

Brand new field trip ship provided by Japan ready for service in FSM



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Pohnpei, FSM—This morning representatives from Japan and the FSM gathered at the Pohnpei Port Authority to celebrate the handing over of donations for Typhoon Maysak relief and also the turning over of the new FSM field trip ship, the MV Four Winds.

The relief supplies for Chuuk which included 35 water purifiers and 870 “Jerry Cans” were already on the ground in Chuuk. There are also 20 water purifiers bound for Yap.

During the ceremony this morning, Japan’s Ambassador Masaki Sakai delivered a letter of condolence for

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Parties sign the paperwork for Japan Maysak relief



Dipping from the Sake barrel



Ambassador Sakai



One of the forward berths on MV Four Winds



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Assistance to the FSM following Typhoon Maysak

Today I announce Australian Government support to the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) in the wake of Typhoon Maysak. We stand with our friend and regional partner at this difficult time.

Typhoon Maysak has severely impacted FSM's remote island communities of Chuuk and Yap, resulting in fatalities and extensive property damage.

Responding to a request from the Government of FSM, Australia will provide \$100,000 to the International Organisation for Migration for humanitarian supplies - including shelter materials and tools, hygiene kits and logistical support.

The two Pacific Patrol Boats provided by Australia to FSM will also assist the recovery efforts by transporting people and emergency humanitarian supplies to the islands.



Micronesia Red Cross Chapters early responders in Typhoon Maysak disaster

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Pohnpei, FSM—Volunteers from the Micronesia Red Cross Society (MRCS) activated immediately following Typhoon Maysak's landfall in Chuuk and in Yap. Approximately 45 trained Red Cross volunteers in Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap have been supporting relief efforts since the very beginning.

They've been just a bit too busy to talk about what they have been doing. An MRCS volunteer said this week that by the time the volunteers return home they're too exhausted to send messages or photos of what they have been doing. In the morning, they're ready to go again and don't have the time.

MRCS was able to respond quickly because it had pre-positioned supplies. It has since exhausted all of its pre-positioned supplies. Additional relief supplies are being shipped in from within the region.

According to a press release from the headquarters in Pohnpei, the Red Cross estimates that approximately 30,000

people throughout the FSM's islands were affected by Typhoon Maysak in some way. "Many victims lost their homes or roofs, crops were damaged or destroyed, and water catchments were either contaminated or damaged," the press release said.

"Red Cross volunteers have conducted thousands of needs assessments in communities and distributed more than 1500 relief supplies," the press release says.

It says that on April 6, 10 MRCS volunteers boarded a government boat in order to reach affected communities. "The Red Cross conducted needs assessments on the Islands of Ulithi and distributed 650 urgently needed relief supplies including 137 water containers, 26 tarpaulins, 328 blankets, 127 buckets and 32 lanterns.

In Chuuk, Micronesia Red Cross Chuuk chapter activated immediately after the typhoon made landfall. "Initially, 20 Red Cross volunteers conducted needs assessments in more than 3000 households, and distributed 910 urgently needed relief supplies including, 156 water containers, 129 tarpaulins, 412 blankets, 130 buckets, 12 lanterns and 71 cooking sets," the press release says.

Currently, Red Cross volunteers in Yap and in Chuuk are supporting relief efforts by assisting the government and the International Organization for Migration to load and unload cargo ships or airplanes heading to affected areas. They are also assisting with the distribution of additional relief supplies donated by private citizens. Those donations have included canned meat, water, milk, fruit, toilet paper, noodles and, rice.



Micronesia Red Cross Volunteers in Chuuk



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EU support allows Pohnpei Utility Company to save \$320,000 USD on fuel bill

European Union Ambassador for the Pacific Andrew Jacobs today inaugurated the Nanpil Hydro Plant in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, following completion of rehabilitation works. Nanpil was rehabilitated as part of the EUR 15.49 million EU funded North Pacific ACP Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Project or North-REP, implemented in partnership with the Secretariat of the Pacific Community and the governments of FSM, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Palau.

the turbines and alongside the new, more efficient turbine and other related equipment, Nanpil Hydro Plant now has the capacity to supply up to 725kW of electricity to power the grid system in Pohnpei. This has allowed the state power utility to make a saving of \$325,000 USD in their fuel bill since the hydro power plant began operations in June 2014.

This maximum installed renewable, hydro energy capacity represents 11% of the peak demand of 6.6 Megawatts for Pohnpei and contributes toward reducing FSM's reliance on fossil fuels.

"The North-REP project is a successful example of an innovative multi country approach to delivering development aid to the three countries, with the shared focal sector of renewable energy and energy efficiency, as their remoteness and extensive geographic spread across the North Pacific would usually mean very high transaction costs for such an intervention, if done in isolation," Ambassador Jacobs said.

"As a result of North-REP, a total of 1.16MW of renewable energy is being produced in FSM alone and through the installation of solar systems in the outer islands 8000 people now have access to electricity for the first time. Access to affordable energy is considered crucial for the sustainable growth and equitable development of the country," he said.

Originally built in 1986, the Nanpil Hydro Plant first went into operation in 1987 but in 2003, it sustained significant damage to the switch gear compartment and other control equipment following a heavy flood. After failed attempts to repair the damaged turbines in 2008 and then falling into disrepair, the European Union stepped in to lend a helping hand to the FSM government via their 10th European Development Fund investment of EUR 7.4m to support the FSM government's preferred focal sector of renewable energy and energy efficiency. The rehabilitation works included the dam or reservoir that supplies the water to power



EU Ambassador (second from right) cuts the ribbon at the hydro plant

Access to electricity has increased by 48% to schools and 35% to health centers in FSM. This provides the opportunity for improvements in teaching aids such as fans in classrooms, computers and printers and medical facilities, such as refrigeration.

the improvement in energy efficiency through awareness and action results in the avoidance of up to 194,374 gallons of diesel for electricity generation per year and the subsequent avoidance of 1,239kg of CO2 emissions per year.

Importantly, the project has fostered local cooperation particularly between local communities, state power utilities, state governments and the national government.

For FSM, the increased production of electricity through renewable energy and



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100th anniversary of the Battle of Gallipoli commemorated on ANZAC day in Pohnpei

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

April 25, 2015

Pohnpei, FSM—The State of Pohnpei was just one of the thousands of places throughout the world to hold dawn services in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the battle of Gallipoli. The commemoration, often referred to as ANZAC Day, was a solemn and poignant moment.

Anzac Day is one of Australia's most important national commemorative occasions. It marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War.

ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. The soldier forces quickly became known as ANZACS and the pride they soon took in that name is known on this day.

According to the program at this morning's commemoration, the ANZAC commemoration began simply at 4:00 AM in 1919 in Toowoomba. Captain Harrington and a group of friends visited all known graves and memorials of men killed in action in World War 1 and placed flowers (not poppies) on the headstones. Afterwards they toasted their mates with a rum. In 1920 and 1921 these men followed a similar pattern but adjourned to Picnic Point at the top of the range and toasted their mates until the first rays of dawn appeared. A bugler sounded the 'Last Post' and 'Reveille'.

The commemoration at the Australian Navy Compound, affectionately known as the "Kangaroo Court" began at 5:30 this

morning and was presided over by Lt. Commander Tim Koroi, Maritime Security Advisor, and Chief Petty Officer Andrew Hamilton of the Royal Australian Navy.

Symbolic wreaths were placed in memory of the ANZACs and those who sacrificed their lives in Gallipoli:

- In memory of all servicemen and women who have paid the supreme sacrifice – LCDR Tim Koroi, RAN
- On behalf of all Australians – Mr Neil Young, Councillor
- On behalf of all New Zealanders – Mr K. Muholland
- On behalf of all Micronesian members and veterans of the US armed forces - Ms Laine Lane
- On behalf of FSM National Police – Col J Santos
- On behalf of the National Government and people of Micronesia – FSM Government
- On behalf of the people of USA – Mr Hugues Ogier, Charge d'Affaires
- On behalf of the people of Japan – HE Mr Masaki Sakai
- On behalf of the People's Republic of China – Mr Yang Chenqi, Councillor

After the solemn ceremony, a traditional "shotgun" breakfast was served on the grounds of the complex.



Kevin Mulholland places a wreath on behalf of all New Zealanders



LCDR Tim Koroi, RAN



CPO Andrew Hamilton and LCDR Tim Koroi salute as the flags are raised

FSM Department of Justice gives Itimai's Motion to Dismiss a miss

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Pohnpei, FSM--On April 6 the attorney for Francis Itimai, former FSM Secretary for Transportation, Communications, and Infrastructure (TC&I), filed a motion to dismiss the information on seven charges filed against him by the FSM Department of Justice (DOJ). The information on the charges was filed not long before the President terminated Itimai's employment.

The deadline for opposition to Itimai's Motion to Dismiss was April 10. At press time the motion had gone unchallenged by DOJ which also made no motion for enlargement of time to respond.

Itimai's Motion to Dismiss claims that, "All seven counts (against him) stemmed from one set of facts, that Micronesian Shipping Commission (MSC) advanced Defendant the amount of \$926 on May 2, 2013, to cover three days of official duties in Yap on an amended Travel Authorization (TA from May 2 through May 5, 2013); and that Defendant used funds from the Maritime Operations Revolving Fund to purchase a World Map from MSC (Micronesia Shipping Commission) on or about May 17, 2013."

The motion claims that DOJ's charges are moot since in November of 2013 he personally reimbursed MSC for the advance the commission had given him after FSM refused to reimburse him for the extra days he spent in Yap pursuing a water project with the ADB. Admitting no guilt in the matter of the map purchase, he also personally reimbursed the FSM General Fund for the purchase of the map not long before the charges were filed.

The motion claims that Itimai never said that the map was his personal property as the DOJ information on the charges claimed. The map initially cost the MSC a bit more than what TC&I paid for it and is still in the possession of TC&I even after the President terminated Itimai's employment.

Itimai says that the map is constantly in use, contrary to the claims of the DOJ's information on the charges against him.

His Motion to Dismiss alleges that the FSM President's familial relationship with the former Director of the Micronesia Shipping Commission (MSC) played a role in FSM's filing of the charges against him.



Neil Young lays a wreath on behalf of all Australians

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It also claims that there is a relationship between the FSM charges and a disagreement between Itimai and the former Executive Director of the Micronesia Shipping Commission (MSC). It alleges that the Director blamed Itimai after the MSC Commissioners did not approve the Director's 2013 request to cash out his vacation pay. The Motion said that the disagreement may have taken place sometime in June of 2013 after the Executive Director had given approval to issue the contested advance to Itimai and after the two had made agreement for FSM TC&I to purchase the map.

Itimai has served as the Commissioner for the FSM for nearly eight years. He is one of only three members of the Commission. The Commissioners of the Micronesia Shipping Commission are set by treaty to include the Ministers of transportation in the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Itimai's motion provided a timeline alleging that each time the MSC took action against the former MSC Executive Director, FSM took similar action against

former Secretary Itimai.

It says that a few days after the Director of MSC was suspended by the Commission, FSM also suspended Itimai. A few days after the Director of MSC was fired by the Commission, FSM also fired Itimai after filing information on charges.

According to the evidence supplied with Itimai's Motion to Dismiss, MSC Commissioners voted to terminate the former MSC Director's employment on March 24.

On March 27, DOJ filed the criminal information against Itimai.

The motion to dismiss said that on March 30, the President "summoned Itimai to his office and asked that Defendant resigned from his post (sic) as Secretary of TC&I due to the Criminal Information that was filed in court. Defendant did not resign." The motion was backed by Itimai's affidavit that was attached as an exhibit.

The Motion to Dismiss claimed that the President offered to drop the charges against Itimai in return for his peaceful resignation.

...MV Four Winds

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the FSM people from Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to President Mori. He also delivered a letter of condolence from Japan's Minister for Foreign Affairs, Fumio Kishida to Lorin Robert, FSM's Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Ambassador Sakai said that he was in Chuuk when the devastating storm hit. He said it was the first time he had experienced a typhoon and the experience was horrifying. The devastation afterward was worse and he delivered his own message of condolences to the people of the FSM affected by Super Typhoon Maysak.

After the proper officials signed the documents for the Typhoon relief materials, the ceremony turned to the handing over of the MV Four Winds. The brand new field trip ship will service the four FSM states and was donated by the Government of Japan at a cost of approximately \$11.1 million USD. The \$11.1 million price tag did not include expenses relating to the navigation of the ship from the dockyard to Pohnpei, expenses for which the Japanese government also paid.

The MV Four Winds is 58.89 meters in length, has a breadth of 10.80 meters and is 4.60 meters depth. It has 732 cubic meters in its cargo hold and features a 13.1 cubic meter freezing chamber. It has a maximum passenger capacity of 453 people including 28 crew members.

The construction on the vessel began after a pledging ceremony in the FSM two years ago and just arrived in Pohnpei. It was constructed by Fisheries Engineering

Co., Ltd. and Kegoya Dock Co., Ltd. in Kegoya Doch Co., Ltd. in Kegoya, Kure-City, Hiroshima, Japan.

"As H.E. President Mori was clarifying at his congratulatory remarks, we, the Government of Japan really were delighted to join in the FSM dignitaries' and general population's strong passion in the welcoming of this long-awaited passenger sea-born infrastructure," Counselor Singo Higashimoto wrote in an email following the ceremony. "Firstly because this country has been long divided by sea, any kinds of sea transportation development assistance should be considered as one of the most hoped-for types of assistances. Secondly, because through another passenger ship besides "Caroline Voyager" which was also goodwill assistance from Japan more than 10 years ago, we are fully aware and assured that Government of Japan can assist the FSM's efforts to keep food, fuels and other daily necessities available to 3 states other than Pohnpei State in an orderly way and also to bolster the comings and goings of the population among Island States."

During his remarks President Mori said that the Caroline Voyager will eventually be transferred to FSM Petroleum Corporation for use in collecting copra from the region.

After First Lady Emma N. Mori, and Mrs. Nobuko Sakai, the wife of the Ambassador to Japan cut the ribbon to the gangway of the vessel, Father Julio Angkel blessed the new vessel, walking its decks and sprinkling holy water.

FSM and Japanese officials participated in the traditional breaking of the Sake barrel and Lt. Governor Marcelo Peterson gave a toast after which the vessel was open for a well attended public tour of the vessel.

On April 2, the day after his initial hearing in Court, "President Mori reiterated his offer to the Defendant (Itimai) to resign saying that he had lost confidence in him. In response, Defendant submitted a letter respectfully declining the invitation to resign," Itimai's motion said. The motion included a copy of his letter to the President which was attached as an exhibit.

The "sole witness" affidavit upon which the information on charges was based was also called into question in a supplement to the Motion to Dismiss that was filed on April 21. The affidavit that supported the charges was from National Police Officer George Skilling. But affidavits supplied by Beuter A. Sohl, Administrative Officer at TC&I, and Maristella Liwy, Executive Secretary at TC&I declare that neither were interviewed by Skilling.

The original Motion to Dismiss claimed that the interviewing officer was Casner Aldens who Itimai's attorney says was off island for training in Australia at the time that the affidavit by Skilling was submitted as part DOJ's information on charges against Itimai.

"One of the counts that AG filed against me is that my staff members who were questioned were induced by me to say,

'they do not know' to any questions raised by the investigating officers from the National Police," Itimai told Kpress in an email. "What I told my former staff, and you can call them to verify, is that they must be honest and tell the truth but not to make up any answers if they do not know anything about any matter raised by the national police."

The Motion to Dismiss included several other reasons for which the court should dismiss the case including reasons of Court jurisdiction in matters of a treaty relationship. It provided documentary evidence that the MSC Commissioners from the Marshall Islands and Palau had no difficulty with the actions that Itimai took that later led to charges filed at the FSM Supreme Court.

Filings at the FSM Supreme Court are public information and can be obtained directly from the Court clerk's office. Unfortunately, www.fsm-supremecourt.org, the website for the FSM Supreme court, has no search engine and the court filings are not at all complete. There is currently no available online resource for readers to review the documents filed at the court. Inquisitors should ask the court for documents filed under Criminal Case 2015-501.



Father Julio Angkel blesses the MV Four Winds



Japan and FSM officials break the sake barrel

The People's Republic of China donates \$500,000 to FSM Maysak response efforts

FSMIS

April 22, 2015

In the presence of the Federated States of Micronesia President Manny Mori, FSM Secretary of Foreign Affairs Lorin Robert and the People's Republic of China Ambassador to the FSM, H.E. Li Jie, undertook a signing ceremony in Palikir on April 21st.

The PRC Government is providing \$500,000 US dollar to the FSM to assist recovery measures for the people of Chuuk and Yap who have been mercilessly affected by Super Typhoon Maysak.

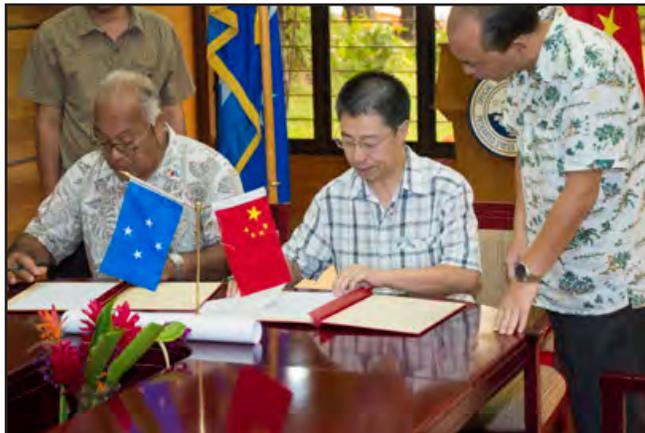
In an ad-lib statement made during the ceremony, the Ambassador mentioned that China gives "eyes and ears" to the disaster development and has decided to remit the amount as a kind gesture of support. He also stated his belief that recovery for Chuuk and Yap will take some time.

Ambassador Jie visited Chuuk when flights resumed after the storm.

In responding, Secretary Robert expressed the gratitude of the FSM people and Government to the People and Government of the People's Republic of China for their "critical and important" assistance, which he feels will not only be useful for recovery efforts but will "strengthen bilateral relations that the two governments and peoples have come to enjoy".

The relief assistance will be deposited into the Disaster Relief Fund, which got established after President Mori declared a state of emergency for both States.

The disaster response operation is being coordinated by the FSM Office of Environment and Emergency Management (OEEM).



Filipino Community fundraises for Typhoon Maysak Victims

The United Filipino Community of Pohnpei (UFCP) spearheaded a Garage-Food Sale Fundraising Activity for the victims of Typhoon Maysak in Chuuk and Yap last Saturday, April 18, at the Pohnpei Cinema Parking Area. With the full support from the UFCP Officers and members as well as from the Philippine Honorary Consul to the FSM Dr. Merlynn Abello-Alfonso, the fundraising activity was able to raise \$799.92 and 10 bags of clothes. People from all walks of life and nationalities dropped by to donate clothes and other stuffs, buy clothes and food, car wash, have their haircut, while the kids play at the jump houses. The day was full of energy and spirit of generosity, all with the aim of helping those affected by Typhoon Maysak.

UFCP would like to express its gratitude to those who donated clothes, sold food, donated time, services, and skills, and to all who contributed to the success of the activity. Special mention to the Etscheit Family for the venue and utilities, LP Gas, Pohnpei True Value and Ace Hardware for the tents and chairs, Genesis Hospital & Pharmacy for the tables, Master Halbert for the jumphouses, and to everyone who in one way or the other helped out in this worthy endeavor. God bless and reward you all for your generosity.



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The primary mission of the Education Accreditation Specialists is to ensure that the PCR's assigned schools meet the accreditation requirements for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the FSM Accreditation Procedures. Each Specialist, along with their counterparts, will strengthen Educational Programming of FSM Schools through their School Improvement Plan (SIP) The Behavior Change Communications Specialist will assist the IFCP counterparts to develop a targeted communications strategy and education program that aims to create behavior change in young children and their caregivers. The Education Accreditation Specialists are Esther "Neen" Hunt in Madolenihmw, Elizabeth MacNabb in Kitti, Floyd Hines in Nett, and Natalie Linton Sokehs. Nancy Hines will be working with the Island Food Community of Pohnpei as a Behavior Change Communications Specialist.



Floyd Hines, Nancy Hines, Natalie Linton, Elizabeth MacNabb, Esther "Neen" Hunt



Sapphire Oversea Assurance Company, Ltd, a Japanese Corporation registered in the FSM donated 20 chainsaws to Chuuk to help the people there to begin to recover from the devastating effects of Typhoon Mayak.

Buses drive up attendance at Chuuk High School

By: Kalika Kastein

A year ago, the situation was dismal. When it rained, many of the students living in neighborhoods an hour away by foot would be caught in torrential morning downpours. Low attendance numbers meant that by nine in the morning, if it was still raining and less than half of the students had arrived on campus, the school was forced to take a "rain day."

Chuuk High School has the highest enrollment of any public high school in Chuuk State with a student body of approximately 1,200. It wasn't that students didn't want to come to class on time, but that they simply couldn't. Teachers would still show up to class on rain days and do their best to teach class as usual until the school called the rain day and cancelled class. Hwoi Min Oh, a WorldTeach alum, now heading up the vocational nursing program at Chuuk High commented, "last year, on rain days, I would sometimes have one student show up to class."

This year, Chuuk High School received generous funding of \$90,650 from the United States Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) to purchase four Japanese-made school buses and a flatbed truck. Paul Hadik, a Consultant for the Reform Project at the Chuuk Department of Education submitted an application for Chuuk High to receive "unallocated funds" which are offered every year for all states.

During the 2013-2014 school year, Chuuk High used a few of its rain days. However this year, partly due to the new bus schedule, there have been no weather-related cancellations. Laura O'Hagan, who taught last year with WorldTeach and returned to teach in Chuuk this year, can see the difference the buses have had on student attendance on non-rain days as well. "I have better attendance," she says, "especially with first period it shows."



Chuuk High School students filing into a bright blue school bus, one of the four new school buses paid for by Japan.

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President Manny Mori requests a United States Emergency Declaration in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Maysak

Typhoon relief effort operations continue in the FSM states of Chuuk and Yap following Super Typhoon Maysak, which passed through the FSM states between March 29 and April 1, 2015. Since passage of the typhoon, continuing damage assessments have revealed widespread devastation in these two states, prompting FSM President Manny Mori to send a letter to U.S. President Barack Obama requesting a U.S. Presidential Disaster Declaration for the affected areas of the Federated States of Micronesia. If

approved, under provisions of the Amended Compact, a United States Presidential Disaster Declaration (PDD) would pave the way for access to a more robust, and much needed support package to address immediate relief needs, and medium and long term recovery and reconstruction efforts. Such assistance would supplement the already ongoing efforts of the US government to assist FSM.

In President Mori's letter to President Obama, some very preliminary damage



assessment costs are identified; these cost estimates are sourced from the hard work of a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) team consisting of USAID, FEMA, and FSM National and State Government inputs. It is anticipated that if a U.S. PDD is issued, initial relief and reconstruction support would follow shortly thereafter. Additionally, more detailed and comprehensive assessments will continue to be refined as relief and recovery efforts progress.

Compact Trust Fund FY2014 Annual Report Shows Gain

By Aren Palik and Evelyn Adolph

April 21, 2015

In the Fiscal Year 2014 Annual Report for the Trust Fund for the People of the Federated States of Micronesia, which was released in April 2015, it was reported that the Fund ended FY2014 with a net position of \$380.9 million. This is a gain from the FY2013 net position of \$323.1 million, helping the Fund to recover from negative returns in FY2008, FY2009, and FY2011.

The Joint Trust Fund Committee is required to publish and submit to the Government of the United States and to the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia an annual report on the activities and management of the Fund. The highlights of the FY2014 Report include:

- The Fund's total net position value increased 17.9% to \$380,901,011 in FY2014 from \$323,083,136 in FY2013. The increase was primarily due to a contribution from the United States government of \$26,104,960 and net investment income of \$31,867,396.
- The Fund had a dollar-weighted annual rate of return of 8.72% for

FY2014 compared to 13.47% for FY2013 and 14.78% for FY2012. Gains in the last 3 years have helped to offset negative performance in FY2008, FY2009 and FY2011.

- Given the positive return, an allocation of \$9,895,700 was made to the "C" account for FY2014 bringing the total of that account to \$73,672,363.

While the Trust Fund's performance has improved in the last three years, projections remain that the Fund will still significantly fall short of the targeted amount required to provide a smooth transition from Compact Sector grants when economic provisions of the Amended Compact are set to expire 2023.

The Compact Trust Fund Committee is made up of five members, three from the United States and two from the Federated States of Micronesia. The Members from the FSM are Mr. Aren Palik and Ms. Evelyn Adolph.

The Report has been shared with the State Governments and can also be accessed through the FSM Office of SBOC website, www.sbof.fm.

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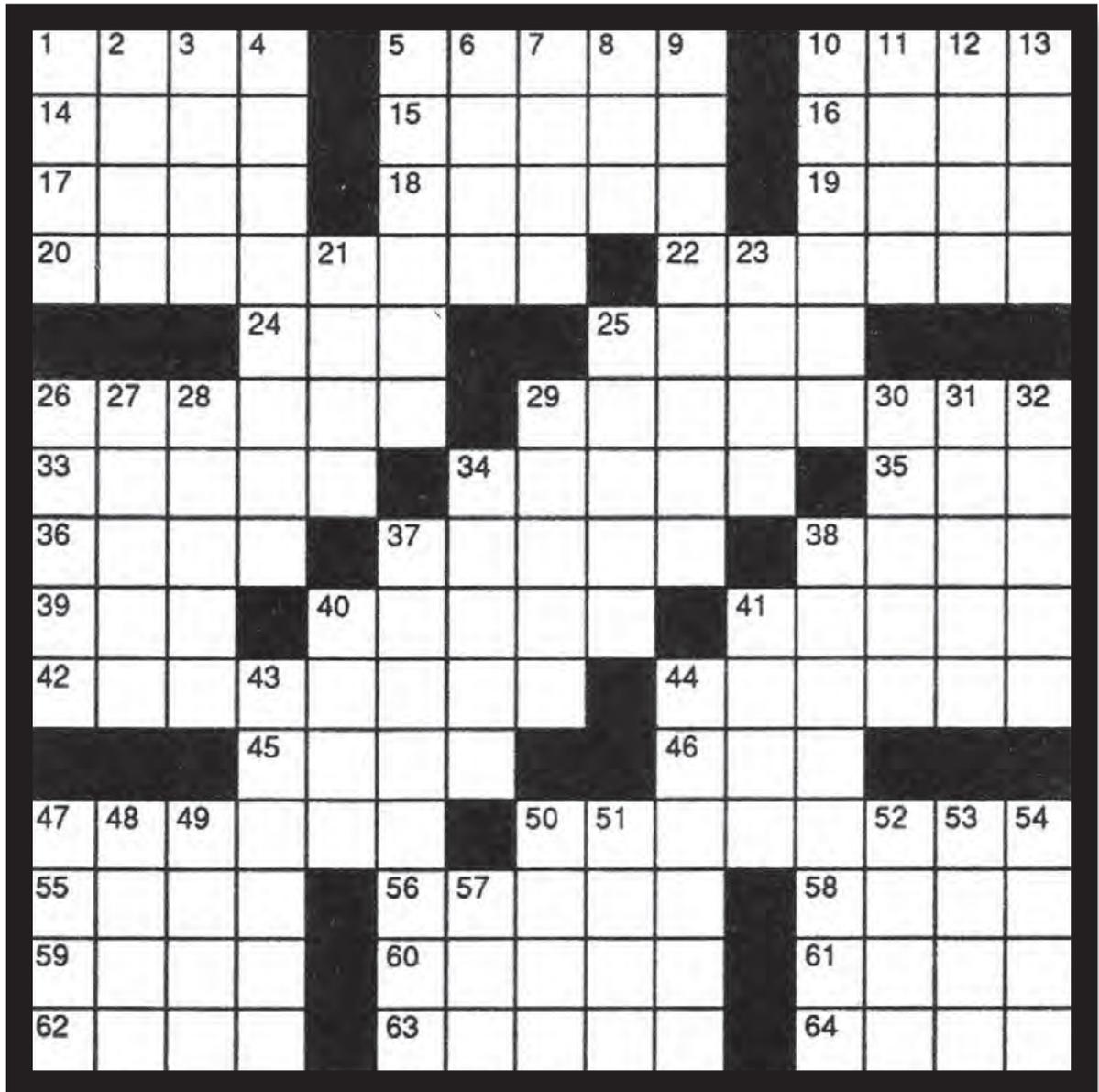
Crossword - Thought Structure

ACROSS

- 1. Dull
- 5. Board game
- 10. Breton or Highland Scot
- 14. Underdone
- 15. Wading bird
- 16. Notion
- 17. Grows old
- 18. Rub out
- 19. Tidy
- 20. Exposes to atmosphere
- 22. Revises
- 24. Rowing device
- 25. Remove from liquid's top
- 26. Makes a monarch
- 29. Moved up and down
- 33. Pits
- 34. Equals
- 35. ___ carte (2 wds.)
- 36. Among
- 37. Assigns position to
- 38. Mix with spoon
- 39. Increase motor speed (colloq.)
- 40. ___ for oneself; manages alone
- 41. Stockholm native
- 42. Small spaces for climbing
- 44. Steeples
- 45. Operatic solo
- 46. Fedora or derby
- 47. Moving masses
- 50. Burned surface
- 55. Back
- 56. Loathed
- 58. Healthy
- 59. Sea eagle
- 60. Oxlike antelope
- 61. Wicked
- 62. College head
- 63. Short simple song
- 64. Close completely

DOWN

- 8. Distress signal
- 9. Tennis shoes
- 10. The movies (British)
- 11. Paradise
- 12. Heavy metal
- 13. Makes lace
- 21. ___ Christian Andersen
- 23. Fail to hit
- 25. Looks for
- 26. Map
- 27. "___ and Juliet"
- 28. ___ drab; camouflage color
- 29. Causes to go
- 30. Essential drink
- 31. Leave out
- 32. Challenges
- 34. Chinese bearlike animal
- 37. Enjoyed
- 38. Sticks for whipping
- 40. Shape
- 41. Box in exhibition
- 43. Become firm
- 44. Poorly done
- 47. Storage building
- 48. Telegram
- 49. "___ Karenina"
- 50. Law (abbr.)
- 51. Penny
- 52. Possess
- 53. Writer-director Kazan
- 54. Small valley
- 57. Actress MacGraw



K Press Puzzle Pleasure - K Press Puzzle Pleasure

DOWN

- 1. A tie
- 2. Furious anger
- 3. Tract
- 4. Gave as gift
- 5. Shouts hurrah
- 6. Mr. (Ger.)
- 7. Historical



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| EMOTION | ROLE |
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Yap High School Upward Bound students interact with FSM President Mori

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April 22, 15

On April 21, 2015, fourteen Upward Bound students from Yap High School, along with two teacher chaperons, made a visit at the Office of the President.

Mr. Serphin Ileisuyalo, one of the accompanying teachers, explained that the program familiarizes high school students with the College of Micronesia main campus and allows for visits to the FSM National Government branches, departments, and offices to boost learning exposures to the ways of their government.

The students were accorded an audience with FSM President Manny Mori at the President's Conference Room.

The President discussed the components of the Executive Branch and shared his reflection on the past eight years. As part of his conversation with the students, he also

stressed the need for college students to remain focus and move into graduate level programs before they consider marriage. He urged the students to concentrate on personal development opportunities in vocational trades and strive for the graduate level mainstream educational pathway – a paramount challenge for most Micronesian students.

The students on their part were keen on discussing leadership qualifications, especially as they may apply for public office aspirants at the National Government. They also were very curious about the 2023 Action Plan and how it relates to financial and economic challenges beyond Compact grants.

After their interactive conversation with the President, the student group went on to meet with the FSM Department of Education, the Judicial Branch, and the Congress Office. They will leave for Yap on Thursday, April 23rd.



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German Government co-funds new Coastal Change Toolkit: COASTAL CHANGE IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS: A Guide to Support Community Understanding of Coastal Erosion and Flooding Issues

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region. (For more information see: <http://www.spc.int/en/our-work/climate-change/cccpir.html>).

The Coastal Change Toolkit

The new Coastal Change Toolkit responds to the emerging needs of many communities in the Pacific Islands whose members are expressing concerns about storm damage, sea-level rise, and the frequency and

severity of coastal flooding events and shoreline erosion. With existing tools, communities have been able to identify the potential impacts of threats and hazards to the coastal zone. However, understanding the complex interaction between natural coastal systems and human development in order to determine effective responses requires further technical assistance, which is often not accessible.

The Toolkit focuses on helping communities understanding changes to their coastlines, and causes for these change. It supports decision-making to reduce the impacts of coastal hazards such as flooding and erosion on communities.

Background:

much of the tree cover that protects island residents from the hot sun. USAID is also providing water containers to assist families with collecting and storing fresh water until storage tanks and rain catchment systems can be repaired, as well as providing water treatment supplies to improve access to safe drinking water. Through the International Organization for Migration, USAID has delivered relief items and water, sanitation, and hygiene assistance to families in need.

USAID has provided more than \$2 million to date for humanitarian relief, including emergency supplies and food assistance, to help those affected by Typhoon Maysak. In addition, at the request of the Government of the FSM, the U.S. deployed a robust team of disaster assistance personnel to the FSM to conduct disaster assessments in Chuuk and Yap. The United States remains committed to helping the people of the FSM and will continue to stand by them in their time of need.



USAID assistance arrives in Yap (photo by Leo Pugram)

This Coastal Change Toolkit was developed through a wide collaboration of partners in several countries and regions to support community based management or adaptation planning. It builds up on previous work undertaken in the region. In 2010 Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT), through the Micronesia Challenge Initiative (www.micronesiachallenge.org), developed a climate change tool to foster community based adaptation. MCT convened natural-resource managers, community leaders, climate scientists, and experts from various sectors to determine what a community based tool should look like. Through this collaboration a tool—Adapting to a Changing Climate: Guide to Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) and Management Planning—was developed in Micronesia and further adapted for the Coral Triangle Region (Found at: <https://weadapt.org/knowledge-base/adaptation-training/adapting-to-a-changing-climate-in-micronesian-communities>)

The toolkit is divided into two volumes:

Volume One: “Outreach” provides detailed outreach materials to support an understanding of how coastlines work and what causes coastal flooding and shoreline change (natural



and human-related). It also provides examples of case studies and community stories from around the Pacific region that illustrate key concepts about coastal change: (http://www.pimpac.org/images/Coastal%20Change%20Toolkit_V1_Final.pdf).

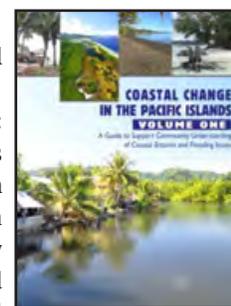
Volume Two: “Planning” provides participatory processes that enable community members to use local knowledge to understand changes in their coastline and support decision-making that is best for local situations and capacity: (http://www.pimpac.org/images/Coastal%20Change%20Toolkit_V2_Final.pdf).

The toolkit thus provides a step-by-step process to carry out outreach and conduct planning to select a suite of appropriate actions that, in combination, address local coastal hazard issues.

Alternatively, the individual volumes can be used separately to support existing community resource-management processes such as raising awareness or completing vulnerability assessments.

Further Information:

For more information on the Coastal Change Toolkit please contact Mr. Fenno Brunken (fenno.brunken@giz.de), or Ms. Meghan Gombos (meghan.gombos@gmail.com)



USAID airlifts critical relief supplies to Chuuk and Yap

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

Kolonia, Federated States of Micronesia: On April 22, the United States airlifted critical relief supplies to Chuuk and Yap states in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to address critical humanitarian needs as a result of Typhoon Maysak. The typhoon struck Chuuk and Yap from March 29 to April 1, causing widespread destruction and affecting approximately 29,000 people. Through USAID’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, the United States is providing relief supplies to families in Chuuk and Yap who were affected by the storm. This airlift will provide heavy-duty plastic sheeting to help repair shelter and provide much-needed shade, since the storm destroyed many homes and



USAID arrives in Chuuk (photos by Hiroyuki Mori)



Yellow Fin tuna dominate catches at Best Buy/Citco Ocean View West Wing tournament

Pohnpei Fishing Club

April 18, 2015

Pohnpei, FSM—Perhaps we should call this tournament the “sashimi special”, since many Yellow Fin Tuna were caught, many of them of good size. Thanks to our donors there were a lot of prizes for the winners of the tournament.

We want to thank our sponsors Ocean View West Wing, Best Buy, Citco, and the suppliers Rus, Titan Imports, WSTCO, Northbay, Shinyo and Nihon Tekkan. Thanks so much for making this a great tourney.

There were a wide variety of prizes with both cash and gift certificates.

\$100.00 cash was awarded to the angler with the biggest fish in each species caught of Yellow Fin, Skip Jack, Mahi Mahi and Wahoo. We also had three lady angler prizes, a junior angler gift certificate and prizes for the biggest eight fish.

Because we had so many big Yellow Fin, the club had to do some juggling with how the prizes would be awarded. Each angler was given the best prize per fish, so some fish qualified under several different categories of prizes. Only one prize per fish was allowable so we had to choose how to distribute the prizes.

Mark Boyle's first place 77.5 pound Yellow Fin won him a round trip tick to Guam for the annual fishing tournament there.

Troy Shoniber's second place 69.5 pound Yellow Fin won him \$100 and a 24 inch Flat Screen Samsung LED Television.

Tony Manuel's third place 68 pound Yellow Fin tuna won him \$50 and a 24 inch Flat Screen Samsung LED Television.

Allois Malfitani's brought in a 50 pound Yellow Fin earning him fourth place. He won \$150, an overnight stay at Ocean View Hotel, and a 750 ML bottle of Chivas Regal.

Mardi Spencer's 49.5 pound Yellow Fin placed fifth for which he was awarded \$100, an overnight stay at Ocean View Hotel, and a 750 ML bottle of Chivas Regal.

Mark Boyle won again with a sixth placed positioned 47.5 pound Yellow Fin. For that he won, \$75 and a dinner gift certificate at Pwomaria Restaurant at Ocean View West Wing.

Oliver Hawler brought in two Yellow Fin tuna that weighed 46.5 pounds each earning him seventh and eighth place. He won \$50 and \$25 respectively for his fish, and also scored two dinner gift certificates at Pwomaria Restaurant at Ocean View West Wing.

Under the category of “Lady Angler”, Valentina Bit scored the top \$100 prize for her 48.5 pound Yellow Fin. Arleen David won \$75 and \$50



Bill Jaynes

each for her two 41 pound Yellow Fin tunas.

Dane Nighswander was awarded the prize of an Ocean View Pizza Gift Certificate under the category of Junior Angler for his 11.5 pound barracuda.

Cash prizes were also awarded each for “Biggest Fish in Category”. The prizes went to Konrad Englberger for his 27.5 pound Wahoo. Brian Luzama won once for his 17 pound Mahi Mahi and again for his 16.5 pound Skip Jack. Welber David also won for his 47.5 pound Yellow Fin.

18 boats went out for the tournament and each boat received a case of Milwaukee's Best from the sponsors of the tournament.

Proceeds of the barbecue went to the Pohnpei Public Library, thanks Uta, Maggie and Amy.

A big thanks to everyone who helped out on this tourney, Bill, Cel, Tina, all of Kumer's guys and anyone else I might have forgotten. We had some lovely presenters of the awards, and we want to thank them too. Thanks loads to our sponsors and to Mangrove Bay for hosting the weigh in.

Everyone seemed to have a good time and then went home and ate a lot of fish.

Our next tournament is the Annual Tournament on May 9 and 11. We will also have a banquet awards ceremony on May 16.

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