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# Cultural celebrations in Pohnpei span three day Easter weekend



By *Bill Jaynes*  
*The Kaselehlie Press*

*April 2, 2013*  
*Pohnpei, FSM*—Cultural celebrations in Pohnpei over the Easter weekend spanned three days.

On Saturday, March 30, four 25 member teams ran the circumference of the island in a first of its kind relay. Each team member ran at least two miles.

On the next day, Easter Sunday, the Opening Ceremony for Pohnpei Cultural Day began at 3:00 in the afternoon under the direction of his majesty Nahmwarki of Sokehs, Nahnpwutak Pikiapi, Herculano Kohler. Many of Pohnpei's traditional chiefs were present and the two hour celebration included speeches and traditional dancing.

Later that evening Pohnpei Ladies Club, in partnership with the Pohnpei Women's Council held what was to have been a show of art and crafts from several women

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## What's in Pohnpei's proposed SDP – Agriculture Sector

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

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**Pohnpei, FSM**—The proposed Pohnpei State Strategic Development Plan (SDP) is in committee at the Pohnpei State Legislature. The 290 page plan lays out strategic goals for Pohnpei State on a sector by sector basis.

This “first in a series” of articles focuses on Pohnpei's Agricultural Sector, but first the organization of the SDP requires some explanation.

The matrix layout of the document organizes a huge amount of information into an easy to understand document. The plan drills down from a broad mission statement for each sector, through specific strategic goals right through to specific measurable outputs.

If the Legislature adopts the plan, the measurable outputs could be used to establish a working plan to achieve them.

As an example, the Mission Statement of the Agriculture sector is:

*“To provide food security, facilitate sustainable agricultural development by promoting best practices, promote cultural uses of food, and improve nutrition and health as supported by a well resourced state agriculture office and a stable, consistent policy framework.”*

The Mission Statement is a broad statement filled with catch phrases that on its own might not generate any specific results. The mission statement can be used to determine whether or not planned actions are in line with the mission of the agriculture sector.

In the SDP each sector also lists a number of strategic goals based on the mission statement. They are a little more specific though still not specific enough. For example, the first Strategic Goal of the agriculture sector is:

*“To develop a sustainable local agriculture system.”*

Each of the strategic goals is supported by a rationale. The strategic goals and their

rationales for the Agriculture Sector will be listed below.

The matrix for each sector also lists a series of broad operational goals—“outcomes”, under each Strategic Goal. For the environment sector the first outcome under strategic goal #1 is:

*“To increase production of locally produced foods and other agriculture-based commercial products.”*

The output is specific to the first goal though again, not quite specific enough to develop an implementation plan.

In the matrix for the Agriculture Sector under the first outcome listed above are five actions or projects—“Activities” to help achieve the proposed outcome. For example, one of the five activities the Agriculture sector hopes to pursue in order to achieve its first outcome is to:

*“Increase the number of hectares in agricultural production for subsistence and commercial purposes.”*

This “Activity” is much more specific to the Agriculture Sector's Mission Statement but the SDP takes the matter one step further and breaks that “Activity” down into three “Outputs”, which are measurable objectives for each activity. One of the listed outputs for the activity listed above is:

*“To place 50% of road easement in agricultural production by adjacent landowners by 2015.”*

The Pohnpei SDP is not an implementation plan but it seems to be just one step away from it.

The SDP lists 101 “outputs” for 68 “Activities” to achieve 20 “outcomes” for four Strategic Goals under the Agriculture Sector's Mission Statement alone. For Pohnpei citizens to be fully informed about the content of the SDP they would need a difficult to obtain copy of the plan. So far we have been unable to find a copy anywhere online though the PDF version of the SDP is only 2.43 megabytes.

The Agriculture Sector's Mission Statement, sector rationale, strategic goals, and rationales are below:

### AGRICULTURE SECTOR

#### MISSION STATEMENT

To provide food security, facilitate sustainable agricultural development by promoting best practices, promote cultural uses of foods, and improve nutrition and health as supported by a well resourced state agriculture office and a stable, consistent policy framework.

#### Sector Rationale:

Organizing and enhancing existing local agriculture as a key sector in the Pohnpeian economic system through coordinated research, education, implementation, and public awareness will enable citizens to develop a more secure food system and derive maximum benefit from Pohnpeian agricultural resources. Systemic benefits (e.g., expanded economy, improved health, healthy environment, and cultural maintenance) will result from the integrated application of traditional techniques, innovative methods, and best practices for agricultural management. A deliberately developed and linked agricultural value chain can enhance multiple benefits to the people of Pohnpei as well as actively support the tourism industry.

#### STRATEGIC GOAL 1: To develop a sustainable local agriculture system.

Rationale: Limited agricultural resources coupled with a fragile natural environment require thoughtful solutions to enhancing local subsistence and commercial agriculture by integrating traditional and science-based agricultural practices. Increasing production, improving quality, and stabilizing availability of crop and livestock will provide a solid foundation for agriculture value chain management, protection of the environment, and increased economic benefits.

#### STRATEGIC GOAL 2: To develop local product-based agro-business.

Rationale: New commercial opportunities connected to local, tourism, and global markets will enable citizens to expand local agricultural production. Agricultural economic viability

will require a focus on creatively developing the commercial agriculture value chain.

#### STRATEGIC GOAL 3: To improve public understanding of the values and benefits of agriculture and associated business opportunities.

Rationale: Pohnpeians have the potential to benefit from diverse business and economic opportunities associated with local agriculture, agricultural products, and agriculture-based tourism experiences. Additionally, expanded diversity, availability, and use of local foods can improve the long-term health of Pohnpeians by replacing the current diet composed primarily of highly processed, imported foods that contribute to high incidents of NCDs. Currently, the diversity, availability, and use of local foods is limited due in part to Pohnpeian consumers' financial constraints. Additional issues include convenience of and current preferences for “convenience and processed foods,” combined with limited knowledge of the economic and health benefits associated with eating locally grown and unprocessed foods.

#### STRATEGIC GOAL 4: To use integrated research, extension, and educational opportunities to promote sustainable agricultural production technologies and practices.

Rationale: Pohnpeian agriculture, both subsistence and commercial, has decreased over time, resulting in loss of traditional agricultural knowledge, decrease in total agricultural production, an increase in NCDs, and loss of the cultural significance of food production and consumption. An integrated program of local agriculture research, extension, and education is needed to identify agricultural production methods best suited to Pohnpei, New knowledge gained through agricultural research that is integrated with traditional techniques, innovative methods, and best practices can be extended to (shared with) subsistence and commercial farmers to improve the quality, quantity, and sustainability of their agricultural production.

The matrix for the Agriculture Sector spans 14 pages and is impossible to duplicate here.

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# FSM and IOM open the first Migrant Resource Center in the Pacific

FSM Information Services

March 27, 2013

**Pohnpei, FSM**—The first Migrant Resource Center (MRC) in the entire Pacific region was dedicated on the 26th of March at its Kolonia location in Pohnpei as a joint effort between the Federated States of Micronesia, the Pohnpei State Government and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

In his remarks, Vice President Alik Alik thanked the IOM for its efforts in the FSM since establishing formal presence in 2008. He also acknowledged the dedicated staff at the IOM Office in Pohnpei under the lead of Mr. Ashley Carl who played vital roles in the vision to avail the MRC.

“With the opening of the MRC, we embark on yet another chapter on the FSM-IOM partnership. We accomplish another milestone in our relations that both FSM and IOM can be proud of”, Vice President Alik said.

Signifying the value of the center to the IOM, Mr. Andrew Bruce, Bangkok-based IOM Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific came to Pohnpei for the ceremony, giving himself the opportunity to interact with the FSM-based IOM staff.

In his remarks, he explained that an allocation of \$100,000 was provided under the IOM Development Fund for the

establishment of the center, specifically to “advise citizens of the FSM who wish to migrate how they can do so safely”.

According to Mr. Bruce, “upon becoming a member state, FSM became eligible to the technical assistance and migration management under the IOM Development fund – a fund set up specifically to assist members with economies in transition to address particular migration management challenges”.

“The center will provide a number of core services to potential migrants, including pre-departure orientation training, awareness raising on the risks of human trafficking, referral to existing support services in their country of destination, and general information dissemination”, Mr. Bruce highlighted, setting clear views on how the center would assist the various migration experiences the FSM citizens now encounter.

The IOM Regional Director also pointed out how the center is envisioned to facilitate integration for Micronesians who wish to reside in the United States; return from the US to their island of origin; and move from the FSM to United States and possibly to other countries such as Japan and Australia, particularly for education purposes. He also envisioned that the center could be utilized by migrants living in the FSM sometime in the future.

The US Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Miguel Ordonez commented on the strong FSM-US relations reaching back to the Trust Territory era and stressed the need for collaboration to ensure the success of the center.

“We look forward to working very closely, I know the IOM office is right next to the US Embassy, so we’re very close. We hope to collaborate and we are glad to provide any assistance we can now and in the future”, Mr. Ordonez remarked.

The opening ceremony brought together a flock of high level attendants including the Governor of Pohnpei State, Mr. John

Ehsa, Lt. Governor Marcello Petersen, Ambassador Eiichi Suzuki, Japan Embassy, Ambassador Martin Quinn of Australia, Cabinet members from that National and State governments as well as a number of civil society organization representatives.

The FSM joined 148 other member states of the IOM on December 2011, which includes the Pacific nations of Vanuatu and Nauru.

Please feel free to drop into the Migrant Resource Center (MRC) located on the ground floor of the Central Building, opposite the Hyundai Dealership. You can also contact the MRC on (691) 320 8898.



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## PNA continues to add value and generates return to Pacific EEZ's

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

April 2, 2013

**Pohnpei, FSM**—For several years the Pacific Island Nations that are the Parties to the Nauru Agreement have required fisheries observers to be present on every purse seiner that drops a net in its EEZ. NORMA, the FSM's National Oceanic Resource Management Agency employs 75 fisheries observers whose job it is to observe and report any fishing irregularities that might happen aboard a purse seiner.

The signatories to PNA are Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu. The eight signatories collectively control 25-30% of the world's tuna supply and approximately 60% of the western and central Pacific tuna supply.

Before the Nauru Agreement, fishing companies negotiated separate agreements with each country. If they didn't like the terms in one country they would simply negotiate better terms with another. Pacific Island Nations had no bargaining power. The Nauru Agreement changed all that and shifted the balance of power in the fishing world giving islanders control over their own waters.

PNA nations have been able to mandate restrictions in their waters that no other fisheries agency or commission has been able to accomplish. In 2007 PNA introduced the vessel day scheme to limit the number of boats fishing their waters and to limit the number of days that those boats could fish. Now, fishing days are sold to the highest bidder.

All vessels fishing in PNA waters must carry and operate a satellite vessel monitoring system that is monitored by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission popularly known as the Tuna Commission. By 2010 PNA mandated that 100 percent of purse seiners in PNA waters must carry official observers to limit any fishing hanky-panky that might otherwise happen while vessels are far from land.

In 2010 the Tuna Commission discussed the possibility of closing down the pockets of high seas to fishing in the Western and Central Pacific. The high seas are international waters that are not part of any Exclusive Economic Zone. But the Tuna Commission was unable to obtain unanimous agreement on that goal.

PNA stepped in and told the fishing world that fishing licenses would be granted in their substantial EEZ's only to fishing vessels that do not also fish the high seas pockets. Though the PNA nations have no legal authority in the high seas pockets, that announcement effectively shut down fishing there.

Of course enforcement is an altogether different matter. None of the eight PNA nations have sufficient resources to do

much at all about enforcement in the millions of square kilometers of ocean they control, and they have no authority whatsoever in the high seas.

Because of their handling of their combined EEZ's, in 2011 the Marine Stewardship Council certified the PNA fishery as a sustainable fishery.

"The PNA free school skipjack fishery was certified in December 2011. The certification is for 5 years. The holder of the certification is the PNA Office on behalf of the eight PNA member countries whose EEZs are subject to the MSC certification," Dr. Transform Aqorau, Executive Director of PNA explained. "Most if not all MSC certifications are held by boat owners whereas the PNA is a first in that it is held by the owners of the resources. This is indeed a first and is a testament to the measures that PNA have in place."

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) is an internationally recognized non-profit organization that sets standards for sustainable fishing. The MSC logo on a fish product means that the chain of custody for that product from catch to market is known, the fish was caught using sustainable methods, and processed in a socially responsible way.

In part, "sustainable methods" means that the fish was caught wild and free, it was not caught at a Fish Aggregating Device (FAD), it was not caught by setting nets near whale sharks, it was caught legally, and the catch was properly reported. MSC certification of a fish product means that the origin of the fish and the method by which it was caught can be traced back to the time and place it was caught and by which fishing vessel.

For an increasing number of consumers, the MSC logo certifying sustainably caught and processed fish is valuable. Some fisheries and some processing plants will only accept MSC certified fish. MSC certification of a catch makes the catch available to a wider market.

The Pacific website says that PNA ministers issued a statement in March urging all fleets operating in PNA waters to start fishing MSC free school (meaning without using FAD's).

Pacific is a global marketing company jointly set up by the PNA countries in 2011 to promote PNA and actively trade their MSC certified sustainably caught free school skipjack tuna.

Their article said that PNG has taken the matter beyond simple encouragement and is requiring all fleets licensed in its waters to start offloading MSC eligible free school catch to PNG based onshore processing plants.



"To stimulate and support boat owners in this switch, PNG offers a discount on the access fees for the 2014 licensing period for those cooperating on Pacific MSC skipjack tuna. This significant discount, along with the premium that fleet operators will receive from canners for their MSC school, should remove the obstacles for purse seiners to switch to sustainable practices, and at the same time reduce their fishing with the destructive FADs," the Pacific article says.

Last week, Peter Sharples of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community based in Noumea, New Caledonia, and Marcelo Hidalgo from Pacific conducted training in Pohnpei for 24 participants from PNA nations. Fifteen fisheries observers from the FSM attended the training. Most of them passed the examination at the end of the course. They are now MSC certified observers.

Of the 75 purse seiner observers that FSM employs, only two had previously been MSC certified. Now there are 17 observers who can accommodate the needs of purse seiner vessels that want to have their catch

MSC certified. It makes the FSM's EEZ even more valuable.

Better still, as a result of last week's training, FSM now has an MSC certified trainer who can provide training to others in the FSM.

Other PNA nations sent potential trainers to Pohnpei so that they could return to their homes to teach and certify others. The other nations that sent potential trainers to the class are Solomon Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

FSM's NORMA said that several donors made the recent training possible:

- Japan Trust Fund (JTF)
- Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC)
- Marshall Island Maritime Authority (MIMRA)
- Secretariate of the Pacific Community (SPC)
- Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA)
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- Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)

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# IOM holds the first Migrant Resource Center (MRC) workshop in Pohnpei, FSM

*The International Organization for Migration (IOM)*

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) held the first Migrant Resource Center Workshop in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), from March 6-8, 2013. Participants of the workshop included: FSM Foreign Affairs, FSM Department of Justice, FSM Division of Immigration and Labour, SBOC, Women organizations, US Embassy, College of Micronesia-FSM, Office of the President, Bank of Guam and United Airlines.

The aim of the workshop was to conduct stakeholder consultations to harmoniously build and harness the services provided by the MRC relevant to the Micronesia context and which can build upon existing synergies. It moreover sought to build capacity of those who will both work in coordination with the MRC and at the MRC. Following this workshop, MRC personnel, collaborators and volunteers gained a better understanding and knowledge of the MRC, its purpose and how the services would benefit the citizens of the FSM, particularly in the area of migration to the United States. Participants were trained to effectively deliver pre-departure orientation sessions and awareness-raising on human trafficking, deliver services on referrals to existing support networks for Micronesians in the host communities.

The workshop was facilitated by Ms. Kristina Mejo, IOM Regional Project Development Officer, from the Regional Office for Asia Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand, who has supported a variety of countries in their start ups and implementation of MRC and MRC services, both in countries of origin and destination. The workshop opened with a word of prayer by IOM Yap Head of Sub-Office, Mr. Philip Raffilply, followed by a welcoming remark by IOM Chief of Mission Ashley Carl. Guest Speaker, FSM Congressman (and former Acting Ambassador/Charged' Affaires, of the FSM to the United Nations, FSM Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York) David Panuelo, congratulated IOM for taking the lead in organizing such a workshop, a testament of the relationship between the FSM National Government and IOM. FSM became a member state of IOM in December 2011 and on February 17, 2012, FSM signed a bi-lateral Host Agreement with IOM, cementing IOM's status as an intergovernmental organization in the Northern Pacific region. IOM

will open the first Migrant Resource Center in Kolonia, Pohnpei on March 26. The MRC will be the first center to be established in the Pacific region.

Presenters during the three day workshop included: US Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Miquel Ordonez who presented on the United States Perspective of the Compact Impact, as well as Opportunities and Challenges of Integration into the United States. Mrs. Suzanne Lowe Gallen from FSM SBOC spoke on the Migration Survey Outcome and Characteristics of Micronesian Migrants while FSM Secretary of the Department of Justice, Mrs. April Skilling spoke on the new FSM Human Trafficking Act. Acting Chief

of Immigration David Wolphagen presented on Immigration Processes and Mrs. Sylvia Cruz from United Airlines explained the Travel Procedures at the airport. Finally, Mrs. Linda Phillip shared experiences with women organizations on community outreach. Other topics included, but not limited to were: FSM Migrant Trends; the Compact-Impact History with the United States; IOM's work in FSM and RMI, and the new MRC Initiative; Migration Management Key Terms; Irregular Migration: Risks and Realities, MRC Good practices in other countries and around the world and Roles of MRCs, MRC Designs and Key Components, Counseling, Information Campaign and Effective Outreach in the Communities and

MRC Pre-Departure direct services and needs of migrants abroad. Throughout the three day, participants actively participated and exchanged on many of these topics and their relevance to the current FSM setting.

IOM wishes to thank the FSM National Government, US Embassy, the Pohnpei State Government, United Airlines, Bank of Guam and the women organizations for making this workshop possible. Special thanks to all the Speakers, Participants, Tuna Commission for the venue and IOM staff.

The Migrant Resource Center Workshop is supported by the IOM Development Fund.

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(at December 31, 2012 / \$ in thousands)			
<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</u>	
Cash and due from banks	\$ 36,575	<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Federal funds sold	5,000	Deposits:	
Interest bearing deposits in banks	32,614	Non-interest bearing	\$ 279,322
Total cash and cash equivalents	74,189	Interest bearing	823,218
Restricted cash	150	Total deposits	1,102,540
Investment securities available for sale	273,522	Accrued interest payable	161
Investment securities held to maturity	58,125	Federal funds purchased	-
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	2,159	Borrowings	10,145
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	748,832	Other liabilities	4,111
Accrued interest receivable	3,599	Total Liabilities	1,116,957
Premises and equipment, net	17,712	Commitments and contingencies	-
Goodwill	783	<b>Stockholders' Equity:</b>	
Other assets	32,310	Common stock	1,844
Total Assets	1,211,381	Additional paid-in capital	15,304
		Retained earnings	76,092
		Accumulated other comprehensive loss	1,474
		Common stock in treasury, at cost	(290)
		Total Stockholders' Equity	94,424
		Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,211,381
<b>BANK OF GUAM</b>			
<b>FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA BRANCH</b>			
<b>STATEMENT OF CONDITION</b>			
At December 31, 2012 / (\$ in thousands)			
<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 708	Deposits:	
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	14,689	Non-interest bearing	\$ 21,257
Accrued interest receivable	73	Interest bearing	88,274
Premises and equipment, net	802	Total deposits	109,531
Other assets	2	Accrued interest payable	20
Due from Headquarters	93,320	Other liabilities	43
Total assets	\$ 109,594	Commitments	-
		Total liabilities	\$ 109,594
<b>STATEMENT OF INCOME</b>			
Year ended December 31, 2012 / (\$ in thousands)			
Interest income:			
Loans		\$ 1,460	
From related parties		205	
Total interest income		1,665	
Interest expense:			
Savings deposits		547	
Time deposits		20	
Total interest expense		567	
Net interest income		1,098	
Provision for loan losses		54	
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		1,044	
Non-interest income			
Service charges and fees		355	
Other income		282	
Total non-interest income		637	
Non-interest expense:			
Salaries and employee benefits		804	
Occupancy		361	
Furniture and equipment		136	
General, administrative and other		697	
Total non-interest expenses		1,998	
Net income (loss)		\$ (316)	

## USA makes \$6.6 million in Compact payments to FSM in March

*Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia*

In March, the FSM Department of Finance received Compact payments from the Government of the United States of America which totaled \$6,677,016. These Compact sector grant payments were for the month of March and included a supplementary education grant.

Health Sector Grants	\$1,813,967
Education Sector Grants	\$1,650,000
Infrastructure Grants	\$1,500,795
Supplementary Education Grants	\$ 816,000
Capacity Building Grants	\$ 467,254
Environmental Sector Grants	\$ 170,000
Private Sector Development Grants	\$ 165,000
Enhanced Reporting and Accountability Grants	\$ 94,000

Total Amount \$6,677,016

The amount disbursed will provide economic and development support for the four FSM States and the FSM National Government as follows:

National Government	\$ 548,221
Chuuk	\$2,235,000
Kosrae	\$1,145,113
Pohnpei	\$1,322,689
Yap	\$1,425,993

This month, we would like to put the spotlight on Kosrae. The FSM Project Management Unit reports that the renovations to the old school building in Utwe are now complete and the school building is furnished. Not only was a new school building completed in 2012, but now their old school building is also in "good-as-new" condition. U.S. Compact Infrastructure funds were used to complete these renovations and to construct the new school buildings completed last year for Lelu and Utwe. Tafunsak's new school building is underway and will be complete before the next school year begins.

The United States entered into the Compact of Free Association (Compact) with the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) in 1986. The purpose of the Compact is to establish close and mutually beneficial relationships between the United States and the FSM, in particular with regard to governmental, economic, and security relationships. Between fiscal years 1986 and 2003, the last year of funding under the Compact's original terms, the United States provided approximately \$1.5 billion to the FSM for general governmental operations, including health and education, economic development, capital improvements, and special purposes.

The 2004 amended Compact's economic terms stipulated that the United States would provide support totaling approximately \$2.1 billion between 2004 and the end of fiscal year 2023. These payments include an annual contribution to a trust fund designed to provide an annual source of revenue when the economic assistance provisions end at the end of fiscal year 2023. The Compact's other provisions, including the opportunities for the FSM to obtain other U. S. federal assistance will remain in force, as per the terms of the amended Compact.



Expression of Interest No.: EOI-01-13  
Date: March 22, 2013



### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

#### POHNPEI TANK FARM EXPANSION

The FSM Petroleum Corporation has operations throughout the FSM and Guam, and are involved in the inland commercial, international aviation, international marine, and retail service station sectors. Our primary mandate is to ensure a *secure supply* of petroleum products at the *lowest long-run-average-cost* for the Nation.

The company has invested seen significantly into upgrade of existing assets across all four States. To improve the *energy security rating and assessment* of our operations, the company intends on increasing the fuel storage capacity at our Pohnpei Facility. We anticipate that over a five year period, we will need to increase the *onshore reserves* from current 2 million gallons to approximately 4 million gallons. This will increase our investment in Pohnpei's energy security by approximately \$8.0 MM.

We therefore seek the services of appropriately qualified businesses to provide demolition works, tank farm design and construction works for the expansion of our facility.

The project will be broken into four (4) Phases and interested parties are requested to express interest on any or all Phases outlined below.

#### Summary of Required Services

- Phase 1: Demolition of the existing Head Office building, carport and boat shed located within the facility grounds.
- Phase 2: Design of new tank farm to include:
  - Civil / Structural Design to include: Site Development Plan, Tank Foundation Design, Bund and Vapor Wall Designs, Drainage System to NFPA and AS1940 requirements.
  - Piping / Mechanical Design to include: Process and Instrumentation Diagrams, Plot Plan, Equipment Location Plan, Equipment Specification and Data Sheet, Piping Plan, Fire Suppression System Plan, Piping Hydraulics and Calculations.
  - Electrical and Instrumentation to include: Single Line Diagram, Cable Specifications and Data Sheet, Instrument Specifications and Data Sheet, Instrument Loop and One-Line Diagram, Typical Installation Detail
- Phase 3: Construction of bund, tank foundations, vapour barrier, installation of electrical systems.
- Phase 4: Construction of tanks and pipelines and installation of fire suppression systems.

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# CGC Washington returns from multi-mission deployment

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News Release

**Apra Harbor, GUAM** - The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Washington, a 110-foot patrol boat, recently returned from a patrol to the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau.

During their 15-day deployment, the Washington's crew participated in Operation Rai Balang, a regional fisheries operation between Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia and Republic Of Marshall Islands. Patrol Boats from each country in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard and the Forum Fisheries Agency covered over 3.4 million nautical miles of ocean to detect, deter and prevent illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing across the region. The crew from Washington also had the opportunity to conduct community engagements in the Federated States of Micronesia, deliver humanitarian supplies at several port calls and provide support to the Army Civil Action Team stationed in Palau.

### Boating Safety and Humanitarian Assistance

The Washington conducted boating safety awareness classes at each port call and delivered humanitarian supplies to Ulithi Atoll and Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia. While in Yap, the crew also participated in the annual Yap Day celebration and hosted the U.S.

ambassador to FSM, the Honorable Doria Rosen on board.

### Living Marine Resource Enforcement

Once in Palauan waters, the Washington officially began their support of Operation Rai Balang. As part of this operation, the Washington patrolled Palau's Exclusive Economic Zone and boarded three fishing vessels with a Palauan ship rider. During regional fisheries operations, Washington embarks ship riders from each Pacific Island Countries' maritime law enforcement agency to lead joint boardings and ensure compliance with all applicable laws of the Exclusive Economic Zone being patrolled.

"These joint operations are highly important because the preservation of fish stocks is a regionally shared concern," said Lt. Nate MacKenzie, Washington's Commanding Officer. "Fish don't respect boundaries or borders, so it is important we all work together to protect these vital marine resources."

### Search and Rescue

Washington also assisted in the rescue of 10 people in the water from an overturned 60-foot canoe 103 miles northeast of Palau. The 695-foot container vessel, the Hyundai Unity, was first to arrive on scene and safely rescue all 10 crew members. Washington rendezvoused with the merchant vessel shortly afterward and transferred the canoeists to the cutter. Upon return to Palau, Washington was met by anxious families and the Palauan Vice President on the pier to welcome them home.

"Being able to work with the Hyundai Unity to get everyone out of the water and safely back to Palau was a great experience," said Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Ned Timmons. "Seeing all the families and loved ones on the pier made the trip for me. Overall, this case was really rewarding."

Of the patrol, Lt. MacKenzie noted, "Washington accomplished a lot in the past 15 days. However, we could not have done it without the great partnerships we have throughout this region. The real importance of these patrols is to strengthen those partnerships and demonstrate that the Coast Guard is committed to being a team player in the ongoing effort to keep the Pacific safe and secure."



Side boys from CGC Washington stand at the ready to welcome Ambassador Reed-Rowe in Koror, Palau.

Crew from the CGC Washington delivered humanitarian supplies to awaiting small boats from Ulithi Atoll, FSM.

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## Embassy of Australia sponsors uniforms for Lukopw Youth Group

The Embassy of Australia sponsored the printing of tshirts for Mwei Kapw, a youth group from Lukop Madolenimw. Mwei Kapw is part of the MLMDA youth organization from the five sub districts of Section 2 of Madolenimw Municipality. The tshirts will be used by the members to participate in organized youth activities in Madolenimw Municipality and throughout Pohnpei.



On behalf of Mwei Kapw members and their families we wish to thank the Government of Australia for their continued involvement and support of youth organizations and activities throughout Pohnpei State.



Pictured in their uniforms below are the members of the Mwei Kapw youth group.

## Environmental awareness Photo exhibit on our changing environment



help cure the disease that our island Pohnpei is just starting to develop.

What is United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)? It is an international institution (a programme rather than an agency of the UN) that coordinates United

On March 25, 2013, the Environmental Protection Agency, Island Green Community, and Associate of Earth conducted an environmental awareness event at the Governor's conference room. The event started at 1 p.m. and ended at 4 p.m. Attending the event were the Lt. Governor of Pohnpei State, Mr. Miyauchi representing the Associate of Earth and UNEP, Executive Officer of EPA and lots of citizens of Pohnpei representing the eastern and western part of the island.

The Lt. Governor welcomed the Associate of Earth Members and thanked them for choosing Pohnpei to conduct such an educational event. The Lt. Governor mentioned that the environment is one of the most important sections in the Pohnpei Strategic Development Plan and that a clean and beautiful island will enable more tourists to visit Pohnpei. Mr. Miyauchi also thanked the Lt. Governor and the people of Pohnpei in welcoming him to Pohnpei again. Mr. Miyauchi said that he was able to join the direct flight from Japan that landed in Pohnpei in late 2012 and that he fell in love with the environment that we have here. That was the reason why he wanted to introduce this program of UNEP to Pohnpei; so that we can have better opportunities in taking care of our environment. He also mentioned that we the citizens of Pohnpei need to truly have a sense of pride in our environment and start reducing the amount of pollution that we thoughtlessly throw away every day. If we start reducing the amount of trash and other pollutions that we throw away we

Nations environmental activities, assisting developing countries in implementing environmentally sound policies and practices. It was founded as a result of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in June 1972 and has its headquarters in the Gigiri neighborhood of Nairobi, Kenya.

During the event fifty photos were exhibited, showing environmental problems around the world. The photos mostly showed the effect of climate change in all the developing countries around the globe. With the photos and the messages that each photo presented, we really need to start doing something that will help our environment today, better now than later, because if we are thinking that we will take action in the later years then we might end up with an unhealthy environment. We the citizens of today need to keep in mind that our actions today will affect the lives of tomorrow.

The environmental event ended with a live band from a group organized by Ken and a survey regarding the event. The results from the surveys are positive so we are hoping to do more environmental awareness in the future.

We would like to thank all the people that donated, supported and assisted us in preparation of the event from the beginning to the end. We hope to have more support from you all.

## FSM Junior Tennis Qualifiers (NPQ) Tournament

*Fred Skilling*

The week of March 25th. was a exciting week for all the FSM Junior Tennis Players who participated in the 2013 FSM Junior Tennis Qualifiers Tournament in Kosrae between Pohnpei and Kosrae's young players which kick-off early on Tuesday morning, March 26th. and successfully closed on the 29th. Friday, March 2013. Total of 41 young tennis players from aged group of 18 down to 8 years old participated in the tennis match game during the scheduled week. These young players had played hard and demonstrated their tennis skill to compete for a spot for the North Pacific Qualifiers Tournament scheduled for Saipan and to Fiji for the Pacific Oceania Junior Championship sometimes in August, 2013.

During the farewell dinner, all players received Certificate of Recognition from Gov. Lyndon Jackson for participating in the FSM Junior Tennis Qualifiers Tournament hosted in Kosrae. The CHAMPS that made it to the top ranks during this FSM NPQ Tennis Tournament were as follows with the three (3) aged group categories:

### Age 12 and under:

	Boys:	Girls:
1st. Place	JC William	Tilda Thomas
2nd. Place	Shiro Esau	Ann Skilling
3rd. Place	Lee Roy Palik	Chriselda Esau
4th. Place	Jun Abraham	Vilona Wesley
5th. Place	Gifford Nena	Isabel Corsia

### Age 15 and under:

	Boys:	Girls:
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2nd. Place	Taitang Skilling	Jana D. Panuelo
3rd. Place	Jake Panuelo	Maglisa Silbanus
4th. Place	Ridgely Abraham	Selinda Esau
5th. Place	Dwight Esau	Tiara Palik

### Age 18 and under:

	Boys:	Girls:
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# Keitani Graham Memorial FSM Athlete of the Year Award announced

By Jim Tobin

On Tuesday afternoon, March 19, a short ceremony was held on Pohnpei at the newly opened FSM National Olympic Committee (FSMNOC) training center announcing the establishment of the Keitani Graham Memorial FSM Athlete of the Year Award. The FSMNOC hosted 4 days of meetings and workshops, including the FSMNOC annual general meeting, from March 18-21, with sports leaders from Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap and Palau attending. The main goal of the meetings and workshops was the organization and games management for the upcoming 2014 Micronesia Games.

Keitani Graham passed away unexpectedly last December. A few months before, in September, he represented the FSM in the London 2012 Olympic Games competing in Greco-Roman Wrestling. He was also the Vice President of the FSMNOC, representing Chuuk. Besides being a world class athlete, Graham was a national leader in the development of grassroots youth and community programs.

The ceremony was held prior to the opening of a 2-day long FSM national sports administration workshop on multi-sport games management, focusing on the upcoming 2014 Micronesia Games. Over 30 people attended the ceremony including: Pohnpei Lt. Governor Peterson (Chairman of the 2014 Micronesia Games

Organizing Committee): FSMNOC Vice Presidents Sterling Skilling and Mike Loyola; Micronesia Games Council President Bill Keldermans; Palau NOC Secretary General Baklai Temingal; and Clark Graham - FSM Wrestling Federation Secretary General. At the beginning of the program Jim Tobin, FSMNOC Secretary General, stated that the FSMNOC was creating a new national FSM athlete of the year award in honor of Keitani. The award would be given annually to a FSM athlete based on athletic achievement, community service and leadership. A new plaque was unveiled in the name of Keitani, with spaces to engrave future awardees. Above the plaque, was a framed color photograph of Keitani wrestling at the London Olympics. Clark Graham, father of Keitani, thanked Lt. Governor Peterson and the sports leaders for attending. He also stated that his family appreciated the creation of the award in memory of his son. Before closing, Tobin stated that each FSM state would nominate one athlete in November each year, and at the end of the year the FSMNOC would announce the FSM Athlete of the Year. The public is welcome to visit the new FSMNOC office and swimming pool complex and view the award plaque and photographs.



Award ceremony with Clark, Lt Gov and FSMNOC VPs Mike Loyola and Sterling Skilling



FSMNOC sports administration workshop

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## Cheryll Ligohr wins “New Century Scholars” award

Jackson, MS – Fifty community college students from the United States, Canada, and the Federated States of Micronesia have been named 2013 New Century Scholars – receiving a total of \$100,000 in scholarships. Cheryll Ligohr was awarded the scholarship for the FSM.

The New Century Scholars Program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Phi Theta Kappa, and the American Association of Community Colleges.

The New Century Scholars program and All-USA Community College Academic Team, which is sponsored by Follett Higher Education Group and presented by USA TODAY and Phi Theta Kappa, share a common application and together recognize outstanding community college students. More than 1,800 students were nominated from more than 800 community colleges for recognition. Judges consider grades, leadership, activities and most importantly, how students extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom.

New Century Scholars are the highest scoring students in each state, plus one student from Canada and one additional student chosen from among one of the remaining seven sovereign nations where Phi Theta Kappa is represented internationally. Each scholar will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and plaque and be presented at the American Association of College Presidents (AACCC) Convention in San Francisco.

“We appreciate the support of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and The Coca-Cola Foundation to recognize the outstanding academic achievement and leadership accomplishments of these outstanding community college students,” said Phi Theta Kappa’s Executive Director, Dr. Rod Risley. “These scholarships provided by organizations like Coca-Cola make the goal of college completion possible – especially during these challenging economic times.”

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1,285 chapters on two-year and community college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, Peru, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions. More than 2.5 million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 135,000 students inducted annually.

## JEMCO discusses FSM’s long term fiscal plans at midyear meeting

FSM Information Services  
April 03, 2013

Palikir, Pohnpei – On March 14, 2013 the Joint Economic Management Committee met in San Francisco for its midyear meeting. The Committee, commonly known as “JEMCO”, discussed a range of issues which included updates on the ongoing budget development for FY2014 and compliance with guidelines previously issued by the Committee for the implementation of nationwide initiatives in the Health and Education Sectors.

The highlight of the meeting was a presentation by the FSM Delegation on the recently concluded Long Term Fiscal Framework (LTFF) Plans for the State Governments. Concerns were raised by the US delegation regarding the status of the National Government’s LTFF Plan. The FSM members of JEMCO, Foreign Affairs Secretary Lorin S. Robert and SBOC Director Evelyn Adolph, indicated that the

National Government will be undertaking in collaboration with the States Governments a comprehensive planning process in the context of the 2023 Planning Committee. There is substantial overlap between the mandate of the 2023 Planning Committee and what is called for in the JEMCO resolution mandating the LTFF Plan. The newly established committee will undertake and conclude its work over the course of the next 12 months. A further status update on this process will be presented to JEMCO at its Annual Meeting later this year.

Other issues discussed included the status of NDOE’s National Minimum Competency Testing schedule and accreditation process, a brief update by the US GAO on its ongoing assessment of implementation of the Amended Compact, recommendations on implementation of Public Infrastructure funds and expectations for the FY2014 budget utilizing Amended Compact funds. No resolutions were passed by JEMCO at this meeting.

## Japan Government donates classrooms for school in Chuuk



Embassy of Japan in the FSM

In a ceremony held at the St. Cecelia campus, the Government of Japan, officially handed over to the Chuuk St. Cecelia School a grant amount of \$121, 870 USD. The grant will be utilized to build two new classrooms and renovate the lavatory facilities for the school. St. Cecelia is one of the oldest schools in the FSM and has yielded students who have become influential leaders in the nation of the FSM.

Presenter of the grant, Counselor Masaki Tani of the Embassy of Japan mentioned in his speech that a child’s first step into schooling is one of the most “critical and vital ones” and learning facilities serve an important role in the process.

In response, Reverend Rosendo Rudolph, Vicar of Catholic Schools in Chuuk stated that with this project “you bring the people of Japan and the people of Chuuk, the Federated States of Micronesia closer together” and concluded that they (St.Cecelia) make the commitment to making this project last beyond the life of the grant.

The ceremony was witnessed by school board members, government officials and students.



## Fire trucks for Chuuk

Embassy of Japan in the FSM

In response to Chuuk State Government’s request for assistance, the Government of Japan granted two fire trucks, equipment for the trucks, and will also provide training sessions for the employees who will be handling the trucks through Japan’s Grassroots Grant Aid Projects in the amount of \$89,936 USD.

It was reported that several fires broke out on Weno, Island and it was very difficult to put them out. In some cases, the Chuuk Department of Public Safety’s only way of extinguishing the fires was by using buckets to splash over the flames which proved futile. If not for the assistance of the fire trucks that belong to the Chuuk International Airport, some of the fires would not have been successfully vanquished. Unfortunately, the fires had already caused a lot of damage before they were finally put out.

In remarks given by Mr. Kerson Rizal, Director of Public Safety, he stated that the donation of the trucks is a “game changer” for fire prevention in Chuuk and with the fire trucks the Department can definitely respond to any fire incident in Weno Island. Counselor Masaki Tani of the Embassy of Japan stated that the Government of Japan is very pleased to be given such an opportunity to assist the Government of Chuuk in the matters of public safety issues.

The procurement of this project is a joint effort by the Embassy of Japan and two local governments in Japan that each donated one truck and the Embassy assisted with the cost of shipping, reconditioning of the trucks and training.

The ceremony was held at the Chuuk Government Building and was witnessed by officials of Chuuk State Government. Representing the Embassy of Japan, Counselor Masaki Tani presented the grant to Mr. Kerson Rizal.

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# ...Culture

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in Pohnpei. The show was held on the second floor of the John Sonden building.

Yvonne Neth's stunning art work was to have been a centerpiece for the show but due to some kind of miscommunication it ended up being the entire exhibition. The arts and crafts made by the other women were on display at the Cultural day festivities at Spanish Wall on the next day.

"Australia promoted Yvonne's art. I think it's about time that we stepped up and promoted it too right here in Pohnpei!" Marstella Jack exclaimed.

She proudly showed me Neth's charcoal portrait of a Mwoakillesse warrior. That piece of art travelled to an art show in Australia and back but Jack owns it now. "We should support our local artists," she said.

Neth said that when she got her canvasses back from the show in Australia last year they were creased. She ironed the canvasses they returned to her but it still did not undo the damage that had been done. The damage was not evident to me until later when I looked at the photos I had taken of her canvasses.

The ladies served wine and cheese, and a short video of Yvonne Neth working on a canvass played in a corner. Alison MacConnell's shells were on display on a shelf in the front room. In the back room, Marstella Jack displayed souvenirs she purchased from The Village Hotel and Restaurant. "The Village has been here so long its part of our culture," she said. "We'll all be sorry to see it go," she lamented referring to the impending closure of the 40 year old institution.

Besides the arts and crafts from the other

ladies, the only things missing from the exhibit on Easter Sunday night were tuxedo clad waiters, a roving string quartet, air conditioning, and suitable lighting for Neth's drawings.

Even in the poor light, Neth's artwork was compelling. Her sense of shadow and light enhances the emotional draw of each piece.

Amongst her works on display was a piece she completed just last week, her entry to the Parties to the Nauru Agreement art contest. She said that she started the work a year ago but didn't complete it in time for last year's PNA competition. The canvas shows a school of tuna as a net closes around them. It is a magnificent piece of work to which I felt drawn over and over again, and yet again for just one more look.

Pohnpei Cultural Day and Micronesia Cultural Day are both on March 31 each year. Because they fell on a Sunday they were observed as public holidays on April 1. Cultural day and College of Micronesia Founding day are not coincident but on April 1 the two big events happened at the same time in separate places.

The morning began with a parade of eight student groups from COM. The parade of floats began just before 9:00 in the morning at the Spanish Wall ball park and continued down Kolonia's main street to the PICS track and field.

This year's theme was "20 years of Unity through Culture". The lavishly decorated floats and the dress of the participants strongly reflected that theme.

The floats were judges by a four person faculty panel. "Pingmwok," the Pingelap and Mwokil group took first prize. "ChuChok," the group from Chuuk, and "YSO," the group from Yap State tied for second place. "Nukap," the group from Nukuoro and Kapingamwarangi took third place.



COM President Joseph M. Daisy, Ed.D provided the welcoming remarks, reminding all in attendance that the college has much for which to be proud including the recent successful visit of the accrediting team to the College. "Together we have faced challenges. We confronted them, and we are creating our future—one that will endure and thrive," he said.

Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa also addressed the crowd and reminded those in attendance of the importance of culture. Paraphrasing the FSM Constitution he said, "The waters of the FSM do not divide us but bind us."

Each student group staged cultural performances. Those performances were judged by a panel of seven judges that were chosen by the performing groups. The Yap student group took first place followed by Pohnpei National campus, and Pohnpei Campus.



Awards were also given for sporting achievements in Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, Badminton, and Table Tennis.

Meanwhile, across town at the Spanish Wall Park the Pohnpei Cultural Day Celebration was in full swing with traditional dancers and booths containing local products and demonstrations. The theme of the celebration was "Stimulating our economy with our unique cultures, traditions, and products."

The celebration kicked off on island time and closed a few hours before it was scheduled to close but those factors did not dampen the celebration. Smiles were everywhere as hundreds of people browsed the booths that contained luscious locally grown vegetables, elegant handicrafts, "urohs", Pohnpei's intricately stitched skirts, black pearls, weaving demonstrations, handcrafted textiles and much more.

## Trio Chicago and Friends brings beautiful music from America

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

April 1, 2013

**Pohnpei, FSM**—Shortly after Elliott Golub, concert master and founder of Trio Chicago signaled the downbeat and pulled his bow downward across the strings of his violin, the small crowd of invited guests at the residence of the U.S. Ambassador on March 26 was transfixed—emotionally skewered by transcendent musical beauty. As the evening progressed more than one concertgoer could be seen to silently wipe away tears, or maybe that was just me.

For 16 years Golub has been leading Trio Chicago as cultural ambassadors on musical tours throughout the world. The number of countries in which the group has performed is significant and includes two visits to Cuba. They have also performed as musical ambassadors in Belize, Venezuela, Barbados, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Myanmar, Turkey, Ethiopia, Mali, Zambia, Uganda, the Russian Far East, Djibouti, Jordan, Egypt, Mongolia, Paraguay, Papua New Guinea, Turkey, China, and Botswana. Now they will be able to add the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and Palau to the list of impressive countries in which they will have performed their musical magic.

The current tour was arranged by the United States Department of State and facilitated by the US Embassies in each of the three Micronesian countries.

The group that visited Pohnpei was actually a quintet billed as “Trio Chicago and Friends”. The group consisted of founder Elliot Golub on violin, co-founder Marlou Johnston on violin and viola, Suna Avci the Soprano vocalist and sometimes Saxophonist, Laura Hamm on flute and piccolo, and Susan Chou on Piano.

Each member of the group is an accomplished professional musician and it showed. Though the group was unable to perform the piece, “Fugace from Jazz Suite for Flute and Piano” by Claude Bolling because flutist Laura Hamm had a severe cold none of the audience seemed aware that she was ill. Her performance was remarkable despite the fact that she was sohu mwahu enwai.

In addition to beautiful accompaniment of the group, pianist Susan Chou, who is currently a doctoral candidate in Piano Performance effortlessly performed the rhythmically difficult ragtime

piece “Maple Leaf Rag” by Scott Joplin. That piece, written in 1899 has often been called “an American institution”, and has appeared in hundreds of films, cartoons, and commercials.

The group beautifully performed arrangements of pieces written by American composers, Duke Ellington, Aaron Copeland, George Gershwin, and my own personal favorite, Leonard Bernstein. The sonic and rhythmic interplay amongst the instrumentalists and with the vocalist was extraordinary and refreshing.

The evening ended with Susan Avci’s heart wrenching performance of a popular song by Victor Young and Edward Heyman that has been covered by hundreds of musicians over the last 60 plus years. Beautifully orchestrated and sweetly sung, this hopeless romantic was a puddle of emotion before it was done.

On the following morning Trio Chicago and Friends performed for the 7th grade music class at Pohnpei Catholic School who were on holiday for Easter Holy week. During their performance the quintet played three musical numbers and explained the meaning of each piece.

After the Trio Chicago and Friends performed their three pieces for the students, the students performed three vocal pieces for Trio Chicago and Friends. Golub later told a U.S. Embassy official that he was extremely impressed with the ability of the young singers to harmonize.

Some of the students also took advantage of the opportunity to attend the concert that Trio Chicago and Friends held later that evening at the Pacific Missionary Fellowship studio. Approximately 150 people attended the concert that evening. The group once again gave a stellar performance and held nothing back. They performed four additional songs that were not on the playbill.

Trio Chicago and Friends arrived in Pohnpei on March 26 after a visit to the Republic of the Marshall Islands. While in RMI the group performed concerts on Majuro, Kwajalein, and Ebeye. According to the Marshall Islands Journal their performances there were well received.

After their visit to Pohnpei the group continued on to the Republic of Palau.



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## FSS Micronesia completed a multi-tasked round-trip—fines from fishing violations collected

FSM Information Services  
March 28, 2013

**Federated States of Micronesia**—The FSS Micronesia undertook a multi-tasked trip between Pohnpei and Chuuk on February 25th to March 8th with the Secretary of Justice on board, later joined by US Ambassador Doria Rosen and Postmaster General Ginger P. Mida on the way back to Pohnpei.

On the way to assist in the FSM National Election in Chuuk on March 5th, election boxes were delivered to Sapwafik, Nukuoro, and Kapingamarangi – three outer islands of Pohnpei. While on Nukuoro and Kapingamarangi, Secretary Skilling met with the Mayor of Nukuoro and the Chief Representative of Kapingamarangi.

At different locations over a period of five days and nights, the FSS Micronesia crew conducted nine boardings on foreign fishing vessels encountered on the way, resulting in \$51,000 in fines and citations, to ensure compliance with fishery regulations.

While in Chuuk, six of the crew members were deployed to six islands in the Chuuk Lagoon to assist in providing security at various election sites on March 5th. In addition, election results from the outer islands of Chuuk were obtained through the radio telephone system on the FSS Micronesia.

Secretary Skilling also took the time to accompany US Ambassador Doria Rosen who went to Fefen Island on March 5th to observe the conduct of the national election process. The observers did not discover any irregular incidents.

Ambassador Rosen and Postmaster General Ginger P. Mida had the opportunity to witness first-hand the maritime surveillance of FSM waters.

Mrs. Mida and the Maritime Wing are assessing feasible ways for the FSM Post office to be able to utilize similar trips among the remote islands in the FSM, especially for urgent delivery requiring safeguards of commodities and supplies.

According to Secretary Skilling, “the trip was a success in its entirety”.

## COM-FSM rolls out NGO class

Embassy of the  
United States of America Kolonia

COM-FSM in partnership with the U.S. Embassy inaugurated a new program on April 3, designed to strengthen the capacity of the civil sector to create change. A \$26,350 grant from the U. S. State Department funded the College’s effort to work in collaboration with local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to design a course for NGO practitioners. The goal of the course is to provide staff, volunteers, and board members with the opportunity to learn more about the management and operation of NGOs. The course covers the role of NGOs in civil

society, the responsibility of the NGO board, public and political advocacy, program development and evaluation, fundraising, and volunteer management. The first class was held April 3. When participants finish the class, they will receive a certificate of completion in NGO Management.

In Fall-2013, the College will roll out a new required one-credit “Introduction to NGOs” class for all social science and health majors. The class will provide students with a better understanding of how NGOs can assist in their fields of endeavors and possibly expand the student’s career options.



## College of Micronesia – FSM Employment Opportunity

The College of Micronesia-FSM is advertising for the following vacancies. Serious inquiries can be made to the Human Resources Office at (691) 320-2482 or visit us at [www.comfsm.fm/?q=hr-jobsfor](http://www.comfsm.fm/?q=hr-jobsfor) for application, details, and requirements. For more information you can reach us through this email [addressro@comfsm.fm](mailto:addressro@comfsm.fm).

Position	Campus	Annual Salary	Closing Date
Security Officer [5 positions]	National Campus	\$5,196.00	April 24, 2013
Clerk III	Chuuk Campus	\$5,562.00	May 3, 2013
Security Officer [3 positions]	Yap Campus	\$5,196.00	May 4, 2013
Custodian	Yap Campus	\$5,045.00	May 4, 2013

### Position: CHIEF OF STAFF

**Location:** National Campus  
**Annual Salary:** \$22,833.00  
**Closing Date:** April 18, 2013

### Position Profile

The College of Micronesia-FSM seeks to fill the position of Chief of Staff reporting directly to the President of the College. The incumbent in this role is responsible for overseeing all operations of the Office of the President. Additionally, the Chief of Staff is responsible for building positive constituent relationships, assisting the president on all major initiatives and projects and providing advice and counsel on a broad range of college and external matters.

The incumbent serves as liaison with professional staff, including: President's Cabinet, Council of Chairs, Faculty/Staff Senate, State and National Legislators and Public Officials, community leaders, and enhances college relationships and partnerships. The Chief of Staff to the President is also responsible for oversight of administrative policies and procedures of the college; for handling complex situations for the Office of the President; for providing leadership for various strategic initiatives of the Office of the President; for serving as liaison for legislative issues, and other initiatives; and for representing the college president, as requested.

**Vacancy Announcement No.:** PA-01-13  
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### EXCELLENT CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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- Track and process accordingly all incoming customer payments and invoices, postal services, hand-delivered and e-mails mails;
- Assist in staff travel arrangements and logistics; and,
- Other duties as assigned.

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- Preferable if individual has two or more years of related job experience.
- High School Graduate, preferable: College with Associate Degree or higher.
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- Customer focused with excellent written and oral English communication skills

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A competitive benefits package will be offered to the successful candidate.

Applicants are invited to submit a handwritten Letter of Interest, together with a curriculum vitae, three referees and telephone contact. Email applications can be sent to [employment@fsmpec.com](mailto:employment@fsmpec.com), or mailed to

Administration Manager,  
Head Office,  
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in a sealed envelope marked "Customer Service Officer", no later than **15<sup>th</sup> April 2013**.

Company Employment Application Form is available with the Administration Manager at the Head Quarter Office.

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## Opportunities Announced for Study in Australia in 2014

13 February 2013

The Australian Ambassador in Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, and Republic of the Marshall Islands, His Excellency Martin Quinn, is pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2014 Australia Awards Scholarships provided under the Australian Governments overseas aid program.

Australia is offering around 2,300 students from over 90 countries the opportunity to study at Australian institutions in 2014, with around 2 awards available to candidates from the FSM, Palau, and Marshall Islands.

The best and the brightest students will be selected on the basis of demonstrated leadership qualities, academic achievement and their potential to impact development in North Pacific. Last year 2 scholars were selected from the FSM and Marshall Islands to study in Australia in 2013.

Australia Awards Scholarships provide recipients with the opportunity to obtain a tertiary qualification at one of Australia's world class universities. They also provide recipients with the chance to experience life in Australia and build strong links with Australian people and organisations.

The Australia Awards Scholarships offer future leaders the chance to strengthen their knowledge and leaderships skills, with the goal of contributing to development in their home country.

Australia Awards Scholarships open on **1 February 2013** and close on **30 April 2013**.

For further information on the Awards go to <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/australia-awards/>

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- For information on Alcoholics Anonymous call 924-9197 or email [lonestarhelicopters@yahoo.com](mailto:lonestarhelicopters@yahoo.com)
- 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.
- The Rotary Club of Pohnpei holds its weekly meetings Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. at PCR Nantehlik.
- St John's Catholic Church in Kosrae conducts services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For further information, call 370-3240 or 370-3209.
- FANGO holds its monthly Issue Based Dialogue (IBD) on the last Wednesday of each Month at the Sei Restaurant at 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The public is welcome.
- The Rotary Club of Truk Lagoon holds its weekly meetings every Wednesday at 12:00 Noon at the High Tides Restaurant. You are welcome to attend and can contact us at:  
- [rotarycluboftruklagoon@yahoo.com](mailto: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

# “GO LOCAL” Kalahngan ong Ms. Chizuru Seki



Chizuru (first row, left) with IFCP Board and partners at SAP Meeting in 2012

## Island Food Community of Pohnpei IFCP

On the evening of March 22, 2013, the employees of Island Food community of Pohnpei, its partners and the Board of Directors held a farewell party for Ms. Chizuru Seki for her valuable contributions to IFCP for her two year Japan Oversees Cooperative Volunteer (JOCV) at Island Food Community of Pohnpei from April 2011 to March 2013. She will be truly missed because of her great impact she left at IFCP.

As a community Development Worker at IFCP, one of her responsibilities is to raise awareness on the benefits of our healthy local foods through mass media. Some of her awareness accomplishments and activities including organizing and managing the Bi-Monthly Go Local Network newsletter which she now turned into an e-newsletter we called “This month at IFCP”, writes newspaper articles for the Kaselehlia Press (KP) bi-monthly issues, radio releases, created a FACE BOOK wall posting page for IFCP, Go Local Go Math classroom awareness at Ohmine and Kolonia Elementary Schools, Youth to Youth(Y2Y) environmental education partnering with Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP), help created the “CHEEF” story book featuring the benefits of going local now being utilized in all the Early Childhood Education (ECE) She already made a video version of this CHEEF book. Along with these responsibilities, these are some of the work she passionately and willingly assisted: SPC(CePaCT) Banana & Pandanus Characterization project by creating the descriptors form, characterization, labeling, and photo documentation of six(6) yellow-flesh bananas and twenty one(21) varieties of pandanus. local, Go Math” at the Ohmine Public Elementary School, a story book emphasizing the CHEEF benefits of local food with a JICA volunteer from ECE, a story book made into video, IFCPFACEBOOK, Dr. Lois’s memorial services powerpoint presentation, a map and record of varieties of yellow fleshed bananas planted in the IFCP Banana Collection Garden, power point presentation of IFCP activities provided to the Governor General of Australia during her visit to IFCP in April 2012, worked with Rainbownesia project and conducted an Obento2012 World Food Day judging forms, Pandanus Fair on Mokilloa in December 2012, ProMusa Banana Photos submitted for photo contest, and many many more that there would

be no space for this article in the KP.

Chizuru’s volunteer with IFCP for the 2 years had made a great impact on the projects IFCP worked on because of her knowledge and experience in the new technologies (photo shootings, video camera’s and computer skills). The photos and video movies have really improved the submissions of the project reports to the grant donors. Her work with the schools have also showed changes/behaviors in the children’s attitude toward the CHEEF benefits. She was also a great computer teacher in the office and the staff have learned a lot from her and will forever be grateful for all the work and the improvements she did for IFCP. She is someone anybody would love to be around with because of her willingness to help at all times. She also learned the local way of eating local food and she learned to love to eat the local food, especially the fish and the breadfruit and banana, her favorite.

If you go to Japan and would like to buy local (Pohnpeian) handicrafts, please visit Chizuru because she has mastered the Mokilese way of making/weaving all kinds of handicrafts.

Our very special “Thank You” to Chizuru and her lovely host mom, Ms. Adlihna Lebehn for keeping up with IFCP for 2 whole years. **KALAHNGAN EN KOA CHIZURU SEKI!!**

## Pohnpei’s Governor Ehsa calls press conference

The Kaselehlie Press

April 3, 2013

**Pohnpei, FSM**—Pohnpei’s Governor Ehsa has called a press conference scheduled for 10:00 on the morning of April 4, 2013. Details of the conference were not provided but his secretary said that it would cover events in Pohnpei that have occurred since the beginning of the calendar year.

The press conference coincides with the time that The Kaselehlie Press must send the Monday, April 8, 2013 newspaper to the printer. We will be in attendance at the press conference but its content cannot be covered in this newspaper.

We will provide coverage in the next newspaper which is scheduled to publish on April 22, 2013.

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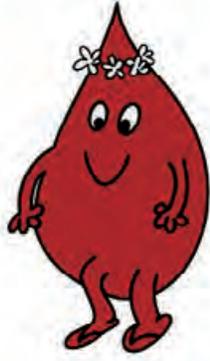


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