuk, Pohnpei, CNMI, Yap and Kosrae were represented in the conference.

Their goal was to share information and to expand working relations. During the conference eight resolutions were adapted as follows:

Resolution One: That a letter be prepared that recognizes the commitment and contribution to the MPEA and to law enforcement by the former chairperson, the late Chief Hazime Telei. It was also resolved that the letter should express sincere condolences to his family from the members of the MPEA.

Resolution Two: That the next MPEA conference be held in Guam and that the chair be handed over to Chief Paul Suba of Guam Police Department. A date for this conference will be determined and agreed upon by members.

Chief Frank Ishizaki Guam Department of Public Safety in recognition of their vision in forming a Micronesesian Association for Chiefs of Police in the Northern Pacific. This letter is to be written and presented by no later than September 30, 2008.

Resolution Four: That a request is made to the Department of Public Safety CNMI and Guam Police Department in coordination with ATF for assistance in the supply of 9mm firearms and ammunition. Further, it was resolved that there should be equity in distribution and transportation to all island states of the FSM and the RMI of any such firearms. This letter is to be presented to CNMI and Guam PD for action.

Resolution Five: That the MPEA members recognize in a letter to the Commissioner of Public Safety CNMI the resounding success of the 6th MPEA conference held in Saipan, showing their appreciation of the hospitality and generosity shown to all members and visitors during the conference. Further a letter should be written and submitted to the governor of Saipan thanking him for his support of the Conference and Public Safety in the Micronesia Region.

Resolution Three: That a letter be prepared by the Chair which expresses appreciation of the former Chief of Palau Bureau of Public Safety, the late Hazime Telei and to

Resolution Six: That MPEA members review the constitution and bi-laws and bring any changes for comment and consideration to the next MPEA conference for further discussion

Resolution Seven: That a list of training needs be developed by the participating countries and submitted through the appropriate protocol to the US Embassy for submission to the FBI for consideration.



Resolution Eight: That letters of appreciation are sent to each of the presenters of this 6th MPEA.

From left, Col Joaquin Reyes of the Guam Police Department, Pohnpei Public Safety Director Lucas Carlos, Chuuk Public Safety Director Jimmy Emilio, CNMI Public Safety Commissioner Santiago Tudela, CNMI Ports Police Chief Pius Helgen, Yap Chief of Police Christof Fugmow, Pohnpei Chief of Police Joe Roby and Kosrae Public Safety Chief Edmond Salik group together for a quick photo after the conference.

Astronomical Tide Prediction September 17-30, 2008

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Crossword - What a Relief!

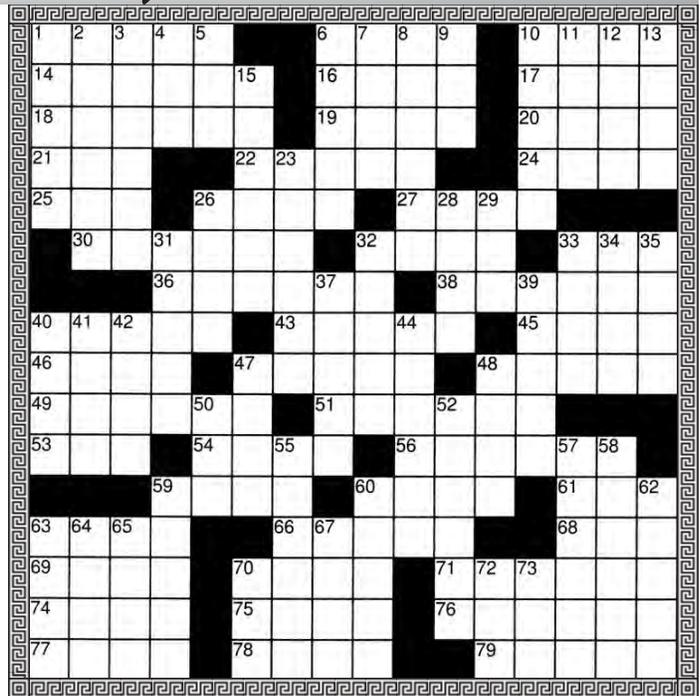
ACROSS

- 1. Tunnel end signal
- 6. Helmsman's hello
- 10. ___ Hour
- 14. Glistening
- 16. Like a bum leg
- 17. Office shape
- 18. Cold and damp
- 19. Disbeliever's cry, when doubled
- 20. Happy cloud number
- 21. Too long to wait
- 22. Bridge partner?
- 24. Moose kin
- 25. Bugs Bunny's addressee
- 26. What a relief!
- 27. ___ and flows
- 30. Rhinestone
- 32. Black hole's beginning
- 33. Snoop
- 36. Open
- 38. Football or fishing term
- 40. Trembled
- 43. Put on a scale
- 45. Cowardly critter in Oz
- 46. Alter a window
- 47. Get on your knees
- 48. Frolics

DOWN

- 49. Waif or sea creature
- 51. Like totally cold
- 53. Comb user
- 54. Carmine and rose
- 56. Distressed one?
- 59. Like morning grass
- 60. They might get struck
- 61. Bottom line
- 63. Not at hand
- 66. Safecracker's soup
- 68. Asphalt
- 69. Pesky
- 70. South Seas staple
- 71. Update
- 74. Forest member
- 75. Run ___
- 76. Pizza pieces
- 77. Scorch
- 78. Mother Hubbard's lack
- 79. Nourishes

- 8. Buffet item
- 9. Yup
- 10. Areas
- 11. Like a sinner
- 12. Soldier stat
- 13. Bullfight bravos
- 15. Legendary
- 23. Fame
- 26. Dirty Harry addressee
- 28. Tub cleaner
- 29. Support for a bust
- 31. Said like Poe
- 32. One going downhill
- 33. Like some milk
- 34. Alka-Seltzer sound
- 35. Cravings
- 37. Skin-diving sites
- 39. Dirt clumps
- 40. Cinema souvenir
- 41. Take on
- 42. On a sole occasion
- 44. Motorless transport
- 47. The Man Who ___ Too Much
- 48. Crater edges
- 50. Dander
- 52. Kin to crocs

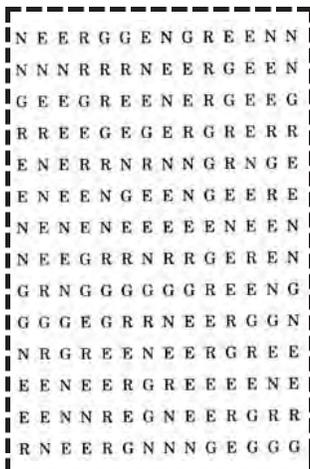


- 55. Powerhouse
- 57. Lure
- 58. Rented out
- 59. Laundry machine
- 60. Feed the fire
- 62. Ponytail
- 63. Tiny tunnelers
- 64. Tiger's cry
- 65. With the buoys and gulls
- 67. Depleat
- 70. Bar brokerage
- 72. Magical being
- 73. Do battle

K Press Puzzle Pleasure

Bonus Puzzle

Can you find the word **GREEN** in this puzzle 41 times?



Alike But Different

Homonyms are words that *sound* alike but have different meanings. There are 26 pairs of homonyms below.
NOTE: each word appears separately in the puzzle.

AISLE ISLE				
BALL BAWL	BOAR BORE	DENSE DENTS	GORED GOURD	PAIR PARE
BARE BEAR	BREAD BRED	DOES DOZE	GROAN GROWN	ROSE ROWS
BARON BARREN	CACHE CASH	FAUN FAWN	IDOL IDYLL	SIGHS SIZE
BEAT BEET	CHEWS CHOOSE	FIND FINED	KNOWS NOSE	WAIST WASTE
BERTH BIRTH	CREWS CRUISE	FLOUR FLOWER	MAIZE MAZE	YOKE YOLK



Weno Water Supply Well Remediation Project underway

Embassy of Japan

September 10, 2008
The signing ceremony for the project for "Weno Water Supply Well Remediation" took place today at President's Conference room at Palikir. This is funded by the Government of Japan through Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JPFPR), managed by the Asia Development Bank (ADB), amounted of \$980,000. The Proposal was approved on July 14, 2008 by the President of ADB, Mr. Kuroda, and will be worked for three years of its duration

Weno Water Supply Well Remediation Project is the first JFPR project in the FSM. This remediation project was designed in consultation with the Chuuk State Government and the FSM National Government.

In the ceremony, Japanese Ambassador Sato has witnessed the signing by Mr. Finley Perman, FSM Finance and Administration Secretary and Project Director Stephen Blaik, ADB's water and sanitation specialist.



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TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Pohnpei Fishing Club is proud to announce the First Annual Blue Nile fishing competition. Blue Nile is the new business started by club member Kumer Panuelo. The tournament is set for September 20, 2008. Registration is \$25,000 at PCR

Restaurant 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday, Sept. 19. The weigh in is at Rumors from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. \$1,700.00 in prizes are being awarded, plus there will be a barbecue and beer fest at Rumors during and after the weigh-in. Even if you have to take your boat home, plan on coming back after the weigh-in.

An error does not become truth by reason of multiplied propagation, nor does the truth become error because nobody will see it. -Mohandas K. Gandhi (1869-1948)

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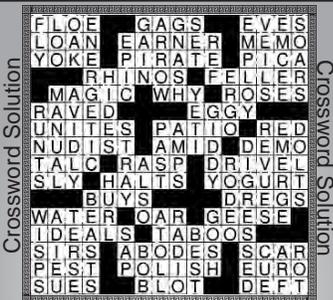
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome. For details, call 320-8365.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Cliff Rainbow Restaurant at 6:30p.m. Public Welcome.
- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.
- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
- Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the Truk Stop Hotel Restaurant VIP Room. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com

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Puzzle Pleasure Previous Issue's Solutions



Listless Fun

5 letters: diner, endow, enter, fewer, first, fresh, inert, inset, north, often, sheen, shift, shone, short, shred, sweet, sword, tense, three, toned, twine, whine, worst, worth, write.

6 letters: define, denote, fodder, hidden, hinder, honest, nested, newest, resent, resist, rewind, ridden, shrewd, sifted, sister, softer, sorted, tender, thesis, tossed.

Word Search Solution

ANOTHER CLASSIC LIMERICK BROUGHT TO YOU BY TRASHBUSTERS

There was an old man of the isles
Who suffered severely from pisles
He couldn't sit down
Without a deep frown
So he had to row standing for misles

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Japanese Team Presents on the Health Values of Fish

By Dr. Lois Englberger

A training on the Health Values of Fish was held September 2, 2008, at the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) Training Center in the Botanical Garden as facilitated by a Japanese team coordinated by the Embassy of Japan, Dr. Suzuki from the Tuna Commission and Mr. Sakonju from the Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan, and support by IFCP.

Over 25 participants attended, including a representation from U and Mand communities and government and non-government groups.

Dr. Suzuki from the Tuna Commission explained about how fish consumption contains many healthy nutrients including omega 3 fatty acids and is a factor in contributing to the long lives that people have in Japan. He pointed out that we need to remember to not eat too much and presented the Japanese estimate of eating about 80% of what we might want to eat, which brought a lot of laughs.

He stressed three benefits obtained from eating more fish:

1. High fish consumption tends to lead to longer lives (see example of Japan and others).
2. Health values of fish: Low calories, high protein, low fat but healthy fat (i.e. omega-3 fatty acids)
3. Balanced diet with low calories: Japanese and Micronesian traditional diets are good examples.

Dr. Suzuki referred to the important health benefits of omega-3 fatty acids in fish, which include docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA). He reported that these substances have been found to help maintain healthy blood vessels, good blood circulation, and a healthy nervous system, and may help to protect against Alzheimer's disease and diabetes.

Mr. Sakonju presented a catchy fish song developed in Africa which provides ideas for use in Pohnpei, and a quiz on the health benefits of eating fish. Also the Japanese team presented three fish recipes for participants to try, including sashimi from grouper, which participants liked. The session concluded with a local food lunch and several fish dishes.

Thanks are extended to the Japanese team, the College of Micronesia-PSM for documenting the presentation, the New Zealand Embassy for providing funds for seminar costs, and the participants and all those assisting in the organization.



The participants at the Health Values of Fish seminar held at the Island Food Community of Pohnpei Training Center happily learn about the benefits of eating fish as facilitated by a Japanese team: Dr. Suzuki (back row, 3rd from left), Mr. Sakonju (front row, far left) and Ms. Kaori Asada (front row, 2nd from left) **Photo Luciano Mathias**

Fish Quiz See what you know!

- T F** 1. Fish is high in cholesterol.
- T F** 2. Fish is a good source of protein.
- T F** 3. We can eat all kinds of fish.
- T F** 4. Including fish in your diet is good for your health.
- T F** 5. Fish bones can supply calcium that helps the formation of your bones.
- T F** 6. Fish oils have more saturated fatty acids that are not beneficial in keeping down the level of cholesterol in the blood.
- T F** 7. Fish can make you fat if you eat too much.
- T F** 8. All fish species taste the same.
- T F** 9. Some fish eggs can be eaten.
- T F** 10. Canned fish is not nutritious because it is precooked.

Thanks are extended to Mr. Koichi Sakonju, of the Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation of Japan for providing us with this quiz.

Answers can be obtained from IFCP, tel. 320-3259, or next KP!

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Celebrating the 59th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China

Governor John Ehsa and Speaker Nelson Pelep Attend Discussion with Chinese Agricultural Technicians on Promoting Vegetable Growing

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On August 4, 2008, at the invitation of H.E. LIU Fei, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of P. R. China to the FSM, Hon. John Ehsa, Governor of the State of Pohnpei and Hon. Nelson Pelep, Speaker of Pohnpei State Legislature had a discussion at the Chinese Embassy with five Chinese agricultural technicians on promoting vegetable growing in the FSM. Ambassador LIU Fei pointed out that it was the first time that senior state government and legislature officials together with the Chinese agricultural technicians were invited to have a discussion on the situation of China-aided pilot farm, which was planned to set an example for the local farms and to promulgate vegetable plantation in the FSM.

Mr. RUAN Wanhui, head of the Chinese technicians, made a presentation via multimedia slice to the audience about the farm's current development, including vegetable and fruits it produced, and how they made use of the organic fertilizer to build an ecological farm. The farm occupies an area of about 80,000 square meters with half of the land designated for the Sino-FSM pilot project of vegetable planting. It has 19 canopies covering 5,928 square meters with the rest open to the air. The farm also has one pig bed of 100 square meters with 40 pigs and a henhouse capable of raising over a thousand chickens. The technicians utilize the manure of pig and chicken to make into organic fertilizer for the vegetable. The pilot farm has been successful in planting 39 kinds of vegetable and fruits, including watermelon, sweet melon, cucumber, pumpkin, sponge gourd, bitter gourd, white gourd, bottle gourd, musk melon, eggplant, tomato, chili pepper, okra, leek, garlic, green onion, celery, coriander, sweet corn, basella, lima bean, string bean, red flower bean, bush bean, lablab bean, sword bean, soybean, radish, head cabbage, pakchoi,



Chinese cabbage, green cabbage, Xiangtan cabbage, flowering cabbage, cauliflower, water spinach, sweet potato, lettuce and edible amaranth. The farm yields 4,000-5,000 pounds of fresh vegetable per month and 50,000-60,000 pounds per year. About 520 local trainees from Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap and Kosrae have attended training courses in recent years. Meanwhile, over 1000 local people visited the farm, including President, Vice President, Speaker of the National Congress and Senators, government officials from four states, NGOs and Women's Group. The technicians made the following suggestions to state officials:

1. Localize the techniques. Enhance the training course and improve the communication and cooperation between state agriculture marketing department and COM-FSM.

2. Localize the distribution and marketing, enlarge local market access.

3. Increase working efficiency. The salary of local workers should



be determined by the workload. No work, no pay, and more work, more pay.

4. Rehabilitate the main path in and outside the farm so as to facilitate the transportation of people and products.

The technicians' team is composed of five members from Hunan International Economic and Technical Cooperation Corporation. Mr. RUAN Wanhui is the team leader, responsible for the whole project. Mr. HUANG Shiye is the expert on watermelon and vegetable planting, providing technical assistance. Mr. D E N G Guoqiang is the expert on fungus, focusing on fungus production. Mr. PENG Yanzhe is the interpreter helping technicians communicate with visitors and trainees.

Mr. SHEN Wanxin is a technician on construction who takes care of the infrastructure and its maintenance. The technicians also put a lot of effort on participating whole process of vegetable production including a great deal of labor work besides their own responsibilities.

Governor Ehsa and Speaker Nelson expressed their appreciation of the generous aid from the Chinese government for the FSM's sustainable development. The pilot farm plays an important part in advancing local vegetable planting. Pohnpei State Government supports the suggestion from the technicians on building an ecological farm

which has the potential export capability to RMI. Governor Ehsa also said that the State government will cooperate with the National government to provide agricultural training service to all the four states in the FSM. The guests asked about the skills of vegetable planting and its management. They also want to add locally popular species such as onion and potato to plantation research of the farm.

The Chinese Embassy prepared watermelon, sweet melon, wax melon, cucumber, tomato, chili pepper and leek from the pilot farm to display. Both sides were satisfied with the outcome of the farm, especially the rare species like sweet melon.

Mr. Ilan Joseph, Chief staff of Pohnpei State, Mr. Valerio Hallens, Administrator of the Department of Economic Management, Mr. Aurelio Joab, Vice-Chairman of the Resource and Development Committee of Pohnpei State Legislature, some senators, Public Information Officers and state economic officers also attended the meeting.

On August 1, 2008, at the invitation of Ambassador LIU Fei, more than 50 secretaries and staff from



the National Government, National Congress and Pohnpei State Legislature paid a visit to the Pilot Farm. Ambassador LIU said that the Pilot Farm had been sponsored by the Chinese Government since 1998. The Chinese agricultural technicians have effectively promoted local agriculture training and helping improve people's livelihood. Visitors are encouraged to learn from the Chinese agriculture technicians to start their own farming business at home. Accompanied by the Chinese technicians, the guests toured the nurseries and the green houses. They asked questions about farming skills and got satisfactory answers from the Chinese technicians. Visitors were confident that the fruitful visit in the Pilot Farm was bound to bear a harvest in their home fields.