

Japan Festival 2018 features drummers from Sendai, Miyagi, Japan



By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei—The Japanese Embassy pulled out all of the stops in this year’s Japanese Festival that was held at the Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School gymnasium. The gym itself was previously provided by a grant from Japan and has seen constant use since it was built. This is the 30th year of diplomatic relations between Japan and the FSM.



Before cultural booths were opened, participants from the FSM and Japan took the stage to perform musical and dance numbers for the gathered crowd of several hundred.

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Court holds Chuuk Governor Elimo and his attorney in contempt of court

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

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Weno, Chuuk—On February 14, the Chuuk State Supreme Court issued an order holding Chuuk Governor Johnson Elimo and his attorney Johnny Meippen in Contempt of Court for an executive order the Governor issued to establish an interim Board of Directors for the Chuuk Public Utilities Corporation. The Executive Order, it said, violated a verbal court order issued on December 22, 2017 barring the Governor from interfering with the business activities of CPUC.

The court also voided the Governor’s Executive Order along with any actions the “interim board” might have attempted to take on behalf of CPUC.

Last year, Governor Elimo sued the Chuuk State House of Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the CPUC Board of Directors. He sought a Temporary Restraining Order and summary judgement against appointments to the CPUC board that the House of Representatives had made. The Court denied the motion for the TRO pending further hearings.

Though this morning, Governor Elimo moved the Court to voluntarily drop his law suit against

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Kolonia schools visit FSM Congress

By: Richard F. Porter

What started out as an idea by Senator David W. Panuelo introduced to the Principals of Kolonia and Ohmine Public Elementary Schools came to fruition on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Nine Students from Kolonia and nine from Ohmine, one from each grade (ECE – 8th grade), for a total of 18 Students were selected as the Student of the Month for the month of January. During this visit, the Students along with their respective Teachers, School Principals and Vice Principals arrived to the FSM Congressional Chamber to first sit-in during a congressional session where Senator Panuelo, introduced each Student by name and grade they represent for each school.

The 18 Students and Teachers for each school are as follows:

Kolonia Elementary School

	Student	Grade	Teacher
1.	Keerson Salter Etse Santos	ECE	Cynthia Edwin
2.	Darlan Artui	1st	Ailina Ezekias
3.	Yulie Aia	2nd	Mindira Nanoto
4.	Chanielle Carl	3rd	Ronda Henry
5.	April Jean Hainrick	4th	Mary Aldis
6.	Evamarie Faith Porter	5th	Nikita L. Gallen
7.	Omar Kenyon Santos	6th	Joan Iohp
8.	Anthony Reign Teeson	7th	Mayleen Wichep
9.	Daphne Rodriquez	8th	Vanessa Bermaniz

Representing Kolonia PTA: Mr. Richard F. Porter

Ohmine Elementary School

	Student	Grade	Teacher
1.	Khyra L. Ham	ECE	Mary Rettin
2.	Briona Marquez	1st	Diselina David
3.	Francisco Celestine, Jr.	2nd	Rihna Solomon
4.	Riona Albert	3rd	Merfelina Lick
5.	Destiny Esiel	4th	Edith Helgenberger
6.	Kozel Irons	5th	Wilynta Anton
7.	Karen Semens	6th	Brenna Malachi
8.	Ryan Nakasone	7th	Rose Werthog
9.	N-Trew Solomon	8th	Sepe Une

Representing Ohmine PTA: Mr. Trewayne Esiel



After witnessing Congress in session, the Students were moved to the Congress Committee Hearing Room and were presented with Certificates by Senators Urusemal and Panuelo and lastly by Speaker Simina. After this awards presentation, everyone enjoyed a lunch with Speaker Simina, Vice Speaker Moses, Senators Panuelo and Urusemal and Congressman Perman. The afternoon was topped off with a photo op with Senator Panuelo. Kolonia Elementary School 8th grader, Daphne Rodriquez is also the winner of the state level Scripps Spelling Bee.

Note: Richard F. Porter is the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) President of Kolonia Elementary School. Trewayne Esiel is PTA Vice President for Ohmine Elementary School.



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VP-8 Fighting Tigers rescue fishermen lost at sea for 8 days in Pacific

By Ltjg. Danielle Tatchio

Feb. 20, 2018

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam – Crewmembers assigned to the “Fighting Tigers” of Patrol Squadron Eight (VP-8) rescued three fishermen Feb. 20 whose vessel was adrift in the South Pacific for eight days.

The 19-foot skiff was first reported missing Feb. 12 after it failed to return from a fishing expedition near Chuuk Lagoon in the Federated States of Micronesia. According to the report, the boat carried food and water, but no safety equipment or radios. Assets from U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam searched for the vessel for several days before requesting assistance from the U.S. Navy.



Mariners maneuver a UNI-PAC II Search and Rescue (SAR) kit closer to their vessel. The SAR kit was deployed from a P8-A Poseidon aircraft assigned to the "Fighting Tigers" of VP-8, and its use during the rescue of three fishermen in the South Pacific marked the first time it had successfully been deployed in a real world SAR operation. (Photo by U.S. Navy photo)

The “Fighting Tigers” aircrew and maintenance team were tasked to support the search and rescue (SAR) operation, repositioning on short notice from Kadena Air Base, Japan to Andersen Air Force Base, Guam. The crew flew the Navy’s newest maritime patrol aircraft, the P-8A Poseidon, which is equipped with an advanced APY-10 multifunction radar and MX-20 camera system, ideal for searching the 2,100-square-mile area. The vessel was located after only three hours and the aircrew deployed a UNI-PAC II Search and Rescue (SAR) kit, a new addition to the maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft (MPRA) fleet and the first time the kit had been successfully deployed by a P-8A in real-world SAR operations.

SAR kits are deployed at approximately 500 feet with a 150 yard trailing lanyard to deliver equipment as accurately as possible to survivors in the water. Kits generally include medical supplies, food, water, communications, and signaling equipment, but can be configured with additional supplies depending on the mission type.

The three survivors were picked up by a nearby police vessel a few hours after being located by VP-8.

“It was incredibly rewarding to be a part of saving lives—it’s what everyone joins the Navy to do,” said Lt. Miles Schumacher, the Tactical Coordinator of the VP-8 Aircrew. “This aircraft allows for a massive step forward in the ability of SAR units to search large areas quickly and effectively, and we were excited to have the SAR kit loaded and be able to prove its effectiveness. We successfully demonstrated the capability of the MPRA community to react quickly and effectively to operational requirements in the farthest corners of the globe. Hopefully this is just the first of many successful rescues by P-8A Poseidon aircrews.”



Pacific Patrol Boat FSS Palikir rescues three fishermen after they were located by a P8-A Poseidon belonging to the "Fighting Tigers" of Patrol Squadron Eight. The mariners' 19-foot skiff was first reported missing Feb. 12 after it failed to return from a fishing expedition near Chuuk Lagoon in the Federated States of Micronesia. (U.S. Navy photo) (Photo by U.S. Navy photo)

Patrol Squadron Eight is currently deployed to the Seventh Fleet area of responsibility conducting theater and national level tasking in support of U.S. 7th Fleet, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and U.S. Pacific Command.

Potentially harmful pathogens discovered at Pohnpei’s main fish markets

by Dr. Kevin Rhodes, MarAlliance

In collaboration with state and national government agencies, Dr. Kevin Rhodes of MarAlliance conducted sampling at five of Kolonia’s fish markets in November to test for harmful bacteria, viruses and temperature. The testing found coliform bacteria at all of the fish markets.

Five fish from each of the selected markets were tested by taking swabs of the fish and display tables and measured for temperature to see if fish were maintained at the state health code recommended 410 F temperature requirements. Fish temperatures at markets averaged between 560 F and 720 F, well above the 410 F requirement.

The virus Vibrio sp. was found at three of the five markets tested. E. coli was found at two of the five markets tested.

Testing at one of the most popular fish markets in Pohnpei found E. coli in 7 of 11 samples taken, while a second market had 6 of 11 samples positive for E. coli. At these same markets, 3 out of 11 and 5 of 11 samples tested positive for Vibrio sp.

Only two markets were free of Vibrio sp. Coliform bacteria is often found in soil and groundwater, while the more harmful E. coli is present in warm-blooded animal feces, including rats, dogs, humans and cats, meaning that the fish had been exposed to at

least one of these sources of contamination or that flies transferred fecal matter to fish being displayed.

In under-cooked meats, E. coli can cause diarrhea, vomiting and abdominal cramps, while some strains of Vibrio sp. can cause gastroenteritis. Illness can be most severe in infants and older adults. To prevent illness, consumers should thoroughly cook fish before eating.

Markets and fishers can reduce or eliminate these contaminants by cleaning coolers before and after use with a mild soap and bleach solution. The growth of these pathogens is also promoted by open display, inadequate pest control and not keeping fish on ice at all times.

Improvements in sanitation and safe handling are key to keeping consumers healthy and fish fresh. Regular inspection in Pohnpei is the responsibility of EPA, however the agency declined to participate in the current study.

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Yap taps wind, solar power

By Joyce McClure
Pacific Islands Times

February 14, 2018

Colonia--Federated States of Micronesia President Peter Christian praised the project, which has been in the works for seven years as "the first step" in the country's strategic development goal of using "affordable, reliable energy sources" to supply 30 percent of the nation's energy needs by 2020 and 50 percent by 2030.

The tangible results of the work are three massive wind turbines atop a hill overlooking a wide panorama of the island, reef and ocean, but they're just part of the island's new grid-connected wind and solar power plants and diesel-fed generator hybrid system.

Gathering to herald the completion of Yap's Renewable Energy Development Project, FSM President Peter Christian and Governor Tony Ganngiyan expressed their thanks to the Asia Development Bank, World Bank, Entura, Vergnet and CAT Energy which financed, designed and installed the system at a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The two leaders were joined by Ted Rutun, Speaker of the Yap State Legislature, James Lynch, Deputy Director General of ADB, and James Gilmar, Chairman of the Yap State Public Service Commission, to inaugurate the hybrid system.

"In the past," said President Christian, "we explored the seas with rafts and canoes. Today we voyage with the world." Approved in 2013, the Yap Renewable Energy Development Project, funded by two ADB loans totaling \$9 million, supported the construction of a wind farm capable of withstanding typhoons near Colonia, Yap's only urban center. Grid-connected solar panels were also installed on about five government buildings across the island and new fuel-efficient diesel generators replaced aging ones.

"The project helps the state of Yap achieve a renewable energy future by reducing dependency on imported diesel through the expansion of renewable power generation," Lynch said.

According to ADB, the wind farm is expected to generate about 11 percent of



Awaiting the ribbon-cutting countdown: Ted Rutun, Speaker, Yap State Legislature; James Lynch, Deputy Director General, ADB; Gov. Tony Ganngiyan, Yap; FSM President Peter Christian; James Gilmar, Chairman of the Board of YSPSC
(Photo: Joyce McClure)

the current delivered electricity supply in Yap, while the solar facilities will produce about 6 percent. Fuel savings from the more efficient generators will also reduce diesel consumption by about 11.5 percent from current levels. In total, the project will allow renewable energy sources to replace about 17 percent of electricity currently generated by diesel generators.

With only 200 kilowatt peak installed from solar panels before the project, the main island of Yap, with a population of 11,400, is 97.6 percent dependent on imported diesel for power generation, and the economy is highly vulnerable to fuel price movements.

Volunteers rally to officiate table tennis for 2018 Micro Games

Colonia, Yap- Technical Training for Table Tennis was the topic of a 14-day workshop at the Yap Sports Complex February 11 – 25. Participants learned the technical aspects of the sport and gained coaching skills for the 2018 Micro Games taking place in Yap this summer. Supported by a \$20,000 grant from the International Olympic Committee, the FSM National Olympic Committee hosted the training that was led by Patrick Wuertz, High Performance Officer of the International Table Tennis Federation - Oceania.

A former semi-professional table tennis player from Germany who now resides in Melbourne and specializes in the development of performance-orientated structures in sport and coaching education, Wuertz explained that the course includes the coaching skills to introduce the sport to beginners, the sport's rules, tournament organization and

competition formats, and information on para table tennis for disabled athletes. "The ITTF was founded in 1926," he said, "and today it's the only sport with national federations in 226 countries around the world." First played in Victorian England as an after-dinner parlor game among the upper class, it was introduced as an Olympic sport at the Olympics in 1988.

"We're still in need of more umpires and volunteers," Wuertz added. "It's a fast paced, exciting game for everyone who gets involved." Free training will be provided prior to the 2018 Micro Games at the Yap Sports Complex for anyone interested in learning more about the sport and how to become an umpire. For more information and to sign up, contact Castro Joab at 2018MicroGames@gmail.com.



Participants in the ITTF Technical Training Workshop gather around new table tennis tables at the Yap Sports Complex

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For stakeholders interested in submitting comments to PPA, a copy of the proposed budget can be obtained from PPA's headquarters adjacent to the airport terminal in Dekehtik.

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Pohnpei coastal fisheries are trending toward collapse

By Kevin L. Rhodes, Ph.D.

In 2015, Dr. Kevin Rhodes, Coastal Fisheries Coordinator for MarAlliance and Dalia Hernandez-Ortiz from University of Guam teamed up with The Pohnpei State Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture (OFA) and College of Micronesia (COM) marine science graduates to conduct a fish market survey. The 2015 market information was compared to information taken ten years earlier in 2006. The purpose of the 2015 survey was to examine the changes in coastal fisheries 10 years on, inform state government on the fishery's current status, and help identify the most beneficial and most needed management options.

What was found should be an eye-opener to state leaders, market owners and fishers. Since 2006, the total weight of marketed coral reef fish has declined by 20%, or 10,000 lbs., while the use of nighttime spearfishing and small-mesh gillnets, which are considered unsustainable fishing practices, has increased from 76% to 82%. Boats are now piling on more fishers, but the number of pounds a fisher takes in an average hour has gone down. At the same time, the amount of money fishers take home for an hour of fishing was nearly half of what it was in 2006. That means fishers are working harder to fish, but making far less money for their efforts.

Also since the last survey in 2006, changes were found in where fishing occurs, with more fishing outside the reefs now as fish inside the lagoon have declined. Fish like grouper and snapper that once made up a big contribution to catch, are now being replaced by parrotfish, surgeonfish and unicornfish. Parrotfish, surgeonfish and unicornfish are needed to clean the increasing amounts of sediment off of reefs and control the algae that are now beginning to smother corals both inside and outside the reef.

At the same time, all of these species are being caught at smaller sizes, meaning fewer eggs for future fish populations. Some groupers that appeared in catch in 2006 were simply 'missing' in catch in 2015, while once undesirable fish, like emperors, boxfish, angelfish and spadefish can now be found in the markets.

These findings all point to an increasingly unsustainable fishery and in combination are signs of severe overfishing. While it's unlikely we'll ever return to what our fathers or grandfathers saw on the reefs, we can prevent the fishery from collapsing but for this to happen the government now needs to make some hard choices, since these issues have been largely neglected for some decades as nighttime spearfishing and commercialization have expanded.

Recommended actions include giving more power and more resources to the municipal governments, changing coastal habitats from common use (open access) to limited use, banning nighttime spearfishing and small-mesh gillnets, and improving existing enforcement within marine protected areas and markets. More funding, better training and more manpower are all needed for these things to work.

Nighttime spearfishing, the main culprit in Pohnpei's race to overfish, is banned in a number of countries because of

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Fingerprint evidence leads to confession and guilty plea in FSM office break in

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

February 21, 2018

Palikir, Pohnpei—Today Jonesper Isaac stood before the FSM Supreme Court and pled guilty for two trespassing charges after he admitted breaking into offices at the FSM National Government complex in Palikir.

On the morning of March 17, 2017, employees of the Department of Health arrived for work to find that some of the office had been ransacked and some items were missing from the office. National Police responded. They found that window louvers had been removed from the second floor office windows.

Dusting the louvers for fingerprints they found that 10 of the prints matched fingerprints on file for Isaac.

One of the investigating officers said in his statement that the mode of entry was similar to another burglary of the offices of the Department of Resources and Development in February of 2016.

Two officers confronted Isaac in his home in Palikir on March 17. According to the court documents, Isaac freely

admitted that not only had he broken into the Department of Health in the very early morning hours of that day, but he had also broken into the Department of Resources and Development in 2016. He showed the officers the items he had taken from the Department of health which included coffee, powdered creamer, earphones, a laptop, a small yellow towel, hand sanitizers, and a few other items. He told them that had taken them so that he could buy alcohol and food because he didn't have a job.

The officers who arrested Isaac said that he smelled of alcohol at the time of their interview.

On March 18, 2017 the FSM Department of Justice filed eight charges against Isaac, four for each break-in. The charges were Trespass, Criminal Mischief, Theft, and Unauthorized Possession or Removal of Property.

On February 20, 2018, the Department of Justice filed a proposed plea agreement at the FSM Supreme Court that had been signed by Isaac and his attorney in agreement. In the plea agreement, Department of Justice agreed that at the sentencing phase of the case they would move to dismiss counts three through

eight. During today's hearing the court agreed to dismiss those charges.

The government and defendant recommend that for each of the charges the defendant be imprisoned for not more than one year. The government and defendant recommend that the Defendant's term of imprisonment be suspended except for thirty days to be served in jail on the weekends. The sentences for the two charges would run concurrently, and Isaac would receive credit for time served.

Isaac's passport would be retained by the court and the terms of agreement would not allow him to travel outside of Pohnpei without Department of Justice approval or Court approval if the DOJ does not approve. He cannot change his name for the purposes of applying for a new passport. He will not be allowed to consume alcohol or sakau.

The Court is not required to accept the plea agreement but Isaac has agreed that if the court does not agree to accept one or more of the recommendations he won't be able to withdraw his guilty plea.

If Isaac violates the terms of the agreement, he has said that he understands

that the Department of Justice will seek release from the Court for any or all of its agreements under the Plea Agreement. If that is granted the government could prosecute Isaac for all of the original charges.

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Required Qualifications

Education:

Bachelor degree in public health, nursing or other related fields

Skills:

- Strong communication skills combined with the ability to write in a clear and

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- Effective collaboration with teams in an international, multi-cultural, multi-disciplinary environment;
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Experience: At least 2 years of experience in nursing or public health-related work, preferably with UN or other international organizations.

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The nation mourns the passing of statesman and fifth FSM President Leo Falcam

February 16, 2018

Pohnpei—The FSM is mourning the loss of its Fifth President, Leo Falcam who passed away on the evening of February 12 at the age of 82.

President Peter Christian declared a national mourning period with the National Flag flown at half-mast. A memorial service was held at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Awak, U followed by a state funeral at the President's home in Awak.



“It is with profound sadness that I announce to this nation and its peoples the passing of a great leader, statesman, and a dedicated and true public servant, the former President of the Federated States of Micronesia, His Excellency Leo A. Falcam,” President Christian’s proclamation said. “The late President Falcam, served this Nation as a very passionate, colorful and vibrant public servant in many highly respected positions of leadership.”

President Christian’s proclamation provided a wealth of information about President Falcam’s public service life which is repeated here.

President Falcam was born on November 20, 1935 in Awak, U.

After Graduation from the University of Hawaii in 1962, President Falcam started his public service career as a teacher in Pohnpei. From 1962 to 1964, President Falcam joined the US Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Government Headquarters in Saipan, Marianas Islands, as the Political Affairs Officer for the TTPI High Commissioner.

In 1964, President Falcam, was appointed as the Assistant District Administrator for Pohnpei District. The following year he left for Princeton University in New Jersey, United States, where he completed his fellowship studies at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public Administration and International affairs.

In 1966 he returned to the Trust Territory Government and served as the Executive Officer for the Office of the High Commissioner, and in his capacity as the Executive Officer, became the first Micronesian to serve as the acting High Commissioner for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

In 1972, President Falcam, became the first Pohnpeian to serve as the Pohnpei District Administrator.

In 1975, he was elected as a delegate to the first Micronesian Constitutional Convention, and was the chairman of the Pohnpei delegation to the Convention.

In 1976, he was appointed to head, and assigned to establish the

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Japan Festival

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Students from the Pohnpei Catholic school demonstrated Taiko, a popular form of group exercise in Japan. Students at PCS participate in Taiko at the beginning of three school days a week.

Students from Ohmine Elementary School who are a part of the music club performed two numbers, one a vocal number and the other an instrumental piece performed on recorders, mouth organ and other instruments.

College of Micronesia FSM students who are members of the Micro-Japan Club performed an instrumental number accompanied by ukulele and cajon, a percussion instrument.

10th graders from Pohnpei Catholic School performed a special dance number based on a re-enactment of net fishing.

Six young girls who called themselves “The Moana Girls” performed a highly entertaining and cute dance called the Chiwawa Dance.

A group of musicians who called themselves “Green Wind” took the audience on a musical journey through Europe, Russia, and finally to Japan. It consisted of flutes, accordion, vocal, and a majestically played beautiful harp played by Dr. Wang-Harris. It was probably the first time for most of the audience to have ever seen an actual full sized harp and it was demonstrated beautifully.

Of course, the highlight of the performances was the Japanese Drum (Taiko) performance by students of the Sendai Iken Gakuen High School in Sendai, Japan. Sendai is in the Miyagi prefecture to the northeast of Tokyo in northern central Japan. The highly athletic and intense performances by mostly 10th graders from that school were highly entertaining. On one of the numbers, two members of the team played the role of a lion who danced throughout the audience snapping its stylized jaws, twitching its ears and occasionally stopping to “scratch its face” with its feet. The story being told was of a young Japanese girl who was frightened of the lion but overcame her fear and played a “trick” on the lion, slapping it on its head as it slept.

The performances closed with an audience participation dance called Tokyo Ondo taught by members of the Embassy staff, volunteers, and the wife of the Japanese Ambassador, Yuko Horie.

After the performances were completed, audience members circulated among the booths that were setup. There was a calligraphy booth where participants could have something written for them in beautiful Japanese characters. There was a demonstration of Japanese paper folding called origami. Participants could dress in formal Japanese attire for a photo shoot at the Yukata booth. PCS, COM, and Ohmine students demonstrated Japanese dance and song at their booth. The Taiyo Micronesia Corporation had samples of tuna jerky that were produced at the newly opened plant in Dekehtik.



Alumni Success



**Andy S. George
Class of 1994**

Andy S. George, from the island of Kosrae, is a member of the college's class of 1994. He earned an Associates of Arts in Liberal Arts.

Mr. George entered the college after he was the Salutatorian of Xavier High School's class of 1992. Entering the college in Fall of 1992, he was able to earn his associates degree in 1994, and also receive the Timothy Jerry Scholarship for having the highest GPA. He then furthered his studies at the University of Hawaii-Hilo, where he earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology in 1997. He then earned a Master's Degree in Business Management from Southern Oregon University's School of Business in 2010.

During both his academic and professional careers, Mr. George was the recipient of several Awards and Honors. Some of these include the Federated States of Micronesia's Graduate Scholarship and the U.S Coral Reef Task Force Award for outstanding efforts to develop a participatory community education and planning program for the establishment of the Utwe Biosphere Reserve. He was also a participant of the Micronesian and American Samoan Student Internship Program.

Mr. George currently serves as the Executive Director of the Kosrae Conservation and Safety Organization (KCSO), where he has been since 2003. Under his leadership, KCSO works with the local communities to implement

various conservation and environmental projects and programs in Kosrae. Prior to that he was the Development Project Coordinator of the Kosrae Island Resources Management Authority (KIRMA), and before that a Development Project Inspector of the Kosrae Island Recourse Management Program. Mr. George was also involved with the college, as he was a part-time instructor at the Upward Bound Program at Kosrae Campus from 1998 to 2000, and later a part-time tutor from 2000 to 2002.

He has been involved in many organizations at the community and regional level. He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Kosrae Port Authority. In 2013 he served as co-chair of the Kosrae State Strategic Development Plan Steering Committee. He is also on the Kosrae State Forest Stewardship Committee since 2012. At the regional level, he is a member of the Micronesians in Island Conservation Network, a member of the Pacific Man and Biosphere Reserve Network, and was a member of the FSM Climate Change Country Team from 2010-2013.

He is the proud husband to former Remima Kephias, and together are the proud parents of two sons, Basil Vincent and Singkitchy, and daughter Arlene.

The college is proud to have had a part in Andy George's success as a student and as a professional. Andy's dedication to his community and the larger community he is a part of is a testament to the college's mission of serving the FSM.

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Sports Competition
(P.I.C.S Track & Field) 10:00AM - 4:00PM

(Tuesday) April 3, 2018

Dedication of a Traditional Canoe and Canoe House
(National Campus) 9:00AM - 11:00AM

Forum by Fran Hezel, SJ
"College Education for FSM: Why?"
Lecture and Book Signing
(MITC) 3:30PM - 4:30PM

(Wednesday) April 4, 2018

Convocation
(FSM-China Friendship Sports Center) 9:00AM

"Tropical Light" Photo Exhibit/Lecture
by Floyd Takeuchi
(MITC)
1:00PM - 2:00PM

Screening of "Island Soldier"
Q&A with Nathan Fitch
(Pohnpei Cinema)
3:30PM - 5:30PM

Veterans, COM-FSM Student Veterans/Alumni Veteran
(U.S. Ambassador's Residence, Nanpohmmal)
6:00PM

(Thursday) April 5, 2018
25th Anniversary Gala Fundraising Dinner
6:00PM

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Japanese High School signs MOU with Pohnpei Department of Education at Rotary sponsored drum concert

February 16, 2018

Before a Japanese drum performance sponsored by the Rotary Club of Pohnpei, the Sendai Ikuen Gakuen High School signed a memorandum of understanding with the Pohnpei Department of Education for a high school student exchange program.



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first Micronesian Washington Office in Washington DC.

In May 1979, President Falcam was elected as the first Governor of Pohnpei State under the newly formed constitutional state government of Pohnpei.

In 1983, he was elected as a delegate and served as the Chairman of Pohnpei State's first constitutional convention.

In 1984, he was appointed and served as the FSM Post Master General.

In 1987, he was elected as the At Large member of the Fifth FSM Congress representing Pohnpei state where he served as chairman and vice chairman of several standing committees.



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- Pohnpei Port Authority reserves the rights to reject any or all bids;

He served as the Vice-President of the Federated States of Micronesia from May 1997 to May 1999.

He became the Fifth President of the FSM in May of 1999 and served until 2003.

"The late President Falcam served this Nation with distinction, and unquestionable leadership and integrity, and he shall be remembered as one of the founding fathers of our nation, and the framers of the FSM Constitution," President Christian's proclamation said. "His Proclamation bears the heartfelt condolences of the people of the entire nation to the family, relatives, friends and colleagues of the late President Falcam, whose memory reflects not only his great accomplishments as national leader but also his kindness to his fellow citizens."

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Monitoring team completes training and departs to collect forest health data in RMI's Atolls

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Commerce (NRC), together with the US Forest Service's (USFS) Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) program, the Micronesia Challenge Regional Office, the Micronesia Conservation Trust, and the University of Guam, recently completed a two-week training in Forest Inventory Analysis (FIA) data collection methods. The training prepared crew members to collect critical data on RMI's forest during monitoring that will take place over the next two months.



RMI NRC State Forester Lajkit Rufus measures a tree's height with a laser

Every ten years, the USFS FIA surveys plots across the United States and affiliated countries and territories with a standardized protocol that allows for consistent, comparative data. The last FIA survey in the RMI took place in 2008 and collected detailed data on tree health, vegetation, invasive species, and more. This year, additional measures have been added to meet RMI's needs such as coconut productivity. The team will also add additional survey plots to help the RMI meet the goals of the Micronesia Challenge (MC), a regional initiative calling for effectively conserving 20% of terrestrial resources by 2020, including plots on three additional atolls not included in the 2008 survey at the request of NRC.

Training commenced on Tuesday, January 16 with an open information session at the RRE Boknake explaining the background of FIA and the MC, followed by an orientation of field tools and equipment. The rest of the week, the crew had hands on training while monitoring and installing plots in Majuro. On Monday, January 22, the crew departed in 2 groups to Arno atoll and Mejit Island to continue training and monitoring for the second week.

Ten additional atolls and islands (Jaluit, Aur, Kwajalein, Ailuk, Maloelap, Mili, Ailinglaplap, Likiep, Rongelap and Wotje) remain to be surveyed. On Tuesday, January 30, six of the trained crew members from the USFS, Pohnpei, Yap, Guam and the RMI NRC embarked on a 2-month research trip to complete this inventory. They will revisit the previous plots and establish additional ones, hoping to have completed surveys at 85 plots by the end of the trip. The data will provide valuable insight into the status of RMI's terrestrial resources that can be used by resource managers, communities, policy makers and relevant agencies.

The team is grateful for the support of many agencies, and especially to the communities, traditional leaders, Mayors and Ministers of the atolls to be visited, and for funding support for the MC monitoring from USFS Landscape Scale Restoration Grant #17-IG-11052021-237. For more information, please contact NRC State Forester Lajkit Rufus (lrufus@hawaii.edu), USFS FIA Project Coordinator Ashley Lehman (adlehman@fs.fed.us), Micronesia Challenge Terrestrial Champion Roseo Marquez (sgo@ourmicronesia.org), or MC Regional Coordinator Rachael Nash (micronesiachallengecoordinator@gmail.com).



Forestry Training Group. Clockwise L to R: Matt O'Driscoll, USFS; Seth Ayotte, USFS; Roseo Marquez, MCT; Rachael Nash, MCRO; Joel Bujen, NRC; Eugene Eperiam, MCT; John Horeg, UoG-GPEPP; Lajkit Rufus, NRC; Mikhail Yatskov, USFS; Gregorio Borja III, UoG-GPEPP

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its destructive nature. Nighttime spearfishers target dormant fish and spawning aggregations, many which are needed to keep reefs clean or replenish reefs, while small-mesh nets catch juveniles and reduce the amount of fish providing eggs for the next generation.

While these recommended management actions may seem harsh, the alternative will be even worse as coastal fishing communities find less

fish and have less money to support their needs. Uncontrolled fishing and delays in decision making will only hasten additional decline and guarantee fisheries collapse. Alternatively, enacting serious reforms, including a ban on nighttime spearfishing and gillnets should quickly restore fish in coastal reefs, provide fishers with more cash in the long run, and potentially give Pohnpei a shot at ecotourism development.



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Assist the Director in monitoring the cost of shipping service within the MSC region to ensure an economical international commercial shipping service in the region.

Assist the Director in collecting relevant data for compliance and enforcement of the MSC Treaty.

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- (1) Resume/Personal Data
- (2) Awards or memberships in professional organizations
- (3) Two letters of references

Application Deadline: March 30, 2018

A fond memory of our new Coadjutor Bishop of the Caroline Islands

Editor's Note: Not long after Bishop Angkel was consecrated as Coadjutor Bishop for the Caroline Islands Diocese he made a visit to Pohnpei where he met with many groups of people before departing for Chuuk on Saturday. At the last minute, The Kaselehlie Press asked Eugenia Samuel to write something about the new Bishop. She hurriedly put this article together for us.

Bishop Julio Angkel is a native of Parem Island in the Chuuk Lagoon. Parem is a small island, one of the four islands in a group called Macheweichun, (Fefan, Parem, Totiw, and Siis) in the Southern Namoneas region in Chuuk Lagoon.

I remember Julio from our youth as we are from Macheweichun. Julio and I were high school classmates from tenth grade until we graduated from the former Truk High School in the year 1974. When I went to attend Truk High School, I did not know any young man in the school to be so well behaved, well mannered, so humble, soft spoken, and most of all, so religious, like the young man named Julio Angkel. Even though we were classmates, we hardly spoke to one another. That was because he was not the type of boy who would go around and talk with girls. I remember the only time he could be seen to exchange talk with girls was during his Christian fellowship with the students at the dormitories. Because of his quiet nature, I distanced myself from him. There was not much reason for me to make conversation with him because he was a more focused person on what he was determined to do, and I believe he already had a clear ambition to become a priest and dedicate his life to the Catholic faith.

I remember the students and the boys and girls at the school dormitories used to talk about a "young guy" from Parem who seemed to be very "dedicated to pray" and who was studying Bible with his young peers every week. I hardly saw him just hanging out among the boys. I guess he was not even the type to hang around the school campus leisurely. He must have spent his time either at home on Parem or doing important chores, unlike most of the students who enjoyed hanging out with friends if they were not in class.

Then our graduation time came, and he was named the "Outstanding male" and I was named the "Outstanding female." That's when I realized this young boy named Julio Angkel is really a special and outstanding one, with a warm, respectful and humble personality. I didn't know we were related until after our graduation, and his family prepared a small feast at his residence for us. I was embarrassed to find out that we were related and that we never acquainted ourselves while we were in school.

Our families made small but very deep and meaningful speeches of encouragement to us to remember as we were both going separate ways to further our education. Julio was not the type of boy you would expect him to talk a lot. He was always very respectful in the way he talks and in his manners. So, even when we had that "first and last" meal after our graduation, I never even asked where he was going to school. That was because there was something about him that just made me feel so stupid to start a conversation with him. My family and I said our goodbyes to the family and we left to

Fefan that evening. My mama and papa asked me where Julio was going to school, but I said to them I didn't know. I think at that time, he had already made up his mind to become a priest. Can you imagine someone at that very early age and you already sensed something so special in him that you feel he deserves your respect?

Then I got married and moved to live in Pohnpei. I used to come home to visit my parents during my business trips. People at home couldn't stop talking about our new priest who is from our Macheweichun islands. They praised him, and they wanted him to come and give them blessings and so forth. Julio had gone to the seminary and become a priest.

I went to the US one time and I saw a prayer (Novena) in a piece of paper at a store. It was a very nice Novena prayer that I brought to my mother and I told her, "Keep it so when I come back, I will try to translate it into Chuukese so you can pray it." The next time I came home, it was already translated beautifully by Fr. Julio. My mom couldn't stop praising him and saying how grateful she was that Fr. Julio had translated it into the Chuukese language; her beautiful prayer. She memorized the prayer, and she continued to brag about how meaningful and well translated the prayer was, which was very true.

People of Fefan Island have never stopped praising Fr. Julio until today, especially now that he is the Coadjutor Bishop for the Diocese of the Caroline Islands. Personally, I respect Bishop Julio. I went to Chuuk to join everyone in the celebration of his consecration as Bishop. I met him and greeted him on the Saturday, before his special day on the following Sunday. Sunday came and I went to attend the mass, but I did not have the chance to congratulate him. The crowd was so massive. It was not the type of crowd I could force myself through. People of many different walks of life wanted to join the celebration for Bishop Julio. I heard from my friends and relatives that employees of the State of Chuuk's government were given administrative leave hours on Friday and the following Monday and Tuesday to continue the celebration.

People flew to Chuuk from the US mainland, Hawaii, Saipan, and the FSM states to participate in the celebration. Many of us from Pohnpei went down as well. Some of us went on the plane, and about 300 went over on the ship. Even though I did not play any role in the celebration, I felt satisfied for just being present and being among the proud "souleng" of Chuuk in their celebration.

Bishop Julio Angkel, in his speech on Sunday at the Saramen Chuuk School gym, said that he received a call from the Holy Pope's representative, the Apostolic Nuncio, one night some months ago, around 2 o'clock in the morning (Chuuk time) to announce that the Pope had made the decision for him to be the next bishop of the Diocese of the Caroline Islands. The Holy Pope gathered information from his subordinates in the Catholic Faith and he finally made the decision and asked Julio if he accepted. Of course, for Fr. Julio being an obedient man, he accepted, but he also said he needs the support of us all, for without the support from the community he will not be able to do it. I had goose bumps all over, and I was with tears for I remember the people in the Bible who were called by God to serve Him. They were called in the middle of the night during their sleep, just like Julio was. Bishop Julio was made to become first, a servant of the Lord, then he was called to leave his parents and become his messenger, and now he's become the Shepherd to take care of his flock. Congratulations to you, Bishop Julio Angkel!

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The Pohnpei Port Authority is soliciting proposals from Businesses or Individual interested in leasing one unit Car Rental booth located inside the arrival section of Pohnpei International Airport.

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Pohnpei Port Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals received in connection with this proposing request.

Additional information regarding this proposal request can be obtained from the office of the General Manager Mr. Pius Roby email address: pbroby@mail.fm or the Marketing division of Pohnpei Port Authority, Dekehtik, Pohnpei State, Mr. Luciano Abraham email at address: 1485sano1957@gmail.com or by calling telephone No: 320-2793 or 320-2682 for more info.

MCT makes the second funds transfer from Palau's MC Endowment Fund to the Palau PAN Fund

On February 08, 2018, the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) requested that its Investment Advisor, Raymond James, disburse \$461,734 (in 2017 it was \$435,362) to the Palau Protected Areas Network (PAN) Fund (www.palaupanfund.org). The Palau PAN Fund, per the agreement with MCT, will use the fund exclusively for (a) implementation of PAN protected areas management, sustainable development and work plans for PAN sites based on performance, impact/outcome and appropriate management costs for the continuing sustainable operation of the PAN Fund; (b) the undertaking of necessary research and educational activities substantially related to carrying out the purposes of RPPL No. 7-42; and (c) the performance of any of the functions that are necessary in order to carry out the purpose of RPPL 7-42 including the operation of the PAN Office. The amount withdrawn is based on a formula agreed to between the donors and the owners of the endowment in an Investment Policy Guidelines on the Micronesia Challenge Endowment Fund (www.micronesiachallenge.org) and is designed to ensure the value of the Fund is maintained in perpetuity.

In 2006, MCT was selected by the Chief Executives of Micronesia to serve as the Micronesia Challenge Endowment Fund financing mechanism, and has been managing the MC Endowment Fund since its inception in 2008. The fund was initiated with a \$1,000,000 grant from The Nature Conservancy and a \$500,000 contribution from the Palau Government. Subsequently, the Palau Government, through its Palau PAN Fund, and the Federated States of Micronesia and Marshall Islands governments started contributing their own national funds to the endowment to match other donor funds from The Nature Conservancy (\$3M), Conservation International (\$3M) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) – United Nations Environment Programme (\$5.1M). As of December 31, 2017, the endowment fund stood at approximately \$21.5M, with Palau owning approximately half of the fund (\$10,184,749) and with FSM and RMI owning \$5,839,138 and \$4,246,693 respectively. In 2016, a student group from Saipan, the Tanapag Middle School Micronesia Challenge Club, provided \$1,000 (now currently at \$1,140) from their own funds to launch the Commonwealth of the Northern

Marianas Islands' (CNMI) Micronesia Challenge Endowment Fund. A related fund, the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge Scholarship Endowment Fund, currently stands at \$356,712. MCT continues to work with Guam and CNMI officials, as well as other international development partners, to launch their MC endowment funds as part of this joint regional initiative. Guam recently passed a law that committed \$80,000 over the next two years to their MC Endowment Fund. The CNMI Development Authority is also interested to contribute funds to CNMI MC Endowment Fund.

For the FSM and RMI to start to receive earnings from the MC Endowment Fund, they will need to put in place national policies and legislations that formally establish their protected areas networks, as well as the mechanisms for disbursement (i.e. the Palau PAN Fund). Both the FSM and RMI Governments are now working to put these program requirements in place so they can begin to drawdown on the funds to support the much-needed community-based site work within their respective jurisdictions.



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



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 toward an IT DEVELOPER based at the FSM NORMA in Pohnpei, FSM and reporting to the Chief, Division of Statistics, Compliance & Technical Projects. The IT DEVELOPER services include:

GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

The IT Developer will be focused on the implementation of recommendations presented in the recent NORMA IMS Assessment or any other initiatives for enhancing the current and developing new IMS capabilities. Focus of work will be to ensure a functional system or set of systems at FSM NORMA that effectively support the business/work processes at the Authority. This can include maintenance and support for the existing systems, or new developments of supplementary IMS functionality and data warehouse and business intelligence. Tasks and duties include, but not necessarily be limited to the following:

- Liaise with external system providers (FFA, SPC, WCPFC, PNAO, etc.) for the purpose of analysing and documenting the systems and data managed by these providers and defining how the systems can be customised and optimised for NORMA's needs;
- Carry out analysis and develop in-house solutions (both hardware and software) for specific business requirements (database applications, document management, etc.) based on the in-house IMS assessment report as appropriate;
- Coordinate and implement the setting up and subsequently maintaining and optimising the use of a SharePoint Online/Office365 IMS environment;
- Develop data extracts from external systems and create custom reports for business users;
- Coordinate and implement the planning, design and implementation of the Data Warehouse and Business Intelligence capability, in any suitable capacity as needed;
- Coordinate and implement any other projects carried out as part of the IMS Program;
- Undertake and/or facilitate development and implementation of trainings for NORMA and relevant staff on systems use.
- Carry out other general IT duties in support of business users, including advice on ICT procurement needs of NORMA
- Other duties as may be assigned by Chief of SCTP Division.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- A Degree in Computer Science with at least 5 years relevant experience; or extensive experience and management expertise in technical or administrative fields; or an equivalent combination of relevant experience and/or education/training.

- Good working knowledge of relational databases and SQL language (e.g. MySQL, PostgreSQL, SQL Server or similar);
- Working knowledge and Understanding of the data modelling and database design principles and techniques;
- Working knowledge and Understanding of web technologies and development tools and environments;
- Solid working knowledge of both Open Source and Microsoft technologies (e.g. Linux and Windows operating systems);
- Good communication skills with experience in provision of training to staff;
- Self-motivation and willingness to learn new skills.
- Good working knowledge of English language
- Additional desirable skills
- Experience with SharePoint and Office365;
- Experience with BI tools (e.g. PowerPivot for Excel, Power BI, Tableau, Yellowfin or similar);
- Experience with data integration.
- Experience supporting a fisheries or resource management agency in FSM or Pacific.

DURATION OF THE PERIOD

The position will be for an initial two (2) year period. (Probationary period of six months, annual performance review determines whether contract would be continued). This is a full time position and may be extended based on satisfactory performance.

REMUNERATION

- Salary will be based on the Local Labor Market Payscale and/or depending on qualifications.
- This will be a 2-year full-time position under contract with FSM NORMA.

APPLICATION

The FSM NORMA invites consultants to indicate their interest in providing the above-mentioned services by submitting electronic and/or hard copies of Letter of Interest, CV, support Degrees/Certificates and 3 reference letters to NORMA no later than MARCH 16, 2018. Selection will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition). Full Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from:

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Panuelo welcomes Epperson of USAID to Congress

PALIKIR, POHNPEI - January 23, 2018. Chairman David W. Panuelo, on behalf of Speaker Wesley W. Simina, met with and welcomed to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia Deputy Mission Director Clay Epperson of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Chief of Mission Joanne Cummings who were accompanied by staff from the Department of Foreign Affairs. He expressed the collective appreciation of the Congress for the massive work executed in the Nation by the USAID and assured Deputy Director Epperson of the Congress' support in such undertakings.

Deputy Director Epperson was in Chuuk to attend a close-out ceremony on March 20th for assistance provided through USAID for Typhoon Maysak recovery efforts. Typhoon Maysak was classified as a Category 5 super typhoon as it passed by the islands of Chuuk and Yap in March of 2015. It left in its wake four deaths, 10 injuries and over 5,000 people in need of emergency assistance.

During their discussions, Ambassador Riley shared that the USAID projects in Chuuk and Yap were funded through the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Ambassador further expressed the importance of supporting Climate Ready projects, which operates under the umbrella of USAID to provide assistance in capacity building, among others.

Subsequent to the close-out ceremony for Chuuk, the Deputy Director and Robert Pierce from the USAID Office in Manila, Philippines visited the state of Pohnpei and met with the national leadership where they also paid a courtesy visit to the Legislative Branch of the national government.

Chairman Panuelo agreed about the importance of climate ready projects and especially highlighted that preparedness was an issue of extreme importance to the FSM as a Nation prone to and extremely vulnerable to typhoons. The short visit concluded and Panuelo thanked the Ambassador and Deputy Director Epperson for their role in the successful completion and close-out of the USAID towards Typhoon Maysak in the state of Chuuk.

Chairman Panuelo welcomed Deputy Director Epperson and Pierce along with US Ambassador Robert Riley and Deputy

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the legislative branch and the CPUC Board of Directors, the contempt ruling still stands.

At issue was whether or not the House of the Representatives had the right to appoint two new members to the CPUC board after the terms of two previous members had expired. The Governor has argued that the legislative action usurps his right to appoint CPUC Board Members with advice and consent of the legislative bodies.

The Plaintiffs have argued that according to the law establishing CPUC, the Governor has 45 days to fill any vacancy on the CPUC Board of Directors. If he doesn't then the House of Representatives is authorized the fill the positions. The two Board positions the Speaker acted to fill on October 20, 2017 were those of Elissues Akapito whose term expired on October 4, 2016, and Rocky Inek whose three year terms had expired on August 30, 2015. They argued that the Governor's 45 days to nominate or renew a Board member for CPUC had long expired with no action.

The House nominated Inos Urumai and Keeper Lippwe to fill the vacancies left by Akapito and Inek and the Board members were confirmed by the House of the Senate.

The Court also has to decide whether the imperfectly worded law that established CPUC includes an expired term of a Board member as a vacancy on the Board that the House could act upon if the Governor does not make a nomination within 45 days.

It also has to decide if the decision of the new board members the legislature appointed would have effect.

After the Chuuk State Legislative bodies confirmed the two nominees for the CPUC board, on October 26, 2017, Governor Elimo filed suit for an emergency TRO and Petition for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief to bar the newly constituted CPUC board from meeting on October 27, 2017. The Court denied the TRO. The issue of declaratory relief and injunction is still being decided. The latest hearing on that matter was yesterday, February 21, 2018.

The CPUC board met on October 27. One of its actions was to rescind the previous CPUC board's resolution made on October 16 authorizing CPUC to enter into a relationship with Earth Energy International Company, Limited. The resolution would have allowed EEI to set up a "public-private" business to build alternative power plants and provide that power on a wholesale basis to CPUC.

According to court documents, the Governor, Akapito and Chuuk Attorney General Sabino Asor wrote several letters and legal opinions that the newly constituted CPUC board was invalid and that the decisions they had made were invalid. The Governor wrote in a letter to CPUC CEO Mark Waite did not have the right to pick and choose which board he would work with.

Meanwhile, the Governor claimed CPUC Board Chair, Akapito allegedly had attempted to execute a bank transaction on behalf of CPUC regarding the EEI agreement despite the fact that the Court had not yet ruled on the Governor's Civil Action.

After CPUC filed their first motion for the Governor to show cause why he should not be held in Contempt of Court, the court issued a verbal ruling barring the Governor from impeding the business transactions of PUC.

Still, on January 8, 2018, "upon advice of his new counsel (Johnny Meippen)" the Governor issued an Executive Order (2018-01) establishing an Interim Board of Directors of CPUC. Two days later, Chuuk Attorney General Sabino Asor withdrew as the Governor's counsel after he learned of the Executive Order that Meippen had advised and drafted for the Governor.

The Court initially found Asor guilty of contempt but reversed its verbal ruling in the written ruling saying that it could not find "on the preponderance of evidence that the Attorney General failed to communicate the court order to the Governor or that he avoided attempts by present counsel to contact him regarding the history of the case—which resulted in the injunction's violation."

The Court found that whether or not Governor Elimo knew about the December 22, 2017 ruling barring him from interfering in the business transactions of CPUC he had clearly gained knowledge at a later date but took no action to adjust his conduct after he learned about it in order to comply with the injunction. It ruled that the act was an intentional violation and that disagreeing with a court order is not a legal remedy for violating a court order.

In his brief to the Court, Meippen argued that he believed that the Court's injunction infringes on the right of the executive branch in the fulfillment of its duties. The Court ruled that disagreement with a Court ruling is not sufficient cause to disobey a Court ruling.

The Court ruled that even though Meippen had notice of the injunction intentionally advised his client, the Governor, to violate

the injunction. "Even if Mr. Meippen had lacked full knowledge as to the wording of the injunction, he could have inquired from the Attorney General—who would have been required under the rules of ethics to disclose the full nature of the oral order to the new counsel for the Governor. However, Mr. Meippen proudly stated that he never consults with lawyers previously representing his clients," the ruling said. "... this was clearly an intentional and wanton disregard for the court's injunction."

The ruling held Governor Elimo in Civil and Criminal Contempt but also said that as a mitigating factor, it was convinced that he would not have issued the order "but for his counsel's blatant misconduct and poor legal advice. As such, the Court, in its discretion assigned a fine of \$500 for the criminal contempt that must be paid by February 28.

The Court ruled Meippen's actions to be in Civil Contempt and has scheduled an additional hearing for March 22 for Meippen to show cause for why he should not also be held in Criminal Contempt.

The Court ruled that Governor Elimo and his counsel Johnny Meippen are "jointly and severally liable" for CPUC's attorney's fees for the two "show cause"

motions it submitted to the court. It has directed CPUC to submit an itemized list of attorney's fees and expenses related to pursuing those motions.

"Mr. Meippen's actions raise serious questions as to his ability to comply with the Chuuk State Rules of Professional conduct, which leaves this Court no other than to refer this matter for a Disciplinary Action hearing on the matter of Mr. Meippen's conduct in this case," the ruling said.

Governor and Meippen have filed motions for the court to reconsider the contempt ruling. CPUC, and the legislative bodies have until Monday to the respond to those motions. If the motion to reconsider is denied, Governor and Meippen have the option to file an appeal to the decision.

CPUC CEO Mark Waite said that though he has submitted notice of resignation with his last day on March 31, his decision was not at all based on the current turmoil. "My decision is not directly related to external interference in CPUC – I have been quite forthright in the defense of CPUC against this," he wrote in an email. "I have an opportunity to move on that is of long term interest and I have decided it is time to move aside and let someone else pick up the torch."



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