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PALM 6
(Pacific Island Leaders Meeting)
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Leaders discussed ways to enhance cooperation with particular focus on the following five areas:

- 1) response to natural disasters;
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- 4) people-to-people exchanges; and
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Japan has had a long engagement with Pacific Island Forum member countries and has held multilateral meetings with FICs since 1997 with a PALM held once every three years.

United States invited to PALM for the first time

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Australian Embassy partners with Paradise Music Festival for Reconciliation



Local performers of music and dance entertained more than 600 people in Pohnpei on Saturday, June 2. While the break dance competition gathered the most crowd noise, one ten year old vocalist who sang only one song in the late afternoon, stole the hearts of the people who were lucky enough to hear her sing.

Levita Benian's future is so bright she should be wearing shades! But there's much more to this story...

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ANNOUNCING

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs, Dr. Vita A. Skilling announces the availability of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment grants for the total up to \$588,645.09 for a one year period starting October 1, 2012. The department expects to provide up to 10 grants of up to \$135,000.00 per grantee, the amount may vary, depending on the availability of funds.

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Lunch for the "less fortunate" and food issues in Pohnpei

By *Emily Maretsky*
The Kaselehlie Press

On Wednesdays in Ohmine, Pastor Tuiono Tuitaru and a handful of volunteers from the Christian Mission Fellowship haul a cauldron of homemade soup out in front of the church and prepare the day's lunch for those in need in their neighborhood. By noon time, the soup cups and bread are out on the table and a group, mainly children in their school uniform shirts, gathers to get some hot lunch.

The CMF church's free lunch program has only been running for four months, yet it's already been drawing a crowd. The weekly soup kitchen is the only one of its kind in Pohnpei, but despite its altruistic intentions, it has drawn controversy over whether hunger issues exist in Pohnpei.

The CMF church, largely run by Fijians, has been open in Ohmine for four years and has run a number of outreach projects in the community. "We know the neighborhood, we know that there are many less fortunate," Tuitaru said. He explained that he just had a sense that people in the community were hungry and that he had conversations with local residents about their struggles with getting food on the table.

However, on an island with seemingly endless breadfruit and banana trees, there are some in the neighborhood who disagree about whether hunger is an actual problem in the community.

"At first, there was a lot of negative response... many said, 'This is the first time we heard there are homeless or hungry people on Pohnpei,'" Tuitaru said. "A [government official] said, 'Don't put 'less fortunate,' just say 'open to everyone,'" referring to the sign for the lunch.

The casual observer to the Wednesday lunch scene would be struck by the number of schoolchildren who come by for a cup of soup. "We didn't expect so many from Ohmine Elementary and from the Catholic school to come," Tuitaru said.



Ohmine Elementary School, which is about two blocks down the road from the CMF church, does not serve school lunch and expects that students return home for lunch or have parents drop off lunch for their children. According to members of the CMF church, children come for lunch because they either live too far away from school to go home for lunch or do not have food at home to eat.

However, the Vice Principal of Ohmine Elementary, Rosalina Sienes, said that students are just being naughty and taking advantage of the free lunch nearby and are not an example of hunger in the community. She explained that the school does not serve lunch because there is no cafeteria.

"The students [at Ohmine Elementary] aren't less fortunate," Sienes said. "The teachers hear students say, 'Let's go and have free lunch' and we have to explain to them that here, we're not like the U.S. with starving children."

Sienes explained that most students just go home to eat, have parents drop off lunch, or bring money to buy food at one of the vendors on campus. "Some [students] don't have lunch, but they usually share... even teachers share," she said, emphasizing that no one goes hungry.

From the crowd that has gathered at the church on recent Wednesdays, it has been hard to tell whether those stopping by for lunch are truly in need or just enjoying a free meal.

It may be hard to tell if there are hunger problems in the community because, according to Elizabeth Osy, one of the CMF

church's lunch program coordinators, people don't want to admit to struggling to feed their families. "It's part of the pride we have in Pohnpei - it shows shame if you get hungry," she said. "People approach [the church] and ask for food, for a bag of rice or breadfruit, but they're not begging."

Additionally, she said that leaders don't want to acknowledge that there are "less fortunate" people in their communities. "It's pride and ignorance, leaders are rich people who don't understand... They don't want to see it but it's happening," Osy said.

In Ohmine, she said, a large part of the problem is that many outer islanders move into the already crowded neighborhood, and there just isn't enough land to adequately plant food.

Kolonia senator, Fernando Scaliem, who also resides in Ohmine, had not heard of the CMF church or lunch program before. He has not seen or heard of hunger issues in his community. "When I campaign, people don't ask for money or food, they ask for sakau - it's not a necessity," he said.

Although he acknowledges the outer island migration into the neighborhood, he said that hunger has not been an issue because most who move into the community, move in with already-established families. "Here, we're always sharing," he said, referring to Pohnpeian's responsibility of taking care of family and each other.

Soup kitchen-style outreach is more common in Fiji. "Maybe Fijians are not used to our system, no Pohnpeians go homeless or hungry

unless they're lazy or mentally ill," he said.

Scaliem added that he would be open to speaking with parents in the neighborhood to see if they were struggling to feed their families, but otherwise believes that the church is simply doing something nice for the children in school nearby.

Mereseini Seniloli, who works in the Sustainable Agriculture department of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and is also a member of the CMF church, handles food security issues on island regularly.

Seniloli says that while hunger problems in communities on Pohnpei can arise from migration from the outer islands exhausting resources in overcrowded areas, most has to do with an overreliance on imported foods and under-utilization of local food and resources.

"Pohnpei is well-resourced in foods like breadfruit, pandanus, papaya. The resources are there, we just need to meet peoples' needs... Families are not utilizing their resources and there's too much imported food," Seniloli said.

Seniloli said that the agriculture department provides training to Pohnpeians to increase local agricultural production and evaluate nutrition, but that the church addresses people's immediate, basic needs first. "If someone is dying of hunger, how can they listen?" she said. "The CMF is for feeding people who are asking for food on the street."

She also believes that hunger issues deserve more attention from local government, and that the problem is more widespread than just Ohmine. "Once the need is highlighted, there can be more help," she said.

In the meantime, the Christian Mission Fellowship plans on continuing and expanding their lunch program in the coming months. "Long term, we want to change the menu, pray for donors, and have [lunch] maybe two days a week, and one day, even every day," said Tuitaru. "We just hope to keep spreading God's word."

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Nevermind the “harmful rumors,” Iwaki, Fukushima is *OPEN* for business

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

May 22, 2012

Iwaki City, Fukushima, Japan—Colorless, odorless, intangible, and almost impossible to contain; “harmful rumors,” as Iwaki City Mayor Takao Watanabe calls them, clamped the city shut from outside relief for many days after the triple threat tragedies of March 11, 2011.

Iwaki was essentially cut off from the outside world after international journalists including Al Jazeera announced to the world that the nuclear accident at the Daiichi Fukushima Power Plant was equal to, or greater than the Chernobyl meltdown that happened in 1986. After those media reports, very few in Japan were willing to deliver products and services to Iwaki City, over 50 kilometers away from the damaged power plant.

More than a year later, health and nuclear experts still argue about the severity of the radiation released by the nuclear reactors at the Daiichi Fukushima plant. From news story to news story, supporting radiation statistics vary depending on the angle of the publication. Some of the numbers are obviously “spun” in a positive or a negative direction that they insult the intelligence of the reader. Apparently picking the accurate information is difficult to do even for “the experts.”

As a result, many consumers both inside and outside of Japan have adhered to the adage, “When in doubt, leave it out.” Rightly or wrongly, the economy of Iwaki has suffered through no fault of its own.

“The prevention of goods distribution due to damage to infrastructure and harmful rumors with nuclear power station accidents caused tremendous difficulties in citizens’ lives. We had to wait in a long line to purchase daily necessities and petrol,” said an Iwaki City publication entitled ‘One Year from the Great East Japan Earthquake: Documentary Record of Iwaki City’.

The report showed photos of nearly empty shelves in Iwaki stores and long queues of citizens waiting to buy what little remained in the stores that could be bought in order to feed their families. Ultimately getting supplies into Iwaki required the intervention of the central government and then only after Mayor Watanabe pleaded with them.

The Iwaki City government hosted “All Nippon Caravan” events in over 50 venues starting with events that displayed Iwaki agricultural products in front of Shimbashi Station in April. The city “is striving to convey ‘accurate information’ to consumers via various media” including newsletters, postcards, websites and PR films.

“Iwaki is still progressing towards the elimination of harmful rumors and restoration

of production, shipment and business trading to the level before the earthquake, as the second largest industrial city in the Tokoku region,” the Iwaki City report says.

Mayor Watanabe told Pacific Island journalists that tourism to Iwaki City has decreased by 30 percent but that Spa Resort Hawaiian, a local tourist resort has seen a three percent increase.

Spa Resort Hawaiian, Manager Toshihiro Shimoyamada said that many of the resort’s current guests report that they came because they want to support the disaster stricken areas of Japan.



Cook Islands Journalist Rachel reports on a month long tour of Japan in the aftermath of the March 11, 2011 Fukushima disaster.

The “Hula Girls” who perform daily shows at the Spa Resort Hawaiian may have had something to do with that.

The Japanese “Hula dancers” demonstrated the opposite of “harmful rumors” when they took their show on the road for a five month tour of Japan in the aftermath of the March 11, 2011 disaster. They performed on 247 stages in 125 locations and in 26 prefectures as well as in Seoul, South Korea. The dance troupe became something of an icon of Japanese reconstruction. Many say they were a source of encouragement for the Japanese people who saw them perform and that they brought the Iwaki Supporters’ message to the nation. “Ganbappe!” We can do it!

“Everywhere we went we were really accepted. We delivered smiles and we cheered each other up through our dance performances,” said Rie Ohmori, sub-leader of the “Hula Girls.”

The “Hula Girls” have only carried that name since the award winning movie of 2006 of the same name that documented a much earlier triumph of the dancers. It’s actually a misnomer because there are men in the troupe as well.

In the 1960’s Iwaki was a coal mining town during a time when coal was no longer in demand. The town’s economy was in serious jeopardy. The town’s residents banded together to “build a Hawaii in Japan.” In 1966 the resort, which was then called the Joban Hawaiian Center opened its doors with 18 Japanese “hula” dancers as their centerpiece.

The “Hula Girls” are still the centerpiece of what is now the Spa Resort Hawaiian. They recently represented Japan as the Goodwill



Hula girls lead resort guests in a hula dance

Ambassadors to the PALM 6 summit held in Okinawa.

But the good will won’t last forever. Mr. Shimoyamada says that the future of the resort is hard to foresee.

Half of the resort hotel rooms are still under reconstruction due to the April 14 aftershock that measured 6.0 on the Japanese scale. Before that time the Spa Resort Hawaiian had suffered very little structural damage and opened its doors to refugees primarily from Hirono, Fukushima; a town that was inside the nuclear exclusion zone. Even after the damage the resort was open to refugees while it rebuilt.

61 year old, Igari Mitsuo was one of the Hirono refugees who stayed at the Spa Resort Hawaiian along with his wife and one grandchild. He currently manages Joaban temporary housing project in Iwaki. He and his family live in three tiny rooms. They have no more space than any of the other residents of the Joaban temporary houses.

Mitsuo said that before the evacuation of Hirono, 5000 people lived in his town. He claims that only 300 live there now.

He says that the Japanese central government has told Hirono residents to go back home as soon as possible, but Mitsuo, like many other Japanese, has a deep mistrust of the government’s instruction and he’s not ready to go back.

“We can’t just go back home,” he exclaimed. “The decontamination should be completed,”

and he reminisced about the clear mountain streams, the edible plants, and the fish in the countryside around his home town.

“Even if we go back there are no jobs,” he lamented.

In Iwaki City, Mayor Watanabe and his staff members are not ignoring the potential threat of nuclear contamination. It is a high priority in the city’s rebuilding plan. Fukushima newspapers publish daily sievert level maps. Sieverts are a measure of radiation.

Masato Takahagi, Manager of Iwaki City’s Nuclear Hazard Countermeasure Division told visiting Pacific Islands Journalists that the city has 40 Becquerel monitoring machines at 21 monitoring locations for measuring radiation levels in locally grown foods for private consumption. The machines which each cost approximately \$27,000 US were purchased because of local concern about

possible radiation contamination in the foods people had grown in their own gardens for their own consumption. The service is free of charge to Iwaki residents.

If a home grown sample tests high on the smaller machines it will be sent on to a much more sophisticated machine, one that has a purchase price ten times as much as the smaller machines.

While testing of locally grown food for private consumption is not compulsory, food intended for market export is required to be tested on the “high dollar” machines and it undergoes stringent testing before being released to the market.

Takahagi said that Iwaki City has three ‘whole body’ machines to measure radiation contamination. According to the Iwaki report, whole body testing of citizens began on the 13th of March, 2011. By the end of October 2011 city health workers had tested a total of 39,046 citizens; over a tenth of the population. None of the citizens required decontamination treatments.

Handheld dosimeters are available to residents. One employee demonstrated the meter and after the result was displayed said that the result was no more than every day common background radiation.

Despite the “harmful rumors” Iwaki, Fukushima wants everyone to know that it is open for business and it welcomes all comers.



Craft time for residents of Joaban temporary housing



Masato Takahagi with a sample of onions being prepared for testing



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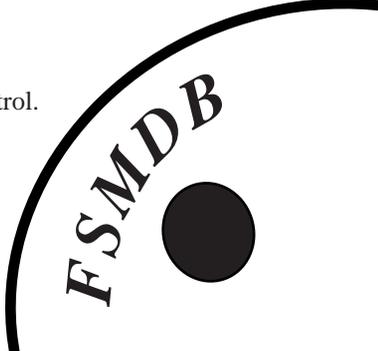
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U.S. Ambassador shows exceptional attention to the Scripps Spelling Bee winners



Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

(Kolonia, Pohnpei) - On Friday, May 25, H.E. Peter Prahar, Ambassador of the United States of America, and his wife Amy showed exceptional attention to the GEAR UP students by organizing a special program for the ten Scripps Spelling Bee Winners, their teachers, and the GEAR UP staff. "In preparing for the Spelling Bee competition, you demonstrated that you have the discipline and determination needed to succeed in school and, later, in life. For this reason, my wife and I decided that we wanted to do something special - something in your honor - to recognize you and the teachers who helped you."

Marla Samuel, Awak school Spelling Bee winner, and her teacher Beaumina Soswa; Courtney Simina and Jamie Ann Noket, Sekere School Spelling Bee winners, and their teachers Phillip Albert and Benrita Petrus; Denzel O.G. Ligoehr and Maryfe Quiambao, Nett school Spelling Bee winners and their teacher Alexander Ponapart; Mitchell Marino and Salyanna Santos, Saladak school Spelling Bee winners, and their teachers Walfred Alfred and Franklin Donre; Sharon Delcampo, Ohmine School Spelling Bee winner and her teacher Lane Ohli; Loni Nick and Rochelle K. Chunn, Kolonia school Spelling Bee winners, and their teacher Jimmy Gallen; and GEAR UP staff - Bollie Ludwig Taulung, Amber Ham, and Nora Kriauzaite - all attended the Ambassador's special program.

The program started with a tour of the U.S. Embassy. H.E. Peter Prahar, U.S. Ambassador to the FSM spoke to the students about the Embassy's work and role. The Embassy staff showed the premises to the students and explained their work to them.

After the tour of the Embassy, the group proceeded to the Weather Station where the Ambassador and the Weather Station Director Eden Skilling spoke to the students about the role and importance of the station for tracking the weather conditions. The students even had a chance to launch a "weather balloon" and observe on the data it was sending down to computers on earth. The observations stimulated a very interesting group discussion on how can we, the islanders, can learn about bad weather or approaching disaster in a timely manner, and how can we be prepared and protect ourselves from natural disasters. The Ambassador noted the Embassy's efforts to improve disaster preparedness.

The students then visited the Pohnpei Public Library and further explored the opportunities that the Library offers the students. Thanks to the Pohnpei Public Library, over 350 GEAR UP students have been granted free library access for a year as the Library's in-kind contribution to the GEAR UP program.

The students, teachers, and staff were also welcomed at the Island Food Community of Pohnpei. The non-governmental organization delivered a very enlightening presentation on the changes in diet in the community and its consequences to the health of Pohnpei people, including heart disease, diabetes, and obesity. The Island Food Community of Pohnpei promoted its CHEEF message (Culture, Health, Environment, Economy, and Food Security) to the GEAR UP students, arguing that that locally grown foods will keep them healthy, contribute to food security, and be environmentally friendly as food transportation will not add to the "carbon footprint".

Later, the U.S. Ambassador showed a video at his residence that opened with the question, "What is the story of your food?" The video showed food's connections to a global community, the path food takes from seed to table, and how food choices can affect our health as well as people and places around the world. The Ambassador emphasized that locally grown foods can contribute to better health. "If I eat healthier, I live longer and happier. If I eat local food, I am an informed and environmentally cautious citizen, and I also support local farmers."

The Ambassador's wife, Mrs. Amy Prahar, showed a very good example of how we can eat healthier by introducing the students, teachers, and staff to her own garden in which she grows a large variety of vegetables. Mrs. Prahar's luncheon at the Ambassador's residence showcased a variety of local foods, including fish, breadfruit, and other vegetables.

H.E. Peter Prahar encouraged the students to continue their hard efforts in pursuing their educations, starting with borrowing books from the Pohnpei Public Library to read over the summer vacation. The Ambassador also had a gift for every student - a book about Washington, D.C. - that he presented at the end of the program.

On behalf of students, teachers, and staff, the GEAR UP program wishes to express its sincere appreciation to H.E. Peter Prahar, Ambassador of the United States of America, Mrs. Prahar, and the U.S. Embassy's staff for organizing this special event.

GEAR UP Program completes first middle school Science Fair program and Expo

College of Micronesia-FSM

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (May 25, 2012) - May 19 was another memorable day for the GEAR UP program students. This day was the culmination of the "Middle School Science Fair Program and Expo" project funded by the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei and implemented, together with six public schools, by the College of Micronesia and GEAR UP program. On Saturday, May 19th, the concluding Science Fair and Expo gathered 76 winners from Awak, Kolonia, Nett, Ohmine, Saladak, and Sekere school science fairs.

At the Expo, 18 groups of students displayed their science research projects, ranging from "What is the fastest way to cool a soda" to "Predicting the weather". The eighth graders were ready to explain to the audience and the judges how they conducted their research and tested their hypothesis using science experiment materials over the last four months. Because students were very prepared, the judges had a tough task determining the winners. After two hours of judging, the judges were able to select the winning groups.

The females took the highest awards. Awak school female groups won first place on the category of the "Most knowledgeable" with the topic "Converting salt water to salt". The topic for the group was "How salty does the sea have to be for an egg to float?"

Ohmine school female group came in second on the category of "Most diligent"

with the topic "Measuring surface tension of water with a penny". Their topic was also about "How salty does water have to be for an egg to float?"

The category of "Practical and Applicable" was awarded to Kolonia school female team with the topic "What is the most absorbent type of soil product?" Kolonia school students also won the category of the "Most useful" with the topic on "What is the fastest way to cool a soda?"

Sekere school female group won the "Food security" category with the topic "How do seeds germinate?" An eight grade male student, also from Sekere, won the "Solo player" category with the topic "What is the rate of heat loss?"

Nett school students won the category of the "Most challenging" with the topic "Can water float on water?" and the category of the "Most creative" with the topic "Offspring".

Saladak school students won third place with the topic "Predicting the weather" and the "Most enthusiastic scientists" category with the topic "How does soil affect the PH of water?"

For the winning categories, the Expo offered a variety of prizes donated by the Australian Embassy, FSM PetroCorp-Vital, Ace Office Supplies, Ace Hardware, Palm Terrace, MicroPC, Blue Nile, Ray & Dors, Etscheit Enterprises, and Nihco Store.

Overall, the project proved to be very successful as it clearly strengthened student science knowledge and skills as well as received big support and involvement from

the schools, Pohnpei State Department of Education, and a big number of volunteers and supporters.

In his remarks, Australian Ambassador Martin Quinn noted Australia's strong commitment to supporting science education and helping students achieve their educational goals. He stated that this experience would not only improve the students' science knowledge but also improve their science skills. "Australia is happy to be a part of this event and we are proud partners with the College of Micronesia and the GEAR UP Program to make today a memorable day for everyone present," the Ambassador said.

Another major contributor to the 2012 Science Fair and Expo, FSM PetroCorp and its subsidiary Vital Energy, also expressed interest in continuing to support science education initiatives in Pohnpei and throughout the FSM in the coming years.

Mr. Alex Nanpei, Project Engineer from the company's Engineering division, gave some remarks on the importance of fields within the sciences, including engineering, planning, architecture, chemistry and technology, all of which are vital skills within the energy sector. Nanpei stated that youth in science is therefore one of the key areas of community support that FSMPC focuses on annually.

The U.S. Department of Education funded the GEAR UP program with the aim to prepare students to enter and succeed in post-secondary education. The program will continue its efforts to support students

in science and other areas. The GEAR UP program is located at the College of Micronesia-FSM Pohnpei Campus at 320-3795.

Congratulations to all the winners: First place winners – Kiona Obispo, Naoko Edwin, Melissa John, and Marla Samuel of Awak school; Second place winner – Maria Johnathan of Ohmine School; Third place winners – Tyron Alex, Vanessa Donre, Natasha Hedgar, and KM Sakai of Saladak school; "Most challenging topic" category winners – Tialana Mallarme, Denzel Ligohr, Timeaca Sohl, Griza Perez, and Brandod Joab of Nett school; "Most enthusiastic scientists" category winners – Mitchell Marino, Alicia Adalfred, Kelly John, Antryann Lorens, and John Inoke of Saladak school; "Most knowledgeable group" category winners – Leniva Jonathan, Claudia Donre, Britney Aron, and Allysha Samuel of Awak school; "Solo player" category winner – Jeff Soar of Sekere school; "Most useful" category winner – Marlagna Mihkel, Johannes Mihkel, and Driney Phillipus of Kolonia school; "Food security" category winners – Jamie Ann Noket, Dory Ann Harry, Daisy Elpet, and Wilma Raymond of Sekere school; "Practical and Applicable" category winners – Natasha Martin, Dorina Pretrick, Lucille Remoket, and Vanessa Rufes of Kolonia School; "Most creative" category winners – Chris Iriarte, Marcel Laylau, Marcelly Laylay, and Rico Setik of Nett school; and the "Most diligent" category winners – Trini Daniels, Sharla William, J.J. Hadley, and Brandy Elias of Ohmine school.

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Every year the Office of the FSM National Olympic Committee (NOC) under the leadership of Mr. Jim Tobin has been at the forefront in their supports and contributions to sports in the FSM but more commendably toward the FSM Juniors Development Program. It is with gratitude that I have this opportunity to thank Jim Tobin and the Office of the NOC for once again contributing the roundtrip tickets for the top six qualifying junior players in their divisions for the upcoming North Pacific Qualifying Tennis Tournament in Guam from June 11 – 15, 2012. Thank you, Jim, for your many efforts toward the development of our Junior athletes. Your endless work to promote and support Junior sports development in the FSM are encouraging and developing the next generation, the future of our nation. I hope you know that you make some juniors very HAPPY.

During these past months from February to May, the Pohnpei State Tennis Club along with the Juniors have been conducting fundraising activities around town... I would like to acknowledge a few but thank ALL from the bottom of my heart for your supports and contributions...Mr. Milan Kamber(CFC (Caroline Fisheries Corporation) \$1,000.00; Mr. Robert De Courteney, Bank of FSM \$250.00; Ambassador Martin Quinn/Australian Embassy \$200.00; FSM President Mori and 1st Lady \$100.00; Linda & Frank Panuelo \$100.00; the Pohnpei State Tennis Club and its members for their unending support toward all the fundraising activities for the juniors and the many individuals and groups who participated and contributed to the fundraising activities. Thank you All!

I'd like to also acknowledge and thank Mr. George Chiu, Executive Vice President of the Tan Holdings for his generosity in providing hotel accommodations for the NPQ group at their Fiesta Resort Guam for the duration of the tournament; With that it will be remiss of me not to mention Ray Musada and Jun Apis /CTSI-Pohnpei for their help. Last but not the least, I want to thank United Airlines and its Pohnpei Staff and Guam staff for their generosity in their contribution and endless efforts year in and year out toward the FSM Juniors Tennis. Thank You!

Please allow the five boys and the five girls in the FSM Tennis Team for the NPQ 2012 to express themselves...

- Bryan Q. Esau 1st Place (Kosrae) 18 & Under Boys:
"I would like to say "Thanks" to NOC for the purchase of my roundtrip ticket for Guam NPQ. Thanks a lot!
- Joni (Anna Marie) Yakana 1st Place (Pohnpei) 18 & Under Girls:
"Thanks everyone for your supports".
- Taitang Skilling 1st Place (Kosrae) 15 & Under Boys:
"Thanks a lot and I will try my best to pay back what you've done.
- DJ Panuelo 2nd Place (Pohnpei) 15 & Under Boys:
"Thanks"
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"Thank you guys for the support"
- Maggie Finnen 1st Place (Pohnpei)15 & Under Girls:
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- Francine Silbanuz 2nd Place (Pohnpei) 15 & Under Girls
"Thank you NOC for helping with the tickets".
- Jenna Panuelo 3th Place (Pohnpei) 15 & Under Girls:
"Thank you for helping and supporting us".
- Joab William 1st Place (Kosrae) 12 & Under Boys:
"I am very excited and happy to be part of the trainings to be held in Guam this summer. I know it would not be possible w/o the generous donations and assistance of the NOC. Let me extend my heartfelt thanks and Kulo Na Ma Lulap.
- Sunshine Palik 1st Place (Pohnpei) 12 & Under Girls:
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Anastasia R. Isaac (Vice President-Pohnpei State Tennis Club; FSM Junior Tennis Coach) Arkelus Esau (Kosrae Junior Tennis Coach)

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Australian Embassy partners with Paradise - Music Festival for Reconciliation

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

June 2, 2012

Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM— In celebration of Australia’s Reconciliation Week, the Australian Embassy to the FSM partnered with local radio station, Paradise Radio (V6W1 FM 89.5) to put on its first ever music and dance festival in Pohnpei. Admission was free to the public and it was a “family friendly event. Attendees could also get free t-shirts from the event.



The Australian Reconciliation Music Festival was scheduled to begin at noon and it did but the power went out at the COM National Campus gymnasium and organizers were left scrambling for two hours in order to entertain the crowd while PUC did its job. Organizers had adults and children shoot free throws to win T-Shirts while the power was out. Despite the late start the event ended at 8:00 in the evening as scheduled.

Sam Upritchard, First Secretary and Consul at the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei spoke to the audience as the festival finally got under way. He explained the purpose of the event:

“Each year at the end of May, Australia celebrates National Reconciliation Week which builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians. The week-long celebration is an ideal opportunity for all Australians to explore ways to join the national reconciliation effort. This year’s theme is Let’s Talk Recognition.

“Reconciliation involves building positive and respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians; enabling us to work together to close the gaps, and to achieve a shared sense of fairness and justice. The ultimate goal of reconciliation is to build strong and trusting relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians, as

a foundation for success and to enhance our national wellbeing.

“Now you’ve heard a little about reconciliation, let’s talk recognition. Recognition comes in all sorts of ways and means different things to different people; but it’s something we all like to receive. Since Europeans began settling in Australia more than 220 years ago, the first Australians have often been treated unfairly by other Australians. The lack of recognition and understanding still inhibits some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from feeling valued within the Australian community.

“The First Australians should have proper recognition, not only for their cultural longevity and resilience but for their continued contribution to Australia’s national identity. Recognition is an important step in the reconciliation journey and events like National Reconciliation Week can provide a focus for all Australians to reflect on reconciliation and to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures.

“Here in the Federated States of Micronesia,

we wanted to share this part of our culture with you. Like Australia, the FSM is a diverse country, made up of people from many different places with different languages and different cultures. These are differences that should be celebrated, and that’s what this music festival is about – celebrating your culture, your languages, and your local artists. We hope that you all enjoy this celebration of culture and that you’ve learned a little more about your neighbours in Australia.”

During Reconciliation Week, Paradise Radio included indigenous Australian music in the playlist on their radio station and ran Australian Embassy provided informational recordings for several weeks regarding the Reconciliation Event.

William Hoffman of Paradise Media said that the seven staff members of Paradise radio and almost a dozen volunteers helped to make the show run smoothly. There were a few incidents. One woman was taken to hospital suffering from stomach pains. One child also had to be taken to the hospital when he stepped on a rusty nail in the grandstand at the gymnasium where seats had been removed.

Otherwise there were no serious mishaps. Sokehs Police provided security supported by Paradise Medias own private security team.

“It was stressful making sure that things ran the way they were supposed to run but all in all it was an excellent day. Most of the musicians were in good spirits and excited to play before the crowd,” Hoffman said.

Hoffman, who goes under the stage name



DJ Bliz@, and Chris Johnson acted as DJ’s throughout the day and Chris Johnson provided much of the sound gear and monitored sound levels all day.

Several “dance crews” from U that together form a “super crew” call E.Y.E. performed throughout the day in between music performances. They came together as one group to compete in the Break Dance Battle.

The first musical performer was “The Panuelos” featuring 12 year old Jenna Panuelo’s pure and mellow voice accompanied by excellent mellow slack key type guitar work. The group played four or five songs.

Dano Benian was up next and played the Chuukese local music for which he is famous. He was scheduled to play for an hour but played only four songs. He asked the writer of this article to sit in on guitar with him as he has done many times in the past, though he had never heard the songs

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Benian performed until the moment they began.

Local favorite Jackie Smith also sang four or five songs accompanied for part of her set by the Panuelos. One of the songs, accompanied by Dano Benian brought at least one brave dancer up from the crowd to the delight of the audience who laughed, screamed, and cheered.

Dano Benian jumped back up on stage and brought his 10 year old daughter Levita with him to perform one song. The crowd went nuts and rightly so. Her musical performance was nothing short of astounding and most of us could easily have listened to her for the rest of the day. She riffed effortlessly in perfect pitch and her voice was silky. Hoffman called her the future of music in Pohnpei but this long time musician thinks that she is the present. There is no reason in the world that she should not be recording. She has places to go and all of the right talent to get anywhere she wants to be. She was and is exactly that kind of good!

Almost, but not quite reluctantly our band "Wetter Than Seattle" consisting of Ross Perkins on acoustic guitar, Steve Finnen on bass guitar, Nigel Jaynes (also of Paradise Radio) on drums, and the writer of this article on lead guitar and vocals were next to hit the stage. We were scheduled for an hour and we slammed from classic rock song to classic rock song in an effort to provide a high energy rock and roll set. The crowd was gracious and as a reward we cut two songs from our set list. An hour of "in your face" classic rock music is a lot to listen to for an audience whose tastes run more along the lines of reggae and hip



hop. Still, some of the older audience members appreciated the set and particularly our version of "Sweet Home Alabama" with lyrics rewritten specifically for the FSM. When the set was over we ran off the stage leaving the audience wanting more—or not.

PNI Nation had been scheduled to take the 5:00 headline spot but their representatives said that not enough money was involved and they canceled with less than a week to go before the festival.

Gaily and Ronnex who have a good number of locally popular songs gladly and admirably stepped into the position and sang four of their original tunes to the delight of the audience many of whom sang along.

Unfortunately, since the break dance contest was so high energy the audience thought that was the end of the show and many of them left missing one of the highlights of the evening. Artists known as Blaze, Ryda, I-Rootz and DJ Bliz@ performed a hook laden original tune entitled "My Roots Is on Fire." The reggae hip hop song was completed and recorded only the night before the Music Festival at Blaze's (Arnold Panuelo's) home recording studio. It was a special tune by a talented group of artists and I can't imagine why it wouldn't catch on and I'm not even a fan of that particular style of music.

Once again I missed out on the break dance competition and have to rely on the description of it by William Hoffman who wrote, "The Break Dance battle was the most celebrated part of the music festival with sounds of cheers and screams heard in all corners of the COM-FSM Gym. The Battle was underway at 7:00 PM with the first battle between the Nan Pohn Mal Villains and the mixed crew JNP (2 of JNP's members were part of the Mapusi crew who won Music Box 2012.) The heavily Nanpohnmal crowd chose the Villains as winners of the first battle.



"JNP remained on the floor to face the Super Crew from U, E.Y.E. This time the crowd chose JNP as the winners and they earned the right to face off against the Villains in the championship battle. The Villains commanded the most noise from the crowd and they were crowned the winners of the breakdance battle at this year's Music festival.

"The winners of music box 2012, the Mapusi crew have already challenged the Villains to a dance off at a later date to determine who deserves Pohnpei's break dancing crown.

"We are ready for any crew who wants to face us. These kids are smart and they work hard to be the best. They are saving their \$100 cash prize to start a general fund for the advancement of the crew," The Villains Dance Crew manager, Carnis Sultan said."

Paradise Media wants to thank R.S. Roque Commercial Arts who did an outstanding job printing the t-shirts at an excellent price. Nigel Jaynes of Paradise Media did all of the layout work on all promotional materials including banners, posters, fliers, t-shirt designs and a limited number of "I support local music" buttons.

Congratulations to Paradise Media and to the Australian Embassy for a well done first time event.



Cyber Safety Pasifika launches website



Cyber Safety Pasifika will today launch a new website aimed at helping young members of Pacific Island communities to be safe online by providing information, advice and assistance on cyber safety.

Cyber Safety Pasifika is a program which equips police in the various Pacific Island Countries with the

knowledge and resources to educate their communities, including young people, teachers and parents, in all aspects of cyber safety.

The program draws on Australia's 'ThinkUKnow' program and New Zealand's 'NetSafe' program, which help young people to safely navigate the internet.

Executive Director Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police Don Allan said the Cyber Safety Pasifika project is focused on protecting communities, children, youth and other vulnerable people from

the impact of cyber-crime.

"Internet crime is something that police cannot fight alone. We need community support and support from the media to raise awareness of online risks.

"We acknowledge that the internet brings fantastic learning and recreational opportunities but we need to be conscious of the fact that there are people out there who will use the internet to take advantage of others", Mr Allan said.

The web site (www.cybersafetypasifika.org)

contains valuable information about internet safety and encourages parents to remain aware of what their children are doing online. The website also provides advice on how to seek help if things go wrong.

The website launch is the next phase of the Cyber Safety Pasifika program, which was endorsed by all Pacific Island Police Commissioners in August 2011 who declared their support for the need to educate young people and create a safer online environment.

Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police along with the Australian Federal Police and National Rugby League held the first cyber safety 'train the trainer' course as part of the 'Cyber Safety Pasifika' program for Pacific Island law enforcement on the Gold Coast in February this year.

The course was attended by police from the Cook Islands, Niue, Federated States of Micronesia, Tonga and Samoa who are delighted with the response they have received about the program from their communities.

As cyber use in the Pacific increases, there is a growing importance for cyber safety education for communities in the Pacific. The website will expand the Cyber Pasifika project to the wider Pacific Region. Cyber Safety Pasifika is further supported through broader Pacific wide capacity development by Pacific Police Development Program Regional.

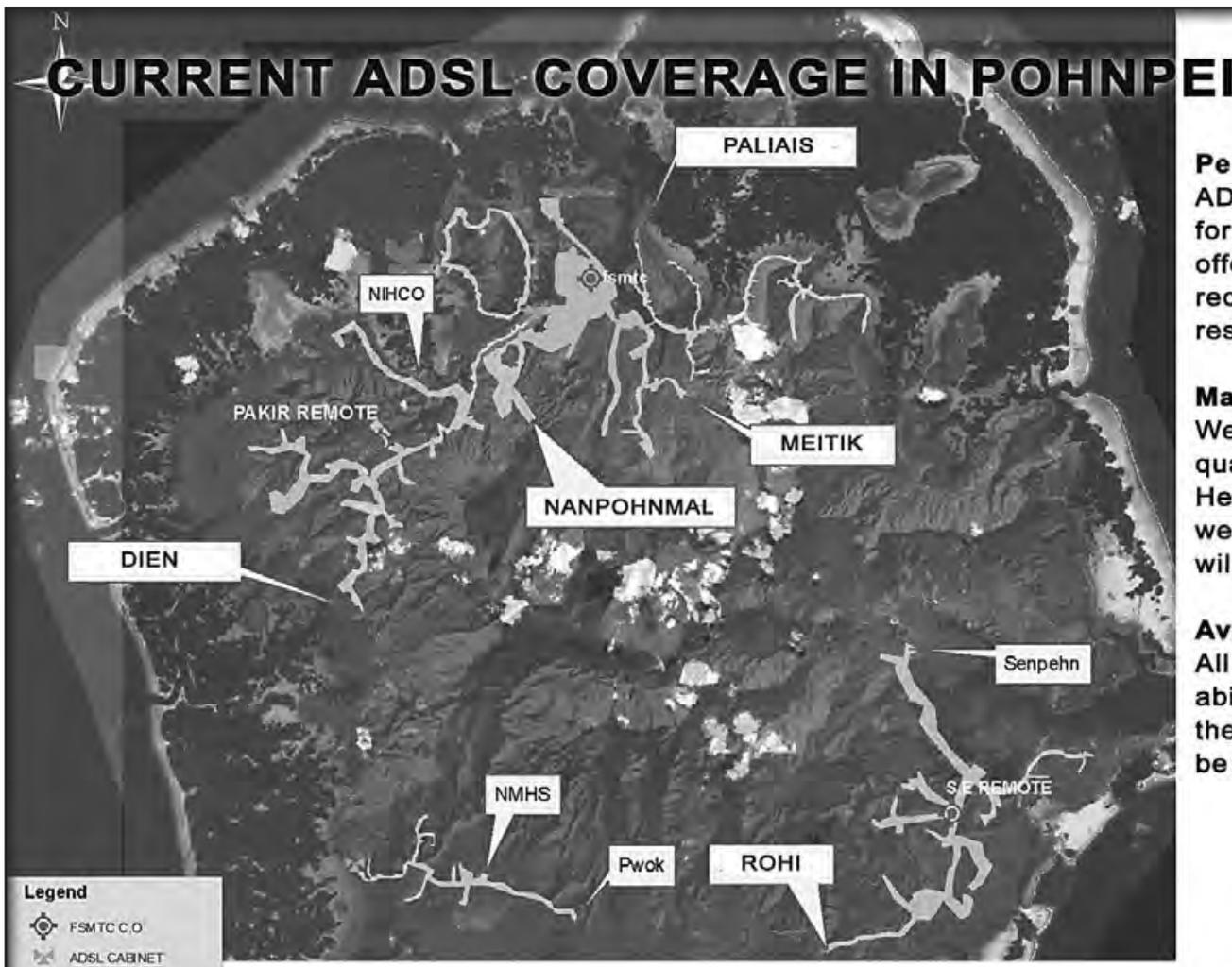
Memorial placed to World Teach volunteer

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

(Kolonia, Pohnpei) - A memorial plaque and ladder was set in place in honor of Becky Schaefer, aged 22, the World Teach Volunteer who died in a fall at Liduduhniap Waterfall. The volunteer died tragically when she slipped and fell about 40 feet onto rocks in the waterfall's lower pool on August 6th, 2011. The accident occurred while she and several other World Teach Volunteers were at the falls. Schafer's mother and stepfather visited Pohnpei in March to view the site of the tragedy and spread some of her ashes at the falls. While here, they made a donation for the construction and installation of a rope ladder at the falls to help prevent future accidents. Rick Herman designed and installed the ladder along with a plaque honoring Schaefer's life. At the dedication of the plaque and ladder were Rick Herman, U.S. Ambassador Peter A. Prahar, and fellow World Teach volunteer Kate Troutman.



Rick Herman standing next to the plaque



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Energy Infrastructure Global having

offices in The United States, and Australia is involved in all aspects of renewable energy and energy infrastructure including energy audits, lighting retrofits, solar photovoltaic's, solar thermal, mini - hydro along with wind technology. Sean Angelini EIG - COO stated... "The Federated States of Micronesia will be a dynamic location for Energy Infrastructure Global... this will enable our firm to capitalize on the strength of the Renewable Energy and Energy Infrastructure markets in the North Pacific and beyond."

Energy Infrastructure Global's office will be located in the Country's Capital Kolonia Pohnpei. With their total dependence on diesel fuel to run most of the mini - grids throughout the North Pacific and because of the ever increasing fuel costs associated with this, EIG believes that this will be a strategic market location for us in order to help lower the costs that the individual communities will have to pay for electricity as well as for stabilization of the utility grid. EIG is very impressed with the commitment by the Federated States of Micronesia towards Renewable Energy as well as their overall planed reduction of their own carbon footprint which will

inevitably help them against the rising costs of utility rates.

Energy Infrastructure Global is proud to partner with a local Pohnpei company VCS Construction who has an excellent reputation for implementing Infrastructure Projects throughout Micronesia by getting projects completed on time and within budget. Jose Sannicolas President of VCS Construction stated... "We are like minded companies partnering together towards the same goal, to enrich the community of Micronesia with clean, stable power at reasonable rates. We are proud to be a part of the EIG Team in helping to improve the Federated States of Micronesia with the latest in Renewable Energy technologies."

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“We are Islanders” theme of sixth PALM summit in Okinawa

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Okinawa, Japan—Despite Japan’s ongoing recovery efforts in the aftermath of the great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda today pledged \$500 million US dollars in assistance over the next three years to Pacific Island Forum member countries (FICs). He made the commitment as part of the “Okinawa ‘Kizuna’ Declaration,” at the sixth PALM (Pacific Island Leaders Meeting) held on May 25 and 26 at the Busena Terrace resort in Nago, Okinawa.

Prime Minister Noda said that Japan fulfilled the promise it made during PALM5 by providing \$493 million US dollars to FICs over the last three years. That aid was used to fund measures across the Pacific region to address environmental issues and climate change; to overcome vulnerabilities and to promote human security in FICs; and to enhance people-to-people exchanges.

“We are Islanders...”

PALM 6 was held under the over-arching banner theme of “We are Islanders – For Growing ‘Kizuna’ in the Pacific.”

“Kizuna” is a Japanese word essentially describing the strong ties that bind close friends to each other. The declaration “reaffirmed that Japan, the host country of the PALM, is an equal and important partner sharing the Pacific Ocean.”

Leaders discussed ways to enhance cooperation with particular focus on the following five areas: 1) response to natural disasters; 2) environment and climate change; 3) sustainable development and human security; 4) people-to-people exchanges; and 5) maritime issues.

Japan has had a long engagement with FICs and has held multilateral meetings with FICs since 1997 with a PALMs held once every three years.

PALM 6 included leaders and representatives



President Mori and First Lady, Emma Mori say farewell to Empress Michiko



Leaders and support staff sit down for PALM 6 in Okinawa

of Japan, Pacific Island Forum (PIF) members including, Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

For PALM 6 leaders appointed Cook Islands Prime Minister Henry Puna as the co-chair. Prime Minister Puna is also the next chair of the Pacific Island Forum which will be held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands.

Fiji absent...

Fiji was absent from PALM 6. A high level spokesperson from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs said that Japan is still committed to a dialogue with Fiji to help establish democracy in Fiji but after long consideration decided that it was “not yet time” to invite the leader of Fiji to PALM. He said that Japan extended an invitation for Fiji’s Minister of Foreign Affairs to attend the meeting but that Commodore Bainarama rejected the invitation saying that PALM 6 is a meeting of leaders and not one of ministers.

United States first time involvement...

This was the first year that Japan invited the United States to participate in the PALM proceedings. During a briefing earlier in the week a spokesperson for Japan’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs told reporters from eight Pacific Island Nations that until recently, the United States had been indifferent to the issues of the Pacific Islands region for quite some time. He said that President Obama’s administration “dramatically decided” to adopt a U.S. foreign policy to re-engage in the Asia

and Pacific region. Noting that fact, Japan’s leadership decided to extend an invitation to the U.S. to be a part of the PALM 6.

He said that the U.S. involvement in the PALM 6 is consistent with the overall trend in the region of rebalancing involvement in the Asia Pacific region and that US involvement in the meetings would be beneficial to FICs as well. As part of the PALM 6 declaration, PIFs leaders welcomed Japan’s initiative to invite the United States for PALM 6.

A highly placed support participant said that while that statement was accepted by a consensus of FIC leaders it did not have unanimous support.

FSM’s President Mori issued a statement during PALM 6 supporting United States participation in the summit and calling for a further evaluation by Pacific Island leaders for continuing US participation in the PALM process.

PALM 6 outcomes not a conflict with China

In their reporting some Japanese news reporters spun the subject of US involvement in the summit as Japan’s way of shutting China out of the Pacific region or at least as an effort to keep the country in check, particularly in regards to maritime issues. However, Prime Minister Noda clearly stated during the PALM 6 closing press conference that China is also a donor country in the Pacific Island Nations region and that the PALM 6 outcomes do not reflect a conflict with China.

Natural disasters and risk management

Prime Minister Noda expressed deep appreciation for the support and expressions of sympathy extended to those affected by the great disaster. He told leaders that Japan would continue to work toward an expeditious recovery in a transparent

fashion.

He underlined his resolve to share with the Leaders the lessons learned from the Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami. He said that Japan would be working along with the United States and other development partners to improve the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System. He also said that Japan would be holding an international conference on disaster risk reduction in the Tohoku region this summer and that it has also proposed to host the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Reduction in 2015.

In cooperation with the World Bank Japan has been a development partner with the FICs in a pilot program to develop catastrophe-risk insurance for the region. The project to which Prime Minister Noda referred is an enormous project of disaster risk assessment in FICs where the average annual loss from tsunamis, earthquakes and tropical cyclones is \$284 million per year according to materials for the Pacific Catastrophe Risk Assessment and Financing Initiative.

According to those materials Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and Vanuatu have the highest average annual loss from all three types of disasters with a combined total of approximately \$215 million. The remainder of average annual loss is spread amongst the twelve other Forum Island Countries including Timor whose leader was not present at PALM 6.

During an earlier interview with Pacific Island journalists, Japan’s Minister of Foreign Affairs Koichiro Gamba said that the catastrophe-risk insurance is a pilot program that does not currently include slow on-set disasters related to climate change such as sea-level rise and droughts. The

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pilot program is designed to help disaster stricken countries to secure funds immediately following a disaster event. He said that after the pilot project is up and running Japan would like to study the possibility of including climate change issues in the program.

FIC leaders at PALM 6 emphasized the critical importance of Japan's support for the inclusion the management of disaster risk and adaptation to climate change within sustainable national programs.

According to participants familiar with previous PALMs, the sixth PALM was the first of the summits without nuclear industry influence.

As part of the PALM 6 outcomes Prime Minister Noda "reiterated his determination to provide the international community with all the information related to, and lessons learned from the accident at Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station of Tokyo Electric Power Company, including its effect on the ocean and marine environment. He further expressed his resolve to contribute to strengthening international nuclear safety."

Environment and Climate Change

During PALM 6, Leaders reaffirmed that, "Climate change poses one of the greatest threats to the life, security and well being of the people of the Pacific."

In one of the most diplomatic and difficult to understand paragraphs in the whole of the thirteen page "Okinawa 'Kizuna' Declaration," Leaders responded to the COP17 meetings held in Durban, South Africa in December of 2011.

The PALM 6 document did not say that FIC leaders approved of the COP17 outcomes. Rather, it says that leaders "noted the outcome...including to the basic design of the Green Climate Fund (GCF)..."

The diplomatic wording of the declaration says that the leaders, "acknowledged the importance of "operationalising' the GCF in an expeditious manner, as requested at the COP17."

It also says that Leaders "noted...the decision to launch a process to negotiate a (new) protocol (on climate change)."

Since the end of the COP17 meetings some Pacific Island leaders have been outspoken regarding their disappointment at the outcomes, particularly the decision to negotiate a new protocol beyond the Kyoto protocol that will be legally applicable to all parties. Many of the Pacific Island leaders are on record in the international arena as having said that negotiating a new protocol will take time that Pacific Island nations



Prime Minister Noda participates in after summit press conference

along with the rest of the world do not have.

"The Leaders also acknowledged that a number of critical issues need to be advanced toward COP18, including to launch a workplan on enhancing (climate change) 'mitigation ambition' to identify and to explore options for a range of actions that can close the 'ambition gap' with a view to ensuring the 'highest possible mitigation efforts' by all Parties," the PALM 6 outcomes document says.

The PALM 6 participating leaders once again agreed that while lessening Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) and achieving low carbon growth are extremely important the immediate funding priority is to "ensure climate resilient islands and communities for the future."

Prime Minister Noda agreed with FIC leaders that diversification of island energy sources and reduction of dependence on imported fuels is vitally important and expressed his commitment to the Small Island Developing States Sustainable Energy Initiative. He challenged the international community to follow Japan's commitment to "support for the most vulnerable FICs beyond 2012 with sufficient consideration for adaptation, including the strengthening of the national capacity to respond to the impacts of climate change and the policy dialogue on climate change."

During PALM5, Japan initiated a Pacific Environment Community (PEC) Fund. The fund, administered by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat has been used to provide funding for solar power generation systems and sea water desalination plants to FICs. FIC leaders expressed appreciation to the Secretariat for its administration of the fund and requested for Japan to replenish the fund as well as expand its scope to cover other areas of PEC and other priorities of FICs.

Prime Minister Noda said that Japan would continue to support FIC efforts to address environmental issues including waste and water management as well as conservation of maritime and forest resources.

Sustainable Development and Human Security

In terms of sustainable development and

human security Pacific Island leaders noted their unique challenges including scarce land mass, geographic location and limited capabilities and resources. At the top of their priority list is the delivery of important social services including health and education, two important priorities on the UN's Millenium Development Goals.

They said that "high quality infrastructure would continue to play an important role in securing reliable transport links and access to energy as well as the sustainable development of agriculture, fisheries, and tourism."

The leaders urged Japan to "explore ways to increase (the) number of Japanese tourists to the region."

Leaders welcomed fisheries-related development cooperation provided by Japan that maximizes Pacific Island nation benefits from FICs participation in the industry, conservation and sustainable management of its fisheries resources.

Leaders agreed that responsibility, effectiveness, accountability, and transparency along with debt sustainability are important ingredients of sustainable development of the FICs. They also reaffirmed that good governance is an essential premise for sustainable development. "In this regard, they underlined respect for the traditions and customs of FICs, the importance of firm establishment of democracy and rule of law as well as political stability."

People-to-People exchanges

FSM's President Manny Mori stood in front of the gathered PALM6 participants and simply said that he is a prime example of Pacific Island "kizuna" with Japan. He told the leaders that he is only one of many FSM citizens who have Japanese ancestors.

During PALM 6, Prime Minister Noda announced the "Kizuna Project." He told leaders that under the project Japan would invite over 300 young people from FICs to Japan this year in order to promote understanding of Japan's recovery after the Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami. He also said that Japan has already invited six English teachers from Forum Island Countries under its expanded Japan

Exchange and Teaching Program (JET). It expects to invite more.

FICs leaders thanked Japan for continuing to dispatch Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers to help promote "mutual understanding at a grassroots level," and for the vital role they have played in development projects throughout the Pacific. Prime Minister Noda said that Japan will continue to dispatch JOCV's.

Prime Minister Noda also said that he intends to pursue cooperation between defense authorities of Japan and FICs particularly in the area of personnel exchanges. He also announced his commitment, on a bilateral basis, to introducing a new type of multiple-entry visa for short-term FIC travelers as well as visa exemption for diplomatic and official passport holders.

Maritime Issues

Leaders commended the Pacific Islands Forum's efforts in developing the Pacific Oceanscape, an integral component of the Pacific Regional Oceans Policy.

Japanese and FICs governments have not always agreed on the implementation and enforcement of laws in the Pacific Ocean. At PALM 6 Leaders acknowledged the importance of promoting maritime cooperation in marine environment, maritime security, maritime safety, maritime surveillance, marine scientific research and observations and, sustainable fisheries management to promote economic growth and to improve livelihoods and food security.

The leaders also discussed and underlined the importance of the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and its Implementing Agreements as important for the maintenance of peace and security in the Pacific Ocean.

PALM 6 follow-up

In addition to post Pacific Island Forum dialogues and other occasions, leaders agreed to hold a Ministerial Interim Meeting in 2013 in order to evaluate the implementation of the key PALM 6 outcomes.

PALM 7 will be held in Japan in 2015. The specific dates and venue for that meeting will be announced at the Ministerial Interim Meeting in 2013.

According to Mayor Takao Watanabe, Iwaki, Fukushima has put in a bid to be the host city in 2015.



PALM 6 delegates before the opening of PALM 6

Young PALM Declaration presented in Miyakojima

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

May 25, 2012

Miyakojima, Okinawa— Accompanied by an excellent symphonic band consisting of young residents of the island, Miyakojima dignitaries treated Pacific Island leaders to a full red carpet reception as their charter plane arrived for the Young PALM presentation.



Young PALMers perform a production number at the Young PALM Summit

Each of the Forum Island Countries (FICs) sent two young representatives to the Young PALM. The Federated States of Micronesia was represented by Anne Marie Rosario, and Adanacio Primo. Rosario and Primo are students at Pohnpei Islands Central School (PICS). Both said that they made friends from around the Pacific that they will never forget.

Their chaperone was Cliff James.

The idea of the Young PALM was to foster mutual understanding of young people in the Pacific region.

That afternoon, participants dramatically read the contents of the Young PALM Declaration. On conclusion of the reading they presented a dramatic dance after which young people of each nation were asked to accompany their leaders to a position on the stage and to present a hard copy of the declaration.

The text of the declaration follows:

At Young PALM we have learned that working together is essential to achieve a mutual goal. As leaders of your nations, responsibility falls upon you to actively engage in a united effort to bring together the people of our region. Thus, strengthening diplomatic relations and removing cultural barriers. Our Pacific region is known for being a paradise in itself, hence Miyako Island has been deemed the perfect location for this year's young PALM meeting, as it is a great example of an eco-friendly island.

Our mission is to learn about environmental issues and to propose solutions that will be in the best interest of every nation represented here at PALM 6.

In the past three days, we have immersed ourselves in the Okinawan culture, people and sights, as well as deepened our friendships with other participants. Our excursion to the Sodeyama Water Treatment Plant, and lectures from Dr. Sakurai and local high school students have opened our eyes to water related issues and solutions relevant to our lives.

The four major issues regarding water in our Pacific islands are:

Water Resource Management

There is a decreased quality and quantity of water due to pollution. We are alarmed that there are inadequate regulations in place to prevent water pollution, sustain water quality, and ensure water security.

International Cooperation

Pacific islands lack the finance or ability to secure their water access on their own.

Education for Sustainable Development

Lack of education leads to environmentally destructive human activities, such as the wasting of water.

Further Issues

Other problems exist due to human activity, contamination of the sea, and excessive CO₂.

I. Water resource conservation

We Young PALMers promise to:

1. Contribute to the improvement of water facilities
2. Encourage people to apply suitable technology for each region.
3. Assist others in our communities in managing water.
4. Understand the importance of water, and use it carefully.

Our governments should:

1. Increase funding for the improvement of water facilities.
2. Provide more water storage systems.
3. Make laws and legislation for the preservation of water concerning water protection zones.
4. Monitor the safety, quality and quantity of water.

5. Create different methods to purify water.
6. Regulate the activities of factories to prevent pollution of our seas.

II. International Cooperation

1. Our governments and the Asia-Pacific Water Forum should establish a union regarding water, that:

- a. Monitors and advises its member countries.
- b. Sets and accomplishes short and long term goals.
- c. Is able to evaluate its performance.

2. Increase Official Development Assistance.
3. Declare that every country should reduce CO₂ emissions, in turn preventing the flooding of small islands.
4. Cooperate with other countries in planning water emergency strategies, checking waste management, and sharing technological knowledge. Help countries that lack safe water by searching for the most suitable ways to allow for water sustainability.
5. Raise awareness on exploitation of natural resources by foreign countries, by spreading knowledge using mass media.
6. Hold frequent international events on environmental problems where younger generations can make suggestions to their government leaders on environmental issues.

III. Education for Sustainable Development

We Young PALMers promise to:

1. Study water related issues that affect the Pacific to solve these problems by strongly recommending eco-friendly lifestyles.
2. Utilize mass media to spread our opinions on environmental matters.

Our government should:

1. Manage their resources by educating communities and the world as a whole about prioritizing environmental matters.

IV. Further issues

We Young PALMers promise to:

1. Preserve our local environments by participating in volunteer services to keep our islands beautiful for future generations.
2. Participate in activities to promote awareness concerning water related issues, and share environmental problems and solutions with others.
3. Adopt eco-friendly habits by completing the "6 R's": Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Refuse, Repair, and Respect.
4. Use alternative transport that does not give off carbon dioxide and other gases that affect our atmosphere.

Our governments should:

1. Take leadership in improving the economy, water security, and water resource management in order to earn trust from their people and be a good role model for the international community.

As participants of Young PALM 2012, we envision a world where every person has access to safe and clean drinking water, where Mother Nature thrives without negative impacts from humans.

As we stand here today proposing these solutions to the leaders of our nations, we also declare our commitment to minimize our impact on the environment, conserve our water resources, and respect each other's cultures.



FSM Ambassador John Fritz, Adanacio Primo, Anne Marie Rosario and FSM Secretary for Foreign Affairs Lorin Robert

One country cannot combat climate change alone; international cooperation is essential. After all, we all live on one planet.

Miyakojima,
Okinawa, Japan
May 25, 2012
Young
PALMers

President Mori grateful for Japan engagement in Pacific



President Mori is treated to a red carpet reception as he arrives by chartered jet for the Young PALM in Miyakojima, Okinawa complete with a symphonic band.

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

May 26, 2012

Okinawa, Japan—Sitting in his top floor suite at the Five Star Busena Terrace Resort in Nago, Okinawa we asked FSM’s President Manny Mori whether he felt a sense of obligation to the Japanese government for their luxurious treatment of Pacific Island leaders during the PALM 6 summit. With one hour to go before the opening of the summit it was an important question at an important moment. “I don’t feel a sense of obligation but a sense of gratitude that Japan wants to continue to engage in the Pacific region,” he said.

“PALM is a very healthy exercise that takes place every three years and this year was even better and more important because of the grass roots movement of the Young Palm,” he said.

He was referring to the Young Palm that took place in Miyakojima, Okinawa, an island one hour south by plane from Okinawa’s big island. The culmination of that meeting took place on the previous day (see coverage on page 12) Pacific Island Nations each sent two young representatives to the Young Palm, the FSM was no exception.

We commented on the colorful Aloha shirt he would be wearing to the summit. The Japanese government even gave the leaders the shirts on their backs. “The Japanese are very smart,” he said. “They gave us shirts like we wear at home so that we would be comfortable. They wanted us in an environment where we would be comfortable.”

While some invited Pacific Island Journalists were able to cover the bilateral meetings of their heads of State the meeting between the FSM and Prime Minister Noda took place while journalists were in another city. We asked him about the meeting and what

was discussed there.

He laughed, shook his head, and said that he guessed he pulled a little gaff during that meeting and embarrassed the Prime Minister. The bilateral meeting was being filmed for television and photographed for newspapers in Japan and the representatives of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs had asked him

not to present any gifts particularly since the Prime Minister was not prepared to reciprocate.

“But it was just a simple gift,” he chuckled. He said that he handed the Prime Minister two ropes and when he looked confused he tied them off and presented the tied rope back to the Prime Minister as an illustration of Kizuna, the ties that bind friends together. He said he thought it was a good illustration but the people from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs weren’t very happy. “I just don’t want to be coached too much,” he said.

We talked for a moment about U.S. involvement in the PALM process for the first time. “The FSM welcomes the involvement of the U.S. as one of our major partners.” President Mori has been called on to speak about U.S. involvement and that he will speak positively. He said that not all Forum Island Countries agree that the U.S. should be part of the Summit. He also said that if the FSM were to look at the minutia; the everyday interaction with the U.S.; the everyday dollars and cents it can be irritating. “But when we look at the bigger picture, the FSM has an excellent relationship with the U.S.” he said.

He said that one of the things that the FSM brings to PALM 6 is the fact that the FSM has one of the four biggest fishing grounds in the Pacific.

In advance of the meeting he said that he would be focusing his attentions particularly on people-to-people exchanges like businesses and development partners. He pointed out the Micronesia Registration Advisors as an excellent example of FSM businesses partnering with Japanese businesses.

In terms of donor relations President Mori said that the FSM is not good at handling assistance from donors.

“RMI and Palau handle it easy but in the FSM, the strong position of the States makes it very difficult to deal with aid packages,” he lamented. “The FSM needs to be strategic in our relationship without our donors.”

He announced that there will be a meeting in Pohnpei in November with all of FSM’s leaders and the representatives from all of the donor countries. He said that the intention is to try to iron out some of the difficulties the FSM has in dealing with outside assistance. He wants to see the FSM pursue and deal with aid packages along the lines of the Strategic Development Plan.

When asked if he thought that governmental corruption plays a part in the difficulty in accepting aid in the FSM President Mori shook his head. “Am I going to say that

there is no corruption in the FSM? Of course not! There was corruption even in Heaven by the devil. But is there no corruption in the United States? Yes, there is corruption there.”

He said that he thinks that the FSM should really concentrate more on National Unity and then there came a knock on the door and it was time for the President and his staff members to leave for the opening of PALM 6.



Emperor Akihito greets FSM President Manny Mori

On behalf of Layleen R. Oliver Tallon’s Family, we would like to convey our sincere appreciation (Fa’afetai,

Kinisou Chapur, Kulo Mulalap, Kamagar, Sulang, Komol Tata & Thank You) to family and friends of Layleen & everyone for your thoughts, prayers and words of support after the passing of our beloved Layleen.

We are humbled and very grateful for the overwhelming love, generosity and kindness that the family have received.

Words cannot convey our family’s sincere appreciation to everyone, but we would like to express in our most humble way and that is, “Kalahngan en kupwur koaruhsieh.”



Survivors of great East Japan earthquake and tsunami cling to hope despite horrors of the past

By *Bill Jaynes*
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Fukushima, Japan—“When I saw the ‘black wave’, I was thinking of Indonesia,” said Tomomi Sato through a translator. “The earthquake was bad but the tsunami was really scary. I was lucky because I could run but I knew that old people could not run and there was nothing I could do.”

“While I was running I thought maybe I should go back and get my car so that I could get away from the ‘black wave’ but when I looked back my car was floating already.” She ran faster.

Sato who once worked at the local hospital is now employed only part time at the information center in the Fukushima Prefecture in the Hisanohama Temporary Shopping Street in Iwaki. The walls of the information center are plastered with hundreds of photos taken in the aftermath of Japan’s most devastating natural disaster. Even seeing is not believing the devastation of a Japan’s largest measured earthquake followed by a wall of water 7.44 meters high, nearly 24 and a half feet. To compound matters 85,000 buildings were damaged in Iwaki alone when in mid April an earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Japanese scale centered directly below Fukushima let loose its fury.

Iwaki City’s losses are low compared to some other Eastern Japan cities. “Only” 310 people died in Iwaki in the March 11, 2011 disasters and “only” 37 people are still considered to be missing. Fukushima Prefecture had a total of 1605 deaths and 214 are still considered missing. The Miyagi Prefecture suffered 9,516 fatalities and 1,581 are missing. Iwate Prefecture had 4,671 fatalities and 1,222 are missing.

Wrecked ghost ships are stacked at the Iwaki port, along with the carcass of one lonely silver minivan, but most of the rubble from the disaster is gone. “Since the rubble has been removed it feels like progress but while it was here it felt desperate,” Sato said.

60 kilometers of snaggle toothed seawalls and coastline serve as a reminder, as if Iwaki’s residents would ever need to be reminded, of the devastation that occurred on March 11, 2011.

Eight journalists from the Pacific Islands invited by the government of Japan toured the hardest hit area of Iwaki in the Hisonahama district. It was rainy and cold with an umbrella inverting wind. The forecast was for 15 degrees Celsius but it was colder than that and the wind chill factor had to be near freezing as we shuffled amongst the foundations of long gone homes near the Hisonahama shoreline. We quickly glanced at the broken sea wall and many of us braved a climb onto it to see the crashing ocean beyond it. We listened with chattering teeth as our guides told us that the two seemingly intact houses that remained were uninhabitable due to sea water inundation and we glanced at the “red gate” of one of three Buddhist shrines that had survived the tsunami against all odds though all structures around them were destroyed. But throughout the tour we not so secretly longed for the heat of the bus and when the time came to board we made a dash for it.

Later one survivor of the March 11, 2011 Eastern Japan disaster told us that many residents were walking around in short pants on the afternoon of the earthquake. She said that after the earthquake skies blackened and it began to snow. “We really thought it was the end of the world when the black wave came.”

We cringed to think of how it must have been on that day and some of us hung our heads in shame. We hadn’t experienced anything like they had experienced and what we experienced was plenty tough on us.



Tomomi Sato describes the horror of March 11, 2011



Satoshi Endo describes the nightmare of rescue efforts

Satoshi Endo, 36, is still a volunteer firefighter. He was one of hundreds of people working to rescue those who were trapped and injured after the tsunami. The devastation, injury and loss of life was hard to take but he didn’t have time to stop and think about it. “These were people who were kind to me all of my life,” he said.

“The sanitary conditions were very bad,” he said. The air was bad and he waded in waste water sludge for hours on end working to rescue his neighbors. He was very lucky. Even a small cut in such conditions could have resulted in an infection that could easily have killed him or at least have made him deathly ill. Again he said he didn’t have time to stop and think about that.

He that said death had a deep effect on all of the rescuers. “As Buddhists we would normally stop and pray but we just didn’t have the time.” They didn’t have time to properly say goodbye to their departed neighbors until the Buddhist festival in August, a time when the dead are said to come back and inhabit their original dwellings.

And after touching dead bodies with his bare hands all day there was no place to wash. Again, he had no time to think about it when it came time to eat. He had to eat.

By the time the disaster struck, Katsuo Sato who is now 70 years old had been operating his successful appliance store 100 meters from the Iwaki shoreline for 50 years and he had been considering the possibility of retirement. The tsunami did not destroy his building; the place where he and his wife also lived and where his children grew up. The fires that followed did that. But none of the disasters: the earthquake, the tsunami, the fires, or the radiation from the damaged Daiichi, Fukushima power plant over 50 kilometers away could destroy his determination. “This disaster will not beat me,” he said, and his wife went into the back room unable to contain her tears.

Ironically, he claims the relief efforts of the Red Cross may have put a damper on the future prospects for his business. The Red Cross provided appliance sets to thousands of refugees living in temporary housing units. They were desperately needed but Mr. Sato said that he didn’t know where the appliances were purchased but they were not purchased through his business or any local businesses he knew of. “They (residents of temporary housing units) will already have appliances if they decide to come back,” he said.

Like the 10 other business owners on the Hisonohama Temporary Shopping Street who were displaced by the East Japan disasters Mr. Sato can occupy his tiny business quarters for three years rent free. The structure was provided by the central government.

Business owners at the Hisonohama Temporary Shopping Street treated Pacific Islands journalists like long lost friends and when some of us ducked into any one of the shops to make a purchase they were effusive in their thanks. It was cold and rainy and the Sato family provided coffee for all of their visitors. We became quick friends.

Sato, like other business owners on the street said that the future of his business and his livelihood will depend on reconstruction and how it proceeds.



A lonely Pacific Island journalist surveys the damage in the Hisonahama devastated area



Katsuo Sato and his wife talk about their drastically altered future

...Hisanohama

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Pacific Island journalists and Hisanohama temporary business street owners pause in the rain for a photo



Mayor Takao Watanabe briefs journalists on Iwaki City reconstruction plans

These stories are just a small sampling of the human pain and suffering of the triple threat disaster in Eastern Japan. It's only been just over a year but Japan is on the mend through the united efforts of its indomitable people.

Takao Watanabe, Mayor of Iwaki said that 7700 people moved away from Iwaki as a result of the triple threat disaster. But because the residents of Futaba County were forced to evacuate, 23,000 refugees moved into Iwaki. Iwaki City has a population of approximately 330,000 people.

Mayor Watanabe said that Iwaki's reconstruction is well under way but it is not simply a rebuild. "It's no use creating a city that is exactly the same," he said. No one will live in the area that was devastated by the tsunami. It's

a dangerous area and the prefecture is buying up the land as a buffer area. The plan is for total reconstruction within five years.

Mr. Noriyuki Shikata, Deputy Cabinet Secretary for Public Relations briefed Pacific Island journalists on the rebuilding effort by Japan. He said that a census concluded on June 2 of last year, more than 40,000 people were living in evacuation centers. A census concluded on April 5 of this year showed that only 330 people were still living in evacuation centers. Approximately 327,000 evacuees now live in houses and other residential facilities including thousands of quickly built temporary homes. The total number of evacuees is 344,000 people living in more than 1200 municipalities located in 47 prefectures.

The materials Shikata presented were extremely transparent and showed that while in the short term a "picking up trend in the Japanese economy is expected to take hold," there are still many downside risks that could adversely affect its economy. Some of those factors are external such as the influence of the Eurozone debt crisis and other external factors.

Internal downside risks include a risk of constraints of electric power supply as nuclear power plants are taken off line. The biggest power shortages in Japan are likely to begin to occur this summer as demand is up. Japan will continue to suffer from the consequences of the nuclear accident especially in terms of confidence for travelers to return to the affected areas. Deflation is a factor and there is also a concern about the possible deterioration of the employment situation.

Shikata's material shows a well thought out aggressive strategy for recovery with the end goal of a complete rebirth of Japan. Plans are in place for rapid reconstruction, redesigning of energy and environmental policy, economic growth and fiscal health.

Perhaps Mr. Katsuo Sato's future is brighter than it might now seem. Certainly it is brighter than on the day when his home and business burned to the ground.

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The Embassy of Japan says that as part of their trip each year they do volunteer cleaning. The Embassy says that "they come to do it to conserve the environment and promote eco-friendly society.

The Japanese union members picked up trash on a course from Palm Terrace down Kolonia's main street and on through to the airport.

The members of the union arrived on the early flight on Monday, June 4 and left Pohnpei on June 6.



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Yap Executive Branch holds Public Forum on ETG

By *Arlynn Chugen*
The Kaselehlie Press

In the afternoon of May 21, 2012, Yap State Executive Branch held a public discussion forum on the plans of the Exhibit and Travel Group better known as ETG. The discussion forum focused on the proposed plans of ETG and the status of such plans. Held at the Community Center in Colonia, the meeting was one in a panel discussion setting where panelists were situated in front of the crowd.

The members of the panel included Acting Attorney General Jeremiah Luther, Director of Public Work & Transportation Vincent Figir, Director of Resources & Development Frank Haregaichig, Director of Youth & Civic Affairs Ruotpong Pongliyab, the Chief of the Division of Commerce and Industry, and a representative from Environmental Protection Agency.

The discussion began with Garret Johnson who works in the Department of Youth & Civic Affairs, welcoming everyone and introducing the panel group members. The core of the discussion began with a statement and comments made by the acting Attorney General Jeremiah Luther.

Luther assured the people that his job as acting AG is to ensure that the best possible agreement between the state and ETG is formulated, one that "will protect the interests of the individual citizens of Yap, protect the environment of Yap, and protect the laws and traditions of Yap."

Luther went on discussing the several documents that had been signed to strengthen the negotiations between the state and ETG, documents that have lead the state towards closing a deal with ETG.

In April 2011, the governor of Yap signed a Strategic Framework of Cooperation between Yap's executive branch and ETG, pledging cooperation between the two parties.

In October 2011, the Director of Youth & Civic Affairs signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ETG on behalf of the state to ensure continued communication between the two parties.

Then in January of this year, the chairman of the Council of Pilung Bruno Tharngan signed a MOU between the Council and ETG, which partly states that the Council will act as a mediator between ETG and Yapese who own land.

According to Luther's statement at the public discussion forum, the AG's office is currently working on the specific sections of an Investment

Agreement including resolving some issues in the Agreement. Once the Agreement has been finalized, a copy will be transmitted to the Legislature for review and comments.

Luther soon after his statement welcomed questions from the crowd. The crowd consisted of Yapese government employees, several members of the Legislature, and other Yapese citizens coming from different municipalities.

Questions posed from the crowd involved land usage, assessment study with respect to the proposed ETG plans, gambling, and more.

One Yapese man asked if the government had conducted a study that would look closely at the impacts the ETG proposed plans would have on Yap. Luther answered saying "no comprehensive studies have been put together." The acting AG went on stating that neither an environmental study nor a comprehensive economic study have been conducted because the total scope of the ETG project is still unknown.

One Yapese lady asked what the government and ETG plan to do should the situation arise where one landowner agrees to lease his land for a hotel build up, and that particular parcel of land happens to border land owned by other Yapese individuals who do not want to lease to ETG. Luther could not give a complete answer to this question but he did say that ETG was willing to accommodate those who are willing to lease their land and would need to relocate.

One other Yapese lady pleaded with the government, asking the government to reevaluate its position with the proposed ETG plans and to think about the future generations of Yap.

Another Yapese man who is also a member of the state legislature brought up the issue of gambling as rumored to be part of ETG's plans in Yap. Luther responded that ETG does want to start gambling in Yap but this will not happen "unless the people of the state of Yap agree to allow gambling."

When asked whether or not a Foreign Investment Permit had been issued to ETG, Luther said that the permit has been signed and approved, but has not been turned over to ETG. According to the acting AG, ETG has also applied for a business license but the state is holding on to the license at this time as the resolution from the state legislature requested that ETG halt any further actions regarding its development plan until such time that all Yapese are made fully aware of ETG's plans.

The Director of Public Works and Transportation made some comments

about the benefit of ETG development in Yap. He also remarked on the end of the compact with the United States in 2023. He noted the tax revenue ETG would bring in should the proposed plans come through.

The time allotted for the public discussion, from 2:30PM to 4:30PM, was not enough. It was close to 5:00PM when the discussion was cut short. Even then, there were still others who wanted to ask their questions but could not because of the time constraint.

2012 Pohnpei Little League baseball

By *Jim Tobin and Ray Brown*

The opening ceremony for the 2012 Pohnpei Little League Baseball was held on the morning of Saturday June 2nd at the Spanish Wall ball field in Kolonia. Pohnpei Little League Baseball Association President Chris Christian was elated at the opening of Pohnpei Little League's third opening season. During his opening remarks he thanked Pohnpei State Governor John Ehsa, FSM National Olympic Committee President Berney Martin, FSMNOC Secretary General Jim Tobin, Pohnpei State Sports Director Mike Loyola and his staff, coaches, and the ball players' parents for the involvement with getting the season under way. Welcoming remarks were made by the Honorable Peter Christian, FSM Congress. Senator Christian mentioned that Little League is the first step in getting Pohnpei baseball back to the status it enjoyed in the 1990s. He also thanked the Pohnpei State Sport Office, FSMNOC and Pohnpei Little League Baseball Association for their foresight in getting the Little League Baseball program back on track. In closing wished all the young baseball players and their coaches good luck. Ray Brown, the Baseball Confederation of Oceania Development Officer, was a guest speaker and during his remarks he thanked the Senator Peter Christian for his support, leadership and long time

involvement in baseball on Pohnpei and throughout the Micronesian region. Following the opening ceremony two games were played. In the first game at 9:30am Ihoang defeated Hyndai Bullets 15-4, and in the second game Komwad Komwad outlasted U Turbulence 9-7.

There are 12 teams competing in the 2012 Pohnpei Little League: Ihoang, Hyndai Bullets, Komwad Komwad, U Turbulence, Turnball Aces A, U Team B, Madolenihmw Reds, Liamweimwei, Turnball Aces B, ABC Car Rental, U Rookies and Little Islanders. Boys and girls from 9 to 12 years old are eligible to play. The league will be one round robin format, followed by a 12 team double elimination playoff. The championships should be held at the end of August. There are talks about starting up a Junior League half way through the Little League season so that the 13 to 15 year old players can be involved. From the rumblings going around it will be a good decision to get it started.

The Pohnpei Little League Baseball Association would like to thank and recognize league sponsors: Lyons and Associates; the Honorable Peter M. Christian, At-Large Senator FSM Congress; Ace Hardware, Pohnpei State Sport Office and FSM National Olympic Committee.



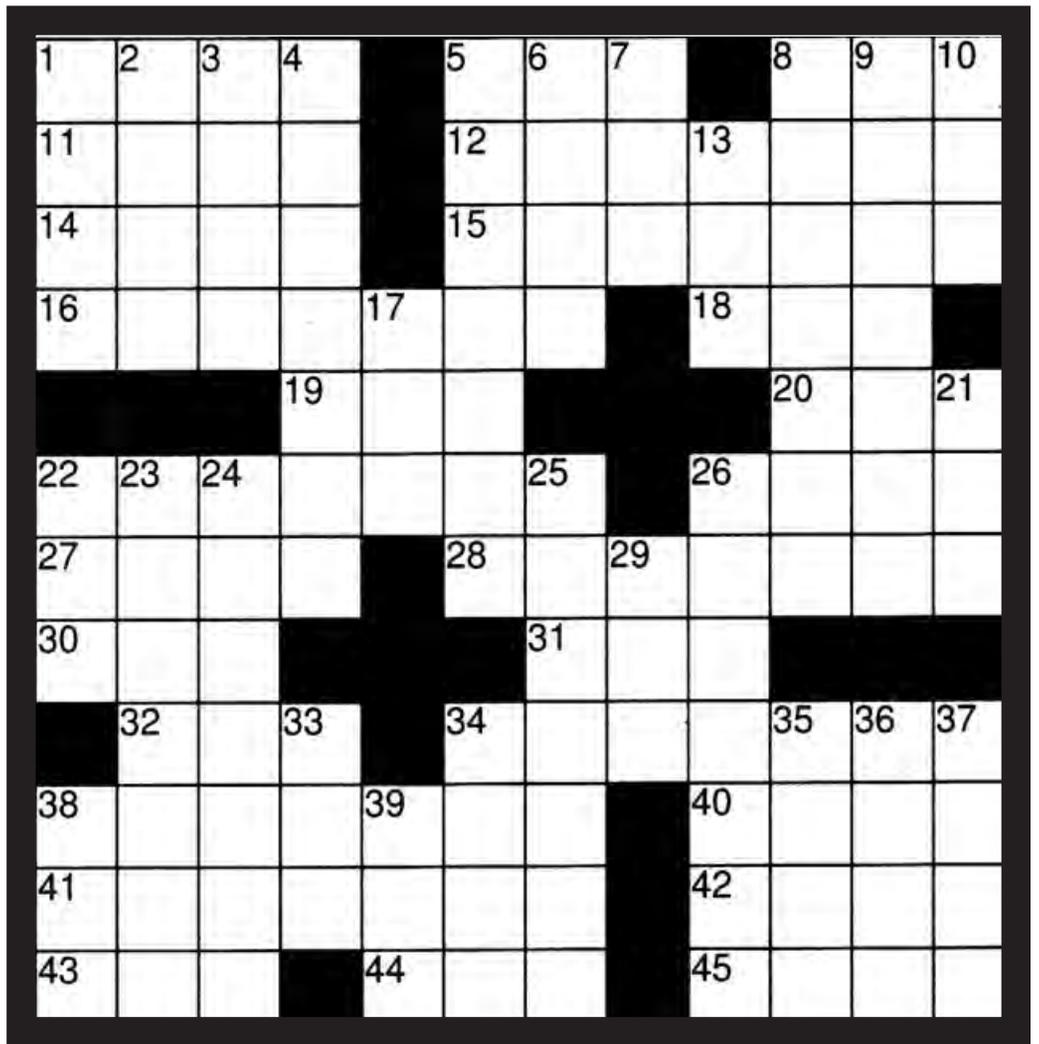
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- 4. Potential turn-ons
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- 10. Bellow
- 13. All U.S. presidents so far
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- 22. Not close
- 23. Burst
- 24. Mail deliverer
- 25. Satirize
- 26. Funny
- 29. It's messy
- 33. Wiggle
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Spelling bee students and U.S. Ambassador visited Island Food Community of Pohnpei training center

By Chizuru Seki (JICA)
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

On May 25, 2012, students who had participated in the Scripps Spelling Bee on Pohnpei, and the U.S. Ambassador visited Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) training center in the Botanical Garden, Kolonia with their teachers and the GEAR-UP coordinators.

To award the students' diligence in their work, the U.S. Ambassador spent the day with the students and chose IFCP training center as one of the sites to visit.

Mrs. Emihner Johnson, Acting Executive

Director of IFCP distributed the IFCP red pen to the students and discussed the pen's message. The red pen indicates a health crisis in the Federated States of Micronesia. It is an alarming color that tells how one in three adults in FSM are suffering from diabetes. Not only diabetes but also heart disease and vitamin A deficiency are huge health problems in FSM.

For a solution to this health crisis, IFCP encourages people to "Go Local!" Plant, grow, maintain, harvest, cook and eat more local food to gain its CHEEF benefits (Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food Security).

IFCP has been working with communities, schools and agencies to make the importance and benefits of local food known.

At its training center, visitors can learn about the work of IFCP by studying local food posters, banana and pandanus characterization posters, the CHEEF story book, (created by ECE JICA volunteer) and more.

For this visit, a video highlighting a song about local food, which was previously written and composed by Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School, IFCP partner school for 2011-2012, was shown to the

students, the U.S. Ambassador, teachers and GEAR UP coordinators.

The Gear-up participants were also given an opportunity to learn about the characteristics of the many varieties of bananas found on Pohnpei by going through the IFCP banana garden with Mrs. Johnson.

IFCP would like to offer a special thanks to the U.S. Embassy for coordinating this visit with the GEARUP program students.

Special thanks are given to IFCP funding sources: SPC CePaCT, Australian Embassy, SPC Healthy Life-Style, UNESCO, Division of Public Health of Pohnpei Department of Health Services, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).



Spelling Bee students with US Ambassador



In the banana collection garden, learning the characteristics of bananas

Save the date for the Island Food Community of Pohnpei 3rd Annual Fun Run/Walk and Plant

Saturday, 7 July 2012 is the Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) 3rd annual Fun Run/Walk and Plant!

For this year, the theme is FUN RUN/WALK and PLANT. Participants will run or walk to the designated government area and plant indigenous local plants such as yellow flesh banana, pandanus, papaya, lime and more.

Planting local food will require much physical exercise and provide healthy nutritious food when it is grown. It also takes important role in securing the food for the future. IFCP FUN RUN/WALK/PLANT will serve the best for people in Pohnpei from all generations.

Time: 7am (registration starts around 6:30am)
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