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## Pohnpei sees three groundbreaking ceremonies for new schools

FSM Information Services

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**Palikir, Pohnpei**—This week, Pohnpeians took part in groundbreaking ceremonies for the construction of three new classroom buildings: one for Nett Elementary School on January 10, one for Saladak Elementary School on January 11 and one for Sapwalap Elementary School on January 12.

The total cost for the three new buildings has been estimated at \$5,307,827, based on Pacific International, Inc.'s successful bid on the project. Pacific International, Inc. is headquartered in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and will be working with Lyon Associates from Honolulu, the selected designers for the classroom buildings. Pacific International, Incorporated was represented at each of the ceremonies by their project manager, Deborah Kramer Shoniber. Etscheit Enterprises is involved in a joint venture with P.I.I. for the three new school projects.

In Nett, the ceremony was attended by Isonahnken Iriarte

of Nett, Nahnkeniei Nett, Governor Ehsa, Vice Speaker Primo, Secretary Shoniber, JoEllen Gorg of the U.S. Embassy in Pohnpei, Hon. Edmond, Nett District Administrator; Senator Loyola, Senator Nakasone, John Adolph of the National Project Management Unit (PMU), many other national, state and municipal officials, as well as teachers and students of Nett Elementary School.

In Saladak and Sapwalap, the ceremony was attended by His Majesty Wasa Lapalap Isopahu, Nanmwarki of Madolenihmw, Her Majesty Likend Madolenihmw, Governor Ehsa, Secretary Shoniber, U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission, Lori Dando; John Adolph of PMU, as well as many other

national, state and municipal officials, and the teachers and students of each municipality's Elementary School. Saladak also saw the presence of His Majesty Wasalalap Sohngoro, Nahnmwarki of U, Her Majesty Likend Pahu, Isonahnken Joseph of U, Nahnkeniei of U, and Chief Minister Hon. Donre.

In Saladak, U.S. Deputy Chief of Mission, Lori Dando, expressed her joy in seeing that work was progressing well with the building of new schools in Pohnpei, "which is," she said, "one of the major undertakings of the Amended Compact." Dando also emphasized that these projects represent the "continued partnership between FSM and the US." Governor Ehsa affirmed that Pohnpei was "fully appreciative of this special relationship."

Secretary Shoniber reminded everyone present that new classrooms are not the only factor to help improve students' performances; he reminded the parents and teachers that they all need to work together in order to improve academic results and ensure that "all children of

FSM will lead fulfilling and productive lives," as warranted under Title 40 of the FSM Code. The Nahnmwarki of Madolenihmw extended the municipality's thanks to the National Government, the Pohnpei State Government, and to the US Government for making these projects possible in FSM.



Nett groundbreaking  
photo by FSM Information Services



Sapwalap groundbreaking  
photo by FSM Information Services



Saladak groundbreaking  
photo by Bill Jaynes

## FSM's 16th Congress begins its final regular session

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

**Palikir, Pohnpei**—The 16th Congress convened for its final regular session at 10:00 on January 10, 2011. The session is expected to adjourn on the 29th of January.

The members of the Special Committee, appointed and tasked by Speaker Isaac V. Figir to look into allegations of violations of the Financial Management Act by FSM Cabinet members, arrived in Pohnpei days before the regular session was scheduled to begin and

have been holding a series of public hearings on the matter since January 6.

The Speaker had earlier told The Kaselehlie Press that he would be referring the matter to the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor. He did do that but during the November special session he also established the Special Committee whose members include Vice Speaker Frederico O. Primo as chairman, and Senators Paliknoa K. Welly, Joseph J. Urusemal, and Tony H. Otto as members.

Vice Speaker Primo said that the Special Committee held its final hearing on January 18 and

that the report to Congress on the matter would be submitted before the end of the Sixth Regular Session.

On the first day of the current Congress Session, Speaker Figir assigned Senators Claude Phillip of Kosrae, Tony Otto of Chuuk, Dion Neth of Pohnpei, and Joseph Urusemal to the Special Committee to Wait on the President. The committee met with President Mori and staff members at 3:00 on the opening day of the Congress Session. Senator Urusemal was absent.

President Mori, along with some of his staff members discussed Executive Branch priori-

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# Ambulance donation spurs Pohnpei DPS to develop effective ambulance services

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

**Pohnpei, FSM**—On January 10, the Pohnpei State Department of Public Safety (DPS) received a new ambulance and basic life support equipment from Mahi International\* (pronounced Ma-hee), a Pohnpei based non profit group that services the entire FSM. Mahi International received the ambulance and medical supplies from a donor in the United States who asked that his name not be publicized. The donor also made a commitment to provide three more ambulances to Mahi International over the next three years to be used wherever Mahi decides that the need and the ability to use the ambulances properly is most demonstrable throughout the FSM.

Certainly the Pohnpei State Hospital has received ambulance donations before but this particular donation along with some innovative thinking has motivated Pohnpei DPS to make serious plans to greatly improve the current ambulance services.

According to Rick Herman, a former small town Colorado Fire Chief who is working with Pohnpei DPS in their effort to improve emergency responses, Mahi International told government officials that their donor wasn't interested in providing ambulances if they would only be used as a kind of fancy taxi.

In August of 2010 Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa wrote a letter pledging his support for the development of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) to improve ambulance services for the people of Pohnpei. That was just the sort of commitment Mahi International

needed on behalf of their donor. Mahi donated the ambulance and basic life support equipment to help the State get new emergency medical services up and running.

Herman said that in the past, ambulances in Pohnpei have been driven by people without medical skills. Additionally, no one with medical skills rides in the back of the ambulance to care for a patient while they are being transported to the hospital.

But that set of circumstances is set to change.

DPS Director Lucas Carlos said, "Ambulance and fire/rescue incidents are infrequent, but when they do happen we recognize that the threat to life and property are critical. The concept of the ESU is to provide professional level emergency services with existing law enforcement personnel, increasing the efficiency of use of personnel and budget."

He said that while there will be some increase in budgetary needs the use of existing personnel will mean that DPS can minimize increased costs. The program is being developed with the approval and cooperation of Pohnpei State Director of Health Service, Dr. Keller. Carlos says that Keller agreed to allow the portion of the Health Services budget currently being spent on ambulance and security services at the hospital to be reprogrammed to the DPS. DPS will be taking over the operation of the ambulances entirely and two officers will be stationed at the hospital who, in addition to assisting at the hospital thereby increasing their own medical skills, could also provide for the hospital's se-

curity needs.

The Emergency Services Unit (ESU) is a newly forming team within the State Department of Public Safety. It will be a group within the Police and Security Division of DPS in much the same way as the SWAT and Hazardous Materials groups are part of that division.

ESU members will have special training as Emergency Medical Technicians and will staff ambulances to provide high quality emergency care. They will also have training as firefighters with professional level skills in firefighting, land and sea search and rescue, hazardous materials, and mass casualty/disaster response.

Herman said that police officers in Pohnpei have already begun to approach him to express interest in being selected for the special training. "They come to me and say, 'I want to be involved,' and this is before they even know that officers with EMT training will likely be given a bit more money," Herman said.

Personnel selections have not yet been made but DPS hopes to train eight employees of the Airport Rescue and Firefighting team and as many as 12 Pohnpei State Police officers to be EMTs.

Herman said that the Department is excited about the possibility of mobilizing the donation of the other ambulances after EMTs are fully trained. He said that if Pohnpei DPS is the recipient of future Mahi donations the goal over the next few years will be to station one ambulance along with trained personnel at each of the DPS substations in Pohnpei.

In a matter unrelated to the donation of the ambulance but crucial to DPS operations in Pohnpei, the department has also begun consultation with a local company to establish an island wide radio system. Police radios operate on "line of sight." Radio signals radiate out in a straight line and geographic features such as the interior mountains of Pohnpei block those signals which currently come only from an antenna at the summit of Sokehs Mountain. Because of Pohnpei's topography the majority of the island currently has no police radio capability.

The plan that is currently being developed would use repeaters situated at several places around the island. The signal from Sokehs Mountain would be transmitted to receivers within that antenna's line of sight and then would be retransmitted to as many repeaters as are necessary in order to establish 100% radio coverage of Pohnpei's main island.

Carlos said, "We pledge to continue to strive toward developing improved emergency medical services and emergency services in general for the people of Pohnpei."

*\*Mahi International also donated a container full of medical equipment including 20 hospital beds, five of which were given to the College of Micronesia - FSM for their developing Nurse training program. Fifteen were given to the Pohnpei State Hospital. They also donated two new EKG machines. Mahi International representative John Schroer said that the list of supplies they donated covered two pages that weren't available at press time and will be the subject of an article in an upcoming issue of The Kaselehlie Press.*

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## JICA-JOC volunteers gather in Pohnpei for inspiration



Naoyoshi Sasaki speaks to JOC volunteers

By *Bill Jaynes*  
*The Kaselehlie Press*

**Pohnpei, FSM**—Saying that he was part of the group that helped pave the way for Japanese volunteers in the FSM, FSM Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Lorin Robert “crashed” the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) FSM Volunteers General Meeting at Yvonne’s conference room on January 14. He apologized for “inviting himself,” saying that he simply couldn’t stay away from such an important gathering.

Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers and senior volunteers who are currently assigned to assist the FSM with programs throughout the FSM gathered together in one place at the annual General Meeting for inspiration and to hear about the progress other volunteers are making in the FSM.

Secretary Robert said that before JOC volunteers began to arrive in the FSM the people of the FSM had the wrong idea about Japanese people. They expected Japanese people to be wealthy tourists

with cameras around their necks but the volunteers, who he called Japan’s “greatest ambassadors”, changed that perception. The program was and is an opportunity to revitalize and to revisit the unique relationship between the FSM and Japan.

He said that FSM also has historically had its own effect on the volunteers themselves. He told a story about the first group of JOC volunteers who went to the airport to greet a new group of volunteers in Pohnpei. When the new group arrived they expressed their surprise that “locals” knew how to speak the Japanese language so well. “But I am Japanese,” the first group insisted. FSM had made its own impact on the volunteers’ lives.

Mr. Naoyoshi Sasaki, JICA FSM Resident Representative spoke first and gave words of inspiration to the assembled volunteers.

The guest speaker for the meeting was His Excellency Shoji Sato, Ambassador, Embassy of Japan whose speech was illustrated by a Power Point presentation. “The FSM is not a fabulously wealthy nation but

is not the most depressed nation either,” he said and continued with a rhetorical question, “Why then are you volunteering in the FSM? Why are JOC volunteers staying here?”

His speech explored the definitions of poverty and human security even as it highlighted all of the important contributions that Japan has made during his tenure as the first full fledged Ambassador of Japan to the FSM; contributions that have helped to increase the standard of living for FSM residents.

He concluded by saying that JOC volunteers and senior volunteers are in the FSM to empower the people of the FSM to act on their own behalf, to work together to do things for themselves.

The 26 JOC volunteers and senior volunteers then heard program reports from volunteers currently serving in each of the four FSM States. The volunteers who gave reports are currently operating in the FSM as part of the Environment Group, or the Education Group, or the Health Group.



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## College mourns the death of Professor Emeritus Segal

### *The College of Micronesia*

On the night of January 11, 2011, Professor Emeritus Harvey Segal of the College of Micronesia-FSM passed away at the age of 84. According to President Spensin James, this is the second departure for Harvey from the College.

The first departure was on July 31, 2008, when Harvey retired from the College at age 81. It was during that time when Professor Harvey Segal received his honorary emeritus status. This title is conferred on a retiring faculty of the College who have been employed as a faculty member for at least 20 years; hold the rank of professor; be at least 65 years of age; have high level accomplishments while at the College; and be recommended by the division chair. Harvey was the first recipient of this prestigious award from the College.

Harvey Segal was born on February 26, 1927, in Boston Massachusetts. In 1951, he received his Bachelors of Arts in Sociology, Biological Field Studies from the University of Massachusetts and from 1951 – 1952, he worked as the recreation leader of the Baltimore Parks Department, Baltimore, Maryland. There, he worked with Baltimore City children in team sports, nature studies and dramatics while supporting teenage social programs. From 1953 – 1962, Harvey worked as an elementary school science specialist at the Newton Public Schools. One year into



his new job at the Newton Public Schools, Harvey graduated from the New York University with a Master of Arts in Education. From 1962 – 1964, he worked as the director of field science and conservation program at the Newton Public Schools.

Harvey moved to Micronesia in 1964 and served as a TESL teacher at Utwe Elementary School in Kosrae. Harvey taught 160 elementary school students Oral English until 1966. From 1966-1968, he became the Kosrae District Elementary School Supervisor where he assisted the Kosrae Deputy Superintendent of Schools with supervision of instruction.

Harvey and his family moved to Pohnpei in 1968 and served as the Pohnpei State Coordinator of Teacher Education until 1970. He was also made team leader of the Micronesian Teacher Corp, training Micronesian

teachers to the BA level through Community College of Micronesia, University of Richmond, Virginia, in the Teacher Corp Program with Dr. Fred Baker.

From 1971 – 1993, Harvey worked with the Community College of Micronesia Education Division training and supervising education instructors. Harvey became a full-time faculty and chair of the Education Division at CCM in 1978.

In 1993, the former Community College of Micronesia became the College of Micronesia-FSM and Harvey stayed on in the Education Division as chair. Professor Emeritus Harvey Segal finally retired from the College of Micronesia-FSM on July 31, 2008.

Harvey is the author of the following publications:

- Birds of the Eastern Caroline Islands, Pohnpei State Education (1970);
- Birds of Micronesia, Good News Press (1985);
- Kosrae: The Sleeping Lady Awakens, revised 1st edition (1989);
- Introduction to Teaching, COM-FSM textbook for ED 210, Education Foundation Course (1992);
- Kosrae: The Sleeping Lady Awakens, revised 2nd edition (1995); and
- Teaching the Language Arts in Micronesia, COM-FSM textbook for ED 301a, Language Arts Methods (1996).

Harvey also co-authored the following publications:

- SPREP Teacher Training Guide in Environmental Education (1993); and
- Climates and Sea Level Change, SPREP & Flinders University, SO, Australia (1997)

Harvey also published numerous articles in the Micronesian Islands Conservation Newspaper, Wards Natural Science Establishment Bulletins, and Camping Magazine.

As a member of the Micronesian Islands Conservation executive committee, Harvey published relevant articles, produced environmental video programs, and wrote grant proposals. He also served on the Pohnpei Sate conservation council and in 1993; he was made director of the Pohnpei State Earth Day Program.

Harvey also served on the Pohnpei Agriculture and Trade School board for many years.

A memorial service was held at the PMA Studios in the evening of January 13, 2011. His remains were taken to Kosrae on January 14, 2011, to be buried at their family property. President Spensin James accompanied the remains to Kosrae on behalf of the College of Micronesia-FSM. Professor Emeritus Harvey Segal is survived by his wife Abigail and their children Canston, Lani, Gordon Richard, Lillian Sepe, Arnold Nena, Arthur Peter and Hardy Nathan.

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ties for the regular session. The priorities included an agreement on the government's final total budget projection for 2011, the finalization of the government's 2010 supplementary budget request, pending tax reform legislation, the FSM fisheries loan, the pending nomination for the COM-FSM Board of Regents and the temporary relocation of the Personnel Office to be directly under the President's Office.

On the matter of the Fisheries Loan, Committee Chair Dion Neth told the President that since Congress had passed a resolution authorizing the President to negotiate the deal the ball was now in his court and requires no further action by Congress until the deal is ready to be mobilized.

According to a press release from the President's Office, Secretary Marion Henry of the FSM Department of Resources and Development updated the Committee on the status of the fisheries loan. He said that a total of 11 agreements needed to be negotiated in order to lay out the duties and obligations of all parties involved in the agreement. The Government of the People's Republic of China would potentially be acting as the lender through China Eximbank, a bank that is fully owned by the Chinese Government. The FSM National Government would be the borrowing party, FSM Development Bank the loan manager and Luen Thai Fishing Ventures (LTFV) the operator for the four rehabilitated State processing plants. LTFV would make lease payments to the FSM Government for the use and operation of the plants and the FSM Government would in turn use the lease payments to reimburse the loan to Eximbank.

The Committee report added that he has formed a Committee to negotiate the loan on behalf of the Executive Branch. Henry also told the Congress Committee that many people have been on vacation, so things have stalled for a short time. He said that LTFV would be back from vacation on January 15. He said that time is also needed in order to visit all of the States in order to finalize all of the agreements. He added that the rehabilitation of the fisheries infrastructures in the four States is a long project and that even if the agreements are approved this year not all components will be fully implemented for three years.

The Committee asked Henry questions regarding the matter of Luen Thai as the operator. He told them that it would be negligent to go with a newer or less experienced company. He said that Luen Thai is the most experienced and the largest in the area, and the only one with guaranteed freight service, which is a key element to the success of the project.

On 2011 revenue projections President Mori told the Congress Committee that he disagreed with the recent revenue projections of approximately \$37.7 million provided to Congress by the Acting Secretary of Finance Rose Nakana. He asked Congress to instead use the budget projections of \$39 million that were submitted with the FY2011 Budget Book. Since the total revenue amount for 2010 had been approximately \$40 million and because he saw no indicators for the revenue projection to decrease in 2011 the 2011 figure should be

at least \$39 million. He reasoned that since more of the infrastructure projects are "on stream," revenues would be increased by taxes paid to the National Government. He also said that the issue could be revisited again after the second quarter and if the \$39 million does not look feasible adjustments could be made at that time. He said that the National Government has never run a deficit and he is certain that a deficit will not occur this year if the \$39 million projection is used.

The FY 2011 Supplemental budget request submitted by the President for the Sixth Regular Session of Congress is based on the \$39 million projection. Approximately \$80,000 of that request is for new requests, the remainder of the money is to restore items previously cut by Congress.

On January 12 Congress passed CR 16-153 which set the ceiling for the 2011 budget at \$45,211,829. \$7,454,481 of that money is available under the Amended Compact of Free Association with the United State. \$37,757,348 is from domestic revenues, the revenue projection submitted by the Department of Finance and Administration.

On the issue of Tax Reform President Mori announced that the National Economic Summit is scheduled to be held for one week in Chuuk beginning on February 7 and invited Congress members to attend. Vice President Alik told the Committee that the Tax Reform Project was discussed in the State Summits in both Kosrae and Pohnpei, and the proposals sent to Congress were endorsed.

A Chuuk Economic Summit began on January 11 preceding the National Summit. Technical people from the Tax Reform Project were there to participate in that summit. Technical advisors will also be present at the Yap Economic Summit when it occurs.

President Mori said that while he is mindful of the enormity of the Tax Reform Project he hoped Senators could hold hearings during the Sixth regular session. He said that what he'd really like to see is the legislation passed on its first reading during this session. Doing so, he said would indicate to the States that the National Government is serious about making progress on the Tax Reform; it may be in the best interest of the National Government to take the first step.

The Committee also discussed the three nominations for the COM Board of Regents, the need for the Personnel Office to be temporarily under the direct supervision of the President's office, and the matter of the lack of a Secretary for the Department of Finance and Administration. Chairman Neth said he understands that it may be difficult to find a Secretary of Finance to serve the short time period that is left before National Elections.

During the session, Congress acted on several items of interest including a Bill that changes the way so called "courtesy resignations" of FSM Ambassadors are handled after a new President takes office. In recent years Ambassadors have been required to submit resignations to a new President after the President takes office but the President has been under no obligation to accept that resignation. If a new President did not accept the Ambassadorial resignation then the Ambassador was essen-

tially "grandfathered" into the position without further advice and consent of Congress.

Under the new law Ambassadors are still required to submit resignations to a new President within 90 days. The President may choose to reappoint an Ambassador from a previous administration but he or she must then re-nominate that Ambassador. That nomination would be up for the advice and consent of Congress in the same way that a new nominee for an Ambassadorial position would be considered. The past job performance of a nominee for Ambassador would be part of the information Congress would take into consideration when they consider the possibility of giving their consent.

Among other items Congress also passed a resolution congratulating Guam's new Governor Eddie Calvo and Lt. Governor Raymond Tenorio on their recent election in the Territory.

They passed another resolution expressing the profound sadness and sincere condolences of the Sixteenth Congress of the FSM to those affected by the acts of violence perpetrated in Arizona on January 8 and to the United States in this time of national tragedy. On that day U.S. Congresswoman Giffords and numerous others were injured and six were killed in a shooting including Chief Judge John Roll of the U.S. District Court in Arizona. The shooting took place during a personal appearance of Congresswoman Giffords.

Congress also passed some special project bills and amended others.

Congress ratified a two and half year old implementing arrangement to the Parties to the Nauru Agreement.

Members were also invited by Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa to attend a briefing session on the results of a Feasibility Study by an Airline Task Force Team on a proposal by Easter Jet, Inc. Ltd to provide additional airline service to Pohnpei and the other FSM States.

The Kaselehlie Press could not find an Internet presence for a company by that name but did find a small airline based in South Korea carrying the name Eastar Jet, Inc. Ltd. That services four cities in that country using a very small fleet of 737's. By press time we were not able to get information from Pohnpei State on the details of the proposal.

At press time Congress still had a good deal of business to consider including a possible ratification of a treaty involving amendments to protocol to an agreement with the European Union on fishing in the FSM.

A Bill submitted by Setiro Paul (CB 16-175) is also up for consideration. Under that bill, State shares of tax would increase from 50 to 70 percent.

At press time, Congress still had another week of session days left in their final regular session.

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## Congress ratifies two and half year old PNA fisheries agreement

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

**Palikir, Pohnpei**—On January 19, Congress passed a resolution ratifying the third implementing arrangement of the Nauru Agreement. The third implementing arrangement added new regulations for catch retention, Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) closures between July 1 and September 30 each year, the “closure of high seas areas,” along with additional monitoring requirements for fishing vessels.

The Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) are the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Kiribati, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Nauru, the Republic of Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu.

The waters of those countries are the world’s largest storehouses for tuna canneries that package the tinned tuna that help parents to put tuna fish sandwiches into the lunch bags of school children around the world. Very few of those children outside of the Asia/Pacific region will give a second thought about the waters where their lunch once swam. Of those that do fewer still will ever have heard of the nations represented by the PNA.

The seal of the PNA displays the motto “Cooperation through Strength.” A reversal of those words might be more to the point: “Strength

through Cooperation—Solidarity.”

The FSM ratifying resolution of the third implementing arrangement says “the purpose of the ‘Nauru Agreement’ was [and is] to ensure that the signatory nations cooperate in the management of their respective fisheries zones so that their citizens can be assured of receiving the maximum benefits from their resource.”

Eugene Pangelinan, Acting Director of the FSM’s National Oceanic Resource Management Agency said that though the FSM had not previously formally ratified the provisions of the third implementing arrangement that was ratified by six member nations of the PNA in May of 2008, its provisions have been a part of fishing access agreements the FSM has issued since that time. “For instance, the FSM has attained 100% observer status for all vessels licensed to fish in the FSM EEZ and all vessels are required to have a VMS Automatic Location Communicator in good working order and to keep them turned on,” he said.

Pangelinan said that while the provisions have been practiced in the FSM they had not previously been written into the NORMA licensing regulations. NORMA submitted amended regulations that included the “newest” implementing arrangement of the Nauru agreement for review by the FSM Department of Justice. After a long delay DOJ issued an opinion

saying that because the arrangement sought to control waters outside of the FSM EEZ, NORMA regulations could not be amended to include the third implementing arrangement until after Congress had resolved to ratify that arrangement.

Finally, the two and a half year old arrangement was submitted to Congress for ratification. The resolution was submitted by Floor Leader Joe N. Suka by request on January 10, 2011.

The External Affairs Committee chaired by Senator Paliknoa Welly of Kosrae noted in its committee report (16-124) that the Second Implementing Arrangement was never submitted to Congress for ratification as a treaty at all but was signed by a previous Deputy Secretary for Foreign Affairs under another FSM Administration as an executive agreement. That arrangement, among other things, prohibited transshipment of fish “on the high seas.” The committee questioned the propriety of its approval as an executive agreement but ultimately pushed that question aside and came down on the side of recommending the ratification of the third implementing arrangement as a treaty despite possible previous executive transgressions unrelated to the current resolution.

Passage of the resolution was still not a slam dunk process in the Congress chambers.

Senator Peter Sitan, the Chairman of the Justice and Governmental Operations Commit-

tee asked if the FSM would be opening itself up for legal trouble if it passed the resolution on the third Nauru arrangement. “Do we even have the authority to pass this resolution?” he asked.

“I agree with the idea of the resolution (for ratification of the arrangement). Conservation of our fisheries resources is very important,” Sitan later said, “but I’m the Chairman of J&GO so I also have to look at the legal issues.”

Chairman Sitan, who was once the Director of NORMA knows that the International Law of the Sea dictates that each of the countries whose borders front high seas areas must mutually agree to regulations regarding those high seas areas.

Sitan’s question is not new. The issue was raised by no more formidable a personage than the former Chairman of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) at the December 2010 meeting in Hawaii.

High Seas areas are ocean areas that are not under the jurisdiction of any country. Under the third implementing arrangement, PNA countries agreed that vessels would not be allowed to fish in the high seas areas “during the period of validity of a license issued by a party member.”

Essentially, as Congress Chief Counsel Lam Dang explained during a consultation with Congress during a recess on January 18,

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- \* Prepare budgets for workshops and meetings.
- \* Assist project professionals with technical activities and training workshops
- \* Assist in the day-to-day administrative activities of the Coordination Office.
- \* Manage communications files and other documentations for the project.

#### Selection Criteria

- \* A degree in administration, finance/management.
- \* At least 3 yrs experience in the capacity of responsibilities outlined above.
- \* Demonstrate capacity in project support and logistics.
- \* Experience with working in the Pacific Islands region.
- \* Ability to prioritize workload and complete work by deadlines.
- \* Demonstrate ability to work effectively without constant supervision.
- \* Ability to organize and assist with training workshops ,meetings, etc.
- \* Excellent interpersonal skills in multicultural environment
- \* Good written and verbal communication skills in English.

#### Salary, Terms and Conditions:

Salary will commensurate at a range of \$450 to \$800 bi-weekly (with staff benefits) based on merit for duration of 2 years and may be extended for a further term. Applicants must provide a cover letter, full curriculum vitae, and at least 2 professional references.

Applications are to be addressed to  
The Manager,  
SPC North Pacific Office,  
P.O.Box Q,  
Kolonias, Pohnpei,  
to arrive by 28 January 2011.

Applications may be submitted by fax +691 3202725 or email to: [johnp@spc.int](mailto:johnp@spc.int).

## NRCS teaches Nett students to garden

*Embassy of the  
United States of America Kolonia*

On January 19, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS) Soil Conservation Technician Gibson Santos and 124 sixth graders from Nett Elementary School participated in the Pohnpei State Department of Education Agriculture Fair. Through the Conservation Society of Pohnpei's (CSP) Youth-to-Youth (Y2Y) Environmental Education Program, Santos conducts a bi-monthly program that teaches students about sustainable gardening, island agroforestry and soils. Some of the Youth-to-Youth participants began their gardening endeavors during the U.S. Embassy – NRCS gardening program, which taught the students about small-scale garden creation, production, and pest management.

During Wednesday's program, Santos and the students presented the top two Chinese cabbage heads for judging, while the remaining twenty seedlings remained on display for fair attendees. Noting the tires alongside the garden fence, the Y2Y participants explained that their efforts had spurred the fifth graders to undertake some gardening of their own, dabbling in some beans and papaya production.

As the Agriculture Fair marked the conclusion on the raised-bed gardening component, the second phase of the Y2Y program will include sessions on vegetable seed germination and indigenous soils classifications in Pohnpei.

At the culmination of the island agroforestry program in May, participants will engage in the Y2Y Environmental Fair, during which they will exchange best practices with Y2Y participants from other schools through song, dance, visual diagrams, and theatrical performance.



*Santos and the students admire the rapid growth of the cabbage during the Pohnpei State Department of Education's Agriculture Fair January 19.*

## FSM students participate in "Close Up" program in Pohnpei – minus Kosrae

*By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press*

**Pohnpei, FSM**—31 students and their chaperones from Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Yap participated in the Close Up program during the week that began with Monday, January 17. The Close Up program allows an opportunity for outstanding FSM seniors to view their government in operation in a "close up" fashion. In addition to their other activities they observed the activities of the 16th FSM Congress as they conducted their final regular session.

At the request of FSM's Former President Senator Joseph Urusemal the group stood and sang the FSM National anthem to the thunderous applause of the gathered Senators and observers in the chamber.

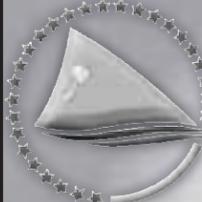
The absence of students from Kosrae did not go unnoticed. For two days Senators asked why those students were not present. None of them seemed to know that the Kosrae Department of Education had specifically chosen to help their students prepare for the College of Micronesia Entrance Test (COMET) which will be on February 10 and 11. KDOE chose preparation for that test over the participation of their best and brightest High School seniors in the Close Up program.

Once that fact was explained to the Senators many of them applauded Kosrae's priorities although they lamented participation of Kosrae students in the Close Up program.

The Close Up program had previously been held in May but that date conflicted with the graduation date for Pohnpei seniors so the date was moved back by the National Department of Education to coincide with the regular session of Congress that takes place beginning on the second Monday in January. When the Kosrae DOE shared their concerns about the date National DOE wrote to the College of Micronesia and asked them to postpone the COMET. An NDOE representative speaking on behalf of the Secretary of Education, Cassiano Shoniber during a recess of Congress on January 18 said that President Spensin James denied that request.

With the test rapidly approaching Kosrae elected to keep their students at home in order to prepare for it.

Kosrae's former Director of Education Paul Hadik said that the Kosrae Department of Education values the COMET test as an important gauge of student learning as well as teacher abilities. He also said that the US Office of Insular Affairs uses those outcomes as a measure of the FSM's progress on education.



### SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY (SPC) North-REP Coordinating Office

## Vacancy: Oceanic Fisheries Technician

#### Vacancy

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons for the position of Oceanic Fisheries Technician to be based at FSM National Oceanic Resources Management Authority office (NORMA). The Oceanic Fisheries Technician will support the work of the NORMA Office.

#### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist with the recovery of tuna tags and payment of rewards. This will include attendance at the PS transshipments (when feasible) and regular visits to LL and PS vessels and agents.
- Enter tag recovery information into the SPC database for forwarding to SPC Noumea
- Assist with collection of information currently missing from tag recoveries
- Collaborate with observers, coordinators and debriefers to implement tag seeding and tag recovery and biological sampling programs
- Assist with preparation of observer data for transmission to SPC Noumea

#### Selection Criteria:

- A relevant tertiary qualification(s) in science, marine resources, and social science with demonstrated administrative and technical experience
- Experience in a technical field performing functions in the capacity of responsibilities outlined above.
- Experience with working in the Pacific Islands region.
- Demonstrated organisational skills with ability to prioritise workload and complete work under deadlines and without constant supervision.
- Demonstrated ability with administrative functions of field work biological sampling and data collection
- Experience with computing environment used in SPC including Windows XP/Vista/7 workstation platforms and Microsoft Office 2007 applications.
- Excellent interpersonal skills in multicultural environment
- Good written and verbal communication skills in English.
- Appreciation and knowledge of the implementing regional countries.
- Formal training in computer and biological science.
- A proven ability to work as part of an interdisciplinary and/or multi-cultural team.
- Demonstrated capacity in project support and logistics
- Ability to travel as required

#### Salary, Terms and Conditions:

**Salary:**

Salary will commensurate at \$318.26 bi-weekly. Other local staff benefits (including social security, medical and annual leave) etc will apply. Applicants must address the selection criteria, a covering letter and include full curriculum vitae, at least 2 professional references and indicate date of availability for duty with SPC. Applications are to be addressed to the The Manager, SPC North Pacific Office, P.O.Box Q, Kolonia, Pohnpei, FSM to arrive by 3rd February, 2011. Applications may be submitted by fax +691 3202725 or email: johnp@spc.int, preferably as an electronic attachment in Microsoft Word format.

## SPC – is an Equal Opportunity Employer

## Some Pohnpei young people explore contrasting viewpoints on casino project

By *Philip Prouhet*  
Jesuit Volunteer

As the Pohnpei State Legislature's January session looms continues, the Micronesian Tourism Development Act remains a highly discussed and highly debated issue among senators, businesspeople, local leadership and ... children.

The seventh and eighth grade classes at Pohnpei Catholic School spent the last two weeks researching the benefits and detriments of the proposed resort/casino in Madolenihmw. Although this issue is complex, it is important to inform our youth of ventures that could change the future of Pohnpei. It is even more important to hear what they have to say. They may, after all, be the blackjack dealers and golf caddies at this future "tourist attraction."

The students were chosen at random to defend either side of the casino issue regardless of their true, personal opinions. It is difficult to promote something you are vehemently against, but the students at PCS did so with grace and professionalism.

### AGAINST



**Laylak Abraham, 14**

"People want to have a casino when our generators at P.U.C. aren't even working properly. How do you think we can support a casino when we can't even generate our island power?"



**Easton Iramk, 13**

"Our social customs are very special to us. This is our island; a casino can turn our island to an environmentally toxic and non-cultural land only thinking about big business."



**Larry Yarofaisug, 12**

"In the Pacific, we have an enriched culture where we value the strong and supportive relationship in our extended family. With this casino, the cultural values that we have will eventually be destroyed."



**Lynette Anson, 12**

"We already have roads, utilities, and telecommunications. Our leaders need to think about their people; not the money."



**Tronica Joab, 13**

"Imagine if there are 300 rooms in the hotel and all the pipes from the toilets in the bathrooms lead right into the ocean. It can cause the fish in the sea to die and Pohnpeians won't be able to go fishing."



**Crystal Joab, 13**

"Madolenihmw is one of the most sacred and respected municipalities in Pohnpei. Its rich history would be ruined."



**Gilbert Rettin, 13**

"We need our leaders from all the three systems – Church leaders, government leaders and traditional leaders – to work together on this issue and prepare ourselves first. Does our economy need a casino? Yes. Are we ready for a casino now? No."



**Cyrus Mayalbe, 14**

"Visitors will no longer come to see our beautiful island and its culture. They will be too busy at the casino!"

### SUPPORT



**Kira Lauwetresh, 13**

"The money that is brought in for the government can help our economy and also save people's lives by bringing good doctors and medicine to the island."



**John Jr. Taman, 13**

"The FSM is looking into alternative sources of funding and ways to grow the economy before the expiration of the US-FSM Compact II Agreement. Don't you want to develop our country too?"



**Carisma Jano, 12**

"The education in Pohnpeian schools needs major improvements. Our government can use the revenues (from the casino) to build more schools with strict rules in order for children to graduate with a lot of knowledge that can help their future."



**Joice Panuel, 13**

"Compact II funds are running low, yet no replacing source has been identified. Casino income from licensing, taxes and other fees can be a potential new source. Our choices, decisions and how we legislate laws to control negative aspects of a casino business matters most in this outfit."



**Richard Solomon, 13**

"If they build the casino, fruits from our land will earn local people more money than they usually get from the markets. Because there will be a restaurant at the casino, local food business will improve."



**Jessica Abraham, 13**

"The jobs that the casino would create would allow the jobless to provide clothing for their children, food for their families and better homes."

# U native balances work, home, health passion, and triathlons

## Latorres: "I'm a little fanatic about eating healthy and exercise."



Latorres competes on her bicycle

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

**Los Angeles, California**—35 year old Mary Ann (Ladore) Latorres, a native of Awak, U. Pohnpei currently lives with her husband in the Los Angeles, California area. She divides her time between her job as a paralegal and her passion for triathlons. She is currently training for "the mother of all triathalons, the Ironman which is scheduled for August 28, 2011, in Penticton, Canada. The Ironman competition consists of a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride, and a 26.2 mile marathon run, all on the same day with very little rest if any between the events.

She has lived in the United States for the last 15 years and has always had an active lifestyle but it wasn't until three years ago that she started training for triathlons.

FSM Health officials have long agreed with international health agencies who have said that lifestyle caused, non-communicable diseases are the biggest killers of Pohnpeians. Latorres said that she has seen firsthand the effects of diabetes, heart disease and high blood pressure. Two of her uncles and two of her aunts recently died from non-communicable diseases.

"Sharing my story may come off as self promoting, but that is not my intention. I see it as sharing my passion and hopefully I can make a positive influence and inspire people to live a healthier life. Diabetes is a serious problem in the US and in Micronesia, and it should not be," she said.

She knows that she has a predisposition to heart disease and diabetes and because of that has become "...a little fanatic about eating healthy and exercise."

She started doing triathlons about three years ago with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's endurance team, "Team in Training (TNT)". TNT helps athletes to train for endurance events while also raising funds for cancer research.

"I thought this would be a great challenge for me while giving a little something back to the community." That first triathlon was in Kona, Hawaii and consisted of a 1.2 mile swim, a 24 mile bike ride and a 6 mile run. "Boy was I

hooked!" she exclaimed.

Though she has occasionally gone back to TNT to compete in other triathlons and to raise funds and awareness for cancer Latorres says that she trains herself for most of her races.

Her regimen is intense. She averages 15 hours of training each week and trains six days a week along with one day for

recovery unless her work as a paralegal requires her to work overtime due to trial preparation or during times of a trial. "Then I get no sleep and no training and I'm an awful and miserable human being," she lamented.

"Training for such an event takes time, dedication, commitment, and hard work, especially for a person with a full time job like me," she said. "This leaves me little time to watch my favorite television shows and no time to drink sakau if I were in Pohnpei," she said with a smile.

On three days during each week she swims in the morning before she has to be at work at 8:30. She swims either at the Playa Vista pool in her own community or at a public pool near her office.

On those days she also runs after she gets off from work at 5:00.

On alternating days she bikes. She says that her biking regimen is a bit tricky to balance with her work during the winter season because the sun comes up too late and sets too early. During that season she often resorts to "spin classes" at the gym or she uses her bike trainer which is a piece of equipment on which she can ride her bicycle in place.

On the weekends she does a bike ride of at least two hours either in the Santa Monica Mountains or along the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu.

She does most of her running either on the streets around her office building in the Westwood area or around her home during the week. On the weekends she hits the Santa Monica Mountain trails. "I hate running on a treadmill and only use it when it's raining outside."

During the summer months and in the early fall she also swims at the Santa Monica Beach along with other athletes in order to simulate race day swimming conditions which usually take place in an open body of water such as a lake, the ocean, or a river. "Let me tell you, the Pacific Ocean can get really cold even if you put me in a wet suit," Latorres said. "The last time I swam in Malibu it was 58 degrees and I was not

happy!" she exclaimed.

"I will always be an island girl and I was raised swimming in bath water," she said with a grin.

"Why do I love triathlons? I love being able to push myself physically and mentally in triathlons and endurance sports in general. The sense of achievement and accomplishment spreads out to other facets of my life making me a more confident individual," she said. "Equally important is abandoning complacency and striving for the best that the body can achieve, always progress, physically, mentally, and spiritually."

### Some of her past races include:

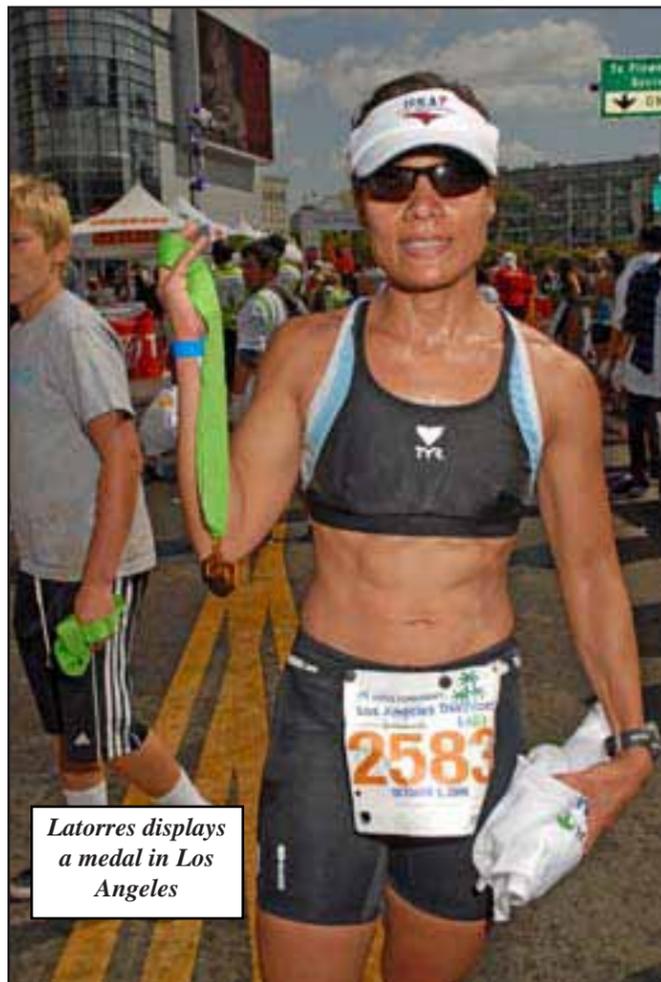
- Lavaman Triathlon - Olympic distance - April 2008 in Kona, Hawaii
- San Diego Triathlon - Olympic distance - June 2008 in San Diego, CA
- Pacific Grove Triathlon - Olympic distance - September 2008 in Monterey, CA
- Vineman Ironman 70.3 - half Ironman distance - July 2009 in Sonoma, CA
- LA Triathlon - Sprint distance - Los Angeles, CA - October 2009 in Los Angeles, CA
- Pasadena - half marathon - Pasadena, CA 2/21/10
- Avia Wildflower Triathlon - half Ironman distance in Lake San Antonio, CA - 5/1/10
- Amazon Foundation - 5K race in Playa Del Rey, CA - 6/20/10
- San Diego International Triathlon - international distance in San Diego, CA - 6/27/10
- Vineman Ironman 70.3 - half Ironman distance in Sonoma, CA - 7/18/10
- Nation's Triathlon - Olympic distance in Washington, DC - 9/12/10
- Big Rock Triathlon - Sprint distance in Lake Perris, CA - 10/16/10
- LA Half marathon - in Los Angeles 1/16/11

For the rest of this year she so far, plans to compete in the following races:

- Surf City half marathon - in Huntington Beach 2/6/11
- LA Marathon - in Los Angeles 3/20/2011
- Avia Wildflower Triathlon - half ironman distance in Lake San Antonio, CA - 4/30/11
- Ojai double metric century - 124 mile bike ride in Ojai, CA - 6/4/2011
- Canada Ironman - 8/28/11

"The Ironman race for me is not about winning. It's about how you get there. It's about the journey," she said.

Latorres' parents are Antero and Welmina Ladore from Awak, U. Both are retired school teachers. Latorres left Pohnpei fifteen years ago and graduated from the University of San Francisco.



Latorres displays a medal in Los Angeles

## ...PNA

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PNA agreed that the operator of a fishing vessel must make a choice, fish the high seas or fish the PNA EEZ's where they are licensed. Under the PNA arrangement as implemented fishing vessels cannot do both.

No one can tell sovereign nations how they must implement fishing access agreements in their own EEZs but sovereign nations can make treaty agreements with other nations whereby they agree, and bind themselves to act in solidarity with the agreements of the group. While PNA cannot legally "close down" high seas areas, they can, by working in solidarity, create that effect in the Western and Central Pacific (WCP).

According to Sitan's explanation of the International Law of the Sea, only the WCPFC whose members include all of the nations whose waters border the WCP high seas pockets can legally shut down fishing in the high seas pockets. After the PNA third implementing arrangement went into effect in the PNA area WCPFC did precisely that. It shut down two of the three high seas pockets in the WCP.

But PNA also acted to effectively shut down the third high seas pocket in waters bordered by Cook Islands to the west, French Polynesia

to the east and Kiribati to the north.

While Cook Islands is a member of the WCPFC and French Polynesia is a participating territory of the WCPFC, neither is a Party to the Nauru Agreement. So under current rules and agreements, a fishing vessel that holds a license for Cook Islands can still fish in the high seas pocket east of that country but not if that vessel also holds a license for a PNA country as well such as Kiribati just to the north.

If what we were told by officers of the French Frigate Prarial during their visit in Pohnpei over three years ago still holds true only French Polynesian vessels are allowed to fish their waters. Still, if a French Polynesian vessel also happens to hold a license to fish in PNA waters it cannot fish the high seas just to their west.

Chairman Sitan's legal question remains untested; under the International Law of the Sea can PNA act to "effectively" shut down high seas pockets in the WCP without the authority to "legally" shut them down?

Senator Setiro Paul, on January 18, though he expressed support for the resolution to ratify asked that a final decision be deferred until the 19th in order to give Senators a chance to seriously consider their votes. Former President Joseph Urusemal provided a second to that motion. Remaining senators agreed and the resolution was adopted on the following day.

## NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION

**Pursuant to the orders of the FSM Supreme Court entered on July 30, 2010 and December 6, 2010, public notice is hereby given that the parcel described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:**

Lot No. 65189, land known as "Nemiror # 2", situated in Neauo Village, Weno Municipality, Chuuk State, with an approximate area of 2,500 square meters, as described in the Determination of Ownership issued on September 4, 1996 and registered as Document No. 4400 at the Office of the Registrar, Chuuk State Land Commission.

- There is no minimum bid amount for the parcel.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "March 17, 2011 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Ms Janet Sisam at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Weno, Chuuk on Thursday, March 17, 2011 between 2 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2011.

**Pursuant to the orders of the FSM Supreme Court entered on September 6, 2010 and December 29, 2010, public notice is hereby given that the parcels described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:**

Parcel no. 045-E-28, situated in Lohd-powe section, Madolenihmw Municipality, Pohnpei State, with an approximate area of 15,216 square meters, as described in the Certificate of Title issued on June 5, 2005 and registered as Document No. 20531 at the Office of the Registrar, Pohnpei Court of Land Tenure.

Parcel no. 068-D-16, situated in Mesihsou section, Madolenihmw Municipality, Pohnpei State, with an approximate area of 2,848 square meters, as described in the Certificate of Title issued on May 8, 1995 and registered as Document No. 14169 at the Office of the Registrar, Pohnpei Court of Land Tenure.

- There is no minimum bid amount for the parcels.
- Bids may be submitted for one or both of the parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "March 17, 2011 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Mr Ricky Jano at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Palikir, Pohnpei on Thursday, March 17, 2011 between 2 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2011.

## INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO ALL PARCELS

- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must clearly state the bid amount for each parcel.
- The winning bidder shall be conveyed title through a duly issued Court order transferring title to the land, including all buildings, fixtures, equipment, and other improvements on the land, upon delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Development Bank" no later than ten (10) days after notice is given. The winning bidder must be eligible to hold title to land in the Federated States of Micronesia.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The parcel is offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.
- Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Ricky Jano, Remedial Management Officer, email: rickyj@fsmdb.fm or Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, FSM Development Bank, PO Box M, Pohnpei, FM 96941, phone no. 691-320-2840, fax no. 691-320-6533, website: www.fsmdb.fm

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## Pacific Partnership 2011 senior leadership visits Pohnpei

*Embassy of the  
United States of America Kolonia*

On January 13-17, U.S. Navy Captain Jesse Wilson visited Pohnpei State. The Senior Leadership trip was in preparation for Pacific Partnership 2011 (PP '11), a humanitarian assistance initiative that will provide medical and civil assistance across the Pacific. Wilson is the Commodore of Pacific Partnership 2011, whose flagship, the USS Cleveland, will visit five island nations this summer: Tonga, Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

On Friday, Captain Wilson and U.S. Ambassador to the F.S.M. Peter A. Prahar traveled to Palikir, where they paid office calls on Vice President Alik Alik, Congress Speaker Isaac V. Figir, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Lorin Robert, Secretary of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure (TC&I) Francis Itimai, Acting Secretary of Health and Social Services Ben Jesse, and Acting Secretary of Justice Asher Johnson. In the afternoon, the Captain and his delegation called upon Pohnpei State Governor John Ehsa, Legislature Speaker Nelson Pelep, and Senator Wincner David. Captain Wilson also met with Department of Health Services Director Dr. Elizabeth Keller and toured the Pohnpei State Hospital in Liwi, Nett.

Throughout the meetings, Captain Wilson briefed participants on the Pacific Partnership initiative, which is set to include a variety of medical services, small-scale infrastructure projects, subject matter exchanges, and youth outreach. Although the USS Cleveland will dock in Pohnpei during its visit to the F.S.M., Wilson is making it a priority for his team to research the feasibility of conducting missions in all four of the states. Additionally, Captain Wilson requested the senior leadership to compile a list of small-scale infrastructure projects

with which the Pacific Partnership crew can assist while in the F.S.M. July 2-15. In response, F.S.M. National and Pohnpei State officials expressed appreciation for the humanitarian assistance to be provided under PP '11, and look forward to facilitating a successful mission. Pointing to the lasting achievements of Pacific Partnership 2008, under which the USNS Mercy and its partners provided medical, dental, vet-

erinary, and infrastructure rehabilitation throughout the F.S.M., Ambassador Prahar predicted the initiative would serve as a highlight of the U.S.-F.S.M. relations in 2011.

On Saturday, the Captain and Ambassador Prahar surveyed potential sites for small-scale infrastructure projects in Pohnpei.



*Director Keller, Captain Wilson, and Dr. Johnny Hedson tour the Pohnpei State Hospital January 14.*



*Ambassador Prahar, Vice President Alik, Captain Wilson, and Lt. David Burkett converse in the President's Conference Room in Palikir January 14.*

## David designated as Acting National Election Commissioner for Pohnpei State

*By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press*

**Palikir, Pohnpei**—FSM's President Mori notified Congress on January 13 that due to the death of Pohnpei's Election Commissioner Seberiano O. Barnabas he had designated National Election Database Specialist, Mrs. Anita David as the Acting National Election Commissioner for Pohnpei State until Congress confirms an appointment. The President did not transmit a new nomination for the office and David will likely be the National Election Commissioner for Pohnpei State at least until after the General Elections for members of the FSM Congress.

## Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

I was packing to take off for medical checkup on the morning that some businesses closed doors to protest the impending action of the Legislature on foreign investment. Upon return I am pleased that someone in the private media covered the event and documented the Pros and Cons of the issue(s). What puzzles me is why the business are protesting something they have not seen its impact but remain utterly silent on the one thing that is killing their businesses--THE CHRONIC POWER PROBLEM. Why not line up in front of PUC and demand better service?

*Bermin F. Weilbacher  
BNN*

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## New JICA Volunteers dispatched to Pohnpei and Yap

*Japan International Cooperative Agency*

Pohnpei, FSM—JICA FSM Office has welcomed two new members of the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCV) into the Federated States of Micronesia upon requests from the states of Pohnpei and Yap.

Since November of 1989, the JOCV program has been established in the FSM to provide technical cooperation and support work for nation-building and human resource development. Japan International

Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been dispatching volunteers into the FSM for over twenty years, primarily assisting in Health and Education sectors, and now have expanded to Agriculture, Environment, Fishery, Tourism, and other fields.

Dispatch to Yap State, JOCV member Ms. Makiyo Maekawa, who has worked as (computer) System Engineer for 13 years said, "I want to make use of my skill for Yap State Hospital. I will try to do my best." She will assume her post in Yap in the third week of January.

Dispatched to Pohnpei State, Wone Early Childhood Education Center (ECE) JOCV member Ms. Mio Hayashida expressed her willingness to help the nation of FSM, comments: "I'm so happy to come to this nice country. I'm looking forward to my work and life here with the people in Micronesia." Pohnpei State's ECE Headquarter Chief, Mr. Emmrick Lebehn, supports its Wone Center in receiving Ms. Hayashida for the next two years to give technical support to kindergarten elementary educa-

tion in Kitti Municipality. Kitti Mayor Mr. Keropihn David also extended a warm welcome, showing active interest and support of the JICA volunteer program.



JICA Volunteer Hayashida, Wone ECE Coordinator Paulina Andon, and Wone Principal Hedweg T. Miquel.



New JICA Volunteers welcomed into the FSM by M. Brandy Carl, Asian Affairs Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of Foreign Affairs, FSM

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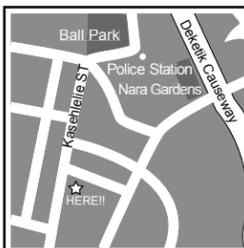
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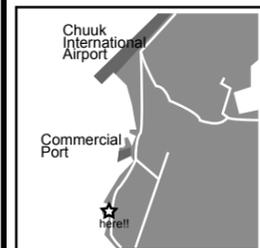
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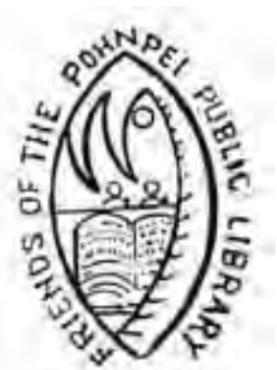
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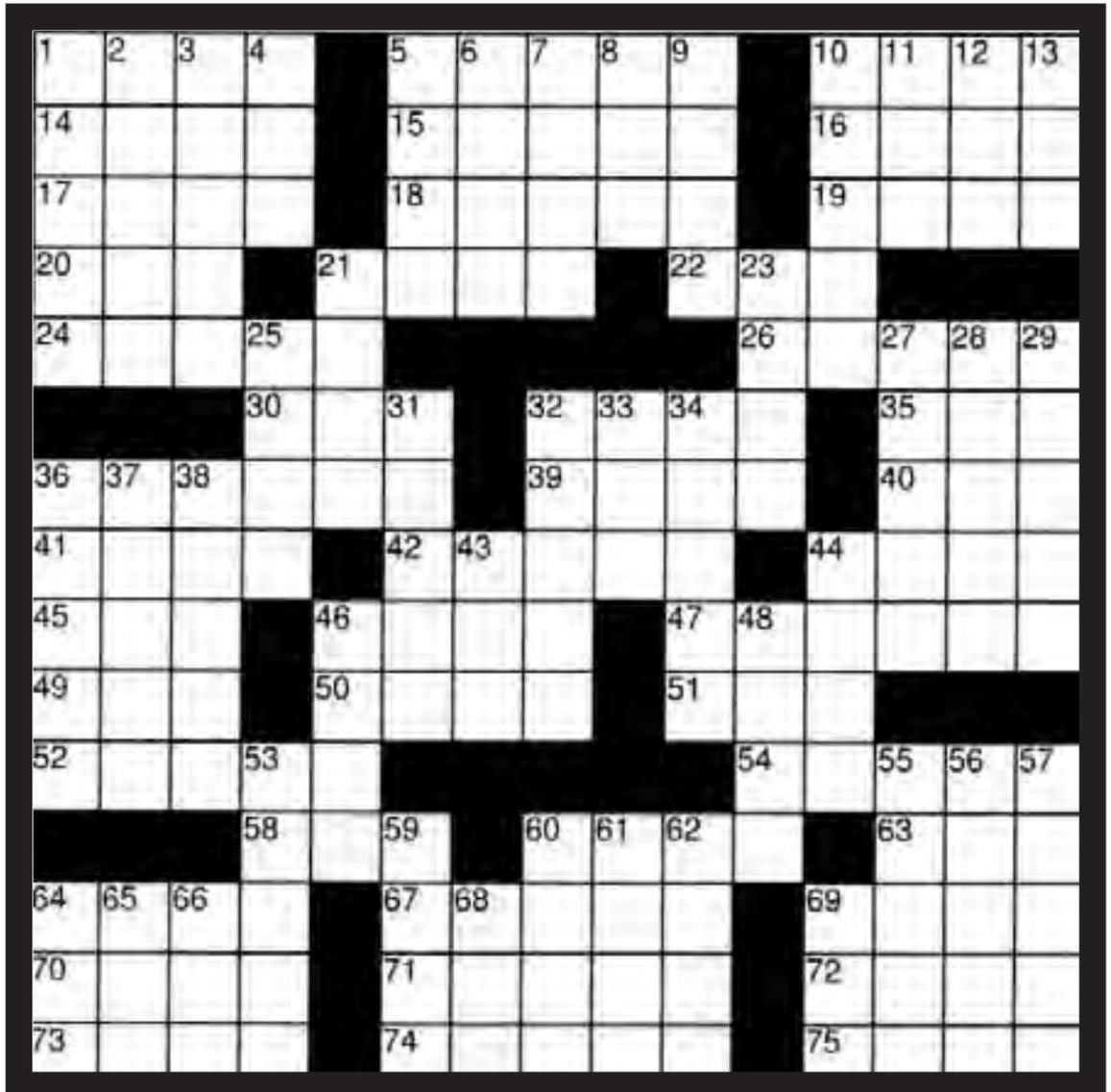
# Crossword - A Lot (1)

**ACROSS**

1. Baja rahs
5. Stamps
10. Pts. and qts.
14. Cap-\_\_\_
15. Trash
16. Sand
17. Jazz fans
18. "Halt, salt!"
19. Blvds. and rds.
20. Map abbr.
21. Plan part
22. Tarzan's pal
24. "Walk away \_\_\_"
26. Warms
30. Small flap
32. Las Palmas cash
35. RSVP part
36. Cash back
39. Latch \_\_\_
40. Jazz gp.
41. Track path
42. Bad lad's grab
44. Bawl
45. Ran
46. Charlatan
47. Warns
49. Change and \_\_\_
50. Aardvark snacks
51. Garland
52. Harsh
54. Warmth
58. Flap
60. Nana
63. \_\_Baba
64. Smart
67. Hallway
69. Dash
70. 24-Karat
71. Gap
72. Staffs
73. Marsh grass
74. ADAs and TAs
75. Flank

**DOWN**

1. AMPAS award
2. Strand
3. Had
4. Grad. class
5. Bat a gnat
6. Mansard part
7. Stat
8. AF rank
9. \_\_\_trap
10. Match
11. D.C. Cab star
12. Draw
13. AL and WA
21. Pants part
23. "Rats!"
25. Catchall abbr.
27. MTMs
28. Lama's land
29. Smacks
31. Start
32. Standard and \_\_\_
33. Naval grad
34. Snach
36. Play parts
37. Match
38. Pass
43. \_\_\_ bran
44. Small dam
46. Catch
48. Slant
53. Ran a 10K
55. \_\_\_Lama
56. Chan man
57. Wash
59. Man\_\_\_  
Mancha
60. Scams
61. Nap
62. Mars
64. Y class
65. Cast
66. Wrath
68. 1948 pact
9. 911 abbr.



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C	N	S	A	I	L	S	I	T	A	C	E	E	U
H	O	S	A	L	A	D	F	F	O	N	R	T	N
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C	S	O	F	C	E	O	R	E	G	A	N	A	M
L	O	I	O	E	D	S	M	N	O	R	E	W	M
C	V	L	F	B	E	G	R	K	C	E	H	C	P

- BOOTH
- BREAD
- BREAKFAST
- BUSBOY
- CASHIER
- CHECK
- COFFEE
- COOK
- COURSE
- CUISINE
- DINNER
- DISH
- DRINK
- ENTREE
- FARE
- FISH
- HOSTESS
- KITCHEN
- LUNCH

- MAITRE D'
- MANAGER
- MEAT
- MENU
- MUSIC
- NAPKIN
- ORDER
- PLATE
- RESTAURANT
- SALAD
- SEAFOOD
- SERVICE
- SILVER
- SOUP
- SPECIAL
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**Period of Performance:**

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**Salary Range:**

\$13,754 – 18,158, depending on experience and salary history

**Basic Function of Position:**

Under the supervision of the PTO (Programming and Training Officer), the PA provides day-to-day support to Peace Corps volunteers in Pohnpei and its surrounding islands. S/he develops and monitors volunteer projects and local community relations and manages all aspects of operating the local office.

**S/He:**

- Provides overall volunteer support in Pohnpei, including monitoring volunteer location, weekly check-ins with outer island volunteers, assisting volunteers with health and emergencies, mentoring and coaching volunteers to ensure their success, helping volunteers integrate into the local community, updating volunteers on Peace Corps policy, etc.
- Manages administrative and logistical needs critical to running the local office and supporting volunteers, including procuring goods needed and submitting invoices to head office on a timely basis, maintaining the Peace Corps vehicle, monitoring and logging use of Peace Corps resources, arranging travel logistics, processing paperwork, etc.
- Communicates with the PTO, and other staff to update them on volunteer activities and challenges and local needs. Requests appropriate support and guidance as needed.
- Develops Pohnpei Peace Corps volunteer sites that match Peace Corps goals, support country goals, and have partners that will work closely with the Peace Corps volunteer to integrate them and help make them successful.
- Recruit, train and monitor relationships with host families who meet safety and cultural goals of host family
- Conducts site visits to volunteers in Pohnpei / outer Islands, on a regular basis. Communicates with host agencies, families, & and communities. Trouble shoots issues that effect volunteer effectiveness, satisfaction, and safety. Will receive strategic direction and mentoring on making these visits from the PTO, who will at times accompany the PA.
- Communicates and cooperates with Pohnpei governments, host agencies, community partners, and local NGOs. Works closely with and updates Pohnpei Liaison officer. Represents Peace Corps to local community.
- Coordinates logistics for training, oversees local language/cross-cultural tutor, coordinates training sessions, responsible for effective local training of volunteers.
- Understands direction of Peace Corps FSM/Palau and implements policies in Pohnpei State.
- Cooperates with PAs in Palau, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae to share ideas and help maintain program consistency.

**Qualifications Mandatory**

- Fluency in English. Must be an excellent oral and written communicator and a good listener.
- Minimum education level: Bachelor Degree or local equivalent
- Must be well connected in Pohnpei and outer islands and skilled at developing and maintaining relationships with outer island leaders, and Americans. Must be comfortable working with nationals of all FSM/Palau States.
- At least 3 years of related work experience in a multi-cultural environment.
- Demonstrated experience mentoring volunteers, employees, or others to be successful.
- Experience managing an office or operation for at least one year.
- Self-sufficient, motivated, and able to operate effectively with no day-to-day supervision. Demonstrated effectiveness at meeting deadlines, managing priorities, multitasking, and operating well under pressure.
- Excellent computer skills (proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel)
- Language/cultural skills in Pohnpeian and one or more of its outer island languages.

**Desired**

- Demonstrated experience, as a contractor or direct-hire employee, in U.S. Government agencies or Peace Corps.
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- 2 years minimum experience managing employees.

**Submission Requirements**

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# Pohnpei, FSM and karat hits the news in the World Nutrition Journal

By **Dr. Lois Englberger**  
*Island Food Community of Pohnpei*

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Karat banana, one of Pohnpei's rich food treasures, have hit global news, as they were highlighted recently in an article "Here is the Good News" by Professor Harriet Kuhnlein of the Centre of Indigenous Peoples' Nutrition and Environment (CINE) in the World Nutrition journal.

The article is found at this website: [http://www.wphna.org/wn\\_commentaryH-Kjune2010.asp](http://www.wphna.org/wn_commentaryH-Kjune2010.asp). Scroll down and the photo of Karat appears, along with the Pohnpei case study section.

The photo shows a woman feeding her baby Karat banana, which is a healthy infant food, rich in beta-carotene (provitamin A), riboflavin (vitamin B2) and other nutrients. Beta-carotene helps to protect against cancer, heart disease and diabetes, due to its antioxidant properties, and as beta-carotene is converted into vitamin A in the body, it helps contribute to good vitamin A status. This is particularly important for protecting against infection and good eye health.

Riboflavin is important for iron absorption and utilization, and our red blood cells need iron for carrying oxygen around in the body. Thus, riboflavin is important for building our blood.

In her article, Professor Kuhnlein focuses on five case studies in the CINE global health study on traditional foods. The Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) worked closely with CINE on this project, along with its government and non-government partners and communities. In addition to the Pohnpei case study, Professor Kuhnlein describes case studies in Canada, India, Peru, and Nigeria and stresses the philosophical, cultural and social significance of traditional local foods. To share with Kaselehlie Press readers, we present here an excerpt from her article:

• "The islands of the Federated States of Micronesia are rich in the biodiversity of local foods. More than 380 species/varieties/cultivars of local foods are documented.

• Many varieties/cultivars and subspecies of taro, yams, breadfruit, banana, and pandanus are found in Pohnpei

with excellent sources of many nutrients.

• The Island Food Community of Pohnpei works closely with many branches of state and national government, NGOs and foundations to promote local foods.

• Several other Pacific nations have requested similar local food programmes." As many of you may know, Mand Community in Madolenihmw was the target com-

munity in the Pohnpei case study. The case study showed that Manddiets improved significantly as a result of the project, in particular in banana and giant swamp taro consumption, overall dietary diversity and an improved attitude in the community towards local food. Thanks is again extended to Professor Kuhnlein and CINE for involving Pohnpei in this study and to Mand Community, the FSM and Pohnpei State government, non-governmental organizations, and many donor agencies assisting in the project.



The Pohnpei Beta-Carotene Food Comparison, developed by the Island Food Community of Pohnpei. It shows the rich content of Pohnpei local foods in beta-carotene, important to protect against cancer, diabetes, heart disease, vitamin A deficiency and weak blood, compared to rice which has no beta-carotene.

## Astronomical Tide Prediction January 24, 2011 - February 6, 2011

	Pohnpei				Chuuk			
Monday	01/24	01/31	01/24	01/31	01/24	01/31	01/24	01/31
	12:00AM 0.4	02:40AM 2.1	05:19AM 0.9	01:28PM 2.0	06:05AM 3.2	07:24AM 1.3	09:49AM 0.5	10:10PM -0.4
	11:52AM 0.9	02:14PM 3.9	03:58PM 1.4		06:01PM 3.6	09:18PM 0.5	11:04PM 0.1	
Tuesday	01/25	02/01	01/25	02/01	01/25	02/01	01/25	02/01
	12:28AM 0.7	03:03AM 2.3	05:48AM 1.0	01:53PM 2.1	06:45AM 3.1	08:07AM 1.0	10:25AM 0.7	10:07PM -0.3
	12:37PM 1.3	02:46PM 4.1	03:30PM 1.1		06:31PM 3.0	09:39PM 0.4	10:36PM 0.0	
Wednesday	01/26	02/02	01/26	02/02	01/26	02/02	01/26	02/02
	12:55AM 0.9	03:26AM 2.6	06:29AM 1.2	04:08AM 0.4	07:33AM 3.0	08:43AM 0.9	11:01AM 1.0	06:32AM 0.3
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## Mashed Karat Ala Coconut Cream (Karat Sucusuk)

By **RekinaAndon**

This recipe received 4th place in the World Food Day Healthy Cooking Competition, Karat Category.

Ingredients:  
2 baked or boiled ripe Karat  
1 coconut, mature  
1 piece (2feet) sugar cane

Directions:  
1. Peel the cooked Karat and mash.  
2. Squeeze the sugar cane juice into the grated coconut meat.  
3. Squeeze the coconut juice into the mashed Karat.  
4. Serve and enjoy!

Note: Using local sugar cane for sweetening is a great way to avoid refined white sugar, which is an unhealthy food item, and to use our own island food resources!



## The state of Pacific Marine Biodiversity highlighted in report

FSM Information Services

January 18, 2011

An Outlook Report on the State of the Marine Biodiversity in the Pacific Islands Region is now available. The report provides a clear overview of key areas of the marine ecosystems contained within a combined Regional EEZ of approximately 29 million km<sup>2</sup>.

Major marine environmental issues identified in the Pacific islands region include impacts from environmental change, habitat loss and the effects of coastal modification, invasive species, fishing pressure as well as land and based marine pollution.

The Pacific islands report provides a summary of pressures, state and responses to these threats for the Pacific Islands region as well as the responses by our Pacific islands coun-

tries and territories.

Published by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), it is hoped that by identifying a common set of indicators in this report we could see the replication of positive responses and approaches utilised by different regions in addressing these issues.

"The report has been prepared by SPREP for the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre as part of a global assessment by the UNEP Regional Seas Programme. It is a very concise overview of the available data on a number of indicators that reflect the current state of regional marine biodiversity," said Stuart Chape, Programme Manager - Island Ecosystems, SPREP.

"It looks at the pressures on our marine biodiversity, the current state of key areas and the response that is being undertaken at all levels – in our community as well as on a national and regional level."

The report concludes that the lack of human, technical, institutional and financial capacity in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories is a key factor in environmental management. Lack of capacity leads to poor monitoring and highlights the need to build capacity and provide appropriate resources and funding for data collection, management and analysis for environmental monitoring in the Pacific Islands region.

"The 2010–2015 SPREP Strategic Plan identifies Environmental Monitoring as a strategic priority for SPREP and the region over the next five years," said Mr Chape.

"We are aware of the importance of marine biodiversity to the Pacific way of life, including livelihoods. In order for SPREP to strengthen the role of Environmental Monitoring in our region, securing appropriate funding and other resources are top priority."

The contents of the report include a chapter on "Pressures" which covers Fish Stocks, Nutrient Loading, Port Activity, Sea Surface Temperature and CO<sub>2</sub> Flux. The second chapter on State encompasses information on Mean Trophic Index, Marine Fauna – Red List and Acidification. The responses to these issues lies in the Chapter on Response which covers the Fish Stock Agreements, Global Programme of Action (GPA) Implementation, National Adaptation Programmes of Action for Climate Change, Marine Protected Area establishment and Ballast Water Regulations.

## Center for Micronesian Empowerment reports on success of FSM trainees in Guam

FSM Information Services

January 12, 2011

**Palikir, Pohnpei** - The latest updates from the Center for Micronesian Empowerment (CME), based in Guam, are showing very positive outcomes for a majority of the trainee groups who have completed CME programs.

Effectively, of the 46 Kosraen trainees who took part in the 2010 CME programs, 33 are now working in full-time positions in Guam. Within that group, 22 are working in construction, with hourly wages ranging from \$9.50 to \$17.00; 12 of these same workers are earning more than \$15.00 per hour. The remaining workers are employed in a variety of areas, including grounds maintenance and retail, earning hourly wages varying between \$8.50 and \$9.75.

In addition, for the time period from March through December 2010, it has been estimated that a total of approximately \$110,000 has been wire-transferred back by this group to Kosrae. So even though the cost of training the 46 students amounted to \$278,097, nearly half of that cost has already been pumped back into the economy of Kosrae.

CME reported equally encouraging results for the Chuukese trainees. Fifteen Chuukese trainees graduated on October 3, 2010, of which, 10 are now working full-time in the fields of construction, hospitality services and security. They are earning an average of \$8.50 per hour, with time and a half paid on Saturdays. These workers have reported sending each an average of \$352 per month back to Chuuk.

Another 12 Chuukese trainees, special-

ized in carpentry, are expected to graduate on January 27, 2011. This group will begin a two-week paid training period with a carpentry shop based in Guam on January 17, and upon successful completion of their program it is expected that they will all be working full-time for that same carpentry shop.

A third group of 12 trainees from Chuuk arrived in Guam on October 29, 2010. Two of them are already working full-time, and the carpentry shop mentioned earlier has expressed interest in hiring more full-time workers from this third group beginning on January 31.

"There is a dire shortage of people on Guam with carpentry skills," said Mike Ghiglione, Executive Director of CME, "and our decision to [create] training groups made up of people with basic carpentry skills has borne fruit."



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