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Madolenihmw mayor speaks out on sea cucumber project

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei, FSM — Petrick Ringlen, Madolenihmw's chief elected official says that he considers the commercial sea cucumber operation in Madolenihmw to be a pilot project and that so far no money has been made.

Madolenihmw signed a memorandum of understanding with American

business man Thomas Son to farm greenfish sea cucumbers for export. The program has been a subject of controversy and a large number of rumors.

First of all, Pohnpei law does not allow for exportation of marine resources unless they are farmed products.

Joseph Saimon of Pohnpei's Office of Fishing and Aquaculture said that two weeks ago representatives of his office went to

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The College of Micronesia FSM

May 15, 2014

Palikir, Pohnpei - The National and Pohnpei Campuses celebrated their 59th Commencement Exercises on May 15, 2014, at the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center. Over 500 attendees were present to witness the marching of the graduates including dignitaries and leaders of the community.

College President Joseph M. Daisy Ed. D. through his welcoming remarks expressed that "for all of us and for our faculty, most especially, commencement is an opportunity to acknowledge our work and success in educating the young men and women who represent the future hopes and dreams of the FSM."

This year's commencement speaker Evelyn Adolph encouraged the students to take small steps to contribute to a bigger future for the FSM. She also shared a story of a young Micronesian woman who had big dreams and tremendous love for her country. That woman is the

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Chuuk State enacts bill to protect sharks

Micronesia is a step closer to regional shark sanctuary

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All four of the Federated States of Micronesia, or FSM, have enacted shark protections, now that the state of Chuuk has passed legislation that bans shark fishing in its waters. Governor Johnson Elimo signed the measure May 8, 2014, in a ceremony in the state capital, Weno.

The state legislature passed the bill in early April, shortly after it was introduced by Senator Nelson Stephen.

“Sharks are worth more alive than dead,” Stephen said. “I am delighted that Chuuk has enacted legislation to keep these culturally and economically significant species protected for generations to come.”

Chuuk, located in the western Pacific Ocean, is a world-renowned scuba diving destination. It boasts dozens of World War II-era shipwrecks in its waters. Chuuk is also known for its sharks, which are attracted by the marine life that lives among the sunken wrecks.

“Chuuk shows that small islands can take big steps to protect sharks,” said Imogen Zethoven, director of The Pew Charitable Trusts’ global shark conservation campaign. “We applaud the state for protecting these ancient creatures.”

Cindy Hall, manager of the Truk Lagoon Dive Center in Chuuk, told Pew in 2012 that tourism drives the state’s economy—and diving is a critical component of that industry.

“One diver can bring in several thousand dollars per trip. They pay the diver fees, including the government’s \$30 user fee, but they also stay in hotels, rent cars, and eat in our restaurants,” Hall said, adding that sharks help attract divers.

“Shark diving is a sustainable business, whereas commercial shark fishing is not,” she said. “We can bring divers out to Shark Island every day, but a fisherman would only be able to fish it once and the

sharks would be gone.”

One study done in the western Pacific island nation of Palau found that the one-time value of a dead reef shark was US\$108. A living shark, on the other hand, was worth US\$1.9 million to the tourism industry over its life span.

Kosrae became the first FSM state to protect sharks, in September 2012. The other states, Yap and Pohnpei, followed suit in 2013.

Micronesia is a region in the western-central Pacific Ocean consisting of the Northern Mariana Islands, FSM, Guam, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, and the Marshall Islands. At a meeting of the Micronesian Chief Executive Summit in 2011, three presidents and six governors from the region agreed to a Micronesia Regional Shark Sanctuary, an area of protected shark habitat nearly the size of the European Union.

Now nearly every country, state, and territory in the region has established shark protections. The national FSM government is continuing to deliberate on shark legislation. Senator Florencio Singkoro Harper of Chuuk introduced the national legislation in January.

Since 2009, Pew has worked with nine countries to establish shark sanctuaries covering more than 12.6 million square kilometers (4.9 million square miles) of ocean area. Collectively, these sanctuaries equal the size of the United States and Mexico combined.

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Governor Elimo signs Shark Bill

President Mori's vision realized with new FSM published textbooks

By **Bill Jaynes**
 The Kaselehlie Press

May 6, 2014

Pohnpei, FSM—The first comprehensive Student Atlas of the Federated States of Micronesia will soon be in use in FSM schools. The editors for the 489 page glossy format text book were Danko Taborosi and Yvonne Neth, both of IREI (Island Research and Education Initiative) but Taborosi says that there were more than a hundred contributors to the beautifully printed book.

The book was the brain child of FSM's President Manny Mori who saw a similar but much less comprehensive and smaller book published by another country while attending one of the Micronesian Leader's Conferences. Upon his return to the FSM, he instructed the Department of Education to develop similar materials in order to boost environmental education in the FSM.

During an interview at the office of The Kaselehlie Press, Wehns Billen of the FSM DOE and Taborosi of IREI both said that the publication of the Student Atlas was a truly collaborative effort between IREI and DOE driven by the President's vision.

The book contains over 1000 illustrations including diagrams, historical pictures, and high quality color photographs and aerial images including satellite views of the islands in the FSM.

The Atlas incorporates more than 100 original maps that were custom created for students with no previous map experience, yet are authoritative and appropriate for general use. The maps were prepared by expert cartographers who contributed to the project. They include portrayals of the key physical and environmental aspects and man-made features of the main islands, as well as a comprehensive coverage of the outer islands, the announcement for the book says.

"This Student Atlas of the Federated States of Micronesia is the indispensable and comprehensive reference to the nation. It is about where we are today, what we have achieved, and where we may be going. Focused on the needs of junior high, high school, and college students and created in response to the National Curriculum Standards and Benchmarks, this atlas is also a general reference that can be read and appreciated by the public and anyone interested in learning about the geography, environment, and people of the FSM," the book announcement says.

Billen said that President Mori also directed DOE to work on the publication of environmental education materials.

Coincident with the publication of the massive Student Atlas of the FSM, DOE in collaboration with IREI published five environmental books geared toward elementary school students. There is one book for each FSM State written in the dominant languages, and one for the FSM Atoll Islands, which, due to the large number of languages spoken in the Atolls is published in English. Each book is specific to the environment and topography of each State and the atolls.

Taborosi said that a Minister of Education in another Micronesian nation once lamented the use of foreign textbooks in the islands. "We are teaching our island children about Maple trees and squirrels," Taborosi quoted him as saying. The publication team decided early on to ensure each and every element of every illustration in all of the books can actually be found in the FSM or in any of the individual FSM States or atolls to which the illustrations apply, right down to the last starfish and shell.

The books will all be put to use in the FSM's public school. Billen said that the Student Atlas is not intended to be a page by page type of text book but as a resource as teachers see fit. 2000 of the expensive print books will be distributed to public schools throughout the FSM based on enrollment numbers. The book contains a very clear release that allows FSM educators to reproduce any of the content for use in the classroom.

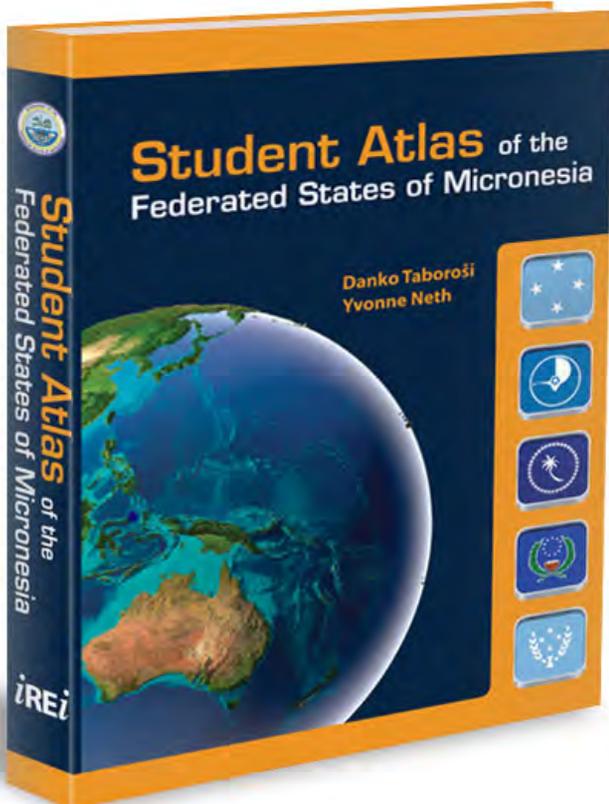
IREI also paid to print an additional 500 copies. In Pohnpei they will be sold at the Joy Hotel though at press time we were unable to find the price for each of the books. The atlas is a beautifully bound but expensive to print book with glossy pages. During our interview Taborosi said that they will likely sell for \$50 to \$70 depending on the quantity ordered.

Though IREI is working on an online ordering system which was not up and running at press time, enquiries about book purchases can be made by contacting IREI at irei@

islandresearch.org.

Taborosi said that publication of the the 489 page Student Atlas of the Federated States of Micronesia took just an astounding two years to reach

the publication stage. He said that many businesses in the FSM supported the work in many ways. He said that several local hotels provided complimentary rooms and meals during the many travels that the team had to undertake while working on material for the books.







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late Mariana Ben Dereas. She concluded that "If you live the kind of life that Mariana lived-a life of competence and passion for our country and people, I am confident that the dream of a better and bigger future for our people will be realized."

The top two academic honors were given to valedictorian Jomer Manongsong and salutatorian Dan Gilmete.

Among the 225 students that graduated this spring, four graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from the University of Guam.

Yap Campus and the Fisheries and Maritime Institute will hold their Spring 2014 Commencement on May 20, 2014. Twenty-nine cadets from the Fisheries and Maritime Institute are graduating from the advanced certificate programs in Navigation, Marine Engineering, and Fishing Technology.



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Madolenihmw and performed an evaluation of greenfish sea cucumber populations and that they found no evidence of farming. A similar evaluation in 2013 showed a large population of the sea cucumbers. He also said that his office concluded that the sea cucumber population showed signs of being over harvested.

Ringlen says that he doesn't know how OFA performed its evaluation but that the operation is a farming and harvesting operation, and that it is sustainable. He said that the company has 68 employees including the nine employees who process the sea cucumbers by boiling and drying them. All of the employees spend three of their work days harvesting sea cucumbers and two planting them and that the number of sea cucumbers planted is much higher than the number they harvest. When harvesting, the employees have a daily limit of 300 sea cucumbers each during their five hour work day. When planting, each employee plants 1500 sea cucumbers on two days of the week.

Ringlen said that planting began in January and harvesting started in mid-April

Ringlen said that though they do lose some of the sea cucumbers they plant to fish who feed on their intestines, the losses are fairly small because fish do not feed on them after the sea cucumbers close up which he said takes only 45 minutes. Further, he claims that after planting, sea cucumbers grow to harvestable

size in approximately six weeks.

He said that rumors that the company is trying to fill two 40 foot containers with boiled and dried sea cucumbers are untrue. He claims that after harvesting began in mid-April, the project has filled only one small corner of its one 20 foot container. Processed sea cucumbers end up only about three inches long. They look like pickles when dried.

Ringlen denies the rumor that the employees are receiving less than Pohnpei's \$1.75 minimum wage for their work. He said that the planters and harvesters work five hours a day five days a week for which they receive \$50 which is \$2 per hour. He says that employment taxes are being paid.

Ringlen said that Son is operating as a sole proprietor based on his U.S. citizenship.

As to whether or not Son has a required foreign investment permit to operate a business in Pohnpei, Ringlen said he didn't know.

Pohnpei's Office of the Registrar said that US citizens do require a foreign investment permit to operate a business in Pohnpei. They can get a waiver if they have lived in Pohnpei for the five years immediately prior to the filing of an application for a waiver. They said that they had no record of an application for either a foreign investment permit or a waiver in Son's name.

The national government can also issue foreign investment permits but said that a sea cucumber operation would be under the State's jurisdiction.



Ringlen said that he told Son before they started the joint operation that he needed to also get a permit from the Office of Land and Natural Resources for farming sea cucumbers but didn't know whether or not that had ever been done.

The Office of Land and Natural Resources says that they do not remember any application for such a project ever having been filed.

Son is currently in China buying more containers of feed. He said that he brought two containers of feed when the project first began.

"There's a lot of dirty politics and misunderstandings in Pohnpei these days," Ringlen said about the rumors. "People think I'm making money (for myself) but it's not true." He said it's his job under the Madolenihmw Constitution to develop projects to help build the municipality's economy. He's calling it a pilot project and that so far no one has made any money other than the employees through their wages.

Ringlen reiterated that the company and Madolenihmw have a vested interest in running the project in a sustainable way and that is what they are doing.



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Kosrae schools prepare for natural disasters!

The International Organization for Migration

The month of April was a busy one for Kosrae's elementary schools which participated in the Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction, and Education Program (CADRE) being implemented and managed by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) with support from the Australian Government

With partners from the Kosrae Island Resource Management Agency (KIRMA) and Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) program, three schools (Lelu, Utwe, and Sansrik) practiced emergency drills for the first time to prepare themselves for natural disasters. The drills were based upon school emergency management plans previously drafted by the school principals with support under the CADRE program.

In addition, 98 eighth grade students from these three schools spent 2 weeks learning about climate change adaptation and disaster preparedness with an IOM trainer and their science teachers. The CADRE

program engages students using a kit of rich learning materials including hazard specific comics, instructional posters, video clips, and hands-on experiments. A student at Sansrik Elementary School commented, "Well, I want to read more comics, so I can pass it on to friends and family. That way we could be safe when there are natural disasters."

IOM has a complete comic and poster set covering: landslides, typhoons, tsunamis, droughts and climate change. These materials have been well received by teachers, as well as students, with a recent survey revealing that over 90% of teachers found the materials very useful and engaging. One teacher exclaimed: "I really like the comic books and even now if students finish early, I have a stack of the comics in the room and they can go read the comics."

For further information on the CADRE program, contact IOM at micronesiaenquiries@iom.int or visit www.micronesia@iom.int or Like Us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IOMMicronesia>



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Akapito sworn in as Lieutenant Governor of the State of Chuuk

FSM Information Services

Weno, Chuuk- On Friday, May 2, 2014 in an oath taking ceremony held at the Chuuk State Supreme Court, the Floor Leader in the House of Representative of the Twelfth Chuuk State Legislature, the Honorable Marius Akapito, took his oath of office to become the 7th Lieutenant Governor of Chuuk State, filling the role that was left vacant after the untimely passing of the late Honorable Lieutenant Governor Ritis Heldart on January 4th 2014.

The solemnity of the oath of office to the new Lieutenant Governor of Chuuk was administered by the Chief Justice of the Chuuk State Supreme Court, The Honorable Camilo Noket.

On April 14, The Honorable Governor Johnson S. Elimo transmitted his nomination of Mr. Akapito to the House of Senate pursuant to Article VI, Section 11 of the Chuuk State Constitution, which sets the selection process in an event the office of Lieutenant Governor becomes vacant.

In his nomination letter, Gov. Elimo explained that Mr. Akapito does possess the necessary qualifications for the office of Lieutenant Governor by highlighting the nominee's capacity as a parliamentarian who is familiar with the current issues facing the Sate of Chuuk. Gov. Elimo also pointed out

that his nominee also possesses necessary understanding of the government framework for a constitutional system, such as the system being applied by the Chuuk State Government.

After a thorough review of the nominee's credentials, the full Senate unanimously approved the nomination on the 23rd of April.

In his oath taking remarks on May 2, Lieutenant Governor Marius Akapito said he will assist the Governor to continue the implementation of the infrastructure development plan for Chuuk State and the municipalities. Lt. Gov. Akapito also expressed his heart felt and big thank-you to the Governor and Members of the House of Senate for their trust and confidence rendered in his appointment and confirmation.

The Honorable Gov. Johnson Elimo underscored in his remarks that the problems and challenges facing the State remain outstanding. He said overcoming these challenges requires the cooperation of leaders and the people.

The Mayor of Weno, the island capital of the State of Chuuk, The Honorable Bintas Keneth, echoed the same, referring to the theme "one mind, one work, one heart" with dedication and patience.



Enlet Jr. Enlet of Micronesia, received an award from Mississippi College School of Law during its annual Law Day ceremony. Enlet was the recipient of Marie Upton Scholarship, presented to two rising, non-traditional 2L students who possess the character and high moral values of Mrs. Upton, and show a sense of service to the community and others. Enlet is the son of Ben and Denikie Enlet. He is married to Josepha Enlet. He is a graduate of Multnomah University.

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Micro Games 8 CEO gives briefing on games preparation

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

May 13, 2014

Pohnpei, FSM—In a little less than two months the 8th Micronesian Games will begin in Pohnpei. With the exception of the soccer field at the National Campus of the College of Micronesia FSM which may not be ready in time it looks like all systems are go. Organizers have a backup plan for the soccer field so even if it's not ready in time the soccer competitions will go on.

As one of the most visible signs of the preparations for the Micro Games, infrastructure is what most people who don't know discuss when talking about whether preparations for the Games will be complete in time.

Games CEO Robert Spegal stopped by to discuss all aspects of the preparation for the Games. He said that so far everything is on track.

About the COM soccer field he said that the field has been leveled and that coral is now being laid. When that is done more dirt will be laid and leveled. When that is completed, grass will be planted. In order for the field to be useful without becoming a quagmire by the middle of the first game on the field the grass will have to grow pretty quickly. The grass needs to have a fully developed root network before the field can be used.

If the COM field is not ready, the backup plan is to use the PICS field where the Pohnpei team currently practices for the 8th Micro Games.

A lot will depend on the weather which is notoriously fickle in Pohnpei. Perhaps it will be more fickle since the Pacific is currently under an El Nino watch. If El Nino does develop, the severity, or arrival time can't yet be predicted. Right now pre El Nino conditions seem to be showing signs of severe El Nino conditions which could arrive in Pohnpei as early as July though that can't be predicted by current weather models.

For the PICS track where track and field events will take place, the Pohnpei Transportation Authority has installed drainage systems and has laid down the necessary asphalt layer for the track itself. Asphalt still needs to be installed for the long and high jump areas but that will soon be done. Containers of rubber material have arrived on island and the materials for the final track layer are scheduled to arrive from Australia during the first week of June at which time installers will make the track happen.

Contracts for the companies that will renovate the COM gym are being finalized. One company will handle the installation of the new floor and another will handle window installations. Materials for those projects have not yet arrived on island.

The Spanish Wall softball field will have a new scoreboard and another layer of dirt and sand mix in the infield to help with drainage. Painting was brilliantly coordinated by the Tuna Commission (WCPFC). The Daini baseball field is getting a little leveling in

the right field corner and will also get infield leveling.

The Pohnpei State Gym where volleyball events will take place is in its final stages of renovation.

The materials for the final surface on the tennis courts have arrived and will be installed sometime this month.

Next door, the swimming pool is ready and an electronic touch timing system has arrived for installation.

The Micro-All-Around will be held at Spanish Wall park and at Nett Point. Both are ready.

Misko Beach will be the spectator area for canoe races. Spegal said that there will be a short course, a long course, and a marathon course which organizers are currently mapping out.

Under the leadership of the accommodation and transportation committee, beautification and rehabilitation of the classrooms and dorms at PICS High School that will serve as the Micro Games Village is underway. Spegal said that it anticipates that 1200 athletes from all of the jurisdiction except for Guam will stay at the Games village at PICS. Guam's athletes will stay at various hotels.

Spegal says that all 10 jurisdictions have said they will send athletes to the Games. The jurisdictions are each of the FSM States, Kiribas, Nauru, the Marshall Islands, Palau, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. Spegal estimates that including the athletes, coaches, managers, and officials, 1700-1800 people will be on Pohnpei for the Games, not counting spectators who choose to come.

The accreditation committee has set up a website (www.foxsportspulse.com) that allows for online registration of athletes and others including media participants.

Spegal said that the fund raising committee is still sending out letters requesting funding assistance and that there have been many positive responses. The committee has pending supplemental budget requests with the Pohnpei State Legislature and the FSM Congress. They have urged the two bodies to act on those requests as soon as possible because the money is needed now.

The catering committee has ordered food supplies which will arrive in time for the Games including 13,400 pounds of rice and 770 pounds of pork chops as just a small sample of the orders they have made.

The media and broadcasting committee is establishing a media center at PICS for worldwide transmission of the Games and their results. Several media representatives have said they will send crews including Oceania Television from Palau, the Pacific Daily News, and a few freelancers. He expects that many more will come.

Plans have been set up to have a medical response team at each sporting event. Spegal said that he hopes that the US military will respond positively to their request to have medical assistance from the US Armed Forces as well.

He said that the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and Pohnpei Health Services will be conducting what it is calling a health surveillance exercise. For now it's an exercise, but if a contagious disease of any kind should "pop up" during the event they will be prepared to deal with it.

The souvenir committee has been collecting good luck messages from heads of states of each of the jurisdictions and is trying to collect team photographs of each of the teams that will participate in the Games. They will use that material along with other materials to create a Games program. Pages in the program are available for sale. Anyone who wants to help with the production of the program can contact Stephanie Edward at 8mgbooklet@gmail.com.

The protocol committee has been planning an excellent ceremony that will include a huge flag, a skydiver, and other details that are currently secret. They will arrange to meet people at the airport and on their way down the causeway, athletes and others will be greeted by welcoming signs in the main languages of the ten jurisdictions.

They are in the process of planning for all of the many awards ceremonies. The FSMNOC has ordered approximately 1500 awards medals for the winners of the various competitions.

The security committee has been making sure that police are ready for the event and have been recruiting security personnel.

Spegal said that many of the sports competition materials have arrived such as baseballs, softballs, chalk, chalk liners, and many other items. More are on their way.

Spegal said that if anyone in the vicinity has living space in the vicinity of Kolonia they can call the Games phone number at 320-3266.

Each of the committees has been recruiting their own volunteers but if others want to be involved as a volunteer they can likewise call the Games number 320-3266.

There is still much to be done but preparations for the Games seem to be well in hand.

		8TH MICRO GAMES 2014 POHNPEI FSM										SPORT SCHEDULE	
Sport	Day Date	SUN 20-Jul-14	MON 21-Jul-14	TUE 22-Jul-14	WED 23-Jul-14	THU 24-Jul-14	FRI 25-Jul-14	SAT 26-Jul-14	SUN 27-Jul-14	MON 28-Jul-14	TUE 29-Jul-14	WED 30-Jul-14	Venue
Opening/Closing Ceremonies	Opening Ceremony 5:00 pm											Closing Ceremony 5:00pm	PNI Track and Field
Athletics	Tech. Mtg.		AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM							PNI Track and Field
Baseball	Tech. Mtg.		AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	Make-Up	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	Daini Ballfield
Basketball	Tech. Mtg.		AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM		AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	COM-FSM National Gym
Football (Soccer Men)						Tech. Mtg.	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	COM-FSM National Campus
Micronesian All Around					Tech. Mtg.	AM/PM	AM/PM						Spanish Wall Park / Nett Point Dock
Softball (Fast-Pitch)	Tech. Mtg.		AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM		AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	Spanish Wall Ballfield
Spear Fishing	Tech. Mtg.		AM	AM									Ant Atoll
Swimming	Tech. Mtg.		AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM								PNI Swimming Pool
Table Tennis							Tech. Mtg.	AM/PM		AM/PM	AM/PM		COM-FSM National Gym
Tennis	Tech. Mtg.		AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM		AM/PM	AM/PM		PNI Tennis Courts
Va'a (Canoeing)							Tech. Mtg.	AM/PM		AM/PM	AM/PM		Tekehtik Harbor
Volleyball (Indoor)	Tech. Mtg.		AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM		AM/PM	AM/PM	AM/PM	PNI Gym
Weightlifting					Tech. Mtg.	AM/PM	AM/PM						COM-FSM National Gym
Wrestling	Tech. Mtg.		GR-Male	FS-M/F	BW-M/F								COM-FSM National Gym

Sports update – 2014 Micronesian Games – Track and field and swimming

By Jim Tobin
Sport Director
8th Micronesian Games Organizing Committee

For the next few issues of KPress, we will be updating the status of the sports to be played at the 2014 Micro Games. This article will update Athletics (Track and Field) and Swimming.

The 8th Micronesian Games will be held on Pohnpei from July 20 – 30, 2014. Participating in the games is CNMI (Northern Marianas), Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau and the four Federated States of Micronesia states (Pohnpei, Kosrae, Chuuk and Yap). There will be 14 sports on the games program including Athletics (Track and Field), Baseball, Basketball, Football (Soccer), Micronesian All-Around, Softball (Fast-Pitch), Spear Fishing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Va'a (6-man outrigger canoe), Volleyball, Weightlifting and Wrestling.

The 8th Micronesian Games Organizing Committee is chaired by Pohnpei Lt. Governor Marcelo K. Peterson. The CEO of the organizing committee is Bob Spegal. There are 11 sub-committees including the Sport Committee. The Sport Committee is chaired by Jim Tobin, with an estimated 500 volunteers and officials. There are 14 Competition Managers for each of the 14 sports on the game's sports program:

Rendy Germinaro	Athletics
Jose Joab	Baseball
Castro Joab	Basketball
Steve Finnen	Football (Soccer)
Mark Johnny	Micronesian All-Around
Donald David	Va'a (Outrigger Canoe)
Kingston Anson	Softball (Fast-Pitch)
Andy Musrasrik	Spear Fishing
Conrad Kohrs	Swimming
Roldan Laguerta	Table Tennis
Ray Garcia	Tennis
Nimrod Half	Volleyball
Ron Etscheit	Weightlifting
Mike Ioanis	Wrestling

The Competition Managers are in charge of coordinating each sport including: sports manuals and rules; technical meetings; final schedules; recruiting volunteers; training sport specific officials; and preparing the sport venue each day of the competition.

To assist the Competition Managers, we have been recruiting professional Technical Delegates, nominated by the international and Oceania governing bodies of each of the sports, to come to Pohnpei to train our local volunteers and officials and work with the competition manager to coordinate and supervise each of the sports at games time.

The Technical Delegates for 12 of the sports are:

Technical Delegate	International Federation	Sport	Country
Yvonne Mullens	IAAF	Athletics	Australia
Wayne Dumbridge	IBA	Baseball	Australia
Annie Le Fluer	FIBA	Basketball	Australia/PNG
To be named	(no affiliation)	Football (Soccer)	Fiji
Baklai Temengil	IVA	Va'a (Outrigger Canoe)	Palau
Gus Cepeda	ISAF	Softball (Fast-Pitch)	Guam
Lawrie Cox	FINA	Swimming	Australia
Michael Brown	ITTF	Table Tennis	Australia
Patrick O'Rourke	ITF	Tennis	New Zealand
Tomas Santamaria	FIVB	Volleyball	Australia
Manuel Minginfel	IWF	Weightlifting	FSM (Yap)
John Tarkong	FILA	Wrestling	Palau

Micronesian All-Around and Spear Fishing do not have international or Oceania sport governing bodies. Thus, there will be no outside technical delegate for those two sport and all technical issues will be decided by the local Competition Manager. The Technical Delegates will be arriving to Pohnpei at least one week prior to the start of their sport, and will hold week long officials and coaches courses. The courses will not just be for the Pohnpei officials and coaches but for all of the FSM states, including Kosrae, Chuuk and Yap. With United Airlines having issues with limited planes, rumor has it that the other FSM states must come to Pohnpei at least one week before the opening of the games on Sunday, July 20.

All of the Technical Delegates (and other outside Technical officials) costs, including airfare, hotel, stipend and local transport are funded by grants from the FSM National Olympic Committee (FSMNOC), Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC), International Olympic Committee (IOC), United States Olympic Committee (USOC), Palau National Olympic Committee (PNOC), Guam National Olympic Committee (GNOC), International Athletics Federation (IAAF), International Basketball Federation (FIBA), International Swimming Federation (FINA), International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), International Wrestling Federation (FILA) and International Wrestling Federation (IWF). Our grants also include the majority of the sport equipment needed to run the games. The estimated amount of the outside officials' expenses and donated sport equipment is over \$400,000. After the games are over, the equipment will be shared by all of the 4 FSM states.

ATHLETICS (Track and Field)

The Athletics competition will be held from Monday, July 21 to Thursday, July 24 at the newly renovated PICS track and field. The Competition Manager for Athletics is Rendy Germinaro. On Monday, July 14, Yvonne Mullens, Executive Director of Oceania Athletics Association (OAA), will arrive to Pohnpei. Starting on Tuesday, July 15 a 4-day IAAF basic track and field officials and coaches training course, with Mullens as the expert instructor, will be held. There will be 6 additional OAA and IAAF technical officials from New Zealand and Australia coming to Pohnpei on July 18, including 2 electronic photo-finish technicians, 2 starters, 1 field referee and 1 call room coordinator.

The renovation of the PICS track and field should be completed by the end of June, funded by the Pohnpei State Government and Pohnpei State Legislature. A \$30,000 special track and field equipment grant was approved last year by the IAAF to fund new starting blocks, hurdles, throwing implements, electronic starting pistol, hurdle carts, batons, stop watches and other track and field equipments. That container of donated equipment will be arriving on Pohnpei from Brisbane the second week of June.

Competing in Athletics is: Pohnpei; Chuuk; Kosrae; Yap; Marshall Islands; Palau; Nauru and Northern Marianas.

Athletics – Day 1 (July 21)

• 7.00am	Women 10000 Meter Run	Final
• 7.00am	Men 10000 Meter Run	Final
• 9.00am	Women 100m Hurdles	Heptathlon
• 9.15am	Women 400 Meter	Heats
• 9.30am	Men 400 Meter	Heats
• 9.30am	Women High Jump	Heptathlon
*100 / 110 hurdle heats if necessary on Day 1 (morning)		
• 3.00pm	Women Shot Put	Heptathlon
• 3.00pm	Women Javelin Throw	Final
• 3.30pm	Women 200 Meter Run	Heats
• 3.50pm	Men 200 Meter	Heats
• 4.00pm	Women Long Jump	Final
• 4.00pm	Men Discus Throw	Final
• 4.40pm	Women 200m	Heptathlon
• 5.00pm	Men Triple Jump	Final
• 5.00pm	Women 100 Meter Hurdles	Final
• 5.15pm	Men 110 Meter Hurdles	Final
• 5.30pm	Women 200 Meter Run	Final
• 5.40pm	Men 200 Meter	Final

Athletics – Day 2 (July 22)

• 9.00am	Men 100 Meter	Octathlon#1
• 9.00am	Women Long Jump	Heptathlon
• 9.30am	Men Long Jump	Octathlon #2
• 10.00am	Women Javelin	Heptathlon
• 3.00pm	Men Javelin Throw	Final
• 3.00pm	Men Shot Put	Octathlon #3
• 3.45pm	Women 1500 Meter Run	Final
• 4.00pm	Women High Jump	Final
• 4.00pm	Men 1500 Meter Run	Final
• 4.15pm	Women 800m	Heptathlon
• 4.30pm	Women 400 Meter	Final
• 4.40pm	Men 400 Meter	Final
• 4.50pm	Men 400 Meter	Octathlon: #4
• 5.00pm	Women Shot Put	Final
• 5.00pm	Men Long Jump	Final
• 5.00pm	Women 5000 Meter Run	Final
• 5.30pm	Men 5000 Meter Run	Final
• 6.00pm	Women 4x100 Meter Relay	Final
• 6.15pm	Men 4x100 Meter Relay	Final

Athletics – Day 3 (July 23)

• 9.00am	Men 110 Meter Hurdles	Octathlon #5
• 9.30am	Men High Jump	Octathlon #6
• 9.45am	Men 100 Meter Run	Heats
• 10.00am	Women 100 Meter Run	Heats
• 3.00pm	Men High Jump	Final
• 3.30pm	Men Javelin Throw	Octathlon:#7
• 3.30pm	Women Discus Throw	Final
• 4.00pm	Women Triple Jump	Final
• 4.00pm	Women 400 Meter Hurdles	Final
• 4.15pm	Men 400 Meter Hurdles	Final
• 4.30pm	Men Shot Put	Final
• 4.30pm	Women 100 Meter Run	Semi-Final
• 4.45pm	Men 100 Meter Run	Semi-Final
• 5.00pm	Women 800 Meter Run	Final
• 5.10pm	Men 800 Meter Run	Final
• 5.20pm	Men 1000 Meter Run	Octathlon: #8
• 5.30pm	Women 100 Meter Run	Final
• 5.40pm	Men 100 Meter Run	Final
• 6.00pm	Women 4x400 Meter Relay	Final
• 6.15pm	Men 4x400 Meter Relay	Final

Athletics – Day 4 (July 24)

• 6.00am	Men and Women Half Marathon	Final
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SWIMMING

The Swimming competition will be held from Monday, July 21 to Wednesday, July 23 at the newly renovated FSMNOC Swimming Pool Complex, located next to PICS High School. The Competition Manager for Swimming is Conrad Kohrs. On Monday, July 14, Lawrie Cox, Secretary General of Oceania Swimming Federation, will arrive to Pohnpei. Starting on Tuesday, July 15 a 4-day FINA basic swimming officials training course, with Cox as the expert instructor, will be held. There will be one additional FINA technical official, from Australia, coming to Pohnpei to assist with refereeing and starting.

The renovation of the FSMNOC 6-lane 25 meter outdoor swimming pool was completed last year. The FSMNOC received a special one-time IOC Olympoceanica grant to fund the swimming pool and FSMNOC office renovation. A new electronic starting and timing system has been purchased for the games which will greatly improve the quality of the swim meet.

Competing in Swimming is: Pohnpei; Chuuk; Guam; Marshall Islands; Palau and Northern Marianas.

Micronesian Games 2014					
Provisional Program - Swimming (Last Update 3.04.14)					
July 21 (Monday)		July 22 (Tuesday)		July 23 (Wednesday)	
Event #	Event	Event #	Event	Event #	Event
Preliminaries start at 9 am and finals at 4 pm					
1.1	Back 100 - Men	7.1	Free 200 - Men	13.1	Free 400 - Men
1.2	Back 100 - Women	7.2	Free 200 - Women	13.2	Free 400 - Women
2.1	Breast 200 - Men	8.1	Breast 50 - Men	14.1	Fly 200 - Men
2.2	Breast 200 - Women	8.2	Breast 50 - Women	14.2	Fly 200 - Women
3.1	Free 100 - Men	9.1	IM 400 - Men	15.1	Back 50 - Men
3.2	Free 100 - Women	9.2	IM 400 - Women	15.2	Back 50 - Women
4.1	IM 200 - Men	10.1	Back 200 - Men	16.1	Free 50 - Men
4.2	IM 200 - Women	10.2	Back 200 - Women	16.2	Free 50 - Women
5.1	Fly 50 - Men	11.1	Fly 100 - Men	17.1	Breast 100 - Men
5.2	Fly 50 - Women	11.2	Fly 100 - Women	17.2	Breast 100 - Women
Distance Events Start 1/2 Hour After Conclusion of Trials					
6.1	Free 1500 - Men	12.2	Free 800 - Women		
Events Swum as Finals - Evening Program Only					
				R3.1	Free Relay 200 X 4 - Men
				R3.2	Free Relay 200 X 4 - Women
R1.1	Free Relay 100 X 4 - Men	R2.1	Medley Relay 100 X 4 - Men	R4.1	Medley Relay 50 X 4 - Men
R1.2	Free Relay 100 X 4 - Women	R2.2	Medley Relay 100 X 4 - Women	R4.2	Medley Relay 50 X 4 - Women
*Swim as finals only. * Note there are no events 6.2 or 12.1					

In the next issue of KPress, the Sport Committee of the 8th Micronesian Games Organizing Committee will update on the sports to be played at the COM-FSM national campus – Basketball, Wrestling, Weightlifting, Table Tennis and Football (Soccer).

Governor signs proclamation for National Women's Health Week in Yap

COLONIA, Yap (Media Division) — The Honorable Sebastian Anefal, Governor of the State of Yap on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 affixed his signature to a Proclamation Recognizing "National Women's Health Week" from May 12-16, 2014, in the State of Yap.

Proclamation No. 2014-01, which was issued by the Office of the Governor states:

Whereas, Women's Health Week is an international week-long observance of efforts to promote women's health;

Whereas, the Yap State Department of Health Services has and is continuing to diagnose new cancer cases each year in Yap;

Whereas, in calendar year 2013, there were 19 new cancer diagnoses in Yap;

Whereas, out of the 19 new cancer cases diagnosed, 9 were women among which 2 have Mouth cancer, 2 Lung cancer, 1 Rectal cancer, 1 Skin cancer, 1 Brain cancer, 1 Conjunctiva cancer and 1 Lymph Node cancer;

Whereas, the average cost of sending a cancer patient off island for medical treatment has gone up from around \$11,000 to \$15,000 per patient in the last five years and the number of cancer patients being sent off island per year has doubled in the last five years;

Whereas, science and research have shown the practicing health lifestyle behaviors, such as eating local food – particularly fruits and vegetables – daily, regular exercise and physical activity, watching your weight, not drinking alcohol, not using tobacco products, not chewing betel nut, and abstaining from sex with multiple partners are all factors that can contribute to lowering one's risk of developing cancer;

Whereas, increasing immunization coverage rate for Hepatitis B vaccines to newborns will help prevent the spread of the Hepatitis B virus which is associated with increased risk for liver cancer;

Whereas, increasing immunization coverage for the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine to young girls between the ages of 9 and 18

years will help prevent the spread of four deadly strains of the HPV virus which are responsible for 70% of cervical cancers and 90% of genital warts;

Whereas, the prevalence and incidence of diabetes and hypertension are increasing at an alarming rate in our State, especially among the younger generation;

Whereas, women should get at least 2 hours and 30 minutes of moderate physical activity, or 1 hour and 15 minutes of vigorous physical activity each day of the week;

Whereas, Mothers' Day falls on the second Sunday in May of each year and is an appropriate time to actively promote the health of all women through screening which is a preventive tool to assess the health status of individuals at a point in time;

Now therefore, by the power vested in me as Governor, I hereby proclaim that Yap State shall observe National Women's Health Week from May 12-16, 2014;

Further, I Resolve that the Department of Health Services, including the Wa'ab Community Health Centers, with the support of other relevant agencies of government as necessary, shall work to create awareness on health issues affecting Yap State and encourage all citizens, to be more physically active in their everyday life and to promote planting, harvesting, and consumption of all local foods, fruits, and vegetables as the way to healthier living and to reduce the burden of cancer and other non-communicable diseases on families and the State.

All female government employees are strongly encouraged to avail themselves of the free health screenings offered during this time. All government departments and agency heads are hereby directed to grant administrative leave to their female staff, where requested, so that they may avail themselves of the free health screening which will be offered at the hospital and all the Wa'ab Community Health Center sites in Tomil, Gagil, Maap/Rumung and Nimgil starting at 9am every day. While prevention is better than a cure, screening also saves lives.

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President Mori asks Congress to carefully examine the proposed “2023 Investment Fund”, other priorities highlighted to “Committee to Wait”

FSM Information Services

May 14, 2014

Two days after the opening of the Fourth Regular Session of the 18th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Congressional Special Committee (Committee to Wait of the President) met with President Manny Mori this morning at the President's Conference Room.

The Committee consisted of Senator Joseph J. Urusemal, Senator Yosiwo P. George and Senator David W. Panuelo, who said he was a last minute appointment. Senator Panuelo, who chaired the Committee, took the place of Senator Peter M. Christian. Senator Wesley W. Simina, also appointed to the Committee, did not attend the meeting.

President Mori welcomed the Committee and assured the Members that the Executive Branch is ready to work with Congress to achieve a productive session. He asked that Congress expedite action on the FY15 recommended budget during this session and not delay budget review portions to the September session, as previously happened for FY13 and FY14 budget review processes.

President Mori specifically asked that Congress evaluate carefully the proposed 2023 Investment Fund as included in the FY15 budget request submitted last month. The President is proposing a \$15 million set aside into the fund out of local revenue to assist with economic development projects that must undergo "due diligence" process. He informed the Committee that a framework for the mechanics of the investment fund, which is tasked to the Office of SBOC and the Chief of Staff, will be provided to Congress once completed. The President said that about \$10 million to \$15 million should be invested in the fund every year leading to 2023 to demonstrate seriousness in facilitated economic growth and build investors' confidence in investing in the FSM economy.

The President also pointed to the requested \$5 million, also from local revenue, to go toward the FSM Trust Fund.

President Mori also indicated that inclusive in the FY15 budget request is a \$1.4 million Congressional public project allocation. The President feels that the inclusion of such allocation in the budget request will give Members time to involve stakeholders and conduct more careful planning for specific economic and social development projects, as compared to previous practices.

Among other items discussed, President Mori also asked Congress to consider his request to give a State of the Nation Address to Congress, and the Nation, preferably on May 27. He also informed the Committee that the State and National Leadership Conference has been scheduled for May 22nd and 23rd, for which he looks forward to Congress' vital participation.

Chairman Panuelo thanked the President and Vice President for the opportunity to discuss priorities for the ensuing session. Together, the Senators sought clarifications on a number of issues including World Bank grants for FSM, updates on the status of the newly endorsed Overseas Development Assistance Policy, and whether or not Congress should expect a revised budget request as a result of the "zeroing out" of National Government's share of Compact Sector grants, which happened after the FY15 budget had been transmitted to Congress.

The Committee also brought to attention a concern raised by certain Members involving the slow processing of public project funds that, they alleged, have caused project delays and changes.

The Senators also expressed concern that required reporting by funds allottees has not been upheld.

The President instructed the Secretary of Finance to look into the matter and provide fund status and expenditure reports to allottees to be in compliance with required reporting to Congress.

Finally, the Leaders took some time to discuss the current passport printing hold-up

situation. The Secretary of Justice reported that the Department will receive passport booklet supplies by tomorrow and that around seven thousand booklets will be available by next week. She said the office is positioned to work on the back-log of passport requests the next five days and maintain operation thereafter.

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• 3 Letters of Reference

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SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The Grants Officer (GO) is responsible for conducting project monitoring and evaluation and providing capacity-building services to MCT grantees. The work involves direct contact with grantee organizations and project implementers in all of the participating jurisdictions of the Micronesia Challenge (Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands). The GO is also responsible for evaluating and monitoring ongoing projects as well as managing grant agreements between MCT and donor organizations together with the MCT Conservation Program Manager.

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• Maintain and manage MCT project records and files • Assist with the preparations for and conducting of Calls for Proposals • Prepare and monitor grantee subcontracts, including contract documents, budgets, workplans and reporting requirements • Monitor the implementation of approved projects, including email and telephone communications and site visits • Track assigned program and project budgets and workplans • Prepare and submit requests for project payments and ensure delivery of payments to grantees • Coordinate and undertake own travel plans, handle own administrative needs, and participate in program team and full MCT staff meetings and professional development activities

• Assist with the development of capacity-building workshop materials and delivery of workshops in project development and implementation • Prepare reports and correspondences as necessary for grant award management as assigned by the CPM • Assist with website content maintenance

QUALIFICATIONS

• Bachelor's Degree in conservation-related field or business administration preferred but AS with relevant knowledge and work experience acceptable • Strong written and spoken English • Ability to travel frequently • Computer literacy, especially Microsoft Outlook, Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word and Microsoft Access • 1 to 3 years work experience with increasing levels of responsibility • detail oriented, reliable, prompt and hardworking • Strong team work skills

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US\$20,000/annum, negotiable depending upon qualifications. MCT does not provide relocation, housing or repatriation expenses. MCT covers the employer portion of the FSM National health insurance basic plan and offers a retirement plan and life insurance. Duty station for this position is flexible.

Internationally-recognised approach to sexual health for the Pacific

Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

Monday 5 May 2014

Suva, Fiji – An internationally-recognised approach to sexual health and well-being is being readied to be rolled out in the Pacific region, after it was endorsed by Pacific Directors of Health in Fiji last week. It will now be tabled for consideration at the Pacific Ministers of Health meeting in Solomon Islands in July 2014.

‘The Pacific Sexual Health and Well-being Shared Agenda provides Pacific Island countries and territories with a guiding framework for extending access to sexual health services to all people, including vulnerable groups such as men who have sex with men, young people, women, seafarers and sex workers,’ said Michelle O’Connor, SPC’s Sexual Reproductive Health Policy and Planning Adviser.

The Shared Agenda advocates for a comprehensive rights-based approach to sexual health, whereby all people have the knowledge, skills, and tools within a supportive environment to protect and promote their sexual health, well-being, and human rights.

It is influenced by five internationally-recognised domains for improving sexual health and wellbeing; legislation, policies and human rights; education; society and culture; economics; and health systems.

‘The Shared Agenda captures current thinking and aligns with the post 2015 development agenda. With this innovative document, the Pacific is ahead of the rest of the world in paving the way for integrating HIV and other STIs into sexual and reproductive health,’ said Tim Rwabuhemba, UNAIDS Country Director for the Pacific.

‘There is no one size fits all approach. The Shared Agenda is a regional framework, but is flexible enough to meet PICTs’ unique and diverse needs,’ said Ms O’Connor.



Tonga Leitis Association President Joey Joleen Mataele shares a moment with her daughter by the waterfront in Nuku’alofa, Tonga. The term ‘leitis’ includes men who have sex with men (MSM), transgender people, gay and bisexual men and non-identifying MSM.

‘It has been developed in partnership with PICTs after extensive consultation with Pacific Ministries of Health, civil society organisations and development partners.’

The Shared Agenda was developed in recognition of the fact that the Pacific region faces a number of complex issues that cannot be effectively addressed by a single focus on disease areas; these include alarmingly high rates of gender-based violence and sexual assault, teenage pregnancies and sexually

transmitted infections.

Development of the Shared Agenda is being led by SPC in partnership with the United Nations family, the International Planned Parenthood Foundation, the International Federation of the Red Cross and the Oceania Society for Sexual Health and HIV Medicine. It was made possible thanks to support from the Pacific Islands HIV and STI Response Fund and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.

The World Health Organization Office for the South Pacific, Suva

Invites applications for a

Coordinator (SSA) for Health Systems Strengthening

For a short term contract to be based in WHO/CLO Office in Palikir,
Federated States of Micronesia (Initial one year contract may be extended
based on satisfactory performance and availability of funds)

Post Summary

The Health Systems Strengthening Office Coordinator (SSA) will be posted in WHO/CLO for Northern Micronesia located in Palikir, FSM and will be responsible for managing the activities of health systems in the Northern Micronesia (FSM, RMI and ROP).

The Coordinator/SSA will be supervised directly by the WHO/CLO for the Northern Micronesia (FSM, RMI & ROP) and will work closely with the Department of Health’s health systems focal points and as well as with the technical officers in the World Health Organisation office in the South Pacific, WPRO & HQ to organise and coordinate resources to support activities, collaborate with DOH and WHO staff, consultants and partners to implement culturally appropriate health systems activities, including reporting on health systems development issues and priorities.

Job Duties will include the followings:

- Focal person on health systems activities
- Collect, analyse and provide reports on health systems work areas
- Dialogue and Collaborate with DOH on relevant issues and challenges
- Managing health systems programs
- Provide assistance towards the implementation of the joint DOH and WHO country planned activities
- Coordinate all health systems training provided by WHO
- Monitor and ensure efficient utilization of resources
- Marketing and advocating for universal health coverage and primary health care
- Disseminate information on UHC and PHC
- Update stakeholders on health systems
- Perform other related duties as required or assigned

Qualifications:

The person selected shall have strong program management skills; effective coordination and communication skills; good computer literacy in MS Office programs; and shall be an effective team player, able to work productively with health professionals in the Northern Micronesia Departments of Health and with other relevant stakeholders.

Requirements

- Diploma or training in health, communication, health systems or related field (Equivalent work experience will be considered);
- Successful experience in the effectively working with Governments and partners;
- 1-3 years experience working as a team member in a multicultural setting;
- 1-3 years experience in health systems strengthening work;
- Fluency in written and spoken English, knowledge of local language is an advantage;
- Valid passport and driving license;
- Ability to travel by car or public transportation to various sites;
- Eligibility to work in the Federated States of Micronesia.

APPLICATIONS must include Curriculum Vitae with full contact details of three references and is to be submitted by latest 5pm June 13, 2014 to:

Vacancy

Health Systems Coordinator for
Northern Micronesia

To email: moufar@wpro.who.int

or Hand Deliver to
WHO/CLO Office
Capitol Suites and Offices
RM 201
Palikir, Federated States of Micronesia

Only candidates meeting the above qualification will be short-listed for interview.

Closing Date for applications: June 13, 2014

Octo Cross

- ACROSS**
 1. Particle
 5. Tennis stroke
 8. Travel by horse
 9. Large flightless bird
 10. Part of a hull
 11. Atmosphere
 12. Vacant
 14. Concur
 17. Romanian currency
 18. Molten rock
 22. Lamentable
 23. Overt
 24. Metal-bearing mineral
 25. Adjacent

- DOWN**
 1. Biblical boat
 2. Neckwear
 3. Lyric poem
 4. Noisy fight
 5. Bound

6. Exclude
 7. Entomb
 13. Fruit
 14. In addition
 15. Cogwheel
 16. Ill-mannered
 19. Simian
 20. Irritate
 21. Insect

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Crossword - Going Green

Across

- 1 Pop ingredient, once
 5 Press down
 9 Idyllic places
 14 Newspaper page
 15 Hodgepodge
 16 Corporate symbols
 17 Stack
 18 Clappers
 19 Mosque officials
 20 Acid rain cause
 23 Gush
 24 Romulus or Remus
 25 Ingenious
 29 Puts up
 33 That girl
 36 They're temporary
 38 Buffalo's lake
 39 One's impact on global warming
 43 Jason's ship
 44 Church officer
 45 "Wanna ___?"
 46 Vacation spot
 49 Puts on cargo
 51 Empty a boat
 53 Bohemian dance
 57 Global warming cause
 62 Bicker
 63 Go quickly
 64 Streets in Strasbourg
 65 Bergamot and perilla, e.g.
 66 Like a pocket protector, perhaps
 67 Fencer's item
 68 Nice!
 69 Close race decider
 70 Slippery ones

Down

- 1 Small woods
 2 Kind of den
 3 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
 4 Experts
 5 Bean curd
 6 Winglike
 7 Obey
 8 Put forward
 9 Magical drink
 10 Tyrannize
 11 "Yikes!"
 12 Seward Peninsula city
 13 Leaky tire sound
 21 Conversation starter
 22 Be behind
 26 Charged particle
 27 Bistro
 28 Small hill
 30 Nursery item
 31 Fork feature
 32 Cobblestone
 33 Mark for life
 34 Fabled racer
 35 Units of work
 37 ___ cracker
 40 Idiot box
 41 A Kennedy
 42 Warms up
 47 Least refined
 48 Hermano de mi mama
 50 Evening do
 52 Ushered
 54 Jeweler's glass
 55 Show respect, in a way
 56 Beasts of burden

Can you fit the words correctly into the grid? The letters in the gray boxes will spell out another word.

3 letter word
SUN

4 letter words
MARS
MOON
STAR

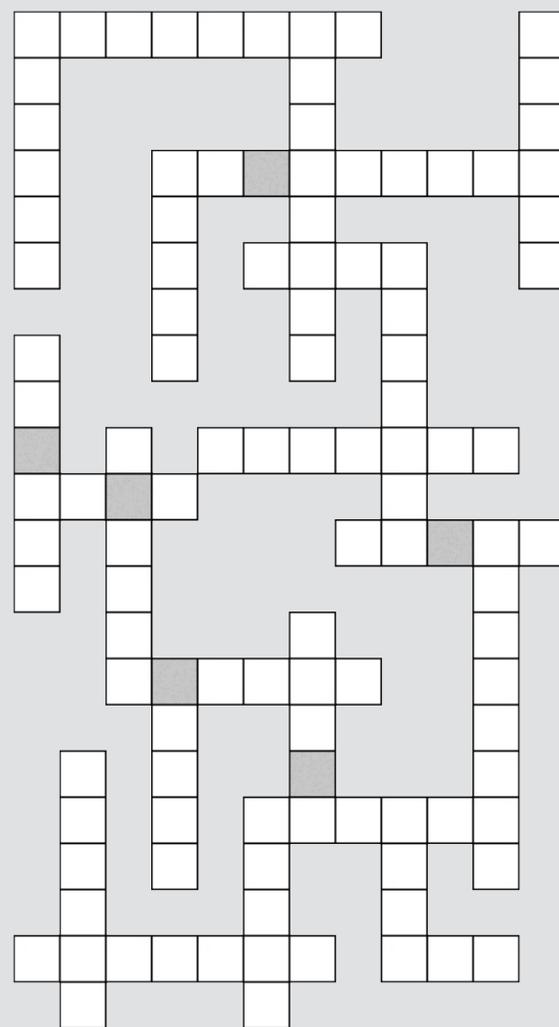
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EARTH
PLUTO
SPACE
VENUS

6 letter words
COSMOS
GALAXY
METEOR
NEBULA
PULSAR
SATURN
URANUS

7 letter words
JUPITER
MERCURY
NEPTUNE

8 letter words
ASTEROID
MILKY WAY
UNIVERSE

9 letter word
SUPERNOVA



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- 57 Ship's company
 58 Shrek, for one
 59 Hand in Honduras

- 60 Bothers
 61 Eye affliction
 62 Checkup sounds

US provides \$6.4 million in compact grant assistance payments in April

In April, the FSM Department of Finance received Compact Grant Assistance payments from the United States Government totaling \$6.4 Million. These payments were for Compact Sector Grants and Supplementary Education Grants:

Education	\$ 2,365,354
Health	\$ 2,214,099
Supplementary Education Grant	\$ 720,000
Infrastructure	\$ 513,941
Public Sector Capacity Building	\$ 205,174
Private Sector Development	\$ 173,311
Environment	\$ 153,503
Enhanced Reporting and Accountability	\$ 92,783
Total Amount	\$ 6,438,165

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

Chuuk	\$ 2,201,897
COM-FSM	\$ 600,000
Kosrae	\$ 490,000
Pohnpei	\$ 1,832,000
Yap	\$ 1,314,268

U.S. Approves \$3.96 Million use of prior year Carry-Over Sector Grant Funds

In April, the Office of Insular Affairs released awards granted at the Mid-year JEMCO meeting for use of prior year "Carry-Over" funds. The "Carry-Over" funds are designated to be used for one-time projects that will result in operational savings, support reform processes within the government, mitigate the effects of the fiscal reforms, or have a direct positive impact upon performance indicators. Almost \$1.5 Million was awarded for Education Projects, which include such projects as climate proofing schools, increasing student attendance, providing necessary equipment for after-school programs, and technical assistance in school accreditation. Infrastructure awards of approximately \$2 Million will be used to enable power companies to provide sustainable, consistent service. Almost \$275,000 was awarded in the Health Sector for projects such as infant care, technical assistance for non-communicable disease interventions, and emergency response. Capacity Building awards of almost \$125,000 will be used for Government financial reforms and upgrades, and improved tax collection systems.

Boy Scout donates 72-hour kits to missionaries

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stored in a light weight bag.

Barrigada, Guam-Thoughts of the recent disasters in the Philippines and other parts of the world left such an impression on 13 year old Cooper Jack Tuttle that it inspired him to create an Eagle Scout project to provide missionaries of his church with a 72-hour emergency kit. These kits include necessities to sustain life for a 72-hour period which is the approximate time necessary for help and assistance to arrive after a disaster. Included are a 1st aid kit, water purification tablets and bottles, an 8'X10' tarp, gloves, whistle, candles, matches, food, mess kit and utensils, hygiene supplies, rope and other items

"My family has a 72-hour kit for each of us and I thought it would be something good for our missionaries to have" Cooper replied when asked why he created this project. He also hopes that the kits will provide a sense of relief to parents whose sons or daughters are serving as missionaries in Micronesia for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church). There are approximately 110 volunteer missionaries of the LDS Church serving in Guam, CNMI, Palau, and the FSM. These kits will ensure that the missionaries are prepared in case of a natural disaster which is exactly what the Boy Scout motto, "Be Prepared", urges every scout to do.



13 year old Boy Scout Cooper Jack Tuttle with some of the supplies included in his 72-hour kits

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Pohnpei Fishing Club Best Buy Ocean View Tournament

Pohnpei Fishing Club

The Pohnpei Fishing Club's most recent tournament was held on April 26, sponsored by Best Buy and Ocean View. These sponsors put up a lot of prizes, and we had a great turnout. 20 boats competed. It was a wild day out and even wilder if you went to where the fish were.

The format of the tournament was big fish and catch 5. The grand prize was a round trip ticket to Guam and participation in the Guam annual fishing derby. That prize went to Mary Tretnoff.

The winners of the big fish tournament were as follows:

Place	Angler	Fish	Weight	Prize
1	Mary Tretnoff	Marlin	91.5	R/T Ticket
2	Frank Panuelo	Yellow Fin	88.5	\$300.00
3	Christopher Cruz	Marlin	73.5	\$200.00

The Catch 5 involved catching the most species of billfish, Wahoo, Yellow Fin, Skip Jack and Mahi Mahi.

The winning boat caught four species and made \$300.00.

The winners were:

Place	Boat	Captain	No. of Species	Prize
1	Happy Hookers	Kumer Panuelo	4	\$300
2	Boat	Alex Tretnoff	3	\$200
3	Miss Layleen	Francisco Sohl	3	\$150
4	Solar Cruiser	Frank Panuelo	2	\$125
5	Splash	Johnny Hedson	2	\$100

When two boats had the same amount of species, then the weight of the biggest fish determined the winner.

Lady anglers had their own category.

Place	Angler	Weight	Fish	Prize
1	Mary Tretnoff	55.5	Yellow Fin	\$300
2	Amy Delilah Ulm	23.5	Skip Jack	\$200
3	Mary Tretnoff	12.0	Skip Jack	\$100

We also had special gift certificates for the winners of the biggest fish in each species that didn't win another prize.

Species	Angler	Weight	Prize
Yellow Fin	Christopher Cruz	56.6	Gift Certificate from Ocean View
Wahoo	Christopher Cruz	56.5	Gift Certificate from Ocean View
Mahi Mahi	Murphy Panuelo	28.5	Gift Certificate from Ocean View
Skip Jack	Marty Sunel	9.0	Gift Certificate from Ocean View

Many thanks to the sponsors for all their support. The Library sold hot dogs and raised money for the Pohnpei Public Library.

Also thanks to Bill, Paul, Tina, Darcy, and all of Kumer's guys who helped out at the weigh-in. We also appreciate Mangrove Bay for letting us use their facility.



Australian Embassy funds IFCP

By April Turner
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

The People of Australia have generously continued their support for the Island Food Community of Pohnpei through a recent Direct Aid Program grant.

The grant will be used for the Food Processing for Livelihood project which will incorporate workshops on food processing and food safety, showcasing locally processed food. The grant will also fund equipment to support this work.

The project also aims to provide income for IFCP operational expenses through local food catering services and local food products. The success of the papaya jam and chili sauce sold at last year's World Food Day shows the possibility of locally made food items.

Supporting a local food industry in Pohnpei will not only provide income to local farmers and producers and ultimately the national economy, it will also present the opportunity to produce fresh local foods high in nutrients and free of preservatives. Furthermore, locally produced food has less impact on the environment due to negligible food miles (Greenhouse Gas emissions from transportation) and less packaging waste.

Thank you to the People of Australia for this funding opportunity.



IFCP Chairman receives check from the Australian Ambassador

IFCP attends 2014 Guam Micronesia Island Fair

By Mona J. Tara
Island Food Community of Pohnpei

Island Food Community of Pohnpei was one of those selected by Governor Ehsa to be part of the Pohnpeian delegation to the Guam Micronesia Island Fair held April 24-27, 2014. The delegation showcased Pohnpeian culture including local foods.

One staff member of IFCP attended and explained to visitors the nutritional value of local produce brought by farmers and businesses to the Fair. Such as Karat, Akadah, and Mwang. IFCP baked their famous banana bread made with taro and breadfruit flours for people to try the Pohnpeian delicacy. Most people preferred the breadfruit flour cake because it was moister. Thus, the taro flour industry that is just beginning in Pohnpeian was promoted.

Exchange of information and knowledge between Guam and Pohnpeian participants was very beneficial and interesting. For example, we learnt how people in Guam use coconut to make a warm sweet soup with young coconut juice, young and mature meat thickened with tapioca starch like how we do dalok.

This was a good public relations opportunity for IFCP, as well as a good opportunity to discuss with Pohnpeians about healthy eating and local food.



Five OLMCHS students get full US Government scholarship

Five students of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School received full scholarships from the US Department of Interior – Office of Insular Affairs towards the end of the school year 2013-2014.

“Congratulations! If you are receiving this e-mail, you are the recipient of a full scholarship to attend a Junior State of America Summer School Program. This Scholarship, which is provided by the U.S. Department of Interior - Office of Insular Affairs covers full tuition to attend the program, as well as travel expenses.”

Margarete Finnen and Amelia Abello will be attending the Junior State of America (JSA) Summer Program at Georgetown University in Washington DC from June 11 – July 9, 2014. Both Maggie and Amy will be taking Speech and Political Communication.

Shawntell Rodriguez and Maylani Pelep will be attending the Junior State of America (JSA) Summer Program at Stanford University in California from June 20 – July 20, 2014. Shawntell will be taking International Relations while Maylani will take Speech and Political Communication.

Margarete, Amelia, Shawntell, and Maylani are all 11th Grade Students of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School.

The idea for what is now known as the Junior State was first conceived by Professor E.A. Rogers, headmaster of the Montezuma Mountain School for Boys in California’s Santa Cruz Mountains in the early 1930s. Prof. Rogers had long maintained that one of the primary needs of a democracy was

to train its youth in the essentials of good government. He believed that without an informed populace, a democracy is worthless (www.jsa.org).

The fifth student is Justice Hetiback. Justice, a 12th Grade Student, is now at Washington DC for the two-week National Close Up. Close Up’s flagship High School Program is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for students to experience their government in action. From visits to Washington’s famous monuments,

memorials, and institutions, to meetings with their Congressional delegation on Capitol Hill, Close Up students get a first-hand look at the American political system and consider what role they, as students, play in our democracy. Close Up is not just a tour, nor is it a series of lectures. Close Up takes what students learn in the classroom and brings it to life! Close Up really does make learning fun! Close Up informs, inspires, and empowers young people to exercise the rights and accept the responsibilities of citizens in a democracy. (www.closeup.org).

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School is under the administration of the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz (MMB). OLMCHS is only on its 5th year, yet it has already recorded a number of achievements, not only in Pohnpei, but in the whole of FSM. Aside from the JSA scholars for the past three consecutive years, OLMCHS has won essay contests, art / poster contests, 100% passing of the COM Entrance Test, and most of all two FSM National and Pohnpei State Debate Championship belts.



Maggie Finnen, Amy Abello, Shawntell Rodriguez, and Maylani Pelep, Justice Hetiback (not in picture)

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