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Blockade shuts down Chuuk fuel supply— one arrest made



By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

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Weno, Chuuk— In Weno, motorists by land and sea were forced to do without fuel on Monday. According to a press release, Vital-FSM PetroCorp (Vital or FSMPC) was forced to shut down its terminal facilities in Weno, Chuuk last Monday due to a blockade of the access road to the facility.

The blockade also caused CPUC to ration power. It also forced some gas stations on the island to close temporarily.

“It is the third such action in the last month by a group of individuals who claim ownership of the land on which the fuel farm and associated facilities sit,” the August 14 press release said.

The blockade meant that Chuuk Public Utility Corporation had to ration power on Monday evening due to the uncertainty of continuing fuel supplies. CPUC had not been forced to ration power for nearly a year, an unprecedented stretch in Weno’s history over the last decade.

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Yap residents left wondering what future holds after ETG signing

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

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Koror, Yap—A Yap State press release says that an investment agreement signed by Yap and Chengdu Century City New International Convention and Exhibition Center Company Ltd. (ETG) officials last Saturday night but the press release was scant on the details of the agreement. There was no mention in the press release of the 4000 hotel rooms that ETG wants to plop down on the island; no mention of the golf courses, the expanded airport, the marinas, or the casinos it wants to operate in Yap.

Yap State Government and ETG representatives signed the agreement on Saturday, August, 11 but the press release covered only statements made at the Pacific Dive Resort and not the content of the agreement.

Yap residents who have sought information on the agreement most often complain that officials are unwilling to share documents and information with the public.

We sent repeated emails this week to Yap State Government officials trying to get an authoritative source for the details of the agreement but all have gone unanswered. We did not even receive an answer as to the depth of the agreement or if the development will now proceed as a result of the agreement.

“The investment agreement was signed by the Honorable Sebastian Anefal, Governor the State of Yap and Mr. Deng Hong, Chairman of the Exhibition & Travel Group of the People’s Republic of China (ETG),

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Keitani taking his rightful place among FSM Olympians

FSM Public Information
Tuesday, August 7, 2012

[Editor’s Note: This item came from a blog site put up by the FSM Public Information Office. The Kaselehlie Press has been told that neither the FSM National Olympics Committee nor the FSMPIO has yet produced a fuller article on the Olympic results and that they hope to produce one in time for the next issue of The Kaselehlie Press.]

Less than an hour before FSM Wrestling’s first historic match at the World Olympics, Keitani and coach Larry Uwelur took to the mat in the wrestling practice hall before competition at the Excel Center in London.

As I watched them among other world champions within the same facility, I couldn’t help but recall Keitani’s “coming of age” as a multi-discipline athlete, a leader, a role model, and now, an Olympian.

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Keitani taking the wrestling stage. Coach Larry and Clark Graham, FSM Wrestling Secretary General at team side

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Speaker Figir meets with US Assistant Secretary Campbell

FSM Congress

PALIKIR, POHNPEI. August 15, 2012 – Speaker Isaac V. Figir of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia recently met with a high level delegation from the United States government headed by Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Kurt M. Campbell.

On August 3rd, Speaker Figir along with certain Congress Members met with Assistant Secretary Campbell and his delegation for frank and candid discussions on various issues of mutual concerns and cooperation among which included the amended Compact of Free Association between the US and the FSM.

Speaker Figir referenced the Compact as a “true model of partnership between two nations,” and underscored that the FSM

values highly the special relationship it has with the US through the Compact.

Along with the Speaker, the other Members that welcomed Assistant Secretary Campbell were Floor Leader F. Singkoro Harper, Senator Dohsis Halbert, Senator David W. Panuelo and Senator Tony H. Otto.

The high-level delegation that accompanied Campbell included Admiral Cecil Haney, Commander of the US Navy Pacific Fleet, Ms. Gloria Steele - USAID Mission Director, Mr. Jeffrey Prescott - Special Advisor for Asian Affairs from the Office of US Vice President, Mr. Edgar Kagan - Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Islands Affairs, Ms. Anusha Seneviratne – Desk Officer of the Office of Pacific Islands Affairs, Captain James Wyatt – Executive Assistant to Admiral Haney, LCDR Jon O’Connor – Flag Aide to Admiral Haney and the representative of the US Government to the FSM, Ambassador Peter Prahar of the US Embassy.

Assistant Secretary Campbell and his interagency delegation’s visit to the FSM is part of his tour of the Pacific Island nations of Tonga, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, the FSM, Palau, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. The tour is Campbell’s second to the FSM and according to the US Embassy press release, the second annual tour of the Pacific “underscores the United States’ commitment to working with its Pacific Island partners to secure a sustainable, prosperous, and peaceful future.”



Oceania’s latest Olympians take to the track - Men’s 100m

By Lewis Woods
The Reporters’ Academy

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The eyes of the Pacific Islands were drawn to the Olympic Stadium as 9 Oceania athletes took to the track for the men’s 100m preliminary rounds. Athletes from Tonga, Palau, Tuvalu, The Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, American Samoa, The Solomon Islands, Kiribati and The Cook Islands all took part in the 4 heats.

All the Oceania athletes took to the track, here are the times and rankings for the preliminary rounds:

- 17th. John Howard (FSM) – 11.05 sec
- 18th. Rodman Teltull (Palau) – 11.06 sec (P.B)
- 19th. Joseph Lui (Tonga) – 11.17 sec
- 23rd. Christopher Walasi (Soloman Is.) – 11.42 sec
- 24th. Elema Fa’antonu (Am. Samoa) – 11.48 (P.B)
- 25th. Nooa Takooa (Kiribati) – 11.53 sec (P.B)
- 26th. Tavevele Noa (Tuvalu) – 11.55 sec
- 28th. Patrick Tuara (Cook Is.) – 11.72 sec
- 29th. Timi Garstang (Marshall Is.) – 12.81 sec

Unfortunately none of the athletes qualified for the next round of the competition and there were mixed emotions from the athletes, some weren’t pleased with their times others were happy. Tavevele of Tuvalu, “My race was not good, my aim was to get 10 seconds. The start of my race was good but then when I reached 60 meters, I let it down.”

Although the results were not what some of the athletes would have hoped for, Timi Garstang of the Marshall Islands spoke about the facilities in the UK that have helped better the athletes performances, “The track was unreal, if we had the facilities back at home we would probably get better, since we have no track on my island, we train on grass, but we just try our best.”

So on the second day of the Athletics at the Olympic Stadium, Oceania’s newest Olympian’s bought spirit and determination, and left with three athletes setting new personal bests. Today was a learning curve for the athletes, hopefully the experience of competing at the London 2012 games will inspire Oceania athletes to get the best out of their performances in the future.



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Post Master describes new Priority security protocols and new openings

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

August 15, 2012

Pohnpei, FSM—Ginger Mida, FSM’s Post Master General said that a meeting recently took place in Majuro amongst all of the players involved in mail delivery from outside of the individual Freely Associated States. She said that her priority was to “push the mail” and that in furtherance of that goal she received reassurances from United Airlines representatives during the meetings that it will prioritize mail delivery in the FSM, particularly in Chuuk where the sheer volume of the mail has created a problem with timely delivery.

She said that several security arrangement changes were discussed at the meetings that affect Priority Mail in the Freely Associated States. She said that security regulations apply to Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Yap, Majuro, Kwajalein and Palau.

United Airlines must comply with a regulation change issued by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) defining security protocols for Priority Mail over 16 ounces originating at the airports above.

United has put technology in place and completed training to be in compliance with the regulations changes at each location. As a result of the regulation changes Posts of the Freely Associated

State will be required to use the following procedures when tendering mail to the United States:

- A. Priority Mail over 16 ounces tendered as an individual piece will have required security protocols applied and will be moved as booked.
- B. Priority Mail tendered in receptacles (sacks) will require the following prior to movement on United passenger flights:
 - a. The Postal Service locally must certify the receptacle(s) does not contain any Priority mail piece(s) over 16 ounces with the following statement, “No receptacle within this consignment contains priority mail pieces greater than 16 ounces.” The declaration must be signed and dated, or:
 - b. The Postal Service accompanies the mail at time of tender to open each sack of Priority Mail so United can apply required security protocols to each piece of 16 ounces.
 - c. The Postal Service accompanies the mail at time of tender to open each sack of Priority Mail so United can apply required security processes and then give the postal service person the opportunity to re-sack and seal the bag for carriage. This process maintains chain of custody requirements.
- C. At any point if a piece(s) of Priority Mail over 16 ounces does not pass the surety process it will be returned to the Post of the Freely Associate State.

The local post will then be responsible for determining if the mail that failed is safe to carry on passenger aircraft, and if so this mail can be returned to United for carriage provided that it is accompanied by the following statement:

“The following piece of mail was returned to the Postal Service for rescreening. The Postal Service has taken the steps required to determine this piece of mail contains no unauthorized explosive, incendiaries, or other destructive substances or items.”

The statement must be signed and dated.

On other matters, Mida said that she plans to open the new Chuuk Post Office

facility in early October after extra post office boxes come in. USPS is shipping those new boxes free of charge and after they arrive the Chuuk Post Office will have 4000 boxes. She said that more than 3000 boxes are already rented and that there is currently a long list of applicants waiting for boxes.

She also said that Pohnpei will soon have a mini Post Office at the airport. She said the new Post Office would be a sub-station for those who will be traveling with overweight suitcases. The Post Office would be there so that customers could mail the overweight amounts. It will also be selling souvenir postal items to promote the Post Office and the FSM.

She said that more information would be released closer to the date of those two openings.



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Chuuk's Attorney General Joses Gallen said by email that Nepokos Village Chief Andario Mour was arrested yesterday in connection with the blockade and was brought to court by 3:00 p.m. Mour. He was released on a \$3000 bond. "He and several of his clansmen and women have been ordered not to come within 100 feet of the premises of the PetroCorp bulk plant and Transco facilities," Gallen's email said.

"Whole day yesterday (August 13) the PetroCorp Bulk Plant was closed and this causes shortages of fuel at the stations on Weno and people were not able to fuel their boats and vehicles," Gallen wrote.

The Vital-FSM PetroCorp press release said that it was the third time in less than a month that the facility suffered a blockade at the hands of a "group of individuals who claim ownership of the land on which the fuel farm and associated facilities sit."

In his email Gallen confirmed Vital's statement.

"The company has operated and managed the bulk plant without disruption since taking over operations from Mobil Oil Micronesia in 2008," Vital's press release said. "As with the other states in the FSM, the company has a contractual agreement with the state government for the lease of land at the facilities that the company manages and operates."

But that land is in dispute.

Marstella Jack is the attorney of record for at least a portion of the land dispute case. At deadline time she was in Chuuk and said by email that as the attorney of record she is compelled to refrain from comment about recent developments until a court order is issued. She said "the basis of the clan's claim is traditional ownership."

Chuuk State police officers were dispatched on Tuesday to ensure that Vital employees could access the fuel farm and that fuel deliveries could be made. "Although Vital staff were able to gain access to the terminal Tuesday morning to resume regular operations, any ongoing blockade actions of the Chuuk facilities will affect essential service and create adverse consequences for all sectors and the public at large," the FSMPC press release said.

"We want to assure our primary customers—the service stations, tourism operators and particularly Chuuk Public Utilities Corporation—that we will continue to provide for the energy and transportation needs of the island as best we can," FSMPC Chairman Willy Hawley said in the press release. "At the same time, in the interest of the landowners, the surrounding community and the safety of our Chuuk-based staff, we will close our terminal as needed, pending resolution of what we see as clearly a matter for the State of Chuuk to resolve."

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with the presence of Governor's Cabinet, Chairman, Vice Chairman and members of the Traditional Council of Pilung (COP), Chairman of the 8th Legislature Standing Committee on Government, Health and Welfare and other members of the public," the press release said.

In his statement during the ceremony, Governor Anefal said that 2023, the year that economic provisions under the Compact of Free Association with the United States will end, will be the "funeral for the Federated States of Micronesia. If you want to prolong and postpone this funeral ceremony then I think we have to take a bold step and this is the right time to do so. During the remaining 10 to 11 years before 2023 I think Yap has to do something," he said.

Governor Anefal is in his second term as Yap's Governor. He was previously the FSM's Secretary for Foreign Affairs. He left that position in order to pursue the office of Governor of Yap State.

The Yap press release said that the Governor hopes that the relationship with ETG will provide the "way forward so that the 'funeral' in 2023 could be 'delayed further.'"

According to postings on Facebook and other Internet sites, many residents of Yap seem to think that funereal proceedings should have begun on the night of the signing. Some postings on those sites refer to that night as 8/11, an undisguised reference to the tragic events of September 11, 2002.

Some of the postings are disturbing and include racial epithets. More than one posting contained threats saying that any foreigners found in their villages might "disappear."

Probably the most disturbing of all of the postings on the subject was posted on the Micronesia Forum (<http://www.micronesiaforum.org>). The poster did not say whether he was Yapese or not. It said:

- *"Seems like we cant stop this ETG crap due to the fact that a selected few has now made a deal with the devil and will be getting rich off of it, while the majority of the Yapese population suffer the consequences. Thats okay my Yapese brothers and sisters. Many of us have served or are currently serving in the U.S. Military and have learned tactical trades about certain chemicals and compounds that when put together make fireworks. I say since we cant stop the building of ETG hotels and their ideas of tourism while getting rich off of the hard working men and women of Yaps back. We wait, before its done and before any Yapese set foot inside we blow those (expletive) buildings up."*

Another individual responded to that post:

- *"Anyways, it's done already. The past IS the past, and now we have to live with it. Hopefully it'll turn out good if not. Ima be looking for (user name deleted) squad."*

"(User name deleted)"

- *"Invited or not, I will join your patriotic campaign for the freedom and rights of the people of Yap. If FBI, CIA, or even the SEAL 6 OPS* get's in the way, they will regret!! None of them has any experience defending against black magic...And when I say black I mean **black, black... Darker** than the black holes NASA scopes on."*

- *"Whether it's a good thing or not, I think that not enough people was able to voice their opinions or questions. I know our gov't is democratic but it'll be only democratic by label if the peoples voice is not heard. Some people here in Yap are crazy about land ownership. They will claim whatever piece they wish, whether it's theirs or not. A lot of conflict is to be expected in the upcoming years"*.

There are several groups on Facebook that discuss Yap issues. All of them have been discussing the ETG proposal for several months. Still Yap's government has been less than forthcoming with the details on the plan and resident angst about what the future holds seems to be at an all time high.

According to the Yap press release Chairman Hong told

the participants at the signing ceremony that ETG would build Yap to become one of the main tourist destinations in the Pacific region. He said that ETG would be able to complete the construction of all the facilities in Yap within the next five years if things are moving according to plan.

Again, the plan was not shared.

A freelance journalist in Yap told KPress today that she has been trying for weeks to get details and that she hopes to have a detailed article on the ETG agreement in time for the next issue of The Kaselehlie Press.

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Keitani is well-known in his home-state of Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia for his dedication to excellence in sport and unrelenting focus on "becoming the best" in the sports of basketball, athletics, and the past five years, wrestling. He has competed at the South Pacific Games in basketball and athletics (pentathlon) and now has become FSM Wrestling's first debut at the Olympics.

Keitani taking the wrestling stage. Coach Larry and Clark Graham, FSM Wrestling Secretary General at team side

Keitani's steps onto the wrestling stage foreshadowed the dominance of a "new sport" in the FSM that has already established esteemed regards in the country since the 2007 South Pacific Games in Apia Samoa. Apart from the acclaimed great FSM lifter Manuel Minginfel, FSM wrestlers, especially Keitani Graham, have made their country men and women proud though their continuing successes as a developing sport. Coach Larry himself helped pioneered the way for great athletes like Keitani to make a strong mark for the FSM.

Keitani Graham, FSM (red) and Charles Edward Betts, USA at the start of their match

So, even though the "underdog" was handed a defeat by Betts Charles Edward, a great USA wrestler in their 84 KG match, the end result will only intensify Keitani's hunger for greatness. For beneath the quiet humble nature that dictates this young man's simple approach is a resolute fighter who has built bigger dreams for less fortunate Micronesians not only through sports but community involvement, education, and outreach programs. I do not hesitate to say that Keitani already has his heart fixed on what he has to do to rise up the same steps four years later, only in a different host-country, Brazil.



Keitani Graham and his coach, Larry Uwelur, during warm up about an hour before the match

Recycling Center collects a million cans and shuts its doors

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

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Kolonia, Pohnpei—The aluminum can recycling program that opened on June 18 was forced to temporarily close just three weeks after it opened due to a shortage of funds. Pohnpei State Government did not anticipate that it would have to pay out \$50,000, the total amount allocated by the Pohnpei State Legislature, for a million cans that were already on the island when the program started.

Very few, if any of the cans redeemed in the first three weeks of the program had been subject to the six cent levy that was first collected from businesses for imports on July 15 nearly a month after the program opened. They were cans that had arrived on island before the month of June and were either already in the warehouses of local businesses or were lying around as part of the discarded trash on the island.

The organizers were aware before the program started that they would have to pay out money for cans that were on island before the program began but had not expected that such a large number of cans would come in so quickly.

To make matters worse, on July 15, the date that the first the six cent per can levy was due to the State, only three businesses out of 29 importers of aluminum can products paid into the program for imports that arrived in June. The total collected from those three businesses amounted to only \$3,000 in revenue. At six cents per can that amount covered only 50,000 cans, just five percent of the total number of cans that were redeemed during the first three weeks of the program.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that there are many more unredeemed cans still lying around Pohnpei Sarawi. Some residents have expressed dismay that they worked hard to collect cans and that there has been no where to take them. Many residents have saved the cans they collected hoping that the program will re-open.

Lt. Governor Marcello Peterson said that last week he signed an appropriation bill into law that will provide an additional \$50,000 for the program but that the final decision has not yet been made as to when the recycling program will begin again. An evaluation will be made after the 15th of the month when the six cents per can levy is due from local businesses for aluminum can products those businesses imported during the month of July. The amount of the revenue collected from business owners will determine whether the program will immediately reopen or



if the reopening will have to wait a month.

Regardless of what happens on the 15th of August, when the recycling program does reopen it will do so a bit more cautiously. Lt. Governor Peterson said that in the immediate future, the Kolonia recycling center will likely be open for only one day each week.

Meanwhile, Pohnpei's Environmental Protection Agency which is in charge of regulating the program is trying to arrange for the sale and shipment of the cans that have already been collected. EPA's Director, Albert Roby said that there is currently a potential buyer on island and that EPA is negotiating with that person. Additionally, EPA has sent out feelers to other potential buyers in Korea, Singapore and Taiwan. EPA will accept the purchase bid that provides the greatest level of income to the program after shipping and other expenses are paid.

Roby said that EPA will likely complete

those negotiations by the end of this week. He expects that the sale of the collected cans could inject another ten to twenty thousand dollars back into the program.

Kolonia Town has had an aluminum can recycling program for several years. That program was on a voluntary basis and recyclers received no remuneration for recycling their cans other than the satisfaction that comes from doing the environmentally responsible thing.

Though the Kolonia Town recycling center which is located behind Ellen's Market in the China Town area of Pohnpei is full to capacity it is still open for residents who want to recycle their cans. The only thing the center can't do is pay out five cents per can until that portion of the program reopens.

Mr. Roby says that he hopes that the cans already collected will be packaged for shipment as early as next week to clear space for more can collections.



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Shortage in energy budget threatens the FSM National Government

FSM Office of Public Information

August 13, 2012

Palikir, Pohnpei—President Mori has alerted all the departments, the Office of Public Auditor, the Office of Statistics, Budget and Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance and Compact Management (SBOC), the Office of Environment and Emergency Management, the legislative branch and the judicial branch of the outstanding shortage of funds in the energy budget to pay the Pohnpei Utility Corporation (PUC) for the National Government's electricity from July to September, 2012.

In an August 7 memorandum, the President briefly spoke of the fund shortage situation and asked the departments, offices and branches to contribute to the energy account to avoid power disconnection.

“The amount needed for the three months is around \$150,000

and in order to avoid power disconnection by PUC, I would like to request everyone's contribution to the energy account from your remaining operational budget...”, the President wrote.

According to Secretary Francis Itimai of the Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure (TC&I), the fund shortage situation has been anticipated since day one of the fiscal year as the amount requested under energy budget was not fully provided for in the first place.

The Secretary further explained that the shortage was compounded by hikes in energy tariffs by PUC without corresponding budgetary adjustment by the National Government to deal with such hikes and prevent an under-budgeting situation.

The FSM Government allocated a total of \$500,000 towards energy and utilities for its offices, which is short by well beyond 100,000 to cover the full year's cost.

1,000 dictionaries headed to Yap, Micronesia

Habele Outer Island Education Fund

August 7, 2012

US residents might struggle to find the Central Pacific Island of Yap on a globe, but thanks to a donation from the Habele, native children on the islands of Yap will be getting a much-needed educational resource.

Habele, a US-based nonprofit organization, sent a thousand English language dictionaries to Yap. Its one of four states that make up the string of islands called the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). The dictionaries even include an abbreviated atlas, something local students can use to learn more about distant North American geography.

This unique donation is enough to provide every middle school student across Yap State with something previously unheard of – a dictionary of their very own.

Forty boxes of books began to arrive in the capital of Yap, Colonia this week. They will be distributed to the 900 students who are enrolled in the roughly 30 public and private schools across the islands.

The donation is particularly meaningful as Yap, like all the isolated islands in the central Pacific, struggles with economic and educational challenges. Among those lucky enough to enroll in the nation's two-

years community college system, just one-in-five will earn a degree, according to recent data from the US Government. Per-capita income is a mere \$2,800 per year and many families still rely on subsistence fishing and farming.

Regina Raigetel, Habele's local director, orchestrated the dictionary donation project. “This donation is exactly what the island community told us they needed. It's a huge opportunity for our under-resourced students.” Raigetel notes that Habele is the only nonprofit solely focused on educational issues in Micronesia. She says her groups is committed to help raise high school completion rates, and increase student preparedness for post-secondary education.

Director Vincent Parren, of the local state department of education, is generously overseeing the distribution of the dictionaries across the islands, which span hundreds of miles of open ocean.

Director Parren echoed Raigetel's enthusiasm about the partnership. “I would like to take this opportunity to thank Habele and its partners for their courtesy and kindness in sending the dictionaries to the students all across Yap State,” said Director Parren. “We really appreciate the help and gift, and are pleased to have helped usher the boxes through customs as we send them out to the far-flung schools.”

South Carolina based charity Habele has been working in Yap State since 2006. In addition to coordinating donations of text, reference and reading books, the group awards scholarships and provides support to community-based after school programs. These include traditional dugout canoe carving (through the Waa'gey organization) and Micronesia's first ever high school robotics team exhibition, held earlier this year. The dictionaries were provided by “The Dictionary Project,” another, South Carolina based organization that works to provide students across the globe with dictionaries of their own.

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PATA Micronesia unveils refreshing brand signature

The Pacific Asia Travel Association

August 10, 2012 (Tumon, Guam) The Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Micronesia Chapter held their 3rd Tri-Annual Meeting in Chuuk, FSM from August 8- 11, 2012. One of the main highlights of the meeting included the unveiling of the chapter's Micronesia branding initiative campaign and its new brand logo for the region, with the tag line "Micronesia – Experience the Warmth".

Pilar Laguana, Co-Chairperson of the PATA Marketing Committee, explained that the "the chapter members can now be proud that we have a cohesive brand product to market to the world which was developed to create, promote, and reinforce a consistent and positive awareness of Micronesia". The creation of the brand logo, which the chapter began in 2010 has completed the first phase of the PATA Micronesia Branding Initiative.

Darin De Leon, Managing Director of Palau Visitor Authority, the brand guidelines created explains "the brand signature was created to invoke the image; the promise, of warmth. Experience the warmth – the nature warmth (our year-round climate is blessed by a marriage of the Pacific Ocean's caress with the embrace of tropical beaches and breath-

taking scenery); Cultural warmth (our very own culture drives the hospitality that is inherent to our community as a whole. In effect, this is the very essence of who we are".

Casey Jeszenka, chapter board member and Network Director of the Pacific Islands SBDC Network congratulated the chapter and said that having this new regional brand image now ties all of Micronesia together as a travel and tourism destination instead of each island marketing themselves individually during regional tourism marketing initiatives, raising the awareness of the Micronesia region.

The brand signature logo represents the peace and tranquility of the Micronesia. The green palm leaves portray the life and environment that is prevalent over islands landscapes that are still covered by nature as oppose to gray found in cities, the blue waves

portray the gentle and natural beauty of marine life that cradles Micronesia and the brown circle portrays the inclusions, the whole, that is all the islands and cultures rooted together that constitutes Micronesia."

The next phase of the Micronesia Brand will involve marketing efforts by the PATA Micronesia Chapter and its members along with state and national tourism organizations of the region. The chapter

is also creating a new PATA Micronesia website and social media platform with the Micronesia brand.

The next PATA Micronesia Chapter meeting will be held on Guam December 5 and 6, 2012.

For further information and further guidelines of the Micronesia Logo please contact Mr. Grant Ismael, PATA Chairman at granti@mail.fm



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Boys & Girls Summer camp

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Two summer camps for 8th graders were held in the Mortlocks region of Chuuk State. "Camp Boys to Men" was held on Moch Island for boys, and "Lien Camp Fapul" was held on Piafo (a picnic island near Lekinioch) for girls. Both camps were funded by the Direct Aid Program of the Australian Embassy and were facilitated by a committee of Peace Corps Volunteers and local Mortlockese men and women. Additional support for the camps was provided by the Chuuk Women's Council and the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health.

In 2010 three Peace Corps Volunteers (PCV), Alex Plum posted on Moch Island, Dan Lebednik posted on Kuttu Island, and Trevor Ramsey-Macomber posted on Ta Island as teachers and community development workers in the Mortlocks, observed high rates of tobacco usage, dropout rates, and unsafe sexual practices, among teen males. In response to these observations the PCVs organized and facilitated "Camp Boys to Men: Mortlocks Style," a four-day summer camp for 8th grade boys in the Mortlocks. The purpose of the camp was to give a culturally sensitive, yet honest and direct presentation of the issues facing these young men.

With the success of the inaugural camp, it was replicated the following year and expanded to include more islands, and more campers. Inspired by the successes of these two camps, PCV Farrah Stern (Lekinioch Island) began meeting with



local women to discuss the possibility of holding a girls camp addressing issues specific to young women in the Mortlocks.

"Young women in the Mortlocks face significant challenges. Cultural norms of respect and modesty make it difficult to discuss those issues in a safe and non-judgmental way. Camp Fapul was the perfect setting to have honest discussions about issues that are immensely important in the lives of young women," said Stern.

The goal of Camp Boys to Men and Lien Camp Fapul is three-fold: to encourage young people to make good decisions regarding their health, education and relationships; to empower Mortlockese men and women to organize and lead youth development projects within their communities; and to strengthen the Mortlocks' community as a whole. "Despite living less than 10 miles apart, some of the boys and girls had never had the opportunity to visit their neighboring islands. These camps are a chance to show them that while they belong to their individual island communities, they also belong to a larger Mortlocks community," said PCV Ben Perdue (posted on Satowan Island).

Sitae Smith, Acting Principal of Moch Community Schools and camp counselor of Camp Boys to Men since its inception in 2010 is happy to see this kind of youth development initiative taking place in his community. "I am very happy to see programs like Camp Boys to Men and Lien Camp Fapul here in the Mortlocks. These are extremely worthwhile programs for our students, and with their continued success, I hope to see positive changes in the lives of young people in the Mortlocks."



IOM and Partners conduct Hazard, Vulnerability and Capacity (HVC) Mapping Exercise in Pohnpei

The International Organization for Migration

On Sunday, August 12, 2012, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) held the first Hazard, Vulnerability and Capacity (HVC) Mapping Exercise with the community members of Sekere municipality. The event took place at Sekere Elementary School throughout Sunday afternoon. Twenty-three participants from the Sekere Community were selected from a volunteer sign-up sheet circulated at a Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Education (CADRE) Program socialization meeting conducted two weeks prior to the event. The CADRE Program is supported by the Australian Government, through the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) and aims to build the resilience of vulnerable communities in the FSM and the RMI to natural hazards, particularly those that are climate induced. Also in attendance were representatives of the FSM Office of Environment and Emergency Management (OEEM), the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), and the Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP).

The exercise was facilitated by IOM Training Assistant, Ms Canita Swigert and Emergency Response Adviser, Mr. Rick Herman; as well as CSP staff Kesdy-Ray Ladore. The activity included the development of a community profile which outlines the main risks in the community associated to hazards and vulnerabilities, as well as, the resources and capacities of the communities. An important part of the profiling included physical mapping of the community, and the development of a hazard matrix, which included natural hazards, such as: flooding, landslides and storm damage.

The main HVC mapping event included a physical mapping exercise in which the community members were divided into three groups. Each group sketched a map of Sekere and identified the key infrastructure that serves as a resource, such as evacuation centers; the capacities of the community, along with mapping of the hazards that the community is likely to face. Once they completed their illustrations of the Sekere map, a representative of each work group presented their maps. The last activity was the Hazard and Vulnerability Matrix facilitated by Mr. Kesdy-Ray Ladore. The community members listed down three major threats or hazards Sekere is currently facing, the weaknesses and strengths in the community, and lastly, how the community can prepare or adapt to the three hazards listed.

A summary report will be generated and returned to the community in the next meeting on August 26, 2012 at 1:00pm, at Sekere School.



IOM rolls out first basic first aid and CPR training with Micronesian educators

The International Organization for Migration

As the vacation comes to an end, schools have been preparing for possible emergencies and disasters. From August 6 - 9, 2012, the International Organization with Migration (IOM) in partnership with Pohnpei State Department of Education (PDoE) conducted a four-day first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training with public

school educators at the Department of Education Training Center. Ms. Rihna Jimmy of the PDoE requested assistance from IOM to conduct a basic first aid training, covering the treatment of injuries, CPR exercises among other important topics.

Each day, the training center was filled with a new set of educators, eager to absorb new information on how to protect the welfare of their young learners. In total, 42 teaching staff in the PDoE attended the training. In addition to Pohnpei Island, teaching staff from the outer islands of Pingelap, Mwoakilloa, Sapwuahfik, Nukuoro, and Kapingamarangi were in attendance. The trainings were given in one four-hour sessions.

First Aid Training materials (bandaging supplies and gloves) were provided by IOM. The use of eight CPR mannequins and 60 face barrier shields were generously donated by MAHI International, a local partner of IOM

The training was administered by Mr. Rick Herman, Emergency Response Adviser for IOM based in Pohnpei. The training was delivered under the Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Education (CADRE) Program. The CADRE Program is being implemented by IOM on behalf of the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). The Program aims to build the resilience of vulnerable communities in the FSM and the RMI to climate change and climate-induced natural hazards. During the training, Mr. Herman was able to teach participants about bleeding control, bandaging, proper donning and doffing techniques for gloves, impalements, special considerations in head/neck/chest/abdominal wounds, burns, bone fractures, and CPR.

Throughout the course, the teaching staff were engaged and actively demonstrated their skills in the administration of First Aid and CPR. Ms Jimmy commented: "PDoE would like all teaching staff to be refreshed in these important topics so that they are ready to respond to emergency medical incidents."



Announcement

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POSITION: Chauffeur/Maintenance, LES-4

OPENING DATE: August 9, 2012

CLOSING DATE: August 23, 2012

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A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact Randy Calvert at (691) 320-2187.

Summer Camp 2012 Celebration



The Pohnpei Public Library celebrated the Summer Program 2012 on August 1, 2012. There was a short program that was prepared for the day, Ms. Cori Jo Jahnsen welcomed everyone, followed by two songs and a skit by the participants. The first song was sang by all the participants from the Early Literacy section entitled the "Bats are sleeping, the second song was performed by the the intermediate students entitled "Rainbow Connection" and the last one was a skit performed by the teen entitled "Where the wild Things Are". All the participants received certificates and books presented by Dosihner Jose and Cori Jo Jahnsen. In closing, Lester Ezekias, Head Librarian, thanked everyone for their support and contribution to Pohnpei Public Library. He also handed out certificates to

the contributors for this year on behalf of the Friends of the Pohnpei Public Library.

The Theme for this year's Summer Program was "DREAM BIG READ". From the theme, the instructors shared stories and provided activities for the kids. The kids learned songs, made crafts and enjoyed other fun and educational activities. The Program was funded through a grant from Australian Foreign Aid. One of the goals was to increase the number of participants, with over 200 students registered in the program, the library met their goal. This Summer Reading has been very successful with the involvement of the volunteers, parents, participants and the contributors for this year.

Peace Corp volunteers take the Oath of Service

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(Kolonia, Pohnpei) - The Peace Corps swore in 22 new volunteers to serve in the FSM and Palau for the next 2 years. Volunteers in Kosrae were sworn in on August 13, 2012 while Volunteers in Pohnpei, Chuuk and Palau were sworn in on August 15, 2012. The newly sworn in volunteers had recently completed 10 weeks of training to prepare for serving as teachers alongside their Micronesian/Palauan counterparts. Training included classes in language, cross-cultural understanding, medical, and safety and security. Perhaps the most important part of the training was living with host families to help them better integrate into their communities and schools.



Seven volunteers will serve in Pohnpei:

Ohmine Elementary	Benjamin Taylor
Library	Freya Hoppert
Saladak Elementary	Diana Howard
Salapwuk Elementary	Nicholas Canfield
Lukop Elementary	Chrisinte Brinkworth
ESDM Elementary	Joyce Gehr
Pehlelg Elementary	Mia Neidhardt

Five will serve in Chuuk State in the Mortlocks:

Oneop Elementary	Mark Brown
Lekinoh Elementary	Mariel Iezzoni
Mortlocks High School	Samuel Beddow
Satawan Elementary	Sarah Morse
Moch High School	Gretchen Carroll

Three will serve in Chuuk Lagoon:

Sino Memorial Elem	Benjamin Walter
UFO Elementary	Elana Meitler
Romanum Elementary	Melody Alvarez

Three will serve in Kosrae:

Lelu Elementary	Heather Bright
Utwe Elementary	Alyssa Sizemore
Sansrik Elementary	Elizabeth Leizeron

Four will serve in Palau:

Emmaus High School	Jake Duvall
Bethania High School	Elisa Phillips
Airai Elementary	Natalie Smerkanich
Anguar Elementary	Melanie Rudolph

The Peace Corps is a United States Government agency established by President John F. Kennedy in 1961. Its mission is "to promote peace and friendship." Since its establishment, the Peace Corps has sent approximately 205,000 volunteers to countries all over the world. Peace Corps volunteers first arrived in Micronesia in 1966. Since then, more than 5,000 volunteers have served throughout the FSM. The Peace Corps remains committed to the FSM with a focus on education and placing teachers in schools.

Worldwide, Volunteers work at the local level and focus on improving education, health, business, information technology, and agriculture, and the environment. In the FSM and Palau volunteer efforts are now focused primarily on education.

National Government Officials to Chuuk in support of State Leadership Conference

FSM Information Services

August 16, 2012

President Manny Mori is in Chuuk since August 12 on an official trip that includes supporting the convening of the Chuuk State Leadership Conference from August 15 to 17.

The President has been vocal in pursuing the need for all governments in the Federated States of Micronesia to progress efforts in establishing their Long Term Fiscal Framework (LTFF) as part of fiscal belt-tightening in general and as a collaborative strategy by all governments in response to Compact funding decrements and post-2023 planning to weigh options beyond Compact dependency, in particular.

The States of Kosrae and Yap have finished their respective conferences where the LTFF issue was tackled, establishing a roadmap for the states to deal with already occurring budgetary decrements under the Compact.

As done for the other states, a number of cabinet level officials and other staff from the National Government are in Chuuk to lend technical and duty-specific support to the leadership conference, including Ms. Evelyn Adolph, Director of the Office of Statistics, Budget and Economic Management, Overseas Development Aid, and Compact Management; Mr. Andrew Yatilman, Director of the Office of Environment and Emergency Management; Mrs. Rose Nakanaga, Acting Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration; Mr. Lorin Robert, Secretary of the

Department of Foreign Affairs; and others.

The on-going leadership meeting falls in line with President Mori's persuasion as expressed in a July 11 letter to Governor Johnson Elimo:

"I strongly believe that Chuuk State should hold its leadership meeting to finalize its LTFF before the upcoming JEMCO meeting in August", President Mori wrote.

Through phone conversation yesterday with Mr. Churchill Edward, the President's Chief of Staff who is also in Chuuk, Mr. Edward said that the President may also participate at the on-going Catholic Church celebrations that coincide with the leadership meeting.

PREL congratulates Ms. Rhonda Johnny and Mr. Cory Kustin of Pohnpei, winners of the 2012–2013 Pacific Teacher Scholarship

PREL

August 1, 2012

Honolulu, Hawai'i—Two exemplary students of Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Ms. Rhonda Johnny and Mr. Cory Kustin recently won the PREL 2012–2013 Pacific Teacher Scholarship Award. The scholarship is given annually to students who are enrolled in a teacher preparation program, who are in good academic standing, and who intend to teach at a school in the U.S.-affiliated Pacific islands (USAPI).

Ms. Johnny is from a small geographically remote village called Temwen on Pohnpei Island, but that didn't stop her from attending the College of Micronesia-FSM, National Campus, where she is currently pursuing her certificate in education. Her goal is to eventually enroll in the University of Guam/College of Micronesia (UOG/COM) Bachelor of Arts program in elementary education. Ms. Johnny would like to return to her remote community of Temwen with the knowledge she has gained to teach lower grades at the elementary level.

Mr. Kustin is currently working toward his associate's degree in education at the College of Micronesia-FSM, National Campus in Pohnpei. He has been a member of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society since 2006, an outstanding student, and works part-time as a math, science, and technology tutor at the COM-FSM. Mr. Kustin's career goal is to be an elementary math and science teacher to share his knowledge and experience with the children of his community in Pohnpei.

PREL is proud to contribute to both Ms. Johnny's and Mr. Kustin's educational goals and wishes each of them great success.

Check out PREL's Pacific Teacher Scholarship Web page or contact your local PREL office in January 2013 for the next year's application submission details.

If you are interested in donating to the effort, please visit PREL's Pacific Teacher Scholarship Web page and click on Donate, or mail your donation to: The Pacific Teacher Scholarship Fund, PREL, 900 Fort Street Mall, Suite 1300, Honolulu, HI 96813.

The Catholic Church in Chuuk this week is concluding the year-long celebration of its 100th year anniversary, including a silver jubilee anniversary commemoration for the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Amando Samo when he was installed bishop of what was then the Diocese of the Caroline and Marshall Islands.

President Mori is due to return to Pohnpei on Friday, August 17.

FSM attends PACP meetings ahead of EPA negotiations with the European Union.

FSM Information Services

August 16, 2012

Palikir, Pohnpei – FSM Dept. of R&D (August 15, 2012): Since Monday, August 13, FSM is attending the PACP Trade Officials and Ministerial Meetings in Nuku'alofa, Tonga. These meetings are aimed at progressing preparations for the next round of negotiations for the conclusion of the Economic Partnership Agreement between Pacific Members of the Pacific African Caribbean Group of States (PACPS) and the European Union in October 2012. The Meetings, which will end on August 17, 2012, are facilitated by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, and are attended by Senior Trade Officials and Trade Ministers from the 14 PACP States.

Eight main issues are being considered by the PACP Trade Officials for proper recommendation to Trade Ministers for their meeting in the latter part of this week: the draft market access offers, which deal with the list of products to be liberalized and those not to be liberalized in trading with the EU; the proposed draft fisheries Chapter, which deals with the fishing opportunities, possible benefits and compensations, and relationships with existing and future fishing agreements; the Development Cooperation Chapter, which will ensure that PACPS are provided

adequate and appropriate resources to undertake the obligations under the negotiated agreement; the draft Memorandum of Understanding on the establishment of a Pacific Trade and Development Facility (PTDF), which is to improve the delivery of aid to PACPS to meet their EPA obligations and a means to channel Aid for Trade (AFT) resources to the region; a review of the Draft EPA legal text; the way forward for PACPs in the EPA negotiations; the Pacific Island Countries Trade Agreement (PICTA) Trade in Services (TIS) Protocol for endorsement by the Trade Ministers; and finally, PACP Management Issues, which will consider Fiji's non-participation at PACP Leaders' Meetings.

It is anticipated that important recommendations will be made at the PACP Minister's Meeting for the consideration and final decision of the Forum Leaders at their next meeting in Cook Islands on August 27, 2012. In preparation for the JTWG with the EU in Brussels, FSM will finalize its position at the national level, taking into consideration the decisions that will arise from the PACP Minister's Meeting, as well as the decisions that have been made by the National Trade Facilitation Committee at their meeting that was held in April of this year in Palikir.

Members of the FSM delegation to the meetings in Tonga are Mr. Marion Henry, Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development, Ms. Camille Movick-Inatio, Acting Assistant Secretary for Trade and Investment, and Mr. Jean Bertrand Azapmo, Trade Policy Analyst.

Yap State signed grant contract with Japan Government

Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs

August 9, 2012

KOLONIA, FSM (Japan Embassy) — Yap State was granted a project through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects in the amount \$99,807 for the "Improvement of the Yap State Public Dump Site to a Sanitary, Fuguoka-design Landfill."

The main recipient of this project is the Yap State Government but the principle entity responsible for the project will be Yap State Environmental Protection Agency (Yap EPA) in collaboration with the Department of Public Works & Transportation. Also a main contender in the realization of this Project is Japan Technical Cooperation Project for the Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management (J-PRISM) through JICA.

The grant will provide construction for a disposal cell and evaporation pond of their new public landfill. Yap State has come a long way, striving along with the rest of the world to tackle management of

solid waste in their State and it has only been within the last few years with joint efforts between the State government, including both semi-government and private entities.

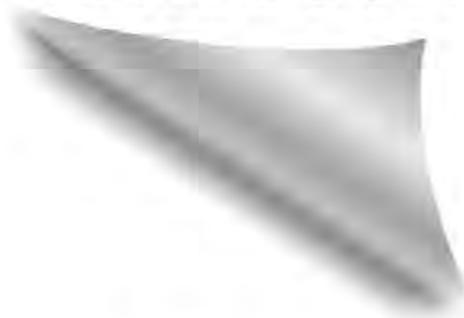
Improvement of management of solid waste is very important to Yap state due to its current and potential threats to the health, people, economy, and environment of the State. The Fukuoka method, a method that was first adopted by Kosrae State, will also be used for this landfill.

The public dump site will benefit a large percentage of the population of Yap's main island due to its close proximity to Colonia town area where majority of government buildings, businesses, public offices, and private establishments are located.

On behalf of the Yap State Government, Ms. Christina Giltinag Fillmed, Director of Yap EPA, signed the Grant Contract with Ambassador Eiichi Suzuki representing the Japan Government, and also present was Mr. Yasutoshi Sagami, Project Formulation Adviser for JICA. The signing of the Contract was held on July 26, 2012 at the Embassy of Japan.

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Letter to the Editor

Open letter to Speaker Lohn on prescription drug crisis

Iheng Maing Speaker:

I come to your attention and to that of the Legislature to convey a situation of what I, myself, call "public health is at risk". Mr. Speaker, I accompanied a patient to the hospital last week for treatment. When I was given a doctor's prescription, I paid for it with cash and approached the hospital pharmacy to claim what I had paid for. After almost two hours of waiting to receive my medicine (amoxicillin), instead I found out that amoxicillin is not available and that I should get the prescription filled at the Genesis Hospital. I asked the pharmacist to please mark the prescription which he did with a stamp in bold letters "NO DRUGS AVAILABLE". I wish also to mention that my prescription was not the only one returned. Many prescriptions that I witnessed that day were being returned to the patients with advice that they should purchase them from the private clinics.

From my experience at the hospital and from the experiences of many others, I feel that our public health sector is definitely at risk. I understand that amoxicillin is one medicine on the WHO (World Health Organization) list of essential medicines which represents the most important medicines for a basic health-care system that must be on stock at all times. Of equal importance, our citizens are being deprived of the hard earned money being paid to the hospital because they are not being provided with the prescribed treatment.

Because Governor Ehsa has not submitted a nominee for the position of the Director of the Department of Health Services, I definitely believe that we must oversee the administration of the Department of Health Services on a continuous basis until we confirm a new trustee for the health of the public. Up until now, I can only conclude that mismanagement, abuse of duties and the like can occur at any time and may even escalate to the point where we reach a stage of emergency.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the concerns that I have raised in this letter. I hope that the Eight Pohnpei Legislature values what I have shared with you and puts the health of our people before any other priority.

Sincerely,
Edgar W. Lickaneth
Senator, Kapingamarangi

Opinion Editorial

People Helping People

Peter Muller

"This year's World Humanitarian Day presents an historic opportunity to bring together one billion people from around the world to advance a powerful and proactive idea: People Helping People."

- Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations

Every day we see and hear images and stories of human pain and suffering – in our own neighborhoods or in countries far away. Today, 62 million people around the world are in desperate need of humanitarian aid. Their lives and livelihoods have been shattered by conflict, hunger and disaster.

The Pacific Island region is one of the world's most susceptible to natural disasters. Small, vulnerable island states are isolated by a vast expanse of ocean. They experience frequent and intense disasters with disproportionately high economic, social and environmental consequences.

The people affected by these natural disasters need food, access to clean water, basic health services, a place for their kids to be educated and the tools to help them quickly restore normalcy to their day to day lives.

Already this year, we have seen the devastating effects these natural disasters can have on our communities. In January and March of this year, Fiji's Western Division suffered extensive flooding. The flooding led to 10 deaths and temporarily displaced over 19,000 people who were forced to evacuate their homes.

The Fijian Government declared a State of Natural Disaster, and the Pacific Humanitarian Team – a collaborative effort between all major humanitarian actors that provide assistance throughout the Pacific Island region supported the response and early recovery activities.

It is the stories of the individuals who responded to the floods that demonstrate the fact that anyone can be a humanitarian. The people who accommodated their family members whose homes had been destroyed, those who cooked meals for their local community despite their own homes and livelihoods being compromised and those who helped evacuate their elderly neighbors demonstrate that we can all take humanitarian action.

In 2008, the United Nations General Assembly designated August 19 'World Humanitarian Day' to raise public awareness of humanitarian assistance worldwide, and to recognize people who risk their lives to help people in need – whoever and wherever they are.

Four years later, World Humanitarian Day has become a global celebration of humanitarian action, and captures the spirit of people helping people. This World Humanitarian Day, you can show your support and say 'I Was Here' to demonstrate that the spirit of people helping people is alive and well in the Pacific Island region. Visit www.whd-iwashere.org to pledge one humanitarian action, however great or small, and tell the world about it.

Peter Muller is the Regional Disaster Response Adviser for the Pacific with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) based in Suva, Fiji

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A	Type of Option		Bi-Weekly	
	Basic Health Option	Current	New	Increase
	Eligible Employee	14.30	16.52	2.22
	Dependent Spouse	14.30	16.52	2.22
	Dependent Minor Children (First Four Children)	14.30	16.52	2.22
	Additional Dependent Minor (Each)	3.58	4.13	0.55
	Other Dependents	14.30	16.52	2.22
B	Supplemental for Residents			
	Eligible Employee	32.45	37.48	5.03
	Dependent Spouse	32.45	37.48	5.03
	Dependent Minor Children (First Four Children)	32.45	37.48	5.03
	Additional Dependent Minor (Each)	8.12	9.38	1.26
	Other Dependents	32.45	37.48	5.03
C	Supplemental Non-Residents			
	Eligible Employee	44.55	51.46	6.91
	Dependent Spouse	44.55	51.46	6.91
	Dependent Minor Children (First 4 Children)	44.55	51.46	6.91
	Additional Dependent Minor (Each)	44.55	51.46	6.91
	Other Dependents	44.55	51.46	6.91
D	Non-Referral Option (New)*			
	Eligible Employee	0	8.26	N/A
	Dependent Spouse	0	8.26	N/A
	Dependent Minor Children (First Four Children)	0	8.26	N/A
	Additional Dependent Minor (Each)	0	N/A	N/A
	Other Dependents	0	N/A	N/A
E	Regional and International Resident Workers (New)**			
	Eligible Employee	0	51.46	N/A
	Dependent Spouse	0	51.46	N/A
	Dependent Minor Children (First 4 Children)	0	51.46	N/A
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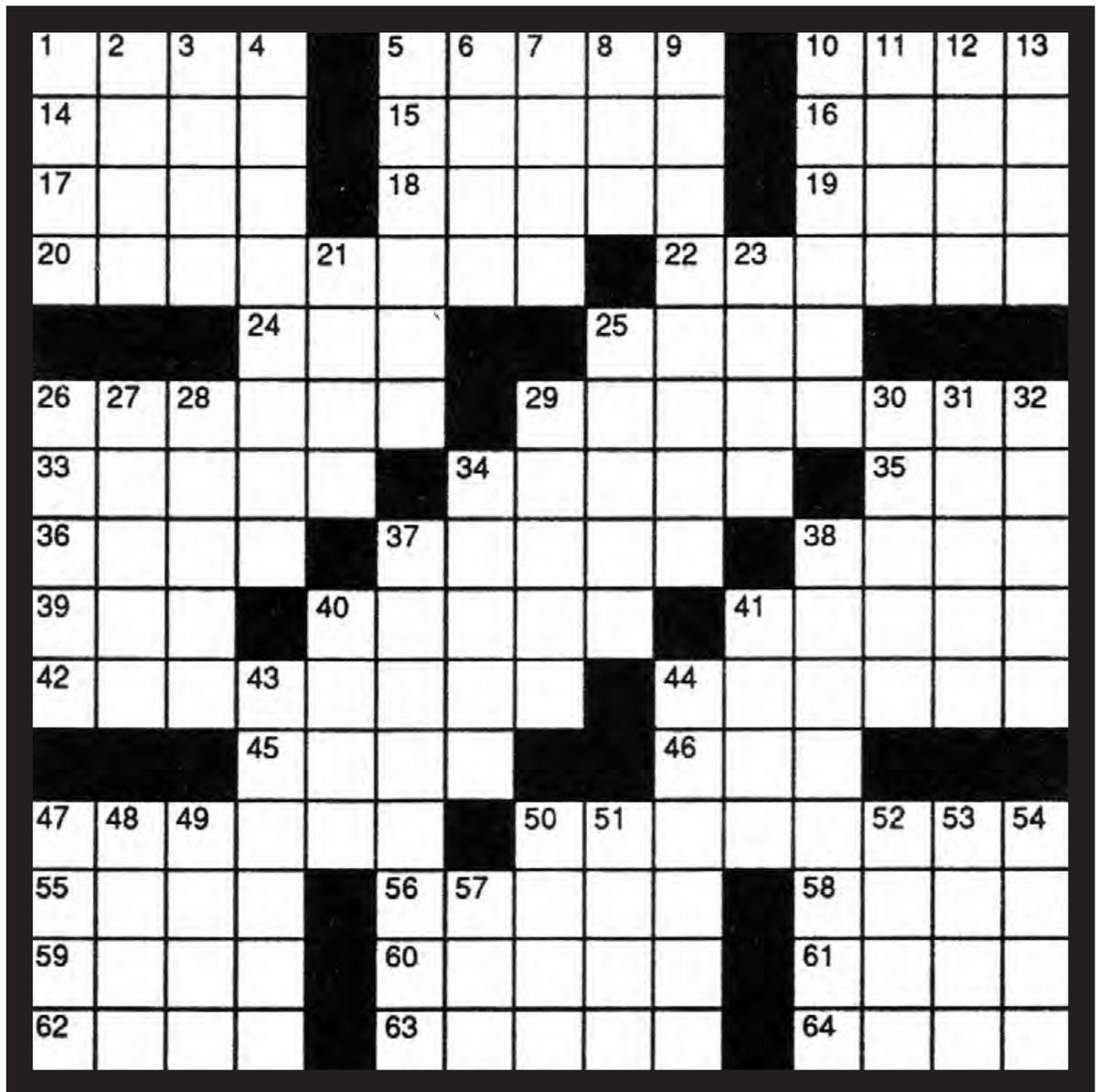
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22. Revises
24. Rowing device
25. Remove from liquid's top
26. Makes a monarch
29. Moved up and down
33. Pits
34. Equals
35. ___ carte (2 wds.)
36. Among
37. Assigns position to
38. Mix with spoon
39. Increase motor speed (colloq.)
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41. Stockholm native
42. Small spaces for climbing
44. Steeples
45. Operatic solo
46. Fedora or derby
47. Moving masses
50. Burned surface
55. Back
56. Loathed
58. Healthy
59. Sea eagle
60. Oxlike antelope
61. Wicked
62. College head
63. Short simple song
64. Close completely

DOWN

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

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1. A tie
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THIS COULD BE YOU!

This accident took place in Sokehs on August 15. According to the victim of the accident that was driving the vehicle that was thrown into the ditch at the right, the other vehicle was traveling so fast around the curve that his car skidded and was sideways across the road completely out of control. The victim did all he could do to avoid the accident but had no where to go.

Fortunately this time both drivers walked away. It could have been much worse.

The Kaselehlie Press urges all drivers to observe the speed limit which is 40 kilometers per hour, 25 miles per hour. It is important to everyone who uses the roads in Pohnpei, drivers and pedestrians alike. It is also important to stay in your lane most especially when negotiating curves in the road.

Did you know that while it is legal to pass a slow moving vehicle travelling in front of you, you may only pass one vehicle at a time?

Please remember, the accident victims were lucky this time, next time there is an accident the victims may lose their lives. Next time it could be you!

Please drive safely, a car is not a toy.



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- Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Wednesday at Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic Vicariate office at 7:00 p.m. Public welcome.
- Pohnpei Lions Club meets monthly every 4th Tuesday at Kia's Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Public Welcome.
- The Christian Ministerial Association of Pohnpei meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Cantero Hall at the Roman Catholic vicariate office.
- Devotions every Sunday 9:30 a.m. at the Bahai Center in Dolonier. For details, call 320-4015.
- Habitat for Humanity Pohnpei holds their meetings every Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Sei Restaurant.
- Soccer practice/games at PICS field Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the High Tides Restaurant. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at: rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com
- Pacific Mission Fellowship - A Bible-based English Worship Service Invites you to join us on Sundays for worship at 9am - 11am, Children's Church for the kids too! Call: 320-2496

The Pacific Ocean is on the brink of El Niño

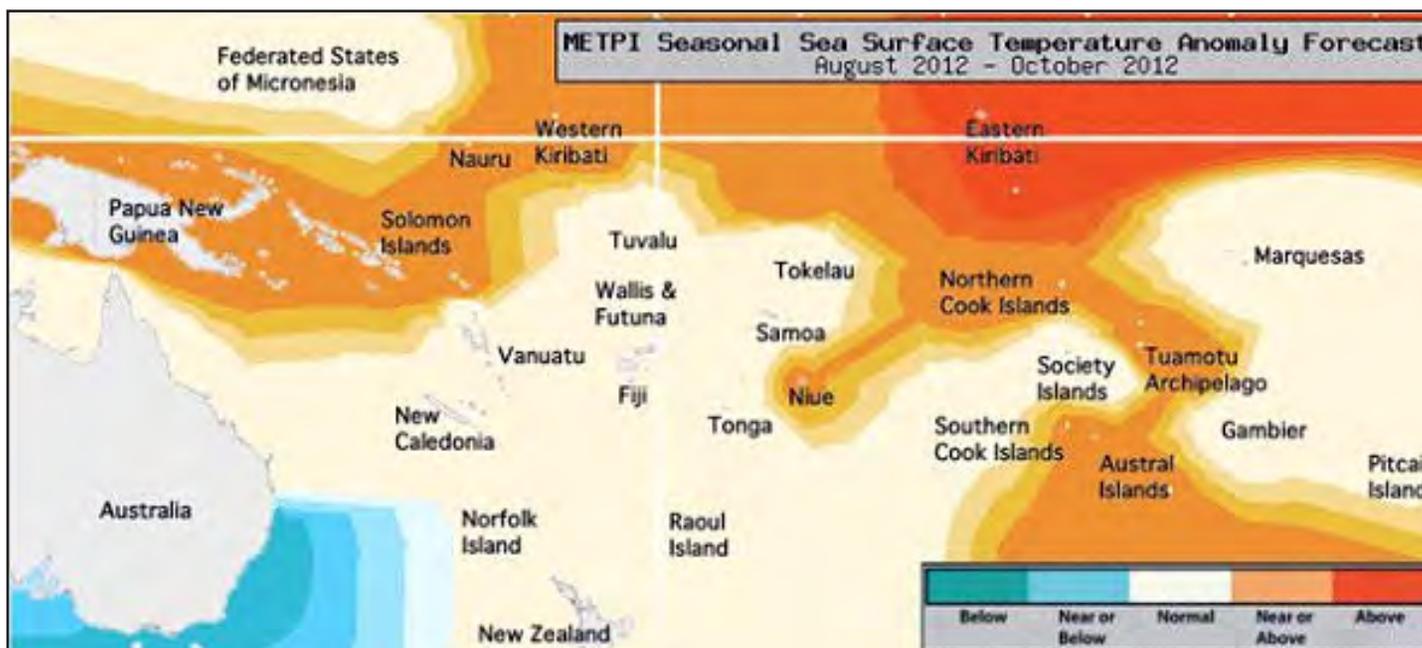
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August 6, 2012

The Pacific is about to enter an episode of El Niño, however the signal is mainly being seen in the ocean temperature, and not yet in the atmospheric circulation, according to the latest Island Climate Update.

El Niños are usually characterised by reduced easterly trade winds and warmer sea surface temperatures around the dateline in the equatorial Pacific. Monitoring buoy and satellite measurements have shown that the ocean is warmer than usual in the central Pacific (by 0.7°C), but that the easterly trade winds in the central Pacific are still blowing at their usual strength for this time of year.

This could indicate that the predicted El Niño will not be as strong as other recent events, so reduces the expected extreme droughts and rainfall.



Predicted sea surface temperatures around the Pacific for the coming months of August to October. Warmer than usual waters in the equatorial Pacific (orange to red) indicate El Niño conditions, which brings more rainfall to islands in the central equatorial Pacific, and less rainfall to other regions

Over the coming three months, normal or below normal rainfall is forecast for Fiji, Samoa, the Society Islands, the Tuamotu Archipelago and Wallis & Futuna. Normal to above normal rainfall is expected for Western and Eastern Kiribati, Tonga and Pitcairn Island.

The Island Climate Update is a monthly publication prepared by the Pacific National Meteorological Services, NIWA and SPREP. It provides a review of current

and forecast weather in the Pacific region.

For more information please contact your local National Meteorological Service, the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA), nicolas.fauchereau@niwa.co.nz, or the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), nevillek@sprep.org.

For the full island climate update, see <http://www.niwa.co.nz/climate/icu>.

Island Food Community of Pohnpei received a small grant from US Embassy

By Island Food Community of Pohnpei

A very important meeting with Mr. Kurt M. Campbell, Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, US Department of State and his delegation was arranged by the U.S. Embassy for the primary environmental oriented NGOs on Pohnpei. IFCP was one of them. The meeting was held on August 04, 2012 at the Village Restaurant. The U.S delegation wanted to meet with a group of NGO leaders to learn about some of the challenges and opportunities they have in FSM. All of the attendees were from environmental NGOs and are actively working to achieve their goals.

During the meeting, Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) received \$24,850.00 small grant from Embassy of the United States of America in the Federated

States of Micronesia on 4th August 2012. The grant was awarded to IFCP as it is viewed as a performer operating on a small grant budget while meeting its expected outcomes of increasing the island wide knowledge of growing and eating local foods for Culture, Health, Environment, Economy and Food Security (CHEEF) benefits. It also gives IFCP the opportunity to keep going with its awareness effort of the benefits of Micronesian indigenous island food among people in FSM from all generations.

IFCP would like to express gratitude to Embassy of the United States in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Special thanks are given to IFCP funding sources: SPC Healthy Life-style, UNESCO, Division of Public Health of Pohnpei State Department of Health Services, Pohnpei State Government State Subsidy and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).



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Calling for expressions of interest: North Pacific Sub-regional Climate Change Adaptation & Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Media Training

The Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) supported through the European Union Global Climate Change Alliance: Pacific Small Island States and the North Pacific Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Projects as well as the Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Island Region programme funded by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) is calling for expressions of interest to participate in a workshop on Climate Change Adaptation & Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency for the media and stakeholders in the North Pacific.

Training Dates: 8 – 12 October, 2012

Due Date for the Call for Expression of interest:
24 August 2012

Training Location: Kolonia, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

Target countries: RMI, Palau and FSM

Who can apply?

1. Communication/ PR officials in the Governments of FSM, Palau and RMI
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Who can I contact for application forms? Pasha Carruthers on pashac@spc.int, Aliti Vunisea on alitiv@spc.int and Ruci Mafi on rucim@spc.int

