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# Governor Ehsa swears in new members of boards and commissions

By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

December 28, 2012

*Peilapalap, Pohnpei, FSM*—At 11:00 this morning the Governor’s nominees for Board and Commission appointments took their oaths of office, administered by Governor John Ehsa. Each of the positions required the advice and consent of the Pohnpei State Legislature. Members from all three branches of government were present to witness the swearing in ceremony.

The Governor swore in the six new members of the Small Business and Finance Corporation. The new members are Hedson Abraham, Lululeen Santos, Henster Carl, Angeleen Neth, Serleen Hadley, and Albert Johnny.

He also administered the oaths of office for the nine new members of the Pohnpei Sports Commission. The new members are Dicklet Paul, Hermis Edmund, Dadasy Shelten, Francis Jim, Joseph Cantero, Lester Ezekias, Dusty Samuel, Apiner Robert, and Nixon Dikepa.

Mr. Olfred John is the newly appointed board member for the Pohnpei State Housing Authority.

Governor Ehsa challenged the members of the boards and commissions to “think outside the box.”



*Governor Ehsa swears in new Sports Commissioner*

*Small Business Finance Corporation*

*Olfred John – Pohnpei Housing Authority*



The Reverend Oliver Johnny gave the invocation, and Heinrick Stevenson served as the master of ceremonies.

## Senator Dohsis Halbert calls for courage at COM-FSM 56th Commencement Exercises



*College of Micronesia-FSM*

December 20, 2012

*PALIKIR, Pohnpei* – The College of Micronesia-FSM held its 56th Commencement Exercises today, at the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center, located at the National Campus in Palikir.

At the ceremony, attended by graduating students, dignitaries, staff, administrators, a regent, faculty, family and friends, Senator Dohsis Halbert from the FSM Congress rallied the college leadership and graduating students to always have courage. As the keynote speaker, Senator Halbert encouraged everyone never to give in to obstacles that impede progress, but to always show courage. Senator Halbert also called on the COM-FSM Board of Regents to never give in to challenges that interfere

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# Signing ceremony for procuring school equipment project for Calvary Christian Academy

Embassy of Japan

On 19th December, the Ambassador of Japan to the FSM, Mr. Eiichi Suzuki, signed a grant contract on behalf of the Government of Japan, in the amount of \$28,996USD to Calvary Christian Academy, for the "Project for Procuring School Equipment for Calvary Christian Academy in Pohnpei State".



Ambassador Eiichi Suzuki presents remarks. CCA students pose with Mrs. Glenda Cornelius, Principal of the school and Ambassador Suzuki

The funding was granted through Japan's Grassroots Human Security Projects to purchase 350 sets of new desk-chairs for the students.

Opening remarks were given by the school Administrator, Mr. William Joel and he stated that as a private school, they do not receive financial support from the government as public schools, so they are

grateful for this generous grant that the Japanese Embassy has provided. A speech was also given by Ms. Karla Capelle, CCA's Student Body President, where on behalf of the whole school she expressed her warm

welcome and appreciation to Ambassador Suzuki.

In his speech, Ambassador Suzuki remarked that "it is important that a learning institute or classroom be properly equipped within a students' learning process". He also said that he is optimistic that the use of these desk-chairs will improve the students learning and that he is certainly happy that the Japanese government was presented with this opportunity to be involved in the education of some of FSM's younger generation.

The ceremony ended with a beautiful Christmas song by the schools choir class, along with a nice presentation and song in Japanese by the Japanese Language students of CCA.

## Social Security Administration announces tax shares increase

Yap Office of Youth and Social Affairs

January 3, 2012

The FSM Social Security Administration, Yap Branch, has issued a statement to inform the public, especially Employers and Business Owners about FSM Public Law No. 16-10 of September 30, 2009, which became effective in January 2013.

The Yap Branch Office has indicated in the statement that Employer and Employee Social Security Tax Shares have each increased from 7% to 7.5% combining to a 15% total. The Office had stated that Quarterly Tax Base has also increased from \$6,000 to \$7,000.

According to FSM Public Law No. 16-10, this maximum quarterly amount shall increase to \$6,000 on January 1st, 2008, \$7,000 on January 1st, 2013, \$8,000 on January 1st, 2018, \$9,000 on January 1st, 2023, and \$10,000 on January 1st, 2028.

The FSM Social Security System was first established under Public Law No. 2-74 by the Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide for devolution from the Trust Territory Social Security System.

Should you have any questions concerning the mentioned provision, contact the Social Security Office, Yap Branch at phone 350-2309.

## Sharing the Christmas spirit: Visits to the hospital, clinic and prison

FSM Public Information Office

December 27, 2012

PALIKIR, FSM - Assisted by staff of the Office of the President, granddaughter Darifa, Morgan from Micronesian Red Cross, and the President's daughter Elmae Mori, First Lady Emma Nelson-Mori visited the Pohnpei State Hospital and the Genesis Hospital in Nett on Christmas Day. She brought some gifts to the patients at the various wards in the hospitals, sharing Christmas greetings and cakes.

Lunch meal was also provided to prisoners at the Pohnpei State Correction Center in Nett with correction officers on hand to receive the two staff who brought the food.

It has been President Manny Mori's practice to greet patients and prisoners with gifts and food on Christmas Day -- which is also his birthday.



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# President and Congress talk frankly at start of the Sixth Regular Session

FSM Information Services

January 8, 2013

The 17th FSM Congress has begun its 6th Regular Session starting on January 7 at the Congress Chamber – its last regular session before the March mid-term election.

After the opening meeting, a special committee, chaired by Senator Yosiwo P. George, met with President Manny Mori to inform him and gather other relevant matters that may require action by Congress. With Chairmen George were Senator Joseph J. Urusemal, Senator Roger S. Mori and Senator David W. Panuelo, as committee members.

The President met with the Committee over lunch at one of the local establishments in Kolonia.

After exchanges of cordial greetings, President Mori officially indicated to the Committee that the Executive Branch was ready for the session. Then, more informal discussions followed.

The President and committee Members talked frankly, freely and constructively on a range of topics, focusing more on finalizing arrangements for the proposed

2023 committee. The Committee concurred to the urgency in creating the 2023 committee to recommend actions for boosting economic growth and achieving financial sustainability beyond 2023 – the termination year for the financial assistance under the Amended Compact with the United States. The Leaders generally agreed to move ahead in support of having the committee with State Governments and National Government representations. It was recalled that during the development partners meeting in November, many development partners had expressed interest to assist in the task of such committee.

Among the first topics, the Committee shared information on the funding allocated during the November session for various outstanding FEMA payments. Some complications were stressed involving denial of payment obligations by the States, requiring more consultations among parties. The President said whatever the situations, the possibility of making a partial payment should be considered to show commitment.

President Mori also alluded to on-going plans for an upcoming bankers and investors conference in the FSM

in May, spurring comments on the benefits of such a conference within bigger efforts for building growth.

In discussing the likelihood of revenue increase, the President asked for support of a Pacific-United States multilateral fishing treaty, which may increase annual revenue by nearly 10 million, he affirmed.

FSM revenues under fisheries activities may be impacted positively by the treaty as the FSM is one of four major fishing grounds in the Pacific.

When looking at some challenges, concerns were raised regarding the FSM's poor rankings in certain international ratings, the most recent being the 2012 Index of Economic Freedom by the Wall Street Journal and the Heritage Foundation as carried in the December 24 issue of the Kaselehlie Press. The Leaders hinted at the need to seriously look at the report and its citations.

The Committee also expressed interest in the FSM Peer Review conducted by a group of Pacific Island experts with management support by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.

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## Weilbacher rings in New Year with 360 pound Marlin in Guam

*Pohnpei's own, Walden Weilbacher, rang in the new year in fine fashion when he caught a 360 pound Marlin off the coast of Guam.*

*Weilbacher said that it took over an hour to reel the monster fish in.*

*He caught the fish at 9:00 in the morning, seven miles west of Two Lover's Point, Tumon, next to the Number Two fish aggregating device.*

## CCAD donates to DOE

*Yap Department of Youth and Social Affairs*

*December 21, 2012*

**Colonia, Yap**—The US Construction Civic Action Detail Team, which recently left the island in the late part of November, has donated water and materials to schools in both Yap Main Island and the Neighboring Islands.

Under the Command of LTJG, P. Riley Wirth, the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 (NMCB 74), CCAD FSM (Yap) donated to the Outer Islands High School 8 boxes of Insect Repellent (Deet), 8,000 0.5L Bottles of water, and 5 boxes of toilet paper and towels.

The Team also donated to the Yap State Department of Education

all left-over materials, worth approximately \$6,000.

Other donations were given to Yap Sports Complex for school PE Class: 1 set of weights, 2 benches, 3 weighted medicine balls, and basketballs/volleyballs/footballs.

Members of the CCAD Team have left the island after all necessary repair work on all the identified public facilities on Yap Main island were completed.

The CCAD team began its work on designated projects during the month of September.

## East-West Center announces applications for APLP

*East-West Center*

The East-West Center is pleased to invite applications for the Asia Pacific Leadership Program Fellowship (APLP) for the 2013 – 2014 year. The APLP is the center of excellence for leadership education in the Asia Pacific region and a signature program of the East West Center.

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- Analyze personal leadership strengths and weaknesses

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## Solar Power Project in Pohnpei to be completed soon

*Japan International Cooperation Agency*

The Government of FSM commenced "The Project for Introduction of Clean Energy by Solar Electricity Generation System in the FSM" in November 2011, under the Government of Japan's Program of Grant Aid for Environment and Climate Change in cooperation with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The project is to promote clean energy utilization and achieve emission reductions by installing photovoltaic systems connecting to the Pohnpei State grid of power supply. The Division of Energy, FSM Department of Resources and Development, headed by Mr. Hubert Yamada, is the primary responsible department for implementing the project and since then has been coordinating all parties concerned, which include Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC), College of Micronesia (COM) and FSM Department of Transportation, Communication, and Infrastructure (TC&I). A consultant firm from Japan, Yachiyo Engineering Co. Ltd. has been supervising the quality of work, implementation schedule and safety of the construction sites.



*OJT Training of Soft Component by PUC Staff*

The Solar Panels have been installed at the roof-top of FSM President's Office in the Capital and the parking lots of COM National Campus in Palikir. The total capacity of the Photovoltaic (PV) System installed at both sites is 180KW; 20KW set for the Capital and 160KW at COM. Commissioning of PV System is the remaining work to be done before the expected completion date.

The Government of the FSM is pleased with the outcome of work demonstrated by Wakachiku Construction Company on the Solar Power Project, and is appreciative of this contribution from the Government of Japan. With the commissioning work remaining, the FSM awaits in anticipation of the full usage of the PV solar grid-connection system.

## President Mori welcomes Participants to the Investment Seminars in Japan

*FSM Information Services*

*December 28, 2012*

On December 11 2012, President Manny Mori welcomed investors in Tokyo at seminars initiated by the Micronesian Registration Advisors, Inc. (MRA). In his welcoming remarks, the President touched on the strong Kizuna between the People and Government of Japan and FSM, and encouraged more investments assuring the audience that FSM will do all that is necessary to further prepare a safe and friendly business environment.

Accompanying the President were Secretary Lorin Robert of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Secretary Marion Henry of the Department of Resources and Development. Mr. Samari Suta of the Registrar of Corporations and Mr. Jessy Giltamag, the Insurance

Commissioner also took part at the seminars as presenters.

FSM Congress Speaker Isaac V. Figir, along with Senator Peter M. Christian and Senator Roger S. Mori were present to welcome the investors. Speaker Figir gave a toast at the concluding reception, thanking the interested business people and urged them to visit FSM.

On the side, the President visited the ancient city of Kyoto to inspect a renewable energy farm. This trip was arranged by Softbank in conjunction with the interest to look at the possibility of a joint pilot project utilizing Softbank's renewable energy technology.

The President along with Speaker Figir and the rest of the delegation also had the opportunity to meet with representatives of Japan fisheries agencies for a discussion on the need to further strengthen the existing fisheries relationship.

## Pohnpei Government Housing units under review after audit

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

December 31, 2012

**Pohnpei, FSM**—Problems with the Pohnpei Government Housing Program identified by Pohnpei's Office of the Public Auditor will go away as leadership reviews which houses it will repair and keep and which will be designated for other purposes.

"While we wish to keep all these government houses to lodge our expats, we don't want to compete with private sector landlords per the Pohnpei Government Policy," Thomas Pablo wrote in his response to the audit. Pablo is the Director of the Department of Treasury and Administration.

According to the background materials in the performance audit that was released in November, the program was established by a policy signed on July 30, 1985 by Resio S. Moses who was then the Governor of Pohnpei. "The primary objective of the program was to utilize the residential housing units inherited from the Trust Territory Government for non-Pohnpeian employees recruited from outside Pohnpei," it says.

The audit found that the Pohnpei State Government was spending an average of about \$131,000 annually to house 27 expatriate employees working for the State. Of the 24 housing units available for occupancy only three were actually occupied by Pohnpei Government expatriate employees.

The Chief of Personnel, Labor and Manpower Development told auditors that all of the locals living in the Government-owned houses were granted permission to "house-sit" in order to prevent vandalism of the properties. Those permissions were granted without any form of contract or agreement. "Due to the deteriorating conditions of the facilities, no expatriate employees of Pohnpei Government could live in them," the Chief told the auditors.

As its first finding, the audit said that though no lawsuit has ever been filed against the government because of problems with the programs or the state of the facilities, management has not taken measures to protect the State from liabilities that might arise. It says that there are no written lease agreements or contracts executed between the government and the tenants or caretakers that specify the obligations and responsibilities of each party.

Mr. Pablo, in his response said that his department would be developing and executing new contracts with tenants and caretakers living in the facilities.

The audit's second finding regarded the deteriorating conditions of the Government houses. Auditors inspected six of the remaining 24 houses and found that all six of the units were in poor condition due to lack of regular repairs and maintenance. They found that the grounds surrounding the houses were "unkempt and unclean". They said that although most of the buildings require major repairs, the homes could last as much as 15 years longer if those repairs are done.

It said that management did not provide effective measure to keep houses in good livable condition. It did not clarify tenant obligations for the period of time during which they live in the houses. Further, the houses were already in bad condition when tenants moved in, and the cost to repair and maintain them is beyond the tenants' financial capability.

As its third finding the audit cited problems with enforcement of housing eligibility. It says that the housing policy requires that priority be given to non-Pohnpeian employees of the State Government who are recruited from outside the State. If the housing is not needed for that purpose it can then be made available to employees of the National Government, the United States Government, the College of Micronesia, and others as may be determined by the Division of Personnel. The audit says that the current occupancy of the homes violates the policy. It further says that the government may "run into difficulty removing the locals from living in these government owned houses."

The final finding of the performance audit cited weaknesses in record keeping.

Auditors received listings of the homes managed by the Pohnpei Government Housing program. Two of the listings came from the Division of Personnel. The 2009 listing showed that the program included 34 homes. The 2011 schedule showed only 27 homes. Regarding the seven homes that fell off the list, the Chief of Personnel told auditors that they were returned to Public Land Authority for disposition. Auditors could not find documentation to support the statement.

Of the remaining 27 homes, three were uninhabitable due to their deplorable condition, two of them due to lack of maintenance and one due to fire.

None of the 34 housing files had any reports to document any monitoring of the properties.

Mr. Pablo concurred with the findings of the audit and promised to resolve all of the findings in a timely manner.

## FOR SALE BY AUCTION



Pursuant to order of the FSM Supreme Court entered September 10, 2012, public notice is hereby given that the building known as the "RS PLAZA BUILDING" located on parcel no. 011-A-19, known as "Nenom Part" in Iras Village, Weno Island, Chuuk State, will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

- The minimum bid amount is \$ 200,000.00.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "RS Plaza Auction" by personal delivery to the filing window of the Office of the Clerk of Courts of the FSM Supreme Court – Weno, Chuuk, to the attention of the State Justice Ombudsman.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2013.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, and e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- The winning bidder will be issued a court order transferring title to the building, fixtures, equipment and appurtenant structures to the building (other than that owned by building tenants) following delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Supreme Court" no later than ten (10) days after the notice of award is served.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The building, fixtures, equipment and appurtenant structures are offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to their condition whatsoever.
- The winning bidder will take title to the building subject to any valid lease agreement favoring existing building tenants under the same terms and conditions lawfully in effect at the time of the award.
- The winning bidder will receive an assignment of the real property mortgage to parcel no. 011-A-19 from FSM Development Bank.
- Fee simple title (ownership) to parcel no. 011-A-19 is not being auctioned or sold.
- This auction is subject to cancellation at any time prior to the entry of the court order designating the winning bidder.
- Questions concerning this auction may be directed to Michael Sipos, Esq. phone: 691-320-6450, fax: 691-320-6451, email: msipos@mail.fm or Nora E Sigrah, Legal Counsel, FSM Development Bank, phone: 691-320-2840, fax: 691-320-6533, email: noras@fsmdb.fm, website: www.fsmdb.fm



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## Pohnpei Manpower Development and Training program rudderless

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

December 31, 2012

**Pohnpei, FSM**—A recently conducted performance audit by the Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor indicates that between 2009 and 2011 the Manpower Development and Training Program was rudderless.

Pohnpei's Manpower Development and Training Program is funded under the Compact Capacity Building Sector grant. The primary objective of the program is to improve and enhance the skills and capacity of the Pohnpei Government workforce.

The program received \$450,000 for fiscal years 2009 through 2011, \$150,000 each year. It spent \$421,003 during those years for training of 67 government officials and employees. 87 percent of the money spent was used for trainings that took place off island. The remaining 13 percent was spent for on island training programs.

The audit says that travel expenses totaling \$6,970 were granted to certain elected officials who by nature of their positions may not have been suitable to use the training funds.

A five member committee reviews and approves training proposals. The committee is chaired by the Director of the Department of Treasury and Administration. The Budget Officer serves as the vice-chair. The remaining members are the Public Auditor, the Chief of Finance, the Chief of Personnel-

Labor and Management Development.

The audit says that there are no written policies and procedures in place to guide the management and administration. Because of this problem, management is exposed "to the possibility of providing inconsistent decision(s) or taking inappropriate action in cases of unclear and hard-to-make decisions."

The audit's second finding says that the program demonstrated ineffective control over the use of funds primarily due to the lack of clearly defined written policies and procedures. As a result, auditors had no reasonable assurance that funds made available and dedicated for the enhancement of the skills and capacity of the government workforce were expended entirely for the purpose for which they were intended.

The audit also found that in addition to an absence of written procedures there was a lack of monitoring and assessment of the program. It says that there is no policy in place that requires management to track employees' performance and productivity after training programs are completed. "As a result, management cannot be certain of the program's effectiveness and may risk continuing allocation of limited resources for unnecessary staff capacity building initiatives," it said.

The audit recommended that the Pohnpei Personnel Officer should design and develop a uniform employee evaluation form for use by the departments and offices in order to assess the productivity of staff members who have participated

in training programs.

Finally, the audit said that the program suffers from a lack of adequate planning. While in 2009, all 19 of the planned training activities were accomplished; in 2010 only six of the 22 budgeted training activities were completed as planned. In 2010 there were plans for 23 training programs. Only six were completed as planned and one is still in progress. In both 2009 and 2010, 16 training programs each year were cancelled or

replaced with other training initiatives.

Director of Pohnpei's Department of Transportation of Treasury and Administration, Thomas Pablo concurred with all of the audit's findings and promised resolution in a timely manner.

In the executive summary, auditors reminded the auditee that Pohnpei law requires a monthly response summarizing improvements until audit findings are resolved.

## Majuro's Government 'deports' repeat offender to remote island

*Marianas Variety*

January 7, 2012

**MAJURO, Marshall Islands** — Reverting to a system used decades ago, Majuro's mayor ordered a young Marshallese man sent back to a remote outer island after repeated instances of his robbing local residences in the capital.

Majuro Atoll Local Government Mayor Mudge Samuel ordered the "deportation" of a repeat criminal offender to Ailinglaplap Atoll last week — a policy that MALGov officials say is being resurrected to deal with criminals who repeatedly cause problems for Majuro residents.

MALGov Executive Councilman for Justice Sonny Milne said Friday that Fred Bilene, 25, was sent to Ailinglaplap Atoll on Thursday in response to his repeated break-ins at the homes of

Majuro residents.

Bilene has been banned from returning to Majuro for five years, according to a memo issued December 27 by MALGov CID official Sylvester Hoplong to MALGov Sheriff Isaac Lanwi. Hoplong, based on instructions from Mayor Samuel and his Executive Council members, instructed Lanwi to ensure that Bilene was escorted to Ailinglaplap, where he was to be turned over to the Chief of Police, who Bilene is to stay with.

Dispatching non-Majuro islanders to the outer islands for bad behavior is "an old policy, but we're bringing it back," said Milne of Mayor Samuel's administration. Samuel has been in office since January 2012.

Milne said there are others who may follow Bilene in being sent to the outer islands for repeatedly causing trouble in Majuro.

## Work by various community members on Yap's traditional canoe completed

OTV News

**COLONIA, Yap** — Work was recently completed for a Carolinian traditional canoe. The Rose of Lima, a traditional hand-carved dugout outrigger was launched on December 27, 2012. Its launch marked the second and last traditional canoe completed and launched in the state of Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The canoe carving was completed by master carvers and various members of Yap's youth such [as] from the local high school. The work was done as part of afterschool activities sponsored by Waa'gey, a local community organization. The project was cited as a successful youth extracurricular activity with [principals] and teachers noting it as a real "game changer" for participating students. They have asked Habele directors, who help fund Waa'gey projects, to expand such programs. Larry Raigetel of the organization says projects such as canoe carving help keep the local tradition alive with "core skills transferred to the younger generation."

The project not only involved traditional master carvers and Yap's youth, but also the U.S. Navy Seabees. A month prior to the traditional canoe's launch, the team helped ferry the massive log, which served as the base of the canoe, from the jungles of Yap to the traditional boat house in the [Yap State Living History] Museum. The log took several weeks to cut down and carve out in the jungles of Yap, and when loading it onto the U.S. Navy truck, took 20 men to pull through the dirt as it weighted hundreds of pounds and measured more than 20 feet long.

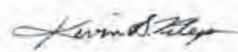
The Rose of Lima is the second traditional canoe built in the last 12 months by Waa'gey. Waa'gey is a locally chartered community-based organization which actively works at the grassroots and community level to promote use of traditional knowledge and skills. Some of its current projects aside from canoe carving include learning the skills of traditional weaving of royal fabrics for the girls and fish trap making for the boys.

Funding for this project was made possible by Habele, a U.S. based charity organization, Australia's Small Grant Scheme, with donation for tools from Yapital, a local electronics company.

## Announcement

Pursuant to Title 37 of the Pohnpei Code Chapter 1, Sections 224 and 225, all Domestic and Foreign Corporations in Pohnpei must file an Annual Report with the State Registrar of Corporations between January 1 and Marh 1 each year. Failure to file an annual report as required may result in involuntary dissolution of the corporation by a decree of the Pohnpei Supreme Court in an action filed by the Attorney General. Forms for annual reports can be picked up at the Attorney General's Office. And if you have any questions you can contact the State Registrar of Corporations at telephone number 320-6689.

Thank you.



Kevin S. Pelep  
State Registrar of Corporations

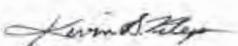
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with accomplishing the great mission of the college.

The ceremony started at exactly 9:00 a.m. with a procession by the graduating students, members of the college faculty, college administrators, and dignitaries into the celebration venue. Grand Marshall Professor Emmanuela Garcia, Faculty of the Year from Pohnpei Campus carried the college mace and led the procession. The flag bearers, the graduating students, the college faculty, and finally the college administrators and the dignitaries followed the grand marshall.

Besides the flags of the Federated States of Micronesia and the four FSM states of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap, the procession also featured flags from Japan, United Kingdom, Palau, Sri Lanka, Canada, India, Romania, United States of America, China, Germany, Philippines, Fiji, Kiribati, American Samoa, Cameroon, and Lithuania. These flags represent the diversity of the college community.

Vice President for Student Services, Mr. Ringlen P. Ringlen, gave the welcoming remarks after the invocation by Pastor Epel Ilon and the singing of the Micronesian Anthem.

“As an institution of higher education, no event in the college is as important as commencement exercises. For our students it is a time to recognize and celebrate their academic accomplishments. For the families of our students, commencement provides yet another point of pride. For all of us and for our faculty most especially, commencement is an opportunity to acknowledge our work and success in educating the young men and women who represent the future hopes, dreams and aspirations of the FSM. We believe in what we do here at the college. Thank you all for believing and working with us to transform lives through this institution,” said Vice President Ringlen.

He said that the college is grateful for the restoration of \$700,000 to its FY 2013 Budget by FSM President Mori and FSM Congress and called for their support in the years to come. As well, Mr. Ringlen said the college is also grateful for the broad participation it received while reviewing its mission, that the college’s strategic plan was developed through broad collaboration, that a proposal from BECA will contribute toward the development to the college’s facilities master plan, and that those who attend the 56th Commencement Exercise took part in the celebration of the college’s

most important event.

Ms. Laura Fujimoto, a graduate and the secretary for the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society gave a presentation on their Project Graduation. She then welcomed the keynote speaker, Senator Dohsis Halbert.

The keynote address was followed by the conferral of academic honors by COM-FSM President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D. and Vice President for Instructional Affairs Mariana Ben Dereas to graduates who earned high grade point averages.

Next was the valedictory speech, which was delivered by Ms. Brandy Marie F. Yinug. Ms. Yinug thanked those who help the graduates as they achieve their goals at the college and reminded the graduates to always remember that they are Micronesians.

The college was fortunate to have the University of Guam (UOG) Dean of the School of Education, Frankie Santos Laanan, Ph.D, who joined Vice President Dereas and presented the graduates to the Board of Regents Chairman Mr. Kasio Mida for his conferral of degrees and certificates of achievements. The College of Micronesia-FSM and the University of Guam entered into an agreement in 2002 and developed a partnership BA program in Elementary Education and is offering it at COM-FSM. Dean Laanan’s participation at the ceremony signifies the existing partnership between UOG and COM-FSM.

After the acceptance of the graduates by FSM Secretary of Education Rufino Mauricio, Ph.D., the graduates received their diplomas followed by the turning of the tassels led by President Daisy.

President Daisy explained to the graduates that the turning of the tassels represents the celebration that took place during the commencement exercises to mark their success. The president welcomed the graduates as COM-FSM alumni and bid them farewell with some words of blessing.

Pastor Epel Ilon concluded the celebration with a benediction followed by the recessional.



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## Chuuk fisheries resources over exploited

*Pacific Marine Resources Institute*

**Chuuk, FSM**—In Micronesia, the sea and its resources have played a central role on their society for thousands of years. Regardless, increasing exploitation of marine resources coupled with non-effective fisheries management has at many locations off-set of the critical balance that once allowed sustainable use of these resources for generations. While several studies have recently brought light to the status of the marine resources at many locations across Micronesia, little is known about Chuuk's marine resources.

While there is a lack of formal scientific studies that have been conducted in Chuuk, the general perception among Chuuk's citizens points to a scenario of over-exploitation of marine resources, and associated declines of these resources around the main inhabited islands. Under this scenario of apparent over-exploitation, there is a strong movement among the general population and government officials to take action aiming to mitigate this trend. Of course there are two sides to every argument, and due to the lack of evident proof, the development of tailored policies aiming to regulate the exploitation of marine resources is being seriously hampered.

Recently, a study led by Javier Cuetos-Bueno (a technical member of the Pacific Marine Resources Institute), along with expert state and regional collaborators from non-profit organizations and government agencies (including Chuuk Conservation Society, Chuuk Department of Marine Resources, and Chuuk Environmental Protection Agency), has begun to fill in some of these knowledge gaps. This effort, while limited in scope thus far, brings new insights into the current status of fisheries within the waters of Chuuk Lagoon. The main findings of this study are worrisome, and paint a scenario of unsustainable and mainly uncontrolled exploitation. Fueled by intense population growth during the second part of the 20th century, and the introduction of a market economy, many families in Chuuk turned to the readily available marine resources within the lagoon's reefs as their main source of income. Further, the broad distribution of subsidized motorized boats during the 1980s and 1990s (up to 2000 boats), facilitated fishing at the most remote reefs within the lagoon, and eased access to Weno's markets. As a result, fishing pressure on Chuuk Lagoon's reefs over the last decades has dramatically increased.

While no reliable data is available for

local consumption or commercialization of marine resources within Chuuk, estimates range between 2,000 to 4,000 tons per year. While a great part of these landings are still used purely for subsistence, the increasing number of fish markets in Weno points to an increasing portion of the catches being diverted to satisfy the local demand from the urban center. In addition to local sales, data collected by Chuuk's Food and Safety Office reflects increasing levels of fresh reef fish been exported (primarily to Guam), with exports up to 200 tons per year. In addition to reef fish, other sea products are regularly exported from Chuuk, mainly to Asian markets. For instance, anecdotal information suggests that up to 50 tons of dry cucumber is shipped by foreign-owned companies based in Weno to Hong Kong each year. Additionally, and while regulated by state legislation, trochus shells have been intensively harvested for commercial purposes, with a reported recent shipment to Vietnam of over 12 tons (estimated to contain over 50,000 shells). More concerning, there is clear evidence of organized fishing operations targeting sharks and live reef fish for the extremely profitable Asian market. Unregulated, these activities are damaging for the marine environment, and have been the focus of wide condemnation, both regionally

and internationally.

As a result of this virtually uncontrolled exploitation of Chuuk's marine resources, the great majority of fishers interviewed during the study report decreases in size and abundance of targeted seafood species, and recognize excessive levels of exploitation as the main cause for such declines. Further, fishers and community members believe that the solution to reverse the ongoing trend would be to strengthen fisheries management, by returning to strong resource management dictated by local culture and tradition, which should be complemented by improving modern management by government agencies. Already several communities across Chuuk Lagoon are engaged in early locally-driven conservation efforts. Alternatively, centralized management should focus on selected policies that compliment local efforts. For instance, commercial quotas for local and international seafood sales, bans for endangered species, and size-based restrictions for reef-fish sales are some of the management options that might be considered. Regardless of what management actions are taken, decision making should be based upon a baseline of information, highlighting the urgent need to further increase our understanding of the exploitation of Chuuk marine resources.



## Memorial scholarship renewed by midwestern family

*Habele*

A Midwestern family has renewed their support for a Micronesian girl attending a small private school thousands of miles away in the State of Yap.

Orpha Hapdei is a seventh grade student at Saint Mary's School in Colonia. Her family is from the Atoll of Ulithi, a remote outer island of Yap, Micronesia.

Orpha began attending St. Mary's in 2011, through the Leona Peterson (1926-2011) Memorial K-12 Scholarship. The scholarship pays for three-fourths of her tuition and expenses at the private school in Yap's capitol city "Colonia." The money was raised entirely by the descendants of Mrs. Peterson. This last Christmas, the family committed to do the same for the 2012-13 school year.

Leona Peterson was native of Waterloo, Iowa. She led the Department of Aging in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI) during the late 1970s and early 80s. At that time Micronesia was one part of the larger US-administered TTPI which spanned the Central Pacific. In the 1980s, the region transitioned to political independence. Today, Yap and its outer islands comprise one of the four Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).

Following her death, Leona's son Paul sought a way to remember his mother's legacy by supporting the islanders whom she spoke so lovingly of. He reached out to Habele, a small US-based charity that provides scholarships to low-income children across Micronesia. The group also funds after school projects and donates school books to students and classroom teachers.

Peterson gathered financial commitments from family members living across Missouri and Iowa. "As the holidays approach this year I was struck with a notion. I would like to keep the named scholarship going year over year," says Peterson. "To that end instead of sending out gift baskets to family and friends I'll make a donation to Habele in their name for the Leona Peterson scholarship fund."

Habele worked with educators and local volunteers in Yap to select Orpha as the initial recipient of the Peterson Scholarship. According to her sixth grade teacher, Molly Walag, Orpha earned a GPA of 3.57 for the 2011-12 school year. Her mother proudly mailed a copy of the girl's honor roll certificate to Habele and the Petersons, who've sent a post-Christmas check to Habele for next school year's tuition.



*Habele Board Members meet with Saint Marys School Principal Orpha Hapdei Habele Scholarship Winner Leona Peterson in TTPI era Micronesia 1970s*

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Pursuant to the order of the FSM Supreme Court entered on December 22, 2011, public notice is hereby given that the parcel described below will be sold by auction to the highest bidder under the following terms:

Parcel No. 055-D-14, land known as "Kinakapw", together with any improvements thereon, situated in Madolenihmw Municipality, Pohnpei State, with an area of 10,112 square meters, more or less, as described in Certificate of Title and Cadastral Plat No. 055-D-02, registered at the Pohnpei Court of Land Tenure, Office of the Registrar.

- There is no minimum bid amount for the parcel.
- Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "January 17, 2013 Land Auction" by personal delivery to Mr Ricky Jano at the front entrance area of the FSM Supreme Court courthouse in Palikir, Pohnpei State on Thursday, January 17, 2013, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- The deadline for submitting bids will be 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2013.
- All bid submissions must state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person submitting the bid.
- All bid submissions must clearly state the bid amount for the parcel.
- The winning bidder will be notified by a duly issued Court order transferring title to the land, including all buildings, fixtures, equipment, and other improvements on the land, upon delivery of a cashier's check in the full amount of the bid payable to the "FSM Development Bank" no later than ten (10) days after notice is given. The winning bidder must be eligible to hold title to land in the FSM.
- If the winning bidder fails to remit payment within the required time, the award will be granted to the next highest bidder and the same conditions will apply.
- The parcel and any improvements thereon are offered for sale "as-is" with no guarantees or warranties as to its condition whatsoever.
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## Letter to the Editor

### “Pohnpei? Never heard of it!”

“...Oh, it's in Micronesia? Is that near Australia?”

Ignorance around the Pacific islands sitting north of the Equator is widespread even among seasoned travellers, so when someone tells of their experiences in Micronesia, people tend to listen with avid curiosity. Having just completed a short trip across the region, stopping in Majuro, Pohnpei, Guam and Palau, I thought I'd share our experiences of our time in Pohnpei and how it compared with our other Micronesian stops.

First up I should say that of our three weeks travelling across the region the days we spent in Pohnpei are the ones that we'll remember most fondly and the ones we'll be talking about to friends and family with particular enthusiasm. And yet it's hard to pin down a single reason why Pohnpei made such a positive impression on us.

On the face of it the tourism infrastructure on Pohnpei we witnessed is well behind other islands in the region. Palau for example has many high-end hotels and a decent selection of restaurants both inside its hotels and within Koror, the main town. It

has several large well-managed tour operators taking hundreds of divers or snorkelers out into its waters every day, with dozens of locally-trained qualified instructors and guides living on the island.

But my impression of Palau was soured by the endless money-grabbing by the state from its tourists. There's \$100 for a permit to visit the Jellyfish Lake, \$50 departure tax at the airport and \$5-10 for a permit to visit each state (there are 10 on the main island Babeldaob, which is a similar size to Pohnpei). These fees are defended by the government in the name of sustainability and environmental responsibility, but as a tourist it feels a lot like being fleeced at every opportunity.

Guam is widely described as the Las Vegas of the Pacific and its bright lights and busy nightlife are certainly a contrast from the other Micronesian islands. While the big name stores and wide beaches draw large numbers of mainly Japanese visitors, the opportunities to explore Guam's rich history and Chamorro culture require a lot more effort and appear to be something of an after-thought in terms of promoting the island.

In fact the two places with the most basic tourism infrastructure were the two that provided us with the best tourist experience (what that says about the work of Visitor Authorities is a separate debate). With few obvious attractions to see in Majuro we walked a lot, we visited the local canoe workshop and copra plant, we learned as much as we could about the islands' tragic nuclear legacy and best of all we met several local people and ex-pats who made us feel extremely welcome during our brief stay.

It's for similar reasons that Pohnpei won us over. The hospitality we received at The Village was right up there with the finest we've experienced anywhere in the world and the conversations with Pohnpeians provided both happy and sad perspectives of life on the island. Much of what Pohnpei has to offer visitors is left for them to find by themselves. We loved exploring the line of tanks behind ACE Hardware for example, yet we would never have found them without detailed directions from Jamie in The Village – and even then it took us a while to locate them. On the one hand this is frustrating while you're poking around without a clue an industrial back yard; on the other hand if the tanks were anywhere else in the world, along with the signposts there'd

be a ticket booth, T-shirts and fluffy souvenirs. I'll take the frustrating search anytime.

And those tanks for me summed up our visit to Pohnpei perfectly. Even at Nan Madol, arguably one of the world's great abandoned cities, it's pretty much up to you, the visitor, to make your own discoveries and interpret it as you wish.

Pohnpei does not serve up its attractions on a plate – they require perseverance, a sense of adventure and in most cases interaction with local people to help you find what you're looking for. This approach may not appeal to some tourists, but then those who want things easy will have already been put off by the long flights involved in getting here. In a world where spontaneity and surprise are being squeezed out of visitor experiences in the name of tourism revenue, Pohnpei's approach, whether deliberate or not, is a refreshing change.

Andy Jarosz

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## Guest Perspective

# China in the next decade: New leadership, new master plan

By P.R.C. Ambassador Zhang Lianyun

The 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) was held in Beijing from November 8th to 14th. It approved the political report delivered by General Secretary Hu Jintao and laid the framework for China's development in the next decade. On November 15th, the first plenary session of the 18th CPC Central Committee elected the new central leadership, headed by General Secretary Xi Jinping, who will take the mission of leading the whole Party and people of all ethnic groups of China to achieve new victory for socialism with Chinese characteristics.

I'd like to make a brief introduction to this Congress.

First of all, the Congress has reviewed CPC's work in the past five years and summarized the basic experience we have learned since the 16th Congress in 2002. During the past decade, China's economy has risen from the sixth to the second place in the world. We successfully hosted the Olympic Games in Beijing and World Expo in Shanghai. We won great victory in tackling the massive Wenchuan earthquake and other serious natural disasters and in post-disaster recovery and reconstruction. We effectively responded to the global financial crisis. China's overall national strength, international competitiveness and influence have been enhanced substantially. The country has undergone new historic changes. These achievements should be credited to the wise guidance of the Party and the solid foundation laid since the founding of New China in 1949 and particularly since the adoption of the policy of Reform and Opening-up in 1978; they are the fruits of

the united efforts of the whole party and the people of all ethnic groups in China; they are achieved particularly because we have formed and implemented the Scientific Outlook on Development, that development must always put the people first and be comprehensive, balanced and sustainable. History has shown that only socialism with Chinese characteristics can enable China to develop itself. We will continue following unswervingly the path of socialism with Chinese characteristics, thoroughly apply the Scientific Outlook on Development, and strive for socialist modernization and the great renewal of the Chinese nation, with the goal of completing the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects by 2020 when the CPC celebrates its centenary and turning China into a modern socialist country that is prosperous, strong, democratic, culturally advanced and harmonious when the People's Republic of China marks its centennial.

Secondly, the Congress analyzed the international and domestic situations and asserted that China still remains in an important period of strategic opportunities for its development, a period in which much can be achieved. To attain the goal of completing the building of a moderately prosperous society in all respects by 2020, we will do the following:

Economically, we will accelerate the improvement of socialist market economy and the change of the growth model, double the 2010 GDP and per capita income for both the urban and rural residents, implement a more proactive opening up strategy and promote all around improvements to China's open economy.

Politically, we will advance political reform, expand people's democracy, fully implement the rule of law and a law based government should be basically in function. Human rights will be fully respected and protected.

Culturally, we will strength core socialist values, improve civic morality, diversify people's cultural life, improve China's cultural soft power and develop a strong socialist culture.

Socially, we will improve the people's wellbeing, increase individual income in step with economic development and increase work remuneration in step with improvement in labor productivity. Equal access to basic public services should be generally achieved and we will keep making progress in ensuring that all the people enjoy the rights to education, employment, medical and old-age care, and housing. We will strengthen and make innovation in social management and boost the building of a harmonious socialist society.

Ecologically, we shall strive to build a beautiful China, remain committed to the basic state policy of conserving resources and protecting the environment to achieve lasting and sustainable development of the Chinese nation.

Thirdly, about our foreign policy, China will continue to pursue an independent foreign policy of peace. We will unswervingly follow the path of peaceful development. We will firmly follow a mutually beneficial strategy of opening up. We are committed to promoting friendship and cooperation in all fields with every country on the basis of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and we

will promote the building of a harmonious world of enduring peace and common prosperity. The Congress emphasizes the win-win spirit, that we should promote awareness about mankind as a community of common destiny, that a country should accommodate the legitimate concerns of others when pursuing its own interests and should promote common development of all countries when advancing its own development. We should build a new type of global development partnership that is more equitable and balanced, stick together in times of difficulty, both share rights and shoulder obligations, and boost the common interests of mankind. China will keep in mind both the interests of the Chinese people and the common interests of the people of all countries, get more actively involved in world affairs, play its due role of a major responsible country and work jointly with other countries to meet global challenges. We will enhance unity and cooperation with developing countries, work with them to uphold their legitimate interests, support efforts to increase their representation and say in international affairs. We will always be the reliable friend and sincere partner of developing countries.

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1989, the cooperation between China and the FSM has progressed rapidly in all areas. President Mori's visit to China in this September has furthered the development of bilateral relations. The next decade is crucial for the development of our two countries. The goals and tasks set in the 18th Congress will not only benefit the Chinese people, but also provide opportunities for friendly countries like the FSM. China's development will not be possible without the world, and the world development needs China. We are committed to working more closely with the FSM to expand and deepen our mutually beneficial cooperation, consolidate our friendship and achieve mutual development.

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- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
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- 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](mailto:rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com)
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# Merry Christmas from IFCP for sponsors of Pandanus Fair in Mwoakilloa

By *Chizuru Seki (JICA)*  
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Before the Christmas break, staff and volunteers at Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) spread the joy to sponsors of its 1st ever Pandanus Fair in Mwoakilloa with proceeds from the fair.



*IFCP staff with Pohnpei State Governor John Ehsa  
IFCP staff with Speaker, PSL Peter Lohn  
IFCP staff with Mr. Michael Ordonez, Deputy Chief of Mission, the US Embassy*

## Happy New Year from IFCP

By *Chizuru Seki (JICA)*  
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) would like to thank all the support we got during the past year. In 2012, we were able to

- visit about 101 communities and 59 school groups, reaching 7212 people
- publish 44 newspaper articles in local newspaper, Kaselehlie Press
- put 22 radio releases on the air
- send 15 This Month at IFCP Newsletters via Go Local Network email to our members and partners
- create IFCP Facebook Page and posted more than 40 updates (<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Island-Food-Community-of-Pohnpei/216986699395>)

To continue "Go Local" campaign, your continuous support is indispensable.

Special Thanks are given to Australian Embassy, Pohnpei State Government Subsidy, the US Embassy, UNESCO, Division of Public Health of Pohnpei Department of Health Services, Children's Healthy Living Program (University of Hawaii) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for their funding support.



## PUBLIC AUCTION

Pursuant to an order of the FSM Supreme Court, all properties of the Micronesian Longline Fisheries Corporation are being auctioned for public bidding. This public auction will be held for 30 days. It opens at 8:00 am, Monday, January 14, 2013 and closes at 5:00 pm, Wednesday, February 20, 2013. Please visit the auction site below for information on what, when, where and

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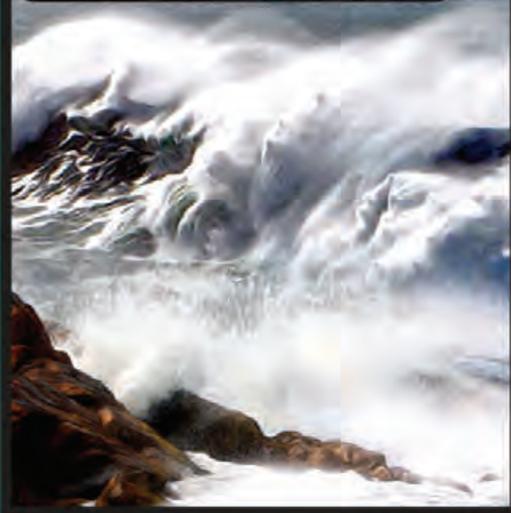
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# PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY DURING A TSUNAMI

Tsunamis (soo-nah-me) are massive waves mainly caused by underwater earthquakes. Tsunamis travel across the ocean and may cause serious coastal damage.



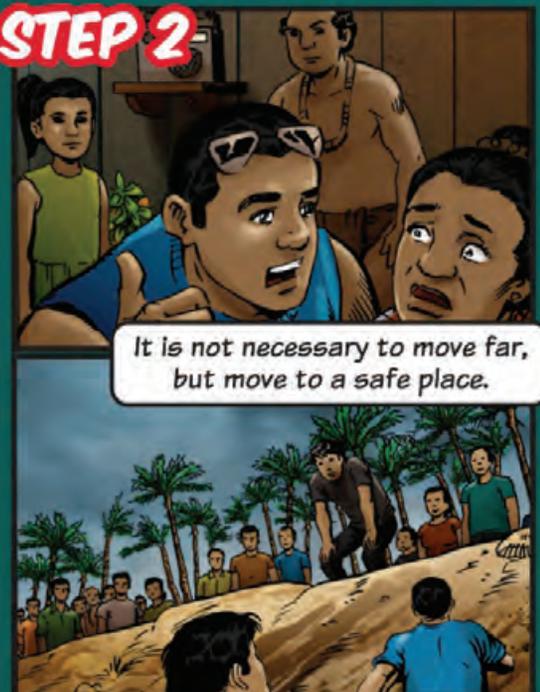
## STEP 1

If you feel an earthquake or recognize the signs of a tsunami, quickly move to higher ground and tell others to do the same.



## STEP 2

It is not necessary to move far, but move to a safe place.



## STEP 3

Call the police.



## STEP 4

Stay in a safe place and avoid hazardous areas. Do not return to damaged area.



## STEP 5

When help arrives, calmly explain what happened and follow instructions.



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