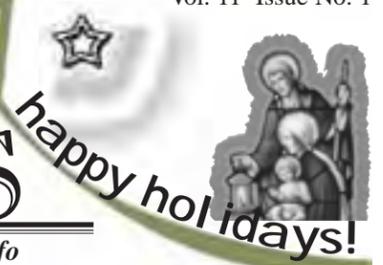


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FSM celebrates completion of first 'Amended Compact' funded school building in Madolenihmw

FSM Public Information Office

November 30, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei - Yesterday, President Mori, accompanied by his office staff, participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony of Madolenihmw High School. Ambassador Prahar of the US Embassy, Ambassador Weidong of the Chinese Embassy, and Second Secretary and Consul Uprichard of the Australian Embassy also took part in the festivities.

The event began at 11:30AM with the ceremonial sakau pounding performed by four men from Madolenihmw. As

the pounding began, Pius Hadley, the master of ceremony, presented the raising of the flags officiated by police officers of Pohnpei State and Madolenihmw Municipality.

Deacon Ioanis Tihpen offered an invocation for the event, followed by welcoming remarks from Petrick Ringlen, Madolenihmw Chief Magistrate. Ringlen mentioned his high hopes that "the students will achieve the quality education they deserve" in the new classroom building, and thanked President Mori, the National Government, Governor Ehsa and the United States for selecting and funding the project in

Madolenihmw.

Ambassador Prahar followed Ringlen and stated this was the first school building to be completed under the Amended Compact Agreement between FSM and the US; he said it was a solid proof of the US' commitment in improving the lives of the people of the FSM. Prahar said he hoped the school would serve as an anchor for the community; however, he stressed that the school building alone would not ensure a good education for the students. He advised the audience that the community, the parents, the teachers and most especially the Principal of the high school, need to demonstrate how much they value education by making sure each are meaningfully involved with the school.

In turn, Governor Ehsa also thanked all those who contributed to the completion of the school building, reminding President Mori and Ambassador Prahar to seek ways to continue such collaboration for the future, especially once US funding under the Amended Compact draws to an end 16 years from now.

Following Governor Ehsa, President Mori took to the podium and thanked Prahar for the United



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Nature Conservancy donates half a million dollars for Micronesia Challenge

Micronesia Conservation Trust

November 25, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei. - In a small gathering at the China Star Hotel in Pohnpei, Mr. Bill Raynor, The Nature Conservancy's Asia-Pacific Regional Marine Program Director, officially transferred a check of \$500,000.00 in support of the Micronesia Challenge to Vice President Alik Alik and Congressman Roger Mori.

During the event, representatives from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) met with FSM Vice President Alik Alik, FSM Senator Roger Mori, FSM Senator Peter M. Sitan, Pohnpei Governor John Ehsa and FSM Secretary of the Department of Resource and Development, Mr Marion Henry to officially transfer its

initial contribution of \$500,000.00 into the Micronesia Challenge Endowment in support of the Micronesia Challenge. This initial transfer represents 50% of TNC's \$1 million financial commitment to supporting the advancement of the Micronesia Challenge in the FSM made in 2006 at the Eighth Meeting of the Council of the Parties of the Convention on Biodiversity in Curitiba, Brazil. Mr. Raynor noted that the

transfer was made in consideration of tremendous work by FSM both domestically and internationally to advance the Micronesia Challenge. The transfer also recognizes a Memorandum of Understanding signed between FSM and The Nature Conservancy which provides an extension of 18 months to an initial agreement which was made during the launching of the Micronesia Challenge.

The Micronesia Challenge is a regional inter-governmental initiative between Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia and Marshall Islands, and the U.S. territories of Guam and Northern Mariana Islands. The goal of the Mi-



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Pohnpei State launches new agriculture plan

Secretariat of the Pacific Community

A historical event took place on Wednesday morning of November 10th when Lt. Governor, Hon. Churchill Edward launched the first ever Agriculture Strategic Action Plan for Pohnpei State at the State Government Office. In launching the agriculture plan Hon. Churchill expressed gratitude to the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) for its technical assistance in updating and finalizing such an important strategic plan. Agricultural development activities will now be implemented in a more improved coordinated effort for the next 5 years beginning in 2011.

The Administrator for Pohnpei State Government, Mr. Valerio Hallens stated that the plan was developed and finalized in participation with all partners and stakeholders. He emphasized the importance of having a monitoring and evaluation component of the plan which is crucial for the successful implementation of the plan as changes will occur due to new agriculture production issues. The implementation of the plan will continue to need assistance from partners,

collaborators, development agencies, donors, etc. towards addressing agricultural production concerns for the next 5 years.

The Director of the SPC North Pacific Regional Office congratulated Pohnpei State Government for the historical achievement since agriculture is the backbone for Pohnpei's economic and social development. He emphasized that the agriculture strategic action plan is forward looking and moves away from ad hoc activities. Partnerships with non-government organizations, donors, development partner etc. are crucial for the successful implementation of the planned activities. The plan is outputs oriented and impacts should be evidenced in the lives of Pohnpei people. The development of the plan is the beginning of the first step in the right direction as SPC is mandated to provide such technical assistance to Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).

Such a historical achievement is an activity included in the SPC FSM Joint Country Strategy which was highlighted by Gibson Susumu of the Department of Resources and Development, FSM Government.

The plan is linked to the FSM Strategic Development Plan 2020 and the Pohnpei Farmers Association Action Plan which strengthens its sustainability according to Mr. Adelino Lorens, Chief of Agriculture. It is a product of team work over the years with all relevant partners and stakeholders.



Ms. Mona of IFCP and Mrs. Hallens at the launching

Budweiser fishing tournament held in Pohnpei

Pohnpei Fishing Club

It was a great day for fishing, but cold and extremely wet for everyone else. The weather kept some boats in port, but we had 12 boats participate in the tourney, and a lot of fish were caught. Unfortunately no one caught a billfish this time, but a 65.5 pound yellow fin was landed by Konrad Englberger on Bavaria. The winning boat landed four of the five species. The winning boat was True Blue captained by Scott Campbell, and crewed by Francisco Sohl, Waldemar Rakowski, Sam Upritchard, and Steve Finnen. True Blue caught its fourth species, a small skip jack, as time was running out.

Other boats had three species, so second place was determined by weight, and the big yellow fin gave second to Bavaria.

Budweiser generously donated the prize money, beer and t-shirts. A lot of Bud was consumed once the anglers finally got out of the rain.

Listed below are the winners in the various categories and the prize money awarded.

1st Place Most Species	True Blue	Wahoo, YF, SJ and MM	\$600.00
2nd Place	Bavaria	YF, W, MM	\$350.00
3rd Place	Hunter	W, MM SJ	\$150.00
MM	Scott Campbell (True Blue)	21.5lb	\$100.00
YF	Konrad Englberger (Bavaria)	65.5lb	\$100.00
SJ	Relio Yamada Jr (Miss Nett)	9.5lb	\$100.00
W	Paul Ruhl (Cuda)	26.5lb	\$100.00

We had a mystery fish, the giant trevally, but none were caught. It is still a mystery. Great prizes were received by everyone.

We wish to thank our sponsor, Budweiser for hosting the tournament. They provided the



prize money, beer and t-shirts to all competitors. It was a great day out, and everyone had a lot of fun.

We also wish to thank Kumer Panu-elo for hosting the weigh in, and PCR for the registration.

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PNA moves to protect threatened whale sharks

PNA - The Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) advanced their record of innovative conservation and management measures last week by advancing a proposal to protect whale sharks.

Up to 12 metres long, whale sharks are the largest living fish species in the world admired for their distinctive spotted markings and gentleness towards divers. Being a long-lived species (70 years), and subject to fishing, their status has been classified by the IUCN as vulnerable.

The PNA brings together eight Pacific Island countries to sustainably manage tuna. PNA members are Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu. These countries own waters which supply 25% of the world's tuna, an estimated \$2 billion worth of fish every year.

On Friday last week, the PNA secured support of all the 17 members of the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency for their proposed conservation and management measure on

whale sharks. The Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Committee meeting agreed to support the PNA whale sharks proposal at this year's annual session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), a body that sets legally-binding rules for fishing across the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

The PNA-proposed whale sharks measure bans purse seine fishing vessels in the region from setting nets around whale sharks (both alive and dead as some often bask motionlessly at the surface of the water). The measure also says if any whale sharks are caught in nets, fishing vessel owners must stop the net-haul and free the whale sharks.

The measure will be monitored through the observation of independent fisheries observers aboard PNA vessels and, if the measure is adopted at WCPFC, through reporting to this Commission.

The WCPFC will meet next month from 6-10 December 2010 and consider the PNA whale sharks proposal. To adopt the proposal as a WCPFC measure, all countries must agree including the Pacific Islands and the distant water fishing nations that come and fish in the region.

FSMACC Logo Contest

FSMACC- The FSM Association of Chambers of Commerce Board of Directors met recently and among the many topics and issues discussed during their meeting was the creation of an FSMACC Logo that reflects the culture and history of each of the 4 FSM States.

It was decided to have a logo design contest and seek entries from all the FSM States and any other interested persons to help get an image that best reflects our unique and diverse history. No limits or boundaries have been set on designs but Board members do request that designs be clear, relatively simple, and the designer write a brief description that explains their submission.

The deadline for submission of logo entries is Monday, January 10, 2011, and the winning designer will receive \$300.00 for their work and effort. The person who submits the winning logo will receive credit for creating it but the logo itself will become the property

of the FSM Association of Chambers of Commerce.

Entries can be e-mailed or given to the any of the Officers of the FSM Association of Chambers of Commerce or our Interim Secretariat who will forward them on to the entire Board for review and final selection.

Send your logo submissions to the following;

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U.S. Embassy donates periodicals to public High Schools in Pohnpei

*Embassy of the United States of America
Kolonia*

On November 16 and 18, U.S. Embassy Chargé d' Affairs Lori Dando donated magazines and magazine racks to the three

public high schools in Pohnpei: Pohnlangas High School in Madolenihmw, Nahnpei Memorial High School in Kitti, and PICS High School in Nett. The donation was made in honor of International Education Week (IEW); a joint initiative of the U.S.

Australian Embassy sponsors 2010 Ambassador's Cup Tennis Tournament

Australian Embassy Pohnpei

The Australian Embassy in Pohnpei hosted the 2010 Ambassador's Cup Tennis Tournament that ran from October 29th through November 12th at the Kolonia Town Tennis Courts. 25 participants vied for the men's singles title and 14 competed for the women's title. The 2009 men's champion, Rene Merencillo, returned to defeat Rey Garcia in the 2010 men's finals and Tasha Isaac defeated Mona Jackson for the women's final. The 3rd place finisher in men's singles

was Dr Bryan Isaac but unfortunately the women's 3rd place match has been delayed between Nanette Apis and Pelma Palik so that award has yet to be awarded. Sam Upritchard, the Embassy's Second Secretary and Consul, presented the trophies to the first through third place winners at a small awards ceremony following the finals competition on November 12th. The Australian Embassy would like to thank everyone involved in this year's Ambassador's Cup and congratulate the winners for this year's tournament.



Departments of State and Education, IEW was first held in 2000 and today, is celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide. IEW is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This annual initiative aims to promote international understanding and build support for international educational exchange by encouraging the development of programs that prepare Americans to live and work in a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study in the United States.

During her brief remarks at the high schools, Dando encouraged students to visit the EducationUSA Advising Center (EAC) at the College of Micronesia-FSM National Campus. EducationUSA is a global network of more than 400 advising centers supported by the U.S. Department of State, and offers information about higher education opportunities in the U.S. Millions of prospective students learn about U.S. study opportunities through EducationUSA centers each year.

The COM-FSM EducationUSA Advising Center is open to all those interested in learning more about higher education opportunities in the United States.



U.S. Embassy Chargé d' Affairs Lori Dando with 12th graders at Pohnlangas High School in Madolenihmw November 16.

2010 Christmas drop for FSM outer islands scheduled to begin on December 13

Palikir, Pohnpei (FSM Public Information Office) - The American Embassy in Pohnpei announced today that the U.S. Annual Christmas Drop will be taking place during the period of December 13-20, 2010. This event is sponsored by the 13th Air Force out of Andersen Air Force Base, in Guam; this year will mark the 59th Annual Christmas Drop.

A total of 51 crates, containing toys, clothing, fishing equipment, sporting goods, food items and tools, will be parachuted out of U.S. military aircrafts to land on the beaches of remote outer islands throughout the Federated States of Micronesia. Eighteen crates will be dropped on the outer islands of Yap between December 13 and 15, and thirty-three crates will be dropped on the outer islands of Chuuk and Pohnpei between December 16 and 20.

The 23rd Ship for World Youth

Embassy of Japan

A delegation of 12 youths, including a team leader has been invited by the 23rd Ship for World Youth Program (SWY) which will commence from January 11-March 2, 2011. The program was initiated in 1967 but officially became SWY in 1988. Since then, numerous countries have been invited to join the program. The main purpose of this program is to promote friendship and mutual understanding among the youth of Japan and the youth of other countries of the world. Participants of the program come from all corners of the world and a total of 288 youths will participate. All participants will meet in Japan for a 10-day orientation and board the Fuji Maru from there.

Mr. Stuart H. Penias, who is a teacher at ESDM Elementary School in Pohnpei has been selected as the National Team Leader. He has already returned from Japan in November where he was briefed on the contents of the program. The participants will have the

honor of meeting the Crown Prince of Japan and the Prime Minister as well. They have also been given choices of popular places in Japan that they would like to visit and will be given a chance to get a taste of everyday living through "homestay" where they will be living with local families for a few days.

When they finally depart on their journey aboard the Fuji Maru, they will visit places such as Australia, Vanuatu, and Fiji. The trip is estimated to take 40 days and they are scheduled to disembark in Tokyo on March 2, 2011. Onboard they will merge with youths from other countries and participate in seminars and discussions on common subjects, considering global viewpoints, and youth participation in society. The participating youths are expected to be in leading positions in youth activities and other sectors in their respective countries after the completion of this program.

The participants from the FSM were carefully selected by the FSM government and

the Embassy of Japan and we are confident that the selected ones will prove capable and will do the FSM proud. The program was or-

ganized the by the Director General for Policies on Cohesive Society, Cabinet Office of the Japanese Government.



Stuart H. Penias in Japan

Ribbon cutting Ceremony for Nahnpei Memorial High School

FSM Information Services

December 8, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei - The Ribbon Cutting and Turnover Ceremony of the new school building for Nahnpei Memorial High School took place on December 3, 2010, in Kitti Municipality.

Participating in this event were Nahmwarki of Kitti, His Excellency Alter Paul, Rohsa Kitti, Nahnalek Kitti and other Traditional Leaders, Secretary Lorin Robert, members of the FSM Congress, Lieutenant Governor Edward, members of the Pohnpei State Legislature, Ambassador Prahar of the US Embassy, representatives from the China Embassy and the Australian Embassy, National and State officials, as well as teachers, students and staff from the school.

The ceremony began with an invocation by Wahnparon Wihner August of Pohnalamwahu Church -Kitti, followed by the raising of the flags, officiated by municipal and

state police officers.

Luhkenmoanlap, the Honorable Keropin David gave the welcoming remark on behalf of the Government of Kitti Municipality. He conveyed gratitude to the United States of America, through Ambassador Prahar, for the funding of the project and expressed appreciation to the National Government for the assistance provided to Pohnpei State to make the project a reality.

Ambassador Prahar reiterated his remarks made during the Madolenihmw High School and Kolonia Elementary School ribbon cutting ceremony earlier in the week.



Photo Courtesy FSM PIO

Secretary Robert followed Prahar and thanked the Ambassador for the support and assistance of the US Government.

Lieutenant Governor Edward also thanked

Ambassador Prahar for the funding of the project and also those who contributed to the completion of the school building.

The keys to the school building were presented by a representative of Pacific Landscaping Engineering and Construction, Inc. to a PMU staff member, who then presented the keys to Secretary Robert, who handed them over to Lt. Governor Edward, who in turn gave them to Rohsa Kitti, then to the Acting Director of Education who then turned them to the Principal, Mr. Destry Tom. The ribbon was cut by the Nahnalek Kitti, Pohnpei State First Lady, Mrs. Churchill Edward and Kitti Municipal First Lady.

The Pohnalamwahu, Nanmand and Onohnloang Choir sang three numbers during the ceremony. A benediction was given by Deacon Burdencio Andreas.

Ribbon cutting Ceremony for Kolonia Elementary School

FSM Information Services

December 2, 2010

Palikir, Pohnpei - The Ribbon Cutting and Turnover Ceremony of the new school building for Kolonia Elementary took place on December 1, 2010, in Kolonia Town.

Participating in this event were Iso Nahniken of U, Hon. Ihlen Joseph, Iso Nahniken Iriarte of Nett, Wasahi Madolenihmw, representing the Pohnpei Traditional Leaders, Secretary Lorin Robert, Chairman Halbert, Governor Ehsa, Lieutenant Governor Edward, Speaker Pelep, Ambassador Prahar of the US Embassy, representatives from the China Embassy and the Australian Embassy, National and State officials, as well as teachers and staff from the school.

The ceremony began with an invocation by Deacon Arasely of Our Lady of Mercy Church -Kolonia, followed by the raising of the flags, officiated by police officers of

Pohnpei State.

Senator Yamaguchi gave the welcoming remark on behalf of the Government of Kolonia Town. He conveyed gratitude to the United States of America, through Ambassador Prahar, for the funding of the project and expressed appreciation to the National Government for the assistance provided to Pohnpei State to make the project a reality.

Ambassador Prahar reiterated his remarks made during the Madolenihmw High School ribbon cutting ceremony earlier in the week. He stated the building was the second school to be completed under the Amended Compact Agreement between the FSM and the US. He emphasized the school was a solid proof of the US' commitment in improving the lives of the people of the FSM. He asked the community, the parents, the teachers and most especially the Principal of the school, to demonstrate how much they value education by making

sure each are meaningfully involved with the school.

Secretary Robert followed Prahar and told the audience: "two days ago, a similar ceremony was held in Madolenihmw to commemorate the completion and hand-over of the Madolenihmw High School project. This morning, we gather once more to undertake a similar ceremony for Kolonia Elementary School. In two days, we will have another one in Kitti."

"I am highlighting these projects in this one-week period which are all for the purpose of enhancing and improving our schools' infrastructure and programs, because this indicates they are a top priority under the Compact. These events are testimonies to the good progress we have made in implementing infrastructure projects, especially in Pohnpei State."

"It is for this reason that I wish to also take

this opportunity to encourage and implore all of us, formal and informal educators alike, parents and teachers, our communities – all of us who are involved in this long process of educating our children, to continue dedicating our time, energy and resources to the betterment of our schools. This is not an easy task. This is not an 8 to 5 job, Monday thru Friday – as we all know educating our children is a life-time enterprise. Our goal is no less than what a Jesuit educator would like to say: creating a questioning individual and a critical spirit of our citizens, so that we all, in our individual ways, make our island better."

Secretary Robert concluded his remark by saying: "like others facilities and infrastructure projects, this school is more than just a building in the heart of Kolonia, it is a tangible symbolic structure and a testimony of the unique partnership and friendship enjoyed between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia. We thank you Ambassador for the support and assistance of your government."

Governor Ehsa also thanked Ambassador Prahar for the funding of the project and also those who contributed to the completion of the school building.

The keys to the school building were presented by a representative of White Sand Construction Company to a PMU staff member, who then presented the keys to Secretary Robert, who handed them over to Lt. Governor Edward, who in turn gave them to the Acting Director of Education. The ribbon was cut by the First Lady of Kolonia Town, Linda Suzuki, Nahnep Madolenihmw, Shruie Villazon and Marine Henry.

The Kepinle Choir sang two numbers during the ceremony. A benediction was given by Senior Pastor Wahnparon Bethwel Henry.



Photo Courtesy FSM PIO

Elementary School Library Open and Ready for Business

By Amber Ham

The days were long, hot and above all chaotic; however, today the Sekere All-Inclusive Elementary School Library is open and ready for business! For the past 4-5 years ago, the library served as a storage facility filled with boxes of books, outdated computers, bugs, dirt, and lumber. Today it is bright, open, organized and a welcoming attraction to the school and community. More importantly the library is an important asset to the community because, "Reading is good for the students and it will prepare them for High School and beyond," commented Pius Siten, 5th grade teacher. Peace Corps Volunteer, Amber Ham, Sekere School teachers and students, COM-Pohnpei Work-study students, and community volunteers worked for the past 10 weeks weeding books, cleaning, organizing, and cataloguing the library so that today children and teachers have access to well over 1000 books as well as a perfect meeting place to simply read, study, or converse over the wonderful selection of books and magazines.

The library is divided into sections including picture books/easy readers, junior fiction, non-fiction, references, magazines, Pacific Collection, and teacher

resources. In addition, it is fully catalogued and can be accessed through a computer software program much similar to the organization at Pohnpei Public Library.

Children are currently completing the library orientation curriculum that was developed by a past PCV, Jenny Borgwardt from Rohi Elementary School. The PCV is working with teachers to develop literacy-based lessons that can be fully implemented in the library with the current resources and expectations include "A library that is reliable whenever needed and able to assist students with research and using computers," commented Benrita Petrus, 6th grade teacher. This fantastic addition to the school was met with welcoming remarks from the Parent-Teacher Association as well as the school and community. Mitaro Simina, Acting-Principal, said the library, "Can provide appropriate information that the community needs. Due to our limited resources the library has what we need."

It is with great hope that once the volunteer leaves the school next October, the current librarian volunteer will be able to take over lessons and library duties. Sustainability is the most important aspect at this point and asked what will happen once the PCV leaves, Pelma Agrippa, 6th grade teacher suggested, "Finding an interested person such as a teacher or community volunteer who is responsible for opening and closing the library and promoting the available resources." The PCV and school are working with the PDOE and WDNST to obtain contract work



*The library space before (above)
Students enjoy books after the project
(left)*



that will guarantee a sustainable library at the school.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this project a success including: Sekere students and school, COM-Pohnpei work-study students, Conservation Society of Pohnpei, Sokehs Municipal Government, PDOE, LAMP, ACE Office Supply, and all the Sekere Community volunteers who contributed many hours and days to seeing this project through to the end. Your efforts did not go unnoticed.

FSM State National Prayer Day celebrated in Kosrae

FSM Information Services

November 29, 2010

Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia - On November 25, throughout the FSM, Micronesians celebrated the 3rd Annual State National Prayer Day. President Mori traveled to Kosrae on November 24, to honor this day with the people of Kosrae.

He was accompanied by Secretary Vita Skilling and Dr. Ben Jesse of the Department of Health and Social Services; Director Fabian Nimea, and Kemskey Sigrah, both of SBOC; Johnson Asher, Assistant Attorney General, and Cadalina Donre, Legal Secretary, both with the National Department of Justice; Bernis Danis from the National Department of Education, Pelsesar Petrus, Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, and George Skilling, National Police Officer.

On the morning of November 25, President Mori and his delegation attended a mass service at Church Lelu. The morning's program was dedicated to Thanksgiving and included the performance of beautiful songs from the members of Church Walung, Church Tafunsak, Church Malem, Church Utwe and Church Lelu. The invocation was given by Reverend Takeo Likiaksa, and the benediction by Reverend Henry Noda. The service was followed by an outdoor lunch, where the President and his delegation was served a delicious pork soup, taro, coconuts and fruit, generously offered by the Church members.

The afternoon program took place in the courtyard of the newly built Kosrae High

School to accommodate the large crowd; it began with an invocation by Reverend Natchuo Andrew, followed by President Manny Mori's opening remarks.

The President expressed his great pleasure in being in Kosrae to celebrate this special day, a day he initiated back in 2008. He reminded the audience that back then, his hope had been to create a moment in each of our lives, to set aside all our differences; a moment to come together to share quality time; but also, to reflect on how we can strengthen our relationships. He explained that when we have stronger relationships, we become more unified and can achieve our goals.

The President clarified that this State National Prayer Day should not be seen as simply a day to pray in the conventional sense of prayer, but a day to truly reflect on our relationships: our individual relationship with God, our relationships between each other as leaders and our relationship as leaders with our constituents.

Mori explained he was inspired to create this day for FSM after attending the 2007 Annual National Prayer Breakfast at the White House in Washington D.C. He related one of the stories he had heard during that breakfast, which had left a strong impression on him: the story of a wealthy businessman who had accompanied a priest on a trip to Ethiopia, where the businessman witnessed for the first time the reality of extreme famine.

One day, during this trip, the businessman gave a piece of candy bar to the oldest of

two extremely skinny boys playing in the street, expecting to see them fight over it. Instead, the oldest boy gave half of the piece of candy bar to the youngest boy and they both smiled. These two boys shared and were happy. This businessman had so much material wealth, but realized he was not himself happy.

As a result of this small incident, the businessman changed his life and became a leading philanthropist in Africa. President Mori emphasized that it is by sharing our resources, our time, our love, that we strengthen our relationships with each other and with God and that is how we come together and become united.

Following the President's remarks, Reverend Eden Skilling introduced guest speaker Reverend Kalau. The Reverend spoke on the theme of "Seeking Divine Providence's Guidance toward a Stronger National Unity and Progress." Reverend Kalau stressed the importance of building the right foundation in our lives by first loving God. He explained that if you put God first, you will have success in your life; you will have a strong family and in turn a strong Nation, united.

Reverend Nena Kilafwasru then pronounced a theme prayer in Kosrae, followed by a short speech from Reverend Takeo Likiaksa who spoke of the Church's participation in the stability of the Nation. The Reverend spotlighted the importance of having Christians involved in the government to guide the institution with good moral standards; in closing, he commended President Mori for instituting the State

National prayer Day.

Governor Robert Weilbacher spoke of unity between and amongst the states of the FSM. The Governor stressed that "the similarities between our States, greatly outweigh our differences." He emphasized that we all share unified dreams, and principally, that of healthy communities. "We are like-minded States working together," said Weilbacher, "and different minds working together; that is the meaning of unity between and amongst our States."

Secretary Vita Skilling then addressed the theme of unity between national and state governments. "This is an important day for dealing with relationships with our creator, our leaders and our peers," said Skilling. She explained that unity is "a combination or arrangement of parts to make up a whole," and that as such, in government "each part has a role to play to achieve the goal of unity." She said that seeking divine providence's guidance, the over-arching theme of the day, was most likely our answer on how to sustain unity in government.

Reverend Edmond Salik led the audience in a prayer for all the afternoon's topics of discussions. Dr. Ben Jesse gave the closing remarks, thanking all the dignitaries present for the opportunity to enjoy the event in Kosrae. The Benediction was given by Reverend Tulen Kinere. The afternoon remarks were interspersed by performances of songs from the members of Church Walung, Church Tafunsak, Church Malem, Church Utwe and Church Lelu.

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U.S. teaches garden management to local youth

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On November 26, representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services and the U.S. Embassy in Pohnpei welcomed thirty Nett Elementary School students to a pest management workshop at the embassy garden. Friday's event served as a follow-up to a September 8 visit, when the sixth-graders participated in the second planting of the embassy garden. During the workshop, students identified harmful bugs, what vegetable varieties they consume, and organic techniques to diminish their impact. Students were reminded of low-cost, high yield gardening techniques, as well as the invaluable health and food security benefits provided by a family garden.

In his welcoming remarks, U.S. Ambassador Peter Prahar encouraged students to appreciate the value of agriculture, highlighting to the students that they "are learning the value of healthy, locally-grown foods...And I hope all of you will continue to be interested all your lives in growing and harvesting some of the food you eat." Students then rotated through stations at which they identified four common bugs and the vegetables varieties they affect: tortoise shell beetles on kan kang, white flies on tomatoes, aphids on beans, and slugs on cabbage. USDA-NRCS Con-

servation Specialist Paul Lake, Soil Conservation Technician Gibson Santos, Agriculture Conservation Aid Rodasio Samuel, and U.S. Embassy Management Officer JoEllen Gorg presented organic pest control methods that could be employed at little or no cost. Students were then shown how to make tea with locally-grown lemon grass.

To employ their newfound gardening skills, the sixth-grade students will create their own garden at Nett Elementary School through the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) Youth-to-Youth Program. With technical assistance from USDA-NRCS, the students will construct and manage the garden, and, at the conclusion of the program, teach other youth the gardening techniques learned.



Participants in the pest management workshop at the U.S. Embassy in Pohnpei November 26



Management Officer JoEllen Gorg and Nett Elementary students scour for slugs in a cabbage raised bed November 26



Ambassador Prahar encourages students to value agriculture and lead health-conscious lives during his welcoming remarks November 26

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...Madolenihmw School

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States' financial assistance for building the school in Madolenihmw, but also for all the other infrastructure projects throughout the Nation.

Mori went on to remind his audience that when he came into office in 2007, he had made a pledge to accelerate the implementation of infrastructure development plans, and that this school and the completion of two more classroom buildings this week in Pohnpei, one in Kolonia and one in Kitti, is a testament to that pledge. However, he cautioned all that still much work needed to be done, including the completion of projects such as the road construction project in Chuuk.

Mori also took the opportunity to set a new challenge for all those working within the State and National governments: increasing the salaries of the teachers in the FSM. "We need to adjust our mind to the value we want to put in all those involved in education," he said. Mori specified that in December, he will be attending the FSM National Economic Symposium in Chuuk and will make sure to highlight that putting more money in education is one

of his highest priorities.

In closing, the President echoed the sentiments expressed by the earlier speakers, underscoring his deep gratitude to the contractors, the Madolenihmw community, the National Project Management Unit (PMU), the United States and all those who have contributed to the successful completion of the school facilities. He also emphasized the duty of the community, the parents and the students to work together to take advantage of this infrastructure and achieve "the high standards set by our Micronesian culture and lifestyle."

The keys to the school building were presented by two staff members of PMU to the President, who handed them over to Governor Ehsa, who in turn bestowed them to His Majesty Wasa Lapalap Isipahu, Nanmwarki of Madolenihmw. The Nanmwarki thanked the people of the US for all the assistance extended to the people of Madolenihmw, he expressed his sincere appreciation to President Mori and Congress in their support to make this school building a reality and gave his thanks to Governor Ehsa. The ribbon to the school main entrance was cut by Her Majesty Likend Madolenihmw and First Lady Julinida Weital.

The speeches were interspersed with beautiful songs rendered by the Temwen Choir. A final benediction was given by Wahnparon Poden Pedrus.

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Call for Action against Poverty

United Nations Development Programme

The International Volunteer Day for social and economic development (IVD) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly through resolution A/RES/40/212 on December 17, 1985 and is globally celebrated on the 5th of December. This year the theme is "Volunteering for the Millennium Development Goals" (MDGs). The United Nations Volunteer (UNV) programme in partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) takes a look at how United Nations Volunteers from around the globe, especially, those from the south are sharing their knowledge and experiences with people in the Pacific region. Below is a story about a UNV Volunteer serving in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). Her name is Maria Cecilia de Azevedo Sodre and she is from Brazil. She serves as the UNV Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Capacity Building Project Manager with the Office of Statistics, Budget and Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance, and Compact Management (SBOC) in FSM. MDGs are everyone's concern

"Achieving the MDGs requires the solidarity of people living in a country. It means being more collaborative and cooperative so that all actions transcend societal or national platforms to reach regional and global levels. These efforts must come from national governments," says Cecilia.

In the case of FSM, Cecilia notes that combined efforts from the national and state levels, as well as, support from development partners is relevant for the implementation of the MDGs. Community engagement she further elaborates is crucial to these efforts. One of the challenges discussed by Cecilia in meeting MDG targets is the need to expand the sense of solidarity and cooperation amongst communities.

"As you know in many Pacific island countries you have the concept of the extended families. So solidarity and cooperation already exists within the families. But you have to extend this sense of solidarity and cooperation to the communities in order to achieve better results for the MDGs."

Another challenge mentioned by Cecilia is the need to sensitise leaders on how to address MDG targets in their respective countries. For example, to increase student enrolment in schools, the quality of education has also to be a target for improvement. However, given the high dependency on aid, this was a difficult issue to tackle when survival is based on daily needs.

Cecilia found that the discussions around the concept of poverty a challenge given the prevailing perception of it being something that exists in a different region (Africa) but not in the Pacific. She further added "Some definitely deny the existence of poverty in their society. I think it is one of the main and key challenges when you work as a volunteer in small countries and this is the case of FSM that is highly dependent on foreign grants and is not really self sustainable at the moment."

Cecilia pointed out that workshops, small meetings and radio broadcasts are effective communication methods for increasing civil society awareness on the MDGs. She further emphasized the need for MDGs to be part of a country's planning and budgeting processes in order to have these advocated through government policies and programmes.

MDGs, Human Rights and Volunteerism

Cecilia believes that through voluntary actions, people can inculcate a sense of civic belonging where human rights becomes more visible in the society.

"There is a strong linkage between human rights and the MDGs. FSM representatives travelled to Geneva in November to attend the 9th session of the Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review Group. They presented and discussed the country's Human Rights Report. Representatives from Office of SBOC, members of the MDG Task Force and I helped to make the linkages between human rights and the MDGs for this report. MDGs are part of the scope of human rights which is exemplified by societal rights to education and access to health services."

"Volunteerism also has an economic impact and can contribute to capacity building processes in countries where projects are being implemented. Volunteers can assist in capacity development of government counterparts that will lead to efficient monitoring of the MDGs."

Cecilia is assisting FSM in producing its first National MDG report. In her current capacity as the Project Manager for the MDG Capacity building Project, she is also involved in monitoring and analyzing MDG indicators.

Incorporating MDGs into mainstream policies and programmes is one of the key challenges Cecilia has faced in helping to put together the country's first MDG report. "I would say that awareness on MDGs is an on-going process, you have to do it all the time. It is not because you publish a Report that you start doing awareness. Involvement too, of NGOs in this process can help to address these issues at the community level."

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With regard to gender issues, Cecilia pointed out that "women in the FSM have achieved equality at all levels of education, but they are still relatively far from reaching better progress in the labour market. They face obstacles to get jobs and receive lesser financial remuneration in both the public and private sectors compared to men."

"One of the things I have noticed is that there is already a lot of information existing in the country. What volunteers can do is to assist in the organization of this information and make it visible for leaders in the country, region, and the world. The other thing is to assist statisticians set up indicators which I think is crucial in coordinating actions. For example, in conducting a survey the Departments of Statistics, Health and/or Education can and should work together."

Working to eradicate Poverty

"One of the contradictions on MDG 1 (Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger), is to make linkage between economic growth and levels of poverty," Cecilia says. She mentioned that one of the first things she noticed in FSM upon arrival was the limited awareness of civil society on the important role/partnership they played in achieving the MDGs.

"They [leaders] know that more people are leaving the country because they face hardship and cannot find jobs. More and more people leave to go and find jobs in Hawaii, Guam or other parts of the US, but they [leaders] don't know exactly what are the root causes that that leads to labour migration."

When asked how she viewed her role and contribution through the project, Cecilia responded "my contribution is to help them establish these linkages and to create more awareness of poverty. I consider I am helping in more at this stage for MDG 1 [eradicate extreme hunger and poverty] that is the linkage between the current economic situation affected by the global economic downturn and impact of limited employment vacancies and its consequences."

UN Millennium Summit

In September this year, Cecilia was invited by the Government of FSM to join the delegation to attend the MDG Summit in New York. The Summit

reflected on achievements of the governments who signed the Millennium Declaration in 2000 given the 2015 deadline. The Vice President, H.E. Alik L. Alik, spoke on FSM's achievements in reaching the MDG targets at the Summit and also at the UN General Assembly. Cecilia assisted in the drafting of the Vice President's speech through the provision of information on MDG progress and through the analysis of how these have translated into actions in the medium term. These were highlighted with statistical evidence and plans.

Cecilia noticed that the speech delivered by Alan Garcia Perez, President of Peru, resonated well with her because he addressed each MDG individually and provided statistics, some analyses and information on public policies and focused social programmes that have been currently implemented in the country. She further added: "It was quite impressive to note the number of people they were able to pull up from the poverty line since 2001."

She also noted the clear message passed by Barack Obama, the US President, in his address which asked countries to focus on development instead of dependency. She thought this was particularly relevant for highly dependent countries on foreign grants.

What difference can volunteerism make in people's lives?

Cecilia believes that volunteerism calls us to take action in our own individual capacities.

"The MDGs are not confined to particular individuals or groups. It is a combination of efforts and mutual cooperation; it is "everybody's work" to help millions of people to be out of hunger and extreme poverty and to support them to break the cycle of poverty. Volunteers all over the world are making a valuable contribution towards the achievements of the MDGs.

"They play an important role of opening "eyes, minds and hearts" of people to the issues of poverty and hunger, causes of lack of decent work, inequality and deprivation of education and health care. Their focus on putting gender and environmental issues on the top of government's development policy priorities and their contribution to include those who are neglected into the human rights agenda is a work that never ends," she added.





Pacific prepared for climate talks in Cancun

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Cancun, Mexico - The Pacific region is preparing their stance in cooperation with all Small Island States at the climate change negotiations in Cancun, Mexico next week. While the possibility of a new global agreement on climate change is being downplayed, it has not dampened the efforts of the Pacific as they ready themselves for the final round of negotiations for 2010. There is strong representation from the Pacific region in Cancun with Heads of State, Environment Ministers and Ambassadors of the Pacific in attendance with their officials.

The 16th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework for the Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP 16) is bringing the World together for two weeks of climate change negotiations. The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) coordinated a meeting of the Pacific islands countries to assist them in preparing for the two weeks of intense discussions.

"I think judging from the dialogue in the Pacific meeting there is a strong desire to see some tangible outcomes from Cancun," stated SPREP's climate change adviser Mr. Espen Ronneberg.

"Of course expectations have been downplayed by the host and a number of other influential countries but we'll have to work through all the issues and see how we can best rescue something that can be of benefit to the region."

During the preparatory meeting the Pacific

delegates discussed issues on the agenda, exchanging views and information, allowing for frank talks before attending the formal meetings. One of the main issues of concern that was discussed extensively by the Pacific region as they prepared for the coming weeks is that of financing.

"We do need to see new and additional resources being made available. The existing funds and so forth that are available to the countries are viewed by many as inadequate and there is so much complexity in accessing

the funds. We need new funds and funding modalities that are easier for our countries to take advantage of."

The final day of the preparatory meeting allowed for negotiations training for the Pacific Island delegates which were coordinated by the highly experienced Tuvalu negotiator, Mr. Ian Fry. His training programme stages a practical exercise to strengthen negotiation skills and for this particular session of the Pacific the activity focussed on the adaptation agenda and the negotiations text now at the table.

"This was a very successful day of negotiations training, these exercises are very helpful, and it is good to have a refresher even for our more experienced negotiators as well just to take a step back and see the negotiations from the perspective of other countries. It is daunting for the new people for whom this is their first COP, and the negotiations training exercise is very valuable in preparing them for the weeks to come."

The Pacific preparatory meeting was held in Cancun from 21 – 23 November, while the formal Cancun COP will be held from 29 November to 11 December.



FSM challenges other Nations to raise their Expectations for Cancun Negotiations

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Pacific calls for greater commitment from global community

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UNEP Report finds Copenhagen Accord pledges will not reach targets of 2 degrees or less.

Pledges to cut emissions under the Copenhagen Accord do not add up. Formed after the 15th Conference of the Parties to the UN Climate Convention, in Copenhagen, Denmark last year, the Copenhagen Accord declared that deep cuts in global emissions are required to stop the increase in global temperature to below two degrees Celsius. It also called for an assessment that would consider strengthening the long-term goal including "temperature rises of 1.5 degrees."

"The Emissions Gap Report", a study by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) finds the pledges made do not reduce emissions enough to limit global warming to below two degrees Celsius as declared.

"If you add up all of what the countries have put on the table in terms of the pledges you get to emissions in 2020 that are far above the level needed to get down to 1.5 to 2 degrees Celsius," said Dr William Hare of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, one of the Lead Authors of the report.

"I think one of the problems with the Copenhagen Accord process was that the goal was written down and the pledges came later and there hasn't been a process that has said - 'Great you have made some pledges but they don't add up to enough.'"

Studies show that emission levels of approximately 44 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent in 2020 would be consistent with a "likely" chance of limiting global warming to 2 degrees Celsius. The pledges made under the Copenhagen Accord leave a gap of nine gigatonnes of carbon dioxide to reach this goal, however if the world continued in a "business as usual" fashion the gap

would be 12 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide.

The Emissions Gap Report also shows that it is still technically and economically feasible now to achieve 40 billion tonnes or lower in 2020, according to Dr Hare - "so that it won't break the bank and will actually have a lot of benefits for countries, so while reports show on the one hand that the pledges are not enough, we still have time to close this gap with enough political will".

As of mid-November this year 140 countries have associated themselves with the Copenhagen Accord. Of these 85 countries have pledged to reduce their emissions or constrain their growth up to 2020. At the Cancun climate change talks, the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are standing strong, calling for urgency to act now with deeper emission cuts than those pledged in the Copenhagen Accord, before it is too late.

"The window of opportunity to try and turn things around has been specified, we need to peak our emission rate, if we don't we will miss the targets of creating a safer cleaner environment and that window will close," said Ambassador Colin Beck, the Solomon Islands Ambassador to the United Nations. He believes this report states what the Pacific countries and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) have been saying for years.

The Emissions Gap Report emphasises that tackling climate change is still manageable, if leadership is shown. It is political will and leadership that is called upon to help make decisions that limit global warming and ultimately ensure the survival of the Small Islands Developing States (SIDS). These populations are amongst the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, yet have done very little to contribute to the global problem.

"Each country has to step up to the plate so to speak and make its commitment," states Dr Hare, "and if countries politically are not prepared to do that then we certainly won't get enough action that will reduce global emissions fast enough to prevent the dire threats that face SIDS and others so it really comes down to politics."

Samoa's Ambassador to the United Nations in New York, Ambassador Elisaia Feturi said while his country does not doubt the commitment of rich nations to deliver on their promises, he's called for more clarity in the process. He said information sharing is urgent to help this especially on the level of unallocated pledges and accessibility criteria given the limited life span of the fast start finance.

"The fast start financing was a commitment made at the highest political level and the expectation was for everyone to ben-

Cancun Must Set Stage for Planet-Saving Agreement

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sador Colin Beck said if vulnerable states are to benefit from the fast track fund, then they must have representation on the body to co-ordinate distribution of the funds.

"Least developed and Small Island Developing States must have a say in how the funds are to be disbursed. Until we have some sort of an arrangement, we are worried that come the end of 2010, no funds will be disbursed.

Samoa and Solomon Islands raise questions on fast track finance

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Cancun, Mexico - Hopes of accessing US\$10 billion in fast track finance promised at last year's climate change negotiations is slowly turning to despair for many vulnerable nations, whose interests were prioritised in the Copenhagen Accord.

Two small island states in the Pacific – Samoa and Solomon Islands – tell the same story.

efit, the least developed countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing states (SIDS) amongst the priority beneficiaries, said Ambassador Feturi.

The US\$10 billion promised by developed nations in Copenhagen was for 2010.

"For good measure, Samoa is already benefiting nationally and regionally from FSF resources from Australia, Japan and the EU, said Ambassador Feturi.

His Solomon Islands counterpart, Amba-

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Five year adaptation work program did not fully consider Kiribati

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Cancun Mexico - Kiribati shared a powerful message at the Climate Change talks in Cancun, reminding the world that when it comes to climate change adaptation, a one size fits all solution will not work.

The intervention was made on the Nairobi Work Program (2005 – 2010) which was designed to help countries improve their understanding and assessment of impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change.

The five year programme also had the goal to help with making informed decisions on practical adaptation actions and measures to respond to climate change. It was designed to help all parties, in particular the developing countries including the least developed countries (LDC's) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

However Kiribati did not agree that the Nairobi Work Programme was well designed and covered all countries.

The Pacific island nation did agree with Argentina in saying the outreach of this was limited and there was a great gap be-

tween the engagement of the international community and the lack of awareness of the Nairobi Work Programme amongst the national and sub-national stakeholders.

"I would urge that if there is a next phase of the Nairobi Work Programme, the views of the most vulnerable group, SIDS and LDCs are included, representation of the different groups and geophysical aspects are given due consideration, so there is a full suite of options for all countries."

The Director of the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Agricultural Development for Kiribati, Ms. Tererei AbeteReema

"We see the need to strengthen existing dissemination channels and communication mechanisms at regional and national levels particularly in LDCs and SIDS. In Kiribati, internet is quite a luxury for web-based medium of communication and access to information. We always have problems with browsing a website or download information for more than 3 minutes."

The Director of the Ministry of Environ-

ment, Lands and Agricultural Development for Kiribati, Ms. Tererei AbeteReema also pointed out that while the Nairobi Work Programme empowered countries to make informed decisions for

some countries, without funding to trial or test the methodologies and tools Kiribati could not assess their effectiveness or be assured that they were not mal-adaptation options.

As for other options and so-

lutions for adaptation provided by the Nairobi Work Programme, in the case of Kiribati, these were inadequate.

"Kiribati is very interested in any adaptation program due to its extreme vulnerability to climate change impacts, compounded more by our least capacity and limited means to, respond appropriately.

"For instance, as a coastal nation, we regard the generic adaptation options for the coastal zones with disappointment as

it has not identified more options.

"The three options are: retreating, accommodating and protecting.

"Kiribati is unable to retreat because either ways, we will be floating in the sea surrounding us. Relocating is impossible since we do not have higher grounds and in terms of protection, we do not have the means. The only option left for us is accommodation, a middle ground in making changes to cope with climate change impacts and hence, in our view the Nairobi Work Programme advice does not go far enough."

Kiribati ended with words that will hopefully remain with all during the course of the next two weeks of negotiations, the message that everyone needs to be considered and fully represented when it comes to combating climate change, including the Small Islands Developing States and Least Developed Countries.

"In closing, I would urge that if there is a next phase of the Nairobi Work Programme, the views of the most vulnerable group, SIDS and LDCs are included, representation of the different groups and geophysical aspects are given due consideration, so there is a full suite of options for all countries."

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In addition, Ambassador Beck urged the rich and developed nations to be more transparent in their funding process.

"It's more to do with building trust between all Parties and this is where I believe the negotiations here in Cancun are important, to achieve that goal.

Apart from the fast track finance, which is expected to reach \$30 billion by 2012, very little funds have been accessed by Parties, especially small island states from the Adaptation Fund and the Least Developed Countries Fund. These funds were set up under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to help Parties adapt and mitigate against the impacts of climate change."

"It's one thing to pledge funds and another to provide them so that countries can access them and translate them into activities on the ground.

"There are a lot of pledges but we are not sure where they are and whether it's new and additional to their current overseas development assistance (ODA), said Ambassador Beck.

At a briefing Tuesday, the European Union (EU) convened what it called a progress

briefing on their pledges. The EU, along with Germany, Portugal, France, Finland, Denmark, Sweden and the United Kingdom are the major contributors of the fast track funds.

"We want to ensure there is transparency in the delivery of the fast start funding, said the EU briefing paper obtained by Climate Pasifika Media.

The EU promised to report annually to the Conference of the Parties (COP) on the implementation of its fast track financing commitments.

Of the US\$30billion committed for 2010-2012, the European Union has pledged approximately a third of the amount, US\$9.3 billion.

"The EU is striving to allocate funding where it is most needed, for example, adaptation – priority is given to the most vulnerable and least developed countries, said the EU brief.

But, the two Pacific diplomats based in New York who have been part of the COP process for number years are not clear on the criteria for the disbursement of funds.

"I think there may be funds committed for LDCs and small island developing states (SIDS) but we are still not sure where they are and how can we access them, said Ambassador Beck.

Japan opposes extension of Kyoto Protocol

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CANCUN, MEXICO - Japan says it will oppose any extension to the Kyoto Protocol (KP), the only legally binding global agreement on climate change.

And its chief negotiator here in Cancun, the vice minister for global environment affairs, Hideki Minamikawa confirmed to the international media that 'continuing with the second commitment period does not make any sense.'

Instead, Japan supports a new international framework with the participation of all major emitters based on the Copenhagen Accord.

According to Tokyo's calculations, the current Kyoto Protocol covers only a small part of developed countries, representing 27 percent of the global carbon dioxide emissions from fuel combustion.

"That is why Japan is aiming at an early adoption of a new single legally binding instrument that is fair and effective, said Minamikawa.

He brushed aside media claims that Japan

shocked the Cancun negotiations with its decision not to support a second commitment period for the Protocol.

"This is not new. The position has been clearly decided by the Ministerial meeting president by our Prime Minister.

Minister Minamikawa said his country has not abandoned the Kyoto Protocol as it one of the Parties to the agreement adopted in 1997.

One of his negotiators, Jun Arima said, "KP's coverage is very limited. Rather than jumping to another legally binding agreement, Parties should consider jumping to one that is more effective, referring to the Copenhagen Accord."

Here in Cancun, Japan will support a framework that is well balanced and comprehensive, a similar position adopted by the United States at the current negotiations.

The United States is not a party to the Kyoto Protocol. When its chief negotiator, Dr Jonathan Pershing was pressed for a comment on Japan's position, Dr Pershing said the United States will not comment on a sovereign decision of a Party and will respect whatever decision it takes.

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AOSIS proposals receive overwhelming support at Cancun talks



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CANCUN, MEXICO - Led by Grenada and Tuvalu, the AOSIS group was given the green light for its proposals to set up two separate contact groups to discuss a legal form to the new agreement likely to be in place by 2011 and resolving a gap that will be created after the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2012.

Ambassador Dessima Williams of Grenada said the small and vulnerable countries that make up AOSIS want a 'space' to freely discuss the architecture and legal form of a new legally binding agreement to be formalized in Durban, South Africa in 2011.

All members of the Pacific Islands Forum, except Australia and New Zealand are members of the AOSIS. It's one of the recognized negotiating groups at the UN climate change talks.

"These have always been considered in open-ended negotiating forums - open to all Parties and observers. This was the case in Kyoto, for example, for the consideration of the proposed Kyoto Protocol.

"It is not efficient, nor useful, to consider the proposals in a plenary meeting of the COP and as with other items on the COP Agenda, the proposal requires its own separate discussion, said Ambassador Williams.

Despite opposition from India, China and Saudi Arabia the President of COP16 ruled in favour

of the proposal, to a rousing applause from delegates and observers.

India and China reminded the chair of the limited time for negotiations here in Cancun and not allow the AOSIS proposal to side track the process. They argued that the new agreement and its legal form are already part of the negotiations in the two Ad Hoc Working Groups on long term cooperative action (LCA) and the Kyoto Protocol (KP).

Both AOSIS and Tuvalu had submitted similar proposals to the climate change Secretariat last year under Article 17 of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Tuvalu chief negotiator, Ian Fry said it had been an 18 months wait for the proposal to come before the Conference of Parties.

"We support the AOSIS proposal that a contact group be established to explore

means to reach an agreement in South Africa, said Fry.

Ambassador Williams said despite the multitude of meetings that have been taken place in recent years, "we do not have an effective, visible and lasting place for discussions on architectural proposals or on legal form."

"Legal form is important as it provides certainty to the outside world - the governments, the markets, the private sector that we are trying to get involved in this process - all of them need legal certainty to effectively contribute to this process and to make the investments needed.

This is not the first time that AOSIS has taken such a leadership role.

"The Secretariat's records will show that AOSIS tabled the first draft of the Kyoto Protocol, well in advance of its final adoption", said Ambassador Williams.

"In that regard, AOSIS would call for creation of an open-ended contact group to consider proposals related to this agenda item, to be conducted under the direct guidance and facilitation of the COP Presidency.

COP President, Patricia Espinosa after consulting with her advisers approved the setting up of the contact groups, warning however that the work of this new contact group will not hinder the current negotiations in the LCA and KP processes.

"This will allow more dialogue and better understanding between Parties before a final agreement is ready, said Espinosa

Pacific youth vow action on climate change

By Stanley Simpson
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Cancun, Mexico - Pacific youth delegates took a frontline role on behalf of their peers from around the world - calling on leaders to guarantee young people a safe climate change future.

Fiji student and environmental advocate Krishneil Narayan spoke on behalf of world youths - at a plenary alongside UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres and declared that young people still have faith in the process - and will not give up on it.

He cited the work being done by Pacific youth who are already battling the harsh impacts of climate change.

"We youth in the Pacific are very concerned about our future in those islands, and instead of sitting around and debating the technicalities and the texts in square brackets - like our lovely politicians did last year in Copenhagen - we are actually getting to work," Krishneil said.

"The youth in the Pacific have collaborated with each other and with their respective government departments, regional NGOs and diplomatic missions, to start community based climate change adaptation programmes."

Narayan also took time to describe the 'Pacific Climate Leadership Program', the first such program in the Pacific region.



"Through our collaborations with Pacific stakeholders we are now able to provide leadership trainings not only to youths but also women and men from all ages who go on to manage community based adaptation programs, we have started with six different Pacific Island countries."

The commitment of young people was visible today as many wore blue t-shirts quoting Solomon Island youth Christina Ora: "You've been negotiating all my life. You cannot tell me you need more time."

Ora made the comment at the climate change conference last year in Copenhagen.

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A major feature of the Kyoto Protocol is that it sets binding targets for 37 industrialized countries and the European community for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. These amount to an average of five per cent against 1990 levels over the five-year period 2008-2012.

Under the Kyoto Protocol, the first commitment period comes to an end in 2012. Green groups reacted immediately after Japan hinted Monday night that it does not want to continue with a second commitment period.

Friends of the Earth said Japan had thrown down an obstacle at Cancun, where the fu-

ture of the Protocol is part of a complex, interlinked haggle, by speaking so bluntly. "With this position, Japan isolates itself from the rest of the world. Even worse, this step undermines the ongoing talks and is a serious threat to the progress needed here in Cancun," said Yuri Onodera of Friends of the Earth Japan.

Christian Aid echoed similar opposition.

"Japan's hard line position on the Kyoto Protocol puts the global climate architecture at risk. This position violates Japan's legally binding commitment, turns its back on science, and disrespects the people most vulnerable to climate change. It's shocking that at a time when the whole world is seeking to strengthen the climate regime, Japan wants to kill the treaty that bears its name, said Mohamed Adow", Senior Climate Change Advisor, Christian Aid



Rush to disburse fast start finance for 2010, U.S commits \$21 million for the Pacific



Dr Jonathan Pershing

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03 DECEMBER 2010 CANCUN - The race is on to disburse the US\$10 billion committed for the fast start finance for 2010.

With only just over 20 days left to the end of the year, rich nations who've promised funds are now acting with haste to spend the money before the next commitment period.

Increasingly this week in Cancun, a number of these nations have convened special briefings to spell out how and who will benefit from their bilateral and multilateral funding commitments.

The United States Thursday announced it was working towards spending its US\$1.7 billion in fast start finance committed for 2010.

US deputy special envoy on climate change, Dr Jonathan Pershing reiterated that the US was moving quickly to disburse the funds to 'help address the urgent and immediate needs of the most vulnerable countries.'

"We are working to make critical investments today that have short term transformative impacts and to scale up resources quickly by delivering assistance through existing funding channels.

The majority of the U.S climate finance is administered by USAID and the departments of State and the Treasury.

In the Pacific, the U.S has promised US\$21 million to assist Small Island States adapt to climate change, as announced by Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton last month on her tour of Asia.

Apart from the announcement of the fund by Secretary Clinton, no other information is available on how the fund will be distributed amongst the Pacific Island Countries, some of whom fall under the category of vulnerable states.

Myra Moekaa, head of Cook Islands delegation here in Cancun told Climate Pasifika Media the smaller islands in the Pacific hope to get a meaningful share of the promised U.S fast start finance.

"We hope that bulk of the fund doesn't only go to the larger countries and consideration be given to adaptation projects on the ground and not simply for enabling activities and pilot projects. We'd like assistance with the concrete projects on the ground, said Ms Moekaa.

Ambassador Colin Beck of the Solomon Islands says changes in the U.S internal politics could affect the flow of the US funding commitments.

"The Republicans now have a majority within the House of Representatives and they have in no uncertain terms, given the domestic stress on their financial situation say whether the climate change money will go out to developing countries as committed under the Copenhagen Accord.

But, that again from media sources and from reactions of various letters by republicans within the system, said Ambassador Beck.

The U.S will re-open its development aid office, USAID in Suva to serve as a base for its work in the region.

To date, very little information is available publicly on how the US\$21 million will be spent in the Pacific.

"USAID offices are our links to disbursing the funds, said USAID senior official, Maura O'Neill via telecast from Washington D.C.

She clarified that funds available for 2010 on climate change are 'indeed new and additional'.

"These are scaled up finances and represents significant new dollars in our overseas development assistance (ODA), said O'Neill.

Two more countries withdraw from extension to Kyoto Protocol

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03 December 2010, Cancun - Two more developed nations, Russia and Canada have declared their interest not to continue with the Kyoto Protocol, when it expires in 2012.

They follow Japan's announcement not to renew another commitment period for the Protocol. Japan reiterated its decision this week during the global climate change negotiations in Cancun, Mexico.

UN climate change chief, Christiana Figueres told a media briefing at the end of the week-long negotiations, "these are decisions taken by sovereign Parties and nothing will change that."

"Russia and Canada are known positions and there are few more developed countries with similar stated positions.

"The only way out is to find a common ground and compromised solution here at Cancun.

Figueres said there is no way Cancun will be able to deliver a second commitment period to the Kyoto Protocol.

"Parties need to find a compromise that will make everybody equally comfortable or equally uncomfortable with a view to addressing the issue at a later stage, possibly in South Africa in 2011, said Figueres.

On Japan, Figueres said it has been very clear about its position for a long time.

"This is no surprise. However Japan has stated that it will uphold its 25 percent proposal under the Kyoto Protocol, just as developed countries need to do so.

She clarified that Japan's insistence of a new single legal framework was an attempt to rope in the United States to become part of an agreement that will mandate Parties to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

Currently, the United States is not a party to the Kyoto Protocol.

But, under the Copenhagen Accord, the United States has committed a 30 percent reduction in 2025 and 42 percent reduction by 2030,

in line with the goal to reduce emissions to 83 percent by 20150. This position was submitted to the UN climate change Secretariat in Bonn in January this year.

Given the divergent positions on the future of the Kyoto Protocol, Figueres said the challenge for Cancun is to find a way to formalise these positions within the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) process.

"We need to go beyond the stated positions, beyond national positions and look for areas of compromise so that they can meet each other on the other side.

"These are realities and these positions will not change dramatically here, said Figueres at the end of five days of negotiations.

On the question of avoiding a Kyoto Protocol gap after 2012, Figueres suggests that Parties come to a decision on the future of the Protocol first before the issue of the gap is resolved.

Solomon Islands lead negotiator, Ambassador Colin Beck in a brief response said the Pacific and small island nations are disappointed with the decision of Japan and other countries to withdraw from Kyoto's second commitment period.

"It is of deep concern that we can easily retract from this multilateral agreement. The question is how we deal with these countries who are trying to create an uncertain world, said Ambassador Beck.

Executive Director of Ole Siosiomaga, an environmental NGO in Samoa, Fiu Elisara says Japan's stance is unfortunate as many rich countries had not delivered on their commitments under Kyoto.

"It is a huge concern for us because that is the only internationally legally binding agreement that we can hold them to account in terms of commitments they made in Kyoto.

"To date, many of them have not delivered on those commitments and even the promises for a second commitment period are now, as we find in Cancun, very problematic", said Elisara.

At the end of first week of negotiations, a draft text approved in Tianjin in China is still being refined by negotiators, in addition to a Conference Room Paper (CRP) by a Zimbabwean government delegate, Margaret Mukahanana-Sagarwe, who was formerly chair of the Ad Hoc Working on Long Term Co-operative Action (AWG-LCA).





First consensus reached at the climate change talks in Cancun

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04 December 2010 Cancun - The first draft conclusion to reach unanimous consensus at the Cancun climate change talks in Cancun was celebrated Saturday by Guatemala and the Dominican Republic.

The two countries were able to convince the chair of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI) to reach a conclusion on Article 6 of the UN climate change convention, which was supported by over 150 countries who are parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Article 6 promotes education, training and public awareness as the main vehicle to foster action on climate change.

Many governments and intergovernmental organizations are already working in partnership with civil society to fulfil the commitments in Article 6. However scale of challenges posed by climate change requires an engagement on outreach activities of a greater magnitude.

The draft decision, which will go before the Conference of the Parties (COP) rec-

ognizes the participation of women, youth, indigenous peoples and civil society groups at all national, regional and international meetings that are sanctioned by the UNFCCC in relation to climate change.

It also supports formal and non formal education in schools and institutions on climate change and the development of educational and public awareness materials.

The draft decision also urged the Global Environment Facility (GEF) to increase access to funding for Article 6 related activities.

GEF is the financial mechanism of the UN climate change convention.

Speaking at a media briefing to announce the first consensus SBI draft decision, a youth representative congratulated Guatemala and the Dominican Republic for showing leadership.

"Both countries need a golden star for their effort – for delivering a consensus decision in 90 minutes. We, the youth of the world hope to see the spirit of progress and compromise in other parts of the negotiations here in Cancun, said the youth representative.

Climate smart agriculture and Pacific views

By Nanette Woonton
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Cancun, Mexico - Food security struggles of the Pacific islands caused by climate change, and how we are altering our way of life to meet them was showcased during the Cancun Climate Change Talks.

"Is climate-smart agriculture possible?" was the heading of the event organised by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. The Pacific examples of work were presented by Dr Netatua Pelesikoti, Programme Manager for Pacific Futures of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). One of the main features of the popular event was the work done under the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change Project (PACC) which focuses on three priority areas - food security, coastal processes and water.

"Although each participating Pacific island country focuses on activities in any one of the national priority areas, the three are inter-connected when it comes to food security in the context of climate change impacts. For example prolonged drought periods, chang-

ing rainfall periods or salt water intrusion require climate-smart methods of cultivation, water conservation and new crops that are more resistant to changing climate variables" said Dr Pelesikoti.

"Our Pacific countries have selected their priority areas and are now working on practical 'on the ground' projects to adapt".

PACC is the first Pacific region project which has accessed the special climate change fund by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), it is a pilot project that will end in 2012 and covers 13 Pacific island countries and implemented through SPREP.



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Cancun negotiations drifting apart says Nauru

By Stanley Simpson,
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04 December Cancun Mexico - Negotiations for a new global climate change agreement is drifting apart in Cancun, says Nauru's ambassador to the UN Marlene Moses, but Pacific nations are not going to give up the fight.

Ambassador Moses says the Pacific voice through AOSIS is being heard, but it is not being listened to.

"Being heard is one thing, being listened to is another. I don't believe that we are being listened to here in Cancun. Even though we are active in raising our issues, I believe its just falling on deaf ears."

"Our issues are drifting apart. "

Ambassador Moses says the last thing the Pacific wants is a collapse of the negotiations but she fears some past bad practices are going to occur again.

"What we don't want to see is another

non-inclusive, non-transparent and non-binding agreement."

Like other island nations Nauru is earnestly seeking concrete decisions on climate change adaptation – particularly with regards to funding.

"Adaptation is critical for Pacific island countries, but if the provision for resources and finances are not there then it compounds the urgency of our situation," she says.

"It is important that any text on adaptation feature the particularly vulnerable positions of small island developing states."

"It must always be featured, it must always be addressed, and it must be prominent in any document."

When asked what Nauru and other island nations should do if the Cancun negotiations fall apart – Ambassador Moses was emotional as she declared the need to fight on.

"We are fighting for our survival. This is an ongoing fight, and I believe that every Pacific nation that is represented here has to fight tooth and nail for the future of their country and their people."

"So it does not stop when Cancun is over. That's like saying that's the end of the Pacific. It's not going to be Hasta La Vista baby for us."



Nauru's ambassador to the UN, Marlene Moses makes a passionate statement

UK shares experience on loss and damage

By Makereta Komai
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07 DECEMBER 2010 CANCUN - United Kingdom's climate change secretary, Chris Huhne agrees that insurance costs associated with climate change must be dealt with, in the context of the negotiations currently underway in Cancun.

He used the huge pay-out by insurance companies to victims of floods as examples of the huge costs involved in disasters caused by climate change.

"In the UK alone, over the last 10 years, the pay-out for flooding was 4.5 billion pounds whereas in the previous 10 years, it was 1.5 billion pounds...This is hard business evidence of the costs that are being inflicted on our economies by climate change and we have to tackle this problem," Huhne exclaimed.

His concern is shared by the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), which has been calling for loss and damage to be reflected in the outcome of the Cancun talks.

"Even with the 1.5 degree Celsius that AOSIS is pushing for, there will still be high damage(s) and cost(s) and that is why we must have an adaptation committee endorsed here in Cancun," said Ambassador Dessima Williams speaking on behalf of AOSIS.

"We also need to establish a loss and damage mechanism to begin the global task of dealing with the unavoidable damage from the impacts of climate change...Robust scientific information

is essential to improving our understanding and to guide policy makers and leaders," he said.

Responding to the findings of the Emissions Gap Report by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Ambassador Williams said that while the report does not specifically talk about the 1.5 degree goal, AOSIS is optimistic that "our goal is feasible."

"The foundation for elements for that reduction must be laid here in Cancun and not just on mitigation.

"Two years ago, at COP14 in Poznan, AOSIS set a long term goal of limiting the temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius. At that time, critics described this goal as unrealistic but AOSIS believed and continues to believe that it is fundamental for our survival and there is now a coalition of 106 countries that have embraced this goal.

"If you have a village with 192 houses and 106 of them are beginning to warm up to the level of burning, you clearly want to do two things – (provide) insurance for loss and damage and take measures to cool the heat," said Ambassador Williams

"The UNEP report is an extraordinary scientific endorsement of the need for more ambitious policy measures and outcomes in a balanced way at Cancun... The draft negotiating text is still referencing 2 degrees Celsius with a process of review expected in the outcome document next week," the Ambassador said.

The Emissions Gap Report, published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) clearly shows a 5 gigatonne gap between the climate science and the commitments under the Copenhagen Accord.

If all the voluntary commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Copenhagen Accord were met they would only cover 60 percent of the emissions reduction needed to keep the global temperature rise to under 2 degrees Celsius, the report said.

The UNEP report is jointly authored by over 30 leading scientists from numerous international research institutes.

UN Secretary-General, Ban Ki-moon, said, "I encourage all Parties to make good on their national mitigation pledges, and to further progress within the negotiations as well as through strengthened efforts on the ground to curb emissions. There is no time to waste."

It is estimated that, in order to have a 'likely' and cost-effective chance of pegging temperatures to 2 degrees Celsius or below over the 21st Century, global emissions will need to have peaked within the next 10 years and be around 44 gigatonnes of CO2 equivalent in 2020.

AOSIS countries are asking that global emissions peak at 2015.

The report, whose compilation was led by the UNEP Chief Scientist, finds that:

Under a business-as-usual scenario, annual emissions of greenhouse gases

could be around 56 gigatonnes of CO2 equivalent by 2020. As a point of reference, global emissions were estimated to be around 48 gigatonnes in 2009;

Fully implementing the pledges and intentions associated with the Copenhagen Accord could, in the best case identified by the group, cut emissions to around 49 gigatonnes of CO2 equivalent by 2020;

This would leave a gap of around 5 gigatonnes of CO2 equivalent that needs to be bridged over the coming decade - an amount equal to the emissions of all the world's cars, buses and trucks in 2005;

In the worst case identified in the report - where countries follow their lowest ambitions and accounting rules set by negotiators are lax rather than strict - emissions could be as high as 53 gigatonnes in 2020, only slightly lower than business as usual projections.

Achim Steiner, UN Under-Secretary General and UNEP Executive Director, said: "The results indicate that the UN meeting in Copenhagen could prove to have been more of a success than a failure if all the commitments, intentions and funding, including fully supporting the pledges of developing economies, are met."

"There is a gap between the science and current ambition levels. But, what this report shows is that the options on the table right now in the negotiations can get us almost 60 per cent of the way there. This is a good first step," Steiner concluded.



Pacific leaders not giving up on climate pact

By Stanley Simpson
Climate Pasifika Media

8 December Cancun, Mexico – The leaders of four Pacific island nations held a joint press conference in Cancun to reiterate the urgency for an agreement - and the need for effective mitigation and adaptation facilities that will help them to address climate change issues with which they are already grappling

Present were Nauru president Marcus Stephens, Kiribati President Anote Tong, Samoa Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi and Vice President Alik Alik of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Nauru's president Stephen noted that Pacific island countries had gone to Copenhagen last year with big expectations but that climate change conference was a big failure and a big let-down.

"However we will continue to attend

these meetings – even though there has been some level of downgrading," he said.

Kiribati president Tong also noted that most Pacific countries did not sign the Copenhagen Accord as it fell short of the minimum requirements they were calling for. However, they have subsequently associated themselves with the accord on the premise that it would trigger the flow of funds toward adaptation.

"Until now that has not happened, despite the very generous pledges that had been made in Copenhagen and since. That has been one of the biggest disappointments."

Tong said Pacific countries needed the funds now as climate change is not an issue for the future, but an issue they are facing now.

"We are witnessing our homes being washed away, our coastlines eroded, and heavy damage to properties and livelihood," he said.

He added that there does not seem to be any international will for an agreement, and small island states are still grappling with that problem.

"We continue to believe there is an opportunity for an agreement but are coming to accept that perhaps we may not come away from Cancun with a legally binding agreement...However we want to make it very clear that there are important and very urgent issues we can agree on such as the adaptation fund," Tong said.

Samoa Prime Minister Tuilaepa Malielegaoi urged world leaders to look more at the implementation phase – and not spend too much time talking while islands were being washed away.

Vice president Alik of FSM also pointed out that climate change issues are at a crisis stage for many small island states – and action is needed now with adequate resources needed quickly for adaptation and mitigation.

"...Our countries are small, so perhaps the nature of our responsibility is different than in other places. We are not beholden to powerful corporations or entrenched interest groups. Our governments are not deadlocked because of ideological divisions. The decisions we make have a very direct and immediate impact on our neighbors and friends. We are the heads of the Pacific family and we will continue to defend our family when they are put in harms way..."

As members of the AOSIS, we have consistently offered proposals that reflect the latest scientific and economic understandings of climate change. We are not seeking charity. Our principles will not be sold to the highest bidder.

We are taking responsibility..."

President Marcus Stephen, M.P.,
President of Nauru speaking on
behalf of the Pacific Small Island
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Christmas Message 2010

During this season of merriment and celebrations, Vice Speaker Fredrico O. Primo, Floor Leader Joe N. Suka and members of the 16th Congress along with our families, join me in extending wishes for a very Merry Christmas to the people of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Christmas time for our nation has always been a celebration of a humble birth in Bethlehem long ago; an event which today, remains the greatest symbol of faith and hope in the goodness of humanity: two of the underlying principles of Christianity.



We should take comfort in the fact that our way of life in the FSM, the stability of our social structures, the education of our children and the way we govern ourselves are all founded on religious values. These values have established a belief system that provides our people with a purpose and a way to lead our lives.

Therefore as we gather with families and friends for special traditions and celebration, let us be thankful for the many blessings which surround us every day of the year. As a nation, our growth process has been blessed with peace; as a people, our progress has not always been easy, but it has been steady.

Holiday Greetings

From your Congress, we wish you and your families a Christmas holiday filled with peace and love and a New Year rich with blessings.



Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia

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As required by FSM law, the Bank wishes to inform these customers that accounts will be closed and the funds transferred to the FSM Secretary of Finance in January 2011. If your account appears on this list, you can avoid having your funds turned over to the Secretary of Finance by making a deposit or withdrawal to the account before December 31, 2010.

Kosraean:

In fwal nuke pusren Masap lun FSM, Bank FSM inge akkalemye nusin Customers nukewa ,ma e akkalemyeyuk lung inge la account lowos ma akkalemyeyuk inge e tufwa kauli a money ka an ac tuhfeh itukyan nusin Secretary lun Finance ke FSM National Government ke January 2011. In oralla account se lom an tia putatyan nuke oakwuk ku oiya se inge, kom enenu in tuku nu Bank FSM oralla sie deposit ku withdrawal nuke account san meet liki December 31, 2010.

Chuukese:

Sia awora ei esinesin ngeni ami kei aramas, mwicheichen aramas, ika sopai mi affat itemi assan pun faan pungun annukun FSM, masowan ami kei accounts epuene lo ngeni ach ewe FSM Finance lon January 2011, ika pwe ese wor mwokutukutun uttut (withdrawal) ika isonanong (deposit) lon me mwen December 31, 2010. Ach anean pwe kopwe chuuto rech ach sipue annisfengen won om kei account.

Yapese:

Tan e Motochiyal nu FSM, Bank e badag ni nge yog ko pi customer rok ney ni rayan I January 2011, maran close nag e pi account ney, man pii e salpiy riy ko FSM Secretary ko Finance. Fa'an ra be mug e account rom ko re list ney, ma rayog ni dabni pii e salpiy rom ko Secretary ko Finance faanra ngamub mu deposit fa mub mu withdraw nag e salpiy ko account rom u m'on ko December 31, 2010.

Pohnpeian:

E kosonndier sang ni ruwes en kosonned en FSM me FSM Bank udahn pahn pakairkiheng aramas oh pwihn en aramas me sansalehr powe, me epwelpen amwail tungol de sapwellimomwail nekinek nan Bank en FSM pahn katoktokidi nan sounpwong en January pahr 2011. Mwoni koaros me patpato nan nekinek pwukat pahn kesepwillang FSM Secretary en Finance. Ma mwaromwi iang sansal powe ah komwi kak pwaredo de ketido oh kapidohi de kasauwada omwi tungol de sapwellimomwi nekinek sang nan FSM Bank mwohn December 31, 2010 ma komw sohte kupwuriki omwi tungol de sapwellimomwi nekinek en kepideklang FSM Secretary en Finance.

U.S. promotes tree planting in Pohnpei

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

On November 27, representatives from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS) assisted in a community tree planting at various locations in Kolonia Town, Pohnpei. The tree planting was a component of the 3rd Annual Green Steps 5K, a clean-up walk coordinated by the FSM National Olympic Committee (FSMNOC). The proceeds of the event went to support T.J. Rush, a youth tennis player from Pohnpei currently attending Oceania Tennis Academy in Nadi, Fiji. Rush's attendance at the academy, as well as his participation in the upcoming Oceania Junior Tennis Tournament in Auckland, New Zealand, are funded by the FSMNOC.

In his remarks, U.S. Ambassador to the F.S.M. Peter A. Prahar explained that "few things....distract from the beauty of the environment more than trash." Citing U.S. efforts to reduce roadside litter, Prahar called for a recycling program that would not only reduce garbage, but would promote resource conservation and provide a financial incentive for program participants. Drawing upon experiences in his hometown, the Ambassador explained that "It's clearly much more efficient to prevent trash than to try to pick it up and dispose of it properly." In conclusion, Prahar encouraged all Green Steps participants to continue to beautify Pohnpei, asking that "when Pohnpei hosts the Micronesian Games in 2014, the sign at the airport saying „Welcome to Pohnpei, the Garden Island of Micronesia really does welcome visitors to a garden island, one that we can be proud of.”

Ambassador Prahar then planted a calamansi seedling with F.S.M. swimmer Debra Daniel, who earned seven gold medals and was named Top Female Athlete at the 7th Quadrennial Micronesian Games held in Palau in August. Daniel will represent the F.S.M. in the 3rd Dubai World Games Expo and in the London Olympics in 2012. During their demonstration USDA NRCS Agriculture Conservation Specialist Gibson Santos walked event participants through proper tree-planting and conservation techniques, and explained the invaluable role of trees in the environment. Santos also used mulch containing wood shavings to illustrate the importance of organic matter to tree growth and longevity.

Santos, NRCS Resource Conservationist Paul Lake and Agriculture Conservation Aid Rodasio Samuel then led a group in planting over thirty seedlings at Pohnpei Administration Building and Daini Field in Kolonia. The seedling species included various fruit-bearing trees: calamansi, sweet sop and sour sop.

Throughout Pohnpei, USDA NRCS promotes reforestation by providing seedlings and advising on proper planting and conservation techniques. In partnership with Pohnpei State Forestry, NRCS distributes over 1,000 seedlings a year to communities on island.

USDA NRCS Resource Conservationist Paul Lake (left) finds a worm- a sign of healthy soil - while digging a seedling hole at Daini Field in Kolonia Town during the Green Steps 5K November 27



APIL concludes Yap meeting



Yap Department of Youth and Civic Affairs

Members of the 51st APIL Board of Directors Meeting have departed from Yap following the conclusion of the three-day meeting on Friday, December 3, 2010.

The members have departed from Yap on Sunday with the understanding that they will all be seeing each other in the next meeting, which will be hosted by the Republic of Palau in 2011. The 30th General Assembly Meeting of the APIL has been decided to take place in the Republic of Palau in mid-June of next year.

The rest of the APIL members have departed on Sunday after they attended a Special Picnic at Kaday Village on Saturday, December 4, 2010. The Community of Kaday hosted the special picnic together with Yap Visitors Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce. The Community of Kaday had performed a dance on that day in honor of all the APIL members.

11 Resolutions were discussed during the 51st APIL Board of Directors meeting.

APIL Resolution No. 51-BOD-01, was requesting the governments of the member entities of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to recognize the Republic of Palau for its efforts in promoting environmental awareness due to the Republic declaring its Exclusive Economic Zone as a sanctuary for all marine mammals. The Republic of

Palau Presidential Declaration No.10-14, has declared Palau's exclusive economic zone an official marine mammal sanctuary, joining eleven other Pacific Island Forum members who have taken steps to effect protection of whales, and joining two entities, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in fully protecting marine mammals within their respective territorial waters.

APIL Resolution No. 51-BOD-02, Complementing and recognizing the Center for Micronesian Empowerment (CME) for taking the lead in empowering the underserved by providing the job skills training needs, coordinating training activities with various institutions in Guam in preparation for the military build-up.

APIL Resolution No. 51-BOD-03, Encouraging member entities of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to facilitate, encourage and promote free trade among island countries and states in the Pacific Region.

APIL Resolution No. 51-BOD-04, Expressing gratitude and appreciation to the Yap State Legislature for the use of its facilities during the 51st Board of Directors Meeting of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

APIL Resolution No. 51-BOD-05, Encouraging the members of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to consider participating on Trade Missions to the Republic of China, Taiwan.

APIL Resolution No. 51-BOD-06, Requesting the Digital Society Foundation to explore possibilities for improving the delivery of Legislative services in the area of informa-

tion and communication technology and to better serve the Legislatures in fulfilling and strengthening their oversight and Legislative functions in the APIL and authorizing Digital Society Foundation to seek funding from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Pacific Islands Forum, World Bank and other funding bodies on behalf of the APIL for such projects.

APIL Resolution No. 51-BOD-07, Relative to encouraging APIL member jurisdictions to explore the medical properties and values of cannabis sativa.

APIL Resolution No. 51-BOD-08, Endorsing PIHOA's Board Resolution 48-01, Declaring a Regional State of Health Emergency Due to the Epidemic of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) in the United States-Affiliated Pacific Islands.

APIL Resolution No. 51-BOD-09, Respectfully requesting that the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Affairs, Antonio Marion Babauta, and his senior staff begin to undertake the required policy and planning review, development and implementation needed to establish an office in Guam by fall of 2011 in order to prepare for the Strategic Realignment of the United States Military Forces in the Pacific and to develop closer ties to the region, its people and its leadership through a Regional Strategic Framework that is post-colonial and emancipatory.

APIL Resolution No. 51-BOD-10, Encouraging the member entities of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to initiate efforts in formulating a master plan for a Comprehensive Digital Superhighway for the Micronesian and Pacific Region and to request Digital Society Foundation to seek assistance from the United Nations Development Program, the Pacific Islands Forum, and other regional entities in such efforts.

And APIL Resolution No. 51-BOD-11, is a resolution authorizing the APIL Officers to look to outside sources of funding to help supplement the annual membership contributions to APIL.

NOTICE OF INACTIVE ACCOUNTS

Please take notice that as of June 30, 2010, the following SAVINGS and CHECKING ACCOUNTS on deposit with BANK OF GUAM are inactive, and the accountholders listed below must immediately contact their respective BANK OF GUAM Branch, otherwise, the funds contained in these accounts will be transferred to the Secretary of Finance during the month of January 2011, pursuant to 29 FSMC 5106 (16) and 29 FSMC 5602 and under the procedures set forth in 17 FSMC 5102. Please take note that after January 2011, all inquiries pertaining to the accounts below must be directed to the Secretary of Finance.

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Opinion Editorial

Adaptation Starts Here

By Ajay Chhibber

At the beginning of this year I visited the Ekiye village in Vanuatu to meet with rural women, men and children. UNDP has helped this community to establish regular access to sources of fresh water, helping the villagers to deal with the problem of increased water salinity due to the rising sea levels. Yet climate change is the issue of survival not only in Vanuatu but in all Pacific islands. Their successful adaptation will require investments much larger in scale than one village at a time.

The funding availability will depend on the outcome of international climate change negotiations. Just before the Cancun round, the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Group on Climate Finance has concluded that it will be "challenging but feasible to reach the goal of mobilizing US\$100 billion annually for climate actions in developing countries". According to the same panel, which included globally recognized authorities such as Larry Summers, Nicholas Stern and George Soros, as well as Hon Bob McMullan from Australia, for the small island developing states the funding will come mostly in the form of grants and highly concessional loans.

is not a panacea, especially if the new funding is to be disbursed through disjointed projects and separate donor channels as had been often the case. Unless well prepared for, the financial influx can add significant strains on national systems of public finance and have little impact on climate change adaptation. For climate finance to be quickly accessed, effectively absorbed and wisely spent, it will be crucial for governments and donors alike to ramp up their policies, budgets and aid systems. Few concrete actions can help to strengthen effectiveness of the climate finance in the Pacific.

First, it is timely that island countries move from the environment-focused to the whole-of-government approach to climate action. If the climate change adaptation were to be fully integrated into national policy agendas as a cross-cutting priority, then national ownership of the climate action would need to expand far beyond environment departments (which are often under-resourced) and involve climate-proofing of all sector policies. The whole-of-government approach will also require much closer coordination between central and line ministries, between national and provincial authorities, and between legislative and executive branches.

However, achieving the numerical \$\$ target Linked to that, the climate finance should

be seen as public investment in building climate resilient future of Pacific island countries rather than just an additional funding stream. By associating climate finance with broader development objectives the countries will begin to integrate donor funding with domestic resource mobilization. This will ensure that externally sourced funds help to address and reinforce national priorities and contribute to the integrity and effectiveness of national budgets. Integrated domestic-external sourcing of climate finance is also essential for the sustainability of adaptation related initiatives.

And thirdly, the donors will need to move away from individual projects as a primary instrument of delivering climate finance to the sector-wide and area-based programs. Today a Pacific island government compiles dozens of donor reports every month, receives several donor missions every week and deals with multiple bilateral and multilateral donors every day. All of this is taxing rather than enhancing their absorptive capacities. While some overlap can be reduced through improved coordination within the governments, the donors should consider joint rather than stand alone interventions as default option for channeling climate finance. And as national absorptive capacities increase, further progress towards direct budgetary support will be in order.

All of this would form lengthy agenda for any government, let alone the small national administrations of Pacific island countries. Identifying policy interventions with strong multiplier effect will help. In this regard the region can learn from experiences of other developing countries, several of whom are pooling various aid channels through multi-donor climate funds. In Indonesia and Cambodia, for example, the multi-donor climate funds are enabling the governments to drive the aid effectiveness, to reduce donor overlap and to cut the transaction costs. In both cases UNDP has helped to set up the trust funds and is administering them on interim basis before the appointment of national trustees or transition to direct budgetary support.



The Pacific can offer relevant experiences of its own – such as the Tuvalu Trust Fund, which was established in 1980s with support from New Zealand, United Kingdom and UNDP as an alternative mechanism of delivering untied development aid. This "homegrown" model, as well as the lessons learned with the multi-donor climate funds in Asia, will help to design the Pacific-specific strategies of ramping up national absorptive capacities for climate finance.

We are at the cusp of a new era when dramatic surge in climate finance from public and private sources is likely to transform the international development paradigm. As such, if used wisely the new funding can help the countries to adapt to climate change not only through climate-proof infrastructure and disaster risk reduction, but also by empowering local communities and addressing the needs of most vulnerable groups. Having already placed climate finance on the agenda of the Pacific Forum Leaders and its ministerial groups, the region is well positioned to become a global trend-setter in climate change adaptation. Ultimately, the sharper focus on climate finance effectiveness will help to bring about climate-resilient future and better human development opportunities for villagers in Ekiye and in many other communities spread across the vast Pacific Ocean.

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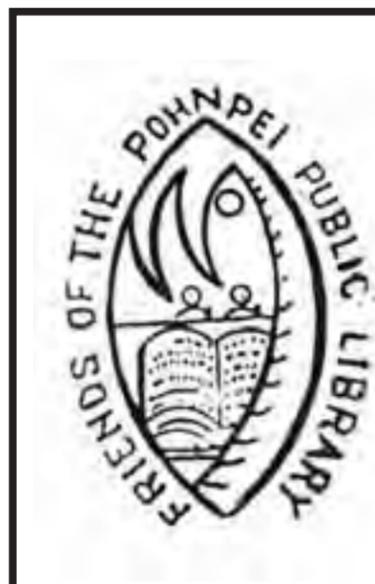
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Opinion Editorial

An Open Letter to the Citizens of FSM

By M. Steven Kirchof

I write you today, with urgency, because your nation is at a crossroads.

In 2008 I became a partner in Oceania, Inc., a Micronesian company with a counterpart in Orlando, Florida, operating the water bunkering, freezers and trans-shipment facility in Pohnpei. I invested in FSM after a trip in which I observed many natural resources, particularly its people. My meetings with both National and Pohnpei State officials including the Governor were informative, encouraging and warm. I returned to the U.S. energized and soon found an active group of Americans interested in investing in the development of the FSM people. All had strong heart strings to FSM including several U.S. Congressmen, businessmen and physicians. In fact, one physician, a renowned eye surgeon, regaled me with stories of the time he spent in FSM as a Navy surgeon. He showed me a piece of Yapese money he had been awarded by a prominent patient upon whom he operated.

Based upon our development agreement with Pohnpei, I went to work in Washington for political support and in the New York investment community to raise capital to fund our first project. While we were enthusiastically received, we kept running into the same refrain: "FSM elected officials and its government are difficult to deal with as there is no transparency, decision making is slow, and

an agreement is never an agreement."

"Why is there not one successful U.S. company operating in FSM when our taxpayers have spent billions of dollars to support its democracy?" We soon learned FSM is ranked as one of most unfriendly countries in the world to do business. As further proof of that point, almost immediately thereafter we discovered that our General Manager and a current high ranking administration official in the FSM were embezzling from our company.

In spite of these misgivings and setbacks, we moved forward and met with Ambassador Yoshiwo George, FSM Ambassador to the United States, presenting a proposal that would provide for a sustainable fishery in FSM while generating revenues that would be at least ten fold greater than the current licensing. More importantly, the business partnership between the National and States and Oceania would put Micronesians to work. It would require no loans or loan guarantees by FSM, and provide a foundation for economic growth in many other areas. The infrastructures required in the base business would lay the foundation for international commerce. For example, our research uncovered a \$3B global industry in which FSM could participate that would generate \$300M annually.

Unfortunately, Secretary Loren Robert and President Manny Mori refused to meet with us either in FSM, in the U.S., or by phone.

Several months later it became quite clear that Luen Thai and the Chinese government were mirroring our steps when a proposal hit Palikir that the President supported. Then a few weeks ago, the FSM Congress approved a resolution to have President Mori negotiate a loan scheme with the Chinese. The numerous trips made by the President and staff to China and Guam, many funded by Luen Thai and the Chinese, appear to have paid off.

The Chinese deal should be deeply disturbing to the citizens of FSM. The economic impact to FSM appears to be minimal. When the covers are taken off of the business deal, what is revealed is a one-sided scheme in which FSM pays to build infrastructure for Luen Thai and China alone. There are so many holes in the deal they are too numerous to list. At the end of the day, there are many alternatives to this Chinese/Luen Thai scheme and the people of FSM deserve to have sunshine pour in on all of them. The Oceania plan is a win for the FSM government, its people, their natural resources, and the economy. It will seed our FSM based foundation committed to improving health-care in the FSM. Moreover, it is a signal to U.S. investors that the government of FSM creates an equal playing field for all business people, supports contract law, cares about growing the economy versus living off the U.S. Compact, and manages its resources in a sustainable manner. I believe the combination of these positive moves will result in billions of U.S. dollar investments in FSM.

FSM stands at a historic crossroad. The

founding fathers created a solid foundation to establish a successful nation. How is it that the journey has run off the track? The people of FSM can follow the current path that benefits one entity, the elite in the government, while closing the door to its citizens to exposure and investment from the rest of the world, or it can truly embrace an open, transparent, accountable free market society.

I strongly urge the citizens of the FSM to look only as far as the tale of the two Koreas to see the inevitable outcome of their choice. South Korea chose free markets and became the 15th largest economy in the world, the envy of many other nations. North Korea caved in to a monopolistic economic system, China, and became a starving, barren land dependent on donations from others to feed its people.

As the executive branch has refused to see us and because this is such a momentous decision for FSM, we would be honored to travel from Florida to Palikir to address Congress, present our proposal and answer questions.

The Governors, leaders in the Congress, the business community and the citizens of the FSM should demand transparency, full disclosure, thoughtful analysis and openness from their Government. The people of the FSM deserve nothing less. Now is the time. Your nation is at a crossroad and the citizens, represented by courageous and principled leadership, must step up and lead rather than follow.



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Letter to the Editor

Church response to Senator Lambert

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Sen. Ausen Lambert's letter to the editor of November 29, 2010 entitled, "Timing is Everything". I appreciate Sen. Lambert's concerns and his letter raises some interesting questions and issues that are of educational value for us.

Sen. Lambert refers to a pastoral letter that was written to the Catholics of Pohnpei concerning the proposed casino project in Lukop. For reasons explained below, such pastoral letters, when promulgated, are normally read as part of the Catholic liturgy on Sundays as a reflection on our faith lives. Sen. Lambert is saddened that the Church's letter alleges that the Governor and members of the Legislature are not doing their jobs. In fact, the Church's letter does not say this. The Church's letter states that the information being given to the public is too limited and that the government is not speaking to the public about the possible risks or disadvantages that legalized gambling may bring to Pohnpei. In response to the risks mentioned in the Church's letter, Sen. Lambert emphasizes that there are already in place EPA regulations, provisions that outlaw illicit drug use and money laundering, as well as plans to strengthen immigration controls. The intent of the Church's letter was not to dispute the existence of these laws. We hope and expect that such basic laws already exist on Pohnpei. The aim of Church's letter was to promote a well-informed public discussion about all the risks involved with the casino project.

To the government's credit, government representatives met with certain community groups to explain the casino project and assess the public's consent. The same representatives met with Church groups and welcomed members of the Catholic clergy to voice their concerns in the legislative chambers. These are admirable efforts; nevertheless, at these meetings the government representatives did not point out the risks associated with the casino project. Perhaps they themselves were unaware of the risks. In any case, when confronted with these risks, Sen. Lambert maintains that the good intentions of the lawmakers, help from the US, and the laws already in place will prevail against the illegal activities raised in the Church's letter. However, experience in the FSM and in other countries, not to mention common sense, tell us that the mere existence of laws is not a fool-proof safeguard against criminal activity. Every day in the FSM, the US, and countless other countries laws are broken due to inadequate enforcement. If this was not the case, illegal drug trade, human trafficking, and money laundering would not be such lucrative activities. The risks will always be there, laws or not, and such risks are heightened in a young nation such as the FSM. In order for the people to give their

informed consent during the decision making process, they need to learn about the risks before the approval of the casino project. If the people of Pohnpei are being asked to take a gamble on the quality of life in their communities, then they need to be told now what the stakes are. Timing is everything.

A second concern that Sen. Lambert raises is that the Catholic Church read a pastoral letter on a social issue at a time during the Mass when an explanation of the scriptures should be offered. Was the letter read at the proper time and place during Mass? Catholic teaching, based on centuries of tradition, answers this question with a resounding, "Yes." The homily should always be a reflection on our concrete lives in the light of Gospel values. The promotion of human dignity in society is a core Gospel value that is evident in Jesus' own concern for the poor and the oppressed. There are many ways in which the dignity of persons would be diminished by the social problems that legalized gambling would bring to Pohnpei. To ignore this concern for human dignity in our communities while we reflect on the Word of God isolates faith from our concrete lives and gives the call to worship a hollow ring.

A common critique of the Catholic Church's claim to speak on social issues

is that the Church should limit its activities to prayer and "spiritual matters" and leave political and social issues to the government. I do not mean to imply that this view is held by Sen. Lambert; still, it is worth pointing out that such a view reflects a poor understanding of political theory. Leaving political and social matters to the government ignores a very important political entity, that which we call society. In a democracy, society is that entity within which all individuals, local community groups, businesses, NGO's, churches as well as the government exist and collaborate. Politics is the dialog that takes place in society where all members, not just the government, share equally and freely in the exchange of ideas. The goal of society's dialog is to determine the common good. The government is that part of society empowered to implement society's consensus about the common good. The election of public servants, the passage of laws, etc., are all products of the political exchange in the social arena.

The Catholic Church claims the right as a member of society to enter into the debate on social issues. In making this claim, the Church does not seek any preferential status. The Church views itself as a member of society that is equal with the other members of society and separate from the government. This is what the separation of Church and state really means. From a legal perspective the Church claims this right under the laws that protect the

freedom of religion and the freedom of speech. From a theological perspective the Church has a mission to articulate a moral vision in society on matters that pertain to the dignity of all people as created in the image of God. A person's dignity is realized, in part, through his or her right to be involved in the political process. This process can only succeed, and this right respected, if there is free speech and informed consent on matters of social importance.

The casino project in Lukop is an issue that involves certain risks, risks that will affect the quality of life in our communities and the environment in which our children will grow up. These risks need to be examined and assessed not only with concern for economic development but more importantly with concern for the human person and the quality of life in our communities. The existence of certain laws, while important, will not make these risks disappear. Because the people of Pohnpei have the right to enter into the political process and provide informed consent on this matter, they need to be informed of the risks. Because a person's dignity is respected through the rights of free speech and access to information, the Catholic Church upholds these rights and articulates them in its parishes and in the social forum.

*Gregory F. Muckenaupt, S.J.
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Letter to the Editor

We can do better than this!

Dear Editor,

In Luke 10:30-37 Jesus taught the parable of the Good Samaritan. For those unfamiliar with the story a man traveling alone was robbed, beaten and left for dead. Two men at separate intervals, one a priest the other a Levite, passed by and did nothing to help the injured and dying man. Later, a third man, from the hated Samaritan race, came and helped the stranger. He went on to ensure that the man would be taken care of after he left and promised to pay whatever was owed for the man when he returned. The point of the story was that all of us are neighbors and as such we share connections. The Lord's point was for the people of His day to look beyond their family, friends and countrymen and be a neighbor to all people.

The reason I bring this up is because it appears that at least a few people did not learn this lesson from the Bible. Perhaps they never heard it. Or, perhaps they never had it explained to them adequately. But, if the report in the November 29th 2010 issue of the K. Press is accurate there were at least three women and one man who heard and/or saw two young women being attacked by a potential rapist and did nothing. Their reasoning, "they are probably drunk." I was

unaware that a drunken person deserved to get raped. I did not know that a person who might be intoxicated was beneath our help. I have always assumed that when someone screams for help you help them first and make judgments later.

I have been blessed by God to live in Pohnpei for a little over five years. I have come to think of it as my home. I love everything about it: the food, the weather, the culture, the language and most of all the people. I consider the people of Pohnpei my people and there are at least a few who consider me one of theirs. I am honored by that. Because I have spent a considerable amount of time here I have come to know Pohnpeiians and I know that we, who make this island our home by birth or by choice, can do better than this (I recognize that these may not have been Pohnpeiians, but the point is still the same). It is by the grace of God that this person, who cannot be called a man, did not manage to rape and or kill one or both of these young women that are on this island to do what they think is right in helping her people. I hope that this will be a teachable moment for all of us. I hope the next time this particular scum bag, or another (there are no shortage in this world) decides to take what does not belong to him neighbors will come running

at the first scream. I shudder to think that this could have been my wife, or one of my Micronesian sisters. Friends, we need to remember when we through inaction allow another to be harmed we are just as guilty as the one doing the harming (James 4:17). Let us all learn the lesson from this incident and resolve to become, "Good Samaritans."

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K Press Perspective

Drowning voices drowned out in the din

As I write, delegates from around the world are meeting in Cancun for talks on climate change. The talks are nearly over and by the time you read this editorial they will be over. If the press releases I received today are any indication, it seems to me that once again the talks have devolved into yet another occasion for a group of people from all over the world to meet together in order to make plans to someday make plans.

It seems that Pacific Islanders are once again struggling to be heard against the din and the thrum of the machinery of powerful industrial nations hell bent on wiping them out—at least from a Pacific point of view. And really, who can blame Pacific Islanders who feel that way? After all, Pacific Islanders have been pillaged, poisoned, plundered, proselytized, enslaved, raped, gassed, bombed, and even nuked for centuries by relatives of members of the same powerful industrial nations. And now, to add insult to injury, Islanders are in a position of once again pleading with those same powerful industrial nations to make changes that would not only mitigate the problem of climate change in the islands but also in the homes of the powerful industrial nations.

The COP talks go on and those talks seem to be going where they have gone fifteen times before, most recently in Copenhagen—nowhere—again. And everything stays the same, and the nations with the resources are

just sure that the nations with no resources are just after their resources, particularly money. After all, Pacific Islanders are just making up this whole shtick for money and it's all very complicated and tricky and political and nothing can be done despite the fact that it is the nations with the resources to actually have scientists whose scientists are saying that there's a problem and something should be done about it. Meanwhile, Tuvalu and Kiribati and the FSM's atoll islands and the Marshall Islands and countless others of which an abysmally small number of citizens of powerful industrial nations have ever heard, continue to be cut in half or to suffer salt water inundation. But that really doesn't matter because after all there are only just a few people living in those places and those people could just as easily up and move somewhere else. I mean refugees have been around for 1000's of years albeit for different reasons. Besides, the combined annual Gross Domestic Products of those nations don't add up to a single days' GDP of any one of the other powerful industrial nations. Losing those nations wouldn't be a particularly big loss—well, except that post cards would cease to be quite so, um...tropical.

Representatives of the powerful industrial nations continue to say that they are concerned about the matter. Call me Pollyanna if you will but I would venture to guess that because those representatives are human be-

ings occupying this globe, they probably are concerned. I would also venture to guess that many of them are powerless to do what actually needs to be done or to make the commitments they need to make because if they did, it would be painful for their people in every way, but most especially painful in that most sensitive of spots—their purses.

As I was laying out the news stories I received from the Climate Pasifika Media group covering the Cancun talks there was one story that particularly captured my imagination. After I read it I couldn't get the words of Christina Ora, a youth delegate from the Solomon Islands: "You've been negotiating all my life. You cannot tell me you need more time." She spoke those words at a plenary session last year at the COP 15 meetings in Copenhagen and youth delegates this year have taken those words as a rallying cry.

It's hard for me to imagine that there are Pacific Island climate activists participating in Cancun this year who have lived their entire lives in the shadow of the knowledge that their homes may one day disappear beneath the waves if something is not done. Perhaps it will be their generation that finally comes to some agreement on the matter. I hope it won't be too late by then but I'm afraid that it might be and that is a tragedy.

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"...The Pacific has a rich cultural and linguistic tradition. Hundreds of distinct languages are spoken in homes throughout our fourteen countries. No more than 10,000 people speak my native language of Nauruan, and it, like so many others, may soon disappear.

"However, none of our words are quite so exotic as the ones spoken by the climate change negotiators. The people who inhabit these walls communicate in acronyms: QELROS, LULUCF, and NAMAs - letters that carry the power to determine which of our nations may thrive and which may vanish beneath the waves.

"Yet neither this, nor any other language, adequately captures the destructive impact that climate change is having, and will continue to have on the people of our region.

"The gravity of the crisis has escaped us. It has become lost in a fog of scientific, economic, and technical jargon. Without bold action, it will be left to our children to come up with the words to convey the tragedy of losing our homelands when it did not have to be this way.

"So instead, I will describe the task before us by evoking a concept that has universal meaning and power: that of responsibility.

"I, along with my fellow leaders from the Pacific, have a first and overriding responsibility to protect the safety and well being of our people..."

**Nauru President Marcus Stephen, M.P. speaking in Cancun
on behalf of the Pacific Small Island Developing States
December 7, 2010**

K Press Perspective II

Traffic and double standards

Before I begin it's entirely too late to say, "Before I begin," since I'm already several words into this K-Press Perspective. Even using the words "Before I begin" is just wrong because a person who uses those words as an opener has already begun. Just the same, I hope that fact doesn't disturb the meaning of what I mean to say which is, "Before I get to the business of roasting the offenders who actually deserve to be roasted let me first say that what I'm going to say when I actually start saying it doesn't apply to non-offenders."

Of course, by including this caveat, I'm trying to ward off the problem my writing sometimes creates which is that those who should not be offended by what I will have to say here will be the ones (and probably the only ones) who are beside themselves with what they perceive to be deserved righteous indignation. Meanwhile those who really should take what I'm saying to heart and do something about what they are doing will never actually read this article or if they do read the article it will go completely over their heads. They will never realize that when I was moved to write it I had their particular faces in mind.

And the further problem is that now that I've mentioned the previous problem, that problem is exacerbated tenfold.

I hope to be clearer henceforth.

Let's put it this way: Before I take off on some other members of your profession please allow me to first say that my hat is off to Pohnpei taxi drivers who perform their job with grace, courtesy, respect, and even tolerance.

I am fully aware that a taxi driver's job is often a thankless one and they get grief from sources we "fares" can't even begin to imagine.

I know that most taxi drivers spend the majority of their day, which often starts very early in the morning and doesn't end until late at night, working to pay the owner of the taxi company and that every fare they carry after they have made enough money to pay that fee in addition to the gas they use is money they can use to support their families.

I know that taxi drivers, perhaps more

often than not, have to wait on fares who begin to gather their belongings only after the driver arrives, after which the fare finishes the conversation they were having, does their hair, takes a bathroom break, and has one more brief conversation before they grudgingly trudge to the taxi which is rammed full of other fares who have done exactly the same thing to the patient taxi driver before they "got onboard."

As the taxi driver's menagerie waits, a family member or friend points his forefinger skyward in the universal sign that indicates that he wants the cohort to wait for just o-o-o-one or several more moments.

This is all assuming that the fare the driver was dispatched to pick up hasn't already flagged down or called another taxi driver from a competing company before they arrive.

I also know that taxi drivers quite often pick up fares who, although they do have a bottle of 151 proof rum in their pocket have nothing else there. Specifically lacking is the dollar it costs to get into the taxi and get a ride home or wherever else it might be that they are going.

You taxi drivers that can bear all of that with grace are amazing to me!

Any one of the above scenarios would truly and completely boil my bread fruit! In your position I would be tempted to point a different digit skyward with a "do it now" expression on my face and to race away, leaving behind either a cloud of dust or a fantail of mud, depending on weather conditions. I probably wouldn't make much money as a taxi driver I suppose.

And now without further adieu, though by now the reader has begun to suspect that I intended to "roast" only inconsiderate taxi fares, I arrive at the "meat" of the matter that I really had on my mind when I started writing and dithering along the edges of what I really meant to say.

I know that the reader will find my deeply buried thesis to be somewhat astonishing but SOME taxi drivers in Pohnpei seem to have a completely different set of laws that govern what they can do as opposed to the laws the rest of us drivers are supposed to follow.

While most of us are required to drive at a leisurely pace of 40 kilometers per hour as a maximum, taxi drivers can drive at least twice that speed according to this nebulous taxi law. A few minutes walk on the Dekehtik causeway will show even the most casual pedestrian that is true.

According to taxi law, any number of cars that are going slower than a taxi driver wants to go can be considered a nuisance that impedes economic development. This means that tail gating and explorations of the opposing lane even on blind curves are acceptable practices for taxis only. Also while the rest of us by law are only allowed to pass one vehicle at a time, taxi drivers can pass as many cars as the laws of physics will allow them to pass.

Passing on blind curves is allowable under taxi law but it is not encouraged.

When it is time to back out of a parking space (or more particularly, out from in front of a parking space) or to pull into the "flow of traffic," taxi drivers always have the right of way.

Taxis are not always fast, especially when they are scouring the streets for a fare. No matter, Taxi's ALWAYS have the right of way under taxi law. Remember that one. It may save your life.

This is especially important to remember if an oncoming taxi faces an impediment in their lane such as a low hanging tree branch, another taxi driver picking up another fare, a downed power line, or maybe a small child who is reaching his hand out to touch the taxi driver's car as the driver passes. Taxi's ALWAYS have the right of way which means that you must wait in your perfectly clear lane while the taxi driver passes the impediment in his or her own lane. By law the rest of us are supposed to wait until it is safe to pass.

When taxi drivers are picking up fares, they are allowed under taxi law to pull completely across parking spaces and sit there even if the parking space belongs to a driver who had their blinker on across the street a long time before the taxi driver made his mad dash from the other direction so that he could sit in front of the parking space owner's parking space with an oblivious look on his or her face. Once a taxi driver is so positioned he or she is allowed to blow their abnormally loud horn (all taxi horns must, by taxi law, be replaced by air

horns) while their fare primps and gathers his belongings and his family member or friend shoots that "wait" finger skyward as opposed to the one the parking space owner so desperately wants to loft skyward as he waits to be able to access their own parking space. Most non taxi drivers know better than to use that finger because many of them have learned by hard experience; that particular finger is reserved for taxi drivers only and exclusively. All others who use that finger will be charged with a misdemeanor.

If a taxi driver comes to a bridge in Sekere and finds that a car in its lane is courteously waiting for oncoming vehicles that arrived at a bridge before it, it is perfectly acceptable, according to taxi driver rules and economic impedance factors, for the taxi driver to blow around the standing driver and across the bridge before anyone else gets a chance to go anywhere.

Witnessing drivers are permitted, according to taxi laws to drop their jaws in disbelief but they aren't permitted to do anything else and particularly they are not allowed to raise a particularly offensive and most applicable digit skyward.

If on a rainy day a taxi driver's fare wants to disembark at the front door of o-o-oh, let's say for sake of example, a bank, while at the same time a non taxi driver is pulling out from a parking space well before the taxi driver drives careened into the parking lot of the bank; in that case the taxi driver is allowed, under taxi law to block the retreat of the non taxi driver whilst screaming obscenities at him from his window while the non taxi driver's mouth hangs open and a finger withered by disuse folds and unfolds in his lap.

Since neither of the sets of traffic law, real or imaginary are a worry to drivers in Pohnpei in terms of enforcement I suppose none of this really matters much at all.

I have long since become anesthetized to the sight of horror stricken faces of fares pressed to the windows of a passing rocket ship taxi. They probably deserved it anyway. However, why more people in Pohnpei have not been killed by taxi drivers who spend far too many hours on the road for far too little pay I just don't know, and having said so I dread my next taxi trip more now than ever I did before.

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

...Micronesia Challenge donation

Continued from front page

micronesia Challenge is to conserve and effectively manage 30% of near shore marine resources and 20% of terrestrial resources by the year 2020. These nations and territories represent nearly 5 percent of the marine area of the Pacific Ocean and 7 percent of its coastlines. As a result of the Micronesia Challenge

declaration by the five Micronesia government jurisdictions, the Micronesia Conservation Trust has been selected to house and administer the MC endowment.

With the initial contribution from TNC to the FSM, the MC endowment now will have a balance of \$8.2M. During the brief meeting, all three parties ex-

pressed their desire to continue their effort as partners to seek both internal and international funding support of the Micronesia Challenge.

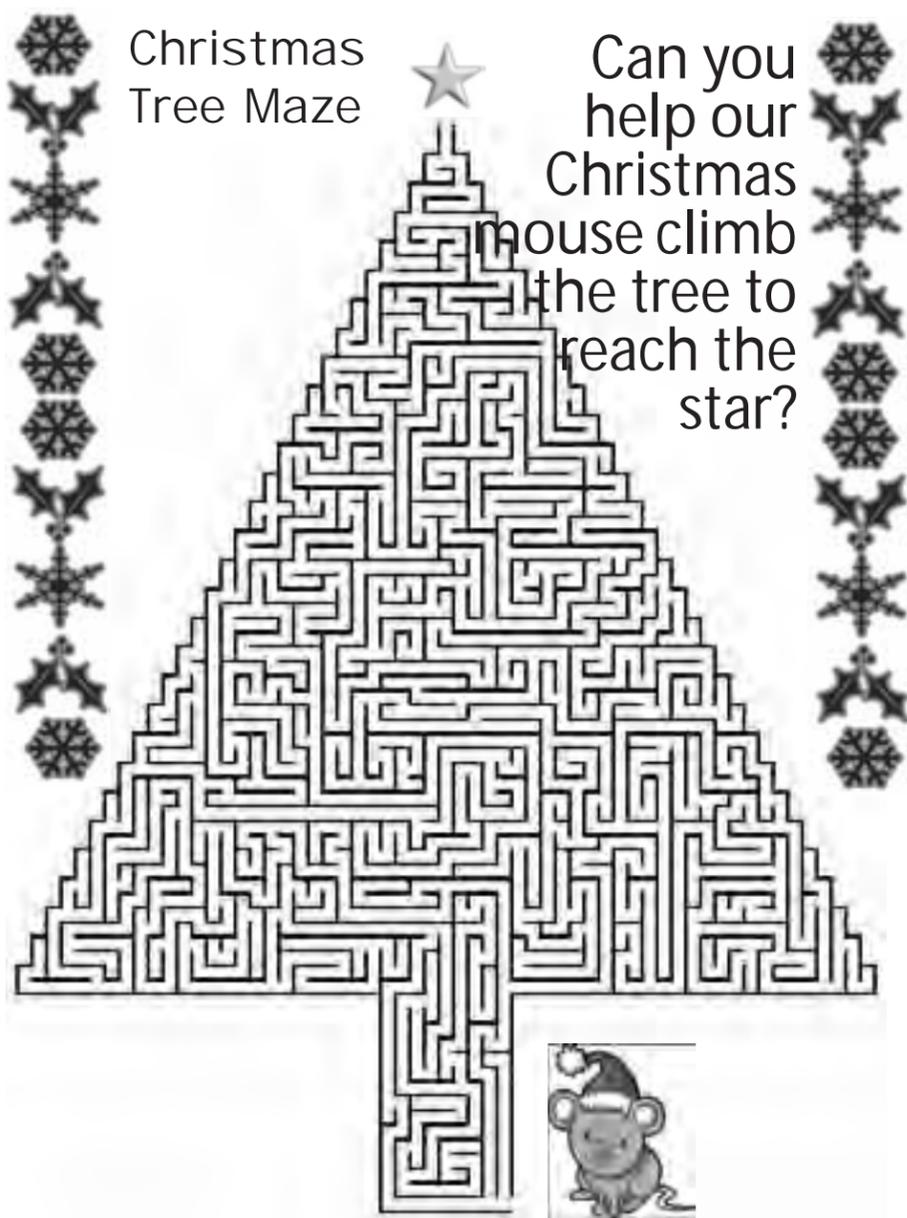
Representatives from TNC included, Mr. Bill Raynor, Marine Director of Asia Pacific Region and Mr. Ricky Carl, Deputy Director-External Affairs/Micronesia.

Mr. Kasio Mida Jr, Ms. Denise Adams,

Mr. Willy Kostka and Mr. Isao Frank Jr. represented the Micronesia Conservation Trust. And with Vice President Alik were, Senator Roger Mori, Senator Peter M. Sitan and Mr. Marion Henry, Secretary of R&D,

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Crossword - Go Around



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ACROSS

- 1. Like some vines
- 6. The ___ Game
- 12. Lunar lander
- 13. Got away from
- 14. Perk
- 15. Go around
- 16. Bush appointee of 2002
- 17. Busy one
- 18. Generation ___
- 19. Toothpaste form
- 20. Reading spot
- 21. Bombard
- 22. Local law
- 25. Change
- 29. Seek guidance
- 32. Dapper fellow
- 33. Cry about
- 34. Little boy

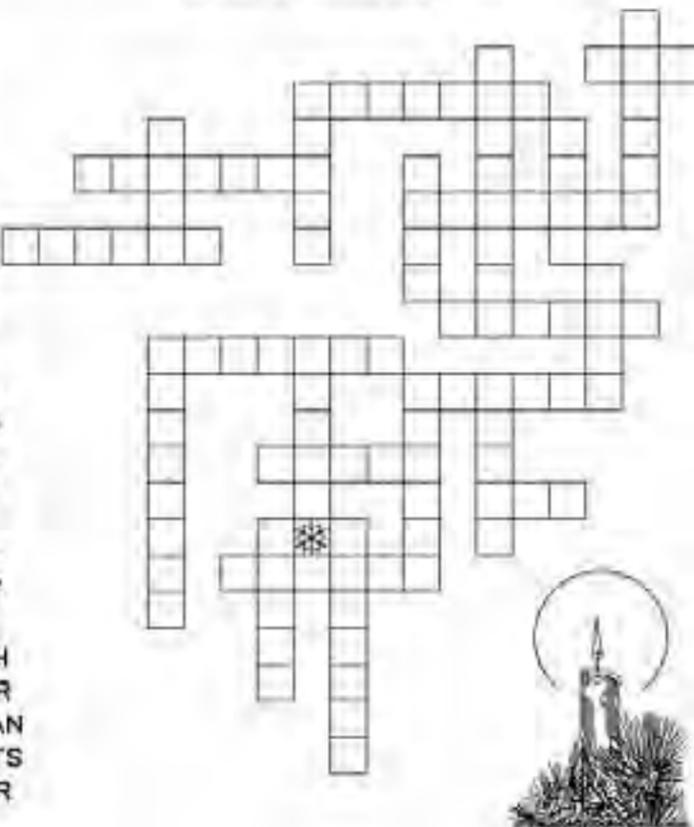
- 35. I will, shortly
 - 36. Here or there
 - 37. Broken apart
 - 39. Played freeze tag
 - 40. Maneuvers
 - 41. More than good
 - 42. Multitudes
 - 43. Artificial
- DOWN**
- 1. Unhands
 - 2. Hard worker
 - 3. Ancient
 - 4. Mistake
 - 5. Thus far
 - 6. Flower type
 - 7. Red ender
 - 8. Overhang
 - 9. Maxim

- 10. Cold spot to not lick
- 11. Capable
- 17. Like the good Spock
- 20. Trial test?
- 21. caress
- 23. Creepy me
- 24. Knows how
- 26. Van Gogh work
- 27. Beat at the buffet
- 28. Record player
- 29. Opulent
- 30. Totaled
- 31. Type of snake
- 35. About
- 36. Tab, for one
- 38. Big reference, for short
- 39. Gladys Knight associate

Christmas Crossword

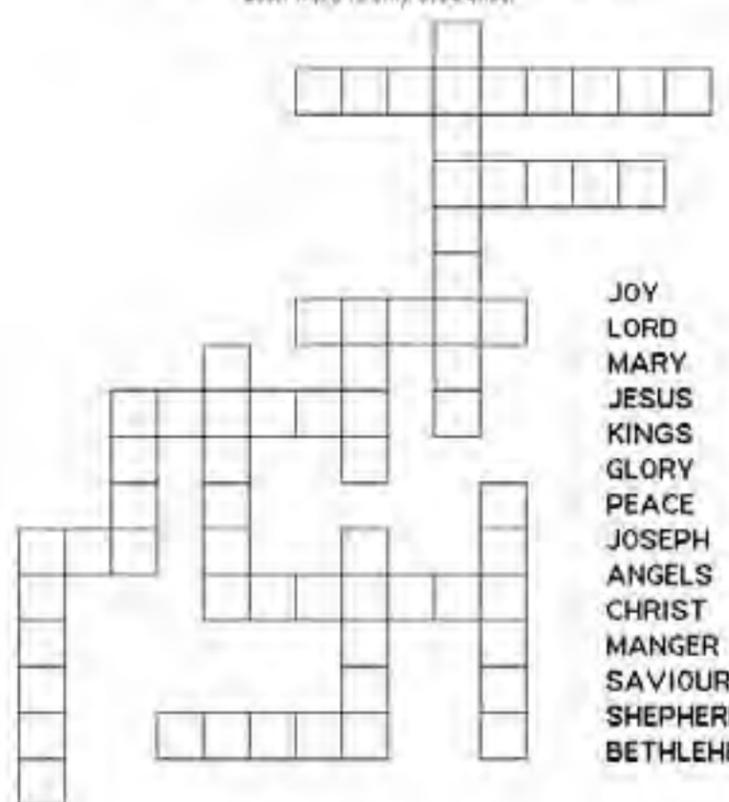
Place all the words fit into this crossword.
Each word is only used once.

- ELF
- TOY
- GIFT
- BELL
- TREE
- STAR
- SANTA
- COMET
- CUPID
- VIXEN
- CANDY
- FROSTY
- WREATH
- DASHER
- DONNER
- SLEIGH
- DANCER
- CHIMNEY
- BLITZEN
- RUDOLPH
- PRANCER
- SNOWMAN
- PRESENTS
- REINDEER



Christmas Crossword

Place all the words fit into this crossword.
Each word is only used once.



- JOY
- LORD
- MARY
- JESUS
- KINGS
- GLORY
- PEACE
- JOSEPH
- ANGELS
- CHRIST
- MANGER
- SAVIOUR
- SHEPHERDS
- BETHLEHEM

K.P. Krazy Corner

Inspiration: Island today is
English yesterday's tomorrow

101: Exceptions always
outnumber rules

THINK ABOUT IT: You can't be late
until you show up



Me Time: Most lies about
me are false

Mama Says: a man with one
chopstick goes hungry

Daffy Definition: Balanced Diet - Ice Cream
in each hand

Papa Says: It's good to be clever
but not to show it



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“Go Local: Grow and Eat for Health” program starts up in schools

By Emihner Johnson

The Island Food Community of Pohnpei in collaboration with the Pohnpei Department of Education (PDOE) has now started this School Year’s “Go Local” awareness program in the elementary schools of Pohnpei.

Twelve elementary schools have been selected for this year’s program. The activities of this “Go Local: Grow and Eat for Health” program include:

- Introduction of the two IFCP Songs (Let’s Go Local and the CHEEF values of local food, which focus on the benefits of Culture, Health, Environment, Economics and Food security.

- IFCP Standard Talk: helping students learn about what has happened in recent years, and that the change of diet and lifestyles has led to diseases, that the local foods are rich in nutrients for good health, and that there are valuable rare Pohnpei varieties of foods that are so important and should be conserved;

- Red Pen Message- that we are now in a health crisis, for example, one in three Pohnpeians now have diabetes, which is related to diet and change of lifestyles and less physical activity, but that we can avoid this by “Going Local”.

- Awareness of Local Food Nutritional Values and Benefits of Eating Local Food.

The program is targeted at the upper classes (6th, 7th, and 8th grades) and those schools that were not included in last school year’s program. The scheduled day is Tuesday of the week at 10:30 am after recess as organized by PDOE.

IFCP Local Food Educator, Emihner Johnson with the assistance of IFCP Office Manager Mona Tara started the project at Wone Elementary School on November 16, 2010. There were over hundred participants, including students, teachers, and the principal attending this session.

On November 23, 2010, the Go Local awareness program was brought to Enipein Elementary School with over 70 students, teachers and principal attending. The program was brought to Seinwar on November 30, with 99 students and 5 teachers attending.

The next scheduled school visits are Pehleung – December 7, Sokehs Powe - December 14, 2010, RSP – January 11, ESDM - January 18, Lukop – January 25, Sapwalap – February 01, Pohnlangas – February 8, Nett - February 15, and Parem

- February 22, 2011.

Special thanks are extended to the Pohnpei Department of Education, including Rihna Jimmy leading the coordination, and the Principals and the Teachers for the support

and warm welcome extended to the staff of IFCP during their visits and awareness sessions. Acknowledgement of thanks is also given to the USDA, US Forestry Service and Papa Ola Lokahi for financial support.

Left: Seinwar Elementary School participants in the Go Local program, November 30, 2010

Bottom Left: Enipein Elementary School participants in the Go Local program, November 23, 2010

Bottom Right: Wone Elementary School participants in the Go Local program, November 16, 2010



DAIWANG BANANA AND CRAB (ELIMOANG)

By: Merlain Abraham

This recipe received Fifth Prize in the 2010 World Food Day Healthy Cooking Competition, Daiwang Category .

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups of water
- 6-8 Daiwang banana fruits, half ripe, boiled and diced, depends on your family size
- Meat of one half of a cooked mangrove crab
- 1 small bunch of kangkong leaves (2 cups)
- A few pepper leaves
- Juice of 3 calamansi or similar quantity of lemon or lime juice
- Pinch of salt

DIRECTIONS:

1. In a pot, bring diced daiwang to boil
2. Add in the Elimoang meat
3. Add in the kangkong leaves and pepper leaves
4. Add a pinch of salt and lemon.

Serve and enjoy the delicacy of Pohnpei Local Food and try this recipe during the holidays!



Astronomical Tide Prediction December 13 - December 26, 2010

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	12:46PM 2.3	02:42PM 4.5						
	06:57PM 3.1	09:43PM 0.5						
Tuesday	12/14	12/21	12/14	12/21				
	02:37AM 1.5	03:19AM 2.5	12:54AM 0.3	03:39AM 0.0				
	10:17AM 2.7	08:29AM 0.9	03:07PM 1.2	05:49AM -0.1				
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	07:39PM 2.7	10:17PM 0.4		10:44PM -0.6				
Wednesday	12/15	12/22	12/15	12/22				
	03:33AM 1.5	03:57AM 2.6	12:52AM 0.3	04:08AM 0.0				
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	12:57PM 3.6	10:27AM 1.0	09:40PM 0.0	07:22AM 0.0				
	08:02PM 1.5	05:08PM 4.5		03:50PM 2.2				
Saturday	12/18	12/25	12/18	12/25				
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	06:24AM 1.3	05:54AM 2.7	09:35PM -0.2	04:11PM 2.0				
	01:32PM 3.9	11:09AM 1.1						
	08:35PM 1.1	05:45PM 4.2						
Sunday	12/19	12/26	12/19	12/26				
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