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# Pohnpei law makers pass Micro Games funding bill

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

March 5, 2014

**Pohnpei, FSM**—Last week the Pohnpei Legislature passed an amended bill to provide \$901,193 of funding for the 8th Micronesian Games that Pohnpei will host beginning in July.

Governor Ehsa has signed the bill into law.

For the PICS Track and Field renovation the law provides \$607,527. The Micronesian Games “overall” allotment is for \$114,473. It provides \$179,193 for support for Pohnpei Athletes’ participation in the games.

After public hearings the joint committee report on the bill said that it recommended the allocation of funds to finance the total project cost for the rehabilitation of the Pohnpei Islands Central School Track and field which were broken down as follows:

- Construction of track asphalt base \$228,000
- Track surface supply and installation \$325,000

- Construction of concrete swale and installation \$ 43,026
- Construction drawings or blueprints \$ 6,500
- Long and triple jump take-off boards and inner running rail \$ 5,000

The report says that the construction of the track’s asphalt base and concrete swale and drainage will be carried out by Pohnpei Transportation Authority. The track surfacing and construction of the long and triple jump area will be carried out by TEAM SPORTS, a privately owned Australian company. TEAM SPORTS will order the synthetic surfacing material from a company in Europe now that funding has been allotted.

The \$6500 earmarked for construction drawings will be paid to Sports Surface Consultants, LTD.

For the Pohnpei team, the Legislature allotted a total of \$179,193 as follows:

- Equipment and gear \$56,664

- Athletes’ per diem \$70,364
- Opening and closing ceremonies uniforms \$ 9,125
- Sports uniforms \$38,040
- Insurance \$ 5,000

During a hearing on February 10, Robert Spegal, the CEO of the games, testified that a total amount of \$497,715 was needed in order to make up the difference between the total submitted budget of \$1.8 million and the received and pledged contributions from various donors. A few days later, organizers submitted an updated budget that showed that donors had provided almost \$150,000 in additional donations for the games.

“As more pledged contributions are received the less financial assistance is needed from the State government,” the committee report said. “It was testified to your joint committee that the external fundraising efforts are in high gear at this point in time, and a considerable amount is yet to be received from pledge donors,” the joint committee report said. “It is the sense of your Joint Committee that the priority funding needed by the Organizing Committee could be achieved in time as inflow of financial assistance from contributors and supporters are picking up momentum.”

The remainder of the bill dealt with technical details in order to ensure that donor funding requirements are met and that State funds are not commingled with donor funds.

## Sapwohn goes local!

By Rainer Jimmy  
IFCP Board Member

Island Food Community of Pohnpei is impressed with many communities who have chosen to Go Local! for their gatherings, meetings and celebrations. One such community is Sapwohn village in Sokehs.

On January 25, 2014, Kousapw Sapwohn hosted a meeting for the Pwihn in Wahu nan Wein Sokehs. Traditional title holders from the lines of Oleiso, Serihso, Samworou and the Soumwas were in attendance. Nahnpwutak Pikeniap, Wasalalalap Nanmwarki of Sokehs and Iso Nahnken of Sokehs were also at the meeting.

Since the meeting was held over the lunch hour, the community decided to keep their commitment for GOING LOCAL by serving local food in local baskets (pwaht) and by not providing imported soda drinks.

The most impressive aspect that came from this decision was the fact that there were no soda cans, foam cups, plates or other imported rubbish left behind after the meeting finished. Everyone was happy that no clean up was necessary because most of the items used were local. This is a lesson that the community people will repeat in their future gatherings.

IFCP would be happy to hear about any other communities’ efforts to Go Local! Contact us on 320-3259 or info@islandfood.org



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- ½ small pumpkin
- 1 egg
- Salt and Pohnpei pepper to taste
- Coconut oil

#### Method

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- Season it with salt and pepper

- Add the beaten egg
- Place spoonfuls of mixture in the hot oil, turn to cook on both sides

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Enjoy this snack warm or cold! You can also eat it as a side dish instead of rice. Or try it as a vegetarian meal with salad or cooked greens. Pumpkins are an easy healthy vegetable to grow at home.

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# International group of volunteers working in Kahmar

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

March 3, 2014

**Kahmar, Pohnpei**— Sokhamar (Chief) Inos Ponapart of Kahmar hosted an official welcome for volunteers who arrived over the weekend for a Service Civil International workcamp this morning. The group of volunteers came from Finland, China, Japan, and Sri Lanka by way of Hong Kong.

While in Pohnpei the volunteers will assist the people of Kahmar in building a traditional hut in the mornings. In the afternoons they will organize programs to enjoy with villagers, especially for the children after school. Their introductory materials for the SCI Workcamp say that there will be supervisors from the village for each task and locals will work alongside the volunteers.

This afternoon’s ceremony included a traditional sakau ceremony, a first time experience for the volunteers. Lt. Governor Peterson represented the Pohnpei State government and District Administrator Peteriko Hairens represented the Nett Government.

Service Civil International (SCI) is a voluntary organization with approx. 40 national branches and groups worldwide. SCI aims are to promote peace, international understanding and solidarity, social justice, sustainable development, and respect for the environment. SCI believes that all people are capable of living together with mutual respect and to solve conflicts without recourse to any form of violence.

The roots of Service Civil International go back to the end of World War I when Europe had to be reconstructed and the people needed to cooperate again in a peaceful way. The first international workcamp was organized in 1920 by Pierre Ceresole and his friends in Verdun, France. Verdun was a town close to the German border which was completely destroyed during the war. The volunteers from this camp wanted to inspire others to work for peace as an alternative to military service and they started to call their network “Service Civil International”.

The introductory material for the work camp says that Workcamps provide an opportunity for individuals to increase tolerance and facilitate the questioning of values and reflecting on the philosophy of SCI as a peace-building organisation. The volunteers participate



in cultural exchange along with practical assistance learning about the concerns and issues that confront the local community and their nation. This means, individuals learn that they can make a difference in their lives and shared global future.

Especially for young participants from Japan, it will be an opportunity to review their history of colonization and the Pacific War by hiking the hills where rusty anti-aircraft guns and gun battery & powder magazines have been deserted while enjoying panoramic views over Kolonia, its harbor, airport, lagoon islands and the barrier reef.

The volunteers are Ms. Tuuli Nykänen (Finland), Ms. Zhang Yexia (China), Ms. Kanae Ishida (Japan), Ms. Hiroko Takahashi, SCI-Japan Organizer (Japan), Mr. Hiroya Abe (Japan), and Mr. Sameera Jayasinghe the Work Camp Leader who is from Sri Lanka but currently serving with SCI in Hong Kong.

“When I came here last March,” said JICA volunteer for tourism Seichi Naka, “I thought to set up here (an) SCI work camp again just I did in Vanuatu.”

The volunteers will be in Pohnpei until March 10.

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By Dianne M. Strong  
author, "Witness To War: Truk Lagoon's Master Diver Kimiuo Aisek" (2010),  
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25 February 2014

"For the future of Chuuk State," Gradvin K. Aisek whispered, as he released flowers into the pristine waters of Truk Lagoon. Seventy years previously his father Kimiuo, as a seventeen-year old, had witnessed the death and destruction of the American attack on the Combined Fleet of the Imperial Japanese Navy.

Today, as the owner of Blue Lagoon Dive Shop and Resort, Aisek was attending the ceremony held on his property to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Operation Hailstone.

Scuba divers from round the world, seated alongside Chuukese and other FSM residents, gathered at the water's edge amidst cooling showers, as dignitaries gave their remarks. The USNS Soderman (T-AKR 299), a LMSR pre-positioning ship from Saipan, slowly swayed at anchor, not far from the island of Tonoas. This island had served as the headquarters of the Japanese military until 2 September 1945, when the Japanese surrendered aboard the USS Portland.

"More than 5,000 residents of our Federated States of Micronesia died during the Pacific war," announced Chuuk State Acting Governor Tesime Kafot. "Two countries were at war and most of our people knew nothing about this war that would change our lives forever.

"Today those two countries, Japan and the United States," Kafot stated, "are very strong allies. Now our young nation, the FSM, has established a strong relationship with these countries."

The acting governor motioned toward the dignitaries on the dais below him: His Excellency Eiichi Suzuki, Japan Ambassador to the United States; Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary Doria Rosen, J.D., US Ambassador to the FSM; and His Excellency Manny Mori, President of the FSM, and himself a Chuukese.

"From sorrow and confusion seventy years ago, we now live in friendship and with respect for each other. Despite living in a world that has weapons of mass destruction, there is more peace in Chuuk and the FSM."

To the left of the dais hung a "Senbazuru," a mass of 1000 origami paper cranes, a symbol of happiness, long life and peace. It had been prepared for the people who died in Chuuk and for world peace. Across the lagoon to the east, the island of Tonoas could be seen in the mist.

"Chuuk State is only a tiny dot on the world map," Kafot continued, "but from that war Chuuk has become a world-class dive

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## Marshallese women come to the rescue of drought affected communities

In the past year, severe drought has affected over 6,000 people in the Marshall Islands - about 12% of the population. IOM worked alongside government counterparts in the delivery of much needed humanitarian assistance to the 15 affected atolls. While the delivery of food and other relief items was well documented, less well known is the important work of IOM's partner organization, Women United Together in the Marshall Islands (WUTMI). WUTMI staff members participated in air and sea voyages to 24 remote communities across 13 atolls and islands, from July 2013 until early 2014, in order to support drought-stricken communities in their recovery.

Through this process, WUTMI has not only empowered women in remote locations to participate as equal partners in the emergency response, but has also provided women with the opportunity to be involved in activities traditionally dominated by men. Another central aim of this important partnership was to ensure that distributions were conducted equitably and transparently, thus meeting the needs of the most vulnerable within the affected populations.

In the spirit of International Women's Day, an occasion to reflect upon and advance the empowerment of women in all aspects of cultural, economic, and political life, IOM thanks WUTMI for their continuing support and collaboration and aspires to further fruitful partnerships in the future.

For more information, please contact Ash Carl at the IOM Head Office for the FSM and the RMI in Pohnpei; Tel : +691 320 8735; Email: micronesiaenquiries@iom.int .



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# King tide washes over RMI islands – rebuilding begins again

By Bill Jaynes  
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**Majuro, Marshall Islands**—The Republic of the Marshall Islands has declared a state of emergency after king tides washed across the low-lying atoll islands. An early government estimate says that the waves and flooding severely damaged 69 homes in Majuro and displaced more than a thousand people.

The Rairok Elementary School, a dump site, a cemetery and the airport road have also been damaged by the flood.

The government reported no serious injuries from the flooding.

The preliminary report says that 790 people were staying in government supported shelters. On Monday evening the Rita Elementary School shelter was full with 470 evacuees. It said that another center would be opened at Marshall Islands High School if necessary. The shelter at Delap Elementary school had 320 people by Monday night.

The report also said that many people were also staying at churches, the College of the Marshall Islands, and the Marshall Islands Resort. Other evacuees sought shelter at local hotels and with families.

It said that a team left Majuro for Mili and Arno at 6:00 on Tuesday morning in order to assess damages on those two islands. At press time, those reports had not yet come in.

In Arno Atoll 36 homes were damaged and 246 people displaced.

By Wednesday afternoon those evacuees who could return to their homes began to do so but the homes of 10 families were completely destroyed.

“Six families will leave the Rita Elementary School (shelter) to the Salvation Army Compound, three families will leave the Delap Elementary School (shelter) to the Reformed Congregational Church compound, and one family will live with family members. There are 129 people (73 adults and 56 children) remaining in shelters. They will be leaving after 3pm to the church compounds listed above,” a report issued by Doreen de Brum, Assistant Secretary at RMI Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 2:30 this afternoon says.

It’s not unusual for king tides to arrive in the RMI at this time of year. According to a statement by Marshall Islands Climate Change Minister Tony de Brum that aired this morning on Radio Australia, Monday morning’s king tide was the largest he’d ever seen. He said that the frequency of king tides is increasing, the tides are getting higher, and that the effects of climate change are to blame for the current damage in the Marshalls.

He invited Julie Bishop, Australia’s Minister of Foreign Affairs to come out to view the damage.

“If the people of Australia understood a little better and were able to see the kind of affect that climate change is having on the small



Photos by Benedict Yamamura

island countries I am sure they will have something to say to their leadership,” he told Australia Network News.

To reporters from Responding to Climate Change ([www.RTCC.org](http://www.RTCC.org))\* de Brum said that the frequency and intensity of the high tides are increasing, which means those who live close to the shoreline may have to consider more permanent displacement.

“I’m talking about a short term solution to a long term problem,” he said. “Perhaps we can find a way to make more permanent moves for people who are already much too close to the shoreline.

As RTCC pointed out in their article footnoted below, “although no single extreme weather event can be attributed to climate change, the intensity and frequency of such occurrences are expected to increase this century, and the current floods indicate the threat that they will pose to the islands.

“This is something de Brum hopes will help to make their case at the international summits where the future climate treaty is discussed. ‘High tides speak louder than words and this is yet another example,’ he says.

“‘It presents an opportunity for us whenever we have these king tides for us to refocus attention on what many people don’t realise: that this is a now issue, not a future issue,’” the RTCC article concluded.

\*See more at: <http://www.rtcc.org/2014/03/04/marshall-islands-face-evacuations-as-sea-swamps-capital/#sthash.8ES13Zm2.dpuf>



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## ...Hail- storm

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site. Yet today, seventy years later, oil leaks from the ship wrecks threaten our pristine lagoon. We fear a major disaster, and we pray we may receive technical assistance to assess this threat," Kafot concluded. He serves as Chuuk State's Director of Marine Resources.

FSM President

Mori also praised the three-way alliance of Japan, the US and the FSM. "Once we were isolated and passive. Now we are a sovereign nation. Today we celebrate not the victory of war, but the true victory of peace and our strong alliance.

"One of our greatest achievements is our young nation's development of a democratic form of government. Our FSM residents serve in the American armed forces. Together our nations, having known war, hope for peace."

Japan Ambassador Suzuki's brief remarks in fluent English concluded with one statement. "It is my fervent wish that this ocean may remain peaceful forever."

Representing Guam's Rear Admiral Tilghman D. Payne, Lt. Commander Antonio Pinkstone was first to release a wreath of peace into the lagoon. A second wreath was released by Japan Ambassador and Mrs. Sugako



Suzuki. Weno Municipality Deputy Mayor Kai Noked released the final wreath. The placid lagoon water slowly carried one south, and the 909-foot long Soderman came into view behind it.

Members of the Chuuk Youth Council then sang the national anthem of the United States, followed by that of Japan. The FSM national anthem had begun the ceremony. A benediction by Rev. Murray Shirai concluded the solemn ceremony that was organized by Chuuk Visitors Bureau Executive Director Joe Suka.

Following a lunch, Tarioshy Ruben, a native of Nechap village, Tonoas, gave very emotional testimony about his life as a 13-year old survivor of Operation Hailstone. Next the KEMC Youth Group presented a song with marching. Then the Chuuk Women's Council presented a special song. Kuttu Stick Dancers then delighted the gathered guests, followed by a song by Island Community Church (ICC). The last cultural performance was by Western Islanders.

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# An unexpected inspiration - Young women help their communities prepare for disasters and climate change

*International Organization for Migration*

Jasmine, the heroine of a prolific series of comics, posters, telcards, and other educational materials produced by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), is a protagonist with moxie! She first appeared in a series of comics two years ago aimed at educating the youth of Micronesia on landslides, typhoons and tsunamis. Following the success of the first series, and with the support of the Australian-Government funded Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Education (CADRE) Program two more comics covering the topics of drought and climate change have been launched.

Jasmine is a socially active young woman with a passion for her island home and its culture. She seeks to protect her community from potential catastrophe, in the face of serious natural hazards and an ever present changing climate. While a character such as Albert is continually getting stranded or injured due to his lack of knowledge of disasters and climate change, Jasmine plays an active role in helping her community survive the extreme events, relying on her extensive and careful preparations and

planning.

The character of Jasmine is obviously resonating with young people in Micronesia, with one young girl choosing to dress up like Jasmine during a recent holiday parade last December. The CADRE program seeks to inspire all people to do their part and help make schools and communities safer. Moreover, it aims to empower young people, both male and female to play an active role in disaster preparedness and climate change adaptation.

In observance of International Women's Day, IOM trainer, Ms. Gracelyn Shirai took a few moments out of her hectic schedule to discuss what it means to be a young, Micronesian, female heroine: "Students or even some teachers might think that Jasmine is disrespectful, because of the fact that she's a young girl, and she is the one who is telling the older people (the men and the chief) in her community what to do when there is a disaster or how to be prepared for natural disasters. Teachers need to tell or explain to the students that - Jasmine is not a disrespectful young girl, but a smart young girl. She wants to share what she knows or what she has learned at school with her community, so that they can be prepared and be safe during and even before disasters strike.



*Dressed like Jasmine, prepared to be a heroine.*

women's contribution.

Jasmine really cares about her people and her community."Because Jasmine shared what she had learned at school with her elders, they are able to survive the massive destruction of events, such as typhoons. They are also able to be more prepared for any future hazards. "I believe that it is actually Jasmine's respect and love for her people that pushes her to speak up." Gracelyn is based in the IOM office in Weno, Chuuk, an island that is continually appreciating the importance of

This International Women's Day will be an occasion to celebrate the special role of women and girls in helping the people they cherish,prepare for and cope with, natural hazards or potential climate change impacts.

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# Kitti celebrates its 29th Anniversary

By *Bill Jaynes*  
The Kaselehlie Press

February 27, 2014

**Kitti, Pohnpei, FSM**— In February of 1985 the people of Kitti passed their constitution. 29 years later the people of Kitti gathered at Nanpei Memorial School to celebrate with speeches and sporting events.

A singing group from the Seventh Day Adventist School sang at the celebration, and the Pohnpei State Police drill team drew thunderous applause from the audience as they marched through the mud whilst spinning their drill rifles.

Governor Ehsa and other dignitaries including Willy Hawley, Rohsa en Nanpei, were present on the day.

There were so many sporting events this year including volleyball, basketball, softball, and track events that the organizers decided that the event should span two days beginning on February 26. Most of the sporting events were held on that day and deciding events occurred on February 27, the actual day of Kitti's founding. Awards were also presented on that day.

The sporting events began yesterday in the pouring rain and in the mud, but rain and mud will never dampen the spirits of the people of Kitti. The young people from Kitti's elementary schools soldiered on while their friends and family members cheered them on.

"No one left yesterday," said Congressman Berney Martin of the sporting events on Wednesday that occurred mostly in the rain. "They seemed to stay until the end."

Organizer, Joab Paul of the Kitti Municipality said that Kitti is "divided" into three sections (Lopidi), and that Lopidi 3 took the top prize for their sporting efforts.

As I wandered through the assembled crowd this morning I saw families who were happy to be together, happy to be from Kitti, and who were also excited about the friendly competition. This was not a "dog eat dog" competition, though certainly every team wanted to win and with that in mind we list the point scores:

- Ninth place Salapwuk Elementary School  
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- Eighth place Palikir Elementary School  
75.5 points
- Seventh place Pehlang Elementary School  
87 points
- Sixth place School Torohr  
89 points
- Fifth place Rohi Elementary School  
123 points
- Fourth place Wone Elementary School  
126 points
- Third place Enipein Elementary School  
174.5 points
- Second place Nanpei Memorial School  
282 points
- First place Seinwar Elementary School  
405 points

Section scores:

- Third place Lopidi 1  
131 points
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163 points
- First place Lopidi 3  
165 points





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## Letter to the Editor

### A Little Voice from the Hill: The Roads to Xavier

The rain did not stop! It continued to pour for three weeks, turning the roads into a gigantic mud pit. On February 26, 2014, around 5:30 am, about 20-30 Xavier's boys were forced out from their beds to go and help push one of our yellow school buses out of the gigantic mud pit in the middle of the road. The bus was on its way to pick up the female students and the bus was just doing its routine runs that morning. So, from 5:30 am to about 10:00 am, the Xavier boys along with the Xavier's maintenance crew tried to rescue the bus, but the road had turned into "quicksand" or something like a "waterbed." It was impossible for the Xavier boys and maintenance crew to rescue the bus.

Between 6-10 am, Xavier's phone never stopped from ringing. Parents, sponsors, and the girls themselves called Xavier to ask whatever happened to their buses. Yes, all the vehicles that are used to transport our female students were piling up behind the bus that got stuck in the middle of the quicksand-like road. The most depressing thing was that our female students missed all the morning classes that day.

Around 10 am, through the generosity and kindness of the Korean Resort (Korea-South Pacific Ocean Research Center) in providing their machinery equipment, our bus was finally lifted and pulled from the "quicksand". It was a relief to have the bus rescued from the sinking road.

By February 28, 2014, the road was impassable and inaccessible. Two of our yellow school buses could not come up to Xavier. They had to park on either the main road or with some kind Sapukians, especially Mr. Roosevelt Kansou and Mr. Aruson Kansou. Then, on March 1, 2014, more than 20 of our boys were down on the road from 9 am to 5 pm working and trying to repair the road. The road was impossible to fix. By 5 pm, we declared the road "inaccessible and impassable for public use."

By Monday, March 3, 2014, we called Chuuk Public Works and the Office of the Governor to bring to their attention about the seriousness of the deterioration of the road. We were promised that they will fix the road. In the meantime, our female students are walking up and down the roads from the Mabuchi Hill morning and afternoon, rain or shine. Their morning studies are affected due to the late arrivals to school. Our girls have gone through too much already. The roads to Xavier are riddled with potholes (now small lakes for the lack of appropriate terms) and most of Xavier vehicles are breaking down to the point of no return. Who can help us repair these roads so that our educational programs can go back to normal? We, with our little voice from the Mabuchi Hill, whisper to you saying, "Please help us fix our roads."



*This is a picture taken today (3/4/2014; Tuesday). The road is partially dry from two days of good, sunny weather. (in the back ground) is what the Chuuk Public Works sent up to work on the roads going up to Xavier High School. The manpower and working tools are all from Xavier. This will not suffice! Maybe, they just want us to say that they did something.*

*We just hope and pray that the good weather continues. We all know that Xavier High School is a school for all Micronesians. Current students attending XHS are from Palau, Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Philippines, and South Korea. We need all the help we can get.*

XHS 3 Towers (Xavier Student Newsletter)



*The Xavier High School Boys and Xavier maintenance crew trying to make the road passable so that the female students can come to school.*



*This is the bottom of the Hill where the school buses are parked. The girls have to walk (from the bottom of the hill up to the campus for an estimate distance of 1.9 kilometers or 1.18 miles. It takes about 15 minutes for them to get up to the campus. The girls wake up at 5:30 a.m. By the time they get to Xavier (if the bus makes it up to campus) it is around 7:15 to 7:40 a.m. Let's add a fifteen minutes to that (on a sunny day) for the 15 minute trek. On a rainy day, the walk would be longer, definitely. By the time they get on campus they are wet from sweat or if it is rainy, they would be wet from the rain and dirty from the mud. If this was you, would you be able to start studying with the right mind set? What is the government doing to help Xavier High School with its road problem???*

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## IOM ensures program sustainability using teacher training

The International Organization for Migration classroom.”

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) has been rolling out lessons in 50 target schools throughout the FSM and the Marshall Islands under the Australian-funded Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Education (CADRE) program. For the past two years, IOM trainers have been visiting each school to directly deliver the lessons to 8th and 9th grade students for 2 weeks during science period. The trainers collaborate with teachers to refine and adjust their lessons based on the diverse needs of the students. While IOM will continue to deliver the CADRE lessons directly, in an effort to ensure more sustainability of its program, IOM is transitioning toward teacher training as a strategic way to reach even more schools and communities. IOM has reached over 100 educators in the month of February and hopes to continue to embed climate change and disaster preparedness education into schools systems of the FSM and the RMI through empowering local educators in utilizing its materials.

In a unique collaboration with the U.S. Peace Corps, IOM provided training for 18 Peace Corps Volunteers and 18 local counterpart teachers as part of a CADRE-dedicated module within the Peace Corps In-Service Training. The Peace Corps Volunteers and their counterparts represent 20 schools across Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Kosrae. Notably, 16 out of the 20 schools represented are not covered under the existing CADRE program and as such, are now newly exposed to the curriculum. Dean Anthony Likor, from Nett Elementary School, who participated in the training, shared his positive experience stating: “the lesson plans, tests, demonstrations, handouts, and activities were great. I will replicate these lessons in my own

IOM has utilized other opportunities to work with educators, including presentations on February 7, in which IOM trainers were invited to share two presentations with students at the College of Micronesia-FSM, Chuuk Campus. Presentations were given during the Environmental Science and the Tropical Pacific Islands Ecology classes. Instructor Sipenuk exclaimed: “We’re thankful that IOM trainers shared this timely and important information with our future/present teachers. Having outside experts underline and reinforce key concepts being learned in class helps ‘bring it all home’ to our students. Hopefully, our students will take this information back to their communities and share it with them. We hope to continue this newly formed connection with IOM.” These college-level seminars focused on the science of global warming and how climate change is linked to the increasing intensity and frequency of extreme natural hazards.

On February 25, IOM staff also took part in the 11th Annual Teacher Forum at Saladak Elementary School in Pohnpei. A total of 31 teachers, representing 16 elementary schools in Pohnpei participated and each received a copy of the CADRE curriculum, lesson plans, and posters for their classrooms.

The ultimate goal of these culminating efforts is safer schools and communities in Micronesia; that are empowered and prepared to face climate change impacts of the future.

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## Treasure in the Trash Environmental Clubs Beautify Dekehtik Dump Site



Mr. Charles Lohn of the EPA explains the Fukuoka method to Ohmine students, with the help of the new sign at Dekehtik

By Ben Taylor

03 March 2014

**KOLONIA**—Tourists to Pohnpei are usually encouraged to see some of the island’s most famous landmarks. As a Peace Corps Volunteer in Kolonia, I remember leaving the airport for the first time with brochures in hand, photos of Kaprohi Waterfall, Sokehs Rock and Nan Madol promising beauty and adventure in my immediate future.

Somehow, Dekehtik Dump Site never made it on the list of destinations. I’d imagine it doesn’t

for most of us tourists—though it’d be impossible to enter town without passing Pohnpei’s biggest landfill, most of us do so without giving it a second thought. Naturally, it’s a bit of an eyesore, so Pohnpeians prefer to keep it out of sight and out of mind.

If 7th-grade students at Kolonia and Ohmine Elementary Schools can do anything about it, that attitude is going to change. In the last week of February, members of Environmental Clubs from both schools came to beautify the landfill.

They brought two used tires (donated by Pohnpei Waste Management Services), which the clubs had beautifully painted the week prior, and planted lime trees which were donated by the Department of Forestry.

According to Takahiro Hamagawa, a JICA Volunteer at EPA and the clubs’ coordinator, several key sources were interested in making this event happen. “Mr. [Pius] Yaropiyl and his employees at PWMS had wanted to plant flowers at the site, [so] there was a need before,” Mr. Hamagawa said. The EPA’s supervisor for Dekehtik, Mr. Charles Lohn,



Kolonia Elementary students put the finishing touches on their plants



The Ohmine Elementary Environmental Club after a hard day’s work, with Mr. Lohn (Far left), Mr. Yaropiyl (2nd from left), members of PWMS and Mr. Hamagawa (rear center)

was integral in the project as well. Mr. Lohn had the idea to make a dumpsite tour to raise awareness about the dumpsite, and he was interested in beautification as well. Mr. Hamagawa added that “the trigger of this idea [was] that [Mr. Lohn] joined a JICA training on the management of landfill sites, and came up with an action plan for improving the dumpsite.”

14 students from Ohmine, and 23 students from Kolonia participated in the event on two separate days. In addition to planting the lime trees, students brought flowers and planted them in a flower bed prepared by PWMS. Mr. Lohn also explained the current situation at the site, which has dramatically changed recently.

Thanks to technical support from J-PRISM, the landfill is being rehabilitated in the “Fukuoka method”, which according to a new sign at the site is “a method of disposing waste by spreading it in layers covered with soil or other inert materials to control generation of vermin, vectors, and odors”. In short, waste is spread out more broadly and covered with soil. The method results in plenty of benefits, including smell reduction and reduction of greenhouse gases. A very user-friendly sign for the project can be seen at the site now, for those who may be interested.

The venture was one of many activities that the Environmental clubs at Ohmine and Kolonia are participating in this year. Mr. Hamagawa wanted to create a program “where students will not only learn about environmental issues, but will take steps to actually solve problems [...] conceivably, this will produce youth who have a higher degree of environmental consciousness and can take concrete actions to help their environment.” As an active member of the Ohmine club’s weekly meetings, I can attest to the fact that Mr. Hamagawa’s project is having a tremendous impact on the schools and students involved. The future for these two clubs looks bright, indeed; just as flowers and trees are blossoming at our dump site, the clubs are growing a brighter future for youth environmental education in the city. Perhaps the dumpsite will be a part of the tourist circuit one day, after all.

*Ohmine and Kolonia Environmental clubs meet weekly (from 2:40-3:40 every Monday at Kolonia, and from 2:40-3:40 every Thursday at Ohmine). If you are interested in contributing to club activities, or you would like to give input on the club’s activities, you can call Ohmine Elementary at and Kolonia Elementary at.*

*The students and coordinators of the Environmental clubs would like to thank the following sources of support: Mr. Charles Lohn of the EPA, Mr. Pius Yaropiyl and PWMS, the Department of Forestry; Ohmine and Kolonia Elementary Schools, JICA, and Peace Corps Micronesia. Kalahngan!*

## Pakin community pearl farming project training program, Pakin, Pohnpei

College of Micronesia Land Grant Program

As part of a joint project between College of Micronesia Land Grant Program (COMLG), Pakin Community Association (PCA), Office of the Fisheries and Aquaculture, Pohnpei State (OFA), and Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP) funded by Small Grants Program (SGP) under the Global Environment Fund (GEF), United Nations, a team from COMLG and OFA led by Dr. Manoj R. Nair, Chief Scientist and Aquaculture Project Director, COMLG, visited Pakin Atoll in Sokehs District of Pohnpei State from February 5-7, 2014 to provide hands-on training for pearl farm management and half pearl seeding training to community members on Pakin. As part of the exercise several members of the community were retrained in pearl farm nursery management and farm maintenance techniques. In addition 6 pre-selected candidates were (3 girls and 3 boys) imparted hands-on skill training in half pearl seeding training by COMLG personnel. The team wishes to thank the GEF program fund and its FSM Program Director, Mr. Patterson Shed for their funding support, Executive Director, COMLG (NIFA, USDA) and Administrator, OFA for their in-kind contribution for this project. Special thanks are also due to Mr. Masahiro Ito, former Director and Chief Scientist COMLG Aquaculture Programs for his valuable inputs in this project’s conceptualization, design and its initial initiation. The team further acknowledge with thanks the warm hospitality of Pakin community. Dr. Nair or Justino Smith, Senior Aquaculture Extension Agent can be reached at 320-2462/ 2728/ 5731 ; 320 - 6038 ( COMLG Nett Point Aquaculture Hatchery) for further information about this project or other queries on Aquaculture Programs at COMLG.



## Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Editor:

Firstly, I wish to honor and praise and recognize our Heavenly Father for being here among our midst and thank Him for His grace, and blessing upon each and every one of us in our small islands nation of the "Federated States of Micronesia"

On behalf of Her Majesty the Queen (Keaseawa), our family and as well as the entire People of the Kingdom of Pingelap, also known as the Islands of the Color Blind, I, the King of Pingelap (Doahkesa, Dr. Berysin Salomon) wish to recognize all our traditional leaders of this small island nation, the Federated States of Micronesia. I also wish to recognize our Church and Government leaders.

Mr. Editor, I write this letter in regards to an article in "The Kaselehlie Press" of December 30, 2013, vol. 4 Issue No. 3, with the Head line "Archaeologist find 1900 year old artifacts in Mwoakilloa". As was stated in your issue that the archaeological discovery reaffirms the theory that as long as 1900 years ago people travelled amongst Pohnpei, Mwoakilloa, Ahnd, and Kosrae.

From the Pingelapese history (not theory) that passed down from the first King of Pingelap until the present King, Pingelap was intentionally first settled by two brothers from Yap. The title in charge of keeping our legacy and history is Nahno and this title passed down among the family members by blood from generations to generations. The two brothers stayed on the atoll for a while. After some time, the younger brother decided to leave. He wanted to leave so that he could go in search of land for his own. The older brother, Paliehlap

remained alone on the atoll until he decided to return to Yap for his wife. He sailed back to Yap and brought his wife back with him. They lived alone on the atoll of Pikelap or Pingelap (as known today) and after sometime, Paliehlap's wife became pregnant. She gave birth to a son whom they named Mwoimoak. Soon after, she also gave birth to two more daughters. Paliehlap's son Mwoimoak married his two sisters. Mwoimoak's oldest son whom he named Iengir Sang Eir, became the first king or nahmwarki of the island of Pikelap (Pingelap). Therefore it would be very interesting to also compare the volcanic stones found in Mwoakilloa and the volcanic rocks in Yap. As we know today that the Yapese are the greatest navigators in all of Micronesia, and still living up to their name in our present day.

Pingelap that was known in the past by Micronesians, served as the Gateway to Pohnpei. No one, either by boat, canoe or ship (as it was the only source of transportation then) would enter Pohnpei without stopping at Pingelap

to get permission to visit Pohnpei. Interestingly enough, Pingelap was not mentioned in the Archeological theory as one of the island that people traveled frequently to during the past thousands of years ago. Although in the past, people from Mwoakilloa and Pingelap normally sailed between these two islands but there was never any mention in our history that Mwoakilloa was served as a "check point" for people travelling between Kosrae and Pohnpei.

Now that the excavation finding in Mwoakilloa was dated 1900 years old, it would be very exciting and fascinating to find out what sort of artifact and the radiocarbon dating of the findings in Pingelap would be.

I, Doahkesa, the King of Pingelap would like to invite any Archaeologist or Archaeological Team to come to Pingelap and excavate in search of artifacts as well as human remains from our sacred ancient burial grounds.

On behalf of the People of Pingelap, I, Doahkesa, the King of Pingelap would like to thank you, the editor of "Kaselehlie Press" for allowing me a space in your paper to express my views in regards, to the above-mentioned article.

Kaselehlie,  
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On January 31, 2014, Lieutenant Governor Marcelo Peterson received \$5,500.00 from His Excellency Terence Beven, Ambassador of Australia for the Pein Sakahtail Community Project that was approved under the Australia Direct Aid Program (DAP).

The approved project received favorable support from the Australian Embassy to implement a family farming project for the community of Pwudoi, Kitti and in section 2 of Madolenimw Municipality. Under the project agreement, the Embassy of Australia agreed to purchase farming tools that will be used to start small vegetable farms for individual households within the two communities while also help support the maintenance and environmental cleanliness of the main circumferential road that runs through these two communities.

Lt. Governor Peterson thanked Ambassador Beven and expressed appreciation on behalf of the Governor and the people of Pohnpei especially the two communities. He reiterated the

friendly and mutual collaboration between the Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and Australia and thanked the people and Government of Australia through the Ambassador for the continued support in areas that are not limited to Education, Social Programs, and Community Development. Lt. Governor further stated that there is much to be done to promote the consumption of locally grown food in Pohnpei while at the same time keeping the local communities clean and healthier. And the funding of the Pein Sakahtail project will help support that cause in partnership with Community leaders, the Youth and Local stakeholders. Lt. Governor Peterson concluded by once again welcoming Ambassador Beven to Pohnpei and expressed a healthy and successful New Year.

In attendance were His Excellency, Terence Beven, Ambassador of Australia; Lieutenant Governor Marcelo Peterson; Mr. Nikola Pejcek, Third Secretary; Mr. Johnny Hadley, Jr., Aid Coordination Office; Ms Swaniter Ladore, Public Information Officer, Mr. Elvis Edgar, representing the community from Madolenimw and Mr. Valerio Ioanis, Jr., President of the Pwudoi Youth Organization.



Senator Berney Martin of the FSM Congress hands the keys to a brand new police car to Kitti Magistrate Tony Sarapio. Though Madolenihmw also received a new police vehicle, it wasn't ready for a photo by press time.




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# Filipino community organizes fund raiser for Haiyan victims

By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press

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**Pohnpei, FSM**— On February 22, the members of the United Filipino Community in Pohnpei (UFCP) held a hastily arranged and scantily publicized fundraiser for Typhoon Haiyan victims at the Pohnpei Campus gymnasium of the College of Micronesia - FSM.

During the event, UFCP members staged “pay to play” games with cash prizes that most winners donated back to the worthy cause. Members also sold clothing and food. The UFCP President said that the club raised \$447.65 for those efforts though that figure will not be final until their board meets on March 10.

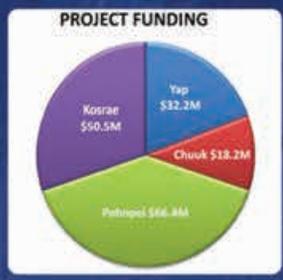
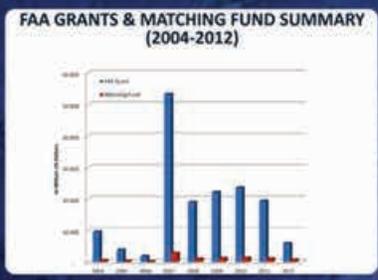
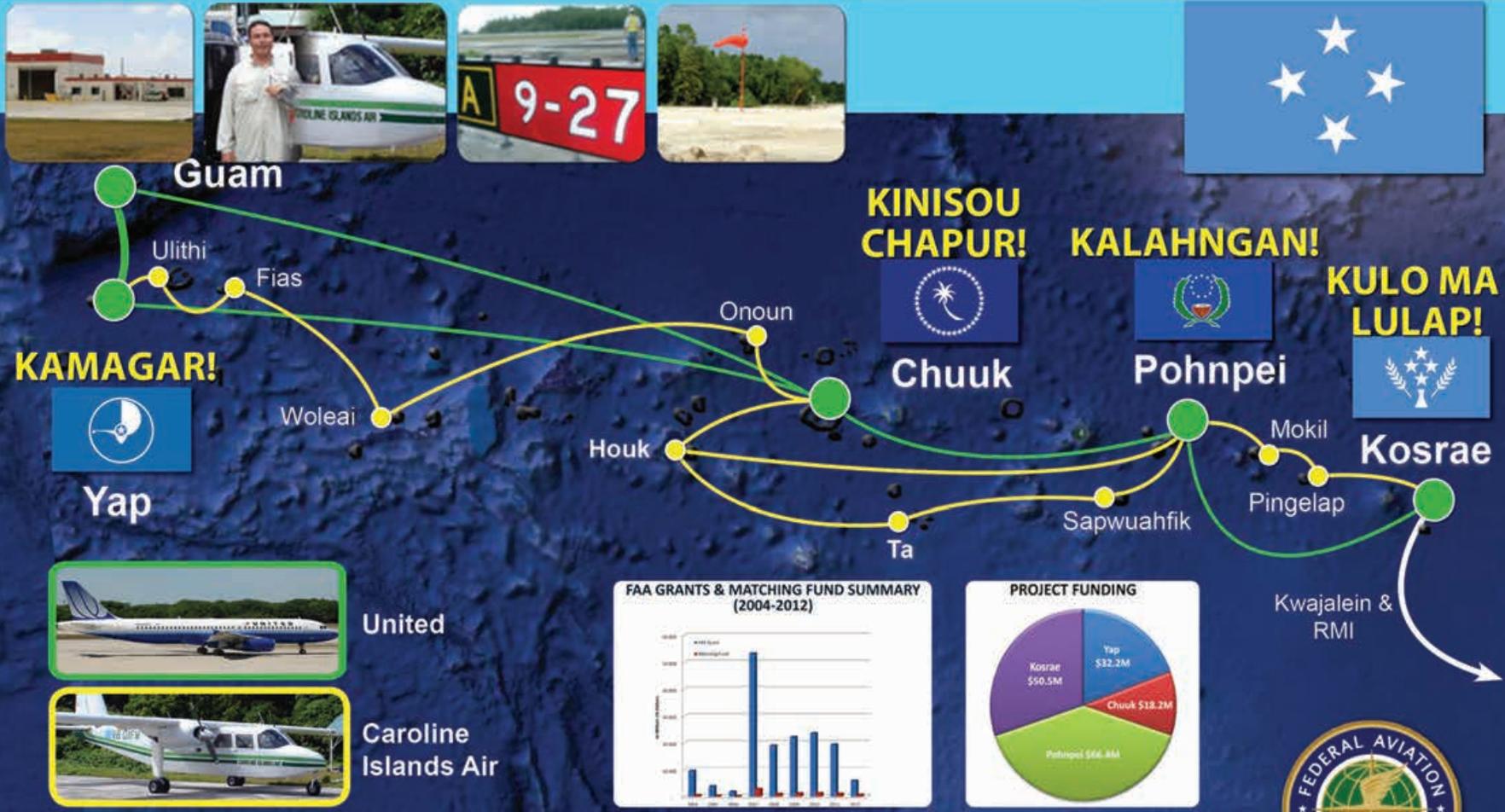
UPCP’s figure didn’t include the sales of framed and unframed prints sold by a few of the members and non-members of the Photography Club of Pohnpei.

It was the club’s first participation in a fund raising effort and members had only five

days to prepare by printing some of their best photographs for sale at the fundraiser. Still, the club sold 11 framed prints and one unframed print for a total donation to Haiyan victims of \$610 on top of UFCP’s reported fundraising activities.



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