

Congress mulling rights of FSM nationals

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Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM—Pohnpei's Senator David Panuelo has introduced three bills regarding FSM nationals. According to his bill CB 17-64, CD 1, an FSM national would be defined as "a person born of parents one or both of whom are citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia."

CB (Congress Bill) 17-64 would define the general rights and obligations of nationals of the FSM. CB 17-63 would permit nationals of the FSM to be issued with passports to enter the FSM without an entry permit. CB 17-65 would permit nationals of the FSM to engage in employment as resident workers.

"I was trying to get the bills passed because there is a good segment of our FSM population who are in a limbo when they exceed the age of 21 while not aware of the requirements of the FSM constitution that they must renounce their other citizenship to retain their FSM citizen status," said Senator Panuelo.

Panuelo chairs the Judiciary and Governmental Operations standing committee of the 17th FSM Congress.

The constitutional question of whether or not dual citizenship should be allowed for FSM citizens has been put to FSM voters twice and has been defeated twice. In the history of the FSM no constitutional amendment has ever been successfully passed. "The FSM Constitution has a high threshold which is 75% of those voting in ¾ of the States to pass any constitutional amendment," Panuelo said.

"This (bill) is the best we could do while awaiting another constitutional amendment (referendum) to try to have voters pass the dual citizenship issue," he said.

"The FSM Constitution provides that any person born of one or two FSM-citizen parents is both a citizen and a national of the FSM," each of the committee reports on the bills currently say. "Although individuals may lose their FSM citizenship, most commonly by dual citizens failing to elect to retain their FSM citizenship and renounce their other citizenship within three years of their eighteenth birthday, such individuals retain their status as nationals of the FSM. However, the law is currently silent on the practical consequences of such a status."

"Chairman Panuelo emphasized that the bills do not grant FSM nationals all of the rights of FSM citizenship, and should not be seen as resolving the ongoing debate over dual citizenship," the reports say. "Rather, they recognize, as does our Constitution, that non-citizen nationals are still members of our Micronesian family, and the rights granted to them would enable them to maintain their ties with the nation."

Hearings were held on the bills in Yap on September 25, 2011 in Chuuk on September 27, 2011, in Kosrae also in late September 2011 (the report says September 31 which does not exist), and in Palikir on January 24, 2012.

"Participants at all the hearings, including representatives of the executives and legislatures of the states unanimously supported the bills' objectives of defining the rights and responsibilities of non-citizen nationals, including the right to reside and work in the FSM," the reports said.

Mohner Esiel, FSM Chief of Immigration and Labor told the committee during the hearing in Palikir that the number of non-citizen nationals currently in the FSM has not been tracked.

He told the committee that while FSM nationals who are US citizens are currently able to live and work in the FSM because of the Compact of Free Association, FSM nationals who are citizens of other countries have no such right. According to the report he told the committee "that the bills would be a good step forward for the FSM, noting also that some nationals had unwittingly lost their citizenship by failing to make a declaration within the time required by Article III of the FSM Constitution."

With regard to the bill that would permit the issuance of FSM passports to FSM nationals Chief Esiel told the committee that modifying passports to state whether the holder was a citizen or a national of the FSM would be easy to do. He said that the Office of Immigration and Labor could use "drop-down menu options to make the designation and that safeguards could be put into place to ensure that the correct type of passport is issued to each applicant.

The J&GO reports said that the committee received no comments in opposition to any of the three bills during any of the hearings. However, witnesses at several of the hearings asked whether any distinction should be made between nationals residing in the FSM and those living elsewhere. The committee agreed for its report that FSM nationals are members of the Micronesian family and that no such distinction should be made.

The report said that the bills generated some confusion regarding certain rights reserved to citizens under the Constitution.

Senator Panuelo said that the bills would not confer rights to FSM nationals specifically denied to non-citizens by any of the constitutions within the FSM. FSM

nationals would not be allowed to own land where that right constitutionally mandated as an exclusive right of a citizen. An FSM national would also not have the right to run for public office if the bills are passed in Congress and signed into law.

"Your committee believes it is clearer to let the Constitution speak for itself with respect to such rights," the committee report on CB 17-64 says.

The committee reports on the bills had been on the agenda during the third regular session of Congress that adjourned sine die on Saturday, February 11 but they have been deferred for further committee work. "There are a few more issues that we need to work on further regarding the bills so I re-committed the bills for further review in the J&GO committee," he said.

To reiterate, NEITHER the reports NOR the bills have yet been presented for consideration by the FSM Congress and the bills have gone back to committee for further refinement.

Though a special session of the FSM has not been called, Senators mentioned during the third regular session that a special session may be called to take place some time in March.

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Kostka makes Chief



Thomas F. Kostka was promoted to Chief Petty Officer (E-7) aboard the Coast Guard vessel Kukui in Honolulu, Hawaii on January 31, 2012. Chief Petty Officer is just two ranks below the highest ranking for enlisted personnel. Above Chief Petty Officer are the ranks Senior Chief Petty Officer and Master Chief Petty Officer. Thomas Kostka is the brother of Willy Kostka, Executive Director of the Micronesia Conservation Trust. Congratulations to CPO Thomas Kostka!

The President's FY 2013 budget requests \$575.3 Million to support U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States

U.S. Department of the Interior

WASHINGTON, D.C.—President Obama has proposed a fiscal year 2013 budget of \$575.3 million for the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA), the Department of the Interior office that strives to empower U.S.-affiliated insular communities and encourage economic activity and growth. The budget request includes \$88.0 million in current appropriations and \$487.3 million in permanent and indefinite appropriations for fiscal payments mandated by law to U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States.

The President's budget reflects tough budget choices, cutting costs in order to fund the highest priority requirements, and advancing efforts to shrink Federal spending while being mindful of ongoing commitments.

"The 2013 budget request demonstrates President Obama's continued commitment to the well-being of the U.S. insular areas while remaining fiscally disciplined," said Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Tony Babauta. "The budget proposes strategic investments as we actively pursue economic development initiatives to encourage private sector development in insular areas."

The request includes \$60.3 million for programs that will address a variety of technical assistance and facilities maintenance programs in the U.S.-affiliated

island communities, including Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

The 2013 budget makes noteworthy investments of \$5.4 million to pursue increased employment through sustainable and renewable energy strategies, improve the quality and quantity of economic data from the territories, and to support improvements in insular area government management.

The 2013 budget proposes \$3.0 million to control the invasive brown tree snake on Guam, \$1.0 million to assist with coral reef conservation, and \$22.8 million to support the operations of the American Samoa Government.

Current mandatory appropriations of \$27.7 million will continue to be used to undertake capital improvement projects (CIP) that create economic opportunity in U.S. territories and improve the quality of life in those communities. With these funds, American Samoa is scheduled to receive \$9.9 million in CIP funding; the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, \$8.7 million; Guam, \$6.1 million; and the U.S. Virgin Islands, \$2.9 million.

Permanent appropriations for 2013 include \$248.0 million in payments to Guam and

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FSM Congress overrides line item vetoes on projects bill

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

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Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM—The third regular session of the FSM's 17th Congress adjourned sine die on Saturday, February 11, 2012 but not before it overturned \$333,000 worth of President Mori's line item vetoes on its public projects and social programs act CA 17-33 (CB 17-71, CD1).

Ostensibly Senators split up \$2.1 million dollars at a rate of \$150,000 per Senator for special projects in their jurisdictions. President Mori "grudgingly signed" the act to become Public Law 17-34 "with great reservations and with numerous item vetoes."

Though the Act says that it is "an act to appropriate the sum of \$2,100,000 from the General Fund" to fund public projects and social programs in the States, the details of the act show that Congress actually approved an act for a total of \$2,110,000.

President Mori's February 9 letter explaining his actions on the Congressional Act mentions that "the mathematical discrepancy in the bill made the review much more difficult, and I hope that Congress will address this soon." He did not say what the specific discrepancy was.

The total of public projects and social programs funding for Pohnpei State was \$610,000 rather than \$600,000 as it would be have been if the projects and programs for each of Pohnpei's four Senators had been \$150,000. The projects and programs listed in the Act for Pohnpei's At-Large Senator Peter Christian totaled \$610,000.

Senator Dohsis Halbert, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Ways and Means said by phone that error is not the death knell for the Congressional Act. "We'll have to fix it in the next session," he said.

A letter to Congress from President Mori explaining his actions said that he does not oppose public projects in general. "In fact, I commend the States of Yap and Kosrae for funding meaningful capital projects." He did footnote that sentence saying "On Yap Catholic High School construction, I would have preferred that this be made more neutral to accommodate Christian groups other than Catholic."

"What I personally oppose," he wrote, "are public expenditures that have little impact or no contribution at all to the welfare of our constituents, such as travel funds."

President Mori said that he believes that appropriations for public projects and social programs should be made transparent and lamented the fact that the appropriation bill was not open to public hearing. His criticisms in that regard centered on the fact that "there are no inputs from the executive branch," rather than on the lack of access to hearing by members of the general public. "At the very least, the President should have been heard on his views regarding the validity of these project/programs," his letter said.

With no specificity he said that "there are weak links between these public projects and social programs and the Strategic Development Plan of the nation."

"Appropriation for public project(s) such as this act raises false hope on our people, and it builds public appetite to demand for more projects that are lacking in substance. Clearly, there are no set rules, procedures, guidelines or policies to implement these projects. For example, fishing projects, farming projects, sewing projects, and low income subsidy are among the nebulous line items in relatively small amounts that will benefit only a few individuals."

FSM Senators took great exception to the President's mention in his letter that "the congressional act strengthens JEMCO's argument that FSM fails to plan, and that it fails in exercising fiscal responsibility."

Several Senators proclaimed loudly that JEMCO (Joint Economic Management Committee, the committee that oversees Compact funding consisting of two representatives from the FSM and three from the United States) has no bearing on what the FSM does with its own internally generated funds.

"Public projects must be anchored on coherent plan such as the SDP which contributes to the economic well-being of the nation," President Mori's explanation continued. "For this reason, I disapproved travels, subsidies and other expenditures for operation of election districts for being vague, duplicitous (which means deliberately deceptive), and unnecessary."

In conclusion President Mori listed 20 separate project and program line items that he had vetoed for a total of \$333,000.

The Ways and Means committee report on the President's communication said, "Your Committee finds the vetoes to be the result of policy decisions. Your Committee has revisited the items subjected to the veto, has found the vetoed items to be consistent with sound public policy, and therefore disagrees with the decision to veto."

It recommended that the Bill be placed on the bill calendar for veto override.

Congress approved the report and voted unanimously to override the President's line item veto.

Senator Dohsis Halbert, in presenting the bill for override, entered a written statement into the official journal of Congress proceedings that he did not read on the floor of Congress "in the interest of time." It said:

"Mr. Speaker, our action on this report and subsequent action in overriding the item veto are part and parcel to our constitutional system of government.

"Congress is expressly delegated the last word when it comes to legislation. Article IX, Section 2(q) grants Congress the power to override a Presidential veto. The veto override empowers Congress to exert its identity as a policy making body; and protects Congress's policies, down to the community level, from being held hostage by others.

"Mr. Speaker, the Constitution also grants to Congress the power to appropriate public funds. Congress's appropriation power is further bolstered by the authority to override a Presidential veto. The veto override power protects Congress's jurisdiction over the purse from being encroached upon by other; and insulates the appropriation power against policies and priorities not our own.

"I believe it is important for this Congress to stand responsibly by its policy and appropriations decisions. The Ways and Means Committee has taken the vetoes and their justifications into consideration to override is likewise sound policy for this Congress.

"Thank you Mr. Speaker."

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the U.S. Virgin Islands. It is estimated Guam would receive \$53.0 million in taxes collected in the territory via the IRS "mirror" code that are by law transferred to the Government of Guam to support its public safety, health care, education, and other services and operations. The U.S. Virgin Islands is scheduled to receive an estimated \$195.0 million for Federal taxes collected on distilled spirits in the territory that are by law transferred to the local government to support its operations.

The budget also includes \$238.9 million in payments to the Freely Associated States under the Compact of Free Association legislation, including \$68.0 million for the Republic of the Marshall Islands, \$106.9 million for the Federated States of Micronesia, \$34.0 million for the Republic of Palau, and \$30.0 million for Compact Impact. The Compact requires the United States to provide regional defense and security for the Freely Associated States as well as economic and social development and financial assistance for their governments.

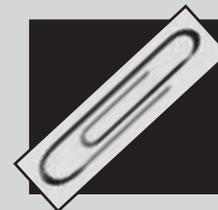
On September 3, 2010, the United States Government and the Government of Palau successfully concluded their review of the Compact of Free Association and signed a 15-year extension agreement that includes a \$250.0 million package of assistance through 2024. Under the agreement, Palau committed to undertake economic, legislative, financial, and management reforms. The conclusion of the agreement reaffirms the close partnership between the United States and the Republic of Palau. The legislative proposal transmitted to Congress on January 14, 2011 is expected to be enacted prior to the implementation of the 2013 budget; therefore, OIA is not requesting current appropriations for Palau Compact assistance in 2013.

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Coordinator-FSM AHEC	National Campus	March 6, 2012
Account Clerk II	Chuuk Campus	March 14, 2012
Social Science Instructor	National Campus	March 14, 2012

Chuuk State Chamber of Commerce first annual state Pool Tournament

By **Bill Stinnett**
Chuuk State Chamber of Commerce

Weno, Chuuk—The Chuuk State Chamber of Commerce sponsored its First Annual Chuuk State Pool Tournament between January 24, 2012, and February 9, 2012, and had 10 local business and government entries with each one paying the \$50.00 entry fee.

The venue for this fund raising event was the Hard Wreck Café and with 2 pool tables in use. The 77 games played over 3 evenings were enjoyable and went by quickly. The initial group of players included Johnson Elimo, Johnny Killion, Larry Goulard, Paul Howell, Hersin Ruben, Harry Rain, Advin Aisek, Bert Valdez, Corky Stinnett, and Bill Stinnett.

When the first rounds of elimination play were concluded Bill Stinnett and Advin Aisek (who actually had to forfeit) went home. After the 2nd round of competition ended Johnny Killion and Governor Elimo had to lay down their cues, leaving Paul Howell and Larry Goulard of our Public Utilities Corporation, Harry Rain, Bert Valdez, and Corky Stinnett from the Truk Stop, and businessman Hersin Ruben still in the hunt.

The next round of competition among these

6 players ended with Corky Stinnett and Hersin Ruben being eliminated, leaving just 4 players to determine who would play for the Championship and who would play for runners up. When the chalk dust settled on the next round of competition, Harry Rain had the best win/loss record followed by Larry Goulard, Bert Valdez, and Paul Howell.

Bert Valdez and Paul Howell played the best 3 of 5 games and after 4 games of play Bert Valdez claimed 3rd place with Paul Howell taking 4th place.

The Championship game between Harry Rain and Larry Goulard saw 6 games of very competitive pool but in the end Harry Rain's misspent youth was more evident than that of Larry Goulard with Harry taking the best 4 of 7 games and winning this tournament.

The Calvo Corporation of Island, Wines & Spirits in Guam was kind enough to donate \$500.00 for this Chamber fund raiser and we thank Mr. John Calvo for his kind contribution. With the gracious donation from Mr. Calvo's company, and the \$500 in entry fees, tournament

chairman Bill Stinnett was able to provide \$150 to first place winner Harry Rain, \$100 to 2nd place finisher Larry Goulard, and \$75 to 3rd place finisher Bert Valdez. Players who finished out of the money earned a free buffet meal in the Truk Stop Restaurant while the Chuuk State Chamber of Commerce received \$625.00 as a result of this fund raising event.



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Confronting Challenges... Creating Our Future

Good afternoon.

I wish to acknowledge and honor the many dignitaries and invited guests, including: the President; Vice President; Speaker; the Governors of the States; members of the FSM Congress; Secretary of the Department of Education; members of the Cabinet; members of the legislative bodies of the states and municipal governments; traditional leaders of the states; members of the Diplomatic Corps, and friends of the college.

It is with great respect that I welcome members of the college community with us today including: the Chairman and members of the Board of Regents; administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumni, parents and family members. Welcome.

Thank you for attending this investiture ceremony and joining us here today. Please join me in thanking the members of the committee who planned today's ceremony. Would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you. I am grateful for their efforts to ensure this is a special and memorable event for all of us.

Today, I am both humbled and proud to join this learning community. Becoming a member of the College of Micronesia and to serve you as its president represents for me the pinnacle of a 34 year journey as an educator.

This convergence of pathways which bring us together this day was long and organic in its making. From my earliest memories and throughout my early adult life, I remember clearly and fondly the importance of education emphasized by my parents.

The influence they had on my life and the great fortune I had to have teachers who inspired life-long learning is remarkable, and remains with me today. My parents and the family environment they cultivated... fostered, supported and encouraged learning, hard work, character, integrity, persistence, and dreaming.

My mother and father always wanted each of their children, myself and my two brothers to always do what we wanted to do, to pursue our dream, and then be the very best we could be.

I confess that as a young boy, I did not dream of growing up to become a college president. Rather, my dream, my aspiration was to become a teacher. So, many years later, here I stand a teacher, a teacher first. A teacher, I might add, who has been most fortunate to have had extraordinary experiences, which have prepared me to assume this important responsibility now, and to join you at this significant cross road in the life of this special college.

As the first person in my family to graduate from college, I have experienced first-hand the life transforming and empowering impact of a college education. Education has the power to change lives exponentially. The impact of THIS college reaches not only to the students we serve, but to their families, to their communities, and to the country. An educated citizenry impacts

and enriches the economy, politics, art and culture, and is at the core of its global presence. Its impact reaches beyond the quantifiable and elevates the collective intellect, heart, spirit and soul of a nation.

Being here with you, I am cognizant that both the challenges and opportunities that we face, the present and the future are inextricably linked to the past. So, it is appropriate for us to recognize, acknowledge and honor the past. It is right for us to remember those who came before us who shaped the present and are no longer with us. It is also right for us to remember and to thank those who shaped the present, and are with us still. Each of us, regardless of our position, yet because of our profound responsibility to this college and the students we serve, has a deep and abiding obligation to create its future.

It is heartwarming and reassuring for me to know that 3 of my predecessors as president are with us and continue to contribute to this learning community as members of the faculty. Paul Gallen, Sue Moses, and Spensin James, would you please stand and be recognized for your historic leadership and service to the college. Thank you.

As well, our recognition for dedicated leadership and service is extended to Ringlen P. Ringlen who, as Interim President provided astute and effective stewardship during this past year as the college engaged in the search for a new president. Ringlen, would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you.

It is a considerable blessing for me to have your institutional memories, experiences and perspectives to consult and inform my own.

It reminds me of a favorite story shared among college presidents...that of the departing president who left two envelopes for his successor along with these instructions: "When faced with your initial crisis, open the first envelope. When faced with the next crisis, open the second envelope." When that first crisis erupted, the then current president opened the first envelope and read with relief the advice, "Blame me!" Much later, when the second crisis occurred, the president remembered the second envelope. He pulled it from his desk drawer, promptly opened it, and read the advice, "Prepare two envelopes."

I wish to extend my special thanks to the Board of Regents, administrators, faculty, and staff for their dedicated service to the college. It is with a great sense of pride and optimism that I look forward to working with you to build a secure future for our college. I appreciate your trust and confidence in me as president and for your embracing me as part of this community.

To our government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, community and business leaders, thank you for your long standing support for the important and

The remarks of Dr. Joseph M. Daisy on the occasion of his Investiture as the Fifth President of the College of Micronesia, February 6, 2012 at 1:00pm

challenging work in which this college is engaged. I look forward to working with you as we all seek to strengthen the college, ensure greater collaboration, establish strong partnerships, and meet the higher learning needs of its students and citizens. I hope you will embrace me as well, as I visit you, meet with you, as we come to know one another better, and as I seek your further engagement, your wise counsel and your continued support in service to the college.

The indispensable work of this college, grounded in its mission is compelling. It strongly resonates with me. It is in fact what first drew me to you. It has guided the college well, and serves as its compass, keeping it on course, even when the charted course is difficult to navigate.

From accreditation, finances, communication, college readiness by students, geographic expanse, persistence to graduation; the challenges are many, the challenges are significant, the challenges are daunting, yet the challenges are NOT insurmountable.

In this critical time and defining moment in the life of this college, please know that: Our college is not alone in facing significantly reduced financial resources;

Our college is not alone in facing reduced student enrollment;

Our college is not alone in facing ever widening student achievement gaps;

Our college is not alone in facing the ever growing technology divide;

Our college is not alone in facing the ever creeping temptation to be all things to all people;

Our college is not alone in facing its own relevance in an unpredictable economy and related development of a viable workforce;

And certainly, our college is not alone in facing significant threats and competition from for-profit and on-line colleges across the global higher education landscape.

These challenges, large and small, known and yet to be known, immediate and emerging are critical to our building a secure future. Successfully confronting them will require the very best of each of us working TOGETHER to marshal all of our, individual and collective intellectual and human capital and resources.

Only TOGETHER, and by that I mean everyone gathered here today, and members of our community dispersed across the country, will we be successful.

Each of us can and must be meaningfully engaged in this journey to confront challenges and create our future. Be assured that while this will not be a short or easy journey, it is ONE journey worth taking, and we will emerge stronger on the other side, creating a legacy for which we can be proud for generations to come.

It is in fact the mission, the mission as compass which allows us self-determination to face the challenges, to confront these challenges, and to chart our own

course... to create our future.

There will always be challenges, expected and unexpected. The strength of our resolve is in HOW we anticipate them, HOW we plan for them, HOW we face them, and most importantly, HOW we confront them. The significant challenges we face, can break us if we fail to act.

Together, we will not only face these challenges, we will successfully confront them and create our future, one that will not only endure, but one that will thrive.

These challenges are our stepping stones to greatness.

Today's investiture has far more significance than the symbolic transfer of leadership to a new president, it is an opportunity for the members of our learning community to come together as one, and to reaffirm our commitment to teaching and learning, to reaffirm our commitment to research and scholarship, to reaffirm our commitment to the mission, and to reaffirm our commitment to our core values.

The mission characterizes the college as "Historically diverse, uniquely Micronesian and globally connected, the College of Micronesia-FSM is a continuously improving and student centered institute of higher education. The college is committed to assisting in the development of the Federated States of Micronesia by providing academic, career and technical educational opportunities for student learning."

The College of Micronesia-FSM plays a critical and central role in the life of our nation. Of course, we are the institution that prepares some of our best talent for leadership and productive lives. But the college is also the repository of the dreams that developed this nation, dreams that I believe have as much relevance today as they did 50-plus years ago when this nation's forefathers envisioned a future for their people, one of self-governance.

The core idea that forms the Federated States of Micronesia is that islanders of different cultures, languages and traditions can find common ground. This nation is founded on the belief that its citizens can ensure a better future for themselves and their children by working together across linguistic and cultural divides.

Most of our students are too young to remember that there was a time, beginning in the 1950s and continuing into the mid-1970s, when the leaders of what we call "Micronesia" believed that there could be a single oceanic nation ranging from the Marshall Islands in the East through the Central Carolines to Palau and Yap in the West.

History took a different course, and the Marshall Islands and Palau went their own way. But in the FSM, our leaders held firm to the belief that there is strength in unity. And with the exception of the national government, our college is the one FSM institution that is built on the belief that we can be better and stronger because of our diversity.

Let us be mindful then, that the things that bind us together are far stronger than the things that divide us.

THIS college binds us together.

The mission to which, we have reaffirmed our commitment will serve as our compass, our guide in everything we do, and will inform our decision-making process as we move forward. No doubt there will be both joyful and painful decisions to be made. As we join together to celebrate our achievements, in our time of joy, let us also join together to support and bolster each other in our time of need, and in our time of pain.

In both cases, let there be no doubt, we will NOT fail to act.

The core values of: learner-centeredness; professional behavior; innovation; honesty and ethical behavior; commitment and hard work; teamwork; and accountability, to which we have reaffirmed our commitment, define who we are as an institution of higher learning, for ourselves and our students.

I embrace these core values of the college as they in part reflect my own and represent my promise to you as a person, as an educator, and as president.

Learner-centeredness:

We are learner centered, and as a learning community, and as a community of learners let us acknowledge as Eileen Moran Brown, the founder of Cambridge College is often quoted that: "Each of us has something to teach and something to learn." It is my hope that each of us and especially our students avail themselves of every opportunity to teach and to learn.

Professional behavior:

As members of this learning community we respect one another, trust one another, listen to one another, communicate with one another, and understand that we are 'good will' ambassadors for our college and our students.

Innovation:

The times in which we find ourselves necessitate creativity and innovation. We will take tactical and strategic steps to grow the college, programs, reputation and brand, including but not limited to the development of programs that fit the 21st century, broadening learning/hybrid delivery models, improving and broadening services to meet the range of students served by the college. We innovate to grow not shrink, we innovate with our emphasis on quality, not just efficiencies.

As Dr. Steven Ender, President of Grand Rapids Community College said on the occasion of his investiture, you are asked to, and I quote "Dream more, learn more, do more, become more."

Honesty and Ethical Behavior:

We will conduct ourselves with honor and integrity, and pledge truthful engagement with the community through effective communication, the policies that guide us, and the practices in which we engage.

Commitment and Hard Work:

What we will achieve will require commitment and hard work. Each of you is asked to bring your talents, your skills, your knowledge, your ideas, and your resources and to share responsibility as architects of the college's future. In this call to action please ask yourself: What can I do? How can I make a difference in the life of the college? What will I contribute to help our students be successful? Every day, let us answer this call through our actions in fulfilling our responsibilities as members of this learning community.

Teamwork:

We will succeed working together as a team. Eileen Moran Brown is right, when she reminds us that, and I quote: "None of us knows what all of us know." It will take all of us, at our best, in concert to succeed. We are simply too good and our mission is too important to fail.

Accountability:

Finally, we need to hold each other accountable, not only for the work with which we are charged, but for the well being and success of the students with whom we are entrusted. We must plan and we must act! In his ground breaking work, "Results, The Key to Continuous School Improvement" Mike Schmoker researcher and author, successfully argues and I quote: "What gets measured gets done." We must continue to strengthen the college's culture of assessment and accountability. We have a responsibility to internal and external stakeholders to, demonstrate that we are successful, that we are making progress and are improving, and that our students are learning and are successful. So let us actively engage as an institution in a continuous process of inquiry, reflection and self-assessment.

We should fully and completely embrace accreditation as a framework for ongoing self assessment and improvement. Affirmation from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, (WASC) independently and objectively demonstrates that we not only meet high standards and provide quality higher education for our students, but that we continuously strive to become better.

We must ensure meaningful, relevant academic and workforce preparation and employability for our students.

We will be analytical in our development of programs to ensure the right investment is made, relying on empirical data to guide the allocation of precious resources.

Collectively, our core values become our promise to our students who are the focus of our priorities, the focus of our resources, and the focus of our future. They are the reason for our being and we must always be stewards of student needs and advocates for their success.

These things we will do because it is right and necessary to ensure the promise of our mission is realized.

Together, as we look forward from this precipice, as we hold steadfastly to our compass and begin this odyssey to confront our challenges and create our future, let us begin to chart our course. Let us be strong and thoughtful. Let us be informed and forthright. Let us be open-minded and respectful. Let us be nimble and responsive. Let us be forward thinking and compassionate. Let us be cautious and optimistic. Let us be innovative and bold.

Together, let us craft, define and articulate our aspirations. To this end, I am reminded of a quote by George Bernard Shaw, Irish literary critic, playwright, and 1925 Nobel Prize recipient for Literature, which Senator Robert F. Kennedy later paraphrased and immortalized.

And I quote: "You see things; and you say, 'Why?' But I dream things that never were; and I say, 'Why not?'"

This important journey upon which we now embark will be perpetual. On this journey, let us confront our challenges and in all things, let us create our future. In all things, let us aspire. In all things, let us dream. In all things, let us choose.

And in choosing, let us not choose just to be good, rather in all things let us choose to be great. Thank you.

Reliable power comes to Chuuk

By *Bill Stinnett*
Chuuk Chamber of Commerce

The term OIC (Only In Chuuk) can no longer be used when referring to the power situation in Chuuk State, where for the last few years' power on the main island of Weno was very unreliable.

This new development has been in the works for almost 7 years while issues with an OICDP loan, power generation site selection, and actually getting new generators to Chuuk were resolved. But in the end, and thanks to an unrelenting attention to business and hard work by our CPUC Management team and local crew, we have what may be the most reliable power in the FSM.

The Chuuk Public Utilities Corporation (CPUC) held a formal blessing ceremony on Tuesday, February 7, 2012, for the 2 new 1.15 Megawatt generators purchased through a contract with Hawthorne with funding acquired under the FSM Omnibus Development Project loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for infrastructure. CPUC received a total of \$5.6 million dollars for this project and expended \$2 Million Dollars on the new generators and will use the balance of \$3.6 Million for power distribution improvements.



Government leaders, the private sector and consumers

This event was well attended by all branches of our Chuuk State Government leadership, the CPUC Board Membership, the private sector, and the CPUC Staff. Heather Boyle, a Hawthorne engineering professional who has spent a lot of time in Chuuk on this project, took pictures of this long awaited event.

CPUC CEO Mark Waite comments that they continue to face a number of challenges but are up to the task and making progress. They are working on cash flow issues to ensure continuous generation, and are taking positive steps to improve business sustainability like increasing revenues while reducing costs, not getting over extended with lenders, land lease issues for future power plant development that will include power station upgrading, adjustments or a re-alignment of our power lines along the roadways that will make it easier to maintain the system and lessen land issues or disputes, developing a better feedback relationship with the business community and individual consumers, and introducing renewable energy technologies.

One project designed to improve our power distribution that is taking place at this time is a training program for CPUC lineman that has a practical application which includes work on the high voltage distribution system to make these lines more efficient by repairing bad connections and replacing transformers.



Governor Johnson Elimo starts one of the new generators – "That feels very good!" was his comment as the generators hummed into life

There is also the possibility of improvements to the telecommunication service in parallel with the power distribution upgrade through upgrade to fibre optic telecom cables along the newly aligned power system. The private sector is particularly excited by this possibility but the benefits would be felt by all sectors of society as it would significantly increase carrying capacity, improve phone service, internet speed, and cable TV service. Oh, please say it's true . . .

So, we in Chuuk are still talking about CPUC, and our power situation, as much as we have in the recent past but now it is more positive. It's great to just go home when you feel like and not have to first check to see if there is power . . .

United Continental Holdings to pay more than a quarter billion dollars in profit sharing to employees

United Continental Press Release

CHICAGO, Feb. 13, 2012 – United Continental Holdings, Inc. (NYSE: UAL) tomorrow will distribute \$265 million in profit sharing to employees based on the combined full-year financial results of its subsidiaries, United Airlines and Continental Airlines. The company is paying eligible employees approximately 5 percent of their annual pay for profit sharing.

"My co-workers worked together all year to deliver solid financial results, reliable

operational performance and excellent customer service," said Jeff Smisek, United Continental Holdings' President and CEO. "We are sharing the results of working together by distributing more than a quarter of a billion dollars in profit sharing."

Smisek will deliver profit-sharing checks to employees tomorrow at the airline's hubs at Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston and O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. Other officers of the company are traveling to locations around the globe to distribute profit sharing to employees.

In addition to profit sharing, co-workers of the combined company earned cash incentive payments for on-time performance totaling \$40 million during 2011. The on-time incentive program pays up to \$100 monthly when the combined airline hits targets for on-time domestic and international arrivals. The program reinforces the new United's commitment to working together to deliver outstanding performance for its customers.



Australian Development Leadership Awards Scholarships

Scholarship opportunities for current and future leaders for Intake 2013

The 2013 intake of Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) Scholarships is now open. The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) is pleased to invite applications for study at **Masters and PhD** levels in Australia.

The overarching goals of Australia's Development Awards are: to develop capacity and leadership skills so that individuals can contribute to development in their home country and to build people-to-people linkages at the individual, institutional and country levels.

ALA Scholarships are academically prestigious awards, offered to high achievers with the potential to assume leadership roles that can influence social and economic policy reform, development and governance in their home countries and region. The purpose of ALA scholarships is to develop leadership in the Asia Pacific region.

Priority areas for programs of study are: disability, economic growth, education, health, environment, climate change, food security, gender, governance, human rights, energy, rural development and water & sanitation.

Note: To ensure equity and broad participation, AusAID encourages women, people with disability, ethnic minorities, people living in rural areas and members of socio-economically disadvantaged groups to apply.

Applications for the commencement of the 2013 academic year open on 1 Feb 2012 and will close on 30 April 2012.

Applicants must:

- Be a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands or Republic of Palau.
- Have a record of high-level undergraduate or post-graduate academic achievement;
- If required by the university, have an IELTS score of 6.5 or above (with no individual band less than 6) – or the equivalent level of TOEFL - with the results no longer than two years by 25th August 2012.
- Not have held a foreign scholarship in the 24 months prior to application.
- Return to their country of origin for at least two years immediately upon completion of the scholarship.

Please email your request for a copy of the application form through: phpi.mail@dfat.gov.au
Please refer to the ALA Scholarships Handbook on the website below for **online application instructions**.

For detailed information on ALA Scholarships please visit: <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar/ala.cfm>

Local contact: Leah Briones, AusAID Senior Program Manager, Australian Embassy, Kolonia, Pohnpei. FSM Phone (691) 320 5448.

AFP and Pacific Island Chiefs of Police join forces on cyber safety

FSM Information Services

February 15, 2012

The Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police (PICP), along with the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and National Rugby League (NRL) will launch the first cyber safety 'trainer the trainer' course as part of 'Cyber Safety Pasifika' for Pacific Island law enforcement on the Gold Coast on February 1.

Police Officers Xavier Maras and Corporal George Skilling both of the FSM National Police attended the program and developed new skills to make the community aware of the risks and how people can stay safe when using the internet.

Members of the community can soon expect to see the officers out and about doing presentations in relation to Cyber Safety.

'Cyber Safety Pasifika' aims to equip police in the various Pacific Island Countries with the knowledge and resources to educate their communities, including young people, teachers and parents, in all aspects of cyber safety.

The program draws on Australia's 'ThinkUKnow' program and New Zealand's 'NetSafe' program, which help young people to safely navigate the internet. It has been recognised by the PICP that as cyber use in the Pacific increases, there is a growing importance for cyber safety education for communities in the Pacific.

The FSM officers joined their Pacific colleagues from the Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa and Tonga in the training. These five nations will pilot the new program, which may eventually roll out to include the entire Pacific region.

Research indicates that Internet usage varies vastly across different Pacific Island countries, from an estimated 2 percent in Kiribati to 84 percent in Niue. With this in mind, the course will be tailored to meet the very different needs of each country involved, bridging the gap between cyber use, awareness and education.

AFP Manager Cyber Crime Operations Commander Grant Edwards said while the growth of Internet use across Pacific Island communities presented a number of opportunities, Internet users needed to be informed of how they can still enjoy the benefits and minimise risks online.

"This course is an integral part of building the capacity of Pacific Island law enforcement to deliver cyber safety messages to their communities," Commander Edwards said.

"The AFP is dedicated to preventing Internet users from becoming victims of crime no matter where they are located."

The AFP also works collaboratively with a number of organisations, including the NRL, to provide the community with valuable information and advice about cyber safety and security.

The NRL, represented by NRL Education and Welfare Manager Nigel Vagana and the Gold Coast Titans, officially opened the course.

"Through our Education and Welfare programs, the NRL has worked with the AFP across all the NRL clubs and we have seen how valuable these programs have been with our players and staff," Vagana said.

"The players wanted to share their knowledge to help educate their communities. This new Pacific program is exactly what the players have been looking for and there was no hesitation in working again with a familiar partner in the AFP.

"With some of our high profile Pacific players already involved in the pilot, this new Cyber Safety program will continue to support the work done already and help promote positive and safe messages, not only throughout the Pacific, but the wider community."

Sergeant Xavier Maras said that the dangers were very real and present.

"I am looking forward to taking part in this project. We cannot afford to sit on the sidelines and watch our children being exploited over the Internet. The Internet itself is fantastic in providing education opportunities for young people. But unfortunately with opportunity there is risk. The risk of crime such as child exploitation, fraud, transnational crime

"We will be starting out project very soon and will be seeking community support in getting our messages out to the people"

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat - Suva, Fiji

Excelling Together for the People of the Pacific

CORPORATE LEGAL OFFICER

The Secretariat is looking to appoint suitably qualified and experienced persons to work as **Corporate Legal Officer** who will be accountable to the Director Corporate Services of the Corporate Services Programme for:

- Being the principal legal counsel to Management
- Providing legal services to Staff in the implementation of Programme activities
- Reviewing and maintaining the Secretariat's legal templates
- Developing the Legal Services Component

Applicants should have a University degree in law with at least 5 year experience working as in-house counsel and experience with internet based policy and procedure systems would be desirable. They must have an aptitude for the provision of high quality service.

Applicants must have the ability to provide clear, concise written and oral communication, in the English language with a flexible approach and have a willingness to assist with a variety of other tasks within the Secretariat. Applicants should be willing to travel economy class.

The appointment will carry a competitive remuneration and benefits package including medical and life insurance. The salary will be in the range of SDR23,653 to SDR35,479 per annum. At the 1 February 2012 exchange rate this salary range was equivalent to FJD64,963 to FJD97,443.

Interested applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package containing the job description and remuneration details, which are available at www.forumsec.org. To be eligible for this position, the applicant must be a national of a Forum Member Country*.

Applications should be addressed to the Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Private Mail Bag, Suva and can be sent electronically to jobs@forumsec.org.fj. Applications should be received by close of business on **Friday 9 March 2012**

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages both men and women to apply.

* Member States of the Pacific Islands Forum: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

MICRONESIAN LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) provides free legal services to people of limited financial means in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The administrative office is located in Capitol Hill, Saipan. MLSC is seeking applications for the position of Executive Director, who will work at the Capitol Hill Office.

Qualifications:

A J.D. degree, or the equivalent, and at least ten years of relevant professional legal experience, preferably in the area of providing free legal services to those of limited financial means.

Responsibilities:

The Executive Director acts as the chief executive officer of Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, and is appointed by and accountable to the Board Directors of MLSC. Duties include: develop and implement strategies to fulfill the goals of MLSC as set by the MLSC Articles of Incorporation and Board of Directors; assure implementation of and adherence to MLSC policy, as set forth in the Client Service Manual, Office Policies Binder, Personnel Manual, all job descriptions, and other MLSC policies; assure compliance with Legal Services Corporation Regulations and instructions and funding conditions; make staff hiring and termination decisions in accordance with personnel policies; propose a budget annually to the Board of Directors; supervise the preparation of the annual Refunding Application to the Legal Services Corporation and respond to inquiries regarding the Application; work with Micronesian governments in conjunction with other staff members regarding annual appropriations to MLSC, and coordinate applications for other sources of funds; maintain productive relations with the Board of Directors, Legal Services Corporation, and governmental and non-governmental institutions whose actions have an effect on MLSC.

Deadline: Until Position Filled

Compensation and Benefits:

Compensation: \$73,030 per annum plus housing benefits.

Benefits include health insurance, annual leave, sick leave, and employer contribution to a 401(k) program. Please submit a resume and letter of interest to:

By mail:

Attn: Dimitri Varmazis

Micronesian Legal Service Corporation – Marianas Office P.O. Box 500826 CK Saipan, MP 96950 By email:

dvarmazis@mlscnet.org

Participants in General Management Course building BBQ shelter

By Anderson Peter

February 3, 2012

Pohnpei, FSM—The Australian Defence Force Defence Cooperation Program has given the participants of the General Management Course the sum of USD \$2000.00 to build a community project for the people of Pohnpei. This project is an integral part of the General Management Course.

The General Management Course is sponsored by the FSM National Police, Maritime Wing, with the assistance of the Australian Defence Force. The project is part of the training program and allows participants to apply the practical skills of project management. The participants for this GMC are the FSM National Police, State Police, Immigration and Customs.

The participants have decided to build a barbeque shelter at the Spanish Wall Park beside the Pohnpei State Tourism Nahs. The community project has already been started and it is anticipated to be completed before or at the end of the course.

Once completed, we would like to invite the people of Pohnpei to make use of the park and the barbeque shelter. It is great to get out and have fun with families once in a while and Spanish Wall Park is where to start a family reunion

The community based project enables students to put in practice many of the skills and knowledge gained during the first phase of the course. The first phase started on November 21, 2011 and completed on December 17, 2011. The second phase will begin on February 06, 2012 and end on March 02, 2012. If students fail to complete the project by the end of the course they will be deemed to have failed the course.

NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION



Pursuant to the orders of the FSM Supreme Court entered on October 3, 2011 and October 25, 2011, 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. 007-E-01, land known as Daglip, situated in Rumuu Village, Fanif Municipality, Yap State, with an approximate area of 859 square meters, as described in the certificate of title issued on June 26, 2001 and registered as Document No. 3894 at the Yap State Registrar and as further described on cadastral plat no. 007-E-00 filed in Yap State Land Registry.

Parcel no. 031-F-02, land known as Makal, situated in Dugor Village, Weloy Municipality, Yap State, with an approximate area of 957 square meters, as described in the certificate of title issued on February 4, 2002 and registered as Document No. 4009 at the Yap State Registrar and as further described on parcel split no. 031-F-01 filed in Yap State Land Registry.

Parcel no. 046-B-01, land known as Ganabtagil, situated in Malon Village, Maap Municipality, Yap State, with an approximate area of 9,235 square meters, as described in the certificate of title issued on October 11, 2001 and registered as Document No. 3967 at the Yap State Registrar and as further described on cadastral plat no. 046-B-00 filed in Yap State Land Registry.

- There is no minimum bid amount. Bids may be submitted for one or more parcels.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "February 23, 2012 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Ms Katherine Gisog at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Colonia, Yap on Thursday, February 23, 2012 between 2 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2012
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the bidder.
- All bid submissions must clearly state the bid amount for each parcel.
- The winning bidders 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 parcels are offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to their condition whatsoever.

Questions concerning this auction may be directed to 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

Federated States of
Micronesia
Department of Education
Special Education Program

Public Announcement

February 6, 2012

The FSM Department of Education announces that an application for funding under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is being submitted for Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2012- June 30, 2013). The FSM receives funding under IDEA to provide special education and related service programs for eligible children with disabilities and their families.

IDEA requires that the annual application for funding be made available for Public Review and Comment. Consistent with this requirement, The FSM Department of Education announces that the Annual State Application under Part 8 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act as Amended in 2004 for Federal Fiscal Year 2012 will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education on or before May 10, 2012.

The FSM Department of Education announces that a 60-day public review period of 30-day public comment period will be available to allow the public an opportunity to review the application and to make comments. The dates for the 60 day will be from February 6, 2012 - April 5, 2012. The 30 day public comment period will be from March 6, 2012- April 5, 2012.

Copies of the Part 8 Application FFY 2010 are available at each State Department of Education. A copy of the application is also available at the FSM Special Education Website:
<http://fsmsped.org/dashboard/>

Please submit any comments concerning the application:

Dr. Rufino Mauricio
Secretary
Department of Education,
FSM National Government
P.O. Box P
Kolonias, Pohnpei
FSM 96941

Comments may also be submitted via email to: Arthur.albert@fsmdb.fm
Additional information can be obtained by calling 691-320-8982/1055/7228

NOTICE OF LAND SALE BY AUCTION



Pursuant to the orders of the FSM Supreme Court entered on January 6, 2011, December 8, 2011 and December 22, 2011, public notice is hereby given that the parcels described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidders under the following terms:

Parcel no. 035-K-33, land known as Finanpes, situated in Lelu Municipality, Kosrae State, with an approximate area of 1,366 square meters, as described in the certificate of title issued on August 17, 2011 and registered as document no. 15493 at the Kosrae State Registrar and as further described on cadastral plat no. 035-K-04 filed in the Kosrae State Land Registry.

Parcel no. 055-D-14, land known as Kinakapw, situated in Madolenihmw Municipality, Pohnpei State, with an approximate area of 10,112 square meters, as described in the certificate of title issued on April 10, 2003 and registered as document no. 19416 at the Pohnpei Court of Land Tenure and as further described on cadastral plat map no. 055-D-02 filed in the Pohnpei State Land Registry.

- Bids for the Kosrae parcel shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "March 1, 2012 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Mr Teroa George at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Tofol, Kosrae on Thursday, March 1, 2012 between 2 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Bids for the Pohnpei parcel shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "March 1, 2012 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 1, 2012 between 2 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- There is no minimum bid amount for either parcel.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, 2012.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the bidder.
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- The winning bidder shall be conveyed title through a duly issued Court order transferring title to the parcel, 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.
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reported, already has an irreparably bent crankshaft. Once it was removed it had to be reinstalled on the ailing generator number 8. Those repairs were completed at approximately 4:00 this afternoon.

(After deadline update: On Thursday, February 16 PUC was once again forced to revert to emergency power shedding when the number 7 generator developed a problem with overheating. At press time mechanics were frantically working to repair that generator as well.)

The Japanese government is funding the rebuild of the number 9 generator, an old Daihatsu that was originally

donated by the Japanese government. The overhaul is part of the follow up scheme for the original donation. The Japanese government sent an engineer who recently retired from Daihatsu to supervise local mechanics as they rebuild the engine.

Perman said that mechanics found significantly more "corrosion" within the cylinders than they had expected to find. Fortunately, the parts to deal with those problems were already on island and the mechanics have completed the task of rebuilding the cylinder walls.

"I had no power last night too," Perman said. "I was at the power plant last night giving them moral support while they were working. They're really working hard and they have to work around the clock," he said.

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assessment and improvement. Affirmation from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, (WASC) independently and objectively demonstrates that we not only meet high standards and provide quality higher education for our students, but that we continuously strive to become better," said Dr. Daisy.

He emphasized that by developing a culture of self-assessment and continuous improvement, COM-FSM would better serve its students and the nation. "We must continue to strengthen the college's culture of assessment and accountability. We have a responsibility to internal and external stakeholders to demonstrate that we are successful; that we are making progress and are improving; and, that our students are learning and are successful. So let us actively engage as an institution in a continuous process of inquiry, reflection and self-assessment," said Dr. Daisy.

In his first formal address to the College of Micronesia community, Dr. Daisy acknowledged that there are many challenges facing the institution. But he also offered a path forward that, if followed, would lead College of Micronesia to a successful future.

"From accreditation, finances, communication, college readiness by students, geographic expanse, persistence to graduation; the challenges are many, the challenges are significant, the challenges are daunting, yet the challenges are not insurmountable," said the president.

"These challenges, large and small, known and yet to be known, immediate and emerging are critical to our building a secure future. Successfully confronting them will require the very best of each of us working together to marshal all of our, individual and collective intellectual and human capital and resources. Only together, and by that I mean everyone gathered here today, and members of our

community dispersed across the country, will we be successful," said Dr. Daisy.

The president told the large crowd that he knew, first hand, the importance and power of earning a college degree. He said the experience changes lives for the better, and strengthens communities and the nation. "As the first person in my family to graduate from college, I have experienced first-hand the life transforming and empowering impact of a college education. Education has the power to change lives exponentially. The impact of THIS college reaches not only to the students we serve, but to their families, to their communities, and to the country," he said.

Dr. Daisy assured the audience that he also understands the unique role College of Micronesia-FSM plays in the Federated States of Micronesia. It has an important and unique mission, Dr. Daisy noted.

"The core idea that forms the Federated States of Micronesia is that islanders of different cultures, languages and traditions can find common ground. This nation is founded on the belief that its citizens can ensure a better future for themselves and their children by working together across linguistic and cultural divides," Dr. Daisy said. "Let us be mindful then, that the things that bind us together are far stronger than the things that divide us. This college binds us together."

Dr. Daisy earned his B.A. and M.Ed. from Suffolk University in Boston, MA. and his Ed.D. from Nova Southeastern University in Davie, FL. During his long career in education, he has served as a teacher, school principal, and college administrator. He also was a senior staff member on the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., the academic accrediting body that oversees schools, colleges and universities in the northeast of the United States. Dr. Daisy was selected to be the president of the College of Micronesia-FSM following an international search for a replacement for President Spensin James, who stepped down in 2011.

(Editor's note: The full text of Dr. Daisy's speech can be found on page 6.)

Yvonne Neth to exhibit her work at Australian Art show Neth is the first artist from Micronesia to display her work at the show

By Bill Jaynes, and Alex Zuccarelli
The Kaselehlie Press

January 16, 2012

Pohnpei, FSM—Yvonne Neth, of Pohnpei will be the first person from the entire Micronesian region to participate in the prestigious Maketi Ples art exhibition in Paddington, New South Wales, Australia.

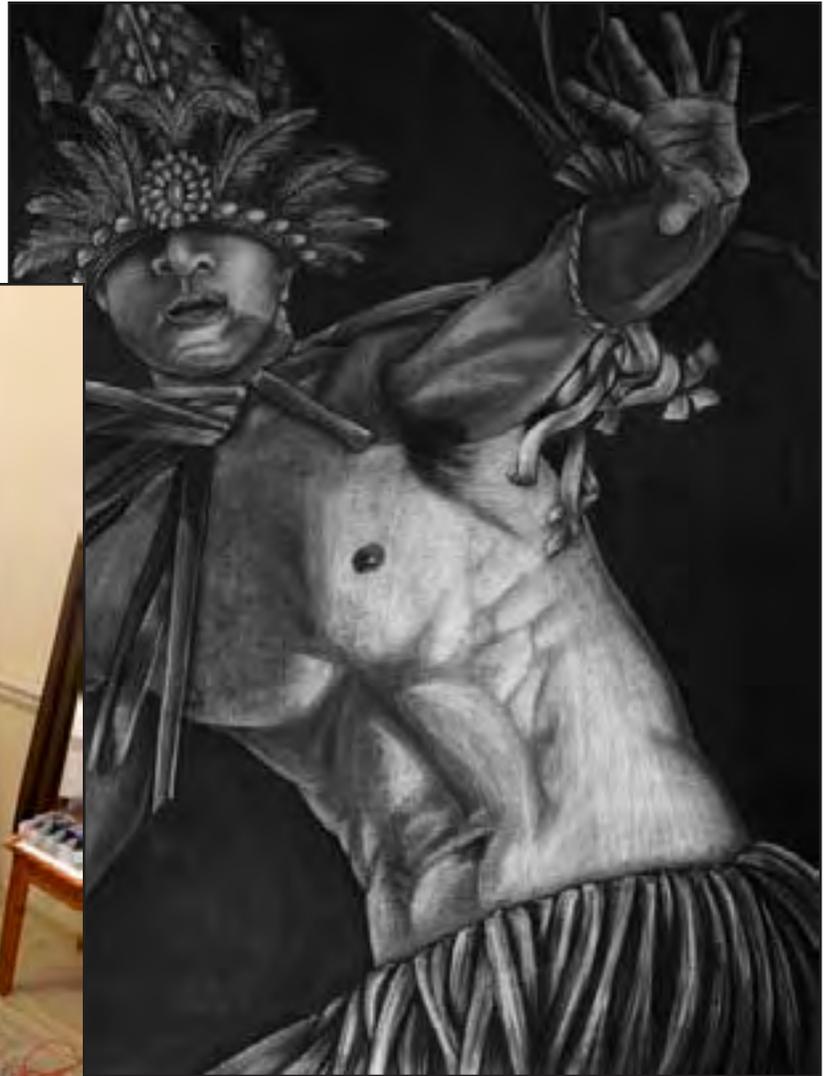
Maketi Ples is a selling exhibition of Pacific based fine art, showing at the Global Gallery in Sydney, Australia from Wednesday February 22 to Sunday March 11, 2012. The exhibition accepts work from fine artists living and working in 14 countries: the Cook Islands, FSM, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, and Niue. Maketi Ples is billed as Australia's creative art keystone event for 2012.

Neth was personally invited to participate by the creative people who run the event after they saw examples of her work on the Yvonne's Hotel website (www.yvonneshotel.com/gallery.html). Six of her large charcoal drawings will be exhibited at the Maketi Ples art exhibit.

Neth is a self taught artist working primarily with charcoal, graphite, ink, and pastels. Her current project is a series of large charcoal portraits of Pacific people and places.

She is a pilot and currently serves as the Safety Inspector for the FSM Division of Civil Aviation. She is also the Vice Director of the Island Research and Education Initiative, an NGO that creates educational materials and conducts cultural, social, linguistic, and geologic research throughout Micronesia.

She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Anthropology from U.H. Manoa.



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White fly biological control in Pohnpei

By Konrad Englberger

You may have noticed the very small white insects infesting plants on Pohnpei. This pest is commonly called 'white fly' and one in particular can be found on the bottom of leaves of sakau and pepper plants. The pepper plants include the local hot pepper called sele. When the white fly attacks a plant, the plant becomes weak and can die. Many farmers complain now that their sakau patches are infested with this pest. A solution is in the works!

In 2003, a new white fly species (*Aleurotrachelus trachoides*) was found in Chuuk and Pohnpei. This white fly species causes devastating damage to agriculture and the environment in Pohnpei. Plants belonging to the Solanaceae family (tomato, pepper, eggplant) and kava or sakau (*Piper methysticum*) are most affected by this white fly species. It also attacks many ornamental species, including the bush Golden dewdrop (*Duranta erecta*), which is wide spread in FSM and is a good breeding place for the white fly.

There are several other white fly species, for example, the Spiraling white fly on Pohnpei. A parasitic wasp (*Encarsia hartiensis*) is providing a good control to the Spiraling white fly but not to *A. trachoides*. When one insect controls the growth of another insect, it is called a 'biocontrol agent.'

For several years, the former Plant Protection Advisor with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), Konrad Englberger, has been making contacts with insect experts or entomologists around the world on this topic. At the same time, he was searching for natural enemies in Palau, Guam, and other FSM states but was not able to get good results. SPC provided some funds to the University of Guam to search for the presence of natural enemies or biocontrol agents to control *A. trachoides* but again no good results were achieved.

In early 2007 and in 2008, Englberger again made contacts with white fly specialists around the world and collected some useful information.

Most of the experts recommended the introduction of several natural enemies for biological control. It was decided to introduce a wasp (*Encarsia formosa*) as a white fly egg parasite and a beetle (*Delphastus catalinae*). Both of these biocontrol agents are well known and have been introduced to places like Hawaii and Guam to control white flies. These species are well known to be host specific to white flies, which means that they do not attack plants or other insect species. From both of the biocontrol agents family members, the genera *Encarsia* sp. and the *Delphastus* sp. are already present in Pohnpei.

In 2008, a shipment of wasps and beetles was sent from US mainland for rearing in Pohnpei. Unfortunately the shipment was accidentally stored overnight in a quarantine freezer in Hawaii and all the wasps and beetles arrived dead in Pohnpei. In 2008, an entomopathogenic fungus (meaning a fungus that attacks insects) was found in Nett and was spread to other parts of the Island. The fungus can control the white fly but it takes a very long time to get good control.

In 2011 the Nahmwarki of Sokehs asked the Chief of Agriculture, Adelino Lorens

to provide help to the farmers to control the white fly. In response, the Invasive Species Taskforce of Pohnpei (iSTOP) team attended the Wiekupwur en Mwoalen en wahu en wein Sokehs.

In late 2011, Pohnpei State Legislature appropriated \$7,500 for biological control. Contacts were made with the University of Guam for help with the introduction and quarantine of the white fly biocontrol agents.

In January 2012, an assessment was made by University of Guam researcher Dr. Reddy, one of his assistants, and Konrad Englberger of 12 farms on Pohnpei to determine the damage level and if there are any other natural enemies present.

The two white fly biocontrol agents have been sent to the University of Guam quarantine facilities in late January for screening by Dr. Reddy and his team before sending them to Pohnpei for release.

The release of Biocontrol agents in Pohnpei started in February 1, 2012, after 50,000 *Encarsia* wasps and 10,000 *Delphastus* beetles have arrived.

At a later stage, another assessment will be made to determine if the biocontrol agents are established and providing good control of the white flies.

It is expected that within the next 4-6 months, the biocontrol agents will spread throughout Pohnpei on their own. And within a year with the help of these two friendly insects, white fly should no longer be a problem.



White flies attacking tomato plants



Dr. Reddy and his Assistant from the University of Guam making a white fly assessment on Sakau

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and the prosecution presented its evidence and testimony.

On May 27, 2011, after the prosecution had rested its case, Laurdine's defense attorney from the Public Defender's office, filed a motion for judgment of acquittal under rule 29 of the Rules of Criminal Procedure of the Trial Division of the Pohnpei State Court. Under rule 29, the Court can grant a defense motion for acquittal if it agrees that the prosecution has not presented enough evidence during trial to sustain a conviction against a defendant.

A person accused of a crime is presumed to be innocent unless that person is convicted of the crime or crimes for which that person is being tried. The court ruled that in this case the prosecution did not present evidence that proves that it was Laurdine who committed the crimes.

Though the defense motion for acquittal was made nearly nine months ago, the court did not issue a written ruling on the motion and at press time it had not done so.

Pohnpei's Assistant Attorney General Ira Shiflett said that it is not unusual for the Supreme Court to issue rulings verbally without also issuing the ruling in writing.

As example, the court did not issue a written ruling denying the defense motion to suppress Laurdine's confession but the Court did rule

verbally to allow its admission into evidence.

In the absence of a written ruling it is difficult to know if the court agreed with one or all of the arguments contained in the defense motion to acquit.

The defense motion says that the victims testified that their attacker was masked and they could not see his face on the morning they were attacked. But they testified that their attacker had a tattoo on his left arm like one they had seen on their attacker and that factor along with skin tone made them certain it was the accused who had attacked them.

The defense argued in its motion that in their written statements to the police, the victims had not written anything about the person that attacked them having a tattoo.

The defense motion argued that the fact that police showed the victims a photograph of Laurdine on the Friday before the trial began was prejudicial to the defendant and should not be admitted into evidence because that evidence is the "fruit of the poisonous tree."

The prosecution entered into evidence an iron bar, and testimony from an officer of the Pohnpei State Police who testified that the iron bar was found in the place where Laurdine said it would be after questioning on May 12, 2011. The defense argued that "there was no evidence by the said officer that the defendant was given his Miranda rights before confessing where the iron bar was. The iron bar therefore ought not to be accepted as evidence on the grounds that it was illegally gotten."

The defense argued that Laurdine's confession cannot be relied upon because "it has been challenged by the defendant that it was given under duress and furthermore it is not safe to convict a defendant based on the confession alone especially if it has been challenged by the defendant."

It was not clear in the motion whether or not the defense attorney was referring in his argument to the confession in which Laurdine admitted that he was the assailant who attacked Haugen and Schaefer, the confession that he was armed with a piece of rebar and that he used the rebar to hit Krystal, the confession of the place where he had stashed the rebar, or any or all of the above.

The prosecutor argued against the motion for acquittal saying that Pohnpei Criminal rule 29 allows the court to acquit a defendant "if the evidence is insufficient to sustain a conviction of such offense or offenses."

"Under this burden, the State does not have to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt; instead the State has to show that the finder of fact could reasonably convict the defendant based on the evidences presented," the prosecution opposition to the motion for acquittal said. "Here there is more than enough evidence to reasonably convict the defendant; he was identified by two eye witnesses and he confessed to committing the crimes."

The end result of the defense motion for acquittal is that the proceedings against Laurdine were terminated before the defense presented its own case and Laurdine was cleared of all charges in connection with the attack on the two SDA teachers.

Laurdine is currently serving a six year term for his conviction on charges connected with the attack of Merselina Brown at V6AH, the State owned and operated radio station, in the early morning hours of January 10, 2011.

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Artists focus on building their entrepreneurial skills to create cultural industries

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)

Creating commercial industries based on the unique heritage of the Pacific was the focus of a four-day workshop co-facilitated by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) in Suva.



The workshop, held at the Forum Secretariat in Suva, Fiji, 7 – 10 February 2012, is part of a broader project led by SPC to develop cultural industries in the Pacific, and is supported by the European Union.

In her opening remarks at the workshop, the Forum Secretariat's Director of Economic Governance, Dr. Chakriya Bowman, emphasized the important role played by entrepreneurs in the development of Pacific economies, and the opportunities that awaited them in the cultural industries.

"Through the commercial development of your skills and talents, you will create income for your families and communities, and you will also take your culture to a wider world," Dr Bowman said.

The Forum Secretariat is committed to the promotion of cultural industries, particularly through the work of Pacific Islands Trade and Invest.

On 22 February, Pacific Islands Trade and Invest will host the second Marketi Ples in Sydney, which will bring together outstanding artists from around the Pacific and showcase their talents to the Australian arts community. Creative works promoted through Marketi Ples have not only created demand in Australia, but have been exported throughout the world.

Dr Bowman also highlighted the importance of cultural industries in preserving and maintaining Pacific culture.

"Through your work, you can encourage young people to preserve their unique cultural heritage by showing them that culture can create income and development for their communities. Your work also shares your traditions with others, creating respect and appreciation of your culture."

The workshop focused on developing

participants' entrepreneurial and business skills in areas such as business planning, product and market development, value chain assessment, and understanding of intellectual property and traditional knowledge rights.

It was attended by representatives of the cultural industries in the fields of fashion, music, handicraft, film, fine arts and theatre. Participants have come from Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu.

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Island Food Community of Pohnpei is working on a strategic guide for the next three years

By *Chizuru Seki (JICA)*

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP)

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) held the first day of Strategic Action Planning (SAP) Retreat on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at Riverside Restaurant Conference Room. The goal for this retreat was to create a strategic guide for IFCP programs for the next three years.

Last SAP retreat was held in June 2007. Facilitator of the retreat, Mr. Bill Raynor, one of the IFCP founding board members and a current board member, expressed that it was past time to sit down and look at how we have done, are doing, and will do.

He also mentioned that in 2003 before IFCP was established, there were rarely unique yellow fleshed bananas and local cooked food in Kolonia town; however, now we can buy those types of bananas and local ready-to-eat take outs in town. We have been seeing desired outcomes to some extent. Still, we need to make more impact to accelerate this trend toward "going local."

Chair of the IFCP Board, Adelino Lorens, Board of directors (Engly Ioanis, Gibson Susumu and X-ner Luther), IFCP partners

(Conservation Society of Pohnpei, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Pohnpei State Agriculture and United States Embassy), FSM Office of Environment and Emergency Management, and Mr. Konrad Englberger attended the retreat to evaluate IFCP's progresses on the first IFCP SAP created in 2007 and develop a new three year SAP.

The retreat on February 7 started with reviewing IFCP's vision and mission. IFCP vision was rewritten by sub committees to express "what we want to see in the next 20 years in Pohnpei and Micronesia with regards to the region's food security and human health" more clearly and accurately as well as the mission to determine how we are going to achieve our vision.

After reviewing the vision and mission, Mrs. Emihner Johnson, Acting Director of IFCP, presented the progress report on the first IFCP Strategic Action Plan to the participants.

By 2010, IFCP aimed to be fully staffed (Executive Director, Community Project Coordinator, Let's Go Local Club Coordinator, and Administrative Officer) and find a new office that accommodated staff and equipment. At one point, IFCP was able to achieve this goal; however, at this moment, there are only two local



IFCP SAP Retreat

staff (Acting Executive Director/Local Food Educator and Office Manager) and one Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) volunteer. One of the in-kind contributions from Pohnpei States is the site of IFCP training center; however, now, the building itself is being damaged by termite invasion.

For the first SAP developed in 2007, IFCP aimed to build up more diverse and larger funding pool for sustainable development and implementation of IFCP goals. IFCP is thankful for its funding agencies for helping IFCP achieve many goals. In a new three year SAP, in addition to secure more diverse and larger funding pool, it is crucial to acquire credible and sustainable funding.

At the last SAP retreat in 2007, by 2010, conducting public awareness at 10 schools and 5 communities per year as well as media awareness was set as a goal to increase awareness of importance of local food. IFCP has conducted more than 10 school and 5 community awareness every year, and its media awareness (local newspaper, radio and email) has acknowledged IFCP's work not only regionally but also nationally and internationally.

IFCP developed nutritional database of many local foods and cultivars and assessed dietary intake in FSM as funds were available. Since research at IFCP was lead by Dr. Lois Englberger until she passed away last year, IFCP needs to look into research resources to continue its research.

After the progress report, participants were divided into four groups to conduct SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities and Threat) analysis on IFCP. Strengths of IFCP are members, partners, board of directors, supports from communities, and etc. Financial matter is one of the weaknesses. Participants pointed out biodiversity of this region, IFCP's global reputation, and etc. as opportunities for IFCP. People's resistance to change, climate change, and lack of education

were mentioned as threats that IFCP may encounter.

Results of the SWOT analysis were used to identify major topics that IFCP can realistically work towards over the next three years.

In the afternoon, goals and objectives for the next three years were created in three areas (awareness education, local food policy and research). Developed new goals and objectives will be distributed to SAP participants via email, and their inputs will be incorporated into goals and objectives to finalize the Strategic Action Plan for the next three years.

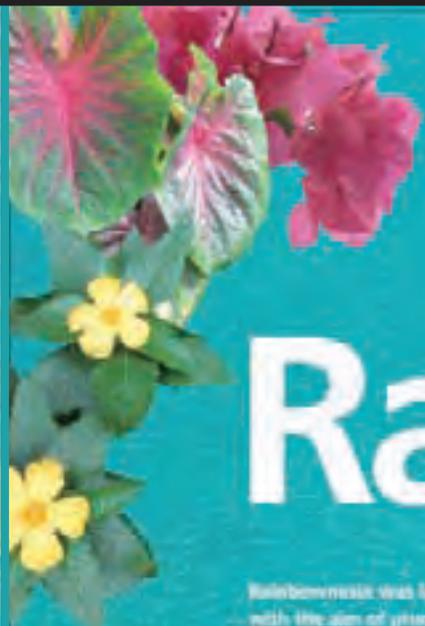
Since 2007, IFCP faced ups and downs. In 2011, IFCP lost Dr. Lois Englberger, one of the IFCP founders as well as a research advisor, from cancer. It is the time for IFCP to reconsider its Strategic Action Planning and spur the work of IFCP.

Second day of SAP retreat will be held on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 to concrete the vision, mission and plan for the next three years by carrying out capacity assessment and developing budget for each activity.

IFCP would like to thank its current funding sources: SPC CePaCT, Australian Embassy, SPC Healthy Life-Style and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) as well as past funding supporters: Asian Development Bank, Pohnpei State Government (in-kind contributions), University of Hawaii, CDC, CINE, FAO, Forum Secretariat, GEF, Global Greengrants Fund, Japan Embassy, New Zealand Embassy, Pacific CPS, Papa Ola Lokahi Pacific Diabetes Program, PATS Foundation Program, Pohnpei Cancer Coalition, Pohnpei Diabetes Program, Sight and Life, SPC Forests and Trees, UNICEF, and US Forestry (Alphabetical Order).

Special thanks are given to IFCP SAP participants for taking the work of IFCP seriously and sharing their ideas with IFCP to advance the work of IFCP.

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