

Would be FSM bank owner arrested for fraud and other charges in the United States

By Bill Jaynes
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Pohnpei, FSM—According to a news story published on March 15 by the Center for Public Integrity, Cary Lee Peterson was arrested in San Francisco by the FBI and charged with securities fraud related to a pro-Bernie Sanders super PAC (Political Action Group) that collected nearly \$50,000 from “James Bond” actor Daniel Craig. The article cites Justice Department Officials with the announcement.

The Bernie Sanders super PAC was not authorized by the Sanders campaign and in fact, the campaign’s chief legal counsel issued several cease and desist letters to Peterson that largely went unheeded. That fact was the subject of an interview with Peterson on Al Jazeera in February

Peterson was also charged by the U.S. Department of Justice for Securities fraud for falsely claiming millions of dollars in revenue from Nigeria and other foreign countries. Each of those charges carries



a maximum penalty of 20 years for each charge and a maximum fine of \$5 million.

Cary Lee Peterson has ties to the FSM and was in Pohnpei not long before his arrest in San Francisco. In Pohnpei he claimed to be

opening a bank with alleged local partner Senator Shelton Neth that he was calling the East America Bank. He was also behind a drive to establish a purported economic opportunity in the FSM for medical marijuana.

In late February, an article briefly appeared on the Pohnpei Government website that featured a photo of Peterson shaking hands with Lt. Governor Reed Oliver. Nearly anyone can organize a courtesy call with a government official but Peterson used the photo, which is still up on his Facebook page, to indicate that the Pohnpei State Government supported the idea of the East America Bank.

Pohnpei’s Chief of Staff Joseph Saimon was unaware of the article that published on the government website. The article was pulled down from the website within a matter of hours after we spoke to Saimon about it. Saimon said that someone would have a lot of explaining to do.

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Cultural Day celebrated in Pohnpei and across the FSM

March 31, 2016

Pohnpei, FSM—At 3:00 this afternoon, a celebration was held at the Pohnpei Administration building. The celebration was all about culture and in true Pohnpei fashion, began with a sakau ceremony after all of the parade floats had arrived with a police escort.

Vendors from throughout Pohnpei pedaled their wares at the event selling everything from food to art. FSM Islanders Arts

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The article on Pohnpei's website said that on February 25, 2016 Peterson met with the Banking Board Chairman to "finalize" the formation of East America Banking Corporation, "a domestic bank that will enable local rural and social development, in addition to support(ing) a sustainable agricultural industry for industrial hemp that is thriving in the mainland U.S., which will flourish an ongoing harvest of medicinal cannabidiol oil (CBD) that will position itself as a new flagship commodity for FSM."

The unauthorized article claimed that "the talks on East America Development Program started last year and have perpetuated into a long-term agenda for Capital State to gain independence from foreign dependence for domestic issues as water supply, education, energy-efficiency, healthcare, and job creation."

This afternoon we checked with the Banking Board. Their representative told us that despite numerous invitations to do so, Peterson never filed any application to establish a bank in the FSM.

According to the FSM Department of Justice, Peterson also tried to establish a PAC for Micronesia. DOJ is in possession of the documents he filed.

While in Pohnpei, Peterson approached

Murphy Panuelo about the possibility of leasing space in his new building, the One World Plaza in Kolonia. Peterson told him that he wanted the space for the new headquarters of his new bank. Panuelo told him that since he was a stranger to him he would not lease him the space until he had checked his background and confirmed his bona fides with the U.S. Embassy.

Later that day, Peterson posted a photo on his Facebook page of himself standing in front of the One World Plaza with a caption that led readers to believe that the building was his and that it had been a project he'd been working on for about 18 months. A few hours after we contacted Panuelo to tell him about the photo Peterson removed it.

On a much smaller scale, it's the type of thing Peterson's been accused of doing many times before that has recently landed him in hot water with the U.S. Department of Justice. They accuse him of publishing false press releases and blog posts in addition to false revenue claims that overstate his corporate assets.



Peterson's Facebook page still has the misleading photo of him shaking hands with Lt. Governor Oliver. It also has several photos of Peterson with Senator Shelton Neth and representatives of other countries including Albania.

FSM Department of Justice Attorney Clayton Lawrence says that DOJ is actively looking into Peterson's activities while he was in the FSM. He said that tips from

people who had contact with Peterson while he was here would be appreciated.

The charges against Peterson, filed by the U.S. Department of Justice can be downloaded at: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/file/832721/download>. The DOJ press release can be viewed at: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-nj/pr/ceo-microcap-company-charged-securities-fraud-falsely-claiming-millions-revenue-contracts>.



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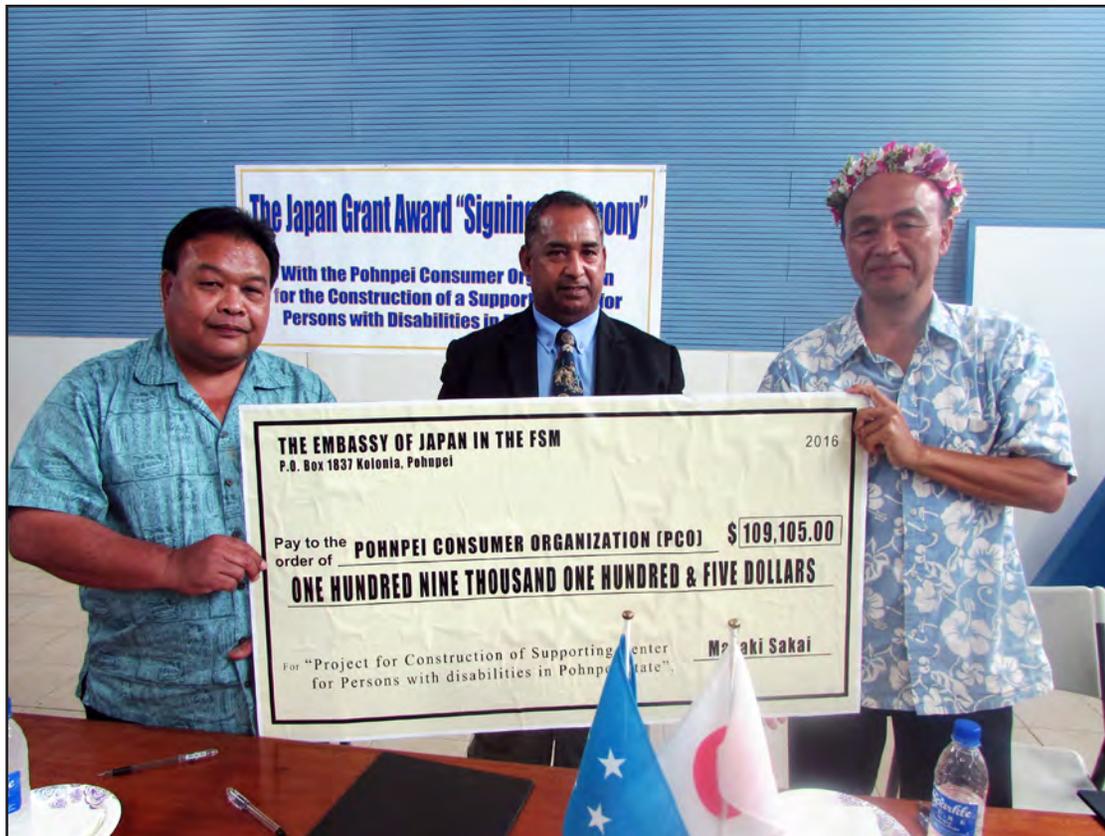
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Construction of Supporting Center for Persons with Disabilities in Pohnpei State

On March 28, 2016, the Grant Contract Signing Ceremony was held at the Pohnpei State Government Office for the Project for Construction of Supporting Center for Persons with Disabilities in Pohnpei State which provided Pohnpei Consumer Organization with US\$109,105 under Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects.



The objective of this project is to provide Pohnpei Consumer Organization with a new facility which will be utilized as a supporting center for persons with disabilities.

In the ceremony, Ambassador Masaki Sakai expressed his sincere hope that the supporting center would contribute to the improvement in quality of lives of persons with disabilities. Comparing Tokyo and Pohnpei, he showed his appreciation for the peaceful and family-oriented community in Pohnpei. On the other hand, he pointed out that the policies for persons with disabilities should be more individual-oriented to better serve all persons with disabilities, as a type of disability is different for each person. He expressed his hope that the new supporting center could promote such change. Mr. Nelbert Perez, President of Pohnpei Consumer Organization, said that the 2010 FSM census showed the FSM had approximately 11,000 persons with disabilities. He stated that the new facility would be a model for accessibility for those persons with disabilities in the country.

Grass-roots Projects in Kosrae State

On March 21, 2016, a grant contract signing ceremony was held at the Kosrae state government office for two grant assistance projects: the Project for Renovation of Baseball Ground in Kosrae State, and the Project for Procuring a Cesspit Cleaner Truck in Kosrae State. The former provides Kosrae Department of Education with US\$90,473 under Grant Assistance for Cultural Grass-roots Projects, while the latter provides Department of Transportation and Infrastructure with US\$96,940 under Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects.

Due to large rainfall and high temperature in daytime, it has been a challenge for the Kosraean community to find an enough space for sports and cultural activities. It caused social problems such as exposure to drugs and alcohol in under-age. The objective of baseball ground renovation project is to educate youth and strengthen community bonds by promoting sports and cultural activities.

The existing cesspit cleaner truck has been serving for the community for over 20 years, and has a number of trouble and damage. The latter project will provide Kosrae with a new cesspit cleaner truck, which will go around residential homes

and public buildings to vacuum human waste. The objective of this project is to provide sanitary and clean environment for approximately 6,600 people who currently reside in Kosrae.

At the ceremony, Ambassador Masaki Sakai gave a special remark and expressed his strong hope that those two projects will make a large contribution to improve people's livelihood in Kosrae. He also shared a heart-warming memory of his visit to all of the nine schools in Kosrae to make KIZUNA (strong bonds) presentations in December 2015. When he visited the Walung elementary school, students sang their school song which ends with a Japanese word, GAMBARE (work hard). Based on KIZUNA between people of the FSM and Japan and a spirit of GAMBARE, Ambassador Sakai expressed his hope to work together to make fruitful outcomes from the two projects.

The ceremony was witnessed by Governor Jackson, Lt. Governor Sigrah, Speaker Palik, Vice Speaker Taulung, Director of Education Dr. Waguk, Director of Transportation and Infrastructure Mr. Luckymis, and staffs of the Kosrae State Government.

Presented at the ceremony were Lt. Governor Reed Oliver, representatives of Pohnpei legislature, staffs of FSM National Government and Pohnpei State Government, and persons with disabilities.



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Margie Winter: FSM swimmer



By Clark Graham

Chuuk, FSM—When Margie Winter, swam in the 2014 Micro Games representing Chuuk State she was only 12 years old. She and her brother were the Chuuk Swimming Team, and we were all very proud of them.

Margie continues to swim. On March 18-20, 2016, the YMCA New York State Championships Meet was held at the State University of New York at Buffalo, Alumni Natatorium in Buffalo, NY. Thirty-seven (37) YMCA's with a total of 1210 athletes took part in 3009 events.



Margie Winter (Left)

One of those swimmers was Margie Winter whose mother, Marian Wishim, is from Unanu. Her Grandmother, Morris Mark is from Polowat and her Grandfather, Max Hockey is from Unanu. Her father is Dr. Stephen Winter.

Margie Winter competed as a 13 year old in the 13-14 year age group. She entered the 50 Free, 100 Free and 100 fly. The results for this 13 year old girl are impressive.

Event	Prelim Time	Finals Time	Place
50 Free	26.14	25.87	4th
100 Free	58.27	58.19	11th
100 Fly	1:05.85	1:05.08	13th

Since 2014 her times have continued to improve to where she is now one of the FSM's premier female swimmers. Congratulations to Margie Winter and the people of Unanu, Polowat and other islands. She has made the FSM very proud.



Margie Winter (Left)

Pohnpei Swimming Club represents FSM in Saipan

By Susan Kihleng

Saipan—Four swimmers from the Pohnpei Swimming Club represented Pohnpei and the FSM at the Saipan International Swim Meet March 17-19. The three days of competition at the Kan Pacific Pool in Marpi, Saipan gave our swimmers an excellent opportunity to showcase their skills among some of the best swimmers in the region. The first day of competition resulted in a 1st place finish for 16 year old Kaleo Kihleng in the Men's 200 Meter Backstroke, 2nd place finish for 11 year old Nicole Adams in the Girls 200 Meter Breaststroke, and a 3rd place finish for 11 year old Kyler Kihleng in the Boys 200 Meter Backstroke. The team finished out the day with a 3rd place finish in the Mixed 200 Meter Freestyle Relay.

Friday was another day of stiff competition and saw our team start out the day with a 4th place finish for Kestra Kihleng and 6th place finish for Nicole Adams in the Girls 100 Meter Freestyle, 6th place for Kyler Kihleng in the Boys 100 Meter Freestyle, and 3rd place for Kaleo Kihleng in the Mens 100 Meter Freestyle races. Friday's session finished out with Nicole Adams placing 6th in the Girls 50 Meter Backstroke, Kyler Kihleng placing 4th in the Boys 50 Meter Backstroke, Kestra and Nicole placing 2nd and 3rd in the Girls 100 Meter Butterfly, and Kaleo Kihleng placing 2nd in the Mens 100 Meter Butterfly. The team enjoyed a second place finish in the Mixed 200 Meter Medley Relay.

Saturday was a full day of competition, starting early in the morning and lasting well into the evening. In spite of fatigue and some minor illnesses, the Pohnpei swimmers pulled through with some great races, finishing in the top 6 in every event they entered. Kestra Kihleng and Nicole Adams finished 2nd and 4th in the Girls 100 Meter Breaststroke, 2nd and 6th in the Girls 50 Meter Butterfly, 2nd and 5th in the Girls 50 Meter Breaststroke, and 3rd and 5th in the Girls 50 Meter Freestyle. Kestra also came in 2nd in the Girls 200 Meter Individual Medley. Kyler Kihleng placed 3rd in the Boys 100 Meter Breaststroke, 6th in the Boys 50 Meter Breaststroke, 3rd in the Boys 100 Meter Backstroke, and 5th in the Boys 50 Meter Freestyle. Kaleo Kihleng finished 1st in the Mens 50 Meter Butterfly, 2nd in the 200 Meter Freestyle, 2nd in the 200 Meter Individual Medley, and 3rd in the Mens 50 Meter Freestyle.

Along with the many ribbons the team brought home was a high-point trophy, awarded to 12 year old Kestra Kihleng as she tied for third place in the overall points earned in her age division.

Swimmers were also able to tour some of the sites of the island during the five days they were in Saipan. They also enjoyed the island's famous Night Market where the local entertainment performed a Pohnpeian song in honor of the team from Pohnpei.

The team returned from Saipan in high spirits and looks forward to representing Pohnpei in future competitions.



Caroline Fisheries Corporation fishing tournament lands big winners

March 19, 2016

Pohnpei, FSM—Weather in Pohnpei moderated in time for the CFC fishing competition held on March 19, 2016. Unlike some previous fishing tournaments, anglers could concentrate on fishing rather than just trying to stay afloat.

The tournament was a “big fish” tournament. With no doubt, Marcella Hawley’s 161.7 pound marlin took the top prize, earning her the \$400 purse for her fish.

Konrad Englberger’s 29.7 pound Wahoo was the second biggest fish and earned him a cool \$300.



Anthony Manuel’s 25.1 pound Yellow Fin tuna brought him \$150 and a pretty good amount of sashimi.

Konrad Englberger scored again with a Wahoo, this one 22.7 pounds. That fish earned him another hundred dollars.

Dennis Gearheart scored \$50 for his 21.6 pound Yellow Fin Tuna.

The Fishing Club wants to thank CFC, Mangrove Bay for hosting, and everyone who helped including Bill, Tina, Cel, Uta, Kumer’s guys on the dock, and the cute little girl handing out the leis.

We can’t do anything without our sponsors and those who help. We also had a drawing of the entered boats for a free entry to next month’s tournament. The winner was Western.

The next tournament is Best Buy/Ocean View on April 16.



Expansion of preschool building for United Church of Christ Preschool

On March 28, 2016, a grant contract signing ceremony was held for the Project for Expansion of Preschool Building for United Church of Christ in Pohnpei Preschool in Pohnpei State which provided US\$176,277 for United Church of Christ in Pohnpei Preschool under Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects. The objectives of this project are to promote children’s welfare and to improve the environment for early childhood education through expansion of a preschool building. In his address, Ambassador Masaki Sakai emphasized the importance of early childhood education. He explained that the population in Japan had been gradually decreasing since it marked its highest population in 2010, and one of the

reasons for the reduction is that insufficient preschool and nursery facilities make it difficult for Japanese women to raise children while working. He expressed his sincere hope that the construction work would proceed smoothly and the expanded preschool building would be fully utilized to strengthen preschool education in UCCP Preschool. Followed by addresses, a grant contract was signed by Ambassador Sakai and Pastor Iuhfert Hainrick, Vice President of UCCP.

The ceremony was witnessed by Principal and Vice Principal of UCCP Preschool, and representatives of UCCP.

The Sokehs Rebellion – 2016

On February 24th, 2016 the Sokehs Municipal Government celebrated the anniversary of the Sokehs Rebellion that took place in 1911. More than 100 years later, we are still finding reasons to “rebel” in Sokehs. This year the theme was “Come Join the Rebellion” and the focus was on fighting against non-communicable diseases in Pohnpei. The 1911 rebellion was about regaining honor from the Germans who disrespected Soumadau en Sokehs and his men that were building a road in Sokehs. Today, NCDs are taking away our honor by taking away our health and weakening our bodies. To fight against this, the Sokehs Municipal Government sponsored a fun hike up Sokehs Ridge. The hike is steep and provided great exercise to those who went up. More than 300 people climbed the ridge that day and as a bonus, these people were the first ones to see the new World War II Memorial signs that have been installed on the ridge to detail what life was like in Pohnpei during the war. The SMG gave away 200 t-shirts and 200 pairs of Croc sandals donated by the Care Micronesia Foundation to the first 200 people who hiked the ridge, saw all 5 signs, and came back down to the municipal office. The top 10 finishers are listed below. We’d like to give special thanks to Genesis Hospital and Pharmacy for providing screening for NCDs at the event, Senator Ferny Perman for sponsoring the T-shirts, and to all the people and businesses that participated in the event. The ridge is open every day for people to climb and with FSM Senator David W. Panuelo’s \$200,000 allocation for improving the road to the top of the ridge, we see this hike as an upcoming major tourism attraction for locals as well

as visitors to Pohnpei.

Winners:

- 1st place – Jason Bartolome – Sokehs Powe School
- 2nd place – RSJ Ifamilik – Palikir Elementary School
- 3rd – Makaigy Sohl – Sokehs Powe School
- 4th – Michael Sohl – Sokehs Powe School
- 5th – Anderson Paul – Palikir Elementary School
- 6th – Joshua Edward - Sokehs Powe School
- 7th – Kanichy Bernard – RSP Elementary School
- 8th – BN Hilario - Sokehs Powe School
- 9th – Longain David - Sokehs Powe School
- 10th – Beyard Jack – Palikir Elementary School



Speaker Simina attends National Memorial Ceremony in Japan.

Tokyo -- Speaker Simina was invited by the Government of Japan to attend the National Memorial Ceremony for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami of March 11, 2011. Speaker led a delegation from Congress paid courtesy calls on the Speaker of the Diet and exchanged views with Mr. Keiji Furuya, Chairman of the Japan-FSM Parliamentary Friendship League. Speaker Simina also visited disaster struck areas of Miyagi and Fukushima prefectures to view the progress of the reconstruction efforts.

During the week-long visit starting from March 6 and culminating in the national remembrance ceremony on March 11, Speaker Simina led a delegation of Congress consisting of:

Speaker Wesley Simina;
Vice Speaker Berney Martin
Senator Esmond Moses
and Legislative Counsel Lam Dang as staff

Joining the delegation were HE John Fritz, Ambassador of the FSM to Japan, and Kunio Suehara, Economic Attache.

The delegation started in Sendai in Miyagi Prefecture. Speaker Simina paid homage to the victims of the disaster at the Millennium Hope Hills, a memorial for the victims of the great earthquake, and discussed the details of the reconstruction of the area with the Mayor and officials of Iwanuma City, one of the worst affected by the earthquake.

Upon return to Sendai the delegation was received by Shuichi Miura, Vice Governor of Miyagi Prefecture. Speaker Simina conveyed his long held desire to visit the disaster struck areas of the Tohoku region

The following day the delegation traveled to Fukushima Prefecture where it was received by Masao Uchibori, Governor of Fukushima Prefecture. The delegation had an exchange of views regarding the disaster area. That meeting was widely reported in the press.

Afer the meeting the delegation received a briefing on the effects of radiation exposure due to the Dai Ichi Nuclear Power Plant, and the efforts at remediation. The delegation was impressed by the efforts to reduce substantially exposure and to clean up the environment.

The delegation went on subsequently to Iwaki City, 60 km from the Dai Ichi Power Plant. It was received by the Mayor and the Chairman of the City Council. Afterwards the delegation was taken to visit a museum of the disaster as well as the coastal areas that were devastated by the tsunami. The delegation was able to see for itself the extent of the devastation and the scale of the reconstruction efforts.

One highlight of the trip was a visit to an elementary school where the delegation was invited to join the students for lunch.

The delegation then went on to Tokyo where it met with national government leaders, including Tadamori Oshima, the Speaker of the House of Representatives. At the meeting the two speakers had an exchange of views regarding certain parts of Japanese grant aid the future of the FSM after 2023. Speaker

Simina described the efforts of the FSM in building up the FSM Trust Fund. Both sides exchanged views on the importance of fisheries to Japan and the FSM.

The delegation also had separate meetings with Keiji Furuya, Chairman of the Japan-FSM Parliamentary Friendship League, Masakazu Hamachi, Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Yoshitaka Ito, State minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

The culmination of the trip was the attendance of the Speaker Simina, Vice Speaker Martin and Senator Moses of the official National Memorial Ceremony on March 11, in the presence of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan.

Speaker Simina also hosted a reception on March 10 for officials and friends of the FSM, where he delivered the following speech:

“Honorable Keiji Furuya, Chairman of the Japan-FSM Parliamentary Friendship League along with members of the Friendship League; Honorable Masakazu Hamachi, Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs; Ambassadors and friends from the Pacific Island Nations; the Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries; and of course our dearest friends and supporters of the FSM;

Ladies and gentlemen;
I am honored to be among you this evening, and on behalf of my delegation and the people of the FSM, I bring warm greetings and welcome you.

My delegation and I are here by the kind invitation of the Government of Japan to attend the Memorial Ceremony of the Great East Japan Earthquake scheduled to be held tomorrow. In this regards I wish to thank the Government of Japan and especially the Honorable Keiji Furuya for providing us this opportunity.

Prior to this day, my delegation and I visited several cities of Miyagi Prefecture and Fukushima Prefecture of the Tohoku Region where we witnessed the still evident scars of the disaster of 5 years ago, as well as the positive progress towards reconstruction. During our visits we also had the privilege to meet with the Honorable Masao Uchibori Governor of Fukushima Prefecture; the Honorable Shuichi Miura, Vice Governor of Miyagi Prefecture; Mayor Hiroo Kikuchi of Iwanuma City; Mayor Toshio Shimizu and Speaker Shigeru Nemoto of Iwaki City; and Vice Mayor Yukimoto Ito of Sendai City.

Today I also had the opportunity to meet with the Honorable Tadamori Oshima, Speaker of the House of Representative, the Honorable Keiji Furuya, Chairman of the Japan-FSM and Japan-Pacific Parliamentary Friendship Leagues, and the Honorable Masakazu Hamachi Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs – where we exchanged views on issues of great importance both on bilateral and regional levels. I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Government of Japan and the People for their commitment as a close partner to our economic development endeavors.

Since the disaster, I have been meaning to come to Japan to personally visit the affected areas, but due to obligations, I could not visit earlier. I am therefore pleased that my delegation and I were able to finally visit the affected areas on this occasion of the 5th Memorial Ceremony of the disaster. I wish to commend the hard work and dedication of the Government and People of Japan and pray for the full recovery of the Tohoku Region. We share some common difficulties with Japan as the Pacific Islands are also prone to natural disasters such as typhoons. In this respect, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to Japan for their continued assistance on these occasions.

Once again ladies and gentlemen, my Delegation joins me in thanking you for joining us this evening.

DOMO ARIGATO GOZAIMASU.”

Speaker Simina on behalf of Congress invited Speaker Oshima and all the officials that the delegation met throughout the trip to visit the FSM. The invitations were warmly welcome.

The delegation left Japan on March 12.



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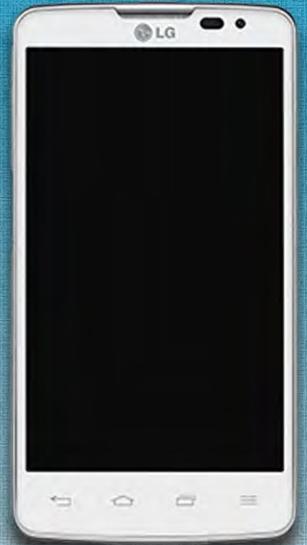


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Society, a newly established NGO had some amazing art work on display. It didn't seem clear whether any of that impressive art work was for sale.

Crowds gathered much earlier than the announced start time but no one seemed to be impatient.

Governor Marcelo Peterson spoke to the crowd which included members of Pohnpei's traditional leadership, Vice President Yosiwo George, the diplomatic corps, representatives of the Pohnpei State Legislature, and numerous other dignitaries as well as the "rank and file" of Pohnpei residents.

President Peter Christian was unable to attend due to other commitments but he assigned Dr. Rufino Mauricio of the FSM's office of Historical Preservation to address the crowd.

The Senipein Youth presented a long song in commemoration of the event.

Iso Nahnken of Nett, Salvador Iriarte gave the final word on behalf of the Mwoalen Wahu.

Children of the Early Childhood Education program finished off the program with recitations given with great excitement.

Cultural Day celebrations were held throughout the FSM though some States opted to move the date to Friday, apparently in order to take advantage of a long weekend.





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Federal funds sold	-	Deposits:	
Interest bearing deposits in banks	72,663	Non-interest bearing	\$ 413,662
Total cash and cash equivalents	101,199	Interest bearing	1,009,009
Restricted cash	-	Total deposits	1,422,671
Investment securities available for sale	227,535	Accrued interest payable	113
Investment securities held to maturity	100,519	Federal funds purchased	-
Federal Home Loan Bank stock, at cost	1,762	Borrowings	-
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	1,054,250	Other liabilities	9,358
Accrued interest receivable	4,098	Total Liabilities	1,432,142
Premises and equipment, net	17,876	Commitments and contingencies	-
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Other assets	37,045	Common stock	1,933
Total Assets	1,544,284	Additional paid-in capital	19,659
		Retained earnings	90,840
		Accumulated other comprehensive loss	-
		Common stock in treasury, at cost	(290)
		Total Stockholders' Equity	112,142
		Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 1,544,284

BANK OF GUAM FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA BRANCH STATEMENT OF CONDITION At December 31, 2015 / (\$ in thousands)

<u>Assets</u>		<u>Liabilities</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 984	Deposits:	
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	21,377	Non-interest bearing	\$ 29,437
Accrued interest receivable	79	Interest bearing	96,649
Premises and equipment, net	530	Total deposits	126,086
Other assets	13	Accrued interest payable	12
Due from Headquarters	103,210	Other liabilities	95
Total assets	\$ 126,193	Commitments	-
		Total liabilities	\$ 126,193

STATEMENT OF INCOME Year ended December 31, 2015 / (\$ in thousands)

Interest income:		
Loans		\$ 2,024
From related parties		267
Total interest income		2,291
Interest expense:		
Savings deposits		172
Time deposits		24
Total interest expense		196
Net interest income		2,095
Provision for loan losses		155
Net interest income after provision for loan losses		1,940
Non-interest income		
Service charges and fees		562
Other income		303
Total non-interest income		865
Non-interest expense:		
Salaries and employee benefits		786
Occupancy		341
Furniture and equipment		106
General, administrative and other		712
Total non-interest expenses		1,945
Net loss		\$ 860

Pohnpei Catholic School takes learning to a new level with Internet Society grant



This past school year, Pohnpei Catholic School installed a new Wi-Fi network that covers the entire PCS campus and added 28 tablet computers and IT equipment to bring the internet into the classroom and open the door for teachers to use technology to teach PCS students



Ms. Emily Hagen teaching 1st grade students using the new IT equipment

what the internet is and how it can be useful for their studies. The Internet Society's Community Grants Programme assisted with providing funding for the purchase of the equipment and volunteers from the school's PTA helped install the wiring for the Wi-Fi network. Everyday students use the tablet computers for classroom activities and all grade levels at the school, K-5 through 8th grade participate in the learning experience.

The goal of this project was to increase the number of students at PCS who know what the internet is and become proficient users of it. The project has been a huge success according to PCS first grade teacher Ms. Emily Hagen, who was the school-based point person to oversee use of the IT equipment. In summary of the project, Ms. Hagen said, "Being able to teach students what the internet is and how to use it safely at a young age is so important. Our students now know how to use the internet for research, projects, and what fun educational websites they can visit. The resources PCS has been able to purchase with this grant have helped improve student learning outcomes and made us a globally connected school."

PCS will continue to incorporate use of the internet into their curriculum and then share their work with other schools in the FSM and the Pacific who are interested in implementing similar projects. For more information about this project please contact PCS PTA President Mr. Patrick Blank at p_blank@hotmail.com.

JICA Alumni Association (JAA) Pohnpei Summit to strengthen the FSM and Japan Relationship

Attendees of 2016 JAA-Pohnpei Summit

On March 12, 2016, the JICA Alumni Association-Pohnpei held a Summit at the Cupid's Restaurant. The purpose of the gathering was to: bring individuals who went to Japan for any technical training together; provide a networking and information sharing platform; continue to strengthen the FSM and Japan relationship, and share JAA-Pohnpei's past and current projects since its establishment on November 8, 2014.

The attendees were the Japanese Ambassador, H.E. Masaki Sakai, Madam Ambassador Sakai, FSM Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Lorin Robert, Resident Representative for JICA Micronesia Office, Mr. Kaoru Iwasaki, guests, and the JICA alumni members living on Pohnpei.

The event included an opportunity for the JICA alumni members to share their training experience in Japan and how they have positively impact the work they do for the community, a presentation by the JAA-Pohnpei President, and a certificate of appreciation awarding ceremony for the JICA alumni members. Along with the program, the JAA-Pohnpei Officers

and the JICA Alumni members expressed their gratitude for the technical training programs that are available to the citizen and the financial support from the Japanese Government for making the projects possible.

The event would not be possible too without the dedication and commitment of the JAA-Pohnpei Officers who are Ms. Universe Yamase (President), Ms. Patricia Pedrus (Vice-President), Ms. Masako Johnnyboy (Secretary), Mr. Luciano Mathias (Treasurer), and Mr. Charles Sakios (JAA-FSM Secretary).



JOB OPENING

CLOSING DATE:
April 22, 2016
TITLE:
Grants Officer

RESPONSIBLE TO:
Conservation Program Manager

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the supervision of the Conservation Program Manager the Grants Officer is responsible for grant management and conducting project monitoring and evaluation. The work involves direct contact with grantee organizations and project implementers in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau, Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Grants Officer is also responsible for evaluating and monitoring ongoing projects as well as managing grant agreements between MCT and donor organizations (including technical and financial reporting) together with the MCT Conservation Program Manager.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES (NOT COMPLETE - FULL TOR AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)

- Assist with the preparations for and conducting of Calls for Proposals;
- Prepare and monitor grantee subcontracts, including contract documents, budgets, workplans and reporting requirements;
- Lead and serve as the primary contact for MCT program grants as assigned by the CPM;
- Monitor the implementation of approved projects, including email and telephone communications and site visits;
- Review, verification and filing of project/grantee progress reports, technical and financial;
- Assist with the development of capacity-building workshop materials and delivery of workshops in project development and implementation;
- Prepare reports and correspondences as necessary for grant award

management as assigned by the CPM; and

- Assist with fundraising, project development and grant-writing for Conservation Program advised sinking funds;
- Assist with website content maintenance
- Other duties, as required

QUALIFICATIONS

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

SALARY AND BENEFITS AND DUTY STATION

MCT offers attractive and regionally competitive salaries and benefits depending upon qualifications. MCT does not provide relocation, housing or repatriation expenses. The duty station for this position is Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

TO APPLY:

(electronic submissions preferred)
Please provide:

- Letter of Interest
- Resume
- 3 Letters of Reference

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JOB OPENING



TITLE:
Conservation Program
Manager (CPM)
CLOSING DATE:
April 22, 2016

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The CPM is responsible for the overall management of the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) Conservation Program from program development, and financial and technical reporting, to grant-making, knowledge management and partnership development. Tasks include program strategy development, project concept design and proposal writing, technical support to MCT grantees, ensuring compliance with MCT's grant-making strategy and policies, and advised fund agreements. The CPM will also supervise the Conservation Program staff, including making grant and project assignments and conducting performance evaluations.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES (INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO):

- Lead the implementation of the Conservation Program-related Impact Area Goals from the MCT Strategic Action plan 2013-2018 (SAP). Also responsible for monitoring progress against targets.
- Responsible for directing the implementation of approved projects, including supervising grantees and MCT Conservation Program Staff, gathering and compiling of monitoring and evaluation data from MC1T funded projects, and distilling best practices and facilitating their dissemination to counterparts and partners.
- Responsible for MCT's reporting to grantors on progress according to approved proposals and grant award conditions.
- Assist with and/or lead the development of grant proposals to external donor organizations.

(full TOR available upon request)

**QUALIFICATIONS:
Education:**

Advanced university degree in environmental fields, Environmental Economics, Program and/or NGO Management, Business Administration or similar field.

Experience:
At least 5 years of relevant experience in conservation work, including program management and reporting; and the supervision of employees, including performance evaluation.

Management Skills:
Excellent analytical and writing skills, teamwork and people management, communication, negotiation and problem-solving skills. Experience with supervising program staff.

Language:
Fluency in English is required and fluency in at least one of the Micronesia vernacular languages preferred. Fluency in one or more the official languages of the United Nations is also desirable.

IT Skills:
Proficiency in standard computer software (word-processing, excel, presentations, databases and internet)

SALARY AND BENEFITS AND DUTY STATION

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Opinion Editorial

Trekking in the “Jewel of Micronesia” Introducing “MossMan”

By Patricia Gillette, PhD



Trekking into the rainforest to view the Menka Ruins on the stunningly beautiful island of Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia, was one of those experiences which was surprisingly impressive and energizing. My husband and I met Salik Wakuk by the bridge in the small village of Utwe, Kosrae. He guided us to the Menka Trail down a bumpy dirt road. Having no idea where we were going or what we were about to see added to my excitement for the trek. The ruins were not noted in any research I had done on the island. The path through the rainforest was relatively flat but very challenging due to the wet and slippery terrain. Salik quickly crafted two walking sticks from the local forest for us. Annual rainfall is 5,000 millimeters per year in Kosrae, so we were destined to get wet. But no worry, the forest provides wonderful coverage.

We crossed the Menka River 5 times, sometimes walking on tree roots which were submerged underwater. The water was crystal clear. Salik explained to us that this was his family's land and that his grandfather had kept information about the ruins a secret until he eventually confided in Professor Emeritus Harvey Segal, a noted teacher and longtime resident of Micronesia, in the 1960's. Since that time, there has been more interest in the ruins and other archeologists have come and visited the site. However, the ruins have never become as popular as the nearby Lelu Ruins or the neighboring island's Pohnpei Nan Madol ruins. Our goal for the day was to visit the ruins but, as is so often happens, it is never the destination where the joy lies – IT IS THE JOURNEY. Salik was engaging and informative as he introduced us to native plants of the rainforest, rich with food, tools, medicine and sheer beauty. Come join us for the walk.

We were first introduced to the Ka Tree (*Terminalia Carolinesis-Combretaceae*) considered endemic only to Kosrae and its neighboring island, Pohnpei. It is a tall (up to 28 meters), straight, highly valued and remarkably strong tree with a fluted trunk at the base that may be several meters above the ground and can stretch out 10 meters. The straight trunks

are a major source of wood for building canoe hulls which are an integral part of the Micronesian culture. Ka is also used for house construction and is a source of medicine. Additionally, if ever lost in the forest, you can pound the root with a rock and alert others of your plight because it resonates like drums in the forest. Above you see a family of Ka's interconnected to one another.



So let's say I have my canoe, but as any boater knows, time will come for the inevitable leak and need for repair. Again, the forest delivers. Salik introduced us to the “acid tree” which produces a natural caulk. When you

peel off the bark, the tree produces an epoxy type material which is mixed with local “lapa soil” producing a caulk which can be used to repair many things, including canoes.

Time for a rest on the bamboo bench Salik built along the trail. Giant bamboos are the largest members of the grass family. Think of it, certain species of bamboo can grow 3 feet in a 24 hour period at a rate of almost 1.5 inch an hour. They are of notable economic and cultural significance and used as food (in Nepal a delicacy; in Indonesia, as a spice; pickled; sweet wine), medicine, construction (scaffolding), writing surface, weapons, fishing lines and musical instruments.

While resting, Salik demonstrates the use of the red round fruits, locally called “Srifac” which are found all over the forest floor. These fruits eventually dry out and can be eaten. They taste like walnuts. Delicious!

Another delicious and nutritious plant caught our attention – see the stunning Fiddlehead. These furled fronds of young fern can be harvested for use as a vegetable. Fiddleheads have antioxidant activity, are a source of omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids, and are high in iron and fiber. The fiddlehead resembles the curled ornamentation (called a scroll) on the end of a stringed instrument, such as a violin. They are majestic plants.

Ginger is a beautiful forest flower in bright pink with white trim. But don't be fooled by its beauty – it is much more than an ornamental flower. It has a long history of being used in lots of medicinal

treatments. The root or stem, known as the rhizome, is packed with phenolic compounds that help improve the digestive system when consumed regularly. Ginger also reduces nausea and muscle pain from those long canoe rides. It bolsters your body's immune system to combat the common cold, flu and other similar problems. Locals also use the ginger leaves to wrap fish in before putting on the fire resulting in a moist, delicious grilled fish.

And, now for a heavy hitter – the medicinal plant of Noni (*Morinda citrifolia* L) which has been used in the Pacific region for over 2000 years. Everyone has heard about Noni as it is commercially available all over the world. Noni was one of the those plants that Pacific Islanders brought with them in their canoes when they migrated from their native land years ago. Salik said that verbal history given to him has him keeping the plant in a jar for a few days until the plant softens. The plant creates a horrible stench and is difficult to ingest. However, he states the one time he did this, his nasal passages opened widely and his sense of smell increased considerably. There are many scientific papers on noni and this particular treatment method is noted to be quite effective for joint pain and arthritis.

As we continued our hike, I encountered a different type of problem – a broken camera strap. No – not to the internet or the local hardware store, the forest provides. Known locally as “lo” the Beach Hibiscus (*Hibiscus Tiliaceus*). The wood is used for canoe parts, crafts, and fuel wood.

The fibrous inner bark is utilized for cordage and parts of the plant are used medicinally. Beach hibiscus is culturally significant throughout the Pacific.

The rainforest abounds in beautiful colors with rich dazzling hues. One of the stunners is known as the Australian rainbow eucalyptus tree (*Eucalyptus deglupta*). This tree thrives in these lush, wet tropical forests. The unique multi-

colored bark draws immediate attention. Patches of outer bark are shed annually at different times, showing off their bright green inner bark. These patches then darken and mature to give blue, purple, orange and maroon tones. This continual peeling results in vertical colorful streaks of bright blues, greens and orange.

After a couple of hours, alas we come to the hidden ruins. The ruins consist of hundreds of two rectangular parameters built from rocks piled together. The parameters are approximately 10 x 12, some being larger. The one parameter consists of only the outer rock formation but the second structure (or room) has an inner pile of rocks built up about 1 meter in the center. Historians note that visitors to Kosrae in the 1800's spoke with local elders who knew some English and were good informants. The Menka ruins are similar to religious structures found



in other Pacific islands. Salik says that it appears the structures are from the 12th Century BC at which time Micronesians practiced ancient religious ceremonies. Three gods in particular were served by a group of priests: Sinlanka, the breadfruit goddess and her husband, Nosrunsrup, god of thunder, and Sikaus, associated with many taboo places. I asked Salik what he believed would be “taboo” places. Salik stated that at times the priests would sit in a circle and drink kava. Salik thought long and hard and I think perhaps I was invading on private space. Eventually, Salik stated that there were rituals – often involving kava – practiced by people often involving flesh cutting.



As we sat surrounded by these mystical ruins deep in the rich green, lush forest, I imagined what living here would be like centuries before. All I needed was right here – nourishment for the body, clean water for bathing and drinking and various woods to build with and keep me dry. Plants were medicinal should I become ill. I imagine that with the limited knowledge of the world of that day, it would be easy



to believe that the gods were somewhere “out there” providing for me and my family. So, as we said goodbye to Salik, I felt grateful to be living on this wonderful planet and was reminded again of the need for environmental protection and global conservation. Thank you Salik for the gift of your journey and sharing a part of your history with me..



FSM embassy attends the promotion of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region

March 2, 2016 (FSM Embassy, Beijing)— In support of the Sister City relationship that exists between Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region and Yap State, as well as the support of the home province of the current FSM Ambassador in the FSM, His Excellency Li Jie, Ambassador Carlson D. Apis and Deputy Chief of Mission KS Vincent Sivas attended the promotional event for Ningxia at the Blue Hall room hosted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China.

His Excellency Wang Yi, China's Foreign Minister was present to open the event. The Foreign Minister explained his Ministry's support in the event and encouraged the diplomatic corps, entrepreneurs, and media outlets to explore opportunities in Ningxia. Ningxia Party Secretary Mr. Li Jianhua delivered a speech to invite visitors and investors to Ningxia. A power point presentation was presented by Ningxia's Governor, Ms. Liu Hui. A panel discussion followed by a Q&A session was held during the second half of the promotional event for Ningxia.



Located in the north-central area of China, within the lower and middle reaches of the Yellow River, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region has a land area of 66,400 square kilometers. It is home to a population of over 6.7 million, of which 33% percent are the Hui people. Ningxia is an excellent destination for travelers interested to learn and see relics from ancient history, experience unique custom, and marvel at breathtaking landscapes. Ningxia is a rich and diverse region where there is sure to be something of interest to all travelers.

Some opportunities that exist in Ningxia for interested investors include Hi-tech industry, metallurgy, chemical industry, technical transformations of existing enterprises, value added products for export, projects to develop agriculture and marine products, renewable energy, tourism, etc.

Ningxia and Yap entered into a sister city relationship in 2011. High level and cultural exchanges have been carried out between the two sides. Cultural troupes from Ningxia have visited Yap to promote people and cultural exchanges, while officials from the FSM have visited Ningxia to further strengthen the sister city relationship. The FSM Embassy supports Ningxia and will continue to encourage cooperation and exchanges between Ningxia and the FSM.

For further information, contact the FSM Embassy in Beijing at Ph: (86)1065324708 or e-mail address: embassy@fsmembassy.cn



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About the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

The Pacific Islands Forum was founded in August 1971 and currently comprises 16 independent and self-governing states in the Pacific. Forum Leaders meet annually to develop collective responses to regional issues.

The Forum's administrative arm is the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, based in Suva, Fiji. It acts as the Secretariat for Forum-related events, implements decisions by the Leaders, facilitates the delivery of development assistance to member states, and undertakes the political and legal mandates of Forum meetings. The Forum Secretariat is also mandated to coordinate the implementation of the Framework for Pacific Regionalism.

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Some overseas travel will be required, particularly in the Pacific region, to represent the interests of the Forum Secretariat at its Members at major meetings and other events.

About the Benefits

The appointments carries a competitive remuneration and benefits package including medical and life insurance. The starting salary will be in the range of SDR53,463 to SDR60,146 per annum. At the 1 March 2016 exchange rate this salary range was equivalent to FJD159,925 to FJD179,916. For non-Fijian nationals, this salary may be tax-free.

To be eligible for this position, the applicant must be a national of one of the following Forum member countries*. Applicants must be willing to travel periodically via economy class.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply through our website: www.forumsec.org where an information package containing the job description and remuneration details is also available. Candidates must include in either their application or Curriculum Vitae the full contact details of three referees.

The Forum Secretariat is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages both women and men to apply for its positions.

Deadline for applications is at 5pm (Fiji time), 22 April 2016.

* Member States of the Pacific Islands Forum: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

Celebration of Life



All are welcome to a celebration of life for Alison Elizabeth White MacConnell born April 3, 1927, departed March 26, 2016

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Coast Guard coordinates, assist search efforts for 9 missing boaters on 3 separate cases in the Pacific

U.S. Coast Guard 14th District Public Affairs

HONOLULU — Coast Guard and AMVER crews rescued three boaters in the waters between Chuuk and Puluwat Atoll, Federated States of Micronesia, Wednesday. An HC-130 Hercules aircraft crew from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point on Oahu, located three additional boater missing near Tarawa and are coordinating their rescue by a commercial vessel and the same Hercules aircraft crew has been diverted to search for an additional vessel also with three boaters overdue near Tarawa.

In the third case Coast Guard watchstanders in Honolulu are coordinating with search and rescue controllers at RCC Fiji to search for an overdue 18-foot skiff with three boaters aboard reportedly left Tarawa en route Maiana on a fishing trip. The Coast Guard C-130 aircraft that searched on the second case has been diverted to begin searching the area. The missing 19-foot skiff is three days overdue on their return from fishing near Maiana.

"We sincerely appreciate the support and coordination of all our search and rescue partners. Due to the size and scope of the Pacific we depend on them to help us respond in a timely manner in remote locations," said Petty Officer 1st Class Dustin Welch, a search and rescue controller at Coast Guard Joint Rescue Command Center Honolulu. "We also recommend to all boaters to be prepared for unforeseen interruptions in their voyages by being prepared with extra supplies and communications devices."

In the first case, three boaters, several days overdue on a voyage from Chuuk to Puluwat Atoll, in the Federated States of Micronesia are safe in Puluwat Atoll, Wednesday, following a joint international search. The missing men were on a 19-foot skiff and located by the motor vessel Shoryu. All three men were brought aboard the Shoryu and are reportedly to be in good condition. The skiff was placed in a side tow and the Shoryu took the three men to Puluwat. A family member reported the men overdue Monday, prompting a search by the Coast Guard. Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector Guam issued an Urgent Marine Information Broadcast alerting mariners in the region to the situation. The watchstanders coordinated search efforts of two Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue System ships: the Soma Maru and Shoryu and provided search patterns for each vessel.

Mariners are reminded a properly registered electronic position indicating radio beacon can make a dramatic difference not only in being located, but in the amount of time spent at sea. EPIRBs use satellites, not line-of-site like VHF radios or cellular towers, increasing their range and reliability. They're highly accurate and once activated provide rescuers with excellent location information for anyone in distress, significantly reducing on scene search time.

In the second case near Tarawa, a Hercules aircraft crew located three boaters, missing for 8 days, just before noon, Wednesday. They dropped supplies from the plane to the boaters and the Coast Guard is working to identify a vessel in the area to relocate and rescue them. Watchstanders at the Coast Guard Joint Rescue Command Center in Honolulu were notified Monday, by search coordinators with the Rescue Coordination Center Nadi, Fiji, of an overdue 17-foot white and yellow skiff. The vessel reportedly had a 40 hp engine with 18 to 20 gallons of fuel on board and some fresh water. The skiff was reportedly last seen the morning of March 22 departing Teoraereke Village, Tarawa, en route a fishing area 10 miles to the south. A Royal New Zealand Air Force P-3 Orion airplane crew completed a search Saturday with no sightings. The Coast Guard provided the Hercules aircrew Tuesday. Due to the distance the crew covered to get to the search area, roughly 2,400 miles the distance from Los Angeles to New York City, they were able to search for 1 hour on scene before needing to land for crew rest and to refuel. Their search resumed Wednesday at first light.

AMVER, sponsored by the Coast Guard, is a computer-based, voluntary global ship reporting system used worldwide by search and rescue authorities. With AMVER, rescue coordinators can identify participating ships in the area of distress and divert the best-suited ship or ships to respond.

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Ahmadi Muslims of FSM condemn terrorist attacks in Brussels

By Imam Mahmood Kauser

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community FSM expresses our deepest condolences to the victims of this horrendous act of violence against humanity that occurred this week in Brussels. "As the Imam of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in FSM, I categorically condemn the terrorist attack that took place in Brussels, Belgium. The continuous attacks made on Zaventem Airport and Metro Station in Brussels are deplorable and greatly unjust. We mourn at these loss of lives, and express our deepest condolences on the families left bereaved." Said Imam Kauser, the Central Missionary of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community FSM (Kosrae Chapter).

He further said that "Justice is the foundation for lasting peace, and it is essential that the perpetrators of these heinous crimes are brought to justice. Islam is a religion of peace, and has nothing to do with such injustice and brutality. It must be remembered that this was not an attack on one country, but more so an attack on humanity. All across the world humans came together to condemn this attack and governmental officials should follow suit ensuring such acts don't happen in the future."

The violence in Belgium Tuesday, March

22nd is the most recent incident in a series of incidents that is fueling anti-Islam sentiment around the world even in the FSM. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has launched a campaign called "True Islam". Through meetings, literature distribution, education, and our website trueIslam.com, many Muslims around the world are trying to fight stereotypes and combat terrorism.

The leader of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community International, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, who currently resides in London, UK said the following, "Groups like ISIS or other terrorist groups are acting completely against the teachings of Islam because Islam invokes nothing but peace and love rather than brutality and injustice. All such terrorist groups are achieving is to defame the name of Islam."

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community FSM joins in the prayers for swift justice and speedy recovery of the wounded.

Pacific media commits to stronger reporting of Tuna stories

PACNEWS

KOROR, 24 MARCH 2016 (TIA BELAU) ---The Pacific media practitioners gathering in Palau this week agreed to step up commitment "to stronger, better reporting for enhanced awareness of the importance of sustainable tuna fisheries to Pacific futures."

Journalists from American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu have met this week as part of the 4th Pacific Media Summit hosted by the government, media partners and people of Palau.

Their two-day Fisheries Forum Agency (FFA) Tunanomics Pacific Media Initiative Regional editors dialogue on 'Reporting the Future of Fisheries - challenges to 2020' comes two years after the launch in February 2014 of the FFA Tunanomics Pacific Media Initiative at the 3rd Pacific Media Summit in Noumea, New Caledonia.

The journalists expressed success stories and challenges in covering tuna stories and came up with recommendations that would make fisheries stories more attractive to its readers.

One of the recommendations is "to develop and grow their understanding of Tunanomics and what the economics of tuna mean to policy and decision makers, not just to news makers."

In Palau, although offshore fishing contributes less than five percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Palau is taking a different approach, by conservation and beefing up its marine surveillance capacities through its new national marine sanctuary.

However in terms of news report on tuna, it has never gained so much attention internationally until the move to declare 80 percent of Palau's EEZ as a marine sanctuary with 20 percent dedicated to domestic fishing.

Pacific media also agreed to strengthen coverage to the human aspect of sustainable tuna fisheries, including the eyes of island communities and the fishers taking the resource.

In other nations in the Pacific, policymakers themselves to be educated on tuna fisheries and this can be done with public debate and awareness of this topical issue, through popular platforms such as talkback radio filmed for TV.

Media members from other island nations also lauded Palau's marine sanctuary law and efforts to include its local communities in revenue sharing from the tuna economy.

FFA ponders options for new US tuna treaty

KOROR, 24 MARCH 2016 (RNZI) ---A working group of the Pacific Island parties met last week with the United States to hammer out some options for a possible structure for the US Pacific Tuna Treaty.

The interim treaty, which allows US purse seiners to fish in the Exclusive Economic Zones of island countries, is to expire at the end of December

The Director General of the Forum Fisheries Agency, James Movick, told Pacific journalists at a workshop in Palau, that the small working group and the United States reps came up with several options for the treaty.

These would be presented to the full group of Pacific Fisheries Ministers and also by the US reps to their industry group.

Movick said it is hoped that by July there will be a proposed treaty in place.

He didn't disclose the options but said there was a good exchange, and by having a small informal group, the exchange was freer flowing.

Rosselle Donre Named Manager of New MCS Branch in Ebeye

Ebeye, Marshall Islands - Pohnpeian Rosselle Bardelas Donre will head up MCS's newest branch in Ebeye, Kwajalein Atoll. Mrs. Donre has been working with MCS Pohnpei since it started operations in Kolonia in 2012. "Rosselle's commitment to improving customer service and her dedication to the job made her the perfect fit for the position," wrote Randel Sylvester, CEO of MCS. This will be MCS's third location in the region. The company expects prices to drop in its Pohnpei location thanks to an expanded customer base. "I am excited for the opportunity to work in Ebeye and bring the Pohnpeian spirit to our neighboring islands," said Rosselle. She will be joined by her husband Jesse and son Rayshwan.

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Education Corner:

Richard Womack, Ed.D

In the last KPress the EC promised to finish up this edition with how we might motivate our Pohnpei teachers and inspire them to improve. We explained that while teachers said they would be motivated if they were paid a higher salary—higher salaries are really not in the future. The readers must forgive EC—there will be no final answer this week as promised. But there are the beginnings. Last issue ended with:

“We can never improve student learning until we improve our teachers and motivate them to be better.

We will continue next EC and remember it's a simple idea-motivation. It is just getting someone to do something. People either do things because they want to do something or they have to do something. People are motivated by success and not motivated with failure. People are motivated to fulfill wants and needs. People have difficulty deciding what are wants and what needs are. There are always more wants than needs and usually more needs than resources. Exploring these ideas next issue will help us some (I think) unravel how to inspire and motivated our teachers. At least I hope so.”

Recall all of this began when we looked at the idea of On-going Teacher Training or the constant updating of knowledge

and skills by our Pohnpeian Teachers. We mentioned this was what the Pohnpei Department of Education wanted to do—that is put together a program where all the teachers have the opportunity to always be improving. We have noted that this on-going education is a hallmark of every profession from medicine to law and from engineering to education. But how do we inspire or motivate the teachers when we are reminded of the EC reader who said “I have a friend who is a public school teacher and like many of her colleagues is suffering from depression as a result of a lack of inspiration and motivation; low/poor pay and an insecure tenure with the new short term contracts now in place, being a major factor.”? Whatever we did we knew many teachers did feel this way and inspiring such teachers would not be easy.

To start the PDOE wanted to know in where the teachers would benefit most in the science and social studies they are required to teach yet have not had any coursework their own teacher training. For this task PDOE contracted Womack and Associates (2015) to test all the elementary school teachers and survey all the curriculum materials to see if there were enough for their

students. Once again this was done only for the sciences and the social studies. But as we said we already knew the teachers were insecure and many viewed the contract with suspicion. Many saw it as a control device put in place because PDOE did not feel that teachers were doing a good job. With this suspicious attitude how could we get the teachers to embrace On-going Teacher Training---something that would take even more of their time? If we tested the usual way we must test every teacher on what they are supposed to teach. This would mean usual tests on the content of Science as Inquiry; Physical Science and Technology; Earth and Space Science; Life and Environmental Science; Marine Science; Economics; Civics and Government; History; Geography and Culture. But since we already know that teachers will fail subjects they have not had, why try? Why prove something we already know? Why test teachers in a way that is embarrassing when teachers are already fearful. Therefore we devised what was called the Comfortability Test. We simply stated standards they were suppose to teach and asked how comfortable each teacher was teaching in the ten (10) areas/

subjects required. When the tests were scored each teacher signed a letter to their principal asking for training.

“Socrates was wise because he knew he was not wise”

Step One: Make It a Priority

The famous saying “what we pay attention to grows” is very true when it comes to professional development and being a lifelong learner. We have to make it a priority! If we aren't learning and pushing ourselves to get better, how do we expect others to follow suit? Our Pohnpei Principals should take pride in being an instructional leader. We firmly believe that the only way we can continue to lead is to constantly seek out opportunities to grow and learn. We owe it to ourselves, we owe it to those we lead, and, most important, we owe it to our students to be the best possible educators we can be. Personal growth is never ending. Just as we encourage and demand growth from our students, we should encourage and demand growth in ourselves. Life is a continuous improvement process.

We will keep at this topic until we get further answers---but a good start is the teachers asking for training. This is a very powerful way to show we are sincere in improving. womackandassociates765@gmail.com

Womack and Associates (2015)

Dear Principal _____

As you know all of the teachers at our _____ Elementary School took the W&A (2015) Test on Comfortability. These are self-assessment instruments where I could see my strengths and weaknesses in the five (5) FSM Science Standards and the five (5) PDOE Social Studies Strands. These tests were designed from our PDOE Curriculum Frameworks and I took the _____ level as I teach the _____ grade. I understand and am excited that my test results could be used for my Continuing Education. I have identified my three (3) weakest content areas where I believe I will benefit most from training. I do believe in improvement and I have identified the following

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

With this letter I respectfully request to be put on our school's Priority for Training List.

Respectfully,

Teacher _____ grade _____

FSM Embassy meets with AVIC International

February 29, 2016 (FSM Embassy, Beijing) – Complimenting the work of the FSM Department of Transportation, Communications, and Infrastructure (TC&I) to realize the procurement of a Y12E aircraft for the Federated States of Micronesia, Ambassador Carlson D. Apis and Deputy Chief of Mission KS Vincent Sivas paid a courtesy visit to the AVIC headquarters to meet with Mr. Shi Yanfeng, President of the Civil Aircraft Division of AVIC.

Touring the facility, and getting an update on the procurement of a Y12E aircraft to be donated to the FSM in the near future, Ambassador Apis expressed his appreciation to AVIC for their continued support and cooperation with the FSM. Ambassador Apis noted the transportation challenges of the FSM and his confidence that the Y12E aircraft will serve the FSM transportation needs.

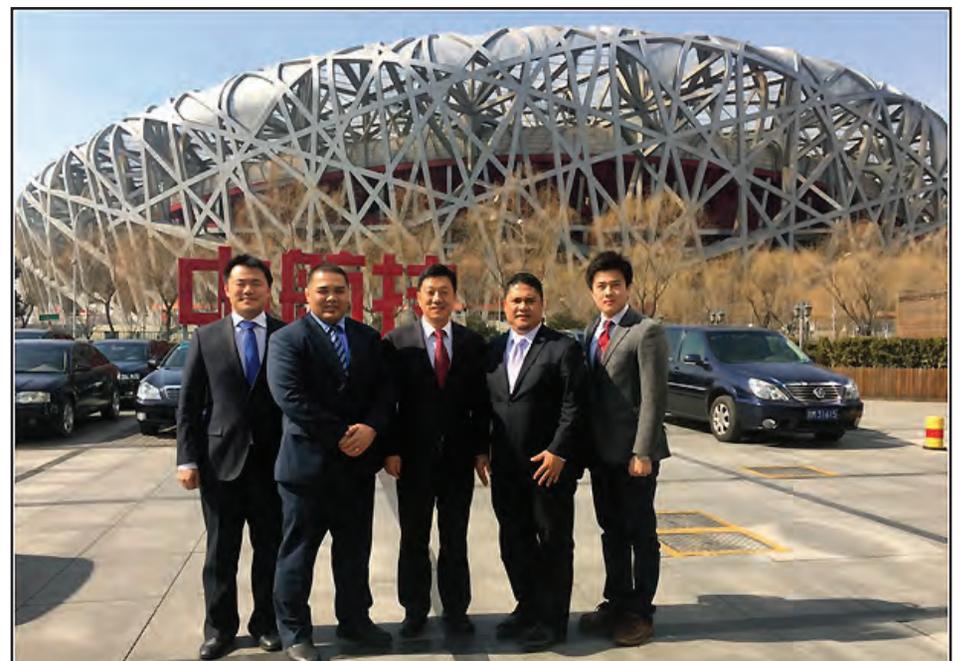
President Shi thanked Ambassador Apis for his visit to the company and informed the Ambassador that according to their plan and in consultation with FSM TC&I, the FSM should be expecting the delivery of the 19 seater aircraft (Y12E) as soon as June 2016. President Shi also informed the Ambassador that his company will work on the proper training and maintenance of the aircraft with the relevant officials and technicians designated from the FSM. President Shi is pleased with AVIC's partnership with the FSM and encourages the Embassy to continue the good working

relationship that exists between the two sides.

AVIC International, formerly known as China National Aero-Technology Import & Export Corporation (CATIC), is a large-scale state-owned conglomerate with aviation products & technology import and export as its core business. With over 30 years of experience, the company has exported more than 2,000 Chinese made aircrafts to overseas markets. So far, the company has established wholly-owned or holding subsidiaries in each main city, owns 8 listed companies, established 100 overseas offices and covers over 180 countries and regions. To date, AVIC's assets has reached up to more than 35 billion US Dollars.

The administration of H.E. President Peter M. Christian is dedicated to improving the transportation needs of the FSM. In this regard, the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs and the FSM Department of TC&I have been in close consultation with the AVIC International Holding Corporation and are expecting the delivery of FSM's Y12E aircraft this summer through funding under the gratuitous assistance from the Government of the People's Republic of China.

For further information, contact the FSM Embassy in Beijing at Ph: (86)1065324708 or e-mail address: embassy@fsmembassy.cn



(L-R) Director Gao Qi, DCM KS Vincent Sivas, President of the Civil Aircraft Division Mr. Shi Yanfeng, Ambassador Carlson D. Apis, and Sales Manger Mr. Tang Di pose outside the AVIC headquarter building overshadowed by the majestic Olympic Bird's Nest.

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