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Australia's Head of State makes historic visit to FSM

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

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Pohnpei, FSM—During his speech at a reception this evening honoring Australia's Head of State, Governor-General Quentin Bryce, FSM's President Manny Mori said that the visit was "an example of strong diplomatic relations" between FSM and Australia. He said that no head of state from any other of the FSM's development partner nations had ever visited the FSM and he called the visit of the Governor General, a "historic visit."

Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC CVO, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and her entourage which included Australia's Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs, Mr. Richard Marles, landed at the Pohnpei International Airport aboard a Royal Australian Air Force jet this evening at nearly half past five.

The visiting dignitaries were met on the tarmac by FSM Vice President Alik Alik, Secretary for Foreign Affairs Lorin Robert, Chief of Staff Churchill Edward, and other FSM staff members. Australia's Ambassador to the FSM, Martin Quinn and his staff members were also present on the tarmac for the historic visit.

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FSM celebrates Cultural Day



Hundreds of spectators and performers descended on the botanical garden in Pohnpei on Friday, March 30th to celebrate Pohnpei and FSM cultural day.



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PSL to consider bill to address Pohnpei power crisis

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

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Pohnpei, FSM—A “by request” bill introduced to the Pohnpei State Legislature (PSL) seeks to rewrite how Pohnpei Utilities Corporation does business. It would also give the Governor unprecedented powers to remove and institute new leadership on the Board of the beleaguered utility. The bill (Legislative Bill 42-12) originated in the Governor’s office.

The proposed bill says that “power generation in Pohnpei is facing a severe crisis that requires unprecedented action in order to prevent severe disruption of power shortages to the people of Pohnpei. It is the intent of this legislation to enable swift and vigorous action...” and then goes on to describe the types of actions the bill is intended to address.

Essentially the bill would eliminate the Board of Residential Properties and Public Utilities and give the power for establishing Utilities tariffs entirely to the PUC Board of Directors.

It would enable the Governor to institute new leadership at PUC that can “immediately take effective action to solve the power situation.”

The bill would enable PUC to outsource the generation of power and would enable PUC to “enter into partnership, joint venture, and other creative financing arrangements that will encourage and permit new capital investment in power generation infrastructure.”

Though the bill has been assigned to the Standing Committee on Public Works, Transportation, and Communications (PWTC), Chairman Stevick Edwin said he had not yet seen the bill which was introduced by request nearly one month ago. He said that because he has not yet seen it he could make no comments on it.

He said that he was aware that the Governor’s task force on energy has been working for quite a while and he expects that his committee will be meeting with them soon.

Obviously, the committee has not yet held hearings on the bill and so there is no committee report. As with any legislative bill, the committee can recommend any change that its research and hearings suggests it should do. If the bill does make it to the committee of the whole it may be an entirely different bill by the time it does.

For now it makes changes to the PUC enabling act contained in Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Pohnpei Code. It would repeal Chapter 2 of Title 34 outright. Chapter 2 outlines the qualifications, selection and duties of the Board of Residential Properties and Public Utilities.

The proposed changes to Chapter 1 include a provision “that management of Pohnpei public utility systems on the basis of commercially accepted practices may include outsourcing generation of power to independent power producers, including by entering into management or lease agreements for existing facilities; may include entering into joint ventures or partnerships with private or government corporations, and other internationally accepted best practices for the operation and management of public utilities systems.”

It would remove any mention of a requirement that PUC Board of Directors must seek the assent of the Board of Residential Properties and Public Utilities in establishing rates for utilities services and would add a requirement that such rates be “sufficient to promote capital.”

Besides the elimination of the Board of Residential Properties and Public Utilities perhaps the addition of a new

section 1-106A which would grant the Governor greater latitude to act quickly to remove or add members of the Board of the Corporation.

The new section is short and is as follows:

“1-106A. Replacement of the Board. Notwithstanding the provisions and requirements of 1-106 of the Chapter, the Governor may at his pleasure simultaneously remove from office all existing members of the Board of the Corporation by Executive Order. The Governor shall then appoint new members of the Board who shall serve as an interim Board as follows:

- a) The Governor shall appoint Board members meeting the requirement of 1-106 of this Chapter, PROVIDED that pending advice and consent of the Pohnpei Legislature, such appointees shall serve as interim Board members, with full authority to exercise all powers vested in the Corporation, until their appointment is considered by the Pohnpei

Legislature or until there is a quorum of members of the Board who have received the advice and consent of the Pohnpei Legislature.

- b) If an appointee appointed pursuant to Subsection (a) of the Section receives the advice and consent of the Pohnpei Legislature, such member shall continue to serve on the Board as a full member as provided for by 1-106 of this Chapter. If the Pohnpei Legislature votes not to confirm an appointee appointed pursuant to Subsection (a) of this section, such appointee will no longer be an interim member of the Board and the Governor shall make a new appointee pursuant to the Subsection (a) of this section.
- c) Once a quorum of members exists who have received the advice and consent of the Pohnpei Legislature, appointees who have not received advice and consent shall not be interim Board members but shall be eligible to become members of the Board upon receiving the advice and consent of the Pohnpei Legislature.”

FSM asks director Cameron to support climate change fight

FSM Public Information Service

FSM President Manny Mori expressed his appreciation to James Cameron, the famous Hollywood movie director who recently dove the deepest part of the Marianas Trench, for the opportunity to meet up on Guam about three weeks ago.

Mori wrote to Cameron on March 23, inviting him to further explore the FSM to the extent that the place could provide the setting for his interest in pursuing environmental awareness campaigns.

"As discussed in our meeting in Guam, I would like to enlist you as a champion and advocate for the Federated States of

Micronesia in dealing with climate change and global warming impacts," Mori said.

During the meeting alluded to, Cameron expressed that he has passion to contribute to the efforts in combating the impacts of climate change and global warming — the most critical and pressing issues for low-lying atolls in most parts of the Pacific.

Cameron successfully completed a seven-hour solo exploration of the Marianas Trench on March 26, a history-textbook event that has attracted international attention from scientists, historians, students and politicians, as well as ordinary folks.

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College of Micronesia –FSM celebrates 19th Anniversary

PALIKIR, FSM (COM-FSM News) — The College of Micronesia-FSM celebrated the 19th anniversary of its founding with the Mister and Miss Founding Day competitions on March 29 and track and field games on April 2, 2012. The theme for this year's celebrations was "Celebrating our Success."

Student groups representing the four FSM states at the National Campus and students from Pohnpei Campus organized themselves into five fund raising groups represented by colors: blue for Pohnpei students from National Campus; green for Kosrae students from National Campus; purple for Pohnpei

Campus students; white for Chuuk students from National Campus; and red for Yap students from National Campus.

Each group named their coronation contestants as follows: Mr Jaefrey Ioanis and Ms Roxann Moya represented Blue Team; Mr Leonard Benjamin and Ms Chelsea Nena represented Green Team; Mr Joakim Walter and Ms Julaine Pablo Imanuel represented Purple Team; Mr Tolofa Aitaro and Ms Angie Syrin Goulard represented White Team; and Mr Pascol Taiweryango and Ms Beverlyn Buw represented Red Team.



Dr Daisy with regal court

During the coronation ceremony, Mr Joakim Walter and Ms Julaine Pablo Imanuel representing the Purple Team were named Mister and Miss Founding Day 2012 for raising the most funds. The combined amount raised by all student groups was \$27,654.65; the Purple Team raised \$18,891.21, Blue Team raised \$4,302.89, Red Team raised \$2,000, Green Team raised \$1,410, and the White Team raised \$1,050.55.

The Founding Day 2012 celebrations concluded with the track and field games at the PICS track and field on April 2, 2012, in Nett, Pohnpei. Morning activities included long and short distance races while the afternoon games were mostly on infield games such as easy dizzy relays, coconut husking and tug of war.

Members of the College Community, friends and guests of the College attended the April 2nd celebration. Among the guests were Ambassador Eiichi Suzuki of the Embassy of Japan, and Mr Wen Zhencai, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China. Both diplomats donated generously toward the College's Endowment Fund.



Easy dizzy relay



Tug of War

Photos by Eugene Darsy



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Founder Frank Lyon mapping the Trust Territories in 1975...

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Candlelight vigil held for pilot and two police officers who vanished, search suspended

By Jeff Barabe and Kassi Berg
Oceania Television Network
(Reprinted with permission of OTV)
April 11, 2012

Palau, Micronesia—On Friday April 7th a candlelight vigil was held for the two police officers and pilot who were lost at sea when their plane ditched after a navigational instrument failure. Two days later on Sunday the 9th at 6pm, one week after the plane and its passengers vanished, the formal search was suspended. All that remains of the once vigorous search is the Palau's Pacific Patrol Boat PSS President H. I Remeliik.

Despite the efforts of the U.S. Coast Guard, Palau Officials, residents and even visiting yachts who searched a grid the size of the state of New Hampshire, no traces of the plane were ever found. Experts familiar with the Cessna 182 have indicated that a water landing at night would be very difficult and would likely result in the plane flipping over and sinking within minutes. As the plane had run out of gas, no oil slick would have remained as an indicator of the crash site.

Also on Friday April 7th, the U.S. Coastguard officially called off its search for the three missing men claiming it is always a hard decision to suspend a search. Their decision was based on the wide area that they covered "under good [weather] conditions" without success, explained Capt. Casey White, Guam Coast Guard Commander.

This tragedy is part of a series of events that began last Friday when a Kayangel fisherman spotted a suspicious vessel nearby. After he and other Kayangel officials were unable to confront the foreign fishing boat, Kayangel

state governor Edwin Chiokai notified Palau Fish and Wildlife authorities who arrived at dusk to begin tracking the fishing boats in the early morning.

On Saturday, the Marine Law officers went to Kayangel's conservation area in an attempt to apprehend the Chinese fishermen and their sea vessel. The fishermen tried to escape, and at one point attempted to ram the police boat. Police fired at the boat's engines in an attempt to disable the vessel when a bullet reportedly ricocheted off the engine wounding one of the Chinese fishermen in two places. The Chinese fisherman later died of blood loss.

The Cessna airplane was sent to assist in the mission and identified the mother ship north of Kayangel. After being spotted by the plane, the mother ship pulled up anchor and began traveling northwest of Palau, pursued by Palau's Pacific Patrol Boat Remeliik. Police speculate that when the crew of the mothership realized that they could not outrun the patrol boat they set their own ship on fire and into the two smaller support boats. The officers on the Remeliik attempted to put out the fire but were unsuccessful. The ship sank and the crew members were arrested and now are being held in the Palau prison.

The crew members are claiming that the fire was a result of an electrical fault.

On Sunday April 1st, Palau's Criminal Investigation Officers Earlee Decherong and Willy Mays Towai and Cessna Pilot Frank Ohlinger went on a 2nd "police mission" to photograph the site where the mother ship sank and thereby destroying all the evidence of what was onboard. OTV was told that mission was for the purpose of aerial



Paul Allen's "Octopus" helped with search

Pilot Frank Ohlinger



Officers Earlee Decherong and Willy Mays Towai

Palau again makes moves to eliminate foreign media ownership

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

April 12, 2012
Pohnpei, FSM—Oceania Television Network (OTV) and Roll'em Production seems to have been singled out for extermination according to a bill introduced in the Palau Senate.

According to an article on OTV's website (www.oceaniatv.net), on March 29, 2012 the Senate Committee on Resources, Commerce, Trade and Development held a public hearing on Senate Bill 8-231 that proposes to entirely revamp television and broadcasting rules in Palau and also prohibit OTV from operating as a television broadcasting business because it is the only foreign owned media entity in the Republic of Palau. All of the full time employees of Roll'em Productions/OTV are Palauans and it is one of the few media operations in the Republic that is not at least partially operated by expatriates.

The hearing was chaired by Senator Kathy

Kesolei.

According to the article, though OTV seems to be the only business operating in the Republic of Palau that would be affected by the bill it was not on the list of invitees to the "Public" hearing.

On the day before the hearing, OTV President Jeff Barabe wrote a letter to the Chair of the committee requesting to be included in the hearing and was told that OTV should appear at the Senate Chambers at 11:00 the following morning.

Barabe and its entire full-time staff showed up for the hearing. Barabe was allowed to sit in the chamber for the hearing while the Palauan staff members were relegated to the gallery.

A camera records the proceedings of committee meetings at the Palau Senate. On camera the Committee Chair acknowledged the presence of Mr. Barabe and another participant from the telecommunications industry. She acknowledged the receipt of Barabe's letter and said that she would respond in writing

photography of the "debris" and the ashes of the burned mother ship.

The Cessna ABA Sky, Inc. aircraft took off around 3:00p with the American pilot and two Palauan officers and immediately returned to the airport to repair a malfunctioning GPS. In an interview with the Minister of Justice, OTV learned that the Ministry of Justice offered the pilot a back up GPS to take on the mission, but the pilot declined the offer.

At 3:25pm the aircraft departed again with a scheduled return of 5pm. The trip was to take approximately 40 minutes each way. When the aircraft missed the scheduled rendezvous point 175 miles northwest of Palau, Palau's Remeliik patrol boat made numerous attempts to establish communication. The Palau Aerodrome Flight information Service was able to establish communication, however, attempts to maintain consistent and clear communication was not successful.

It then became clear that the aircraft's navigation system was not working properly and the pilot was having difficulty in determining the aircraft's exact position and heading. The pilot declared an emergency or "May Day" just after 8:00 pm on Sunday, April 1, 2012. All possible attempts were made from ground level to provide visual reference for the aircraft after dark when the Public Safety Director ordered all emergency vehicles to drive to the highest points in Koror and turn on their flashing lights. The lights at Asahi ball field were also turned on and Angaur State was notified to turn on as many lights as possible.

Just after 8:00pm, the two police officers on board the aircraft were able to contact police personnel on the ground via the Police VHF radio for approximately three minutes prior to their final total loss of communication with the aircraft around 8:15 p.m.

to the request and then called a recess which means that the Senate camera was turned off.

When she was "off record" she told Barabe that the committee would not entertain any public comments from OTV during the hearing. She said that no future hearings had yet been scheduled. She said that she didn't know if there ever would be another hearing on the bill.

Barabe reasoned that since OTV is the only company that would be affected by the bill after a decade of media involvement in Palau, OTV had a right to be heard.

The Chairperson rejected Barabe's plea.

This is not the first time that OTV has been the target of a bill that would essentially eliminate its right to operate a media entity in Palau. In 2009, Senator Diaz, who owns and operates a radio station in Palau introduced Senate Bill 8-19 that contained the same provision as the one that was the subject of the March 29 public hearing. The 2009 bill failed after it

The last transmission by the pilot indicated that they were traveling "north" at an altitude of 6,000 feet at 65 knots. The plane was out of gas and gliding. The plane is assumed to have gone down with no lights visible to aid in the landing.

Immediate assistance was sought from the United States Coast Guard, all available local resources and the visiting Mega-Yacht "The Octopus" owned by Microsoft Co-founder Paul Allen. Coordination and efforts for search and rescue operations began immediately that Sunday night. The Search and Rescue operations were on going on a 24-hour basis with coordination between Palau and the United States through the United States Embassy, here in Palau.

(KPress Editor's Note:

On April 6, during a regular press conference in Beijing, Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hong Lei said that China urges Palau to address the shooting death of the Chinese fisherman impartially and appropriately.

He said that the Chinese Foreign Ministry "attaches great importance to the issue."

He said that Palau does not have diplomatic relations with China as such there is no Embassy in Palau. China's Embassy in Micronesia, which is in charge of issues concerning Palau, immediately launched an emergency response mechanism. Officials from China's Embassy in Micronesia will go to Palau on Thursday to visit the detained crew and learn more about the situation, Hong said. They will also offer necessary assistance and urge the Palau side to address the issue impartially and appropriately.)

met with legal challenges, including a criminal complaint filed by the Special Prosecutor for misuse of his public office for anti-competitive and unfair business practices. Diaz pled guilty to at least some of those charges.

Barabe said that three years later the legal challenges on that bill are ongoing.

Barabe said by email that at the end of 2011 OTV asked the Palau Attorney General to issue a legal opinion on the law requiring media entities to allow for equal airtime for political candidates and how that law applies to a senator who owns a radio station. President Toribiong banned the AG from issuing any opinion without his approval, that was not given and as a result the AG has not issued a legal opinion on the matter.

A Pacific media freedom watchdog group spoke out on that matter and urged the President to reverse his decision which he refused to do.

Congress passes new Revenue Act for the FSM

FSM Congress

PALIKIR, POHNPEI. April 5, 2012 – The Third Special Session of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia adjourned sine-die on April 2nd with adoption of various national policies and passage of the FSM Revenue Administration Act of 2012, Congressional Act (CA) 17-49.

The Revenue Administration Act (RAA) is the 2nd of the tax reform bills passed by the Congress, the first being the Unified Revenue Authority (URA) created through Public Law 16-75. The RAA categorizes the administrative rules that will guide the URA in collecting tax by providing guidelines for taxpayers as well as procedures and deadlines for filing tax returns, appeal procedures and record keeping requirements.

When the Revenue Administration Act of 2012 becomes law it will then, as part of the nationwide tax reform effort, await the passage of similar measures by the four State Governments in order to guide the Unified Revenue Authority in its mandate of collection taxes. The Revenue

Administration Act of 2012 has been transmitted for the President's signature.

The remaining Congressional Acts passed during the Third Special Session were changes to allottee for previously designated or funds previously appropriated for public projects and or social programs in all the four states.

Among the national policies adopted during the Third Special Session is Congressional Resolution (CR) 17-62, the National Energy Policy which lists the among its strategic goals the following:

To improve coordination and program management; to provide a safe, reliable and affordable supply of conventional energy; to increase share of renewable energy (more than 30% in 2020); and to conserve energy consumption and improve energy efficiency (50% efficiency improvement in 2020).

The National Energy Policy identified its four primary components as: Policy and Planning, Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Planning and Conventional Energy (fossil fuel).

Other resolutions adopted during the Third Special Session included two grant approvals:

CR 17-126, a grant from the United States Center of Disease Control and Prevention for \$19,360 and CR 17-134, an emergency assistance of \$50,000 from the Government of the People's Republic of China towards assisting the dengue outbreak in Yap.

Congress adopted CR 17-130 to express sadness and condolences of the 17th FSM Congress on the passing of His Majesty King George Tupou V of the Kingdom of Tonga. The Third Special Session also adopted CR 17-135 expressing sincere gratitude and appreciation of the FSM Government for the visit of the Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, Her Excellency Ms. Quentin Bryce AC, CVO.

Another adopted measure is CR 17-135, which invited the President to deliver a State of the Nation address during the Fourth Regular Session of the 17th Congress in May 2012. Also adopted were CR 17-128, which confirmed Kasio Mida as the National Government representative

to the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia-FSM and, CR 17-139, authorizing the President to resubmit the nomination of Ignacio Stephen for the position of FSM Consul General in Hawaii.

Congress defeated the nomination for the FSM Consul General in Hawaii and also defeated the nominations of Dion G. Neth for Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, Judy Diane Lee for Secretary of the Department of Justice and, Rose Nakanaga as one of FSM's member on the Joint Trust Fund Committee under the amended Compact.

Details of the legislative measures and their corresponding Committee Reports are available on the Congress website at: www.fsmcongress.fm

According to the Congress Rules of Procedures, the next convening of the FSM Congress will be on May 11th for the Fourth Regular Session, unless called for earlier or later by the Presiding Officers. Regular Sessions are 20-days unless extended or shortened by resolution.

As usual, sessions of the FSM Congress begin at 10am and are opened to the interested general public.

FSM Cultural Day in Chuuk

By Kiki Stinnett
President, Chuuk Women's Council

In celebration of FSM Cultural Day the Chuuk Women's Council (CWC), Chuuk Visitor's Bureau, and the Small Business Center celebrated the 1st Annual FSM Cultural Day by hosting a Trade Fair in Chuuk State. The Fair was held in and around the SM Poll Memorial Center from 9:00am till 4:00p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2012.

The colorful event opened with a special song by the CWC members and Rev. Steioshy Manuel gave the opening prayer. Welcome remarks were presented by Kiki Stinnett, CWC President and Special remarks were given by Chuuk's First Lady, Bersita Elimo, and Traditional Leader Souppun Thomas Mailo. Closing remarks were made by CWC Board Chairlady Carmina Billy. All the speakers acknowledged and congratulated President Manny Mori for identifying this Cultural Day, which encourages us to reflect on and revitalize our own cultural and to remember the knowledge that our ancestors passed down us.

The Trade fair was an opportunity for the CWC members and others to display their colorful

styles and traditional cultural expressions through traditional music, dance, crafts, sewing and local fashion, flower arrangement, mwaramwar making and unique local food presentations. The "Healthy Lifestyle" had a display on Nutrition, the value of local foods, and sampling was available for those who wished to taste our home grown products.

Dr. Rita Mori was on site for reproductive health consultations. More than twenty women were seen by Dr. Mori before she was called away to the hospital for an emergency situation

Ms. Sincera Fritz was also available for HIV Counseling.

Education materials for all our health issues and other programs were available around the display stand in the center.

Over the course of the one day, seven hour fair, approximately 200 people cycled through the displays at the event and benefited from the Trade Fair. The conference was set up for the display of all the traditional hand made tools and all items were part entered as competitors in a contest.

The "UFO Women Organization" won most of the prizes for their local unique products and local food presentations; the dress from the 80's won the fashion show because of the uniqueness of the local oki lace used. The mwaramwar & flower arrangement prize went to Ms. Sincera Fritz.

The grand prize donated by United Airline (one round trip ticket from Chuuk to Guam) went to Ms. Rita

Choffat from Polowat.

Special thanks for their contributions to the event are due to United Airlines, Blue Lagoon Resort, Bernie Store, Susumu Enterprises and Truk Stop Hotel & Restaurant.

Special appreciation is given to our co-sponsors, the Office of Minority Health Center (OMHRC) and Mr. Henry Ocampo, who was present to pick the grand prize winner for round trip ticket between Chuuk and Guam provided by United Airlines in support of CWC fund raising efforts for the FSM Women's Conference to be held in July 16th to 19th here in Chuuk.

Appreciation is also expressed to our Traditional Chief Souppun Thomas Mailo,

President Mark Mailo, Rev. Steioshy Manuel, Weno Municipality Councilman Akumi, Mr. Henry Ocampo and Ms. Myra Archer, those from the Chuuk State Public Health Services, Dr. Rita Mori, the HIV & STD Team and all those who contributed to the success of the event. Kinisou Chapur.



The Society of Jesus charts a future for Micronesian Seminar with expanded programs

Society of Jesus of Micronesia

During the last eight months the Society of Jesus in Micronesia has been conducting an external study of the research and pastoral functions of Micronesian Seminar. Micronesian Seminar, or MicSem as it is widely known, is the Jesuit think-tank located on Pohnpei that has become known regionally for its commitment to social issues and the quality research of its founder, Fr. Francis X. Hezel, S.J. The recent study, undertaken by the East Asian Pastoral Institute [EAPI] in Manila, has reviewed Micronesian Seminar's library, website, publications and archives in light of the manpower and community needs in Micronesia, especially in the areas of technology, culture and faith. The study team also solicited input from MicSem's stakeholders, the MicSem staff, governments and NGO leaders throughout Micronesia. In February 2012 the team submitted its findings to the Jesuit Superior of Micronesia for review and implementation.

In light of the recommendations of the study, the Society of Jesus will re-establish the library and archives of MicSem at its school on Chuuk, Xavier High School. The library will remain open and available as a special collection that will serve students, the broader community in Micronesia, and scholars from

overseas. Renovations for the MicSem library will begin at Xavier in June 2012. The current staff of MicSem will also move to Xavier to maintain the library and provide services to the public. The staff will continue to make available the current publications, archives and photos online at the www.micsem.org website. Project and staff resources will be devoted to building the online resources in the years ahead with new publications, photos and cultural archives as they become available. The discussion forum will be discontinued.

As recommended in the study, initial discussions have begun to transition the social research component of the work of the MicSem to the University of San Francisco (USF), a Jesuit university. In the months ahead, conversations with USF will continue to explore this potential more fully. Fr. Fran Hezel has agreed to pursue conversations with USF on behalf of the Society of Jesus. It is our hope that USF will provide a commitment to social issues and the quality research for which MicSem is well known.

The Society of Jesus sincerely thanks our stakeholders who have generously participated in this study and provided valuable input about the future of this important work. We hope that the expanded programs sponsored through USF and Xavier High School will continue to assist the people of Micronesia with critical reflection on social issues, research and community education.

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...Head of State

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In advance and for the duration of the visit, the Australian Embassy served as the liaison between the FSM and Australian governments.

After meeting the Vice President and other dignitaries at the foot of the stairs FSM representatives presented the Governor-General with a mwaramwar and a lei.



Leaving nothing to chance FSM staff members had held countless meetings in advance of the visit and had conducted several "walk throughs" at the airport in order to prepare for the landing ceremony. Because the weather was outstanding at the time of the landing they did not have to resort to the plan B "rain plan" which one staff member said was to make a mad dash for the cars.

An FSM National Police Honor Guard saluted the Governor-General as she paused to review the officers who were in formation.

Local and visiting photographers snapped pictures as Governor-General Bryce stood upon a raised decorated platform while the Australian National anthem played. At her back the Australian flag snapped in the wind. Over her right shoulder, Pohnpei's instantly recognizable landmark, Sokehs Rock stood guard; an indomitable witness of the historic visit.



Serafe, Mwarei Chuuk on FSM Cultural Day

By *Myjolyne Marie Kim*

On March 31, 2012, the State of Chuuk celebrated the First Annual Chuuk Youth Culture Day at the Saramen Chuuk Development Center on Weno Island. The collaborative effort by the Chuuk Youth Council with the Chuuk State Government, College of Micronesia-FSM, Chuuk Campus, and the Cooperative Research Extension-Chuuk and other local stakeholders the event was a success!

The event attracted more than a hundred people and included several youth groups and schools. The theme was, "Serafe, Mwarei..."(which means "Young people, lift up and carry..."),

"This is probably the first event that managed to bring together different traditional and cultural experts to publicly talk about culture," said Wilfred Robert, Chuuk State Chief of Staff.

The speakers at the event were highly respected and culturally well-versed individuals.

Father Rosendo Rudolf from the Catholic Church was the keynote speaker. He challenged the young people, to mwarei Chuuk. He further challenged the young people to know their culture but to also understand that culture evolves through time. He said that they must therefore learn to adapt while they also advance through the changes. He emphasized and encouraged the cultural value of "sharing" that he said is unique to the culture of Chuuk.

Mr. Baltazar Bossy from Weno advised the young people to know their place. By this he meant that they should know the place from where they come. He also instructed them to value their own culture. He used two plants wowo (which represents hate) and tong (representing love) as illustrations to challenge the gathered young people to learn their cultural values.

Honorable Lt. Governor Ritis Heldart, who is from Nama, told the young people that they should know their roots: who they are, from where they come, from whom they come. He said that they should know their kin throughout Chuuk, Pohnpei, Yap, and islands beyond. He also explained that the word "serafe" (young people) originates from the words saramen fenu which means "the light of the land." He challenged the young people to be the light of their home island and to do good.

Mr. Makoto Siren from Udot talked about the roles of young people as leaders and offered traditional explanations of the different parts of the body--all them symbolizing "fairo;"—respect. He said that to know "fairo" is to be a good citizen or a good Chuukese.

Deacon Joseph Albert, also Soupwun (traditional chief) of Uman further explained the importance and meaning of fairo.

As the last speaker, Bradley Petrus spoke on the role of religion and culture and explained from the book of Genesis that there is a cultural mandate from God that we are to be the guardians of culture.

The sacred language of Chuukese "itang" was also used several times by some of the lecturers.

After 3 meaningful hours of speeches and lectures lunch was served to the special guests. To emphasize the cultural concept of sharing, the youth groups were served to share from the same baskets before they geared up for the traditional performances.

Although more than ten youth groups participated in the event, only ten groups registered to perform. Among them were two Wichap Village youth groups, Sapuk Youth, Mormon Sapuk, Eot Stars Youth Group, Onei Youth, Onongoch youth group (Fefen Island), Pollap Community in Iras, Kuttu Youth, and Xavier High School, and the College of Micronesia-FSM, Chuuk Campus.

Performances were judged by their authenticity, creativity, and performances. Although all the performances were excellent, Third place was awarded to the Onongoch Youth Group. College of Micronesia-FSM students won the second place position and were awarded with agricultural tools. The first place was a tie between Eot Stars and Pollap Community in Iras. Both of the first those groups were awarded with fishing nets.

All performing youth groups went away with a prize.

The Chuuk Youth Council would like to thank all the youth groups for their involvement and participation throughout the planning of the event up until the day. Also, we would like to acknowledge and thank especially our sponsors and generous donors:

The Government of Chuuk State; Madame First Lady Bersita Elimo; Senator Wesley Simina; Senator Roger S. Mori; Senator Nelson Stephen; Senator Harris Rain; Representative Leo John; Representative Mike Simo; Department of Public Health (Chuuk State); Department of Education (Chuuk State); Cooperative Research Extension (CRE), Chuuk; College of Micronesia-FSM, Chuuk Campus; Pacific Islands Incorporated (PII); CTSI (Western Union); Micro Enterprises; Ace Hardware; Pomika Sales; Island Mart; MCM; Bernie's Store; Sea Venture Company; Linda Mori Hartman; Alexander Narruhn; Yvonne Pangelinan; Jolly Billimon

The Chuuk Youth Council is honored and most grateful to have had some of Chuuk's most intellectual traditional leaders to talk about the importance of culture. As one youth representative said, "We never thought, these elders would actually accept the invitation to come and talk about culture, but we are very grateful that they believe in us young poeple."

The event was a success and according to a source, "the cultural day is one of the most unique events with great content and substance." Many youth groups are gearing up for next year, the second annual Chuuk Culture Day. Now a challenge for us young people as the saramen fenu, how do we now contribute and help Chuuk?

Note.....a sincere apology for any misrepresentations or missing important information, the author takes full responsibility for it.



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Seedling Centers & Kitchen Gardens

By *Matthew Simpson*
Project Coordinator,
Women in Farming

Kosrae's Women in Farming group (KWF) has accomplished a lot in the last year. One year ago, KWF was awarded a grant from the Australian Embassy's Direct Aid Program (DAP) enabling us to start a seedling center and expand our outreach to women, with the aim of sustainable agricultural development and improving the health of Kosrae's families. Our greenhouse was generously donated by the Association for Micronesia Development, and is now located adjacent to Kosrae's Department of Agriculture.

In the last year, KWF has incorporated By-Laws, organized our finances, elected a president and representatives from each municipality, and grown membership to 162 women. We are now starting our second quarter of seedling production with high expectations, strong support, and more experience from the first dispersal of 4,000 seedlings. Our original DAP funds went to the purchase of cups, seeds, soil, fertilizer, supplies, labor, and tools, and we have recently signed an exciting new Memorandum of Understanding with



Kosrae's Department of Resources & Economic Affairs for technical and financial support to the tune of \$6,350 per year. Each quarter, the municipalities will rotate the responsibility of operating the greenhouse; electing two women who will learn new skills and gain experience in large-scale seedling production for our club. These women will be part-time employees of KWF, each earning \$250 per quarter. This quarter, 163 women will each receive 40 seedlings of different vegetable varieties. Membership costs \$1. We will be producing 30 - 40,000 seedlings per year for our members, providing seedlings and technical training to help Kosrae's women become successful home gardeners.

Our hope is that more women will create "kitchen gardens", a term which KWF has coined here on Kosrae. Our program's mission is to increase home gardening of fresh produce, improve our health, and fight off diabetes. Kitchen gardens will also improve the self-worth of Kosraean women, who can take pride in having a beautiful and successful garden which provides delicious food for their families. Today the women of Kosrae can



learn and experience how good it feels to be self-sufficient, just as previous generations were. Currently, too many people are suffering and dying from diabetes on Kosrae, largely due to our island's addiction to cheap and unhealthy foreign imports. KWF wants women to relearn subsistence living techniques and pass on the importance of the family garden to their children.

KWF's long-term goals include expanding our expertise from seedling production to organic composting, cooking classes, indigenous edible, medicinal, and flowering plant revival, and diabetes prevention. We are preparing for a better future, step-by-step, towards a healthier relationship with our environment and with our bodies.

It is our hope that we can inspire more and more women to start planting a few seedlings—maybe some cabbage, eggplant, okra, tomato, cucumber, or bell pepper—and experience the joy of waking up in the morning before the hot sun to water and harvest for the day. If you would like to support or join our program, please contact President Dirina H. Nena, Tafunsak Officer Sepe W. Ned, Lelu Officer Sepe W. Elley, Utwe Officer Kenye H. Livaie, Walung Officer Anita M. Salik, or Malem Officer Shru W. Kephas. You can also reach us at our email address: womeninfarming@gmail.com. We'll get back to you!

We sincerely thank all those who have supported the growth of our program, especially the Australian Government, the Association for Micronesia Development, Kosrae Island Resources Management Authority, Kosrae State Department of Resources & Economic Affairs, the Honorable Governor Lyndon H. Jackson, and the US Office of Insular Affairs.

LDS Church Donates Wheelchairs to Pohnpei State Hospital

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Nett, Pohnpei-In a presentation on March 19, representatives of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon Church) presented 280 wheelchairs, walkers and crutches to the Pohnpei State Hospital. This is the fifth donation of wheelchairs made by the Church in recent years.

According to Bill Davis, Micronesia-Guam Service Center Manager, the Church is actively involved in humanitarian relief and development activities throughout the world. These include emergency relief assistance in times of disaster and humanitarian programs that strengthen the self-reliance of individuals, families, and communities. The Church currently donates thousands of wheelchairs to various communities around the world.

Davis further explained that humanitarian projects are funded by donations of members of the Church and others. Church humanitarian efforts relieve suffering for families of all nationalities and religions and offer hope with the potential for a better life for millions of people around the world.

Simao W. Nanpei, Acting Director of Health Services, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Church expressing gratitude on behalf of the people of Pohnpei for their generous donation.



FSM Chiefs of Police Conference



Department of Public Safety
Division of Police & Security
Pohnpei State



April 11, 2012

The FSM Chiefs of Police (COPs) conference brought together Chiefs of Police from all States in the FSM including the Chief of Police from the National Government Mr. Takasy Reim. Also present at the conference was a representative from the Australian Federal Police under their Pacific Police Development Program (PPDP), the Micronesia Transnational Crime Unit (MTCU), the Pacific Police Development Program Forensics, the National Government Maritime Wing and Pohnpei State Police Trainer.

On March 20, 2012 the conference was opened by the Governor of Chuuk State who welcomed all Chiefs of Police and participants to the conference.

During the opening speech, the Governor outlined that the conference gave an assurance of the dedication and professionalism of policing and that Chuuk State gives its full support to the discussions by the conference and will be committed to the decisions of the Chiefs.

FSM National Police Chief Takasy Reim was nominated as the new Chairperson for annual FSM Chiefs of Police Conference.

Before stepping down as chairperson of the 5th annual COPs meeting, Pohnpei State Chief of Police Joseph Roby outlined several issues from the last meeting including the issue of firearms to the Police Agencies, members from the various State Police organizations to be detailed to the Transnational Crime Unit, security arrangement at the airports, clear guidelines on deportees into the FSM, the opening of the new sub stations on the outer islands of Chuuk State, the Joint Law Enforcement Agreement and the result of the FSM Police Academy in 2011 that was funded by the Pacific Police Development Program. He also paid tribute to National Police Officer Xavier Moras who represented the FSM at a Pacific wide Cyber Crime seminar in Brisbane.

The Chiefs of Police were very appreciative of funding resources by the Pacific Police Development Program (PPDP) who funded the FSM Police Academy conducted in August 2011 and also funded the 5th annual COPs conference in 2011 as well as the conference held in Chuuk.

The PPDP is very supportive of the Police agencies in the Pacific Region and we are still seeking assistance and support in the near future" Chief Joseph Roby said during the conference.

Lieutenant Patrick Carl from the Pohnpei State Police was the Commander for the Academy and is the only certified instructor for the FSM Police agencies.

During a presentation on the outcomes and results of the FSM Police Academy, Lieutenant Carl thanked the PPDP for their support.

"The Police Academy would not be possible without the support from the PPDP and the Chiefs of Police. The Police Academy was a successful opportunity for the FSM and it is the first Police Academy that was conducted by FSM Police Officers." Lt. Patrick Carl said.

"We need a centralized training facility to be established at the national level for the FSM since we have the support from the PPDP but other resources can be found" Chief Roby responded.

National Police Xavier Moras who was nominated to represent the FSM on the Cyber Safety Pasifika project seminar spoke of the fact that the concept was introduced during the Pacific Island Chiefs of Police conference in 2011. Detective Moras also highlighted the importance of awareness of Cyber Crime in the FSM. He said it would need a lot of community and media input to spread the word of the dangers of Cyber Crime.

The Micronesia Transnational Crime Unit (MTCU) presented the draft Standards Operation Procedures (SOPs) on Deportees from other countries to the FSM.

The MTCU is a unit made up of police from the FSM, Palau, Marshall Islands and the CNMI. Mr. Steve Hamilton, the MTCU Advisor from the Australian Federal Police said that the MTCU is waiting for members from the four states of FSM to be detailed at their office in Palikir, Pohnpei for a rotation period of 6 to 9 months.

Mr. Phillip Herd from the Pacific Police Development Program Forensic Development project updated the participants on the progress of a new Crime Laboratory for the FSM that will be situated in Pohnpei State. Kasner Alden's from the Pohnpei State Police and his colleague Olivia David are the only two individuals who are certified in forensics in the FSM. Mr. Herd estimated that the crime lab will be built and equipped by June of this year.



Seated from left – right: Chief Joe Roby (Pohnpei), Chief Takasy Reim (FSM), Chief Fanian Bamngin (Yap), Director Kerson Rizal (Chuuk) and Chief Edmond Salik (Kosrae) and standing at the back are the participants of the 6th Annual FSM Chiefs of Police Conference

Chief Joseph Roby of Pohnpei told the other Chiefs that Pohnpei State has completed their new Emergency Operation Center building donated by the European Union (EU).

He added that the Pohnpei State Police has developed their Strategic Plan and their Annual Plan has now also been completed.

Chuuk State Director of Public Safety, Rizal said CDPS has opened three new substations on the other islands the department is looking forward to opening another substation.

There were further discussions about resourcing and the needs for new equipment. Those needs will be raised at the appropriate levels and forums.

A new building for the Chuuk Department of Public Safety was discussed following a tour of the current facilities.

Mr. Barry Turner from the PPDP shared his presentation and an over view of the projects that the PPDP has undertaken for the FSM. He spoke of the funding of the FSM Police Academy, two new police vehicles for Kosrae Police Department, training for the FSM Law Enforcement agencies, the repair of Pohnpei State police vehicles, new police uniforms and equipment for the Pohnpei State Police and funding of the ADSL line for Pohnpei State and Chuuk State Police Departments for communicating with each other through the internet.

Chiefs of Police brought up resolutions that need to be considered and addressed with vision and under a prioritized system:

- Chief Takasy Reim and Director Kerson Rizal to progress the issue of armory and gun safes for each state. Chief Takasy Reim progress issues relating to Deportees and State allocations of Joint Law Enforcement Agreement (JLEA) with the National

AG and further that a timeline for resolution should be set.

- All FSM Chiefs of Police to recognize the dedication of staff, supporters and sponsors of the recent Training Academy.
- The centralized training facility to be established for FSM at a national level and further that Chief Reim follow up the funding submission to PPDP in 2011 and further that proposals are prepared to other donor avenues are explored relating to this matter.
- Requested the Chiefs of Police to consider establishment of a Crime Stoppers concept throughout the FSM
- That a request is made to Maritime Surveillance to assist each state in the protocols for emergency search & rescue so that it can be incorporated in to the State SOPs.
- Chiefs of Police agreed that the schedule amount of funding and the distribution formula for the JLEA funds to the States has not been reviewed since the creation and that Chiefs seeks consideration of increasing the amounts to States to address increases in cost in enforcement of laws. It is resolved that Chief Reim and Chief Roby to consult with PPDP representatives to progress a paper to National Secretary for Justice.
- In the views of all Chiefs of Police, the accommodation needs of the Chuuk Department of Public Safety must be addressed as a matter of priority with the construction of a facility which appropriately meets the standards which are internationally expected of a public safety and policing organization.
- That Chiefs of Police request that PPDP consider having a training expert conduct a Training Needs Analysis to identify the necessary skills to be developed in various personnel and then subsequently look at what training needs to be developed and delivered.

**U.S. Department of
Homeland Security
United States
Coast Guard**



Coast Guard Cutter Sequoia visits Pohnpei

1st of April

KOLONIA, Pohnpei- United States Coast Guard Cutter Sequoia made a port call to Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, on the morning of March 30 to conduct a joint law enforcement exchange with the Federated States of Micronesia National Maritime Police and to exercise the bilateral agreement for fisheries enforcement between the two sovereigns. Sequoia hosted a reception upon arrival and had the pleasure of welcoming a number of US and foreign dignitaries. The crew provided a traditional Chamorro meal for Ambassador Peter Prahar (U.S.A.), Ambassador Eichii Suzuki (Japan), and Ambassador Martin Quinn (Australia). In addition, Micronesian Lieutenant Governor Marcelo Peterson of Pohnpei State and his staff were onboard to see and interact with the ship and her crew.

The following day, Sequoia provided tours for over 300 students from Kolonia School, Awak School, Calvary Christian Academy, The College of Micronesia, and Ohmine Elementary School. Petty Officers Jared Barnes and Patrick Kimmel led the students through a bow-to-stern tour of Sequoia, highlighting her unique mission capabilities and her upcoming mission of humanitarian support to the outer atolls of Micronesia. The tours gave children a snapshot of a day in the life of a Coastguardsman and see the equipment used to maintain aids to navigation and enforce law on the high seas.

Sequoia, based on Guam, is manned by a crew of seven officers and 47 enlisted personnel. It is the 15th Juniper Class sea-going buoy tender and the 10th "B-Class" cutter built by Marinette Marine Corporation in Marinette, Wisc. Sequoia's primary missions are maintaining aids to navigation, search and



Petty Officer Third Class Patrick Kimmel, educating students of the College of Micronesia on working aids to navigation

rescue, law enforcement, marine environmental protection and homeland security. It is 225-foot long with twin diesel engine propulsion, bow and stern thrusters and advanced maneuverability capabilities that make it the worlds premier buoy-tending platform.



Students from Ohmine Elementary School cross the brow onto the SEQUOIA.



Petty officer 2nd Class Jared Barnes showing off the bridge to students of Ohmine Elementary



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Coast Guard Cutter Sequoia visits the Hall Islands



Hall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM):

On 05 and 06 April, US Coast Guard Cutter SEQUOIA and her crew of 54 visited the atolls of Chuuk State islands of Nomwin and Murilo. SEQUOIA completed a humanitarian mission of delivering supplies and providing training to the citizens living on the remote islands in the outer Carolines. SEQUOIA's crew offloaded medical and hygiene supplies from Project Handclasp, a US Navy program, in addition to supplies donated from the Ayuda Foundation, Oceania Community Health organization, and the U.S. Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society on Guam.

The several tons of Project Handclasp supplies included basic hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, and other sanitary supplies. The pallets also included first aid provisions, including bandages and gauze. The U.S. Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society on Naval Base Guam provided hundreds of additional necessities such as clothes, books, toys, and tools donated by military families serving in the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and Air Force.

In coordination with Ms. Carlotta Leon Guerrero, SEQUOIA was able to transport additional supplies provided by the Ayuda (Chamorro for "help") Foundation, a non-profit organization based in Guam which is dedicated to improving the quality of life on the remote islands in Micronesia. The Ayuda Foundation donated plastic barrels for fresh water catchment systems and school supplies. Containers for water catchment remain one of the most important items as oftentimes rain is the only supply of fresh water and it is hard to come by during the dry winter months. SEQUOIA pumped several hundred gallons of fresh water to the islands via the plastic barrels.

SEQUOIA's crew carried supplies to the local gathering place in each island where the mayor distributed amongst families. The Commanding Officer, LCDR Greg Somers, met with the local

leaders and described SEQUOIA's mission, striving to better understand their needs and looking ahead to future meetings. The crew was able to interact and meet with the island residents, providing a once-in-a-lifetime chance for cultural exchange; crewmembers were able to trade candy, knives, watches, sunglasses, and other luxuries for shells, handicrafts, and Japanese glass floats.



USCGC SEQUOIA delivering supplies to the people of Murilo Atoll.

common distress signals. They also distributed and explained standard Float Plans that contain critical voyage information to assist the US Coast Guard in the event of a missing boater. Petty Officer Cabrera detailed her reaction to the training by saying, "It was very rewarding to see the islanders truly understand the importance of SAR and the basic things they can do to help any SAR efforts like wear bright clothes and file a Float Plan with their island."

Petty Officer Jonathan Edwards, SEQUOIA's Independent Duty Health Services Technician, was able to administer basic first aid and provide direction on the medical and hygiene products delivered to the islands. Upon request, he trained residents in treating some common afflictions such as sunburn and heat exhaustion, in addition to completing a CPR demonstration.

SEQUOIA is continuing its humanitarian efforts and the next stop is Ulithi Atoll in Yap State, FSM. SEQUOIA will be delivering relief supplies similar to those provided to Nomwin and Murilo, in addition to offloading items used to complete construction of the island's clinic devastated by a typhoon.

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Petty Officers Patrick Kimmel (facing camera) and Clinton Amerman (facing away) assist in delivering supplies.



SEQUOIA's Cutter Boat Large (CBL) delivering Project Handclasp supplies to the Hall Islands (Photo courtesy of ET2 Scholl)

Australia's Governor General is here!

What's that?

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

April 3, 2012

Pohnpei, FSM—Residents of Pohnpei saw the motorcade that carried Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC CVO, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia and her entourage to her appointments, but not many of us completely understood the significance of the visit or what the Governor-General is.

“Whose body came into the airport last night?” asked one resident, accustomed to the arrivals of Pohnpeian soldiers who have died in action while serving in the U.S. military. When we answered that the Governor-General of Australia had arrived for a State visit he was completely baffled. “What’s that?” He asked.

The Governor-General is the Queen’s representative to the entire Commonwealth of Australia. She is essentially, Australia’s head of state.

The Governor-General’s role is described as being “both complex and demanding.” Though the Governor-General is charged with many ceremonial duties the position is not merely that of a figure head.

A summary of the duties of Australia’s Governor-General from which our summary is derived can be found at www.gg.gov.au.

According to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, “The executive power of the Commonwealth is vested in the Queen and is exercisable by the Governor-General as the Queen’s representative, and extends to the execution and maintenance of this Constitution, and of the laws of the Commonwealth.”

“When exercising the executive power of the Commonwealth, in accordance with long established constitutional practice, The Governor-General acts on the advice of Ministers who are responsible to the Parliament.”

In certain circumstances the Governor-General may exercise powers without or in opposition to ministerial advice. Those powers are known as reserve powers. Those powers are not codified but are generally agreed to at least include:

- The power to appoint a Prime Minister if an election has resulted in a ‘hung Parliament’;
- The power to dismiss a Prime Minister where he or she has lost the confidence of the Parliament;
- The power to dismiss a Prime Minister or Minister when he or she is acting unlawfully;
- The power to refuse to dissolve the House of Representatives despite a request from the Prime Minister.

She dissolves the Parliament and issues writs for new elections; commissions the Prime Minister and appoint other Ministers after elections; gives assent to laws when they have been passed by the two Houses of Parliament.

The Governor-General acts on the advice of Ministers through the Executive Council to issue regulations and proclamations under existing laws, to appoint Federal Judges; to appoint Ambassadors and High Commissioners to overseas countries, to appoint other senior Government officials; to issue Royal Commissions of Inquiry; and other matters, as required by particular legislation.

She authorizes many other executive decisions by Ministers such as approving treaties with foreign governments.

The Governor-General is also the Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Defence Force though in practice she acts only on the advice of the Ministers of Government. She appoints the Chief of the Defence Force and the Chiefs of the three Armed Services; and commissions officers in the Royal Australian Navy, the Australian Army and the Royal Australian Air Force.

Her function as the Commander-in-Chief of the Australian Defence Force is one of the three roles that she alone performs that differ from those of a State Governor. Additionally she receives the credentials of foreign Ambassadors and High Commissioners to accredit them to represent their countries in Australia.

She also serves as the Chancellor of the Order of Australia, Australia’s unique system of honors and awards.

The Governor-General is appointed by the Queen on the advice of the Prime Minister of Australia. She serves at “The Queen’s pleasure,” which means that a term is not specified but in practice there is an expectation that appointments will be for around five years.

Previous to her appointment as the 25th Governor-General of Australia on September 5, 2008, the first female to have occupied that position, Ms Bryce served a five year term as the Governor of Queensland.

Her accomplishments are simply too numerous to list. Even listing the initials for

her earned and honorary degrees would fill a long paragraph. The two sets of initials that accompany her name whenever her official title is listed are AC and CVO. Her contributions to advancing human right and equality, the rights of women and children and the welfare of the family were recognized when she was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia in 1988. In 2003 she was appointed as a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC). CVO means that Governor General Bryce is a member of The Royal Victorian Order – Commander, one British traditional award that continues to be available to Australians and that can be made following a Royal Visit to Australia or in acknowledgment of exceptional service to Vice Regal representatives.

Since being admitted to the Queensland Bar in 1965, Quentin Bryce has enjoyed a rich and distinguished career as an academic, lawyer, community, and human rights advocate, senior public officer, university college principal, and vice-regal representative in Queensland, and now for all of Australia.

“As a mother and grandmother, Ms Bryce is a role model and mentor to women at every stage of their lives. She values and encourages women’s capacity to form strong and enduring bonds of friendship, intellectual and emotional enrichment, and mutual support in their roles with the family, workplace and community,” her biographical summary says. (www.gg.gov.au)

Quentin Bryce is married to Michael Bryce whose own earned and honorary initials that should follow his name would also fill a good sized paragraph. Mr. Bryce is an architect and designer acknowledged in Australia and overseas for his distinguished work in graphic, urban, and environmental design.

Quentin and Michael Bryce were married in 1964. They have two daughters, three sons, and eight grandchildren.





Royal Australian Navy Marine Surveillance advisor, Lt. Commander Geoff Hart-Davies escorts the Commander in Chief of Australia's armed forces, Governor-General Quentin Bryce to a briefing on the FSM's marine surveillance unit. Australia's Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs, Richard Marles follows close behind.



FSM President Manny Mori and Her Excellency Ms. Quentin Bryce AC CVO, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia plant a tree outside of the Presidential quarters in Palikir, Pohnpei. Ms. Bryce said that she considers the coconut tree as a symbol of the Pacific way of life.

Australia supports disaster preparedness in the North Pacific

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

April 6, 2012

Pohnpei, FSM—The Australian Government timed the announcement of a \$3 million grant to the International Organization for Migration to coincide with the visit of Governor-General Quentin Bryce AC CVO of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Australian Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs, Mr. Richard

Marles made the announcement during a presentation at the Island Food Community of Pohnpei. He said that the \$3 million grant will be used to fund a project of IOM to teach children in 50 schools across the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands how to prepare and respond to natural disasters.

"This three year school-based program will directly benefit the communities in both countries," Secretary Marles said. It will help communities across both island nations to respond to droughts, typhoons and storm waves, and flooding and landslides.

A press release from the Australian Embassy to the FSM said that the program will help to develop sustainable adaptation and preparedness strategies, empower school and communities to independently cope with natural disasters and support Nation Government efforts in the implementation of national disaster risk reduction policies.



Australia's Governor-General Quentin Bryce and FSM President Manny Mori pause for a photo opportunity



Dr. Leah Briones AusAID Senior Program Director, Australian Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs, Mr. Richard Marles and IOM Chief of Mission for FSM and RMI, Ashley Carl.

"Australia is committed to work in partnership with the Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands to invest in the safe future of these vulnerable communities," the press release said.

"IOM will be the implementation partner and we will engage local stakeholders in various components of the program," said IOM Chief of Mission for FSM and RMI, Ashley Carl.



Australia's Governor General Quentin Bryce and Isaac V. Figir, Speaker of the 17th FSM Congress discuss local fruits before their meeting in the Speaker's office on April 3, 2012

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International Organization for Migration

The International Organization for Migration (IOM), through funding from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and in partnership with the Pohnpei State Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Pohnpei State Department of Education (DOE), have conducted fire drills at the six primary schools currently participating in the GEAR UP Program: Awak, Kolonia, Nett, Ohmine, Saladak, and Sekere Elementary Schools.

The fire response drill exercise has been divided into three phases: pre-evacuation, evacuation, and post-evacuation. During the pre-evacuation phase, IOM briefed principals and teachers, as well as, specially selected 8th grade students, who had successfully completed the disaster risk reduction education program with IOM. The 8th grade students serve as teachers' aides. During the briefing IOM provided evacuation checklists, explained the responsibilities of the teachers during and after the drill and appointed the teachers' aides to their respective classes.

During the evacuation phase, an alarm was sounded, through the continuous ringing of the school bell (accompanied by a megaphone siren for up to 15 seconds). An announcement was made through the megaphone: "FIRE" and "Evacuate to Rally Point". The announcements were repeated three times to ensure that message was well received. Once this was accomplished, an IOM staff member contacted the Department of Public Safety for assistance.

The post-evacuation phase consists of relocating the students, teachers, aides and any visitors to a pre-determined Rally Point. Teachers were required to conduct headcounts of students and report to principals immediately. Once the principals had transmitted this information to the DPS; an "all clear" signal was sounded. All buildings had to be cleared of students, teachers and other persons prior to the signal being given.

To provide an additional challenge and to add to the excitement of the event, IOM asked one or two students to hide during each exercise to ensure that teachers properly accounted for their students. In all cases, the teachers and principals performed their functions well and all missing students were accounted for. This subsequently allowed the DPS officials to provide an "All Clear".

Before returning students to their classrooms, after the drills, IOM and DPS official, Mr Rick Herman, took advantage of the captive audience to provide instructions on the basic steps when someone catches on fire. The steps : Stop, Drop, and Roll were explained and demonstrated by the IOM staff and Mr Herman. The audience enjoyed the informative yet very entertaining demonstration. Representing the DOE, Health Specialist Ms Rihna Jimmy observed and assisted in the evaluation of the drills as well as Chief of Elementary, Mr Pete Panuelo.

Following this exercise, DPS conducted an assessment at most schools to determine the functionality of the fire hydrants and accessibility of emergency vehicles to schools grounds. The evacuation drills have contributed to the completion of the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for emergency evacuations and emergency management for several schools in Pohnpei. The Pohnpei DOE has invited IOM to assist in conducting a training for all principals of Pohnpei Elementary Schools in the coming week. IOM accepted the invitation to assist in making Pohnpei's schools safer!



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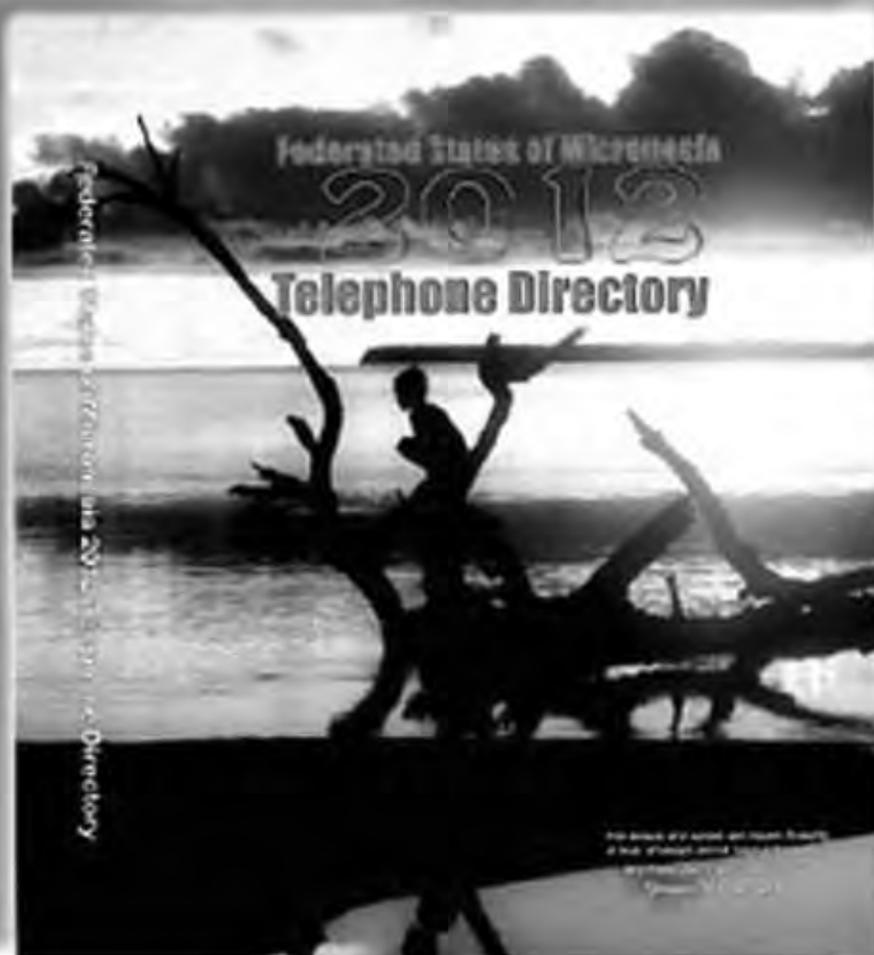
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FSM submits independent report on first five years of Amended Compact to US Congress

FSM Office of SBOC

March 15, 2012

Palikir, Pohnpei-After an overly extended course of exchanges between key officials from the FSM and US Governments, the FSM National Government has finally submitted a report on the first five years of the Amended Compact to the United States Congress.

Section 104(h)(2) of the Amended Compact mandates a comprehensive review every five years on the progress of the treaty. The reviews are meant to assess the overall effectiveness of US assistance and its use by the FSM in advancing toward the goal of increased self-reliance by the expiration date of US financial assistance in 2023. The initial review covers the period from 2004 through 2008 and was due at the end of December 2009.

In light of this mandate, the Mori Administration established the Compact Review Committee by Presidential Order in 2007, with the primary tasks of: a) assessing the FSM's progress in meeting its development objectives under the Amended Compact; and b) compiling a list of comments and recommendations to

be made by the FSM to the US Executive Branch on its mandated review of the Amended Compact and eventual report to the US Congress. The CRC assumed the additional task of developing the FSM's own report of the first five years of the Amended Compact.

The FSM's Independent Report was submitted to Chairmen Jeff Bingaman of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee and Doc Hastings of the House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee, who have oversight responsibilities on insular affairs. In President Mori's letter to the Chairmen, he noted that while the Amended Compact delineates that the FSM would be given the opportunity to comment on the US Report, it is not required itself to provide a report. Nonetheless, an FSM Independent Report is being shared to provide a more comprehensive, internal perspective on implementation of the Amended Compact. An indication was also made that the FSM fully intends to provide comments on the US Administration's Report once it is received.

The Kaselehlie Press would like to apologize for an error we made in the last issue of the newspaper. Mr. Akillino H. Susaia has informed us that he wrote his "Letter to the Editor" as a private citizen and not in his capacity as the FSM Ambassador to the People's Republic of China. We inserted his title on our own initiative and then compounded that error by leaving an important word out of his title. As editor of the newspaper I sincerely apologize for any harm that may have arisen as a result of my own personal error.
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<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</u>	
Cash and due from banks	\$ 40,902	Liabilities:	
Federal funds sold	5,000	Deposits:	
Interest bearing deposits in banks	85,057	Non-interest bearing	\$ 280,042
Total cash and cash equivalents	130,959	Interest bearing	758,297
Restricted cash	150	Total deposits	1,038,339
Investment securities available for sale	171,886	Accrued interest payable	164
Investment securities held to maturity	47,467	Federal funds purchased	-
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	2,198	Borrowings	10,200
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	728,198	Other liabilities	2,225
Accrued interest receivable	3,418	Total Liabilities	1,050,928
Premises and equipment, net	18,103	Commitments and contingencies	-
Goodwill	783	Stockholders' Equity:	
Other assets	36,802	Common stock	1,835
Total Assets	1,139,964	Additional paid-in capital	15,284
		Retained earnings	71,861
		Accumulated other comprehensive loss	346
		Common stock in treasury, at cost	(290)
		Total Stockholders' Equity	89,036
		Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,139,964

BANK OF GUAM FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA BRANCH STATEMENT OF CONDITION At December 31, 2011 / (\$ in thousands)

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,088	Deposits:	
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	16,151	Non-interest bearing	\$ 23,236
Accrued interest receivable	48	Interest bearing	78,743
Premises and equipment, net	963	Total deposits	101,979
Other assets	3	Accrued interest payable	17
Due from Headquarters	83,931	Other liabilities	188
Total assets	\$ 102,184	Commitments	-
		Total liabilities	\$ 102,184

STATEMENT OF INCOME Year ended December 31, 2011 / (\$ in thousands)

Interest income:		
Loans		\$ 1,394
From related parties		171
Total interest income		1,566
Interest expense:		
Savings deposits		520
Time deposits		47
Total interest expense		567
Net interest income		999
Provision for loan losses		48
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		951
Non-interest income		
Service charges and fees		400
Other income		323
Total non-interest income		723
Non-interest expense:		
Salaries and employee benefits		787
Occupancy		344
Furniture and equipment		155
General, administrative and other		751
Total non-interest expenses		2,037
Net income (loss)		\$ (363)

President Mori submits the FY2013 Comprehensive Budget Request to Congress

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei - In line with constitutional and statutory requirements, on Sunday, April 1, 2012 President Manny Mori transmitted to Congress the FY2013 Budget Request. In his transmittal letter to Speaker Isaac V. Figir, President Mori stressed his concerns over the nation's progress in preparing itself for the annual decrements in the Amended Compact funding and the longer-term challenge of preparing itself for 2023 when Compact grants are scheduled to expire. He noted that the FY2013 Budget is critical as it can set the stage for moving toward 2023.

The total revenue from all fund sources for FY2013 is projected to be \$57,079,288, of which 75.4% (or \$43,054,800) is from local revenues including tax and non-tax revenue, 16.3% (or \$9,318,401) is from Compact Sector and SEG grants, and 8.2% (or \$4,706,087) is from US Federal Programs and other grants.

Even though the Federal Programs and other grants revenue projections and corresponding budgeted spending is included as part of the comprehensive budget request submitted by the President each year, Congress only appropriates the local revenues, Compact Sector and SEG portion of the budget.

Total revenue from all fund sources is projected to increase by a total of \$4,070,101 or by 7.7%; of this overall increase \$3,387,968 is from increase expected on our domestic revenue. President Mori expressed confidence in the level of local revenues projected in the FY2013 Budget, noting in his transmittal letter to Speaker Figir that information on our domestic

revenue from the Department of Finance and Administration, NORMA, Micronesian Registration Advisors, Inc. and other revenue sources provide basis for believing that the projected amount of a little over \$43 million is still on the conservative side.

As in the past, the President submitted a balanced budget that specifies how the entire amount identified in available revenues will be expended. Of the overall budget request of \$57,079,288, approximately 56% (\$32,122,788) is requested for government operations and the remaining 44% (\$24,956,500) for investment. President Mori noted in his budget transmittal that the larger portion of the projected increase in revenue is going to the investment side of the budget as a clear indication of his commitment to containing the budget for government operations. While there is a 7% increase in the operating budget, the investment budget is proposed to increase by 26.4% from FY2012 approved level.

The President also pointed out that part of the 7% increase in operation budget results from the shifting of a number of budget items that were previously included on the investment side of the budget to the operation side. These items include \$30,000 for Public Defender, \$750,000 for slippage of surveillance boats and fuel subsidy under the Department of Justice and \$200,000 under the Department of Health and Social Affairs.

On the domestic revenue side of the budget, 55.5% (\$23,889,485) is requested for the operation side of the budget while 44.5% (\$19,165,315) is for investments. Compared to FY2012 budget levels, the domestic revenue budget for government operations is increased by 5.7% while the budget on investments has increased by 30.4%. President Mori and his key staff working in putting together the revenue projections are very confident that not only is the projected increase in revenue achievable, but that actual collection in the upcoming fiscal year can go beyond the projected amount.

President Mori also highlighted those funding requests that he considers critical in supporting business opportunities and long term growth:

- \$2 million plus request for set-aside in our two trust funds;
- \$1 million set-aside for FSM Development Bank to increase its capability to loan funds to businesses to support private sector growth;
- \$1.5 million to assist with the power emergency of Pohnpei State;
- Additional \$1 million in funding for outer island airport expansion;
- \$700,000 from local revenues to fund the amount that JEMCO is reducing in funding for the College of Micronesia-FSM operations.

Also part of the budget request is \$1.4 million to fund social and economic development projects. President Mori pointed out that public projects are a part of any government. However, he went on to advocate that allocation of government resources to fund public projects should be informed by advanced planning to ensure greater linkage to the Strategic Development Plan for the country and public hearing so as to improve the effectiveness of the projects. It is precisely for these reasons that the FY2013 Budget from the President has included the requested amount for projects to be considered as part of the budget process instead of past practice of considering project appropriations in isolation of the budget.

President Mori also requested Congress' support for funding requests in the budget to assist the State Governments including the following:

- Tax reform measures and funding request;
- Operation budget for field trip ship;
- Outer island airport expansion;
- Sekere bridge; and
- Local matching for FAA funded AIP projects.

President Mori indicated that he looks forward to working together with Congress to finalize the budget at least two weeks before the beginning of the fiscal year. FY2013 begins October 1, 2012.

National Infant Immunization Week

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This year Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) will be celebrating National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) as part of the first World Immunization Week (WIW), a WHO initiative. This initiative aims to join all six WHO regions, member states, territories and areas around the world to observe this very important event in a call to action to ensure that our infants are fully immunized.

During National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) and World Immunization Week (WIW), set for April 23-28, revitalization efforts will be made in the FSM states to increase and promote awareness on the importance of immunization.

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) and World Immunization Week (WIW) is an annual event that highlights the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases, celebrates the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities. Parents and caregivers need to know how their children can be protected against many childhood diseases. It is important to vaccinate children on time to provide the best protection early in life when babies are vulnerable and before they are likely to expose to diseases.

For more information regarding this upcoming event, please contact your respective state Division of Public Health, Immunization Program:

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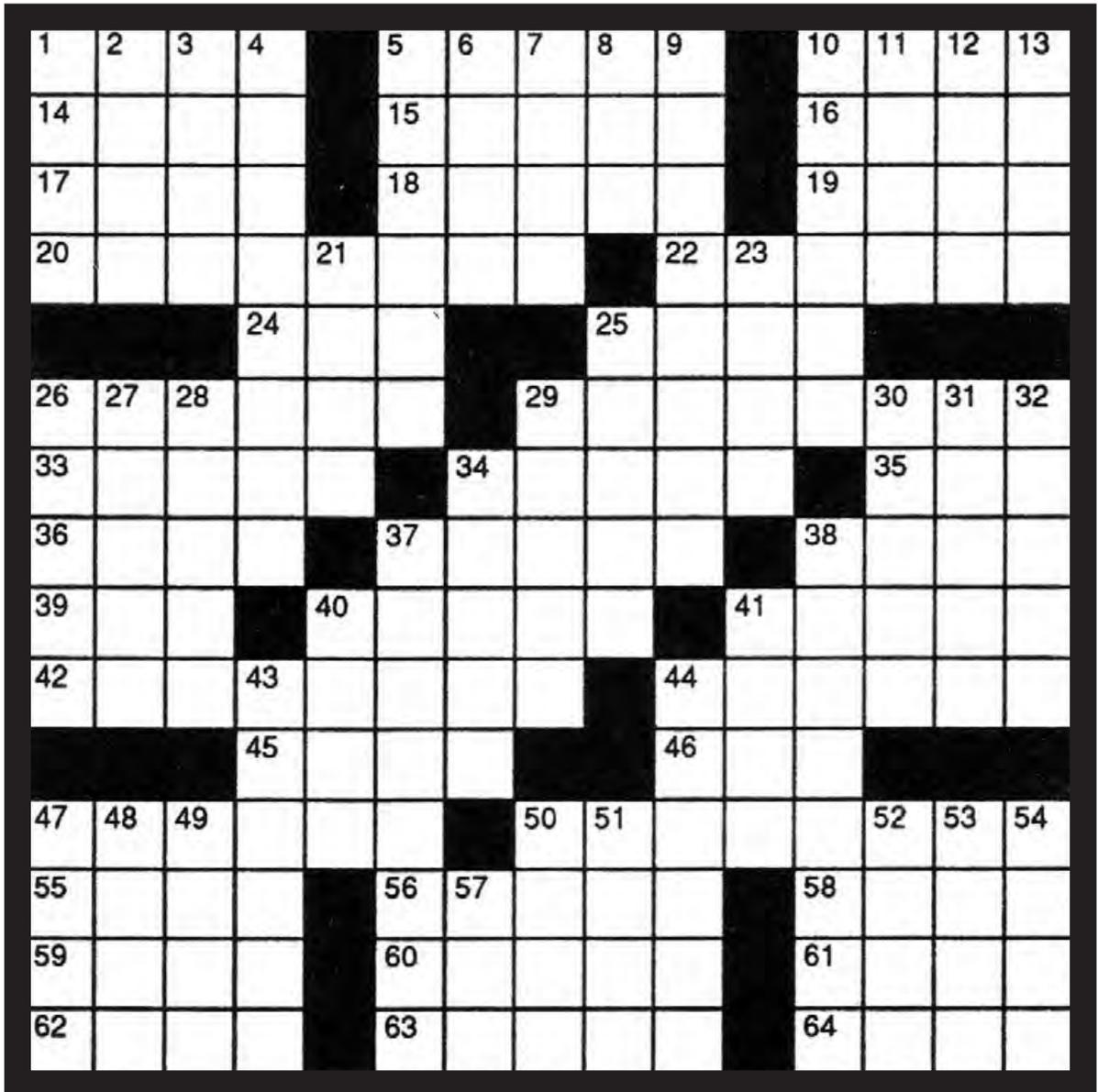
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- 1. Dull
- 5. Board game
- 10. Breton or Highland Scot
- 14. Underdone
- 15. Wading bird
- 16. Notion
- 17. Grows old
- 18. Rub out
- 19. Tidy
- 20. Exposes to atmosphere
- 22. Revises
- 24. Rowing device
- 25. Remove from liquid's top
- 26. Makes a monarch
- 29. Moved up and down
- 33. Pits
- 34. Equals
- 35. ___ carte (2 wds.)
- 36. Among
- 37. Assigns position to
- 38. Mix with spoon
- 39. Increase motor speed (colloq.)
- 40. ___ for oneself; manages alone
- 41. Stockholm native
- 42. Small spaces for climbing
- 44. Steeples
- 45. Operatic solo
- 46. Fedora or derby
- 47. Moving masses
- 50. Burned surface
- 55. Back
- 56. Loathed
- 58. Healthy
- 59. Sea eagle
- 60. Oxlike antelope
- 61. Wicked
- 62. College head
- 63. Short simple song
- 64. Close completely

DOWN

- 8. Distress signal
- 9. Tennis shoes
- 10. The movies (British)
- 11. Paradise
- 12. Heavy metal
- 13. Makes lace
- 21. ___ Christian Andersen
- 23. Fail to hit
- 25. Looks for
- 26. Map
- 27. "___ and Juliet"
- 28. ___ drab; camouflage color
- 29. Causes to go
- 30. Essential drink
- 31. Leave out
- 32. Challenges
- 34. Chinese bearlike animal
- 37. Enjoyed
- 38. Sticks for whipping
- 40. Shape
- 41. Box in exhibition
- 43. Become firm
- 44. Poorly done
- 47. Storage building
- 48. Telegram
- 49. "___ Karenina"
- 50. Law (abbr.)
- 51. Penny
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- 54. Small valley
- 57. Actress MacGraw



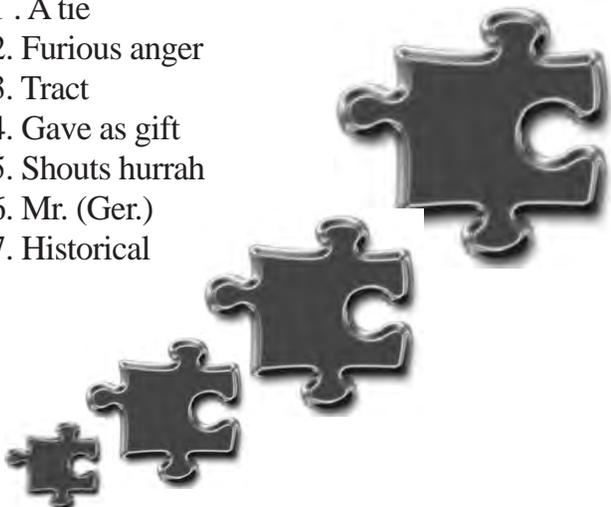
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Trust Fund Currently Not on Path to Replace Compact Sector Grant Assistance in 2024

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, FSM — On April 4, 2012, the FSM Office of SBOC submitted to the Executive and Legislative Branches of the FSM National Government the Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Report for the Compact Trust Fund, officially referred to as the “Trust Fund for the People of the Federated States of Micronesia.”

The FY2011 Annual Report highlights the following:

- The total Net Asset Value of the Fund increased 12% to \$198.4 million in FY11 from \$177.2 million in FY10. The increase was due mainly to increased contributions. The Fund experienced an investment loss of \$339,386 primarily due to declining international equity markets.
- A contribution of \$22.4 million was received from the United States for FY11. FY10 contributions amounted to \$21.5 million.
- Investment expenses were

substantially reduced by 31.3% to \$645,382 in FY11 from \$939,224 in FY10. The reduction is attributed to a new contract and fee structure with the newly contracted custodian and with the investment adviser in September 2010.

- Administrative expenses also decreased by 3.1% to \$147,921 in FY11 from \$152,679 in FY10. The decrease can be attributed to reduced legal, audit, and miscellaneous administrative fees.

In an official submission of the Annual Report to President Mori, SBOC Director Evelyn Adolph noted that while the Fund has realized some gains since the economic downturn in FY2008 and FY2009, most recent estimates project that the fund will significantly fall short of the required amount to provide a smooth transition from Compact sector grants in 2024.

The Trust Fund is meant to contribute to FSM's long-term economic development and budgetary self-reliance after 2023

when economic provisions of the Amended Compact are set to expire. Given the relatively underfunded condition of the Trust Fund, and in the hope of maximizing on the FSM's investment portfolio returns, the Trust Fund Committee has recently agreed to explore opportunities to attract additional contributors to the fund. The recently finalized Independent FSM Amended Compact Five Year Review Report has also identified several options with the aim of improving the performance of the fund and to ensure it meets its intended target in 2024.

The Trust Fund requires close oversight and management by a committee, which, under the terms of the Amended

Compact, is made up of five members -- three from the US Government and two from the FSM Government. The FSM's current members are Mr. Aren Palik, President and CEO of the Pacific Islands Development Bank in Guam and Mrs. Rose Nakanaga, Acting Secretary for the FSM Department of Finance & Administration, who serves as Interim Member.

For more information, please contact the Division of Compact Management at the FSM Office of Statistics, Budget and Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance & Compact Management (SBOC) at (691) 320-6260 or emailslowe@sboc.fm.

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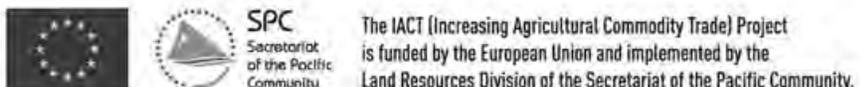
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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

IACT Project calls for Expressions of Interest

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Applicants must be based in the 15 Pacific members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (PACPs). The PACPs are Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

Deadline for applications is 4 pm, 20th April 2012 (Fiji time and date).

The Expressions of Interest documents (comprising of an invitation letter, guidelines and form) can be downloaded at the IACT Project website:

- 1 Go to www.spc.int/lrd
- 2 Click on Focus Areas
- 3 Then click on Increasing Agricultural Commodity Trade

K Press Perspective

Confessions of a “star struck” journalist

When representatives of the Australian Embassy to the FSM wrote and asked me if I would be willing to cover the historic visit to the FSM of Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC CVO, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, I had no idea of whom they were speaking or why her visit was important.

The same email informed me that Sean Dorney of the Australian Broadcasting Company would be accompanying her so I knew it had to be a big deal. Not many other journalists can lay claim to having been ejected from not one but two Pacific Island nations as a result of their journalistic efforts.

I was told that I must keep the planned visit to myself but since Dorney was in on the secret, I wrote to him and told him that I knew almost nothing about Australia’s government and especially the position of Governor-General. I told him that I felt as if I would be meeting some movie star of whom I’d never heard and with whom I should be impressed because of their stature as a “star”. He essentially told me that I would be impressed by her even if I didn’t know about her “star” stature.

Sean was “spot on”.

When Ms. Bryce stepped off the plane I thought to myself, “She looks exactly the way I expected the representative of the Queen to look.”

It was a superficial reaction and I knew it but I must admit I was “star-struck.” The sense of being “star struck” only got worse as I watched her that evening and into the middle of the next day.

That evening, at the FSM State reception at Cliff Rainbow, when presented with the coconut shell at the traditional and vitally important sakau ceremony she did not exclaim, “What is this slimy stuff?” Instead, guided by Augustine Kohler who helped her to understand what was happening during the ceremony, she took a sip of the ceremonial “kava” drink with eyes properly closed, and with nary a visible shudder.



Her speech at the reception covered many of the highlights of the relationship between Australia and the FSM. It was well presented as would be expected for a head of state. Most of the information was well known and I expected to hear it.

Even though I knew that there is much more to be done, I particularly liked Ms. Bryce’s praise of FSM’s initiatives to advance the cause of women in the Pacific, especially since she has been an advocate of women’s issues for many years.

Knowing that the global climate change problem has been a huge political challenge for the rest of the world’s governments, and that Australia’s government has not been exempt from those challenges, I was impressed that their head of state would make the following pronouncement. “Australia stands firm with you in meeting the

challenges of climate change.”

“The Pacific voice is a vital one,” she said, whilst standing at a podium amidst a crowd consisting mostly of Pacific Islanders.

“It makes an enormous difference to see things for myself, to listen, to learn from the people I meet. I am enriched by my experiences with you and I look forward to sharing them in conversation with my fellow Australians,” she said.

As she spoke those words I imagined the levels of those important conversations and watched the remainder of her visit to see what connections she would make that would guide her observations.

I was not at all privy to the conversations between Ms Bryce and President Mori, nor was I privy to the conversations amongst Ms Bryce, Speaker Figir, Vice Speaker Martin, Floor Leader Harper and other members of the FSM Congress during her visit to the Speaker’s office.

I do not own the hubris to speculate on the content of those visits.

I really only began to get a real sense of the importance of Governor-General Bryce’s visit to



the FSM at the moment that she bent down to the level of President Mori’s grand daughter and had a one-on-one conversation with that shy little girl; not a fake conversation but a real one. I could see the connection between the two. That sort of connection seemed to be the real importance of the trip.

Ms. Bryce didn’t allow herself to be separated from the people by security personnel as I have seen some other heads of state do. As one of many examples, upon her arrival at the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) she spotted a woman and child squatting together under a tree, separated from the rest of the crowd. Ms. Bryce made a bee-line straight for the pair and bent down to shake hands and to share a few words; to make a person to person, completely apolitical connection.



She listened earnestly and with obvious concern while Emihner Johnson, IFCP Acting Director, presented the very human problem of rampant non-communicable diseases as the reason for the existence of the Island Food Community of Pohnpei; a mission that has extended well beyond Pohnpei’s borders.

Ms. Bryce could not hide the joy on her face as children from Calvary Christian Academy presented the widely touted CHEEF benefits of local foods in rehearsed song and speeches.

When Susanna Sohs, President of the Pohnpei Women’s Advisory Council took the Governor General’s offered hand and kissed it, Ms. Bryce did not seem at all taken aback. Instead, she returned the kiss to the merriment of the women who gathered to meet her. Upon witnessing the exchange the women cackled hysterically en masse.

Ms. Bryce posed with groups of school children, tousled their hair and bent down to their level to talk with them. How many other large-country heads of state do such things without very careful pre-arrangement?

On my way to be in place before Ms. Bryce, in her function as the Commander-in-Chief of Australian armed forces arrived to inspect the FSM Patrol boats that Australia donated to the FSM, I passed a long line of students standing on the street. They were waving small FSM and Australian flags as they waited for the Governor General to pass the spot where they were standing.



I’m told that when she did, she opened the car window so that she could wave back. But despite her tight schedule, merely waving was not enough for her. She instructed the driver to stop and then got out of the car to meet as many of those students as she could.

Again, how many large-country heads of State do those kinds of things without careful pre-arranged security? I was sorry to have missed that street side photographic opportunity.

In my opinion, if Australia wanted to show that the Commonwealth considers the Pacific region to be important as it says it does, it could not have sent a kinder, gentler, more energetic, more human, and thus, more important representative than its Governor-General, Ms. Quentin Bryce, AC CVO.

While unnecessarily excusing the enthusiasm of the IFCP crowd during her visit there, Master of Ceremonies, Moses Pretrick said, “This is a really big deal for us.”

I couldn’t have said it better if I’d tried.

Good on ya, Australia! You sent several of your best, led by one of your best. You took the time when you didn’t absolutely have to take the time, not just to meet the top elected officials of the National Government of the FSM, but to make important street level connections with the people of the FSM who matter the very most; its men, women, and children.

Now that we know each other I can’t imagine your visit will soon be forgotten.

Bill Jaynes
Managing Editor

Yap Legislature Receives Petition on ETG Proposal

FSM Information Services

The 8th Legislature of the State of Yap, on April 3rd, 2012, received a petition of over 1500 signatures of Yapese citizens, residents and interested parties expressing concerns regarding the development and investments being proposed by the Chinese Exhibition and Travel Group (ETG) for the State of Yap. It has been numbered as Miscellaneous Communication No. 8-126 and assigned to the Committee of the Whole.

In its English translation, the petition states:

“We, the undersigned:

- As residents of the State of Yap, are aware of the many economic problems facing this State and the country; and
- Are also aware that there are potential economic development and investments being proposed by the Chinese Exhibition and Travel Group (ETG) for the State of Yap; and
- Are concerned as to the full impact of such proposals on our people, traditions, culture, land, ocean, and identity; and
- Are concerned and committed to the welfare of our people, communities and islands and we recognize the importance of all our people being

fully informed and provided an opportunity to participate and submit their views in any and all discussions on the investment issue;

Therefore, we the undersigned:

- Are hereby requesting the Government and the Leadership of the State of Yap, to fully inform, educate and disseminate to the general populace relevant information regarding the components, impact, and status of the proposed ETG investment in various mediums and forums;
- That such mediums and forums be conducted thoroughly both in town and in all outlying villages and islands in a regular and frequent manner;
- And that no further agreement and promises, both written and oral, be made by the Government and the Leadership of Yap, on said proposal by ETG until such time that the people of Yap have duly expressed their free will on the said proposal in a plebiscite to be funded by the Government of Yap.”

The petition is addressed to Speaker Henry Falan and according to the communication, copies were also made available to the Office of the Governor, Council of Pilung and the Council of Tamol by the petitioners.

Examination Announcement

GOVERNMENT OF KOSRAE
Office of Personnel and Employment Services
Post Office Bo- AD - Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia 96944
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Opening Date - 3-26-12

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POSITION AND SALARY:

Civil Engineer PL-Ungraded Depending Upon Qualification

LOCATION:

Department of Transportation & Infrastructure, Kosrae

DUTIES:

Review specifications and tender documents; assist in the evaluation of bids and recommendation of contract awards; perform structural designs and computations; review project submittals and field changes; evaluate project change orders and contract modifications; attend pre-bid and pre-construction conferences; assist in construction management of CIP and foreign assisted projects; prepare cost estimates for state government projects; operate computer aided design system(AUTO CAP); perform survey works and data computation; conduct structural investigation and analysis of existing structure; review invoices, design plans and specifications for CIP projects; provide technical assistance to all executive branches of Kosrae State Government; perform other related functions and duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Graduation from an accredited college or university with a degree of Bachelor or Science in Civil; Registered Civil Engineer; At least 5 years experience in. field of Civil Engineer.

HOW TO APPLY:

Application forms can be obtained from the Division of Personnel, Tofol, Kosrae.

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- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Kia's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Public Welcome.
- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-2182.
- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
- Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the High Tides Restaurant. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at: rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com
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OIA supports Guam Department of Corrections

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas

Washington, D.C. - The Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, Tony Babauta, has authorized \$3.5 million in Compact Impact grant funding to support the Guam Department of Corrections' (DOC) efforts to offset the cost of providing inmate housing to Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants.

"I am pleased to be assisting the Department of Corrections in supplementing their existing budget. The Calvo Administration, as well as members of the Guam Legislature, have raised the challenges confronting the Department, given the facility's population of freely associated state citizens. This issue was also reiterated by Congresswoman Bordallo during the Pacific Island Leaders Addressing Compact Impact (PILACI) meeting held last month on Guam. I am grateful to Governor Calvo for working with me to prioritize available and limited Compact Impact funding to address the operational needs of Government of Guam departments most affected by migration from the Freely Associated States (FAS). The PILACI meeting helped to underscore the difficulties of Guam and Hawaii to accommodate migrating FAS citizens and the joint efforts which need to be undertaken by FAS leaders, the affected U.S. jurisdictions, and the U.S. government to address this regional concern," said Babauta.

Funding will assist the DOC in defraying costs of providing inmate housing, medical treatment, daily meals and transportation to and from medical appointments and court hearings.

Job Vacancy at Pohnpei Catholic School

Opening date: April 12, 2012
Closing date: May 12, 2012

Employer:

Pohnpei Catholic School

Position:

School accountant

Salary:

\$800.00 monthly

QUALIFICATIONS AND WORK EXPERIENCE:

Must have BS in accounting OR business administration with concentration in accounting
Must have 2 years of experience
CPA preferred
Catholics preferred
Character references required
Applications can be picked up at PCS office.

PCS is an equal opportunity employer.

IFCP is honored to welcome Her Excellency Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

By Chizuru Seki (JICA)
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) was chosen to be the Non Governmental Organization to welcome Her Excellency Ms. Quentin Bryce, Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia during her first ever visit to Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

Her Excellency and her delegation arrived at IFCP training center in the Botanical Garden, Kolonia at just past 10:30 am on Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

After Her Excellency and her delegation were welcomed by the Honorable Pohnpei State Governor John Ehsa and the Honorable Peter Lohn, Speaker of the Pohnpei State Legislature, Vice Chairman of IFCP Board, Mr. Moses Pretrick began the program with the opening prayer by Mr. Gibson Santos.

In the beginning of the program, the IFCP "Red Pen message" was given to Her Excellency by Mrs. Emihner Johnson, Acting Executive Director of IFCP.

The red color of the pen is an alarm signal to Pohnpei. Now, one in three adults in Pohnpei is diabetic. However, right after World War II when many people lived on local foods, no diabetes was recorded in a United States Navy study. The slogan "Let's go local," which is IFCP's solution to the health crisis, is a special message for us to not heavily depend on imported foods and start planting, growing, harvesting, cooking and eating our very own local foods, which are rich in vitamins, minerals, fiber, and other substances that help us stay healthy.

Following the red pen message, other benefits of "Going Local" -CHEEF (Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food Security) benefits- were presented by 7th graders of Calvary Christian Academy (CCA) which was the Youth to Youth program partner of IFCP last school year. CCA also gave a gift and

took a picture with Her Excellency.

Before she went on the tour of the work of IFCP, Her Excellency expressed her gratitude to the crowd.

Her Excellency was escorted by Mrs. Johnson and visited each table which displayed the work of IFCP.

The tour started with the Agroforestry and Health Improvement Project. Mrs. Johnson explained the project and showed Her Excellency the baseline and evaluation surveys which were conducted in six target communities in Pohnpei and a community from each of the other three states of the FSM. Next to the Agroforestry project, posters of the Banana/Pandanus Characterization project were displayed. Each poster highlighted six banana cultivars and three pandanus cultivars, comparing different parts of each plant. These posters explain how unique each cultivar is and help people to identify banana and pandanus cultivars.

At the community outreach table, the Pohnpei Women Advisory Council greeted Her Excellency with local handmade crafts, baskets and a skirt. Her Excellency seemed to be very pleased with a local skirt. A food sun dryer and energy efficient charcoal oven were also exhibited at this table. These items have been demonstrated among women's groups as a means of extending "Go Local" awareness.

At the school outreach table, Mrs. Johnson explained about the IFCP school visits (conducting educational awareness to 6th graders of twelve selected schools in Pohnpei) as well as other projects: Go Local! Go Math! (targeting 4th graders of Ohmine Elementary School) and a CHEEF Story Book for Early Childhood Education (ECE). Her Excellency paid specific interest toward taro flour which was made from giant swamp taro. Giant swamp taro flour is made by drying grated taro and can be used for banana bread or other baking products as a substitution for white flour.

New IFCP awareness material, a foldable fan, was demonstrated to Her Excellency at the awareness material table. In addition to a foldable fan, many other IFCP awareness materials were exhibited: IFCP Red pen, yellow/orange pencils, IFCP 2012 Calendar, Karat/Brest is Best stickers, local food posters, postcards, banana postal stamps, Let's Go Local T shirt and publications (Books and newspaper articles).

Students of Saint Paul Elementary School and members of the International Organization of Migration (IOM) met Her Excellency at the table for Government Involvement/Partner Agencies and International Attention. Saint Paul Elementary School is a target school for a new IFCP project called the Healthy Lifestyle Project supported by Division of Public health of Pohnpei Department of Health Services.

Before she left the IFCP training center, one of the IFCP board members, Mrs. Penny Weilbacher, expressed appreciation to her Excellency for the generous support that has been given to IFCP by the Australian Government. She also presented her with a local handmade gift.

IFCP would like to thank the Australian Embassy for this honorable opportunity to present the work of IFCP to Her Excellency, Ms. Quentin Bryce, Governor General of the Commonwealth of Australia, in addition to all the support the Australian Embassy has given to IFCP.

Special thanks are given to Pohnpei Agriculture, Pohnpei Women Advisory Council, NRCS, students, teachers and principals from CCA, Pohnpei Catholic School and Saint Paul Elementary School, the principal of Ohmine Elementary School, Japan Oversea Cooperation Volunteers, ECE, IOM, IFCP Board Members, and people of Pohnpei for their support.



Mrs. Johnson explained the work of IFCP to Her Excellency

IFCP red pen message was given to Her Excellency



Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia

Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia Statements of Condition December 31, 2011 and 2010

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Cash and due from banks	\$2,933,668	\$3,613,181
Federal Funds Sold	2,520,000	1,935,000
Interest-bearing deposits in banks	17,904,729	15,801,747
Cash and cash equivalents	23,358,397	21,349,928
Interest bearing deposits in banks	7,009,000	7,356,000
Short-term investment in money market funds	19,878	861,183
Securities available for sale	16,798,653	19,485,414
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	38,094,494	39,828,077
Accrued Interest receivable	336,087	454,914
Premises and equipment, net	2,834,787	2,942,060
Prepaid expenses and other assets	580,442	585,833
	<u>89,031,738</u>	<u>92,863,409</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u>		
Liabilities:		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing	\$21,661,463	\$21,429,163
Interest-bearing	48,704,127	53,344,289
Total deposits	70,365,590	74,773,452
Accrued interest payable	35,381	39,327
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	490,715	668,944
Total liabilities	70,891,686	75,481,723
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$5 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized; 934,348 shares issued and outstanding	4,671,740	4,671,740
Additional paid-in capital	4,663,576	4,663,576
Retained earnings	8,195,528	7,345,779
Accumulated other comprehensive income	609,208	700,591
Total stockholders' equity	18,140,052	17,381,686
	<u>\$89,031,738</u>	<u>\$92,863,409</u>

Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia Statements of Income Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Interest income:		
Loans	\$4,391,839	\$4,329,894
Investment securities and due from banks	730,964	932,554
Federal funds sold	4,090	2,936
Total interest income	5,126,893	5,265,384
Interest expense:		
Time deposits, \$100,000 and over	136,990	207,980
Savings	118,833	180,763
Other time deposits	46,926	57,901
Total interest expense	302,749	446,644
Net interest income	4,824,144	4,818,740
Provision for loan losses	60,000	90,000
Net Interest Income, after loan losses	4,764,144	4,728,740
Non-interest income:		
Loan fee income	229,993	245,644
Service charges on deposit accounts	221,825	198,770
Other	299,340	275,000
Total Non-interest Income	751,158	719,414
Non-interest expense:		
Salaries and wages	1,536,930	1,553,916
Occupancy	353,163	341,992
Employee benefits	282,634	293,239
Furniture and equipment	248,449	208,462
Professional fees	239,677	239,341
Data processing	224,057	216,931
Telephone	192,736	176,740
Correspondent bank fees	149,827	148,955
Gross Receipts and use taxes	137,857	146,286
Stationary and supplies	107,612	97,368
Travel	102,528	155,763
FDIC deposit insurance	87,004	93,064
Director and shareholder	74,224	57,220
Insurance	68,752	55,956
Credit and collection	29,253	28,306
Business development	23,850	18,240
Postage	17,984	20,114
Teller and operating losses	5,779	29,899
Miscellaneous	35,759	64,116
Total Non-Interest Expense	3,918,075	3,945,908
Net Income	\$ 1,597,227	\$ 1,502,246
Earnings per share	\$ 1.71	\$ 1.61

