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## Governor Ehsa signs unique contract with Chinese company for operation of the Nan Pil Power Plant

By Bill Jaynes  
 The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM - In the 30's, the Japanese built the Nan Pil Hydro Electric Power Plant during the time of Japanese occupation of what was then called Ponape. Later the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rehabilitated the plant and put it to use. A New Zealand company was hired by Pohnpei Utilities Corporation to study what it would cost to put the plant back on line. Now a Chinese corporation will take its turn to put the 80 year old plant through its paces.

On Friday, January 8, Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa signed a unique contract with the Universal Power Alliance Company, Limited, a company from Beijing, China represented on that day by its General Manager, William Lin. UPAC has agreed to rehabilitate the generators at the Nan Pil Hydro Electric Plant and to operate the plant fifteen years. UPAC's initial investment will be repaid over the course of the contract. In the mean time UPAC will sell the power they produce to Pohnpei Utilities Corporation.

A representative of the Pohnpei State Attorney General's office intimately familiar with the details of the contract said that for the first five years UPAC will sell the power they produce at the set price of 26 cents per kilowatt hour. During years 6-15 they will sell generated power to PUC at the set price of 22 cents per kilowatt hour. PUC currently charges its customers 34 cents per kilowatt hour a price that fluctuates based on the price of

diesel.

Mr. Lin said that the plant should begin producing power by this time next year.

Governor Ehsa said during the 11:00 a.m. signing ceremony that the contract was unique because Pohnpei law was not set up to handle what he called "the generous offer" of the Universal Power

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## Changes in Pohnpei's Foreign Investment law proposed

By Bill Jaynes  
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Peilapalap, Pohnpei, FSM - A bill submitted a year ago by Fernando Scaliem, Floor Leader of the Pohnpei State Legislature at the request of Governor John Ehsa is set

for legislative action during the current session of the Legislature in Pohnpei. In a nutshell, if the bill is successful at the Legislature it will undo some of the restrictions placed on foreign investors the legislature passed three years ago when they overrode the veto of then Governor Johnny David and would completely eliminate the Foreign Investment Board. The duties of that board would be passed to the Administra-

tor of the Office of Economic Affairs.

Former Governor David upon vetoing the bill three years ago said, "The clearest message from this bill is that Pohnpei has become hostile toward foreign investment as one would have to think very hard to find an area that is not restricted to foreign investors."

Former Senator Sailas Henry of Madolenihmw who chaired the committee that pushed the bill through predicted at the time that there would not be enough supporting votes to overturn the veto. Despite his prediction the legislature did overturn the veto and the bill became the law of the land.

The "new" law increased the foreign investment application fee from \$25 to \$250, named at least 11 types of businesses in which foreign-

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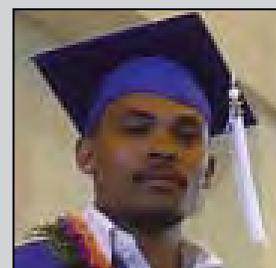
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# New technical secondary school to open on property of the former PATS campus

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

Pohnpei, FSM – “This is not a smart business investment at all,” said Dr. Ei-ho Kim on Friday afternoon, January 15, in the boardroom of the former Pohnpei Agricultural and Trade School. Dr. Kim went on to explain what he meant. “I know that missionary work is not by our own power but through the blessing of God!”

Dr. Kim, whose organization, Pacific Resource Development Company made a proposal in August of last year to open a new agricultural and technical school on the former PATS campus, gave a passionate speech in front of a small group of local participants that included the Nahnmwarki of Madolenihmw, His Majesty Kerpet Ehpel and his wife. Dr. Kim was on island to sign a lease in order to open a new technical secondary school on the former PATS campus.

Stephan Santiago, a member of the Task Force to Revive PATS and an alumnus of the former school said that when he asked Father Graigorio, the director of PATS why they were closing the school, the director said, “Products of PATS (PATS educated students) are no longer needed.”

Since that time, the Task Force to Revive PATS on which Santiago serves has been actively working to revive the school in Madolenihmw where several of the FSM’s highest achievers attended during the 40 years that it was open.

What with FSM infrastructure projects in progress, and the United States Government announcing their intentions to move a major military base from Okinawa to Guam, the timing of the closure of PATS couldn’t have been much worse.



Dr. Ei-ho Kim and Deacon Adellino Lorens sign lease paperwork for the new school

The Task Force had been working to revive PATS and members still use those words but according to an email from Father Dave Andrus, that is not what has happened. PATS is still closed and, Fr. Andrus says that the lease contract contains the following wording: “Lessee is not authorized and is prohibited from using the name “Ponape Agricultural and Trade School,” or “PATS”, in any manner, or holding itself out that it is affiliated to or is a continuation of or endorsed by Ponape Agricultural and Trade School,” or “PATS”, or holding itself out that the Landlord is affiliated in any manner to the new Christian Vocational School.”

During the ceremony, Dr. Kim never indicated that the new school would be affiliated with PATS. Members of the Task Force to Revive PATS did that over and over again. Even the invitations that were sent out said that was what was happening, but it is not.

Fr. Andrus quoted from the lease, “The new Christian Vocational School shall operate under the name of International Vocational Education Center, or IVEC”

Santiago, while briefing the small group in attendance at the signing ceremony said that prior to the decision to close, PATS management created a corporation to be a recipient of all of PATS assets including the large property on which the sprawling campus is situated. The land, he said was donated to the Roman Catholic Church “by one mother of this community.”

Since then some of the assets of the school have been put to other uses in Pohnpei. Tables and chairs were taken with the permission of the corporation. The books in the PATS library were taken to a Madolenihmw public school also with permission.

Some of the roofs on the buildings at the

school have fallen in and need to be completely replaced. Others need refurbishment. There is much work to be done besides the hiring of good staff members before the school can be opened. Shelten Neth, said by phone that the estimated cost of refurbishment of buildings on the campus is approximately \$1.4 million. He confirmed that the plan is to open the new school by the next school year in August, 2010.

During his speech on the background of the agreement, Santiago said that in 2007 Pohnpei State had expressed interest in the possibility of utilizing the school facilities but that plan never materialized.

He said that in 2008 the Chief Executives Council, which then included the four State Governors and the President of the Federated

States of Micronesia, recognized the need for vocational education and established the Micronesia Career Technical Training Center (MCTTC) through CEC resolution 2008-02. The resolution created a Presidential Task Force on Vocational Education to address the immediate and pressing need to increase the skilled labor force needed for ongoing infrastructure projects within the FSM and also to provide skilled labor for the military build up in Guam.

Santiago said, “However, FSM DOE (FSM Department of Education) never submitted a proposal to the Vicariate to utilize these (PATS) facilities for MCTTC and or for revival of PATS.”

Friday’s signing ceremony was arranged with only one week’s notice and invitations were hastily sent. All three branches of the State and National Governments were in-

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vited to attend the ceremony but no one from any branch of the Pohnpei State or the FSM National governments was present at the signing.

Dr. Kim, who is a Protestant, presented the final speech in a style with which most people in the room were likely unaccustomed. It was loud. It was forceful and the content of his speech was confidently ambitious. It was clear that Dr. Kim had spoken before large audiences before and he did it well.

He said that ten years ago he went to the Republic of the Marshall Islands with a "burning heart to bring something to the people there" in the name of God. While he was in the RMI he received a clear vision from God that he should come to Pohnpei and take with him all of his wide experiences to help to develop this nation.

Dr. Kim's biography shows that he does

indeed have a wide and varied background both in the private sector and within governments as an interpreter, educator, journalist, policy advisor, and in many other positions of high influence. He is currently the chairman of three boards and is a member of another. He is also currently the Director of Tongyeong City Tourism Cooperation and is the Presidential special economic advisor to Asia for the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Directly beneath his listing of his achievement of a Doctor of Philosophy degree, Dr. Kim lists on his bio that he is an Ordained Minister of the Gospel. It is obvious that he has a firm personal commitment to God and a passion for what can be done in a country like the Federated States of Micronesia with the life experiences he has amassed so far.

He said that during his world wide missionary travels and because of his long experience as an educator he has gathered close personal friends of significant influence including Nobel Prize winners and people of vast wealth and worldwide influence. He has already personally spoken with many of those people and says that most like the idea of the International Vocational Education Center and want to participate. Some

of them, he said, will not only participate financially but will come to Pohnpei as guest lecturers at the new school.

Dr. Kim has great dreams to make IVEC a school that is recognized around the world as an outstanding institution of learning. Talking with him one gets the impression that he is anxious to get started.

"Pohnpei is small but it is powerful," he said. "I have heard that many PATS students became outstanding leaders. That is good but I also want to see students from this school become outstanding world leaders."

"We want to make this country into an exporter to share with the rest of the world and not just receive by importing," he exclaimed.

Apparently he means what he says and it appeared from the short meeting of Friday that he may just have the resources and networking contacts, the "juice," to pull it off.

He wasn't just name-dropping when he mentioned Samsung, a Korean conglomer-

eration with what he said was \$10 trillion in assets. Dr. Kim said that the CEO of that corporation, despite his busy schedule always took time to attend his lectures because he knew that the basis of the corporation's success was education. Dr. Kim worked as an On the Job Trainer at Samsung, as well as at SKI, SKC Group, Daewoo Group, Woojin Group, and Hyundai Group, all of them huge corporations.

Thinking that Dr. Kim was just a representative of Pacific Resources Development Company we asked him to describe what the company was. "This is something I am doing," he said. "But my friends and contacts will come along as well."

The details of the contract that was signed on Friday were not discussed during the ceremony. The faces of the members of the Task Force to Revive PATS, while not abundant in contractual details, showed that they were at least satisfied with the contract. While they didn't actually accomplish what they had set out to do it was clear that they were happy to be taking a giant step toward a different end goal to set up a new school on the campus.



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## Hospital Medical Libraries Populate the Micronesian Region

by: *Arlene Cohen, Pacific Islands Library Consultant*

Pohnpei State Department of Health Services celebrates the grand opening of the first Pohnpei State Medical Library on November 20, 2009 located at the public health facility in Nett. Dignitaries present were, Congressman Hon. Dohsis Halbert, Senator PSL, Fernando Scaliem, representing Ayuda Foundation, Acting Director of Health Services, Dr. Johnny Hedson, Chief of Primary Care Services, Dr. Rally Jim, several members of Pacific Island Archives and Libraries Association as well as several health services staff. Mrs. Arlene Cohen, a library consultant and the main person responsible for making this project possible was there saying, "This is a developmental milestone for health in the State of Pohnpei. This project promotes an environment of updated learning, research, as well as providing staff and clients with reliable medical information."

Two generous grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) are providing funding to establish or rebuild nine hospital medical libraries in the US-affiliated Pacific Islands. This exciting endeavor began in 2007 when the RWJF awarded the Ayuda Foundation in Guam a \$49,000, year-long grant to support the rebuilding of the Yap State Hospital Durand Medical Library destroyed by Typhoon Sudal in 2004. The RWJF grant was written and implemented

by Arlene Cohen, a retired University of Guam Librarian and Alice Hadley, the U.S. Naval Hospital Guam Medical Librarian, together with Carlotta Leon Guerrero, the Ayuda Foundation Executive Director, and Walden Weilbacher, the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures Secretariat and member of the Ayuda Foundation Board.

In April, 2008, after ordering the books, computers, software and materials, Cohen and Hadley visited Yap to set up the library, organize the initial 150 book collection, and set up the library automation software. They also worked with Charlene Laamtal, the newly appointed medical librarian, teaching her the skills to manage and promote the library. Dr. Thane Hancock, a Yap State Hospital physician and the Yap Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Director, expressed his enthusiasm by saying "Physicians now have access to computers and a medical library resource and can effectively diagnose illnesses and prescribe proper treatments. The new library has become an important resource center for the doctors and health care workers and it eases the burden on the doctors by providing real-time diagnosis and a faster path to recovery for their patients".

After their April 2008 visit to Yap, Hadley and Cohen were so excited at the success of the project, they asked Leon Guerrero and the RWJF if they would be willing to entertain a new grant to replicate the Yap project,

establishing new hospital medical libraries throughout the eight other US-affiliated Pacific Islands state hospitals in Palau, the FSM, the Marshall Islands, American Samoa, the CNMI and Guam. All agreed, and after a Needs Assessment was done by each island, they worked with Michael Epp, Executive Director of the Pacific Islands Health Officers Associate, to draw up a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU clearly defined the commitments implied in the project and were signed by each respective interested Health Minister, thus assuring the future sustainability of the libraries. These commitments included each hospital providing a librarian, space for the library, Internet access, and a future budget line item for library materials, and support for the librarian's involvement in PIALA. The grant was designed to provide funding for books, computers, library automation software, cataloging supplies and training. Happily, in December 2008, RWJF awarded the Ayuda Foundation \$390,000. for the project, titled Replicating the Yap State Hospital Medical Library Project in Hospitals throughout the U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands.

In mid-2008, the Belau National Hospital, in trying to address the critical need for medical information access, appointed Sunshine Garcia as its Medical Librarian to reestablish its outdated and disorganized hospital medical library. Subsequently, and although the RWJF grant had only then been submitted, in November 2008, Cohen and Hadley visited the Belau National Hospital Library to assist Garcia in weeding the collection, setting up the library automation system, and training her on its use. Soon after the grant was awarded, orders were placed for over 100 new books, com-

puters, and cataloging supplies and the Belau National Hospital Library is now fully functional.

The second library established under the second RWJF grant was at the LBJ Tropical Medical Center Medical in Pago Pago, American Samoa. Early in March 2009, Ann Fatima Lafaele was appointed its Medical Librarian and soon after, orders were placed for new books, computers, a multi-media projector and cataloging supplies. After Cohen did the cataloging of the initial collection in Seattle, Washington, Hadley journeyed to Pago Pago to work with Lafaele and the library was formally opened in May 2009.

Patricia Tindall, the LBJ Tropical Medical Center CEO, noted in a front page article about the new library in the Samoa News, May 30, 2009 issue, "that the quality of care here will be greatly enhanced with the access the library provides. 'This is a solid step in the right direction for staying with national standards, keeping abreast of world health and medical updates. It means we will be raising the stand of care, with access to updated news and information... we can be remote, but still access 'state of the art' information with this library.'"

In early August, 2009, Hadley traveled to Saipan to establish the CNMI Commonwealth Health Center Medical Library. Cohen had completed cataloging the collection in Seattle and Hadley organized the materials while in Saipan. In December, 2009 the library will be formally opened with a medical librarian assigned to manage the collection.

In mid-August, Majuro Hospital in the Marshall Islands appointed Leilani Lanwi as the medical librarian and work on establishing the medical library is progressing. The formal opening is scheduled early in 2010.

Most recently, the Pohnpei State Medical Library formally opened in November with Merihna Lucios as their new medical librarian. The library was opened in conjunction with the Pacific Islands Association of Libraries and Archives Conference held in Pohnpei and Cohen presented a paper on the project to the conference.

Meanwhile, the Guam Memorial Hospital (GMH) is in the process of hiring a Medical Librarian. Chuuk and Kosrae are still working on appointing their medical librarians and hopefully, work on these hospital medical libraries will begin in the near future. The grant began in January 2009 and runs through June 2010.

Last year, in realizing the importance of this project, Dr. Mark Durand, the former Yap State Director of Health Services wrote "A lot of health workers get comfortable with their current practice and wait for workshops to come around for new ideas. A library is more than a physical installation; it is the manifestation of a state of mind which values inquiry, fostering new ideas." (1)

By having easy access to books, the Internet and other information resources, we foster-- as Dr. Durand went on to say -- local "information power" for those ready to embrace it. In establishing these medical libraries, the message conveyed is you can take the initiative to question and a place exists to support that questioning.



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ers could not be engaged, and required at least a \$50,000 investment before a foreign investment permit could be granted.

The proposed law would reduce the application fee to \$50, eliminate most of the restrictions on the types of businesses in which foreigners can engage, and reduce capitalization requirements from \$50,000 to \$25,000 except in the case of profes-

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sional services which would require a \$5,000 capitalization. Foreigners would still, under the proposed bill, be restricted from retail sales in Pohnpei unless the non-citizen is involved in the manufacture of a product entirely produced in Pohnpei in which case they could sell their manufactured items at their manufacturing plant only.

The proposed bill does allow for special circumstances where a potential non-citizen investor could open a business in Pohnpei with less capital when the Administrator, after consultation and potential public hearings could determine that a proposed business would be especially good for the economy of Pohnpei.

The proposed amendments would add a new paragraph 1 to section 7-102, the definitions section of the bill. The new paragraph defines the "Administrator" as the Administrator of the Office of Economic Affairs. After establishing that definition subsequent proposed amendments eliminate all mention within the bill of the word "Board."

Though it is clear that the drafters of the new bill intended to wipe out every instance of the word "Board," that word slipped into the submitted bill several times even in the case of added text. As further evidence of the intention, Section 7-104 of Title 37 would be repealed in its entirety. 7-104 is the section in which the makeup of the Foreign Investment Board is defined.

If the amendment is passed as originally presented, the filing fee for a foreign investment permit would be decreased from \$250 to \$50.

Besides the elimination of the Foreign Investment Board the amendments would lift the restrictions on the types of businesses foreign investors can operate in Pohnpei.

The Foreign Investment law passed three years ago listed several businesses foreigners could not operate in Pohnpei including: land transportation services including bus services, taxi services or car rentals; handicraft and gift shops; beauty shops and barber shops (except within a hotel of 12 rooms or more; bakeries; bar services not associated and contained within a restaurant or a hotel having at least 12 rooms for the accommodation of guests; tour guides; fishing guides, diving guides, and any other form of water transportation services; travel and tour agencies; hotels of less than 12 rooms; operations manufacturing products being produced by locally owned enterprises; equipment rentals for both land and water within the state, including rentals related to tourism; and commercial fishing for other than highly migratory species.

The wording that banned those businesses for foreign ownership in Pohnpei would be repealed and replaced by the following wording:

"The following system of economic sectors, as listed in Subsections (1) through (3) of this section and as expanded by Subsection (4) of this section is hereby established for the purpose of implementing the policy of Pohnpei to encourage foreign investment in the state's economy:

- 1) Except for economic sectors listed in subsequent subsections of this section, foreign investment in any business with an initial capitalization of \$25,000 or more, or \$5,000 in the case of a professional service, is unrestricted as to equity requirements, and no special criteria needs to be met before a foreign investment is issued.
- 2) No foreign equity is allowed in the following sectors:
  - a. Retail trade; and
  - b. Such other sectors where non-citizen commercial activity is prohibited by state law.
- 3) Subject to the capitalization re-

quirements of Subsection (1) of this section, no special criteria needs to be met before a foreign investment permit is issued to a business in the following economic sectors in which not more than forty percent of the total equity of the business is held by noncitizens:

- a. Service industries, except businesses providing professional services or tourist services as defined by section 7-102 of this chapter;
- b. Exploration, development and extraction of land-based mineral resources and of marine-based mineral resources within the marine regulatory jurisdiction of the state; and
- c. Exploration, cutting and milling of naturally occurring timber resources.

4) Notwithstanding the restrictions of Subsection (1) and Subsection (3) of this section the Board (Administrator) may, in its discretion, grant a foreign investment permit to a business thereunder with less than the initial capitalization requirement or possessing more than forty percent foreign-owned equity therein, upon a finding that the applicant business will be of significant benefit to the economy of Pohnpei. A permit issued under this subsection may carry special conditions as to equity ownership, citizen employment and minimum capital investment; PROVIDED that such conditions shall later be waived upon a showing to the satisfaction of the Board (administrator) that the business has attained and will maintain the capitalization and, where applicable, the equity requirements of this section."

If the proposed bill passes the legislature and is signed into law by the Governor foreign investors would no longer be subject to the scrutiny of a foreign investment board but would apply to the Administrator of the Office of Economic Affairs. The Administrator would be required to examine the applicant and compile information including public hearings in support of his or her final decision regarding the granting of an application for foreign investment.

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## Special Cabinet meeting held with PMU officials and IPIC members

*Department of Youth and Civic Affairs*

Governor Anefal called for a special Cabinet meeting with national governments employees of the Project Management Unit (PMU) and members of the State Infrastructure Planning Committee (IPIC). Prior to the meeting, Anefal welcomed the Acting Project Manager and Contracting Officer of PMU Mr. Marcelino Actouka and resident project Engineer Mr. Robert Westerfield. He said the meeting is timely and important as it has been quite frustrating and difficult for Yap to get its share of Compact infrastructure projects moving. Over the years since FY04, the same projects have gone through various cost estimates with

some doubling the project cost. While the problems may be at any level of government, the long pending projects such as the hospital renovation and a new Early Childhood Education (ECE) center continue to hang.

Mr. Actouka thanked the Governor and Cabinet for the opportunity to meet and said his instruction from President Mori is to work toward accelerating Compact Infrastructure projects in the States. He reported that following national transition of the PMU from President's office to the Department of TC&I, he has completed visits to the other three states and is now in Yap to work with related government departments and agencies in pursuing implementation of these projects.

## Yap Scholarship Advisory Council awards \$266K for spring 2010

*Department of Youth and Civic Affairs*

The Yap State Scholarship Advisory Council convened yesterday to approve the spring semester 2010 Yap State Scholarship Awards. After hours of deliberations, the Council approved 158 awards to students studying at colleges and universities throughout the Asia-Pacific Region, and across the US Mainland. The semester awards totaled some \$266,000.00. The selection of award takes into account, among other criteria, overall academic performance of a student, his or her financial needs, and the field of study.

The Council congratulates those who through due diligence and unyielding dedication, have decided to pursue post-secondary education

abroad. It also extends to those who assist in supporting and motivating the individual students to accomplish their educational goals. It is through collective effort of the students, families, and the government that we can strive in developing our human resources; our most vital asset for the future of Yap.

With the spring awards concluded, the Yap State Scholarship program is already preparing for the fall semester award cycle. Those who will be attending post-secondary institutions in the fall, and are interested in the scholarship program, should begin their preparations now. Details of the scholarship and application process can be obtained by contacting Brian Southwick, Yap State Scholarship Coordinator at +691-350-2182 or email southyap@yahoo.com.

## Policy on passport validity requirement for FSM Citizens to travel to the United States

*FSM Information Services*

**Palikir, Pohnpei – January 13, 2010** - According to the website of the Department of Homeland Security on US Citizenship and Immigration, citizens of the FSM by birth and those citizens of the former TTPI who acquired FSM citizenship in 1986 are entitled under the Compact to travel and apply for admission to the United States as non-immigrants without visas. However, admission is not guaranteed. Most grounds of inadmissibility under U.S. immigration laws, such as criminal convictions, are applicable.

If determined admissible under the Compact, an FSM citizen may live, study and work in the United States. The United States has the right to set terms and conditions on the non-immigrant stay of FSM citizens. At the present time, they are granted an unlimited length of stay, and their I-94 noted as "CFA/FSM" (Compact of Free Association/Federated States of Micronesia).

In order to seek admission to the United States under the amended Compact, a citizen of the FSM must possess an unexpired FSM passport that has at least 6 months validity. This is a new requirement, which did not apply under the original Compact. An FSM citizen applying for admission under the Compact does not need a U.S. visa, or any other travel documentation.

This requirement is also enforced by Continental Micronesia when they screen travel documents at the airport, so it is important for FSM citizens to make sure their FSM passport is valid for at least 6 months before they plan on travelling to the United States. Continental Micronesia will not let anyone with a non-US passport travel to the United States unless they meet this requirement.

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## College submits self study report to WASC

*College of Micronesia*

The College of Micronesia – FSM (COM-FSM) submitted its self study report to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) on December 30, 2009.

As an institution affiliated with the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of WASC, the College of Micronesia – FSM accepts the obligation to undergo periodic evaluation through self study and professional peer review. The heart of this obligation is the conducting of a rigorous self study during which the College appraises itself in terms of the Commission Standards in accord with the College's stated purposes. The submitted report was based on the study conducted.

The 263-page report is available on the College's website at <http://www.comfsm.fm/Accreditation/report/COM-FSM%20Self%20Study%202010.pdf>.

Self study is part of a three-part process of accrediting an institution. This process includes an institutional self appraisal, an on-site visit by a team of peers, and a review and a decision on the accredited status of the college by the Commission. The institutional self appraisal results in the self study report, which is an analysis of the on-going and systematic activities and achievements of an institution. The aim of

self appraisal is to assess how well an institution meets Accreditation Standards, Eligibility Requirements, and policies of the Commission and to stimulate improvement of educational quality and institutional performance.

The first goal of accreditation is quality assurance to the public. The second goal of accreditation is to help an institution improve attainment of its own mission—improving student learning and student achievement.

Six years ago (2004), the College sent another self study report to WASC which described an institution that showed many areas that needed improvement. The College as visited by a team from the Commission during March 2004. After the visit and a subsequent evaluation by the Commission, the college was placed on "Warning" by the Commission with recommendations for improvement. After some significant improvements, the College's accreditation status was reaffirmed in 2005.

According to the 2009 self study report, the College's intends to describe an institution which plans what it wants to do; evaluate and assesses what it plans; improves based on assessment results; allocates resources accordingly; and communicates these results within and outside of the college.

A Comprehensive Self Study is required every six years following initial accreditation.

## Chancellor Serrano to conduct pre visit to COM-FSM before March visit

*College of Micronesia*

Sandra Serrano, chair of the WASC team that will visit the College of Micronesia – FSM in March for the College's comprehensive evaluation, will be visiting the College's six sites during mid January 2010. Serrano is also the Chancellor for Kern Community College District.

As chair of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) visiting team, Serrano will be gathering logistical information about the College as well as the islands to ensure that her team members and she will be able to complete their March visit effectively and efficiently within the time given.

As a member institution of the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the College of Micronesia - FSM undergoes a periodic comprehensive evaluation. The evaluation includes a self study and the compilation of a report which is submitted to the commission every six years. Following the submission of the report is a visit by a team comprising of members from other ACCJC member colleges and from the commission. The

visiting team then submits another report to ACCJC. The final part of the comprehensive evaluation includes the meeting and final decision by the accrediting commission regarding the accreditation status of the College. The final decision is based on the institution's self study report and the report by the visiting team.



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### MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION



We express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all who graciously showered us with your thoughtfulness and support during our most trying times as we mourn the sudden passing of our beloved Merihne Iehsi who passed away on December 25, 2009.

We are deeply humbled and gratified by the outpouring of love and support from colleagues, friends and well-wishers from within Pohnpei, the FSM and the Micronesian Region as well as from the U.S. and the Asia/Pacific Region.

Your support and lovingkindness truly boosted our spirits and we thank you very much for being so understanding and compassionate.

Thank you very much.

Ieske K. Iehsi and Family

# China offers 14 new scholarships for FSM students

## FSM Embassy in Beijing

Beijing, China, January 8, 2010 - The Government of the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) is now offering scholarships for students from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to attend universities in China for the school year beginning August 2010. The scholarship program is extended to the FSM to promote cooperation and exchange in the fields of education and culture between China and the FSM. The program will support students who are interested in going to China for undergraduate and graduate degrees. The program fund will cover the cost of tuition, dormitory and a monthly allowance for meals and other basic necessities. International airfare for the students will be borne by themselves.

The Chinese Government will be accepting a maximum of 14 students this year under the scholarship program. Application forms are available at the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Palikir. Please contact the two respective offices directly for the deadline for submission of applications to the Chinese Embassy.

The Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia in Beijing encourages all FSM students to take advantage of the scholar-

ship opportunity. There are currently 39 FSM students studying in China. Their fields of study range from computer science to medicine and engineering.

For further information, contact the FSM Embassy in Beijing at Ph: (86)1065324708 or e-mail address: embassy@fsmembassy.cn



Current FSM Scholarship Students and other FSM Citizens meet with Vice President Alik L. Alik and Senator Joseph J. Urusemal at the FSM Embassy in Beijing on 07 November 2009.

## NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on December 31, 2009, public notice is hereby given that the following parcels of land described here will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

1- Parcel No. 058-D-11, situated at Elielwi, Madolenihmw Municipality, consisting of 6,308 ± square meters, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 058-D-00.

3- Parcel No. 023-A-139, situated at Dolonier, Nett Municipality, consisting of 3,853 ± square meters, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 023-A-34.

2- Parcel No. 058-D-43, situated at Elielwi, Madolenihmw Municipality, consisting of 10,277 ± square meters, as shown on Cadastral Plat No. 058-D-03.

- There is no minimum bid amount for any parcel.
- Bids may be placed on one or more parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "February 11, 2010 Land Auction" by personal delivery to the Receiver at the lobby area of the Office of the Chief Clerk of the FSM Supreme Court – Pohnpei trial division in Palikir on February 11, 2010 from 2 pm to 4 pm.
- The deadline for submitting bids in person will be 4:00 p.m. on February 11, 2010 at the FSM Supreme Court – Pohnpei trial division in Palikir. Bids may also be mailed to: Nora E Sigrah, Receiver, PO Box 1237, Pohnpei, FM 96941. Bids submitted by mail must be received by February 11, 2010, by 4:30 pm.
- All bid submissions must state the bid amount, full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, and e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid. Bidders must be eligible to hold title to land in the FSM.
- The winning bidder will be notified in writing by Receiver. Payment in the full amount of the bid must be delivered to Receiver within fourteen (14) days of receipt of notice through a cashier's check.
- After payment in full, the winning bidder shall be provided a duly issued Court order transferring title to the parcel, including all buildings fixtures, equipment, and other improvements on the parcel.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The property is offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.

• Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Nora E Sigrah, Receiver, at phone no. 691-921-1364 or email: noraesigrah@hotmail.com

## ...Nan Pil Contract

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Alliance. He said that the way Pohnpei does business needed to change and that took time. It took 18 months between UPAC's initial offer and the signing ceremony. During that time, Mr. Lin made 16 trips to Pohnpei. UPAC was the only company to respond to a request for proposal issued by PUC.

"Better late than never," Governor Ehsa said. As far as he knew the contract that he signed was the first of its kind in the FSM.

"100 per cent of the risk is on the company. There is none on Pohnpei State," he said. "If no power is produced the company receives no revenue."

There is the matter of Pohnpei State's reimbursement of UPAC's investment over the course of 15 years. Governor Ehsa said that the plan was an unprecedented unsecured financial commitment by UPAC.

UPAC has wide expertise in the area of hydro-electric power generation. They participated in the construction of the world's largest hydro-electric power plant at the Three Gorges in China. Lin said that if the plant at Nan Pil goes well his company also has the capacity to consider the possibility of building other hydro-electric plants and listed the Lehn Mehsi River in Kittu as one example. He said that his company is sending experts to study the feasibility of such a plant within the next few months.

The Universal Power Alliance will be dismantling the generators at the Nan Pil Hydro Electric plant and shipping them to China for complete rebuilding. They say that process will take approximately three months. When it is complete, a PUC representative and a representative of Pohnpei State will go to the UPAC plant for a thorough check out of the rebuilt generators. When Pohnpei officials have signed off on the rebuild, the generators will be readied for shipping back to Pohnpei to be put to use not by PUC but by the Universal Power Alliance Company. UPAC will operate the plant and sell the power they produce to the utility.

Lin said that the plant should be operational by this time next year at the latest but that its generation capacity will be limited for the first year. He said that currently 60% of the water flow of the Nan Pil River that might otherwise be used for generation of power is being used by PUC for treatment purposes for delivery to its water customers. He said that another source for water treatment has been found that will allow UPAC to use the full capacity of the Nan Pil River exclusively for power generation by their second year of operation.

The Governor's conference room was crowded with dignitaries invited by the Governor's office to witness the signing of the unique contract.

Notable by his absence was Feliciano Perman, the General Manager of Pohnpei Utilities Corporation who said that he did not receive an invitation to the event. With the exception of Hainrick Stevenson who works as the Governor's Public Affairs Officer, none of the PUC board members were present at the event either. None of the Pohnpei Congressional representatives were at the ceremony. Senator Stevick Edwin, Pohnpei State Legislature's Chairman of the standing committee on Public Works, Transportation and Communication was also not there.

Stevenson acted as the Master of Ceremonies at the event and knew that the state radio station, V6AH, recorded the proceedings for its radio broadcast. With the exception of Senator Dion Neth he publicly thanked all of the people who had been invited as if they were actually in the room during the ceremony.

Recently appointed Commissioner of the Pohnpei State radio station, Shelten Neth confirmed that the proceedings were aired in their entirety on that Friday afternoon.

Willy Kostka, Chairman of the PUC board said that the board had seen three draft copies of the proposed contract between Pohnpei State and UPAC. He said that the board sent the first contract back to Pohnpei State and asked for changes to be made. The State made changes but Kostka said that the changes were minor and didn't address the board's principal concerns. They rejected the second draft and the third draft. The board has not seen another, he said.

Kostka said that PUC hired a company from New Zealand to do an analysis of what it would take to rehabilitate the Nan Pil plant and sent out several Requests for Proposals (RFP) on the basis of \$1.5 million. He said that the draft contracts that the board reviewed involving UPAC were in excess of \$2 million.

The PUC board is not sure which version of the contract was signed by Governor Ehsa and William Lin but both Kostka and Perman said that they are pretty sure they have not seen a copy of it. It's why the PUC board members, other than Stevenson, didn't attend the event.

Kostka said that the board took the recommendation of PUC Management and its legal counsel to reject the contracts in all three of its draft forms because they felt that it was "too much risk for PUC to assume," and that it was "not in the best interest of PUC or of its customers." When asked for specific reasons for the



*Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa and UPAC General Manager William Lin sign the agreement. FSM's Vice President Alik Alik was one of the witnesses of the signing*

PUC Board's rejection of the contracts, Kostka said that he didn't have the contracts in front of him but one term of the contracts that stuck out in his mind was that PUC was to have paid all of the taxes that UPAC would have owed due to sale of power to PUC. He reiterated that the board members, to the best of his knowledge have not seen the new contract that Governor Ehsa said would put Pohnpei at no financial risk.

Perman said that the Governor's office submitted a resolution to the Legislature, one that the Legislature passed, that provided for the Governor to act as an agent on behalf of PUC on the basis of PUC's own declaration that it was in a state of emergency.

PUC is a public corporation. The Governor has the power and responsibility to appoint members of the Board of Directors subject to Legislative confirmation.

UPAC's William Lin gave the impression during the signing ceremony that as soon as the signing was complete his company would move in to dismantle the generators for shipment to China.

Perman said that has not happened and that he was told that a Legislative Committee would be looking into the contract. He said that he didn't know of any laws that had changed regarding the way that Pohnpei State does business. "I think the law is still the same," he said. "There is a big question whether the laws need to be amended."

Approximately two years ago, before Perman was appointed as PUC's General Manager, a company that Perman called "Parsons" installed new computerized control units for the plant on a higher floor of the plant from the previous unit. What Perman called, unprecedented flooding had damaged the previous panels beyond repair. The panels had previously been located on the first floor. Parsons was paid approximately \$1 million for their work.

The plant worked for a few months af-

ter Parsons did their work and then shut down due to generator vibrations. At the time, PUC employees at the Nan Pil plant claimed that Parsons had not finished the job and they thought that Parsons should come back to Pohnpei to finish the job.

Perman said that when he came on as General Manager his biggest concern was to get the plant back to a functional level rather than worrying about whether or not "Parsons" had done a job they were hired to do before he arrived in the position. No legal actions were initiated against the company but the plant has not been functional for well over a year.

Kostka said that the board told the Governor that it was in a state of emergency due to the health of its diesel powered generators. "If we lose one we will be in trouble." He said that JEMCO, the committee that oversees the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia had already expressed interest in buying a new diesel powered generator for PUC. "Why should we turn down free money for a long term contract that's going to cost us money," he asked?

But, he says, PUC board members have not, to the best of his knowledge, seen the final contract. "If that's changed, well, then, I don't know," he said.

He said that PUC has always viewed the Nan Pil plant as a resource that can only sometimes be relied upon to generate power. If it doesn't rain it can't generate power. There is no reservoir in Pohnpei.

Governor Ehsa said during his remarks that UPAC had agreed to pay the Kingdom of Neth for the use of its natural resources. Mr. Lin confirmed the Governor's assertion saying that the payment would be from its share of revenues from power generation sales at the plant.

Nett Iso Nahnken Salvador Iriarte gave the final remarks at the ceremony. He gave his personal guarantee that residents of Neth would not bother UPAC workers at the Nan Pil plant.

## Chipen is first Pohnpei campus graduate of revived Agriculture and Food Technology Certificate Program

*College of Micronesia-FSM*



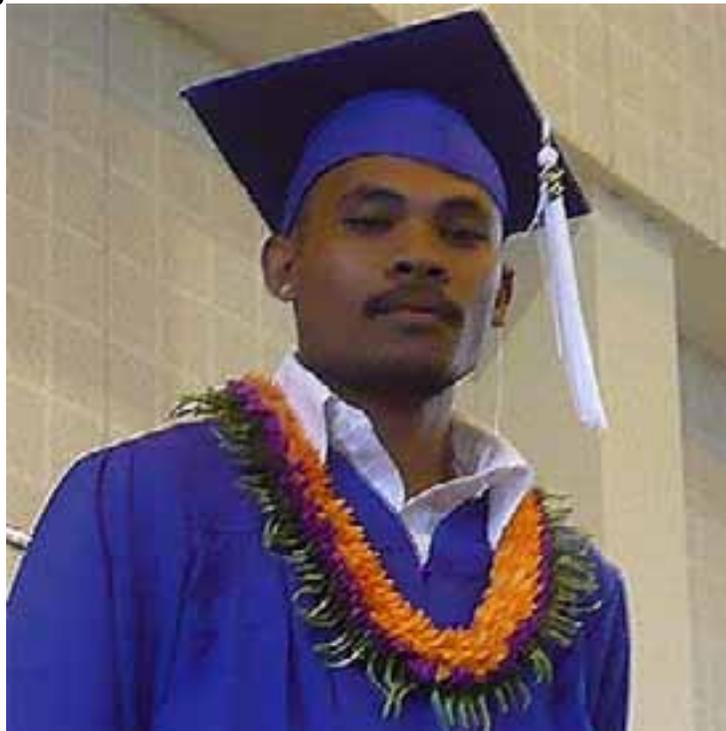
Valentine Chipen became the first graduate from the revamped Agriculture and Food Technology Certificate of Achievement program since it started in the fall 2008 in Pohnpei. Valentine is the son of Michael and Micheala Satowan of Chuuk State.

During the fall semester 2008, the College re-established the agriculture certificate program and started offering it at Pohnpei campus in addition to Kosrae campus. According to the college, lack of interest in the program contributed to the low enrollment and eventually to the discontinuation of the offering of the program at Pohnpei campus.

In fall 2008 a total of 10 students from Pohnpei Campus enrolled in the Agriculture and Food Technology Certificate of Achievement Program. In 2009 the number increased to 34 fulltime students. Valentine is the first of the 2008 cohort to graduate.

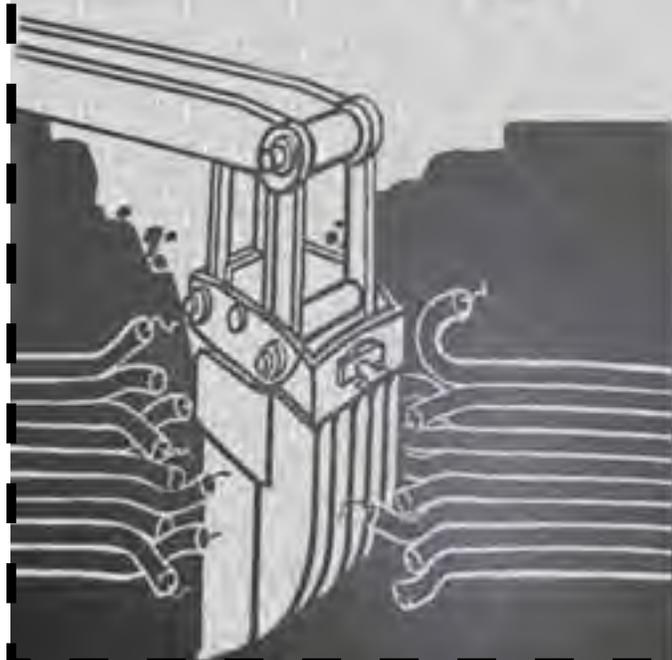
The agriculture and food technology certificate of achievement program is operated through assistance from the FSM office of Economic Affairs; Pohnpei State Department of Agriculture; and the College's Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE) Program, which provides much of the teaching needed and external funding through the CariPac program. The CariPac program is received by the College through the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Bill.

The CariPac fund is for educational programs in Agriculture and Natural Sciences and Food related sciences. The acronym refers to the US affiliated areas in the Caribbean and the Pacific regions. The institutions involved are: University of the Virgin Islands; University of Puerto Rico; University of Guam; American Samoa Community College; Northern Marianas College; Palau Community College; and College of the Marshall Islands and College of Micronesia - FSM.



*Valentine awaits his award during fall 2009 graduation*

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## Congress delays session to last week of January

### CONGRESS NEWS

**PALIKIR, POHNPEI** – Speaker Isaac V. Figir has postponed the convening date for the Third Regular Session of the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia from January 10 to convene instead on January 25, 2010.

The postponement is to allow time for the congressional committees to complete their public hearings currently ongoing in the States. In addition, the FSM Congress hopes the postponement gives the Department of Finance adequate time to close out its books for and provide an accurate revenue projection for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The Third Regular Session is anticipated to run the full 20-days, unless extended or shortened by vote. The Sessions of Congress as amended by PL 13-59 in 2005, revised the schedule for regular session to three times a year: January 10th, May 11th and September 12th, unless the Presiding Officers set a different date or dates.

Length of sessions were also amended by PL 13-59 to last up to 20 days, "unless shortened or extended by a resolution adopted by a majority vote of all members of Congress."

As it currently stands, the Third Regular Session of the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia has been scheduled to meet from January 25 thru February 13, 2010.

Speaker Figir has informed President Emanuel 'Manny' Mori of this decision with a request for his assistance and cooperation, especially with travel scheduling of Cabinet members during session.

## Maycleen David sworn in as Associate Justice in Pohnpei

By Martin Mix  
The Kaselehlie Press



**Pohnpei, FSM** - Macyleen David was sworn in as an Associate Justice of the Pohnpei Supreme Court on December 29, 2009 after being confirmed by the Pohnpei State Legislature on December 18.

Justice David attended Ohmine Elementary School then PICS where she graduated in 1978. She attended CCM, graduating in 1980. She then attended the University of Hawaii at Hilo, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in 1985. She did some graduate work at the University of Hawaii at Manoa before returning to Pohnpei.

She started working for the Legislative Counsel's Office in 1986. She held the positions of Legislative Aide, then Legislative Assistant and then Staff Counsel after passing the FSM Bar Exam in 2001. She was the first female to work in the Legislative Counsel's Office.

## No Signature on Congressional Act for Repetitive Amendments to Public Laws

### FSM Information Services

**Palikir, Pohnpei – January 15, 2010** - President Mori has remained consistent in his stance on Congressional Acts that request for amendments to existing Public Laws for public project appropriations and once again has not put his signature on such an Act. According to the FSM Constitution, Article IX, Section 22, an Act becomes law without the signature of the President if he takes no action on it within 30 days of its receipt from Congress. Congressional Act No. 16-19, which amends Public Law No. 15-31, which has already been amended three times, once again looks to change the use of certain funds previously appropriated, this time for the State of Pohnpei. This is a practice that the President has spoken out against on previous occasions when he did not sign Public Laws 16-2, 16-3 and 16-4 for this same reason, and would like to see this practice happen less often.

There are only two changes being made in

the Public Law 15-31 this time around. The Kapingamarangi Airport that had \$113,470 appropriated in Public Law No. 16-2, lost \$6,175 that was added to a line item for Construction related equipment (wheelbarrow and push-cart) that went from \$3,175 to \$9,175.

In his transmittal letter to Congress, President Mori again refers to this practice of repeatedly changing public project appropriations as potentially indicating indecision or weakness on the part of government planners and decision-makers. While he continues to support public projects, as seen in the signing of the most recent Public Law for public projects, Public Law No. 16-18, he believes that repeated amendments to the distribution of the funds makes these projects appear to be politically motivated and recommends that amendments to these laws be done with extreme caution.

A copy of the law, which has been designated Public Law No. 16-21, can be seen on the FSM Congress website at [www.fsm-congress.fm](http://www.fsm-congress.fm) under the Public Laws tab and then under the 16th FSM Congress link.

## Congressional Appropriation Bill Receives Line-Item Vetoes

### FSM Information Services

**Palikir, Pohnpei** – On January 4, 2010, President Mori signed Congressional Act No. 16-20 and designated it Public Law No. 16-18 with great reservations and several line item vetoes. This Act was to appropriate the sum of \$3.5 million from the general fund for the purpose of funding economic and social projects and programs in the four FSM States. In total, only \$199,000 of item vetoes were cut from the Act, but three full pages of text were generated in the President's transmittal letter to Congress to explain his concern with the current practice of creating social projects that are outside of the FSM's current Development Plan.

The main reason for the vetoes is based on the separation of powers of the two branches of government. Although Congress can appropriate monies from the FSM General Fund, the Executive Branch is constitutionally tasked with implementing the laws. In his message to Speaker Figir, the President highlighted certain flaws found in the Act in regards to the vagueness and ambiguity of the procedure to follow in implementing the projects funded pursuant to the Act. He quoted from the declaration set forth in the legal case of Udot Municipality v. FSM in that "Specific powers are given to each branch of government. When Congress is executing and implementing a national

law, a power expressly delegated to the Executive Branch, it abridges the Executive's power to execute and implement national laws." 9 FSM Intrm. 418, 420 (Chk. 2000).

In the Act, there were several instances where line items were for "Project Management". All of these items were vetoed to be consistent with the decision in Udot Municipality v. FSM.

The majority of the text in the transmittal letter, however, focuses on the issue of aligning these appropriations with the FSM Development Plan. The President states that, "As leaders of the Nation, we owe to our constituents, the duty to build a workable development plan and to faithfully and systematically execute it to full implementation." He points out that the Act makes no attempt to link to the current development plan of the Nation and says that these public projects will amount to an inefficient political dole-out if there is no visible indication that it contributes to a meaningful economic-recovery strategy.

The President ends with an appeal to Congress to support the Strategic Development Plan of the Nation because it is critical for the achievement of economic progress for the Nation and for the social well being for our constituents.

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# Today, some children do with less while other FSM children receive more

As a Peace Corps Volunteer from 1966-1969, I was always amazed by the way elders on Murilo Island were able to divide resources so that everyone benefited. It was beautiful to watch as these knowledgeable leaders divided food or other things according to the needs of all the people at the time of distribution with the method varying to fit the situation...

Old people, pregnant women, by clan, by household or individual, divisions designed to make certain everyone – based on the amount and type of the resource being shared – got something, with no one left wanting: seeing to it that all people were adequately cared for.

If we had gone night fishing for *momoris* – a type of fish that swims in large schools – and sometimes caught in abundance, then everyone had lots of fish to eat for several days. If the resource was small, then another method of dividing allowed for fair distribution.

After reasonable distribution, an essential part of the traditional lifestyle was using their resources wisely: one did not waste resources. The elders advised everyone never to catch all the *momoris* but to make certain some were left for another day. The attitude of not taking more than you could use, and conserving was an integral part of the system.

Today throughout the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the modern government and its organizations sometimes use and distribute resources quite differently, sometimes to the detriment of certain citizens, especially our youth.

These distribution systems, unlike traditional methods, have resulted in some populations being well provided for and others receiving either inadequate resources or worse, doing without. A good argument could be made that such systems are neither traditional nor modern, nor Christian; they are simply unfair. They leave some happy, satiated and smiling, and others unhappy, inadequately provided for and frowning.

One can compare it to the sad reality of segregation in the United States where resources and funding were divided unequally. The plight of Negro (Black, African-American) child under the old Jim Crow south is in some cases quite similar to that of some Micronesian children today.

There seems to be three main types of distribution that fall into the category of unfair.

### (1) Dividing by Four.

When people donate things to the FSM, when equipment, supplies or other items are distributed, very often the recommended formula is to “Divide By Four” – giving each of the four FSM states the same amount. For purposes of this article donors (who are well meaning and generous, and often following the advice of someone in the FSM) remain anonymous. For example:

If an organization donated 100 of something to the FSM, each state receives 25. Sounds good at the start, but when you look at the population, you see that the kids in the small states win while the children in the larger states lose out, and the larger the items (money, etc.) donated the greater the distributional inequality.

### FSM Population ages 0 – 19 by state:

State	People 0-19	Percentage	Equipment/Supplies/etc divided	
			By 4	By Population
Kosrae	3997	07%	25	07
Yap	5438	10%	25	10
Pohnpei	18,194	32%	25	32
Chuuk	28,870	51%	25	51
All FSM	56,499	100%	100	100

### (2) Giving more to a state simply because that organization can, with no justification.

At one time or another this problem has been experienced by each of the four states.

There are national departments and officials mandated to work and offer their programs and services to all four FSM states that choose to focus on only one or two states, ignoring the others. In some departments it happens time and time again, with the same state(s) losing out.

Sometimes it is programs that are developed in only one state. At other times, equipment is provided to only one state, offered to youth of that state, with youth from the other three states excluded. Perhaps it is an opportunity to travel overseas, which goes to individuals from a particular state that are less qualified than people from the other states. It has happened in education, sports, exchanges, training opportunities, conventions, other programs and opportunities.

### (3) “Set by a formula developed in agreement between the FSM National Government and the FSM States.”

The following is taken from the Office of Insular Affairs benchmarks: Per pupil expenditure “Table 16 shows the total Education Sector Grant for each State. The Education Sector Grant is divided by public student enrollment to achieve the per pupil expenditure figure. The level of state Compact funds is set by a formula developed in agreement between the FSM National Government and the FSM States.”

Table 16

State	ESG*	Enrollment	PPE**
Chuuk	9,014.491	15,943	565.
Kosrae	5,008.047	2442	2,051.
Pohnpei	12,128.672	10,825	1,120.
Yap	5,933.168	3125	1,889.
FSM	32,085.178	32335	992.
USA Average	Provided by the author		8,701.

### Key:

\*ESG—Education Sector Grant  
\*\*PPE—Per Pupil Expenditure

Unfortunately, these three present-day types of resource distribution appear to have become the rule rather than the exception in some sectors.

How are such distribution methods justified? Sadly in most cases,

no one publicly addresses the distributional unfairness, and generally they either ignore it, while others simply fail to see any problem. People in decision-making positions just go ahead and continue doing things as usual with no one saying anything. No one will speak up on behalf of the ‘have-nots’ or the ‘have-less’, especially if they are not from your state, and in some cases even if they are.

Holocaust survivor and author Elie Wiesel said, “*Thou shalt not stand idly by... when such things are happening.*” But in the FSM, standing by and saying nothing, and allowing inequality to exist is often the rule not the exception.

Perhaps it is time the FSM considers changing some things... because sadly, there are too many people standing idly by... and when this happens, things do not improve and inequitable distribution and unfairness continues, or is exacerbated. There is seldom a “national conscience” for the kid from the other state, only concern for what “my state” and my kids get. We need to do better by all the children and youth of the FSM, not just those few from our own island.

But silence has another negative impact, exacting its toll on those who see, and seeing, understand, but fail to speak out. The Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “*Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.*” And this matters!

Clark Graham

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# Crossword - She went that-a-way

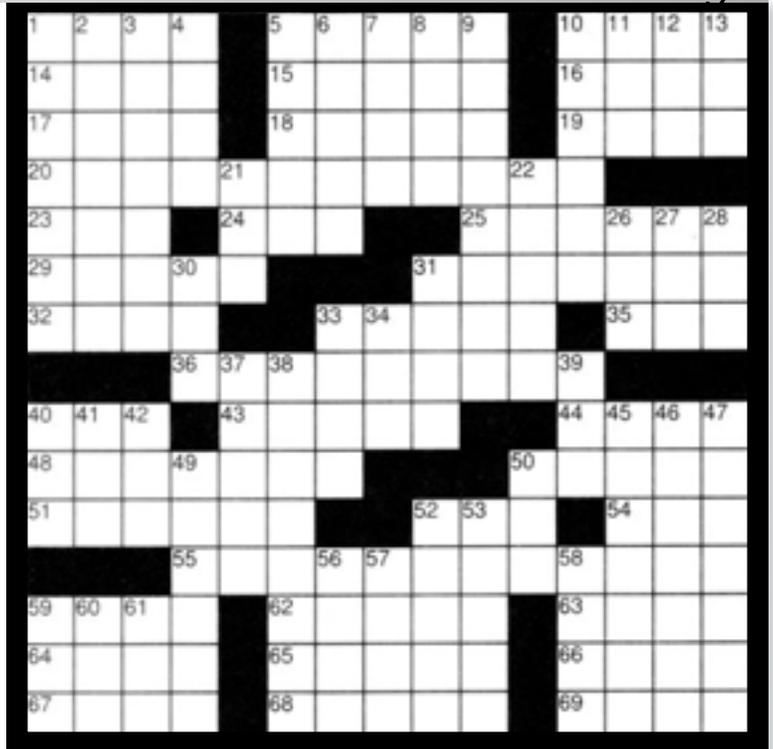
**ACROSS**

- 1. Bandleader Arnaz
- 5. Quiz answer
- 10. Event for the RAF
- 14. Big show
- 15. Agent Ness
- 16. Go no further!
- 17. Blow one's top
- 18. Pale purple
- 19. Grills
- 20. She went downhill
- 23. Tick off
- 24. Six-legged lifter
- 25. Customize
- 29. Interjection of the Bible
- 31. Enter
- 32. Garden site
- 33. Night driver's bane
- 35. Preamble's second word
- 36. She went Under the Tuscan Sun
- 40. Gambler's prize
- 43. Assurance
- 44. Lots of money
- 48. Morale
- 50. Flat hat
- 51. "Relax"
- 52. It helps shape
- 54. Physician flock
- 55. She went to TV and movies
- 59. Rhymed word for Rudolph

- 62. Mental picture
- 63. Now, and I mean it!
- 64. Jellystone resident
- 65. Manchester moola
- 66. List of eats
- 67. Part of an REM, Marcel's, or Pink Floyd hit title
- 68. Condition
- 69. Previous

**DOWN**

- 1. Can't stand
- 2. Past due
- 3. Dot
- 4. Kirk's birthplace
- 5. Criminal
- 6. Like a Pisan tower
- 7. Sprightly song
- 8. Fly high
- 9. And so on
- 10. Classic poser
- 11. Is no longer
- 12. Kind
- 13. Monty Python opener
- 21. Feh!
- 22. Gobbled up
- 26. Portion
- 27. How pretty!
- 28. Hwy.
- 30. What happened next?
- 31. Desalination slag
- 33. Wildebeests
- 34. Musician Paul
- 37. Presumptuous greeting



- 38. Blood lines
- 39. Meadow mama
- 40. Free pitch, for short
- 41. Decide on
- 42. Bolo, for one
- 45. Large Asian lake
- 46. Humiliates
- 47. Remain
- 49. Collect
- 50. 39 Down comment
- 52. Disrespector
- 53. Actress Witherspoon
- 56. Porn
- 57. Lithe Lipinski
- 58. Glower
- 59. Rope-climbing place
- 60. Pub pit stop
- 61. Arrogance

# K Press Puzzle Pleasure



**Anglesearch**

In an Anglesearch, the words hidden in the diagram are not in a straight line. Instead, each term bends at an angle, and no two words cross each other. The terms in this puzzle all pertain to volleyball. We've outlined **GAME** as an example.

- |              |          |             |            |
|--------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| Action       | Exciting | Participate | Rules      |
| Activity     | —Game—   | Play        | Score      |
| Beach        | Hits     | Points      | Serve      |
| Championship | Pairs    | Position    | Sport      |
| Compete      | Park     | Return      | Strive     |
|              |          |             | Teams      |
|              |          |             | Tournament |
|              |          |             | Victory    |
|              |          |             | Winners    |

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**Astronomical Tide Prediction  
January 20 - February 2, 2010**

	Pohnpei				Chuuk					
Wednesday	01/20	05:48AM 3.0	01:58AM 1.9	01/20	04:37AM 0.8	01:03PM 2.1	01/20	04:37AM 0.8	01:03PM 2.1	
		11:21AM 1.1	06:31AM 1.3		09:18AM 0.4	09:36PM -0.6		09:18AM 0.4	09:36PM -0.6	
		05:31PM 3.6	01:38PM 3.9		04:05PM 1.6			04:05PM 1.6		
Thursday	01/21	12:06AM 0.6	01/28	02:34AM 2.2	01/21	05:02AM 0.9	01/28	01:38PM 2.3	01/28	01:38PM 2.3
		06:18AM 3.0		07:34AM 1.0		09:50AM 0.5		09:53PM -0.7		09:53PM -0.7
		11:54AM 1.3		02:21PM 4.3		04:08PM 1.4				
Friday	01/22	12:28AM 0.8	01/29	03:07AM 2.5	01/22	05:35AM 1.0	01/29	02:12PM 2.4	01/29	02:12PM 2.4
		06:54AM 3.0		08:22AM 0.7		10:23AM 0.7		10:12PM -0.6		10:12PM -0.6
		12:36PM 1.6		03:00PM 4.6		03:50PM 1.1				
Saturday	01/23	12:52AM 0.9	01/30	03:38AM 2.8	01/23	06:22AM 1.1	01/30	04:04AM 0.4	01/30	04:04AM 0.4
		07:44AM 2.9		09:04AM 0.5		11:03AM 0.9		07:00AM 0.2		07:00AM 0.2
		01:40PM 1.9		03:37PM 4.7		02:25PM 1.0		02:43PM 2.4		02:43PM 2.4
Sunday	01/24	01:20AM 1.1	01/31	04:10AM 3.1	01/24	08:10AM 1.2	01/31	04:06AM 0.5	01/31	04:06AM 0.5
		09:10AM 2.9		09:45AM 0.4		10:14PM		07:50AM 0.2		07:50AM 0.2
				04:12PM 4.7		-0.1		03:11PM 2.3		03:11PM 2.3
Monday	01/25	02:07AM 1.3	02/01	04:42AM 3.3	01/25	11:47AM 1.5	02/01	04:17AM 0.7	02/01	04:17AM 0.7
		11:23AM 3.0		10:23AM 0.4		09:36PM		08:34AM 0.2		08:34AM 0.2
		08:16PM 1.4		04:46PM 4.5		-0.3		03:34PM 2.1		03:34PM 2.1
Tuesday	01/26	12:45AM 1.6	02/02	05:14AM 3.4	01/26	12:27PM 1.8	02/02	04:32AM 0.9	02/02	04:32AM 0.9
		04:37AM 1.5		11:01AM 0.5		09:27PM		09:14AM 0.3		09:14AM 0.3
		12:46PM 3.4		05:18PM 4.1		-0.5		03:47PM 1.7		03:47PM 1.7
	08:28PM 0.9		11:42PM 0.3				10:47PM 0.0		10:47PM 0.0	

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## Pohnpei Farmers Association Selects Priority Crops

By: *Delpihn Abraham*  
*Island Food Community of Pohnpei*

On December 15, 2009, the Pohnpei Farmers Association had a workshop coordinated by the Pohnpei Agriculture of the Office of Economic Affairs. Other facilitators were the Natural Resources Conservation Services, FSM Resources and Development, Development of Sustainable Agriculture in the Pa-

cific, COM-FSM Cooperative Extension Services, Island Food Community of Pohnpei, Forestry and Marine Conservation.

The purpose of the workshop was to select priority crops and to identify needed projects. The identified crops were A- root crops (1-yam, 2-giant swamp taro, 3-Colocasia taro (sawa), 4-cassava, 5-sweet potato; B-fruits (1-breadfruit, 2-ba-

nana, 3- citrus, 4-soursop, 5-papaya, 6-pineapple; C-vegetables (all suitable varieties); D-other important crops (1-sakau, 2-black pepper, 3-coconut).

The crops were prioritized using the CHEEF benefits of local food as criteria. The CHEEF benefits are Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food Security. There were about 30 farmers present and

they were very excited to learn from both the facilitators and from each other. Another exciting thing about this workshop was that both the refreshments and the lunch served were totally local.

The Pohnpei State Farmers Association and the Office of Economic Affairs would like to give a big thanks to all participants and the sponsors, including the AusAID small grant scheme and US Forestry. LET'S GO LOCAL, think CHEEF!

## Let's Go Local Christmas Party

By: *Delpihn Abraham*  
*Island Food Community of Pohnpei*

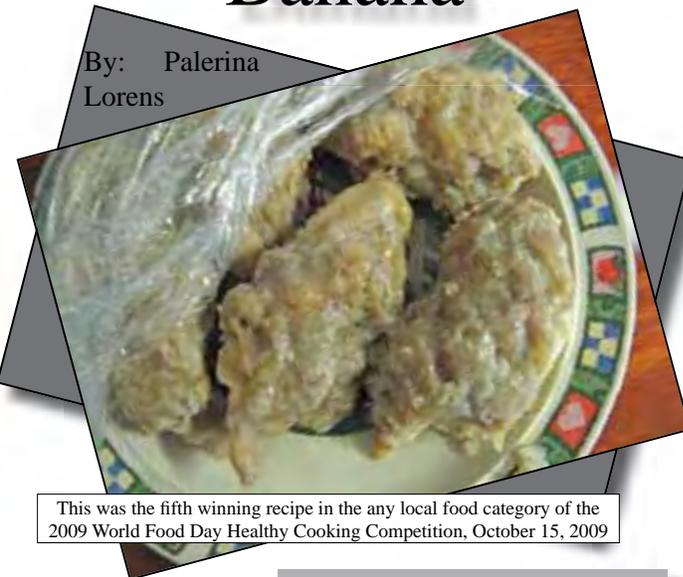
The Pohnpei Office of Economic Affairs had a very special "Let's Go Local" Christmas Party on December 17, 2009. The special thing about this party was that all foods were local and no rice and soft drinks were served. They did this to promote the Let's Go Local theme using the CHEEF benefits of local food: Culture, Health,

Environment, Economy and Food Security. The meal was delicious, healthy and refreshing. It included fish, crab, taro, mashed ripe banana with coconut cream, cassava pudding, mango, watermelon, drinking coconuts, water and many more. The meal was enjoyed by the staff and their families. So again, LET'S GO LOCAL, think CHEEF!



## Taro with Ripe Banana

By: *Palerina Lorens*



This was the fifth winning recipe in the any local food category of the 2009 World Food Day Healthy Cooking Competition, October 15, 2009

### Ingredients

4 medium-sized raw Colocasia taro corms (sawa)  
6 cups mashed ripe banana (any kind of banana)  
2 grated coconuts

### Methods

1. With a spoon, scrape out some of the inner part of the taro.
2. Mix the mashed banana and leftover taro pieces into the scraped part of the taro making fist-sized oval shaped pieces and add to a cooking pot.
3. Add the cream of the two coconuts to the mixture.
4. Boil for 20-30 minutes and serve.

## FSMNOC HOSTS 1st YEPOV SEMINAR

By Gina Tobin

The Young Educators Promoting Olympic Values (YEPOV) seminar was held from January 13 – 15, 2010 on Pohnpei. Teacher and student participants from Pohnpei Central High School (PICS), Seventh Day Adventist High School (SDA), Calvary Christian Academy (CCA), Madolenihmw High School (MHS), Nanpei Memorial High School (NMHS), and College of Micronesia (COM) – Pohnpei and FSM Campuses took part in the three-day seminar. The FSM National Olympic Committee (FSMNOC) applied for an International Olympic Committee (IOC) Culture and Education grant through the Women and Sport in Oceania (WASO). Helen Brownlee, President of WASO and Vice Chairperson of the IOC Culture and Education Committee, came in from Australia to initiate the new pilot program. Brownlee and Lestly Ashby, FSMNOC Sport Development Officer, were the seminar coordinators.

Participants included: Alex Kalau, Maria Capelle, B-Ann Lekka, Jeffrey Hadley, Margaret Worswick, Kay Mulholland, Meaulinda Silbanuz, Julaine Pablo, Burth William, Albert Benjamin, Johnny Leben, Tommy-Lee Obed, Panrasko Ardos, Anitra Ligorio, Reloliza Saimon, Dionisio Augustine, Tracy David, Ryan Ifamilik, Emerson Eperiam, Evangelyn Airens, Strickson Fredrick, Edwin Stone, and Bollie Ludwig Taulung.

The opening ceremony was held on Wednesday, January 13. Berney Martin, President of FSMNOC, welcomed all participants to the first YEPOV seminar. Dr. Vita A. Skilling, Secretary of FSM Health & Social Affairs, was a guest speaker and shared inspiring and motivating words with the future peer-educators.

Brownlee presented on the Olympic movement, Olympic values, and YEPOV goals and initiatives. Other speakers included: Jim Tobin, FSMNOC Secretary General, past FSM Olympic athletes Debra Daniel, Kerson Hadley and Welbert Samuel, and 2010 Singapore Youth Olympic Games FSM athletes Dionisio Augustine, Reloliza Saimon and Rayleen David. The participants contributed in discussions on what these Olympic values (excellence, respect, and friendship) mean and formulated plans to implement activities at their schools as peer educators.

Brownlee stated: "The ultimate goal of this workshop is to inspire young people to be ambassadors for the Olymp-

pic values. Young people sharing a strong message they believe in with other young people is very powerful. They can share these values by doing activities at their schools, in the community, and elementary schools."

The closing ceremony was held on Friday, January 15. Australian Ambassador to the FSM Susanne Cox joined the procession in handing out certificates and t-shirts for all the participants. Tracy David, 17, from NMHS, said that she had never played sports, but learned that "sports are not just about playing, but learning excellence, respect for others, and making friends." David also added that she can apply these Olympic values to her daily life and share these values by example to her friends and family. Alex Kalau,

16, from CCA, who plays for his high school basketball team, said that he learned more about the Olympic movement and how the Olympics promote peace and bring cultures together. When asked what he thought the overall message was, he said: "It doesn't hurt to try out a sport – it's about learning and trying your best. There are a lot of benefits from participating in sports."

The FSMNOC would like thank the IOC, WASO, Helen Brownlee, Department of Education, the schools, and participants. The FSMNOC is in the process of applying for additional IOC Culture and Education and WASO grants to hold YEPOV seminars in Chuuk, Kosrae, and Yap in the next few months, with Ashby as the instructor.



## ABC win high school boy's b-ball final in overtime thriller

By Jim Tobin

ABC, coached by veteran basketball player Norbert Kalau, won the 4th annual Pohnpei High School Basketball Tournament boy's championship game in overtime beating a well trained Kapinga Sharks team by a final

score of 115 – 106. In the girl's championship game, the Kapinga Sharks outplayed the Pohnpei Islands Central School 57-51. The tournament was held from December 19- 31, 2009 at the Pohnpei State Public Gymnasium, with 10 boy's and 3 girl's teams participating.

The boy's teams included 7th Day Adventist High School, Da-Lok, Barracudas, Pohnpei Islands Central School, Young Snipers, Upward Bound, Nanpei Memorial High School, Ohwa

International Christian Academy, Kapinga Sharks and ABC. The girl's teams were the Seventh Day Adventist High School, Pohnpei Islands Central School and Kapinga Sharks.

The boy's tournament started with a preliminary round robin format with all 10 teams playing each other once, with all 10 teams making the double elimination playoff round. Eight games were played each day until the final round with 4 games each day. Winners

in the boy's tournament were: Champions – ABC; 2nd Place – Kapinga Sharks; 3rd Place Ohwa International Christian Academy; Team Sportsmanship – Da-Lok; Most Valuable Player – Norieka Lekka and All Tournament Team (All-Stars) – Alex Kalau, Darly Paul, Wingston Judas, Benjamin Ludwig, and Benter Pluhs.

The girl's tournament started with a preliminary double round robin format, with all 3 teams playing each other twice, with all 3 teams making the double elimination playoff round. Winners in the girl's tournament were: Champions – Kapinga Sharks; 2nd Place – Pohnpei Islands Central School; 7th Day Adventist High School; Team Sportsmanship – SDA High School; Most Valuable Player – Jennifer David John and All Tournament Team (All-Stars) – Jennette Simram, Chesmie Lickie, Venessa Bermanis, Amyleen Tom and Vanity Paul.

The tournament was coordinated by the Pohnpei State Basketball Association led by Sisco Simram, Kun Isaac, Bollie Ludwig and 30 volunteer referees and score and time keepers. A goal of the tournament organizers was for the youth of Pohnpei to have a safe, healthy and drug free activity to participate in during the long school holiday break. The major sponsor of the tournament was the FSM National Olympic Committee which provided basketballs and trophies. Other sponsors included Western Union, Pohnpei Waste Management, COM-FSM and the Pohnpei State Government Sport Office.

