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# Dongwon Industries provides boxing ring to Pohnpei boxing club



By **Bill Jaynes**  
*The Kaselehlie Press*

April 12, 2014

**Pohnpei, FSM**—Because of a generous donation by Dongwon Industries, a fisheries operator in the FSM, the fledgling Pohnpei Boxing Club (PBC) now has a boxing ring. PBC organizers say that the equipment is essential to the development of the sport and that the boxing ring is the first ever to have arrived and been put into use in the FSM.

Dongwon's President, Dr. Myoung Woo Lee visited the facility for a short ceremony and exhibition this morning and seemed to be impressed by what he saw.

“Obtaining a boxing ring for the Pohnpei Boxing Club has been the most important goal for the club as a boxing ring is the most important piece of equipment that would legitimize our club and the sport of boxing in the FSM. As you can imagine, having a boxing club without a boxing ring would be like having a tennis club without a tennis court, or a basketball team without a basketball board and rim,” said Erick Divinigracia, PBC coach and organizer. “You can have the boxers train and do practice drills till they're blue in the face, but they will never know true competition until they actually step into a boxing ring to engage in full combat with an opponent. Also, h a v i n g

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# First ever FSM visit by a Fiji head of state



By **Bill Jaynes**  
*The Kaselehlie Press*

April 17, 2014

**Pohnpei, FSM**—As Airport Rescue Firefighting strikers showered jets of water into the air in arches over the United Airlines flight that brought Ratu Epeli Nailatikau, the President of Fiji, taxied down the tarmac in Pohnpei this afternoon. His visit to the FSM is the first for a Fijian head of state.

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# Migrant Resource Center raises awareness on human trafficking for visiting students from Ebeye



*The International Organization for Migration*

**Pohnpei** – The word is out and people from outside the Federation are now visiting Micronesia’s first Migrant Resource Center (MRC) in Pohnpei. On April 11 around 20 students from the Seventh Day Adventist High School, and their teachers, dropped into the MRC.

They wanted to find out more about the various services offered by the Center and about the organization operating the Center on behalf of the Government of the FSM, the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

Importantly, the MRC team took advantage of their visit to raise awareness on human trafficking, explaining the crime, and providing case studies from the region. The MRC team also explained the different aspects to combatting human trafficking, including: prevention, protection, prosecution and partnership. Students left the Center knowing how to identify a potential trafficking situation and what they can do about, such as reporting any suspicions immediately to law enforcement authorities.

On March 24, 2014, the MRC celebrated its first year anniversary in Kolonia, Pohnpei. To date it has provided awareness raising on human trafficking to over 5,550 high school students, members of the civil society, women, youth, representatives from local non-governmental organizations and people living with disabilities. Over 250 people

have completed a 2 ½ day pre-departure orientation designed to assist in smooth integration into the United States.

The visiting teacher from SDA High School, Marianne Alamo, stated: “This educational session was very useful. I believe that all students should hear about human trafficking.” IOM is

currently working with the Government of the RMI on the possible establishment of a Migrant Resource Center in Majuro. This will be the third in the region, following the opening of the Center in Chuuk.

For further information on Human Trafficking or to find out how you can join the next Pre-departure Orientation Training please contact: [mrcmicronesia@iom.int](mailto:mrcmicronesia@iom.int) or telephone: (691) 320 8898



## US provides \$5.8 million in compact grant assistance payments in March

In March the FSM Department of Finance received Compact Grant Assistance payments from the United States Government totaling \$5.8 Million. These payments were for Compact Sector Grants:

|                                       |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Health                                | \$2,144,099  |
| Education                             | \$2,325,354  |
| Infrastructure                        | \$ 638,395   |
| Public Sector Capacity Building       | \$ 360,174   |
| Private Sector Development            | \$ 168,311   |
| Environment                           | \$ 143,503   |
| Enhanced Reporting and Accountability | \$ 92,783    |
| Total Amount                          | \$ 5,872,619 |

This amount is provided to the States of the FSM as follows:

|         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| Chuuk   | \$ 2,036,288 |
| COM-FSM | \$ 990,000   |
| Kosrae  | \$ 419,400   |
| Pohnpei | \$ 1,382,251 |
| Yap     | \$ 1,044,680 |



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## The Micronesian Games has a centralized phone number!

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# Peace Corps Response Volunteers to arrive in Pohnpei and Yap

*Embassy of the United States of America in Kolonia*

In two separate ceremonies, Pohnpei and Yap Governments signed Memoranda of Understandings (MOU). The MOUs outline the responsibilities of the State Governments with this innovative program to provide capacity building in priority development sectors through the placement of experienced Peace Corps Response Volunteers (PCRVs) in various State Government entities.

The PCRV program provides the partner country with seasoned professionals to undertake short-term, high-impact volunteer assignments around the globe. PCR Volunteers typically serve six months to one year. This new program is supported by JEMCO-approved Compact funds.

Pohnpei Governor John Ehsa and Peace Corps Country Director for the FSM & Palau Robert Reid signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the Pohnpei State Governor's office on April 3, 2014. Also present was Pohnpei State Budget Officer Christina Elnei, who is coordinating the provision of host country contributions from Pohnpei State to support this endeavor.

The first group of seven Volunteer specialists will arrive this summer to work for one year in Pohnpei to serve at the Department of Education, the Department of Health Services, and the Aid Coordination Office.

The five Peace Corps Response Volunteers in Education will work with local principals around the island as Education Accreditation Specialists, to help elementary and secondary schools in devising corrective structure, policy, and administrative procedural reforms in the seven accreditation standards in order to ensure that every school meets the accreditation requirements.

The Peace Corps Response Volunteer who will work as Non-Communicable Disease Data Management Program Specialist will help to establish a reliable and efficient data management system to monitor the trends and effectiveness of State programs in dealing with the NCD crisis.

The PCRV who will serve as an Aid Coordination Specialist will work with the Pohnpei External Coordinator to help establish a grant writing and management system within the Pohnpei State Budget Office.

Yap Governor Sebastian Anefal and Peace Corps Country Director Robert Reid previously signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the Governor's office on February 26. Also participating in that signing ceremony was Director Frank

Haregaichig of the Yap State Department of Resources & Development; he is coordinating the provision of host country contributions from Yap State to support this endeavor.

The first group of six Volunteer specialists will arrive this summer to work for one year in the Department of Health Services, the Marine Resources Management Division, the Division of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Division of Youth Services.

Three PCRVs will work with local counterparts as a Public Health Physician, a Microbiologist to train hospital laboratory technicians, and an Environmental Health Specialist to train staff to analyze and inspect environmental conditions that impact the health of the population throughout Yap.

The PCRV who will work as a Marine Environment Specialist will help to develop an enhanced monitoring program for Yap State and conduct trainings for staff on how to implement, analyze, and report monitoring in order to develop a marine strategic management plan.

The PCRV who will serve as an Agriculture Data Analyst will train staff to conduct an agriculture survey to establish baseline data to be used within the agricultural sector to increase awareness and encourage the production of local produce.

The Youth Program Specialist PCRV will labor with the OurYap Organization to help implement activities, and assist government agencies to collect additional data on youth in order to design community-based youth programs.

The use of experienced volunteers who can bring a lifetime of experience to the table as capacity- building trainers is a proven technique for transferring knowledge to developing countries. Peace Corps is currently reviewing options to expand the Peace Corps Response program in FSM.



*Pohnpei State Budget Officer Christina Elnei, Governor John Ehsa, Peace Country Director Robert Reid*



*Yap Governor Sebastian Anefal, Resource and Development Director Frank Haregaichig, Peace Corps Country Director Robert Reid*

# Pohnpei Governor's press conference covers upcoming projects

*By Bill Jaynes  
The Kaselehlie Press*

*April 8, 2014*

**Pohnpei, FSM**—Pohnpei's Governor John Ehsa held a press conference at 11:00 on April 8. As has been the practice, the press conference was broadcast live on State Radio, V6AH. Though there was opportunity for those present at the conference to ask questions on any topic, the conference did not generate any from the gallery. The telephone line that was set up to allow listeners to call in their questions generated one question about whether the Compact funding he discussed during his speech was money for this year. The governor told the listener that it is for the current fiscal year.

The Governor opened his press conference with an expression of appreciation to all those who have contributed to the preparations for the Micronesian Games and for the ongoing efforts in that resolve. He said that he had noticed that the people of Pohnpei are treating the sporting venues with respect and thanked them for that. He particularly pointed out the Spanish Wall Ball Field as an example. He said that since the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission had repainted the facility and commissioned murals he had not seen any instances of graffiti on those walls. He encouraged the people of Pohnpei to continue to work together as the date of the games approaches.

The next topic for his press conference was an announcement of projects under the Infrastructure Maintenance Fund. He said that on March 10, 2014 Pohnpei received \$308,826 from the U.S. Government for several renovation projects at seven Pohnpei education centers. Most of them will have defective walls, trusses, and roofs replaced. New doors and windows will be installed along with new electrical and plumbing systems. Some are scheduled for the construction of new bathroom facilities including new septic systems. Some of the money will be used to purchase new appliances for the designated education centers.

The total projected cost for all of the projects is just over \$618,000. The Governor did not address the matter of where the State will get the remaining funds needed in order to complete the projects.

The largest project is scheduled to take place at Parem Elementary School. The project, with an estimated cost of \$225,000 will mean the installation of a solar power system to provide power for the school. Since Parem is a lagoon island it is not on the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation power grid.

An estimated \$120,000 is slated for the renovation project at Awak Early Childhood Education center. \$100,000 is the "probably cost" for the project at Wone ECE. The projects at Ohmine and Kolonia Elementary schools will cost approximately \$35,000. The Temwen Elementary School project is scheduled for \$25,000 worth of work. The Pohnpei Island Central School cafeteria will undergo a major overhaul with an estimated price tag of almost \$78,000.

The last matter on the Governor's agenda for the press conference was a discussion of JEMCO approved funding for fixed asset and contractual expenditures for education and health. For education, the JEMCO approved amount was \$928,000. For health, the amount was \$58,649.

The education funds will be used to purchase 10 new school buses at a budgeted price of \$700,000. \$21,000 is budgeted for school water systems. \$57,000 is planned for school computers. The State will also buy \$90,000 worth of science textbooks. \$60,000 is budgeted for U.S. Peace Corps response volunteers.

The health funds will be used to purchase three incubators for the maternity ward at a budgeted cost of \$27,345. \$2,330 is budgeted for the purchase of two infant warmers. \$2,314 will be spent for three fetal Doppler ultrasound units. \$5,660 is budgeted for U.S. Peace Corps response volunteers.





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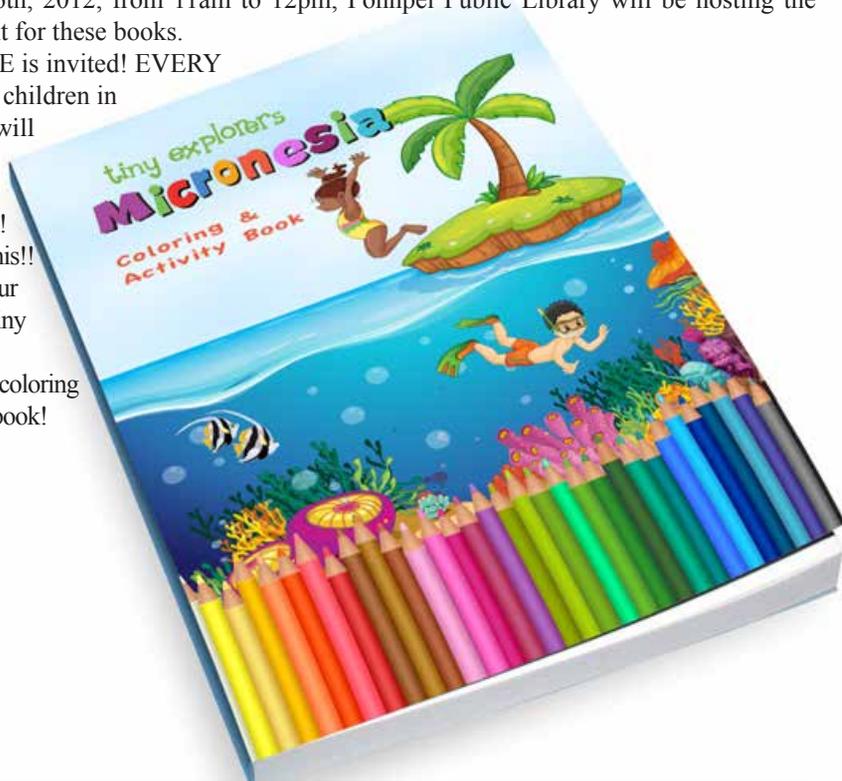
# IREI to launch "Tiny Explorers" book at Pohnpei Public Library

With funding from the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei, the Island Research & Education Initiative (IREI) has produced "Tiny Explorers: Micronesia," a coloring and activity book for the children of the FSM. The book was published in 2,000 copies, all of which will be given out as gifts to children throughout the nation.

The book contains over 50 pages of fun and attractive games and coloring pages, designed to encourage independent and group activities and problem-solving through printed medium (thus introducing children at an early age to the wonder of books). It will promote the interaction between parent and child in a home-educational setting.

On April 26th, 2012, from 11am to 12pm, Pohnpei Public Library will be hosting the launch event for these books.

EVERYONE is invited! EVERY family with children in attendance will receive a FREE activity book! Don't miss this!! Come get your very own "Tiny Explorers: Micronesia" coloring and activity book!



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## Yap and Palau working toward UNESCO World Heritage Site recognition

A very productive regional workshop was held from April 7th through the 11th in Yap State on the development of a management plan for UNESCO World Heritage sites. Yap State and the Republic of Palau are working hard to produce a successful nomination for Yap's famous stone money banks and dancing grounds and its historic connections to the Republic of Palau's quarry sites where the stone money was carved out and transported by canoes across the hundreds of miles between the islands.

One of the qualifications of UNESCO's prestigious World Heritage list is that the sites selected have what is known as "Outstanding Universal Value". According to experts, the transnational serial site between Yap State and the Republic of Palau exhibits Outstanding Universal Value due to its significance as an ideal example of exchange networks among Pacific Island cultures as well as the remarkable efforts to quarry and transport huge stone monolithic discs (some weighing tons of pounds) across such a large and dangerous oceanic route using traditional tools and voyaging technologies. One of the most valuable elements of recognizing the serial site is also the awareness that the

traditional exchange systems involving stone money in Yap are still very much a part of Yapese culture and identity today—as are so many other long-standing customs and traditions observed throughout the island.

With the support of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), the Australian Government Funds in Trust Program, the Japanese Government Funds in Trust Program, the Pacific Heritage Hub at USP (University of the South Pacific), WHITRAP (World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region), ICOMOS Pasifika, the U.S. National Park Service and others, the "Workshop on the Development of the Management Plans of Heritage Sites in the Micronesian region" provided for the travel and accommodation costs of professional technical experts to assist those from the region involved with World Heritage Site nominations. The workshop



*Workshop participants visit the Mangyol Stone Money Bank in Makiy Village, Gagil Municipality, Yap. The Mangyol site and the Republic of Palau's Rock Island quarry sites are being considered for a UNESCO World Heritage Site nomination*

was very fortunate to have Dr. Anita Smith from Australia facilitate the daily meetings; Dr. Smith is a leading expert on heritage preservation and UNESCO's World Heritage Program in the Pacific. Other outside experts included: Dr. Christophe Sand from New Caledonia—a highly respected leading archeologist for the region and President of ICOMOS Pasifika who recently conducted work on some of Yap's sites in order to help with the nomination; Dr. Scott Fitzpatrick from the University of Oregon—an archeologist who was the principle researcher

and writer for a previous nomination effort and has worked extensively at Palau's quarry sites; Dr. Kanefusa Masuda—an expert on traditional architecture, preservation, and risk management; Dr. Ronald van Oers, Vice Director of WHITRAP; and Ms. Temelesi Waqainabete from the Pacific Heritage Hub at the University of the South Pacific.

Along with these technical experts, other important stakeholders included: Mr. Pius

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## A 5km run for 25 years' friendship between China and FSM



### China Embassy

On April 12th, 2014, a 5KM Run was hosted by the Chinese Embassy to the FSM, with the support of FSM National Olympic Committee, to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Diplomatic Relations between China and FSM.

Nearly 500 people, including Foreign Secretary Robert and other FSM officials, residing foreign diplomats, and local people from all walks of life showed up on the Saturday morning. The large turnout, well onsite organization and the good weather guaranteed the success of the event.

Chinese Ambassador to the FSM, Mr. Zhang Lianyun expressed to the crowd in a short speech his appreciation for the FSM people's support given to this 5KM

Run and the China-FSM relations. He emphasized that the friendship between China and FSM has been growing more and more profound in the past 25 years. He reiterated his sincere desire to work harder together with FSM side for a shared better future.

Foreign Secretary Mr. Robert responded by giving his gratitude to the Chinese Embassy for the thoughtful preparation and saying that the large turnout showcased the commitment and support of the FSM people and government for the China-FSM friendly relations.

Then all participants, wearing customized T-shirts with a logo of 25 years' diplomatic ties between China and FSM, dashed out the starting line and finished the happy run in their own style.



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## GEF Small Grants Programme funds Island Food Community of Pohnpei

By **April Turner**  
*Island Food Community of Pohnpei*

This month of April 2014 Island Food Community of Pohnpei (IFCP) was granted funding from the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme FSM to the amount of \$50,000. The project "Food Security & Livelihood Project with Pohnpei Women's Council" 18 month goal is for Increased utilization of biodiverse local crops in energy efficient food processing through Pohnpei Women's Council by end of 2015.

The project contributes to the Agriculture sector goals of the Pohnpei State Strategic Development Plan and IFCP's Go Local campaign and efforts of environmental sustainability through the following activities:

Output 1: Local Food Benefits awareness campaign delivered

Output 2: Conservation sites established and accessed

Output 3: Energy efficient food processing/preserving techniques & equipment demonstrated

Output 4: Products are produced using energy efficient techniques from biodiverse local food crops

The Pohnpei Women's Council and the Pohnpei Farmer's Association are an important community component to the project. Both partners have been involved in the project design and are integral

to the success of the activities. By partnering together we can learn from each other and have a greater impact on our community's health and well-being. Special recognition goes to President Susana Sohs and President Saimon Mix for their commitment to the project's success.

The Small Grants Programme, FSM is part of a global GEF funding modality initiative implemented by UNDP on behalf of GEF partnership to provide grants to FSM NGOs and community-based initiatives that works to mitigate threats to the environment, support sustainable community livelihood development and to build capacity of its grantees to be more effective. The Programme is hosted by the UN Joint Presence Initiative office in country on Kaselehlie Street in Pohnpei.



IFCP signing grant agreement at UNDP office

## Radio Australia Interviews IFCP

By **April Turner**  
*Island Food Community of Pohnpei*

Earlier this month, Radio Australia interviewed Island Food Community of Pohnpei about their work teaching preschool students at United Church of Christ Preschool to Go Local! Australian Volunteer April Turner and UCCP teacher Mioko Jack were broadcast all over the Pacific talking about the benefits of young children eating healthy, local foods.

It is important to feed young children fresh local foods so they can get all the nutrients their bodies need to grow strong. A healthy diet when they are young reduces the chances of diseases in adulthood such as heart disease, diabetes and cancer. If children are exposed to a lot of high sugar, high salt processed foods, it influences their taste in foods. Tastebuds are forming at an early age so food without additives is a good choice. It is very important for children's development and learning capacity that they eat a healthy balanced diet of local foods every day.

Parents can give their children uhb, banana, guava, cucumber, pineapple, apel, papaya, and other local fruits for a healthy snack time. Kids' favorites like donuts, bread, cakes and cookies can also be made healthy by using local flours made from mwang and mai, less sugar and salt, and substituting coconut oil for shortening and other oils. Giving children a healthy diet is one of the most important things you can do for your family. Recipes can be found at [www.islandfood.org](http://www.islandfood.org)

Full radio interview can be listened to at <http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/pacific/radio/onairhighlights/micronesians-preschoolers-learn-the-value-of-healthy-local-foods/1290834>

## Planting material distribution begins in Sapwohn

By **Rainer Jimmy**  
*Island Food Community of Pohnpei*

Island Food Community of Pohnpei is continuing work on the "Revival of Culturally Significant Food Crops" project funded by the Pacific Development Conservation Trust. With guidance and technical assistance from Island Food Community of Pohnpei staff and SR. Pastor WP Engly Ioanis (designated Project Advisor), the Sapwohn community held a meeting on March 16 and decided to hold its first distribution of planting materials on March 28.

They agreed to start with 5 items: Yellow flesh banana, coconut, mei in Samoa, sawahn mwahng and macau. A total of 9 land holders and their families contributed the planting materials. The collected items were then distributed to interested community members.

IFCP staff will collaborate with the community and its partner farmers to collect planting materials based on the varieties that the community had earlier identified. Formulation of a Project Coordinating Committee is in the pipeline and will be fully functional by the end of April. Formulation of a Work Plan will be the first priority for the Committee. The committee Work Plan will be in line with the original Work Plan that was approved by the Donor.

Special thanks to the Committee and the community for all their hard work in reviving island foods in Sapwohn.

### New Business Opportunity Notice of Land Available for Lease Request for Proposal

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Division Of Agriculture And Land  
Kosrae State Government  
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3. All proposal submissions shall be accompanied by the land lease application form (available at the Department of Resources and Economic Affairs) and shall state the full name, mailing address, phone or fax numbers, or e-mail address or other valid contact information for the person or entity submitting the proposal. Such proposal shall include a business plan and lease rental amount.

4. Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "lease proposal for Land Lease No. 082K04, Director, of Resources & Economic Affairs and shall be submitted by personal delivery, email or regular mail to the following address: P.O. Box 600, Tofol, Kosrae, FSM 96944, Email Address [steveng\\_drea@mail.fm](mailto:steveng_drea@mail.fm), phone: 370-3017/2044, or Fax: 370-8901.

5. The deadline for submitting proposals will be 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2014.

6. The successful bidder will be notified in writing by the Director of Resources & Economic Affairs and they will be required to execute a lease agreement with the State of Kosrae.

7. (Continue)7. If the successful bidder fails to commence development of the site within 60 calendar days of the execution of a lease agreement, another proposal will be selected.

8. The Director of Resources & Economic Affairs reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

9. Questions concerning this notice may be directed to the Director of the Department of Resources and Economic Affairs, Kosrae State.

  
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# Pohnpei State launches 'Fraud Hotline'

*Pohnpei State Government- Office of the Public Auditor*

The Office of the Pohnpei State Public Auditor's (OPA) Compliance Investigation Unit (CIU) has established and launched a "FRAUD HOTLINE" for the Pohnpei State Government and the general public to use in reporting suspicious activities of fraud, waste and mismanagement in government. Information from the public is a vital part of Pohnpei State Auditor's activities in promoting effective and efficient administration of public resources.

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## ...Fiji

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"I don't know why the other Presidents haven't come before," Nailatikau quipped pleasantly during a courtesy call on President Mori, "but they missed out on something." He said that this visit is his second to the FSM but the first as President of Fiji.

He said that it is easy for island nations to take each other for granted but that Prime Minister Bainimarama told him that he was very interested in the FSM and Fiji getting to know each other better and to solidify the relationship.

President Mori said that the visit is a significant indication of the desire of the two countries to work together for their mutual benefit. He thanked President Nailatikau for Fiji's sending a delegation to FSM's economic development symposium last year, and for the invitation for Vice President Alik to attend the Pacific Islands Development Forum in Fiji as well. He told the Fijian President that a substantial number of FSM citizens are currently living in Fiji as students or in other capacities and thanked him for the country's gracious hospitality. He also told him that the FSM has a small Fijian population who are doing well and working in responsible positions. As example, he pointed out that Jared Morris, a Fijian national is the CEO of the FSM Petroleum Corporation.

President Nailatikau thanked President Mori for the FSM's support during Fiji's "trying years". He reiterated that the election for Prime Minister is set for September 17 of this year and that Fiji would not have been in its current position without the understanding of countries like the FSM.

He said that preparations for the election are proceeding smoothly. During his courtesy call on Speaker Dohsis Halbert, the Fijian President said that unlike in years past September's election will be held on one day instead of over the course of several days. Electronic balloting will be in place, as well as postal balloting, and election teams will be in place on Fiji's outer islands. Fijian



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nationals living in the FSM will be able to vote in the upcoming election.

He said that Fiji looks forward to international observers from the United Nations and from other countries that have expressed interest in observing the election process.

He told President Mori that the reforms that Fiji has put into place are unpopular for some who want to "stay in the doldrums", but that Fiji's

young people are looking forward to the election.

Speaker Halbert congratulated Fiji on the steps that it has taken so far.

We assumed that the Speaker was talking about the steps it has taken so far in order to restore democracy in Fiji.

An official reception was held at the Cliff Rainbow Hotel at 6:30 this evening.

## Federal officials and Pacific Islander leaders work to identify unique conditions facing Pacific Islanders

*White House Office of Communications*

**MANGILAO, GUAM** – Senior Obama Administration officials and Pacific Islander community leaders gathered at the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders' (WHIAAPI) Community Tour and Regional Conference at Guam Community College last week to address disparities and inequalities to accessing federal programs and services. The meetings were designed to strengthen an understanding and appreciation of the unique conditions that Pacific Islanders in Micronesia are facing.

WHIAAPI Executive Director Kiran Ahuja, whose office organized the events, said it's extraordinary to have such a diverse gathering of federal officials, policymakers, and community leaders collaborating to make an impact in the Pacific Island region.

"Pacific Islanders represent very diverse communities and we're working to ensure the federal government addresses their needs," said Ahuja, "We've made leaps and bounds in progress here at the front lines, connecting community leaders at the local level with federal officials, to provide the tools and teams needed to help emerging communities here grow and contribute to the tremendous growth that has built our country."

Following last week's meeting, several federal agencies have set goals to improve relations with Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities.

Officials and experts met with Governor Eddie Calvo at the Adelup Complex and Speaker Judith Won Pat and Vice Speaker BJ Cruz at the Guam Legislature on Wednesday to discuss the issues for local lawmakers. They also held technical assistance and capacity building workshops on health care, affordable housing and employment and training opportunities.

Workgroups spent Thursday at various community centers to discuss services and protections across Guam. Officials and experts discussed social services at the Sanctuary, Inc., which provides youth services. Others discussed homeless and veterans at the Lagu Youth Resource Center, operated by the Guam Department of Youth Affairs; self-determination and migration was the topic at the University of Guam; health disparities were covered at the WestCare Offices, which provides health and human services; and workforce development and economic development were addressed at the Guam Trades Academy.

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### **POSITION RE-ANNOUNCEMENT 2014-002-B**

It is the policy of the FSM Development Bank that FSM citizens be given first priority for employment consideration with other Micronesians, U.S. citizens, and other nationals utilized in positions for which no qualified citizens are available.

**SUMMARY:** Employee must have a good knowledge of accounting principles and fundamentals and able to demonstrate this by having the ability to apply them in the context of the bank's accounting process; must have the ability to carry out instructions accurately; have good communication skills both written and verbal; highly proficient in computer use with some familiarity of accounting software; and ability to work with others.

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| • <b>POSITION &amp; GRADE:</b> | Accountant, Grade 4   |
| • <b>LOCATION:</b>             | FSM Development Bank, Corporate Office  |
| • <b>SALARY:</b>               | \$16,515.20 per annum, higher salary may be considered depending upon qualification |
| • <b>Opening Date:</b>         | April 15, 2014  |
| • <b>Closing Date:</b>         | May 14, 2014  |

#### **GENERAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (Illustrative only):**

1. Provide daily oversight support to the CFO in the Accounting Division.
2. Prepare financial statement and other accounting reports as required.
3. Post general disbursements, loan disbursements and journal vouchers to the General Ledger and to the Loanbase System.
4. Journalized daily transactions
5. Post receipts, deposits and daily collections to the Loanbase System and subsequently to the General Ledger.
6. Maintain accurate records of the fixed assets and conducts periodic inventories of such
7. Reconcile Bank and all loan accounts
8. Assist in setting loan collection targets and produce and maintain reports on collection results.
9. Compile and prepare accounting reports as instructed
10. Assist in the monthly and year-end closing activities
11. Maintain records of the Administered funds
12. Process disbursements
13. Performs other relevant duties as needed

**SUPERVISORY REQUIREMENTS:** None but may be directed by the CFO to serve as lead person on special project, and may from time to time serve as acting CFO.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** To perform this job successfully, an individual must be able to perform each essential duty satisfactorily. The requirements listed below are representative of the knowledge, skill, and/or ability required. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

**EDUCATION and/or EXPERIENCE:** Bachelors Degree in accounting or business, or equivalent, and three years related experience in accounting; or equivalent combination of education and experience.

**LANGUAGE SKILLS:** Ability to read and interpret documents such as safety rules, operating and maintenance instructions, and procedure manuals. Ability to write routine reports and correspondence. Ability to speak effectively before groups of customers or employees of organization. Ability to read and interpret financial data.

**MATHEMATICAL SKILLS:** Ability to calculate figures and amounts such as discounts, interest, commissions, proportions, percentages, area, circumference, and volume. Ability to apply concepts of basic algebra and geometry.

**REASONING ABILITY:** Ability to apply common sense understanding to carry out instructions furnished in written, oral, or diagram form. Ability to deal with problems involving several concrete variables in standardized situations. Ability to resolve conflicts amicably.

**CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS:** None required.

**PHYSICAL DEMANDS:** The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is occasionally required to stand, walk, sit, and talk or hear. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 10 pounds. Specific vision abilities required by this job include ability to read volumes of text and data.

**WORK ENVIRONMENT:** The work environment characteristics described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. The noise level in the work area is typically that of a moderately quiet office environment.

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS:** All applications, curriculum vitae, and at least three letters of reference shall be completed and submitted to: The FSMDB Corporate Office in Kolonia, Pohnpei with mailing address as follows: FSM Development Bank, P.O. Box M, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941 by mail; by fax to 320-2842 or in person at the FSM Development Bank's Corporate Office in Kolonia, Pohnpei on or before May 14, 2014. OR you may email your application package to our Human Resources & Facilities Manager, Lover Haimin, at email address; loverh@fsmdb.fm.



## Jaluit youth prepare for natural disasters

*The International Organization for Migration*

From February 11 - March 4, 2014, IOM's CADRE team visited Jaluit High School (JHS) and community to deliver awareness raising and resilience building activities on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction.

The team arrived in Jaluit and began conducting evening sessions engaging around 150 students, ( JHS's 9th and pre 9th students, as well as 8th graders from Jabor Public and St. Joseph Elementary Schools). The CADRE team also held movie nights on the weekends for the 400 plus resident students and staff, and delivered lesson plans to 9th graders during their Science classes for 2 weeks. These lesson plans incorporate indigenous knowledge such as making "bwiro" and other traditional food preservation processes as a form of disaster preparedness. Students practiced their creativity and expression by engaging in poetry writing on the subject of climate change and its effects on the Marshall Islands.

In addition to sharing lesson plans with students and freshmen science teachers, the team held meetings with JHS principal, Arthur Jetton, and vice principal, Petry Rakin, to formulate a school emergency management plan which culminated in the execution of a school-wide emergency drill.

An Emergency First Response (CPR and First-Aid) class was held with representatives from the local and national police forces, teachers from the surrounding elementary schools, the high school security guards and housemothers, and Jaluit, Jaluit community member to increase the school and community's resilience.

In partnership with Women United Together Marshall Islands (WUTMI), the team held two sessions to conduct hazard, vulnerability, capacity, and mapping exercises with the JHS school staff and faculty, student body government, and Jabor community members. These sessions entailed drawing maps of the school campus and surrounding areas, highlighting vulnerable areas as



*School emergency evacuation drill*

well as safe areas, identifying hazards to the school and community, and using this information to create an action plan to manage risks posed by natural disasters and increase community resilience.

Many thanks to the people of Jaluit, Lerouj

Adelma, Mayor Billa Jacklick, Jaluit High School staff and faculty, most especially for the students for their warm hospitality during the CADRE team's stay.

The CADRE Program, with funding through Australian Aid is being implemented by IOM Micronesia.

## ... Boxing

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a boxing ring provides a legitimate stage for the public to view a new and exciting sport in the FSM, and watch athletic competition performed at the highest level, where discipline, along with physical and mental toughness reigns supreme."

Divinigracia said that there were several people who worked hard and played important roles in helping the Pohnpei Boxing Club

to receive the boxing ring donation from Dongwon. Jose Joab and Director Mikhail Loyola from Pohnpei Sports Authority, Marko Kamber from CFC, Alex Kang and Bliss Kwak of Dongwon Industries, and the company's President and CEO, Mr. Myoung Woo Lee, FSM Congressman David W. Panuelo, and Kenneth Welles and Divinigracia. "Of course the boxers who show up every week, and who put in the countless hours of sweat, bruises and dedication in helping out and making the sport of boxing a reality in Pohnpei and the FSM [are what it's all about]", Divinigracia said.

"Also, the boxing ring donation by Dongwon was not only a significant achievement for the Pohnpei Boxing Club but it was also a truly historic occasion, as this is the very first boxing ring in the history of the entire FSM," he said.

"We have a lot more exciting plans in the works to take boxing in the FSM to the next level," he said. "Currently we are working with Secretary General, Jim Tobin of the FSM Olympic Committee to submit the proper paperwork in order to obtain membership for



the FSM to be recognized as an Affiliate Federation under AIBA's (Amateur International Boxing Association) Oceania Confederation. The AIBA is the governing body of the sport of boxing for the World Olympics. Once we submit our paperwork, the AIBA Executive Committee will meet to review our application in July 2014, and then hopefully it will be ratified by the AIBA Congress in November 2014. Once the application gets approved, the FSM will have a National Boxing Federation that will be recognized by AIBA. That will allow FSM boxers to compete at AIBA competitions in order to qualify for the World Olympics and other competitions such as the World Series of Boxing.

"After talking with AIBA last week, the Director of their External Affairs, Ms. Patricia Steulet told me that AIBA's Vice President and Oceania Confederation Boxing Commission's President, Mr. Keith Walker, were very pleased to have the FSM as an AIBA Member," Divinigracia said.

"So hopefully, if all goes according to plan, once the application gets approved, the FSM will become an AIBA member, and we can get FSM boxers trained in the next couple of years. That could give them a chance to qualify and compete in the World Olympics in Brazil 2016!"

He said that eventually each FSM state would also have to open its own boxing charter, which would help to grow the sport in the FSM.

"However, it is our goal that once the FSM gets approved as an AIBA Member, the

Pohnpei Boxing Club will become its state charter and the epicenter of boxing in the FSM," he said.

"At the ceremony today we were very lucky that the President & CEO of Dongwon Mr. Myoung Woo Lee was in town the same week we received the boxing ring donation, and that we were able to assemble it and get it ready for him on Saturday to show our sincere appreciation. President Lee was very pleased about the ceremony and exhibition and let us know at that time that Dongwon will continue its support to Pohnpei Boxing Club and the local community."

He was excited that Dongwon's CEO wrote to him and to say that the company would continue to support the activities and development of boxing in the FSM.

"The ceremony and exhibition was such a success, that also FSM Congressman David W. Panuelo who was present at the ceremony, and who has been one of our biggest local and national supporters, pledged another monetary donation from his district to our club for much needed equipment," Divinigracia said.

The club which has non-profit status in the FSM needs even more support from locals and interested people from outside of the FSM:

Divinigracia made an impassioned plea on behalf of the boxing club.

"We have been able to operate with a few donations of gear from family members but we really need help from the local community and businesses to achieve our dreams of one day sending the first boxing team of the FSM to compete at the World Olympics. If any individuals or business owners that read this article are interested would like to help by donating or sponsoring our boxers please contact me at: Erick.divinigracia@gmail.com or Kenneth Welles at keoniwelles@yahoo.com. Any amount will greatly help, and our non-profit organization will send you a receipt for your donation. Also, please check out our shared photos of the boxing ring and also our Facebook page at "Pohnpei Boxing Club" and click "Like" to follow our journey. There you will be able to see all the exciting stuff we are doing here in the FSM to get the sport of boxing established and to send our youth to the World Olympics."



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT — TRADE ADVISER

### Applicant Information

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### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

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### ELIGIBILITY, QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE:

To be eligible for the position, the applicant must be a national of a Forum member country (Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu), an EU Member State, or an Africa-Caribbean-Pacific (ACP) country and must fulfil the following requirements: Applicants must hold an advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent) in economics, law (preferably related to international trade law), or a related discipline from a recognized academic institution; and have a minimum of seven years of relevant professional experience, including a minimum of three years at a medium to senior level in a national administration or in a regional or international organisation.

All applicants will be assessed based on the following: Proven ability to analyse complex trade policy issues and provide high-quality policy advice on the negotiating issues to the FICs; Strong written and oral skills; Demonstrated understanding of international trade policy issues affecting the FICs; Ability to provide assistance to the FICs in the PACER Plus negotiations such as by providing briefing documents; Experience in engaging with national stakeholders and building working relationships with FIC officials and ministers as well as other national and regional stakeholders; Understanding of the relevant regional frameworks and agreements; Experience supervising other professionals, including staff and consultants; Proven ability to work under pressure and meet tight deadlines; Knowledge of and/or experience in the Pacific region; Commitment to working as part of a team and excellent interpersonal skills; Willingness to travel, mostly within the Pacific region; and Experience in analyzing trade and tariff data and a thorough understanding of the Harmonized System as well as an excellent command of standard MS Office software, and, in particular, a high proficiency in MS Excel would be an asset.

### SALARY, TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

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# NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK POWER TO SAVE LIVES



This year Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) will be celebrating National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) as part of the fourth World Immunization Week, a WHO and CDC initiative. This initiative aims to join all six WHO regions, member states, territories and areas around the world to observe this very important event in a call to action to ensure that our infants are fully immunized.

During National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) and World Immunization Week (WIW), set for April 28-May 09, revitalization efforts will be made in the four FSM states to increase and promote awareness on the importance of immunization. The regional theme for year 2014 is: **"Stop Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer. Vaccinate at birth."**

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) and World Immunization Week is an annual event that highlights the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases, celebrates the achievements of immunization programs and their partners in promoting healthy communities and islands. Parents and caregivers, especially mothers need to know how their children can be protected against many childhood diseases. It is important to **vaccinate all children on time, every time** to provide the best protection early in life when babies are vulnerable and before they are likely to expose to diseases.

### **National Infant Immunization Week set activity in Pohnpei:**

Supplemental Immunization Activities (SIA) outreach targeting 3 municipalities/town: Kitti, Nett and Kolonia town. It will begin on April 28 to May 09 from 9am in the morning to 3pm in the afternoon of each assigned date. The Pohnpei State Public Health team will be at these fixed sites to provide the services. Please bring your child to these assigned sites to update their immunization shots.

#### **KITTI SITES: PLACE**

1. Rohi, at Macferson Alfonse residence
2. Wone, at Wone Dispensary
3. Enpein, at Pedrus Mikel residence
4. Diadi, at Oswalt Saimon residence
5. Nan Mand, at Nan Mand Church
6. Tomworoleng, at Francisco Barnabas residence
7. Dien, at Wehner Fredrick residence
8. Pehleung, Pohnkumwkwumw, at Karly Tom residence
9. Paies, at Paies Church

#### **DATE**

- Monday, April 28
- Monday, April 28
- Monday, April 28
- Tuesday, April 29
- Tuesday, April 29
- Tuesday, April 29
- Wednesday, April 30
- Wednesday, April 30
- Wednesday, April 30

#### **NETT SITES: PLACE**

1. Meitik, at Vincent Rosario residence
2. Eirike, at Ninsedas Augustine residence
3. Kahmar, at Andolina Hairens residence
4. Palipowe, at Higinio Ligor residence
5. Paliais, at Victorino Luzama residence
6. Dolokei, at Pedra Iriarte residence
7. Nanpil, at Mercedes Padahk residence
8. Dolonier, at Salter Pluhs residence
9. Liwi, at Kapihno Luzama residence

#### **DATE**

- Thursday, May 1
- Thursday, May 1
- Thursday, May 1
- Friday, May 2
- Friday, May 2
- Friday, May 2
- Saturday, May 3
- Saturday, May 3
- Saturday, May 3

#### **KOLONIA SITES: PLACE**

1. Pohnrakiet, at Pohnrakiet Community Nahs
2. Likinkel, at Albert Olter residence
3. Ohmine, at Senator Fernando Scaliem residence
4. Mapwusi, at Dakasi Lucios residence
5. China Town, at Deacon Martin Edgar residence
6. Daini, at Rosita Luzama residence

#### **DATE**

- Monday, May 05
- Monday, May 05
- Monday, May 05
- Tuesday, May 06
- Tuesday, May 06
- Tuesday, May 06

**For more information, pls. call FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs:  
320-2619 or 2643**

**Pohnpei Immunization Program: 320-3144 or 2217**



## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT - COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

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All applicants will be assessed based on their excellent oral and written skills; Strong computer literacy; Experience in a similar role being in charge of an organisation's communication; Familiarity with social media and web content; Experience in engaging with national and regional stakeholders; Proven ability to work under pressure, meet tight deadlines and produce quality outputs; Knowledge of and/or experience in the Pacific region; Commitment to working as part of a team and excellent interpersonal skills; and Knowledge of or experience with trade policy issues and the PACER Plus negotiations will be an asset.

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## ONPA releases audit report on weno water supply well remediation project

Office of the National Public Auditor

The ONPA announces the release of Audit Report No. 2014-05, Audit of ADB Grant Assistance for Weno Water Supply Well Remediation Project funded by Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR) for fiscal years 2012 and 2013. The audit report is available for public viewing online at [www.fsmopa.fm](http://www.fsmopa.fm). Printed copies are available at the ONPA's offices in Palikir, Pohnpei and on Weno, Chuuk.

Grant assistance from the JFPR was provided to the FSM National Government to improve the delivery of safe and secure water supply to the residents of Weno Island in Chuuk State. The grant amounting to \$980,000 was administered by the Asian Development Bank. The Department of Transportation, Communication & Infrastructure was the Executing Agency for the project while the Chuuk Public Utility Corporation was the Implementing Agency.

The project started in 2009 and was completed in July 2012. As a result, 28 water wells were made operational, delivering safe and secure water supply to the residents of Weno Island.

We performed this financial audit in accordance with Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Based on our audit, we expressed an unqualified opinion on the financials for the years ended September 30, 2012 and 2013.

We also evaluated the internal controls related to financial reporting and found a number of deficiencies as follows:

- Segregation of duties was lacking over the control of cash disbursements.
- Monitoring of reconciliations was not consistently performed.
- Manual checks were used for project disbursements instead of the MICR encoded checks routinely used for most payments processed through DFA.
- Certificates of insurance were not maintained on file for consulting and engineering contracts.
- The project maintained its funds in a non-interest bearing checking account.
- The project did not submit the required quarterly and annual progress reports.
- Payments to suppliers directly paid (direct payments) by ADB were not recorded in the books of accounts of the FSM National Government.
- Disbursements from the Imprest Accounts were not replenished/liquidated timely.

The concerned Departments generally agreed with all the findings and recommendations except for the finding and recommendation regarding the use of Manual Checks. The Acting Secretary of the Department of Finance & Administration disagreed with the recommendation that automating the printing of checks would minimize the likelihood for fraud and misappropriation of assets. The ONPA evaluated the response and is retaining the finding and recommendation about manual checks.

The concerned departments should take corrective actions to improve the deficiencies noted by the audit.

## Regional Bank board met, elected RMI Speaker Capelle Chairman

**Hagatna, Guam** - The Board of Governors of Pacific Islands Development Bank (PIDB) met on April 10, 2014 and elected the Speaker of the RMI Parliament (Nitijela), Donald Capelle, as the new Chairman of the Board. Guam Governor Eddie Calvo was elected Vice Chairman and Yap State Governor Sebastian was elected Secretary. The outgoing Chairman, Joseph Deleon Guerrero of CNMI, welcomed everyone to the annual meeting and thanked Governor Calvo and Speaker Judith Won Pat for hosting the meeting. He also thanked the shareholders and board members for their commitment and continued support. Bank President and CEO, Aren Palik, reported the Bank's operational performance and results for 2013, summarizing that the bank registered strong balance sheet growth with 25% growth in Loans Receivable, 18% growth in Stockholders' Equity, 14% growth in Total Assets, and 44% growth in Retained Earnings. He added that in 2013, Marshall Islands fulfilled its membership capital of \$1 million while Yap State infused an additional \$439,000 in equity capital, increasing its total shares to \$1.4 million. The President also reported that the Bank brought delinquency under control and had a clean audit with "unqualified" opinion. Palik concluded, "2013 was the best year yet for PIDB, however, much challenges remain, most crucial among them being the bank's capitalization and resource capacity". He adding, "increased capitalization and funding is imperative if we are to double our assistance to our members and to meet the growing demand for development financial assistance in the region."

(From left) Aren Palik, PIDB President & CEO; Joseph Deleon Guerrero, Board Chairman; Eddie Calvo, Governor of Guam and Board member; Judith Won Pat, Speaker of Guam Legislature and Board member.

The Board also reviewed and adopted the Bank's Strategic Plan for the operating period 2014 to 2018. The Plan outlines a number of goals and

strategic initiatives to address the bank's need for further capitalization and increased capacity. General goals for the next five years include (1) doubling the size of the bank in total assets, (2) doubling the size of its loan portfolio, (3) increase/expand organizational capacity, (4) Collaborate and engage with regional development finance institutions to promote regional development, and (5) contribute to the social development of PIDB member countries.

Pacific Islands Development Bank was established by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) in July 1989. Its mission and purpose is to contribute to the acceleration of economic and social development of member States, individually and collectively, to promote economic cooperation among them. Current members include the Island of Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, FSM States of Yap, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Chuuk, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau. For more information about PIDB, visit [www.pacificidb.com](http://www.pacificidb.com).



## Like water, information should flow

Water, water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink," wrote Samuel Taylor Coleridge in his classic poem of redemption, "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner". Since last Saturday, residents of Pohnpei would add to Coleridge's line, "nor to shower, nor to wash our dishes, nor to flush our toilets."

Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC) could easily have sought and received "redemption" on this holy week, particularly since the problem with the water system that left most of its customers without water, and shut down government operations, didn't seem to be of its own making. Instead, as PUC is wont to do, they soldiered on alone despite adverse public opinion about their services. Their customers were left to wonder why their faucets would only dribble drops of water if that.

They could easily have shed the albatross around their neck with just a bit of communication. They chose instead to carry it "alone".

For three days, the few drops of water that would come from my tub's faucet would not travel as far as the shower head. There was no word from PUC as to when the problem would be fixed or even what the problem was. Disgusted at my own revolting personal hygiene in the absence of water, I collected the droplets of water from my tub faucet in a pitcher, poured it over my head after enough had collected and washed as best I could.

I knew full well, though PUC never made any announcements about the matter, that since the water pressure in the pipes was low, ground water from the torrential rains at the time could be carrying all manner of contaminants into the numerous small leaks in the pipes that supply the water to my home.

In the absence of reliable information my imagination does tend to run rampant. As I squatted in my tub I imagined a scene set in Batman's Gotham City in which toxic water from the pipeline that supplies my house pours down on my head, turning me into some devilish fiend with a foolish permanent grin.

PUC was silent.

That's not to say that they weren't working on the problem. They were, and from what I understand, they were working fiendishly hard. They just didn't tell the public what was going on.

I confirmed it with Pohnpei State's radio station, V6AH. Until this morning (and this morning is Thursday, April 17) PUC didn't run a single announcement of any kind on the radio station. They did not explain what customers could expect or what they should do with the small amounts of water that did

come through their taps. PUC was silent and they remained silent until after they had "fixed the problem".

I don't know what the announcement PUC made on V6AH said this morning. Robert Hadley who is in charge of PUC's water services told me yesterday that the board would be reviewing a "press release" this morning before releasing it to the public. He promised to email it to me first thing this morning. It's now one o'clock on the morning that this newspaper goes to press. The email still has not come.

I tried to get the press release from V6AH but an announcer at V6AH who picked up the phone when I called this morning but didn't actually answer it, huffily told me after she finally did answer after my second call, that I had interrupted her recording. I asked to speak to her boss who is always cooperative with us but the announcer said that she did not come to the office today. When I asked the announcer if PUC had sent a press release, she said that they had but would not share the contents of it. She told me that if I wanted PUC's press release I should call PUC and not the radio station and then hung up.

That was her reaction despite the fact that V6AH regularly translates the articles I write for the Kaselehlie Press and puts them on the air. They do attribute the news to us but they've never asked us if it would be alright to do so. I have no way of knowing if their translations of my articles are accurate.

The fact remains, water in Pohnpei disappeared from customer pipes, and PUC was silent. They remained silent until after they had fixed the problem, and even then, I'm only just assuming that the problem is fixed.

I "camped" at PUC's office on Monday afternoon hoping to talk to the right person about what had happened. After a 45 minute wait in the lobby I found out that the right person was Robert Hadley but that he was in a meeting with the Governor. I left my phone number on a scrap of paper from my notepad and continued on with my business for the rest of the day.

Without going into too much detail about my extensive efforts to reach an authoritative source at PUC regarding the water shortage that affected nearly all of its customers except for those in low lying places, I finally did get hold of Mr. Hadley late on the afternoon of our deadline for submissions. I assured him as well that I was not (then) writing a negative article about PUC.

He told me that PUC had drafted a press release about the water problem that had to be presented to the board first. He was ready to leave his response at that, and promised to email it to us once it was ready for release.

I asked him if he could confirm or deny a few rumors that we had heard. He agreed, and when the rumors I had heard turned out to be mostly wrong from his point of view, said that the Secretariat of the

Pacific Community Renewable Energy Project (SPC-North REP) had hired a contractor (we'll come back to that) for the rehabilitation of the Nanpil hydroelectric plant.

As best I could understand what he said, the contractor had three tasks, one of which required that the primary tank at Nanpil be temporarily drained. When it was drained, air was introduced into the three mile long pipe that feeds the water treatment plant. The air in the system had to be released but the pipe is not accessible by vehicle. PUC employees were forced to walk the length of the buried pipe turning bleeder valves so that the air could be released from the system. That process started on Friday night, before most PUC water customers noticed any change in water delivery.

I didn't notice any change in water pressure at my house in Sekere until after 9:00 on Saturday morning. It didn't surprise me then. The water pressure in Sekere is pumped and it's not at all unusual to have low water pressure there.

By the time all of the air was bled out of the system, the secondary storage tanks were either empty or nearly empty because of customer usage from those tanks. PUC had to wait for the primary storage tank to fill by runoff from the highlands watershed. They also were forced to turn down the flow of water from the outlets on the secondary tanks so that those tanks could have a chance to refill.

It meant that most PUC water customers had low water pressure or none at all. By the time I was able to reach Hadley, he was able to tell me that both the primary and secondary tanks were at 80 percent capacity. He claimed that the water service to PUC customers would be at full capacity by the next day, the day that they sent their press release to V6AH radio, but not to us.

Since my conversation with Mr. Hadley, I have heard from an extremely reliable source that SPC-North REP funded the project to rehabilitate the Nanpil hydroelectric plant but that PUC hired the contractor. I'm told that at least two PUC employees went to China to evaluate the contractor's capacity to do the job before PUC hired the contractors.

That was news to me. Your newspaper editor had no idea that PUC had hired a contractor to rehabilitate the Nanpil hydroelectric plant. They never said so in any forum to which we had access.

SPC North REP did not answer the phone number published in the phone book.

In my opinion, PUC seems to keep their cards very close to their chest. They may be holding a Royal Flush or a single one eyed Jack paired with a deuce, and they're not telling, to their detriment and to yours.

*Bill Jaynes*  
*Managing Editor*

## Australian Awards Pacific Scholarship (AAPS) Intake Year 2015

Opening Date: 01 February 2014  
Closing Date: 30 April 2014

Eligible citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau and Republic of the Marshall Islands are invited to apply for awards commencing in January 2015 for full time undergraduate and post-graduate study in Fiji, Vanuatu, and Samoa. Awards cover tuition, accommodation, living expenses, and airfares

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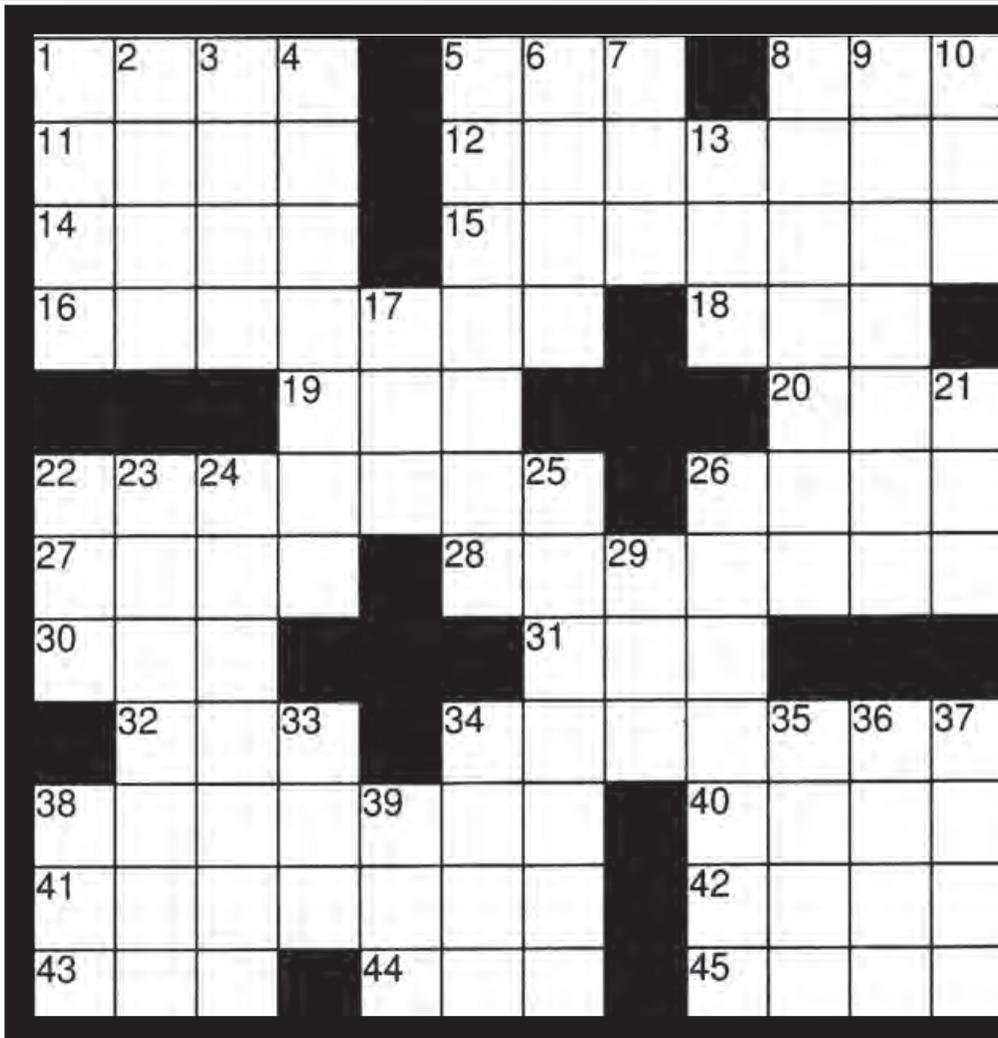
All completed applications should be submitted online unless there are extenuating circumstances that prevent the applicant from doing so or if applying to Fiji School of Nursing or Fiji School of Technology. Applications are due by the 30th of April 2014.

If you have any questions please contact Joyce Gehr at [joyce.gehr@dfat.gov.au](mailto:joyce.gehr@dfat.gov.au) or +691 320-5448 ext. 110

# Crossword - Big Hassle

- Across**
1. Chaplin chow
  5. Drop down
  8. Kind of book
  11. Boating berth
  12. Beard alterer
  14. And not only that
  15. With enthusiasm
  16. PBS series
  18. Hassle
  19. Actor Holm of McKellen
  20. Accomplished
  22. Long job for a plotter
  26. I'm outta here!
  27. You might pick up on it
  28. Atoll features
  30. Spinning stat
  31. Second Sunday in May honoree
  32. Bring along
  34. It ruins the ending
  38. Aruba neighbor
  40. Chivalry, for one
  41. Sauce seasoning
  42. Sign of a breakout
  43. Limiting word
  44. Calming count
  45. It has heels

- Down**
1. Mailbox fodder
  2. Like some hair
  3. Excluding
  4. Potential turn-ons
  5. Undying
  6. Long-eared one's comment
  7. Humongous
  8. It isn't in stereo
  9. Hercule Poirot, for one
  10. Bellow
  13. All U.S. presidents so far
  17. Down
  21. Barber art
  22. Not close
  23. Burst
  24. Mail deliverer
  25. Satirize
  26. Funny
  29. It's messy
  33. Wiggle
  34. Not 35 Down
  35. Not 34 Down
  36. Charlotte Rae TV role
  37. Scuba site
  38. Bit of fuzz?
  39. Tree climber



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## United Airlines to offer "Special Flight"

United Airlines is once again supporting Yap's Annual Homecoming Festival scheduled for June 21, 2014 by offering a special flight from Palau to Yap. The theme of the festival this year is to celebrate the legend and legacy of Captain David Dean O'Keefe. Captain O'Keefe contributed to the special relationship between Yap and Palau with his trading of goods and transport of stone money. O'Keefe's great granddaughter, who resides in the Netherlands, will be attending the festival as a special guest.

The special flight for Yap's Homecoming Festival from Palau to Yap will be on June 19, 2014 departing Palau at 12:20 AM arriving Yap at 2:25 AM. The flight will take place provided the terms and conditions set forth by United are fully met. United will only accept reservations and payments at the Palau City Ticket Office, and the flight must have a minimum of 39 passengers in order to confirm the flight and full payment and all passengers must be ticketed no later than April 30, 2014. The round trip air fare is \$390, which includes all taxes and fees.

For additional information you may contact Mr. Don Evans, General Manager, Yap Visitors Bureau (donyvb@mail.fm).



## Unveiling Ceremony for COM-FSM Postal Stamp

President Daisy is pleased to announce that a Postal Stamp Unveiling Ceremony will be held on April 30, 2014, from 1:00PM-2:00PM, at the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center Practice Gym. The stamp is specially made for the college and will be released by the FSM Post Office.

The development of the COM-FSM stamp is a historic event and commemorates the college.

Friends of the college are welcome to attend and be part of the college community's celebration of the unveiling of COM-FSM's postal stamp.

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## ... World Heritage

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Hadley—Director of Land and Natural Resources in Pohnpei; Mr. Augustine Kohler—Acting Director N.A.C.H./FSM National HPO; Ms. Sunny Ngirmang—the Republic of Palau's Director of the Bureau of Arts and Culture; Mr. Calvin Emesiochel—Deputy Historic Preservation Officer for Palau; and Ms. Remurang Rengulbai—Representative from Airai State, Palau. The representatives from the Republic of Palau have been instrumental in collaborating with Yap State on the trans-boundary nomination and have also worked on the Republic's successful

Rock Island's World Heritage listing. Directors Hadley and Kohler from Pohnpei brought with them their experiences on working with the ongoing World Heritage serial nomination of Kosrae and Pohnpei's famous Lelu and Nan Madol sites.

The purpose of the Workshop was to work specifically on World Heritage site management plans. These management plans are required for nominations and include a vast amount of information about how the communities and government plan to protect and manage the sites.

Risks to sites can come from neglect, too many people visiting, natural disasters, and many other things that can harm the integrity of the site's structures and surroundings. All possible risks to the sites were considered, as well as strategies to help mitigate these risks. And along with risk management, discussions also took place on how to think about developing a sustainable tourism model specifically for World Heritage sites like the ones proposed. The particular site that Yap is currently planning to represent stone money banks and be placed on the World Heritage List with Palau's rock quarries is the Mangyol site in Makiy Village, Gagil Municipality.

A very important element of the Workshop was planning for the

coordination between stakeholders so that there will be no question of roles and responsibilities in the site's management or any issues and complications with such important matters of land ownership and traditional protocols. It was therefore crucial that numerous local stakeholders participated in the workshop as well. Those joining the representatives from the Republic of Palau included Yap State Government officials, traditional leaders (including representatives from both Chiefly Councils—the Council of Pilung and the Council of Tamol), tourism representatives, stakeholders associated with the site, stakeholders from other villages that cater to tourism (who can participate and learn more about managing their resources), and many others.

Held in the larger conference room of the Yap Small Business Development Center in Colonia, each day of the week-long workshop was at capacity (60 people) with lively debate and discussions on management plan development and World Heritage matters. The Workshop was indeed a valuable step toward finally being successfully nominated on UNESCO's prestigious list. First nominated a few years ago, UNESCO deferred the nomination so that it could be improved upon for a more successful application that is now underway. Being on this list will not only give access to numerous avenues of conservation and management assistance with the sites, but will also help to promote Yap State and the Republic of Palau's cultures to the world, thus enhancing the ability to attract needed tourist revenues in the future. But most importantly, the process of preparing and planning for UNESCO's opportunity has been a wonderful way to bring everyone together with the common goal of preserving, protecting and managing Yap's unique and special cultural heritage as well as its ancient ties with the Republic of Palau.

## ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE



The 25th of April, ANZAC Day, is one of Australia's and New Zealand's most important national commemorative events marking the anniversary of the first major military action involving Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. Around the world and in every city and town in Australia and New Zealand, commemoration services are held at dawn, the time of the original landing by the ANZAC's on the beaches of Gallipoli, Turkey in 1915. It is a day when all Australians and New Zealanders reflect on the sacrifices of so many.

This year's ANZAC day dawn service will commence precisely at 5:30 AM on Friday 25 April 2014 at the Royal Australian Navy's residential compound (Kangaroo Court) located on the western bank of the Nett River, in Nantelik, and will be followed by breakfast. This event is open to the public and in particular veterans and serving military members of any nationality and Australian and New Zealand expatriates and travellers.

For more information please contact Chief Petty Officer Andrew Hamilton on 320 2976 or the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei, FSM on 320 5448.

## Another new JOCV in Micronesia

For the past 25 years, JICA has been dispatching Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers (JOCVs) with various technical capacities to work in different sectors and organizations in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). We are pleased to welcome Mr. Atsushi Nagata, another new JOCV who is ready to embark on a two years life changing journey here in the FSM.



He has been dispatched to Chuuk State on April 3, 2014 after one week briefing in Pohnpei. Mr. Nagata will be working with Chuuk State Environmental Protection Agency.

maintenance, industrial promotion, tourism, health and medical service, non-communicable disease prevention, agriculture and fisheries, basic math education, and waste management.

With the arrival of the new volunteer, the current total number of volunteers in the FSM is 21(5 JOCVs and 16 Senior Volunteers (SV)). In General, Japanese Volunteers are working in seven sectors in Micronesia namely; Technician development in infrastructure

We wish Mr. Nagata all the best as he helps promote the sharing of technical knowledge and skills, as well as mutual understanding between the FSM and Japan.

## Kosrae OPA and AG office sign MOU to develop mutual cooperation in investigating and prosecuting financial crimes



**Kosrae State February 21, 2014** - The Office of the Kosrae State Public Auditor (OPA) and the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) signed and entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to work collaboratively and mutually when it comes to criminal investigations and prosecutions of government financial crimes.

from there they conduct joint investigations on the criminal aspect of the case. The MOU is a commitment between the parties in their efforts to fight fraud and corruption in government. This is a demonstration of political will to implement prevention and anti-corruption efforts in the State of Kosrae.

The Office of the Kosrae State Public Auditor, Compliance Investigation Unit receives allegations of fraud, waste and mismanagement where they conduct a preliminary inquiry to determine whether or not there is reasonable cause to refer the matter to the Office of Attorney General and

The signing ceremony includes Kosrae Attorney General Lorrie Johnson-Asher, Kosrae Public Auditor Stoney Taulung, Kosrae CIU Investigative Auditor Harry Jackson and Pohnpei State OPA Investigative Advisor Sophia Pretrick who was conducting trainings at Kosrae OPA during the week.

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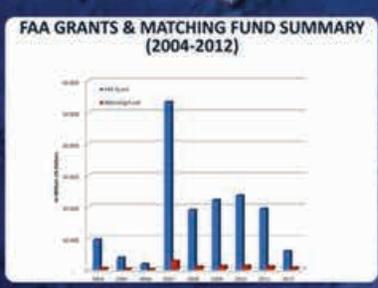
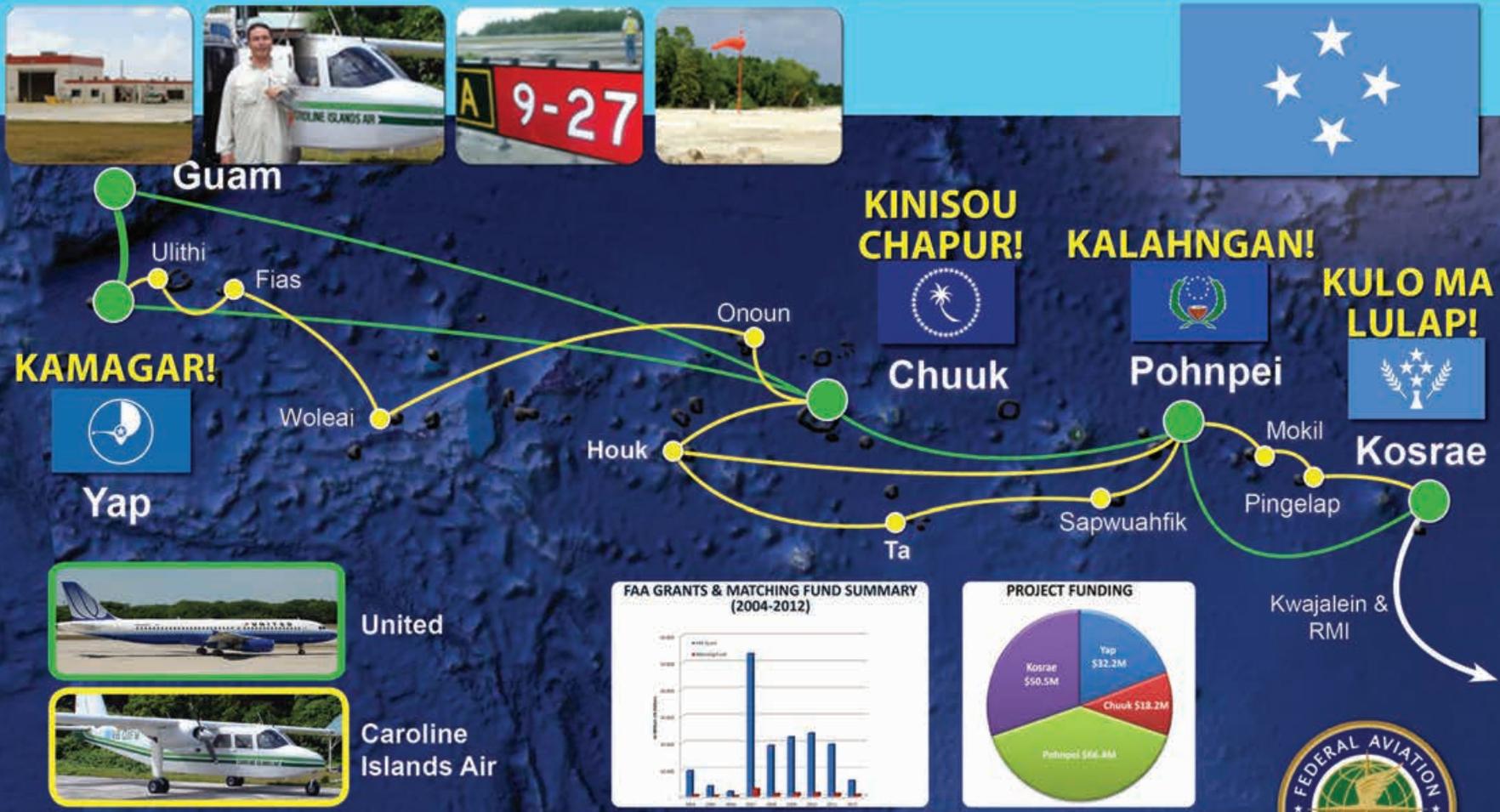


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