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FSM President Peter Christian talks about his State Visit to China

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

April 5, 2017

Palikir, Pohnpei—Though the FSM has had diplomatic relations with China for 28 years and seven previous FSM Presidents have had State visits to the People’s Republic of China, when President Peter Christian and his entourage visited in March, the response of many commentators was overwhelmingly skeptical.

On March 27, the FSM Embassy in Beijing issued a press release detailing all that was discussed and agreed upon in China. That press release with more of the details appears in this issue of The Kaselehlie Press on page three.

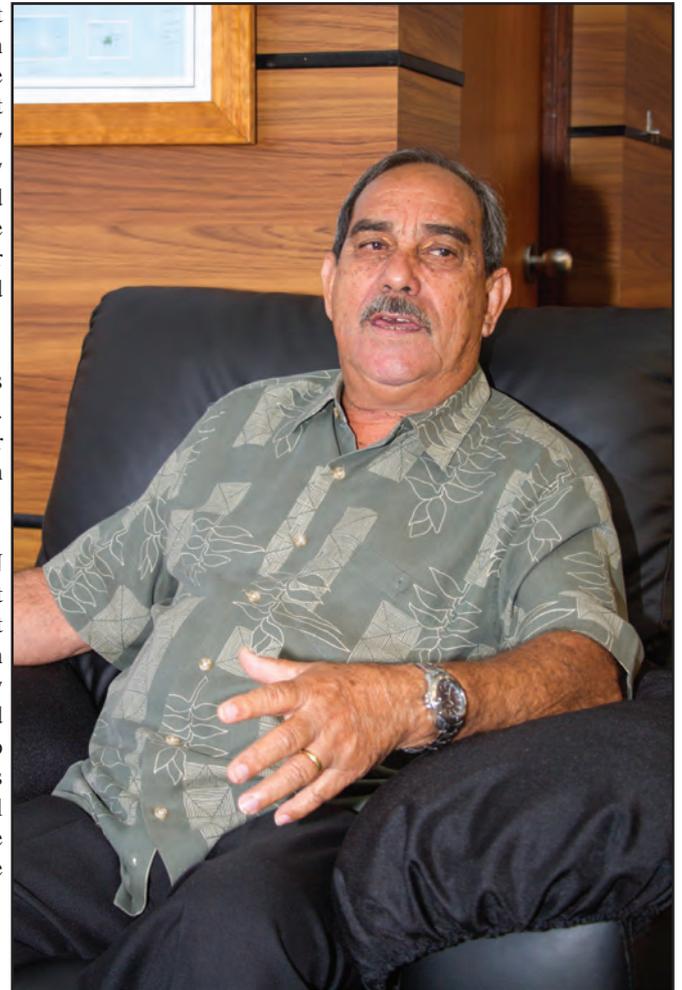
“During some of our visits (to FSM citizens in the US), they would always ask, ‘Is it true that we’re going with China?’ But we’re going with a lot of countries right now,” President Christian said during a relaxed interview in his office today, “and the ADB, and the World Bank. These are donor partners.”

China’s President Xi Jinping rolled out the red carpet for President Christian including a military review outside the Great Hall of the People. President Christian is rarely intimidated by anything but he said the military review was intimidating to him. He said he’d only done that once before in The Solomon Islands with Prime Minister Sogavare who President Christian said had to keep correcting him.

“Yeah, China was impressive. If that’s the way they welcome other countries. We were flattered. I was flattered that for a small country they would exhibit such formality,” he said.

An article by Chinese news entity CGTN had several photos of the red carpet greeting by President Xi. We pointed out that in the photo of President Christian and President Xi doing the military review, President Christian indeed looked nervous. But in the next photo he looked like he was in his element as Chinese school children in traditional costume welcomed him. In that photo he is smiling broadly and clapping with the children.

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College of Micronesia FSM celebrates its 24th Founding Day in Pohnpei

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

March 30, 2017

Pohnpei, FSM—Students, faculty, and interested onlookers celebrated the 24th anniversary of the

founding of the College of Micronesia FSM. The celebration on March 30 was actually the culmination of a week of activities and sporting competitions as they celebrated the 24th Founding Day.

The theme of this year’s celebration was “Unity through sports and culture”.

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Official Visit to China by President Peter M. Christian

FSM Information Services

April 4, 2017 (FSM Embassy, Beijing) President Peter M. Christian of the Federated States of Micronesia and President Xi Jinping of the People's Republic of China in a first meeting of the two leaders, have agreed and reached consensus for greater cooperation. To demonstrate each other's value, both sides have agreed to further strengthen its partnership efforts. In their meeting, President Christian highlighted that both FSM and China have enjoyed a non-interrupted diplomatic relationship for 28 years, surpassing the test of time, based on the strong belief in, and respect for, each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity. President Christian acknowledged that like past FSM Presidents who have assured China of FSM's recognition and respect for the One China Policy, the Christian administration will also respect and adhere to the policy.

President Christian thanked China for all the assistance it has provided towards the economic and social development of the FSM and acknowledged with appreciation the global issues that that China has taken a leadership role in. President Christian looks toward China's leadership and continued efforts on climate change. On Globalization and free trade, President Christian stated that FSM subscribes to globalization and free trade with certain apprehension, but found comfort in its bilateral relationship with China as well as the assurances that resonated out of the Boao Forum which President Christian attended, that no one, big or small, will be left behind. President Christian informed President Xi that with that assurance, the FSM was prepared to travel on China's belt and road scheme; not only to see how it can benefit from it, but also to see how it can contribute to it.

Since the establishment of the formalized commission on economic trade cooperation with the FSM in 2014, both sides have enhanced bilateral relations based on mutual respect and common development. The bilateral relationship between FSM and China will continue to be strengthened for a win-win scenario between the two countries. President Xi welcomes cooperation in areas such as tourism, agriculture, fisheries, and infrastructure. President Xi welcomed the FSM to participate in the Belt and Road scheme. For people to people cooperation, President Xi wishes to work with the FSM to expand exchanges and cooperation at the local level to promote more programs in culture, education, and youth programs to encourage friendship and understanding between the two peoples.

On global issues, China is willing to enhance coordination with the FSM on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, climate change, and other major issues to safeguard the common interests of developing countries.

The bilateral meeting between President Peter M. Christian and President Xi Jinping concluded with a signing ceremony of an economic and technical agreement providing the FSM with 100 million RMB, as well as the forgiveness of an interest free loan that FSM had taken in 1993 for the construction of a multi-purpose gymnasium located at the College of Micronesia national campus, officially named the FSM-China Friendship Sports Center. President Christian and President Xi witnessed the signing ceremony between Foreign Secretary Lorin S. Robert and Vice Minister of Commerce Fu Ziyang.

President's Christian's visit began in Hong Kong on March 18, 2017, where he met with the FSM Honorary Consul who is also the Chairman of Tan Holdings, Dr. Tan Siu Lin. In their meeting, President Christian expressed his appreciation for the partnership that exists between the two sides. President Christian acknowledged with appreciation the Tan family's continued support to the Micronesian region as evident through investments in the FSM. Dr. Tan Siu Lin wishes to continue to support economic and social development in the FSM. In addition to investments that already exist, Dr. Tan Siu Lin informed President Christian of his intention to donate a classroom building to the FSM College of Micronesia and also continue his scholarship program for FSM students to study at Quanzhou Normal University in Fujian province. The two sides will continue to work together to realize other proposed projects that the two sides deem beneficial such as continued developments in the tourism industry.

President Christian entered mainland China on March 19, 2017 via Shenzhen, China's first special economic Zone since 1980. In Shenzhen, President Christian carried out inspection visits and meetings with Chinese owned companies. President Christian met with the executives of Telecommunication Company ZTE, and the Liancheng fisheries company. Both meetings were positive and have great potential to yield valuable projects that will improve the quality of services and create more jobs and revenue for the FSM. Such examples include possible E-Government by ZTE, and the expansion of transshipment facilities and services by Liancheng.

In a meeting with Guangdong Province Party Secretary Hu Chunhua in Shenzhen, both sides reached consensus to further accelerate cooperation between FSM and Guangdong Province in areas such as fisheries, agriculture, tourism, education, culture, and medical exchanges. From the positive meeting between the two leaders in Shenzhen, an announcement was made that an FSM representative office will be set up in Shenzhen in the near future.

On March 21, 2017 President Christian and his delegation traveled to China's northern



Chinese President Xi Jinping (L, front) holds a welcome ceremony for Micronesian President Peter M. Christian before their talks in Beijing, capital of China, March 27, 2017. /Xinhua Photo

city of Harbin, Heilongjiang Province. The President was welcomed to the province by Party Secretary Wang Xiankui. In Harbin, President Christian inspected the Y12E aircraft for the FSM, which in coordination with the FSM Department of TC&I, was designed and built by AVIC HAIG. The aircraft will be delivered to the FSM this summer. During the meeting with AVIC HAIG, both sides acknowledged the close cooperation that the Y12 project created. Both sides acknowledged that the Y12 is more than a plane, but a bridge to connect the friendly relationship that exists between FSM and China. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Secretary Lukner Weilbacher of the Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure witnessed by President Christian and delegation for further cooperation between FSM and AVIC.

During President Christian's meeting with Party Secretary Wang, the two sides agreed to further enhance relations with Heilongjiang Province through a sister city relationship arrangement and tourism promotion. A delegation from Heilongjiang province will be assembled to visit the FSM this year.

The next stop on March 23, 2017, President Christian visited Hainan Island, a tropical island province of China. President Christian's Hainan stop was to participate in the Boao Forum Conference and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road: Islands Economic Cooperation Forum. President Christian gave two key note speeches at those separate Forums related to globalization and trade. President Christian conveyed in both forums that the FSM subscribes to globalization and free trade and is prepared to cooperate with China and other countries in the Asia-Pacific for stable and friendly trade relations.

In Hainan, President Christian met with China's Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli as well as Hainan Party Secretary, Mr. Luo Baoming. The meetings between the leaders further highlighted the successful visit by President Christian to China. In those separate meetings, the two sides reiterated the value

that both sides attach to the FSM-China relations and their desires to further enhance the relationship. As islands, Hainan, and FSM both attach importance towards agriculture and tourism. Both sides agree to further accelerate cooperation in those fields. Noting the proximity between Hainan and the FSM, hopes for a more direct route and cooperation in air services through Hainan's flagship air carrier were also mentioned. Like the relationship that was forged in Heilongjiang, a sister city relationship was also born in Hainan signed by Yap State Governor Tony Ganningyan and witnessed by President Christian, Secretary Lorin S. Robert, Iso Nahnken of Madoleniwm John Adolph, and FSM Ambassador to China Carlson D. Apis. From the Chinese side, Party Secretary Luo Baoming and the Hainan Leadership stood shoulder to shoulder to witness the birth of a new relationship between Yap State, FSM, and Hainan. Through the new sister province –state relationship, Hainan made a commitment of 50 scholarships to be used by FSM within the next 5 years (10 scholarships/year) for FSM students to study in Hainan. A donation of office equipment were also provided to the FSM along with the range of invitations that were extended for youth exchanges, and technical transfer exchanges.

The official visit by President Christian has strengthened the political foundation of the FSM-China relationship. The meeting between President Christian and President Xi Jinping assured continued cooperation that would be mutually beneficial to both sides.

Members of President Christian's delegation included First Lady Maurina W. Christian, Foreign Secretary Lorin S. Robert, Yap State Governor Tony Ganngiyan, Iso Nahnken of Madolenihmw John Adolph and Nahnkeniei of Madolenihmw Piliiana Adolph, Ambassador Carlson D. Apis, Deputy Chief of Mission Vincent Sivas, Kosrae State Senator Josaiah Waguk, President/CEO of the FSM National Fisheries Cooperation Peter Sitan, TC&I Aviation Security Inspector Glenn Harris and Compact Management and ODA Specialist Kalvin Ehmes.

Caroline Fisheries Corporation sponsors big fish tournament in Pohnpei



By Pohnpei Fishing Club

March 25, 2017

Pohnpei, FM—Caroline Fisheries Corporation (CFC) sponsored their third annual Pohnpei Fishing Club tournament this year with prizes going to big fish catchers.

Weather was not a problem for the tournament as it had been for the “Kolonias Klassic tournament” that suffered several weather related delays and ended up happening just two weeks before the CFC tournament.



The format for the CFC tournament was for big fish, with cash prizes for the biggest fish. The winners are listed below.

1st Biggest Fish: Marlin 226.6lb , Patrick Blank on Happy Hookers - \$400.00; 2nd Biggest Fish: Yellowfin 31.5lb, Jeannie Nanpei on Salt Addiction - \$300.00; 3rd Biggest Fish: Yellowfin 30.9lb, Welber David on Poawoawoa - \$150.00; 4th Biggest Fish: Barracuda 27.6lb, Welber David on Poawoawoa - \$100.00; and, 5th Biggest Fish: Yellowfin 23.8lb, Elarson David on Poawoawoa - \$ 50.00

During the tournament, rather than fishing, one of the boats rescued a sailboat that had broken down outside the reef demonstrating that safety is definitely an important goal of the club.

There was a good turnout for the weigh-in. Many thanks to Mangrove Bay for holding the weigh-in. Also many thanks to everyone who helped out including Bill, Tina, James Cook, and Kumer's guys.

There was a barbecue to support the Pohnpei Public Library with tasty sloppy joe sandwiches.

Thanks again to CFC for a fun tournament. See you next time.

New scientific study highlights the effectiveness of Palau's Marine Protected Areas

Palau International Coral Reef Center

Over a half century ago, Palau established its first Marine Protected Area (MPA), the Ngerukewid Island Preserve. Since then, Palau has created the Protected Areas Network (PAN), the first ever Shark Sanctuary, and the Palau National Marine Sanctuary.

Far before the adaptation of MPAs, however, Palauans demonstrated strong marine stewardship. Traditionally, when reefs faced threats, chiefs would impose a bul, or harvest moratorium to allow resources the chance to recover. In time, fisheries management has evolved through the combination of traditional knowledge and the establishment of MPAs.

In a paper published in the scientific journal, PLOS ONE, scientists from the Palau International Coral Reef Center along with collaborators from the National Geographic Society's Pristine Seas Program, the Fisheries Ecology Research Laboratory at the University of Hawaii, the Centre d'Estudis Avancats de Blanes, Spain, and the Marine Science Institute at the University of California, Santa Barbara, investigated the effectiveness of MPAs in Palau. Authors of the paper, "Size, age, and habitat determine effect of Palau's Marine Protected Areas", include Dr. Yimnang Golbuu, Marine Gouezo and Dawnette Olsudong from PICRC along with collaborators, Dr. Alan Friedlander, Dr. Enric Ballesteros, Dr. Jennifer E. Caselle and Dr. Enric Sala.

Through this study scientists determined that Palau possesses some of the best preserved and managed coral reefs in the western Pacific. According to Dr. Alan Friedlander, the lead author of the study, "The biggest lesson to take away from this study is that with traditional knowledge and local engagement, the extensive network of MPAs in Palau provides important conservation and tourism benefits to the Republic, and likely provides fisheries benefits beyond their boundaries."

During this study, researchers selected a group of MPAs within the PAN that were strictly no-take zones. They compared the marine communities found in these sites to the ones found in

similar unprotected areas. On average, fish biomass in the MPAs was two times higher than in adjacent non-protected areas. Furthermore, the average biomass of top predators (groupers, sharks, jacks, snappers) was five times higher on average in the MPAs compared with areas open to fishing.

Size and age were the most important determinants of MPA success, with larger and older MPAs having the greatest amount of fish. A larger network of MPAs may benefit nearshore fisheries of the entire country by giving larger spawning adults protection and the potential to overflow into nearby fished areas. Larger protected areas contain a greater habitat diversity, which helps to conserve the entire ecosystem. In addition, the longer these areas are protected the more time the species have to mature.

"The results from this study is great news for Palau and demonstrates that if you put efforts into protection, you can see the benefits", according to Dr. Yimnang Golbuu, CEO of PICRC and one of the co-authors of the study. "The state governments and local communities that manage these protected areas, the Protected Areas Network (PAN) Office and PAN Fund and other partners that support these protected areas should be congratulated for their success. By working together, we have demonstrated the value of protected areas to the world and the scientific community."

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Pohnpei AG's office files criminal charges against Chief Justice Rodriguez

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

April 5, 2017

Pohnpei, FSM—Pohnpei's Chief Justice Benjamin Rodriguez is scheduled to be arraigned on Monday at the Pohnpei Supreme Court on criminal charges filed by the Pohnpei Attorney General's office on March 24, 2017. Supreme Court Justice Anson will be the presiding justice.

In addition to his letter to the Pohnpei State Legislature recommending impeachment action against the Chief Justice, the Attorney General also filed a civil action

seeking to recoup money that it charges the Justice illegally used.

The March 24 action additionally alleges that Rodriguez committed thirteen criminal offenses including three counts of "cheating", three counts of "embezzlement", one count of "Grand Larceny", one count of "Theft by failure to make required disposition of funds received", three counts of "misconduct in public office, and one count of "petit larceny".

Rodriguez is innocent unless proven otherwise in court.

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Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia

BANK OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIAStatements of Condition
December 31, 2016 and 2015

<u>ASSETS</u>	2016	2015
Cash and due from banks	\$ 3,979,469	\$ 4,010,703
Federal funds sold	4,025,000	3,000,000
Interest bearing deposits in banks	38,821,466	26,190,613
Cash and cash equivalents	46,825,935	33,201,316
Interest bearing deposits in banks	13,685,000	9,594,000
Short-term investment in money market funds	-	457,248
Securities available for sale	33,948,400	27,799,602
Loans, net of allowance for loan losses	50,664,007	54,923,923
Accrued interest receivable	345,771	393,014
Premises and equipment, net	2,193,869	2,267,466
Prepaid expenses and other assets	362,901	468,601
	<u>\$ 148,025,883</u>	<u>\$ 129,105,170</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u>		
Liabilities:		
Deposits:		
Noninterest-bearing	\$ 31,656,843	\$ 27,820,746
Interest-bearing	94,120,809	80,331,117
Total deposits	125,777,652	108,151,863
Accrued interest payable	12,641	13,163
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	984,287	835,827
Total liabilities	126,774,580	109,000,853
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$5 par value, 1,000,000 shares authorized: 934,348 shares issued and outstanding	4,671,740	4,671,740
Additional paid-in capital	4,663,576	4,663,576
Retained earnings	12,056,219	10,826,925
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(140,232)	(57,924)
Total stockholders' equity	21,251,303	20,104,317
	<u>\$ 148,025,883</u>	<u>\$ 129,105,170</u>



Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia

BANK OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIAStatements of Comprehensive Income
Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
Interest income:		
Loans	\$ 5,224,537	\$ 4,342,711
Investment securities and due from banks	771,953	648,996
Federal funds sold	16,089	5,485
Total interest income	6,012,579	4,997,192
Interest expense:		
Savings	129,921	104,805
Time deposits, \$100,000 and over	35,204	48,917
Other time deposits	24,524	30,044
Total interest expense	189,649	183,766
Net interest income	5,822,930	4,813,426
Provision for loan losses	265,000	265,000
Net interest income, after loan losses	5,557,930	4,548,426
Non-interest income:		
Loan fee income	332,659	381,062
Service charges on deposit accounts	158,498	194,551
Other	375,351	342,539
Total non-interest income	866,508	918,152
Non-interest expenses:		
Salaries and wages	1,751,609	1,706,559
Occupancy	357,655	364,821
Professional fees	338,063	200,433
Employee benefits	326,606	286,845
Data processing	282,879	270,485
Furniture and equipment	216,147	188,689
Gross receipts and use taxes	181,437	175,450
Electronic banking	180,253	150,203
Telephone	176,117	160,444
Correspondent bank fees	170,160	136,395
Travel	110,009	68,651
Insurance	92,615	89,643
Stationery and supplies	92,008	81,826
Director and shareholder	80,825	81,485
FDIC deposit insurance	70,000	77,246
Business development	24,094	23,763
Postage	16,008	17,742
Credit and collection	12,499	20,247
Teller and operating losses	6,880	27,096
Miscellaneous	55,236	38,248
Total non-interest expenses	4,541,100	4,166,271
Net income	1,883,338	1,300,307
Other comprehensive income:		
Net unrealized (loss) gain on investment securities	(82,308)	44,565
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 1,801,030</u>	<u>\$ 1,344,872</u>



The New Chief Executive Officer of the PNA Office Calls on FSM Leaders

FSM NORMA

March 29, 2017

Palikir, Pohnpei—On 29 March 2017, Mr. Ludwig Kumoru, the new Chief Executive Officer of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement Office (PNAO), made his first official visit to the Federated States of Micronesia in his capacity to inform the FSM leaders on his plan and vision on how to undertake the mandates of the PNAO during his term of office. During his visit, he met with FSM officials and paid his courtesy call on Honorable Yosuo George, the Vice President of the FSM.

Just one year in the office and one week before the 36th Annual Meeting of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement in Majuro starting April 10-14, 2017, CEO Kumoru felt it is an opportune time to call on the FSM leadership to discuss important fisheries matters particularly those important to FSM. Mr. Kumoru eloquently elaborated to the Vice President that his vision for the PNA is to have a Party led organization in which the needs of the members come before that of the PNAO. "PNAO should orient itself as a commercial body whereby it

focuses more on the economic aspirations of its members and facilitate realization of those priorities", said CEO Kumoru.

Vice President George warmly welcomed Mr. Kumoru and congratulated him in his designation as CEO of PNAO. He further expressed FSM's full support to him in his capacity and FSM's continued commitment to the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA). In light of Mr. Kumoru's vision's, he thanked Mr. Kumoru for his forward looking plan and strategic approach to further enhance the benefits from the exploitation of the tuna resources. He recalled that maximum revenue in the early days from fishing used to be only over 20 million dollars annually compared now where the FSM is generating over \$50 million annually in revenue attributable mainly to the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) – a commendable development effort of the PNA. The tuna resources are FSM's future hence such resources must be developed in a sustainable manner.

CEO Kumoru was able to observe the opening of the Special Session

of the 19th FSM Congress where he met members of the FSM Congress. Later during his visit, he met with the Honorable Wesley Simina, Speaker of the FSM Congress, as well as the Honorable Congressman David Panuelo, Chairman of the Committee on Resources and Development where he reiterated his vision and plan for the PNAO and its members.

Though his visit to the FSM was only a few days, it was a productive one as CEO

Kumoru was able to meet many high ranking FSM officials, especially of the FSM National Government. Mr. Kumoru also thanks FSM for its support for the position and expressed his appreciation of FSM's leadership in fisheries in the region and within PNA. A luncheon was hosted by NORMA on behalf of the Vice-President and Secretary of R&D and Deputy Secretary of Foreign Affairs on the occasion of the CEO's visit.



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China Visit

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Could a tourism village work here?

“Yes, I like that. There was a tourist village that they do and I’m trying to see if we can do that here. Some of these villages, the houses are close together and they’re mostly all families. But what they did in Hainan is they’ve converted this village and said, ‘okay, you be a tourist village’, and they support them. So visitors go and they have tea, and they have things to see, and that was part of the trip.

“It’s something that could be good here. The children when they come home from school could contribute. Most elderly parents don’t speak English but the kids do speak a little bit. So I thought that might be something we might gain some experience from,” he said.

China State visit an FSM tradition

“You know this trip has been put off for two years,” and added that they may have not have been particularly happy with him since right after his inauguration he went to Japan first. “I can’t be bothered with those kinds of things. You know, I have a few things to do.

“But the China trip is sort of traditional for the FSM—Japan, China. Of course, US doesn’t really care whether we visit them or not, and that’s a shame. You know, sometimes being scolded is better than not being talked to,” he said.

“And Australia—I’ve been thinking about doing an Embassy in Australia. I just can’t seem to get the logistics right. I mean, Australia’s been here all this time and we need to reciprocate. Australia is a strong supporter of our development efforts, especially with our maritime enforcement.

“Like I said, this trip to China wasn’t a surprise to anybody. It shouldn’t be a surprise. It’s been sort of an expected thing,” he said and shrugged his shoulders.

Ships, runway, airplanes, and tourism

One of things not in the press release regarded the two ships China donated to the FSM. “The technical team is arriving today. They’ve gone to look at those ships in Chuuk and in Yap. They’re going to make a recommendation on whether they’re worth repairing or they just build a couple of more ships. Their technology now is much better than when we got those ships,” he said.

“(In China) we also had a discussion on tourism and my push to opening up Yap as a gateway to Southeast Asia,” he said. Doing so would give Yap the same kind of tourism advantage that Palau has had. “And you know, people in Pohnpei and in Yap are going to say, ‘well, why Yap?’ You know, it just makes sense because of its proximity working from East to West...So, the extension of the runway in Yap is something that I have pushed with the foreign donors. I’ve spoken to Japan about it at their Embassy here. We seem to get a little bit of a bite in China as part of their tourism effort,” he said.

“I also know that the US Air Force has been to Yap to talk to the Governor about extending that runway. Not as a base but just so that they have somewhere to go to, let’s say there’s a typhoon in Guam...which they’ve done before, they’ve brought their aircraft to Chuuk and Pohnpei. They’re looking at Yap now which makes sense. Which sort of puts a little kink in my plans of approaching China. But if the US is going to say ‘No, China, you can’t build this thing.’ Well, that fine. We can accept that but then do it,” he said.

The President said that the first new aircraft for Caroline Islands Air is due to arrive sometime before the end of the summer but that we have to get pilots up there for some training. “The first plane is already painted and has our name on it. I’ve just given instruction to TC&I to make the request for a backup airplane. It’s not good business to use just a single aircraft for any airline. You need to have a backup,” President Christian said.

He said that the plane was an outright grant from China. “We can’t buy one but if they give us money, we’ll take it.”

“It was a very interesting trip. We went all the way up to Harbin where the airplane was manufactured and then back down to Hainan,” he said.

All official statements provided to Congress

Congress asked for, and he had provided on that morning, copies of his official statements so that there would be no question on what he was doing with China. He also provided a copy to The Kaselehlie Press. He said that before he even started out for China he knew there would be some skepticism, but added that its mostly people who don’t live here; FSM citizens abroad who feel that they know better what needs to be done.

We reminded him that we had witnessed him in a high level bilateral meeting in

Southern China and noticed that he simply wasn’t intimidated in any way.

“We’re still pushing on that, it’s what we’re pushing for. Remember, we signed a tourist destination agreement, that the FSM would become a destination authorized by China for their people”, he said. “Everything that’s happened with my push for the airport in Yap goes back to tourism. How each of the States develops their tourism, it’s really up to them. All we can do is give them some prompters.”

Mutual respect for sovereignty

We also noted that in every statement he made during his earlier bilateral and during his recent trip to China he always mentioned a mutual respect for each other’s sovereignty and territory.

“...and it has to be,” he said. “China wants the ‘One China Policy’. When I came into this office and before I came into this office, it’s always been the policy of the previous Presidents to acknowledge the policy. The world perspective on that policy differs and there are personal perspectives too. Your perspective on the One China policy and my perspective on the policy. I may not believe in it but because this is what my government has put forward to China, this is what I said to them,” and he read his statement that said that his administration would adhere to the policy just as the former FSM President’s had done. “My personal feeling is one thing but what seven Presidents have said before me, I think, deserves to be protected.”

“...and unless we see some great divergence in that policy,” he said, and trailed off. “But you know, two countries accuse each other of human rights violations. The US accuses China of human rights violations. China accuses the US of human rights violations. But we’re in the middle. As a matter of fact, at some point in the past they talked about the Pacific Ocean being large enough for both of them. And my reaction was, ‘hey, we live here! Don’t talk as if there’s nobody out here!’”

Trade and globalization

“Something more important that I also participated in was China’s push to improve its trade with Southeast Asian countries. That was because of the 2008 economic turbulence. The FSM lost money then, so my feeling was that if Southeast Asia

could become a strong and stable trading community, it will be good for us, good for the Pacific too. So we do support any strengthening of ties.

“But I also told them, ‘look, we’re small, and globalization is very far from my thinking right now. I’m thinking about building a road, getting an airplane, and bringing in more tourism. I’m not thinking about globalization. And we’re not like the larger economies. They tend to have this big fight and we very often become the spoils of war, an economic one.”

“And that will continue and this is why we need to be prepared to make some decisions. What do we do? Do we stand up and cry foul against China or do we work with them and see how much assistance we can get from them?” he asked.

Danger of some sort of takeover?

We asked them if there was any danger of the FSM beginning to look like Saipan or RMI with foreigners owning a large number of businesses.

We asked him what China wants in return for all of their assistance. “Well, respect for their One China policy,” he immediately answered.

“We are going to have to look at it, I mean, I’ve been crying for people to take a look at our foreign labor. The US and the World Bank have been telling us to improve our foreign investment laws. Improve on what? I see every day on the street, there’s a new business being set up by foreigners.

“But back to the China trip. They’ve given us some money which we will divide among the States. What I have done since coming here is take the China money and divide it among the states,” he said.

Infrastructure projects to be done by China

“Kosrae has decided they’re going to use their \$5 million for their road. Chuuk was undecided whether they wanted to use their money for repairing the ship or putting it to extend the road down to Blue Lagoon. Yap is determined to use their \$5 million for repairing their ship. Now, if the technical team comes back and says that it’s too much to repair that ship, it’s up to Yap to come back and say, ‘okay, we’ll use that money for something else.’”

“The catch is that this money, like the Japanese foreign aid, they would like to come and do these projects, and that’s the

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Pacific Islands – China cooperation strengthened by Forum Delegation

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

Suva, Fiji: The Pacific Islands Forum delegation to China, led by Secretary General Dame Meg Taylor, has returned after successful meetings, 20-25 March, pursuing regional cooperation with the Chinese Government and the key South China province of Guangdong, as well as promoting oceans sustainable development at the prestigious Boao Forum for Asia.

The Secretary General met with the Chinese Minister for Foreign Affairs, Wang Yi, and discussed the strong and longstanding relations between Pacific Island Countries and China. The Foreign Minister reiterated China’s commitment to working with the Pacific Islands Forum on important issues such as climate change and support for economic development. Mr Wang said he would welcome Pacific Islands Countries taking up the opportunities offered by China’s Belt and Road Initiative and people to people cooperation.

“We have a long history of people to people links and China is an important partner for the Pacific Islands”, said Dame Meg Taylor.

In a meeting with the Director of China’s State Oceanic Administration, Wang Hong, it was agreed to cooperate in developing practical projects for the development of sustainable fisheries and aquaculture.

The President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), Jin Liqun, told the delegation that he encouraged Pacific Island Countries to join the new multilateral financial institution to pursue economic development that does not leave any country behind.

The delegation travelled to the key South China province of Guangdong, with strong cultural and business ties to the Pacific Islands. In its capital, Guangzhou, the delegation met with leaders of key agencies of the Guangdong Provincial Government and proposed a framework cooperation agreement for more regular dialogue, exchange and programmes to strengthen economic, education, cultural and other ties, to be developed this year.

At the prestigious Boao Forum for Asia, attended by government and business leaders from across the region, Deputy Secretary General Andie Fong Toy spoke on the need for international and regional cooperation for the sustainable development of our ocean and its resources.

Pacific Islands Trade and Investment Commissioner in China, David Morris, said “the visit of the Secretary General and delegation confirmed we can build stronger friendship and cooperation with China for mutual benefit. By working together we can improve outcomes in fisheries, tourism, infrastructure investment, education, training and other areas.”

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catch. But I think that China 10 years later is more technologically advanced than they were. I mean you go to China and see all these huge building being built and you wonder why the buildings they built here are falling down. It’s because, we ourselves, we were not involved in inspections, and looking at the materials that were going to be used. They just came and put it there. But now we’re changing that. We’ve talked with the Embassy here about how disappointed we are that some of the properties are falling down. They are embarrassed. But in those days when they were building the President, Speaker and Justices houses they were left on their own. We had no inspectors. We didn’t have a chance to look at the materials they were bringing in. But now, the Embassy is aware of our concern and we’re a little bit more quality conscious than we were 10 or 15 years ago,” he said.

“But the gym, that COM gym; that was a loan and I was embarrassed that part of the ceremony was to write off that loan. That’s a \$3.8 million loan. But we didn’t ask. China just offered to write it off.

What does China get and where does the US stand?

We asked him what China wants in return for all of their assistance. “Well, respect for their One China policy,” he immediately answered.

“Look, we have diplomatic relations with China. We have diplomatic relations with Australia and many other countries. We have diplomatic relations with the United States. The difference is we have a treaty with the United States that goes beyond just simply diplomatic relationships. And that treaty wasn’t brought in overnight. It took 15 years to develop that treaty. And we were comfortable with it. I am comfortable with it and I tell people all the time, that my relationship with China can never be the same as my relationship with the United States. There is a reciprocity issue that must be kept.

“I think that those people who are worried about our relationship with China should be more worried about some executive order that may try to cancel that relationship.”

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ANZAC DAY

25 APRIL 2017
DAWN SERVICE – KANGAROO COURT, POHNPEI



The Australian Defence Force and Australian Embassy Pohnpei will conduct the 2017 ANZAC Day Dawn Service on the grounds of the Defence Compound Kangaroo Court, NETT on the morning of Tuesday 25th of April 2017.

ANZAC Day is a time to commemorate the sacrifices made by members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corp (ANZAC) on the beaches of Gallipoli, Turkey during World War I and to recognise the contribution of all service men and women across the globe who have served since.

- Date:** 25 APRIL 2017
- Times:** 0530 - Gathering
0545 - Dawn Service
0630 - Gun Fire Breakfast
- Venue:** Defence Compound, Kangaroo Court, NETT (West Bank of Nett River)
- Contact:** Australian Embassy 320 5448

This event is open to Australian and New Zealand Nationals, Veterans and Serving Members of the Armed Forces of any Nationality and all Members of the General Public.



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Madolenihmw hosts “Cultural Day” at the kings palace in Temwen

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

March 31, 2017

Pohnpei, FSM—For several years, Pohnpei Cultural Day was celebrated at the Spanish Wall park in Kolonia but that has changed. A decision was made to rotate the Cultural Day celebrations among the kingdoms of Pohnpei, starting with the kingdom that was established the earliest—Madolenihmw. The celebration was held in Temwen, Madolenihmw in the nahs of the palace of Isapahu Nahmwahrki of Madolenihmw Kerpet Ehpel.

“Ever since the celebrations started at the Spanish Wall, we’ve only been seeing demonstrations of Nett culture and nothing from the rest,” said one participant in Madolenihmw.

The Cultural Day celebration wasn’t necessarily a “demonstration” of tradition and culture. It was more of an invitation to do what they would have done even if there were no outside observers. Very understanding people gently guided outsiders to help them to understand and to make corrections on what was appropriate and what was not inside the very traditional nahs and in the presence of Isapahu Nahmwarki of Madolenihmw.

The ceremony included the pounding and serving of sakau in a traditional order.

According to the “Australia in Micronesia” Facebook page, the cultural day centered on the construction of two new canoes funded by Australia’s Direct Aid Program for Pohnpei Senior Citizens Association. “Kester James, the Program Coordinator from the Association, spoke of how the Sail Pohnpei project demonstrated culture in practice. He spoke of the project being an educational process for all who were involved, and how the hope of Pohnpei Senior Citizens Association is to build on the positive results by educating youth throughout the state on the importance of traditional culture and practices,” the page says.

Whenever a new canoe is constructed in Pohnpei, the first catch for those canoes goes to the Nahmwahrki to distribute as he sees fit. That cultural tradition was carried out during Cultural Day as the first catch of dozens of pounds of fish were presented to the Nahmwahrki, which were then distributed to representative participants until all of the fish were gone.

The canoes landed long before the fish they had caught were ready to be

received and dozens of people stood at the Temwen landing for quite a while before they were accepted to present their “first fruits” offering of fish to the Nahmwahrki.

The Nahmwahrki’s spokesperson, on behalf of the king said that the king was displeased when he looked around the room and found that there were no government officials present, even though it was a government action that created the Cultural Day.

Though Pohnpei senators, including Naiten Phillip and Shelton Neth were present, it appeared that no elected Executive Branch officials were present at the Cultural Day event.

Nelson Pelep and Feliciano Perman were both present. They were Pohnpei Legislature representatives when the law creating Pohnpei Cultural Day was passed.

Representatives of the diplomatic corps from Australia, the United States, and Japan were present.



...Founding Day

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The day's activities began with a colorful parade with floats decorated by the various student organizations at the National and Pohnpei campuses. The parade route began at the Spanish Wall ballpark at just after 9:00 in the morning, continued through town and on to the Pohnpei Island Central School (PICS) track where the rest of the day's festivities continued.

Before lunch was served representatives of the student organizations competed in men's and women's track events in the blazing heat. Students and teachers from the school's nursing program served

as medical attendants and gave each competitor a bag of crushed ice to cool down with at the finish line of each event. They were also on hand to serve in the case of medical emergencies.

During lunch students danced "freestyle" on the stage in the high jump and javelin area of the track and field, displaying the energy of youth.

After the lunch break, members of most of the student associations either presented cultural dances or explained a bit about their own culture.

Awards for all of the sporting events and the judging of the floats were presented after the cultural presentations.



Improving Island Life



US Olympian and Sports Diplomat visits the FSM

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

April 3, 2017

Pohnpei, FSM—Three time US Olympian and silver medalist in volleyball, Heather Bown visited Pohnpei and Chuuk under the auspices of the US Sports Diplomacy program.

“Sports diplomacy uses the universal passion for sports as a way to transcend linguistic and sociocultural differences and bring people together. Participation in sports teaches leadership, teamwork, and communication skills that help young people succeed in all areas of their lives,” the website of the US’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs says.

Bown certainly accomplished that mission while she was in the US, spreading her own enthusiasm for sports to hundreds of people in the FSM as she visited schools, local coaches, and government representatives.

In addition to having been a key player on the US Olympic volleyball team during three Olympics games, Bown also was a professional player with experience on teams around the world. She brought a wealth of enthusiasm and inspiration to the FSM.

She arrived in Pohnpei on March 23. On the next day she conducted a workshop with Pohnpei State volleyball coaches and athletes. In the afternoon she shared a health and fitness speech with the seventh and eighth grade students of Kolonia Elementary School and did an interview at the State radio station. In the evening, US Charges d’Affaires Joanne Cummings held a reception at her home to introduce Bown to leaders in the FSM.

On Saturday she gave a well-attended free volleyball clinic that was open to the public at the PICS gym where she taught the fundamentals of volleyball to people of all ages.

On Monday, March 27 she continued her workshop with local coaches before taking her message of health and fitness to the students of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School. She gave another coaching clinic at the College of Micronesia FSM-Pohnpei Campus in the afternoon.

She paid a courtesy call on FSM Secretary for the Department of Education, Kalwin Kephias on the next morning followed by a health and fitness speech at Sekere Elementary School along with some demonstrations of volleyball technique. She also visited Nanpei Memorial High School that afternoon.

During her speech, Bown spoke to students not only about the importance of healthy lifestyle choices but also about achieving their



own goals. She used the acronym, “SMART” when she spoke of goal setting. SMART goals, she said, are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Time-Based.

While in Pohnpei, Bown also had opportunity to visit the World Heritage site, Nan Madol in Madolenihmw and spent some time at Kepirohi Falls as well.

Before departing for Chuuk, Bown was able to participate in the COM Founding Day activities as well.

She arrived in Chuuk in time for FSM Cultural Day hosted by the Chuuk Women’s Council. In addition to being able to participate and observe all of the activities of that day, she also gave a health and fitness speech to the gathered crowds.

On the following day she presented a volleyball clinic for State coaches and athletes at Saramen Chuuk Gymnasium. Sunday was left for a bit of well needed time off and exploration in Weno.

On Monday, April 3 she visited Akoyikoyi School and Chuuk High School.

On her last full day in Chuuk she visited Saramen Chuuk Academy and Xavier High School

Wherever Bown went in the FSM she was received with enthusiasm.

She has spent her adult life traveling the world in a way that most tourists don’t have the opportunity to do. Wherever she has gone, she has immersed herself in the culture of the people where she is.

A US Embassy official said that she was surprised at the number of people in Chuuk who knew her from her days at the University of Hawaii where she studied on an athletic scholarship.

Bown was born and raised in Southern California but is now living in Southern Florida.

With the US Olympic team, Bown competed in the Olympics in Sydney, Australia in 2000, in Athens, Greece in 2004, and in 2008 in Beijing, China where the US Women’s team won a silver medal. She retired from the US team in 2012 after being named as an alternate for the Olympic Games in London.

In between summers competing with the US National Team, Heather enjoyed an adventurous professional career. Beginning in 2000 and spanning 14 years she was fortunate to live and compete in Italy, Turkey,



Azerbaijan, Russia, and China.

During a lunch interview she spoke with passion about her many volunteer activities as well. She volunteers for Classroom Champions; Ready, Set, Gold!; ACE Mentor Program, and the United Way. She is constantly focused on sharing her love for sport, the joys and lessons it brings to life, and a desire for personal growth. She enjoys working with youth and helping them realize and maximize their potential in the classroom and on the field of play through coaching and mentoring.

She still sets SMART goals. After having mastered Italian, Heather’s current personal goal is to learn French by next year before she visits.

The US could not have asked for a better Sports Diplomat for the FSM.

Cultural Talent Show raises over \$15,000 for Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

April 1, 2017

Pohnpei, FSM—The students and teachers of Our Lady of Mercy High School (OLMCHS) put on a multi-cultural talent show in their gym on Saturday evening. The event was a fund raiser for the school which organizers say was highly successful. The final figures aren't in yet but Vice Principal Russell Figueras says that so far he feels confident in saying that the amount raised was approximately \$15,000 after fundraising expenses, including costumes for the performances.

"We are happy to note also that a big part of the fund raised came from the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz (MMB) Sisters in Saipan and MMB friends and family in Saipan. They sent us \$9,000 worth of raffle tickets and cash donations," Figueras wrote.

The students sang, danced, and played instrumental solos. All in all there were 20 separate performances representing the cultures of teachers and students at the school which included dance numbers from Pakistan, Kiribati, Pohnpei, the Philippines, Chuuk, Yap,

Colombia and one heavily suggestive number representing "Youth Culture". Jourdyn Adams played three piano solos during the evening. Physical Education teacher Nimrod Hall played a beautiful 12 string guitar and sang one number, and two students of the school sang a duet mostly in Spanish.

A raffle was also held with 16 consolation prizes and three main cash winners. Pohnpei Catholic School Principal Bernie Helstrom won the third prize of \$200, Rosa Palacios won the second prize of \$300, and Andrew Falcam won the top cash prize of \$500.



The gym was packed and was standing room only throughout the evening as students rushed back and forth to change costumes for their next performances.

Figueras said that special thanks for their donations and assistance goes to OLMCH PTA Office, MMB Sisters

in Saipan, The Bank of the FSM, Pacific Landscaping, Engineering, and Construction Company, Caroline Fisheries Corporation, Ray & Dors Store, CTSI-Pohnpei, Genesis Hospital and Pharmacy, Palm Terrace, Kia's Restaurant, Seven Stars Inn, and The Village Travel.



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PROVISION OF MARINE SAFETY EQUIPMENT
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The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia's National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Program, and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards the provision of marine safety equipment: Personal Flotation Devices, Water Activated Strobe Light, Personal Locator Beacon, Two-way Satellite Communication Device and a Life Raft.

FSM NORMA is now seeking offers from suitably qualified and experienced vendors/suppliers to supply these marine safety equipment to be provided for use by its fisheries observers and inspectors.

Bidding will be conducted through the Shopping procedures specified in the World Bank Guidelines for Procurement of Works in Fragile and Small States in the Pacific, and is open to all bidders from Eligible Source Countries as defined in the Guidelines.

Interested eligible vendors/suppliers can obtain further information from and must also request a formal Invitation To Quote (ITQ) no later than April 15, 2017 (Pohnpei Local Time) from the following email address.

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DIRECTOR

About the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

The Pacific Islands Forum was founded in August 1971 and currently comprises 18 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.

About the Opportunity

An exciting and challenging opportunity exists for the right candidate to join the Secretariat as a Director.

The role, which is part of the Senior Management Team at the Secretariat and reports directly to the Secretary General and Deputy Secretaries General, will lead a diverse team delivering key results to drive deeper regional cooperation and integration. The Director must have the capacity to provide high level strategic advice and set priorities for the team. She/he must also manage the performance of the team and be accountable for delivery of key results to deliver a prioritised regionalism agenda. This role also contributes to driving the reform agenda of the Secretariat.

The Director is ultimately accountable for the results identified under each KRA and Sub KRA assigned to him/her by the Executive. The Director ensures Team Leaders and the teams under his/her supervision deliver results in each output area and Sub KRA as per the performance plan.

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This role will ensure that high quality policy advice is provided to representatives of Member States and the Forum Secretariat Executive. She/he will lead a team of Advisers to build effective partnerships with a diverse range of regional actors – senior representatives of Forum Island Member States, Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP) agencies, other regional entities, development partners in the region, civil society representatives, and the private sector.

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About the Benefits

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* Eligible Applications must be nationals of: 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.

Japanese government funds truck for abandoned vehicle recycling

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

March 28, 2017

Pohnpei, FSM—The government of Japan has donated \$76,616 for a three ton truck and a scale for use by the Environmental Protection Agency. This morning Pohnpei's Governor Marcelo Peterson and EPA officials signed the grant paperwork at the home of Japanese Ambassador Ryoichi Horie.

After the paper work was signed, Ambassador Horie presented the check to the EPA.

The truck will be used for recovery of abandoned vehicles around the island which will then be sold at salvage prices.

Ambassador Horie said that during his recent trip to Yap he toured the recycling center there and found it to be a bit further along than Pohnpei's fledgling program. But he said that he was encouraged that Pohnpei is making strides to make its recycling program even stronger.

Governor Peterson said that the EPA is certainly making efforts to strengthen the recycling program. He said that he has appreciated Japan's ongoing support, beginning with the renovation

of the building that is being used for the project, along with donations of equipment including the most recent donation of the three ton truck and scale.

Governor Peterson started a recycling program when he was the Mayor of Kolonia Town. He later turned it over to Pohnpei State which passed a law establishing the program, including a can import fee. It also provided \$100,000 for the startup of the program. Peterson said that since then the program has recycled over seven million cans.

He said that the startup of the program was shaky, mainly due to the large numbers of cans that were already on the island. When it first started, he learned that in the 1970's when people didn't know what to do with their cans, they buried them—mostly empty Schlitz cans, the popular beer of the day. When the recycling program began, people began digging those cans up and turning them in for redemption. It was a strain on the program that wasn't initially anticipated but he said that he hopes to one day be able to have more redemption days in order to make the process of recycling easier for those who collect cans and to avoid cans sitting around the island waiting for the day that the program accepts cans.



Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia Marine security tops final session of 19th Congress

PALIKIR, POHNPEI – April 7, 2017. The Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia adjourned its final session with the passage of measures to secure the Nation's maritime borders and the biodiversity of its environment, among other issues.

The Congress convened on March 27th for its Eighth Special Session to address urgent matters pending before the Body. The session began with the review of the four measures vetoed by the President. Congress determined that the vetoes were not due to any legal impediments or drafting errors, but rather based on policy decisions and, through override, returned all four measures to the President to be signed into law. Those measures included:

Congressional Act (CA) 19-149, to allow travel expenses for those entitled to stipend for official travels to the outer islands; CA 19-150, to clarify in Title 55 of the FSM Code that the Speaker of the Congress is not required to further certify the Members affidavits of their Representation and Official allowances expenditures; CA 19-158, to restrict any negotiations with the United States contemplated or proposed by the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP) to Title Two Economic Provisions of the Amended Compact of Free Association; and CA 19-159, an amendment to Title 55 to provide the Public Auditor with the powers to investigate allegations of white-collar crime.

With the overrides tackled, the Congress passed CA 19-163, for a supplemental budget of \$1,684,000 to respond to the various issues and obligations of the national government. The Body then addressed measures pending regarding marine resources and maritime zones for which the following Acts of the 19th Congress were passed:

CA 19-173, is an amendment to Title 24 of the FSM Code to modify the terms of members of the Board of National Oceanic Resource Management Authority to allow possible reappointments for an additional two-year term;

CA 19-174, is another amendment to Title 24 designed to enhance the National Government's ability to enforce national fishery laws and regulations in and beyond the Fisheries Waters where applicable consistent with its obligations

in conservation and management under international and regional conventions. The Act also reflected recent obligations assumed under the Third Implementing Arrangement under the Nauru Agreement;

CA 19-176, also amended Title 24 to extend the Nation's existing 12-mile Exclusive Economic Zone by an additional 12 miles and maintain the current prohibitions of commercial fishing and exploitation of natural resources within the 24 miles; and finally

CA 18-178, is an amendment to Title 18 to align it with the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and to finally update the FSM's Maritime Boundary as concluded in the delimitation treaties with its neighboring nations.

In addition to the Acts on marine security was one to address security of the environment. Congressional Act 19-180, is an amendment to Title 22 of the FSM Code to simplify and clarify the bio security protection procedures in order to prevent the introduction of invasive species with higher potential of destroying the biodiversity and the environment of the FSM.

A significant measure that was passed during the 8th Special Session of the 19th Congress was CA 19-175, to increase the salaries of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the FSM Supreme Court. The Act called for the Chief Justice to receive a salary of \$62,000 per annum with salary of the Associate Justices at \$52,000 per annum.

The remaining Acts of the special session are for public projects and social programs in the four states to make either changes to the use of funds previously appropriated or to make changes to the allottees of those fund and they included the following,

Specific to the State of Chuuk were Congressional Act (CA) 19-161 and CA 19-164 for changes to the use and allottees of funds previously allotted. A third measure CA 19-165, clarified the use of funds previously appropriated for Priority Infrastructure in the state.

Specific to the State of Kosrae was CA 19-170, to change the use and allottees of certain funds previously appropriated for public projects and social programs in the state.

Specific to the State of Pohnpei were CA 19-166, to change the use and allottee of funds previously appropriated to fund Priority Infrastructure projects in the state; CA 19-168 and CA 19-169, both made change to the use of funds previously appropriated for public projects and social programs in the state.

For the State of Yap, CA 19-177 called for change to the use of funds previously appropriated for the purpose of funding essential government functions and projects in the state.

While certain Acts were specific to each state, the remaining Acts from the 8th Special Session were inclusive of either two to all states in one Act, and they included:

CA 19-160, called for changes to the use, the allottee and lapse date of certain funds previously appropriated for public projects and social programs in the states of Chuuk and Yap.

CA 19-162, called for changes to the use of funds previously appropriated for public projects and social programs in the states of Chuuk, Kosrae and Pohnpei;

CA 19-167, called for changes to the use of funds previously appropriated for public projects and social programs in the states of Chuuk and Pohnpei;

CA 19-171, called for changes to the use and allottees of funds previously appropriated for public projects and social programs in the states of Yap, Kosrae and Chuuk; and

CA 19-172, called for changes to the use of funds previously appropriated for public projects and social programs in the states of Kosrae and Chuuk.

The final Act was CA 19-177, which appropriated \$200,000 to fund public projects and social programs in each of the four states.

Along with the 25 Acts, the Congress also adopted 14 resolutions at the end of its 8th Special Session. While most of the resolutions centered on grant assistances to the FSM, two addressed international issues pending before the Body and two expressed sincere gratitude and appreciation to the two outgoing Members of the 19th Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

PNG gears up for bigger than ever World Tuna Day



27 March 2017

The first country to ever honor World Tuna Day, Papua New Guinea, is preparing for this year's even bigger celebrations on May 2nd, just six weeks away. The festivities will be the first to be rejoiced globally, thanks to a UN ratification of the event last year.

PNG first commemorated the PNA and Pacifica! initiative in 2012 and is this year hosting several events to mark the occasion, around the theme: "Talk Tuna, Fish Tuna, Eat Tuna, Atun-Ability for Manageability & Sustainability". The day aims to remind people all over the world of the importance of protecting and conserving tuna species, and is a chance to celebrate tuna as well as the PNA region, which controls the world's largest sustainable skipjack fishery.

A number of activities have been lined up across the country by PNG's National Fisheries Authority (NFA). Educating children about the tuna fishery has been a priority of the events, and this year school children will get the chance to compete in poem and debate competitions to enhance their knowledge on the tuna fishery, as well as the opportunity to win cash prizes and library books on fishery science for their schools.

There will also be a song competition where the winner can grab a cash prize as well as the chance to perform at the opening of the Pacific Tuna Forum and the Pacific Seafood & Technology Exposition on September 12th 2017.

On World Tuna Day, the NFA will host display booths for the public to learn more about the work of the NFA in relation to the tuna fishery, and the industry has also been encouraged to participate at this event by displaying their tuna products.

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IFCP visits Pohnpei Students

On February 02 2017 @ 1:50pm IFCP (Island Foods Community of Pohnpei) held a workshop with the 5th graders and their teachers at Ohmine Elementary School. Unfortunately a power point presentation could not be conducted due to power outage. The "Go Local" and its CHEEF (Culture, Health Environment, Economy Food Security) was conducted by IFCP Outreach Assistant Mrs. Neilynn Walter. Also presented were the MODFAT (Micronesia One Diet Fits All Today) brochures to take home and show their parents on how to eat a healthy and balanced meal to prevent people from NCD's. A quiz was held after the presentation and they showed IFCP that they learned a lot from our short visit. Some students decided not to participate in the quiz so all that decided to participate in the quiz were rewarded with IFCP logo pencils.

On February 07 2017 at 10:30 am IFCP held another workshop was held with the 6th graders and their teacher at Saladak School. A power point presentation on the "Go Local" and its CHEEF benefits was conducted by IFCP Outreach Assistant Mrs. Neilynn Walter. MODFAT brochures were also presented during the workshop. A quiz was held and all the students were rewarded with pencils. IFCP ended the workshop with snacks of ripe bananas.

On February 08 2017 another workshop was held with the 6th graders of Pohnpei Catholic School (PCS) and their teacher at Pohnpei Catholic School. A power point on the "Go Local" and its CHEEF benefits was also conducted by IFCP

Outreach Assistant Mrs. Neilynn Walter. Also presented were the MODFAT brochures. Most of the students took notes on the presentation. After the presentation a short quiz was held and almost all the students can answer the questions which IFCP is extremely proud of this achievement. The students showed IFCP that they listened to every detail of the presentation and have learned a lot. All the students were rewarded with pencils.

On February 09 2017 at 10:30 am IFCP held another workshop with the 6th graders, their teachers and the Principal of Nett School at the Nett school Nahs. A power point presentation on the "Go Local" and its CHEEF benefits was conducted by IFCP Outreach Assistant Mrs. Neilynn Walter. MODFAT brochures were also presented. A quiz was conducted after the presentation and all the students were rewarded with "Go Local" pencils.

On February 14 2017 a workshop was held with the 6th&7th graders along with their teachers at the Sapwalap School. A power point presentation was conducted on the "Go Local" and its CHEEF benefits by IFCP Outreach Assistant Mrs. Neilynn Walter. A quiz was held after the presentation and all students were rewarded with pencils. The students each have a banana for snack.

On February 16 2017 another workshop was held with the 6th graders and their teacher at ESDM School. A power point presentation on the "GO Local" and its CHEEF benefits was conducted by IFCP Outreach Assistant

Mrs. Neilynn Walter. A quiz was held after the presentation and all the students were rewarded with pencils.

On February 17 2017 IFCP staffs departed Pohnpei via CIA and arrived on Mwokilloa before noon the same day. A workshop was held with the 1st -8th graders and their teachers on the Beautiful and magnificent Island of Mwokilloa. Unfortunately IFCP had some difficulties with our projector so we cannot do a power point presentation. A presentation of the "Go Local" and its CHEEF benefits was conducted by Acting Executive Director and Project Coordinator of IFCP Mrs. Emihner Johnson. A quiz was held after the presentation and the students did very well on answering all the questions. All the students were rewarded with pencils.

On February 20 a workshop on the flour milling machine and the D-HOPE concept was conducted by Acting Executive Director Mrs. Emihner Johnson with the community people of Mwokilloa at the Mwokilloa Municipal Government with a total of 32 participants attending.

On February 28 a workshop was conducted at the IFCP office in Pwunso with the COM students from Dana Lee Lings Ethnobotany class by Outreach Assistant of IFCP Mrs. Neilynn Walter with a total of 24 participants.

On March 02 another workshop was held with the 6th graders and their teachers at Rohie Sokehs Pah School. The workshop was conducted by Acting Executive Director Mrs. Emihner Johnson and IFCP Outreach Assistant Mrs.

Neilynn Walter with a total of 16 participants. A quiz was held after the presentation and all students were rewarded with pencils.

IFCP would like to thank each and every principal and teachers of all the schools that had made this program possible by allowing IFCP to have a school visit and conduct the "Go Local" campaign. IFCP will be looking for your full support on making school policies on campaigning for "Go Local" and its CHEEF benefits.

On March 14 another workshop was conducted with the 6th 7th 8th graders and their teachers at Rohi Elementary School. A power point presentation was conducted by IFCP Outreach Assistant Neilynn Walter. A quiz was also conducted and all the students were rewarded with pencils and had complimentary healthy snack of ripe bananas from Island Food Community Of Pohnpei.

On March 16 another workshop was held with the 6th graders and their teachers of Seinwar elementary School. The workshop was conducted by Acting Director and Project Coordinator Mrs. Emihner Johnson. A quiz was also held and all the kids were rewarded with pencils.

On March 21 another power point presentation on the GO LOCAL and its CHEEF benefits was held with the PCS (Pohnpei Catholic School) 8th- 9th graders and their teachers. It was conducted by Acting Director Mrs. Emihner Johnson and Outreach Assistant Mrs. Neilynn Walter.

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From Stone Money to STEM Olympians: Micronesian students head to International Robotics Competition

Habele Foundation

The famously traditional Island of Stone Money is sending top students to a high tech global robotics competition.

Students from 153 nations will gather in Washington DC this summer for the international high school robotics Olympics. Few will have traveled as far—geographically or culturally—as the Robo League team from Yap.

The FIRST Global Challenge is a worldwide robotics challenge. Small student teams design, build, and compete complex robots from simple parts. The work demands hands-on mastery of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) skills. Featuring teams from across the planet, it also serves as a forum for students to meet and partner with diverse international peers.

Students in Yap—a remote Micronesian Island most famous for its Stone Money—established their own Robotics League in 2011, holding Micronesia's first public exhibition in summer of 2012. Organized by US-based NGO "Habele," the Yap Robo League remains the only coordinated multi-year robotics program in the Central or Western Pacific. It has grown and thrived through a defining partnership with a robotics team at Chaminade College Preparatory School, in Los Angeles, California. In-kind gifts of time and talent, as well as private donations and local fundraisers entirely finance the league.

The all-star team headed to the FIRST Global Challenge is comprised of three high school seniors from Yap Catholic High School, winners of the 2016 Habele Robo League Championship. They will spend nearly a week in the US Capital, participating in a lavish international opening ceremony, a series of robotics exhibitions, competitions, and eliminations, as well as tours and team

building exercises with students from around the world.

"Since 2011, hardworking students, educators, and community members have grown and sustained one the Pacific's most exceptional—and most popular—educational programs," observed Alex Sidles, a Habele Director. "Invitation to the Global Challenge is just the latest testimony to the accomplishments and ambitions of the Yap Robo League, and its innovative focus on competition, incentives, and accountability."

The many tiny islands of Micronesia are home to a semi cash economy, primarily comprised of subsistence agriculture and fishing. Their remoteness and relative lack of resources limits formal economic growth and opportunities. However, they place great emphasis on preserving cultural practices while learning modern technology. Widely studied in the West, Yapese stone money, or "Rai," are an example. The large, circular stone disks have been used for centuries as currency. The system relies on oral histories of ownership because the carved stones are too large to move.

One project to sustain traditional practices is "Waa'gey," an after school cultural skills program. Many Yap Robo League students participate, receiving instruction on-campus and after-school from Waa'gey mentors in centuries old Carolinian carving and sailing techniques. "There are many connections between the techniques of canoe building and celestial navigation and the skills students develop with these robots," explained Master Navigator Larry Raigetel. "The outside world's increasing focus on so-called STEM instruction is, for us, something of a return to the way we've always understand knowledge and building. I hope our young people take that insight with them to Washington."



PCC-CRE Locally Hatched Mangrove Crab

Thursday, March 30, 2017

In support of Palau's aquacultural development in the area of commercial farming, the Cooperative Research & Extension of Palau Community College (PCC-CRE) recently implemented a project that supports the local production of mangrove crab. To address the diminishing stock of mangrove crabs *Scylla serrata* locally known as "chemang" in Palau waters, the Palau Community College in collaboration with the Ngeremlegui State Rangers had recently installed a mangrove crab seed bank in one of the mangrove conservation areas located in Ngeremlegui State. This was done following a recommendation of visitors from the Embassy of Thailand in February 2017. During their visit, the team of experts from Thailand gave an informative presentation on how to commercialized mangrove crab by maximizing the output of crab seeds and minimize greater loss. The team recommended the establishment of "crab banks" to help enhance the mangrove crab fishery by allowing the captured berried crabs to release their seeds to the wild before these are sold to the market. To initiate this project, the Thai Embassy donated 2 sets of 5mx 5m net cages including ropes and plastic containers that will be used to hold the berried crabs in the water before release their hatched larvae. On March 9, 2017 a berried crab that spawned at PCC hatchery carrying about 6 million eggs was placed inside the crab seed bank a day before the eggs are expected to hatch. On the same date about 3 million newly hatched mangrove crab zoea were released at the said site after a million zoea have been utilized for stocking in the hatchery tanks for crablet production.

On March 27, 2017, A local crab farmer, Mr. Carlos Wasisang from Ngchesar State requested a total of 1,200 pcs crablets of mangrove crabs with about 1/2

inch in carapace length that were produced at PCC hatchery delivered to his mangrove crab farm in Ngchesar State. This is in support of Mr. Wasisang's interest on mangrove crab farming. Based on our inspection of Mr. Wasisang's mangrove crab farm with the dimension of 20 meters x 40 meters, it could accommodate an initial stocking of about 1,000 crablets (1.5 to 2 inches carapace length). These crablets will be fed with fish by-catch such as sardines and other low value fish, fish entrails, and other aquatic invertebrates for about 6 months when they can reach the marketable size. In order to keep the crabs within the area, a perimeter fence made of either stainless screen or polyethylene mesh net with an opening of about 1/2 inch must be installed as shown in the attached pictures. The density of mangroves within the proposed site is just enough to provide natural hide-out and shelter for the crabs. These will serve as refuge to the crabs since the substrate becomes exposed during the lowest tide. Growing the crabs inside the mangroves does not create a negative impact to the surrounding environment and with proper feeding management and monitoring of stock, it could be able to attain a sustainable yield. PCC CRE continue to work with the local farmers interested in such aquaculture project to increase sustainability and food security in Palau.



Tuna resource owners meet in Majuro

Parties of the Nauru Agreement (PNA)

7 April 2017

Majuro, Marshall Islands: Nine islands that control the majority of tuna in the western and central Pacific are meeting in Majuro this week and next, focusing on important tuna management issues for the region.

The annual officials meeting of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) — eight island nations plus Tokelau — starts Monday in Majuro. Officials are attending from the eight member nations: Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu, with officials from Tokelau, which implements PNA's Vessel Day Scheme in its fishing zone.

Next week's PNA meeting follows several days of meetings of island officials this past week in the Vessel Day Scheme Technical and Scientific Committee, and meeting under two arrangements:

- The "Palau Arrangement" that reviews PNA's Vessel Day Scheme and the allocation of fishing days for each member.
- The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Arrangement that provides access for domestic purse seine vessels of PNA members to fish in the exclusive economic zones of other PNA parties.

The 36th annual PNA officials meeting will run from 10-14 April, with an extensive agenda focused on fishery management initiatives. The PNA officials annual meeting will endorse recommendations for action by PNA ministers, who are expected to meet in Majuro in late June or early July.

Among key topics on the PNA officials' agenda:

- A measure to implement PNA ministers and Pacific Island Forum leaders call to ban high seas bunkering of fishing vessels by requiring refueling to occur in ports or in designated zones. At last year's Pacific Islands Forum summit, leaders adopted a resolution calling "for action to end illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing and associated activities,

- including high seas bunkering, human trafficking, and illicit trade." PNA officials will address this recommendation to improve governance of the fishery.
- PNA's Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certified free school tuna fishery developments. PNA officials will report on the growing tuna tonnage that is being sustainably caught under the PNA MSC Pacific scheme, with over 60,000 metric tons of skipjack and yellowfin processed through the scheme in 2016 compared to just 7,508 metric tons for the previous three years combined.
- Small-scale tuna canning trainings and operations in PNA nations. Over the past year, canning trainings have been run in Majuro and Honiara, with more training programs anticipated for other islands later this year to encourage local entrepreneurs to take advantage of opportunities presented by in-port tuna transshipment in PNA islands.
- Fish aggregating device (FAD) registration and tracking. Officials will discuss a recommendation to PNA ministers to make FAD tracking a term of licensing for fishing vessels, with the aim of implementing mandatory FAD tracking on 1 January 2018.
- World Tuna Day (WTD) events on May 2. Following United Nations General Assembly endorsement of WTD as a globally recognized day, PNA will be sponsoring a seminar at the United Nations on May 2 followed by an evening reception for participants as well as UN permanent representatives, diplomats and NGO representatives. The UN WTD celebrations offer a timely opportunity for the PNA to engage at the political level with diplomats, UN agencies and NGOs to ensure that the rights, priorities and concerns of the region are kept front and center in the lead up to the UN Oceans Conference in June.

Other issues that will be discussed during the PNA meetings include fishery observer safety and management programs, progress on implementing the Vessel Day Scheme for the longline industry, developments of PNA's Fisheries Information Management System, reviewing the status of tuna stocks, and other fisheries issues.





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CSP receives new truck from USDA-Rural Development

On September 2016, CSP received funding through USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities Grant to purchase a new truck. Due to the vast locations of conservation areas and working with communities in all municipalities around Pohnpei, it is a need for CSP to upgrade its means of transportation. Over the past three years, CSP has been conducting community-based conservation projects with dysfunctional vehicles. Despite the risks, the job gets done anyways. However, at some point, remote operations become questionable due to transportation. We are very grateful for the USDA Rural Development's Community Facilities

Program. With the available funding, CSP was able to matched the grant in order to purchase a decent truck to help carry out conservation projects in the communities all throughout Pohnpei. The truck also serves the schools in transporting our mobile environmental awareness program – The Green Road Show. CSP Board of Directors along with management and staff would like to pay our big KALAHNGAN to the United Stated Department of Agriculture (USDA), most especially the Rural Development (Area III) FSM Office for facilitating the process.



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Proposal announcement

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1. 1 unit concession space area located inside the airport departure secured area. Size is 223.93 square feet.
2. One unit building located on the east side of the arrival terminal formerly used by Pental Oceania Construction Company. Size is 23' x 90' or 1,800 square feet.

All interested individual/parties interested in leasing this space(s) provide above should submit their interest proposals starting on April 03, 2017 and closing on April 21, 2017 no later than 5:00pm.

Pohnpei Port Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received in connection with the above subject advertisement.

Additional information regarding this proposal can always be obtained from the Pohnpei Port Authority Marketing Division at Dekehtik, Pohnpei State, Federated State of Micronesia or by contacting phone no: (691)-320-1793/2682, email: 1485sano1957@gmail.com or by contacting us on our website: www.ppa.fm.

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