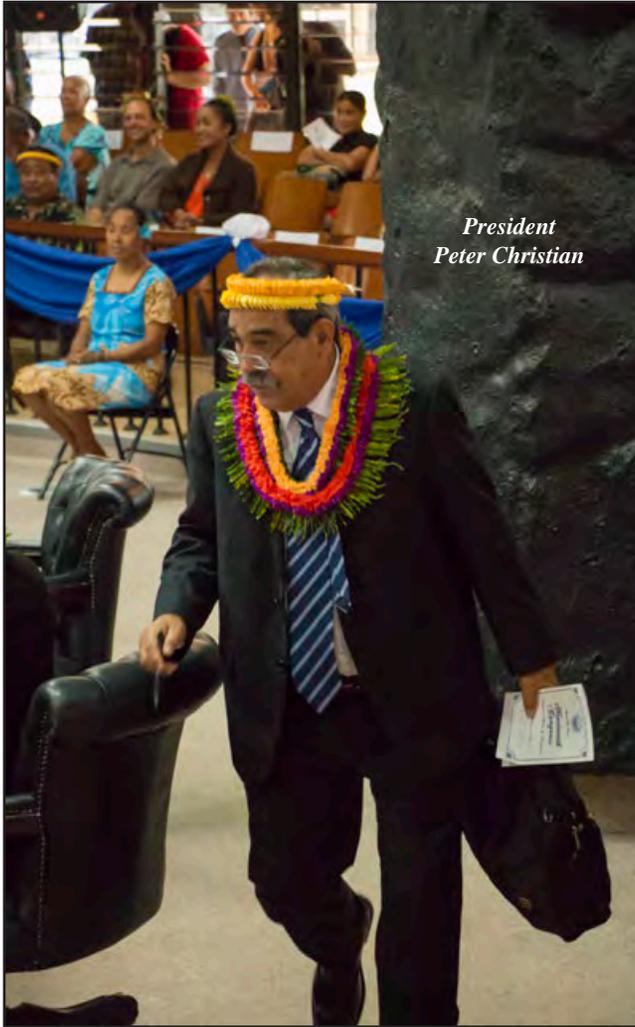


19th FSM Congress selects new leaders

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

May 11, 2015

Palikir, Pohnpei—Despite the heavy damages from Tropical Storm Dolphin overnight, it was standing room only at the FSM Congress Chambers as onlookers even lined up outside the windows to witness the proceedings. It was the first day of the first regular session of the Nineteenth Congress. Every person in the crowd knew that they would witness history as the new FSM leaders were announced.



President
Peter Christian



Heading to the
caucus room

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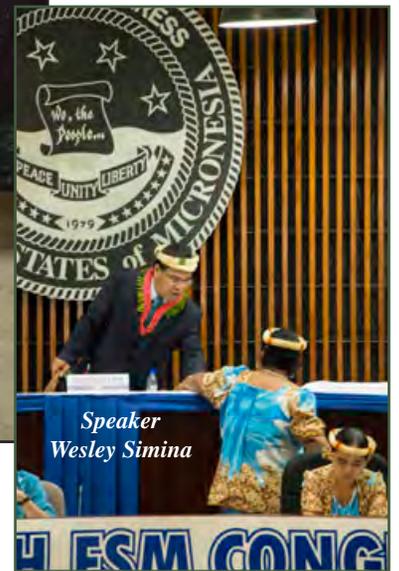
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Vice President
Yosiwo George



Speaker
Wesley Simina

Senator Elect Isaac Figir served as the temporary speaker and called the session to order. Senior Pastor Bethwel, Henry who was the FSM's first Speaker gave the invocation. Figir appointed Senator Elect Florencio Singkoro Harper as the temporary Floor Leader and the Temporary Rules of Procedures were then adopted. The members of the Credentials Committee were then appointed with Senator Elect David Panuelo as Chair.

The Committee met and issued its report saying that it had reviewed the credentials of all of the members and found that all members were qualified to serve as members of Congress. Associate Justice Beaulen Carl-Worswick administered the oath of office.

After adopting the Office Rules of Policies and Procedures a recess was called while the newly sworn Senators held their formal caucus to reach a consensus on the FSM's new leaders while the crowd milled about and speculated on who they would be.

In a surprise turn of events, Senator Wesley Simina was selected to be the Speaker. That position has in the past gone to one of the two year Senators, while Speaker Simina is Chuuk's At-Large Senator serving a four year term. That is simply a matter of tradition and not of law.

Senator Bernie Martin of Pohnpei was selected to continue as Vice Speaker and Senator Florencio Singkoro-Harper to continue on as the Floor Leader.

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Oregon House passes resolution expressing appreciation to Compact of Free Association citizens

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

May 18, 2015

Salem, Oregon— On May 14, Oregon’s House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution supporting the rights of Compact of Free Association (COFA) citizens residing in Oregon “to live freely among us,” and to express their deepest appreciation for their “extraordinary commitment to the service and defense of our nation.”

The COFA nations include the Republic of the Marshall Islands, The Republic of Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Representative Sherrie Sprenger (R) sponsored the resolution and spoke of learning a great deal that she hadn’t known but needed to know about the history between the United States and the Micronesian nations. She then spoke about the nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands which still impacts the residents there.

The resolution “brings new meaning to ‘bi-partisan effort’ for sure, because it’s the right thing to do,” Sprenger said in support of the resolution on the floor of the House before its final vote. Her speech focused mainly on the people of the Marshall Islands but also included the people of the FSM, and Palau.

She pointed out that a higher percentage per capita of people from COFA nations join the U.S. Military than do U.S. citizens. “These folks are committed to the United States and I would frankly say that we have an extreme responsibility to these folks,” she said.

The resolution has been passed to the President of Oregon’s Senate for approval in that body.

Chief Counsel for the FSM Congress, Lam Dang said in an email that Speaker Simina instructed him to draft a resolution thanking the Oregon House of Representatives for their resolution for Congress to consider.



President Mori grants pardon to ten FSM citizens

of public records and information.



President Mori at last public speaking on May 8

FSMIS

May 9, 2015

In the late afternoon of May 8, 2015, Federated States of Micronesia President Manny Mori completed his review of a number of pardon requests that have come before him.

President Mori has pardoned the ten individuals named below:

1. Mr. Aiser John Engichy
2. Mr. Frank Cholymay
3. Mr. Jack Fritz
4. Mr. James Fritz
5. Ms. Rose Mary Nakayama
6. Mr. John Petewon
7. Mr. Roosevelt Kansou
8. Mr. Simeon Innocenti
9. Mr. Tadasy Wainit
10. Mr. Wainer Louis

Mr. Cholymay, Mr. Engichy, Mr. James Fritz, Ms. Nakayama, and Mr. Petewon were convicted of criminal conspiracy in violation of Title 11 of the FSM Code Sections 203, 529 and Chapter 55 Section 221(2) (3).

Title 11 Section 203 contains various conspiracy crimes while Section 529 under the same Title has to do with the tampering

Mr. Innocenti, convicted in April 2006, and Mr. Kansou, convicted in 2008, were guilty of criminal conspiracy in violation of Title 11 of the FSM Code Sections 203, 529 and Title 55 Section 221 (2).

Title 55 covers Finance and Contracts. Section 221 of this Title specifies violations relating to the over obligation of funds.

In November, 2007, Mr. Jack Fritz was convicted of four charges of fund obligation in violation Title 55, Sections 221 (3) and 222.

Mr. Wainer Louis was convicted on March 9, 2007 for illegal possession of firearms in violation of Title 11 of the FSM Code, for which he was imprisoned for two years, which included a one-year suspension.

The FSM Supreme Court also found Mr. Tadasy Wainit in July, 2006, guilty of the offenses of unlawful threats, improper influences in official and political matters, and resisting arrest, for which he served two years sentences.

According to the pardon documents, the authority to grant a pardon vests in the President pursuant to Article X, Section 2 (c) of the FSM Constitution.

The pardon documents also state that Article IX, Section 9, "provides that a person convicted of a felony by a state or national government court is ineligible to serve in any elected positions at the national level".

All the pardon request packets made available to the President include letters of support from various government, church and traditional officials.

President Mori had indicated through an interview earlier this week that he would consider a pardon request on the condition that the person has completed his or her sentences rendered by the FSM Supreme Court.



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Nauru Airlines to launch weekly flights from Pohnpei and Kosrae Route will allow easier exchange from North to South Pacific



Photo by Glenn Gianan

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

May 20, 2015

Pohnpei, FSM—Starting on June 12, Nauru Airlines, the national airlines of Nauru will begin weekly services to Pohnpei and Kosrae through to the South Pacific, according to CEO Geoff Bowmaker.

Bowmaker arrived in Pohnpei on a Nauru Airlines charter at the end of the first full week of May. During his time in Pohnpei he met with travel and cargo agents as well as government officials in order to complete preparations for the new flight schedule.

For several years now, flights from the North Pacific to the South Pacific were circuitous and often took several days. United had a short lived flight directly from Guam to Nadi, Fiji. Before and since that time fliers have been routed through Hawaii on the island hopper and then back to Fiji. Other options included a Guam to Incheon, South Korea flight which then flew double digit hours back down to Fiji.

The Nauru Airlines flights will connect Pohnpei and Kosrae to Majuro, Tarawa and Nauru. From Nauru, the airline also offers connecting flights to Nadi, Fiji and Brisbane, Australia from which the whole of the South Pacific can be accessed.

“These flights will facilitate and encourage more travel and trade between the North, Central and Southern Pacific region bringing family and business ties much closer together as well as generate more visitors into the FSM from the Central and Southern Pacific area,” Bowmaker said. The services will operate northbound into FSM on Fridays and will return southbound in the early Sunday morning hours.

Bowmaker says that Nauru Airlines intentionally set up its new route schedule in order to avoid competing directly with United Airlines. So far, he says, United Airlines and Nauru Airlines have established a good working relationship and will be sharing facilities.

When asked if he thought that the new airline would attract enough passengers to stay afloat, he said that they don’t need to fly hundreds of passengers from each stop, just enough. He learned as they set the route up that many people in Kosrae have family relations in Nauru and vice

versa. Nauru was nearly impossible, or at least cost prohibitive for them to access by air in the past. Once the new route commences they will be able to do so.

All of Nauru Airlines five planes are Boeing 737-300s which were last produced in 1999. Boeing sold its last 737-300 to Air New Zealand in that year and Nauru Airlines purchased their planes from them. Its four passenger jets can carry 130 passengers with adaptable seating arrangements that can include expandable or retractable business or economy classes. They also have a cargo plane that has been doing significant business throughout the region.

Bowmaker says that their cabin staff has a friendly “family approach” and that customers will be surprised at the quality of their in-flight meals which has been praised by countless travelers.

According to a press release from the FSM Public Information Office, President Christian transmitted an updated FSM-Nauru Civil Air Transport Agreement today that would update the previous agreement the airline had with the FSM.

The agreement that would allow for the new service is up for Congress ratification. Congress is currently in session.

Day	Flight	Depart	Time	Arrive	Time
Wednesday	ON002	Brisbane	7.00 am	Nauru	1.35 pm
	ON001	Nauru	2.35 pm	Brisbane	5.10 pm
Friday	ON002	Brisbane	7.00 am	Nauru	1.35 pm
	ON001	Nauru	2.50 pm	Brisbane	5.25 pm
	ON018	Nadi	9.45 am	Nauru	12.55 pm
	ON033	Nauru	2.25 pm	Tarawa	3.40 pm
		Tarawa	4.50 pm	Majuro	6.00 pm
Sunday		Majuro	6.45 pm	Kosrae	7.15 pm
		Kosrae	7.45 pm	Pohnpei	8.45 pm
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		Kosrae	7.45 am	Majuro	10.15 am
		Majuro	11.00 am	Tarawa	12.10 pm
		Tarawa	12.55 pm	Nauru	2.10 pm
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Tropical Storm Dolphin causes heavy damage in Pohnpei



By **Bill Jaynes**
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May 21, 2015

Pohnpei, FSM—Sustained winds up to 45 miles per hour and stronger gusts struck the main island of Pohnpei in the middle of the night on May 10. Tropical Storm Dolphin did not pass as close to Pohnpei as was originally projected and did not intensify to a typhoon until after it passed. Still, it did significant damage. There was widespread flooding and power and water outages, roofs were blown off, and hundreds of trees were damaged, some falling on vehicles and homes. Even as The Kaselehlie Press went to press, some people on the island were still without power or water nearly two weeks after the storm.



Damaged and weakened trees continued to fall well after the storm had passed. A falling tree killed one pre-teenager in Pohnpei. Storm related injuries were difficult to quantify but there were many. One entire family was admitted to hospital after a tree fell on their home in Palikir.



Patrick Carl, Pohnpei's Emergency Assistance Officer said that most if not all of the homes on the shorelines of Mwokil and Pingelap were completely destroyed. His office also received reports of salt water intrusion into taro patches and water catchment systems.

He said that he sent a preliminary damage assessment to President Christian. In it he reported damage or complete destruction of at least 200 homes on Pohnpei's main island that had been reported. "That number is probably higher," Carl said. He put the damage assessment for homes alone at approximately a million dollars.



Crops in Pohnpei were also hit hard. Carl estimates that probably more than a million dollars in crops were damaged.

In Pohnpei, Pohnpei Utilities Company crews struggled to restore power and water services and PUC was inundated with phone calls. Crews are still working diligently and in a prioritized manner restoring power just as quickly as they can despite the frustration of many of its customers.

After Tropical Storm Dolphin passed Pohnpei it intensified into a full-fledged typhoon and headed towards Guam which also suffered heavy damage.

Editor's Personal Note: In the aftermath of Tropical Storm Dolphin I personally learned more about my neighbors in Pohnpei than I had ever known before. Perhaps I should say that what I'd always suspected was proven over and over again during that time. I would be remiss if, having the opportunity to write about it, I didn't do so. I discovered that people in Pohnpei will bend over backward to help each other when they really need it. They have massive hearts and really do care about each other and that care extended even to long term resident foreigner like me.

As the storm approached I was on the computer at home and my wife was off island. Neighbors wrote me dozens of messages telling me that they were worried about me because they could hear trees cracking all around me and the river had risen and was lapping one of the walls at my house.

Fortunately, the river receded but at about 8:30 that evening a huge mango tree fell across my driveway and knocked out the power at my home in Sekere which PUC was unable to reconnect until 10 days later, yesterday as I write.

In the morning I was just barely able to find a pathway through the tree to get to the street so that I could report on the Congress session where the FSM's new leaders would be announced. Chief of

Staff Leo Falcam, Jr. saw me waiting at the street and gave me a ride to Palikir. It was a simple act but I was extremely grateful. Several people went out of their way to offer me rides during the week my car was stuck in my driveway. I found out who my neighbors are and that they are wonderful people.

Many people in Pohnpei helped me when I couldn't help myself. I will never forget that. I'd like to thank the Sekere Youth Community Association and my many selfless neighbors in Sekere. Cassidy Shoniber bent over backward to help as did many other people. Many people of position interceded for me to try to help me get power back.

I particularly would like to thank Senator Ferny Perman who helped me unflinchingly when I could not help myself wanting nothing in return and even though I am not a voter. He and his crews are STILL doing that for many other people all over Pohnpei.

My damages were minor compared to so many people in Pohnpei but alone in the middle of a situation that I simply could not personally do anything about, that thought didn't make it any easier. What did make it easier was the people with HUGE hearts who made me feel not quite so desperate and not quite so alone. If I loved Pohnpei before, and I did, I love it far more today.



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Eighth grade girls are leading Pohnpei

Camp GLOW (Girls Leading Our World), a Peace Corps Camp run by Peace Corps Volunteers (PCV) and local teacher counterparts happened on May 1st-3rd at PATS upper camps. 47 eighth grade female students from Lukop, Seinwar, Rohi, and Pehlang participated with seven PCV's and seven local counterpart teachers. Before the camp all PCV's and local counterparts implemented monthly meetings at their respective schools, introducing important topics to the 8th grade students, and creating a comfortable space for all participants.

At the camp, the 8th graders were introduced to topics such as; Disaster Preparedness, Climate Change, Nutrition, Hygiene, CPR and First Aid, Peer Pressure, Continuing Education, Safe Sex, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Health Relationships, Substance Abuse, and HIV/AIDS in the FSM.



All though it rained throughout the entire weekend, the students were eager to make new friends and play outside whenever possible. This was the first year that family groups were coordinated with colorful shirts, so that students could take pride in their group and mingle with students from across the island. One participant from

Lukop schools said, "It's my first time away from home and I learned a lot about disasters that can happen in Pohnpei." Another student from Rohi commented, "My teachers gave a presentation on Hygiene and I learned a lot that I did not know before."

A big thank you to all of the partner organizations including; IOM (International Office of Migration), Micronesian Red Cross Society, Family Planning Office, Substance Abuse Office, and Youth Prep 4 Change.

Thank you for the generous donations from Etscheit Enterprise, inc., Palm Terrace, and Isamu Nakasone Store. The food donations were an enormous help to the implementation of the camp, and showed a wonderful community contribution to the 8th grade students.

It is the hope of the Peace Corps Volunteers, and counterpart teachers involved in Camp GLOW that these wonderful 8th grade girls are now ready to tackle the demands of high school, become leaders in their community, and most importantly lead Pohnpei into the future.

“Hand in hand towards a peaceful and prosperous Pacific and future”

It is my great pleasure to welcome leaders from the Pacific Island Countries (PICs) and holding the seventh Pacific Island Leaders Meeting (PALM7) on the 22nd and 23rd of May. Launched in 1997, this triennial summit held by Japan and the PICs has always acted as a compass of cooperation and a powerful engine of partnership. The coming summit should be a golden opportunity for us to look back on our history of cooperation and to take a joint commitment towards its further development in the future.

Furthermore, especially for Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, Marshall Islands and Japan, this year has been given another special meaning by the visit to Palau by Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress last April. The friendship has been tightened through the visit and will, in the years to come, continue to brighten and deepen our solidarity.

Welcoming President of the FSM H.E. Peter M. Christian and the other leaders of the PICs, this historic event will take place in Iwaki City, Fukushima Prefecture. Iwaki was struck by the Great East Japan Earthquake in March 2011. Four years after the earthquake, however, we are proud to show you Iwaki being energetically restored to its former state. This reconstruction was made possible thanks to the compassionate encouragement and assistance offered by the people around the world, including Federated States of Micronesia and the other PICs. It is a great pleasure for all of us to show you the revived Iwaki at PALM7. I am convinced that discussing

the way forward to strengthen our partnership between Japan and the PICs in Iwaki is the best way to express our deepest gratitude to you.

Japan is not the only country which is devoting all its energy to reconstruction. Cyclone Pam, which struck the Republic of Vanuatu and its neighbours and Typhoon Maysak, which struck the Federated States of Micronesia only two weeks later, have demonstrated that disaster risk reduction remains one of our common and most important challenges. I hereby extend my sincere condolences to the affected people and their families, and reiterate our determination to contribute to reconstruction and rehabilitation.

Naturally, disaster risk reduction will be one of the main themes of the coming summit, together with other important issues such as the environment, climate change, sustainable development, people-to-people exchanges and maritime issues. I sincerely wish to have substantial and constructive discussion on further advancing our cooperation with President Christian and the other leaders of the PICs, based on our experiences and lessons learned.

Preparing for PALM7, I contemplate the course we have taken together and realize again the warm friendship and solid mutual trust that lie between us. Sharing the common spirits of islanders nurtured by this great ocean, the Pacific Ocean, we have always cooperated towards peace and prosperity. Based on this track record, I believe that Japan and the PICs can, and should play an even

more active role in the pursuit of the peace and prosperity of the international community in the coming years and decades. To this end, we must make the coming PALM7 a cornerstone of our strengthened partnership.

It is my sincere hope that Japan and the PICs, based upon our long-lasting friendship, mutual trust and cooperation, will continue to contribute hand in hand to the peace and prosperity in the Pacific and the international community. I look forward to welcoming President Christian and the other leaders of the PICs in Iwaki.

Shinzo Abe
Prime Minister of Japan



Schools and communities demonstrate their strength

International Organization for Migration

Resilience is the ability to recover quickly from difficulties. Sino Memorial School in Enin community, Tonoas, Chuuk exemplifies the importance of small efforts to boost the resilience of communities to the impacts of climate change and natural disasters. IOM has been visiting Sino Memorial School for the past 3 years aiming to increase the school and surrounding communities' - knowledge, preparedness, and adaptive capacity to natural disasters and climate change. During this time IOM trainers visited the school with modules on climate change and disaster readiness for two weeks each year, the school drafted and formalized a School Emergency Management Plan (SEMP), the school practiced an emergency drill annually, five (5) education staff members were certified in Emergency First Response (basic first aid and CPR), an emergency medical kit inclusive of stretcher was prepositioned at the school, community members participated in a Hazard Vulnerability Capacity Mapping exercise (HVCM) and drafted local early action plans on how to increase community resilience to natural disasters and climate change. Enin community identified the need for increased disaster preparedness and early

warning system to increase their resilience to typhoon risk. This led Australia to support a 2,200 watt solar cell panel and new SSB radio at Sino Memorial School.

Because of this extensive preparation, the school was able to support the surrounding community following the tragic impacts of Typhoon Maysak. During the storm more than 100 people took shelter in Sino Memorial School, the stretcher was utilized to carry community members to the shelter, the radio proved essential for early warning messaging and staying abreast of developments throughout and after the storm, emergency kit supplies were utilized to treat an injured boy, and the solar panels provided power during the typhoon that was used to charge cell phones, lamps, and flashlights.

The Australia funded, IOM implemented Climate Adaptation, Disaster Risk Reduction & Education (CADRE) program aims to increase the resilience of schools and communities to the impacts of climate change and natural disasters. The program

is active in 50 schools and communities across the FSM and RMI. Facilitated by key civil society partners, including: Conservation Society of Pohnpei (CSP), Chuuk Conservation Society (CCS), Kosrae Conservation & Safety Organization (KCSO), Yap CAP, and Women United Together Marshall Islands (WUTMI); forty-five communities engaged in participatory Hazard Vulnerability Capacity Mapping (HVCM) exercises - leading to the development of local early action plans on how to increase community resilience to natural disasters and climate change.

Australia has funded 15 physical climate adaptation and/or disaster mitigation projects emanating from the

community plans. Thirteen projects have been completed in schools across Ebeye, Chuuk, and Pohnpei. The majority of the projects were focused on power and water. The end result is capture of an additional 48, 500 gallons of water across 10 schools. Solar installations in Chuuk and Ebeye have led to 8,460 watts across 5 schools and communities.

Handover ceremonies inclusive of maintenance training for the installations followed the completion of each project. Formal Deeds of Donation have been presented to Chuuk Department of Education and Pohnpei Department of Education. At each handover ceremony the community was presented with a poster detailing their Local Early Action (LEA) plan in the local language.



IOM Migrant Resource Center holds a pre-departure cultural orientation and anti-human trafficking awareness training for Pohnpei Close-Up Students

International Organization for Migration

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Migrant Resource Center (MRC) held a two-day training covering modules on Pre-Departure Cultural Orientation and Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness Raising for 22 Close-Up students, Pohnpei Department of Education staff, and IOM interns on May 4th and 5th at the Pohnpei Department of Education Training Center in Kolonia, Pohnpei.

The training is intended to orient US-bound FSM citizens on social and cultural differences, legal differences, education system differences, and healthcare system differences between the FSM and the US prior to their departure. The training also is intended to raise awareness on risks of human trafficking, including the signs of human trafficking, and the prevention, protection and prosecution of human trafficking cases, including appropriate means of reporting suspected human trafficking to authorities.

Based on a survey conducted by the MRC,



nearly 98% of students attending the trainings have never traveled to a foreign country and yet 95% indicated that they intended to travel to the US to further their education.

"I find this training very useful and important to our citizens. If only this program were available many years back, I would not have faced the embarrassments that I encountered living in the United States," says Dalihda Waltu, of the Pohnpei State Department of

Education. Mrs. Waltu shared her experience living in Hawaii when she and some friends were preparing for a cultural celebration and were using machetes to chop down logs for the required traditional hut. Without thinking anything of it, she walked into a university office with her machete in hand. "Everyone was screaming and running away from me. They thought I went crazy. Luckily the school administrator understood what we were doing and took the machete from me. He explained how I could have been charged with possession of a dangerous weapon and terrorizing the students. In Pohnpei, it is normal to carry machete around while doing outside work", Waltu added.

The Migrant Resource Center, since its inception in March 2013, has provided pre-departure cultural orientation training to over 350 people and anti-human trafficking awareness raising to more than 7,000 high school students and young people, government workers, law enforcement officers, members of civil society, and individuals living with disability across the FSM.

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Micronesia Registration Advisors celebrate 10 year partnership with FSM

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

May 21, 2015

Pohnpei, FSM—In connection with its Tenth Year Anniversary, Micronesia Registration Advisors (MRA) held an Open House Event at its corporate headquarters at the new state of the art building behind the VB Center across from the U.S. Embassy in Nett this evening.

“MRA invited a long list of supporters and friends both locally and from overseas who have contributed to making the Public/Private Partnership between the government and the people of the FSM and MRA a real success,” wrote Jim Moonier of MRA.

The entire state of the art building was open for viewing and the event had a slight “Japan Times” theme. They showed an old black and white documentary of Micronesia in the 1920’s in their board room, had a sushi bar and served Japanese sake and beer in addition to some local favorites.

The early years of MRA’s developing was spent on building relationships within the Japanese business community and building proper legislation to allow for a captive insurance industry in the FSM.

That industry brings corporate income tax payments that by last year were one of the largest non-Compact sources of revenue to the FSM treasury.

Moonier said that both the government and MRA focus on the breadth of the benefits to the FSM. He pointed out that MRA’s contribution has extended well beyond the corporate registry program.

Because of their operation in the FSM, they have opened up the need for several white collar positions that had never previously existed, including that of the Insurance Commissioner, as well as accountant positions, lawyers and several other white collar positions that didn’t exist before.

MRA has stimulated more than 250 room nights annually for business visitors plus revenue spent on meals at restaurants, rental cars, drivers, tourist attractions such as scuba, snorkeling, and land tours. MRA distributes brochures in Japan and those have also generated tourist visitors that can’t be quantified.

They have provided a large number of donations either directly from MRA or from businesses who work in the FSM through involvement with MRA. The donations have been small and they have been large.



For many years, MRA was the anchor tenant in the VB building across from the U.S. Embassy. Now it is the anchor tenant in the brand new building behind it. The new building was specifically designed to house a number of activities related to the FSM’s corporate registry program.

MRA employees also participate in community service such as the MRA Causeway Cleanup Project.

They have provided or facilitated baseball equipment, a Japanese cemetery upgrade, lights for a school in Kosrae, a sponsored speech contest with a trip to Japan, and a Sophia University Scholarship for an FSM student in Japan.

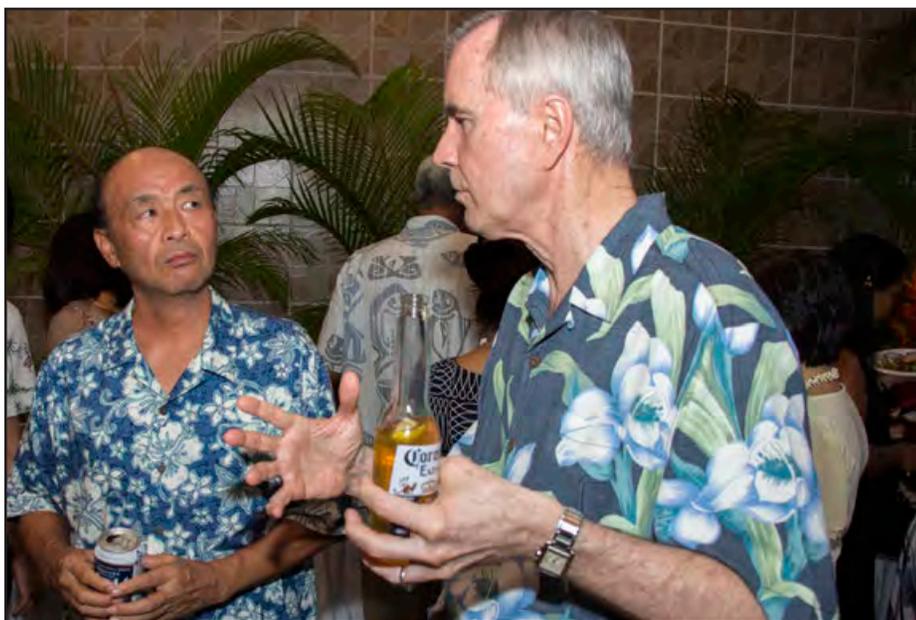
For Typhoon Maysak relief, MRA directly donated \$25,000 to the International Organization for Migration.

They directly donated \$250,000 to the College of Micronesia FSM to establish the Center for Entrepreneurship.

MRA has facilitated direct investments including an investment in the L5 Hotel and establishments in Chuuk, and SoftBank’s biomass project in Pohnpei. Investors are looking into other potential opportunities including a Blue Lagoon upgrade, an outer island meditation center, and the possibility of a new internationally branded hotel in Pohnpei, Moonier wrote in an email.



Vice President George and FSM Post Master Ginger Mida



Japan’s Ambassador Sakai and MRA CEO Steve Baker

...Leaders

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Likely in order to keep the suspense building, the Chairs of the various Standing Committees were announced:

- Senator Isaac V. Figir - Standing Committee on Ways and Means
- Senator Paliknoa K. Welly - Standing Committee on External Affairs
- Senator Tiwiter Aritos - Standing Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations
- Senator David W. Panuelo - Standing Committee on Resources and Development
- Senator Victor Vicky Gouland - Standing Committee on Transportation and Communication
- Senator Joseph J. Urusemal - Standing Committee on Education
- Senator Bonsiano Fasy Nethon - Standing Committee on Health and Social Affairs

At long last Congress made its choice for President known. Senator Peter Christian

was selected to take on that position.

According to a press release by the FSM Public Information Office, President Christian is the first to have held the Speakership as a two-year term Senator and later ascend to the Presidency as a Senator At-large. With his election, he is now the eighth President in the 36th year of the FSM.

Congress selected Senator Yosiwo P. George to be the FSM’s Vice President. The PIO release said that Mr. George made history as someone who has been able to hold the offices of a Judge and Governor in his home State of Kosrae; a diplomat for FSM in the role of Permanent Representative to the United Nations as well as Ambassador to the US from 2008 to 2011, a Member of the FSM Congress at spaced apart terms; and finally his most current public office as the eighth Vice President.

Associate Justice Carl-Worwick administered the oath of office for the President and the Vice President, after which Speaker Simina declared the At-Large seats for Pohnpei and Kosrae to be vacant.

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Pohnpei Legislative delegation pays courtesy call on President Christian



Given his extensive tenure and former experience with the FSM Congress, President Christian emphasized the principal role Legislative bodies play in our system of government and expressed his appreciation for the delegation's high interest in staging the meeting.

The delegation led by Vice Speaker Francisco L. Ioanis included, Senator Nelson N. Pelep, Senator Magdalena A. Walter, Senator Salter Loyola, Senator Nixon B. Soram, Senator McGarry Miguel, Senator Marvin Yamaguchi, Senator Aurelio P. Joab, Senator Alpino Kerman, Senator Rensper M. Liwy, Senator Stevick Edwin, Senator Nihlis I. Ernest, and

Senator Sendilina Lekka. The visiting group also included some staff members from the legislature.

President Christian and Vice President George were accompanied by Chief of Staff Leo Falcam Jr.

FSMIS

May 14, 2015

A delegation of thirteen respective Senators from the Pohnpei State Legislature paid a courtesy call on the Federated States of Micronesia

President Peter M. Christian and Vice President Yosiwo P. George in the morning of May 14th at the President's Conference Room.

Welcoming the delegation, President Christian conveyed greetings to the

State officials and spoke about the importance of commitment to solidifying mutual trust and harmony between State and National Governments.

The members of the delegation conveyed to the President and Vice President their congratulatory remarks and highlighted some endeavors and recent concerns.

Pohnpei Catholic School (PCS) would like to extend its sincere appreciation for the generous assistance that so many of you have extended to our fundraising activities last April 18, 2015; whether it be buying raffle tickets, participating in our walkathon or variety show, or giving monetary or in-kind donation. With your help, PCS was able to raise \$26,843. 81.

Special acknowledgement goes to the following businesses, groups or individuals:

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Congressman Tony Otto	Congressman Peter M. Christian
Pohnpei Water Company	Irene Setik & Friends
United Filipino Community of Pohnpei	Yuto Nakasone
Pohnpei State Police	

For those that we may have missed, please accept our sincere apologies. Our appreciation is not any less and we are truly thankful for everyone's generosity and support!

Kalahngan Lap, Kulo Ma Lulap, Kilisou Chapur, Kamagar. May the Good Lord reward you all!

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INVITATION TO BID CONSTRUCTION WORKS ON POHNPEI



The International Organisation for Migration (IOM), based in Pohnpei, is currently inviting bids for construction works under its Coastal Protection as a Hazard Mitigation Measure in Pohnpei project at Awak Elementary School. This project, funded by the European Union as part of the SPC implemented Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (BSRP) project, seeks to raise awareness of climate change issues and to build the resilience of communities in coping with forecast changes. Part of the project provides for small scale construction works at schools; and IOM will implement the planned scope of work at Awak Elementary School. Works are being implemented under lump sum, fixed priced contracts.

IOM now invites bids for Package 1 works across Pohnpei, involving work at the following location;

Awak Elementary School

The Bidder company registration will occur Tuesday, May 26 from 10 am to 4 pm at the IOM office, located at Suite 2G, Pohn Umpong Building, Nett Municipality, Pohnpei (Tel. +691-320 8735/95, or contact by e-mail csoriano@iom.int).

The Bid document collection will occur May 28 from 10 am to 12 noon at the IOM office. The pre-bid conference will occur at 9 am on June 1, 2015 followed by the site visit.

Queries submission will be open June 1 to 5. The Queries response will be held on 9 June 2015.

Copies of the Invitation to Bid (ITB) documents can be obtained from the IOM office, located at Suite 2G, Pohn Umpong Building, Nett Municipality, Pohnpei (Tel. +691-320 8735/95, or contact by e-mail csoriano@iom.int). A bid bond applies. Post-qualification of bidders is also involved.

Bids close at the IOM Pohnpei office at 10 am, June 30, 2015. Works are to be completed within 4 months of the contract award and IOM reserves the right not to award a contract based on funding being available. Selection on the basis of the lowest priced and qualified bid received will apply.

Authorised by Mr Stuart Simpson, Head of IOM Mission in FSM.

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Commemorating Kosrae State Shark Protection Act

Celebration follows new FSM national shark sanctuary enacted in early 2015

On May 14, Kosrae Governor Lyndon Jackson, Lieutenant Governor Carson Sigrah, Acting Speaker Robert Taulung, members of the 11th Kosrae State Legislature, and members of Cabinet attended a ceremony at the Kosrae International Airport unveiling a new welcome sign which celebrates the State's Shark Protection Act. All four FSM states now fully protect sharks in their waters, with Kosrae being the first in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to enact its Shark Protection Law in 2012, followed by a national measure signed into law in early 2015 made FSM's full exclusive economic zone (EEZ) a shark sanctuary. Pohnpei and Yap unveiled similar signs at their airports in late 2014.

The welcome sign features an image of the Sleeping Lady mountain and of sharks found in Kosrae's waters. It reads, "Welcome to Kosrae, where sharks are protected."

"Sharks are part of the fabric of our culture and they are vital to the health of the ocean that sustains us," said Willy Kostka, Executive Director of the Micronesia Conservation Trust. "We are elated that FSM now has a shark sanctuary and that we are protecting this species that is so important to our future."

The unveiling ceremony was also attended by staff members of the Micronesia Conservation

Trust, Betty Sigrah and Roseo Marquez, staff members from the office of the Governor, Port Authority General Manager, Mr. William Tosie, FSMPC Branch Manager, Mr. Andon Jonah, and United Airlines Kosrae Manager, Mr. Moses Thompson.

Governor Lyndon Jackson, Acting Speaker Taulung, KCSO Executive Director Andy George, and Roseo Marquez gave remarks at the ceremony.

The government and community leaders expressed their pride in the significant achievement of the Shark Protection Law. At the same time, they acknowledged the need to enforce the law and committed to supporting building enforcement capacity within Kosrae.

Approximately 100 million sharks are killed each year in commercial fisheries and the latest science finds that nearly 30% of known shark species fully assessed by scientists are threatened with extinction. The Federated States of Micronesia is the 10th country to create a shark sanctuary and combines with the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to make the whole of the Micronesian Region the largest shark sanctuary in the entire world.

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SBOC survey indicates 2 out of every 3 FSM households struggle to make ends meet

FSM Information Services

May 15, 2015

The FSM Office of Statistics, Budget and Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance, and Compact Management (SBOC) has released its latest publication of the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) 2013/14. The survey shows that about 63% (2 out of every 3) of households in the FSM in 2013/14 incurred dissaving; in other words, their expenditure is more than their income. These are typically households whose annual income is below \$15,000. Additionally, in 2014 prices, average monthly household disposable income has declined from \$1,433 to \$1,092 indicating a 3.3% loss of purchasing power each year since 2005.

Other findings in the report include:

1. **Household Income**
The total household income in 2013/14 was estimated at \$283 million. The main broad income categories, listed in order of significance to FSM households, are as follows: (i) employment income, (ii) regular transfers, (iii) other casual income, and (iv) property income. The estimated national average annual household income in 2013/14 was \$16,950. The average annual household income was reportedly highest in Pohnpei at \$22,293, then Kosrae at \$18,461, Yap at \$17,768 and lowest in Chuuk at \$11,398.

2. **Household Expenditure**
The total household expenditure in 2013/14 was estimated at \$237 million. The estimated average annual household expenditure in 2013/14 was \$14,219. The average annual household expenditure was reportedly highest in Pohnpei at \$18,159 then Kosrae at \$16,072, Yap at \$13,801 and lowest in Chuuk at \$10,358.

3. **Household Savings**– Nationally, FSM households make an average saving

of \$2,731. Households which were likely to make savings (their expenditures less than their income) were those with an average annual income of \$15,000 or more. Around 37% of the households in the FSM had annual income of this level. The remaining 63% of households earns less than \$15,000 and were not making any savings.

4. **Demographic characteristics** – The FSM population size in 2013 was estimated at 103,382 compared to 102,843 in 2010, indicating a population increase of 0.5% representing about 539 more people. The average household size remains about the same with 6.1 persons per household in 2010 and 6.2 in 2013.

The report can be downloaded from the SBOC website: www.sboe.fm.

As a national survey, the conduct of the HIES underwent an extensive consultation, thorough preparation and careful planning involving key stakeholders, survey experts from both the FSM and international/sub-regional organizations to ensure its findings are credible, reliable and relevant.

According to the Director of SBOC, Ms. Evelyn Adolph, “the survey results provide useful information on socio-economic situation of FSM households. This information will inform policy makers in framing social developmental policies and in initiating financial measures for improving the economic conditions of the people”.

Other outputs from the FSM HIES 2013/14 that will follow this report include a poverty assessment report, which will provide a snapshot of the standard of living in the FSM, and subject-specific factsheets. It is hoped that these specialized and shorter reports will encourage and help the casual readers to benefit from the key survey findings.

...Training

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high concentrations of metals such as copper, gold, silver, zinc and lead), manganese nodules and cobalt-rich crusts.

All three mineral deposits occur in the Exclusive Economic Zones of many Pacific Island countries and are increasingly being recognised as a potential source of revenue and economic development.

“The Samoa Government is privileged to host this regional workshop that is aimed to elevate the standard of deep sea minerals policy and legislative development and would like to thank SPC and the European Union for their continuous support provided to our country as we learn more about this emerging area,” the Government of Samoa’s Assistant Attorney General, Loretta Teueli, said.

Few countries in the world have taken the vital legal steps to ensure that regulatory frameworks are in place to regulate and monitor deep sea minerals activities, so the Pacific is leading the way, according to SPC’s Deep Sea Minerals Project Manager, Akuila Tawake.

“This workshop is aligned with one of the strategic objectives of the Deep Sea Minerals Project which is to prepare Pacific Island countries wanting to engage in deep sea mining activities to effectively regulate and manage the activities carried out under their responsibility,” Mr Tawake said.

The intensive workshop is taking place from 18 to 22 May in Apia as part of the SPC-European Union Deep Sea Minerals Project: <http://gsd.spc.int/dsm/>. The project involves 13 Pacific Community members who are part of the Africa-Caribbean-Pacific (ACP) grouping.

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If you have any questions please contact Joyce Gehr at joyce.gehr@dfat.gov.au or +691 320.5448 ext. 110

FSM President Christian and Congress set the stage for collaboration

FSMIS

May 15, 2015

Setting the stage for collaboration with Congress as he advances through his first week at the administrative helm, Federated States of Micronesia President Peter M. Christian held a consultation meeting through a modest luncheon with Congress at the President's Conference Room today.

Eleven Members, along with Speaker Wesley W. Simina, accorded the President the courtesy of their time at the meeting. Senator Tiwiter Aritos had other prior commitments that prevented his attendance.

In a congenial atmosphere, the Leaders underscored their commitment to working harmoniously to improve lives and progress the Nation forward together.

President Christian invited discussion on some urgent matters relating to the situations of illegal immigrants and confiscated fishing crew from certain countries; the impacts of the recent storm that made its way through Pohnpei State; initial views on reorganizing the Executive Branch; and the need to progress more urgent nominations during this session.

President Christian invited Congress view on the sensibility in submitting nomination this session, granted that there are only twelve Members, knowing full well the "risks" that may prevent making the minimum threshold of ten affirmative votes.

Congress urged the President to proceed with the urgent nominations and underscored their interest that mitigations in the issues surrounding stranded illegal fishermen from other countries be addressed very prudently.

Looking ahead to the medium term, President Christian spoke of his intention to consult with Congress on nomination matters prior to transmittal of requests for affirmative action. He also revealed that current Cabinet and key Officials have been informed that there will be rotations within the system in setting up a new organizational landscape. Others may be rotated out for good.

Senator Isaac V. Figir, far left, providing inputs

The Leaders agreed to stage such consultative get-together often enough to jointly improve working success on critical agenda.

The Senators were accompanied by Mr. Lam Dang, their legal counsel, and Mr. Alik Jackson, legal staff.

With the President were Vice President Yosiwo P. George, Mr. Lorin Robert, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Andrew Yatilman, Director of the Office of Environment and Emergency Management, Chief of Staff Leo Falcam Jr., and Mr. Pelsasar Petrus, Special Assistant to the President on Legislative Affairs.



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About the Micronesian Shipping Commission

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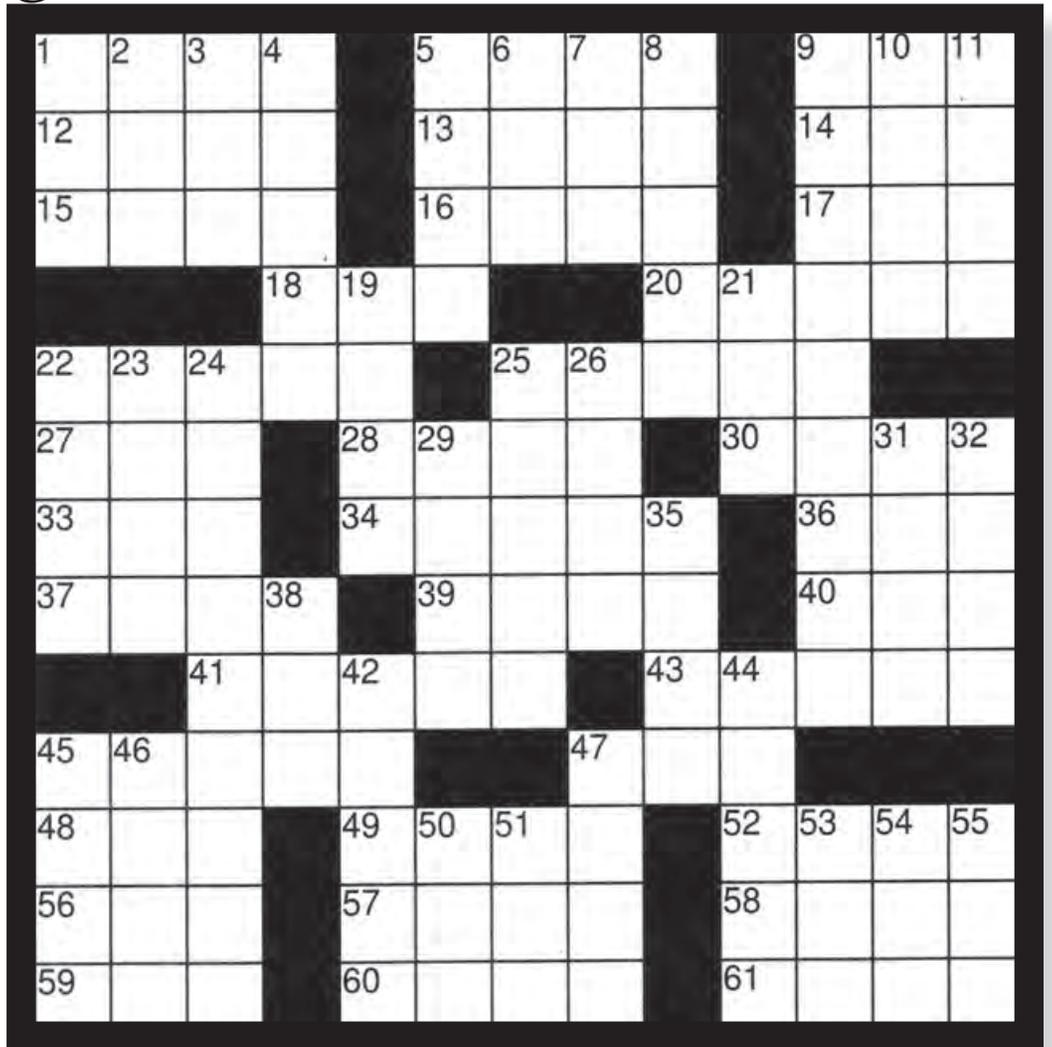
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5. Brewer's yeast
9. Absorb, like gravy
12. Part of IPA
13. Recipe words
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15. Italian cooking style?
16. Broil
17. Food school, for short
18. Recipe abbr.
20. Hungry-Man rival
22. Soy sauce
25. Red wine also called Shiraz
27. Way more than 18 Across
28. ___ Moco (a burger with a fried egg, rice, and brown gravy)
30. Spirit sometimes used in tapenade
33. Sushi tuna, often
34. Dos Equis, for one
36. Strong Brazilian coffee
37. Jicama or horseradish
39. ___ trout
40. Place often having a quaint restaurant
41. Frequent detail for Chinese food
43. Stovetop
45. Epicure's pride
47. Where to skim from
48. Sushi squid

49. A lubricating liquid
52. ___ apple
56. Sushi fish
57. Their tails are used in soup
58. Common fruit shape
59. Tea ___
60. More than merely dip
61. Keg tapper

DOWN

1. Farm spray watchdog
2. Indian legume or dish
3. ___ purpose flour
4. Like some beans
5. Food fish
6. Fruity drink
7. Advised quantities, for short
8. Seder spice
9. Artificial sweetener beverage
10. Aglio e ___
11. Fruit shaped like a light bulb
19. The "meat" of onion or garlic
21. ___ prik (hot sauce)
22. ___ fruit
23. Hostess product
24. Seasoning from a shaker
25. One without much meat
26. ___ Imperial apple



29. Seasons a pan, perhaps
31. Flan mold
32. Ice cream holder
35. UK candy bar
38. A "short shot" of a beverage
42. Red Bordeaux wine
44. Chef's garb
45. Bow ___ (farfalle)
46. Caribbean fruit resembling a peach
47. Loosely cover meat
50. Kitchen gadget
51. Black-eyed or goober ___
53. Caviar, for instance
54. ___ Tai (drink)
55. Shape for some kitchens

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Papaya Drink

INGREDIENT 10 servings



- 1 ripe papaya
- 1 green papaya
- ½ gallon water
- ½ cup fresh milk
- 2 cups green leafy vegetable (kangkong, spinach, pumpkin tops and so on), cut into 1inch
- ½ cup sugar

METHOD



- 1 Clean the ripe and green papayas, and slice.
- 2 Add water, and simmer the papayas for 30 minutes.
- 1 Kamwakelehda memiap pwul oh mat oh serehdi tikitik.
- 2 Kiheng pihl oh kakarakarahda pohn stoippo pwehn ekis karakar.



- 3 Add the vegetables and cook for 2 minutes.
- 4 Cool and blend after adding sugar.
- 5 Add fresh milk, and ready to serve.
- 3 Kapatahieng iasai teikan oh kukihki erein minit 2.
- 4 Kiheng suke, kalaudi oh kamwutepene de (blend).
- 5 Kapatahieng fresh milik oh kakehr doadoahk.



Limit these Nutrients		Get Enough of these Nutrients	
1 Serving		Serving in this recipe: 10	
Nutrition Facts			
Amount Per Serving			
Calories	80	Clories from Fat	0
		% Daily Value*	
Total Fat	0 g	VitaminA	11 %
Saturated Fat	0 g	VitaminC	77 %
Trans Fat	0 g	Calucium	4 %
Cholesterol	1 mg	Iron	2 %
Sodium	15 mg	*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your dietary values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.	
Potassium	180 mg	Calories:	2,000 2,500
Total Carbohydrate	19 g	Total Fat	Less than 65 g 80 g
Dietary Fiber	2 g	Sat Fat	Less than 20 g 25 g
Sugars	17 g	Cholesterol	Less than 300 mg 300 mg
Protein	1 g	Sodium	Less than 2,400 mg 2,400 mg
		Total Carbohydrate	300 g 375 g
		Dietary Fiber	25 g 30 g

This nutrition fact is calculated by USDA National Nutrient Database and Japanese food composition.

FSM-US Maritime Boundary Delimitation Treaty and amended FSM-Nauru Civil Air Transport Agreement await Congressional action

FSMIS

May 19, 2015

On May 18, 2015, Federated States of Micronesia President Peter M. Christian submits a Maritime Boundary Delimitation Treaty between the FSM and the United States to Congress for ratification.

Representatives of the FSM and United States Governments signed the Treaty on August 1, 2014 at the margins of the Pacific Islands Forum in Koror, Palau.

In a letter to Speaker Wesley W. Simina, President Christian stresses that the Treaty “establishes the maritime boundary delimitation between the FSM and Guam based upon the prevailing principle of equidistance, which is accepted under international law”.

“The Treaty is the conclusion of our Nation’s continued efforts of finalizing the maritime zones where the national

jurisdiction overlaps with the United States.”

On the same day, the President also made available with Congress the Amendment to the Civil Air Transport Agreement between the FSM and Nauru, which was signed on May 20th.

“This amendment allows for greater access of air transport services to the Federated States of Micronesia by designating all the four States as points of stop, whereas only one State in the FSM was designated in the past”, the President clarifies in another letter to the Speaker.

The President goes on to say that “An inaugural flight has been planned under this arrangement and is waiting for the ratification by Congress as requested in the submission”.

Under the FSM Constitution, the Congress has the authority to ratify treaties.

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Voice of the Athletes and Excellence for Life Workshop



and workshops showing athletes pathways to future success in both their sport and personal life.

Athletes were encouraged to think about their current active sporting activities and importantly their future career paths in their life after sport and were treated with a short presentation from Micronesia's Sydney 2000 Olympic Marathon runner Elias Rodriquez. Athens Olympic Swimmer Welbert Samuel also attended.

A particularly important aspect of the two day workshops was a discussion about the "Go Green" program where athletes are encouraged to become leaders in community based project to educate the public about maintaining an ecologically sound natural environment for future generations.

A special thank you to Ryan Eliwise, Pohnpei Sports Commission Education Officer and Mihter Wendolin, Secretary of the FSM Athletes Commission for arranging the athletes and coaches attending and arranging the FSMNOC Conference room venue. The FSM National Olympic Committee is proud sponsors of this important event which was funded through Olympic Solidarity grants, supporting athletes and sport throughout our region.

Voice of the Athletes is a program coordinated by the Oceania National Olympic Committee to educate and inspire athletes and includes topics on drugs in sport, nutrition, goal setting and Olympic values. Added to this over the two days was the Excellence for Life Workshops, more personalized athlete based sessions on leadership, life skills and success.

34 year old New Zealand educator and trainer Ryley Webster. Ryley is well known and respected for his work in this field throughout the Pacific region and his ability to motivate and connect with the athletes was amazing. The workshops were planned for May 12th and 13th but had to be put back a week due to bad weather. Fortunately Ryley was able to finally arrive in Pohnpei and the workshops began.

Director of the Pohnpei Sports Commission, Mr. Mike Loyola welcomed Ryley and all the athletes and coaches present, wishing them all great outcomes for their future goals. Athletes were introduced to the role of the International Olympic Committee in sport throughout the world and our region by FSM National Olympic Committee Secretary General, Mr. Jim Tobin. Following this Ryley ran a full program of lectures, videos

The presenter of the workshops was

Congratulations!



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