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Kolonia-China Friendship Center Handed over

Embassy of the Peoples Republic of China

On April 13, the hand-over ceremony of Kolonia-China Friendship Center and the farewell party for H.E. Ambassador Li Jie was held in Pohnpei, the Capital State of the FSM.

The traditional leaders of the FSM, President Peter Christian, Vice President Yosiwo George, Vice Speaker Esmond Moses, Senator Ferny Perman and Dion Neth, Foreign Secretary Lorin Robert, Pohnpei Governor Marcelo Peterson, Pohnpei Legislature Floor Leader MacGarry Miguel, Kolonia Mayor Jose Nicolas, together with 400 local people, attended the ceremony.

In the remarks of President Christian, Governor Peterson and Mayor Nicolas, they expressed sincere See "Kolonia Gym" on page 7



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April 19, 2018
Pohnpei—Residents of Pohnpei have recently noticed an increase in the number of short term power outages that interrupt their lives.

Pohnpei Utilities Plant Manager, Dackson Solomon says that in the last few days most of the interruptions in service have been caused by line faults. A power outage last evening was caused by a fault on an "air break switch" on lines near the U.S. Embassy in Nett.



The air break switch is a vital part of any overhead electrical line network. In Pohnpei, the switches are accessed by use of an insulated pole with a hook on the end. Line workers hook an eye in the switch and pull it down when they need to make repairs. As best we understand it, pulling the switch interrupts the power flow to customers in the See "Power outages" on page 6



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LOWEST FARES

USS Michael Murphy hosts tour for small group of FSM and Pohnpei State leaders

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

April 8, 2018

Pohnpei—The officers and crew of the USS Michael Murphy hosted a tour and short reception for a small group of FSM and Pohnpei State government on board ship this afternoon. Meanwhile some crew members were able to get to shore to participate in a friendly softball game at the Spanish Wall ballfield.

The USS Michael Murphy, a guided-missile destroyer left Pearl Harbor on January 15, 2018, for a regularly scheduled deployment to the Western Central Pacific with the Carl Vinson Strike Group. In the Western Central waters it operated in conjunction with the US Coast Guard to suppress illicit activities on the high seas—such as illegal fishing—in support of the Oceania Maritime Security Initiative (OMSI).

The draft of the vessel is 33 feet. While the Pohnpei Port might have been able to accommodate, the margin for error was too close so the vessel maintained a distance of approximately six miles from Pohnpei’s shore. The vessel is 9,200 tons and is 510 feet in length. It has aboard, two highly technical SH-60 Sea Hawk helicopters and many armaments.

The delegation of FSM and Pohnpei State visitors were transported most of the way to the vessel on the Pohnpei State

Police patrol vessel. The seas were not choppy but there were large swells. The passengers transferred from the Police vessel into a rubber sided boat called a rib for transportation over the last few hundred meters to the USS Michael Murphy. Once alongside the vessel, the soaking wet passengers had to climb up an approximately 14 foot long rope ladder as the two vessels pitched and yawed. It was a harrowing experience for most of the passengers and some had to be lifted with the rib by a crane onto the destroyer’s deck.

Once aboard, towels were provided and the ship’s Captain and First Mate gave the visitors of tour of the vessel followed by a small reception in the ward room before the visitors once again climbed down the ladder to the waiting rib for transport back to the Police vessel.

The guests were US Ambassador Robert Riley, Australian Ambassador George Fraser, US DCM Joanne Cummings, FSM Secretary for Environment and Emergency Response Andrew Yatilman, Berlino Martin of the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs, Pohnpei State Attorney General Dana Smith, US Seabees Liaison Officer Lt. Timothy Horton, Assistant Secretary of Foreign Affairs Samson Pretrick, Assistant FSM Attorney General Abby Avoryie, and CPOET Byron Evans, Technical Adviser, Royal Australian Navy.

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Faichuk Mayors determined to upbeat natural resource protection as one

On April 3, 2018, Mayors from the island group in Chuuk known as Faichuk gathered at the Truk Stop Hotel VIP Room in response to a request made by the Chuuk Conservation Society (CCS).

Four weeks earlier, Marz Akapito, Executive Director of the Conservation organization wrote letters to each of the Mayors inviting them to the meeting organized through a grant from the Oceans 5, subcontracted to CCS by the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT).

Among the eight municipalities in Faichuk, six islands took advantage of the opportunity to meet. Leading the pack was Mayor Leon Fred from Udot Island, serving as the Acting Chairperson for the group. Also attending were Mayor Amanto Marsolo from Toleisom, Mayor

Enrino Paul from Oneisom, Mayor Efta Ichita from Paata, Mayor Stephen Eseuk from Fanapanges, and Chief Joseph Antes from Polle.

CCS arranged the meeting mainly to advance activities pertaining to two public awareness campaigns relating to fisheries and protected areas in the FSM. In particular, the meeting took place as part of an ongoing community outreach and consultations relating to the newly enacted Protected Areas Network (PAN) bill in Chuuk and the new FSM National law establishing a “no-commercial fishing zone” in FSM waters.

A little over a year ago, CCS joined a network of government and non-government entities in the so called FSM for 10% campaign which included a petition endorsed by the general public throughout the FSM, asking the FSM Congress to enact national law that would prohibit commercial fishing activities in parts of the FSM EEZ. The campaign may have contributed to the passage of the FSM

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From Left, standing: Mr. Amanto Marsolo, Toleisom Island; Mr. Leon Fred, Udot Island; Mr. Esta Ichita, Paata Island; and Mr. Joseph Antes, Polle Island.

Seated from left: Marz Akapito, CCS Executive Director; Mr. Enrino Paul, Oneisom Island; and Mr. Stephen Eseuk, Fanapanges Island.

Pacific Women Growing Businesses project opens with accounting training

The Pacific Community (SPC) partnered with the College of Micronesia (COM) to provide accounting training to the owners of small businesses in Kolonia on Saturday 24 March. The 20 participants in the workshop were mostly women business owners who had loans with the Small Business Guarantee and Finance Corporation in Pohnpei state, along with student entrepreneurs from the Center for Entrepreneurship at COM.

The Pacific Women Growing Businesses project is funded by Australia under the FSM Pacific Women country plan.

Eliza Woolcock, the deputy Chief of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei, greeted participants noting that the project will support both Women’s Economic Empowerment and Women’s leadership – two of the four goals of the 10-year Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development program which is being rolled out in 14 Pacific Island Countries. “Women face a number of disadvantages in growing their businesses, including

the other family and community demands on their time and money, and gaps in business knowledge,” she said.

Maire Dwyer, Gender Equality Adviser for SPC in Pohnpei noted, “The SBGFC clients are mainly women who already have loans to start or grow their businesses. They are exactly the group we hope will benefit from this program.” She indicated that, very soon, the program would also have a business counsellor on board to provide additional support to businesses and to identify changes that would improve the enabling environment for businesses.

“Under an agreement with SPC, the College will provide six workshops on different business topics over 2018,” said Timothy Mamangon, the executive director of the Center for Entrepreneurship at COM. “We will provide hands on learning that meets the practical needs of women and their business partners in Pohnpei.”



At the end of first workshop, participants were expected to be able to demonstrate basic knowledge and skills in accounting and appreciate its important role in business. The workshop included 4 concepts. Topics included in the workshop were introduction accounting and it’s role in business, cash basis accounting, accrual basis accounting, and understanding financial statements.

To give participants hands on experience on accounting, they were given activities at the end of each concept. Here, they were

asked to record day-to-day transactions and classify them under asset, liabilities or owners equity After each activity the participants slowly understood why record keeping is important and how record keeping can help them better manage their businesses. Towards the end the workshop, participants recognized the importance of accounting and its role to have a successful business regardless of the size.

The success of the workshop will certainly lead to opportunities that will help equip pacific women in growing their businesses.



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Yap media division keeps track of fiber optic cable project

Media Division/Civic Affairs

April 9, 2018

COLONIA, Yap — The Division of Media & Protocol has been submitting progress reports on the ongoing fiber optic cable project in Yap. The latest report dated April 5, 2018 summarized the project's progress and expected completion dates for phases of the project.

Based on excerpts from communications with FSMTC, FSMT Cable Corporation and contractors Centerlane Construction Company and Surangel's Construction Co. as well as the FSM National Government, progress has been successfully made since March 5, 2018. The project is currently constructing two components—the fronthaul work and the cable landing station. "Fronthaul" includes excavation, manholes and groundwork for the cable extension from the beach in Magachgil, Gilman Municipality to the cable landing station in Lamer, Rull Municipality. Construction work is ongoing on the road easements in southern Yap Proper, and the cable landing station is nearing completion.

The report also provided an unrefined schedule provided by Centerlane. The contractor will be working with four excavators at twelve hours daily to put in about 500 feet of fronthaul work. Following are the expected dates for components of the fronthaul work:

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| 1. | manhole in ground | April 14, 2018 |
| 2. | handhole in ground | April 14, 2018 |
| 3. | start excavation of conduct | March 26, 2018 |
| 4. | date to reach manhole #1 | April 14, 2018 |
| 5. | date to reach manhole #2 | April 14, 2018 |
| 6. | date to reach manhole #3 | April 30, 2018 |
| 7. | date to reach manhole #4 | April 30, 2018 |
| 8. | date to reach CLS | May 12, 2018 |

The building designated to be the cable landing station is an older concrete structure situated beside the FSMTC earth station in Lamer, Rull Municipality. Following are expected completion dates for components of the cable landing station:

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| a. | structure completion | April 14, 2018 |
| b. | doors completion | April 14, 2018 |
| c. | plaster/painting | April 17, 2018 |
| d. | electrical wiring | April 21, 2018 |
| e. | air-con installation | April 28, 2018 |

The report by the Division of Media & Protocol concluded with recommendations to the Yap State Leadership to take advantage of other available excavators on-island and to share meager resources in order to meet the same goal: providing broadband internet for the 2018 Micronesian Games and the island's consumers.

If all goes according to plan, the report shares that the project may be finished with construction in advance. For more information or clarifications, contact Chief of Media & Protocol Sebastian F. Tamagken at Media Division at tel: (691)350-2174.



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About the Opportunity

The Forum Secretariat is now looking for a full-time Director responsible for Programmes and Initiatives to join the team in Suva, Fiji.

Reporting to the Deputy Secretary General & Secretary General, this Director role will provide leadership, policy development and strategic direction, as well to manage team leaders and staff assigned respective Key Result Areas and Outputs. Some key areas of responsibility will include (but will not be limited to):

- Proving Team Performance and Leadership;
- Senior Management Coordination; and
- Managing Relations and Partnerships.

The Forum Secretariat is seeking a strategic leader who holds Post-graduate qualifications in economic, trade, development, law, political science, international studies or similar with substantial years of relevant work experience. A sound knowledge of economic political and development issues – at regional and international levels will be an advantage.

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Request for Proposal (RFP)
Annual Audits of the Federated States of Micronesia (5 Governments)
Fiscal Year 2018-2020

The Office of the National Public Auditor for the Federated States of Micronesia invites interested professional accounting firms to submit written proposals to conduct the annual audits of the National and four State Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia for FY 2018, 2019, and 2020.

The audits will include financial and compliance audits of the Federated States of Micronesia pursuant to the Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended, OMB Circular A-133, OMB Super Circular, and the Amended Compact of Free Association between the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States of America, for FY 2018, 2019, and 2020.

The audits will cover each reporting entity of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia as defined by U.S. Public Law 99-239 TITLE FOUR, Article VI, Section 461 (d). The audits will be performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, provisions of the Amended Compact of Free Association between the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States of America and its related agreement for Implementation of Economic Assistance Programs and Services, and Federal auditing standards in the United States; including the Government Auditing Standards, issued by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO); the Single Audit Act of 1984 (P.L. 98-502), as amended; Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations; and Super Circular, OMB Uniform Guidance: Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

In addition, the auditor will be expected to follow the recommendations of the AICPA State and Local Government Committee as set forth in the accounting guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units, Revised Edition.

Proposals must be post-marked no later than June 15, 2018 and received at the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor at the address below, no later than 4:30 p.m., Pohnpei local time, or June 29, 2018 if by postal delivery.

A full version of the RFP document can be accessed at www.fsmopa.fm, or by contacting:

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After three years of service in the FSM PRC Ambassador LI Jie says goodbye

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

April 11, 2018

Pohnpei—The Embassy of the People's Republic of China to the FSM hosted a reception at the Cliff Rainbow hotel this evening as a way to say farewell to Ambassador LI Jie after more than three years of service for his country in the Federated States of Micronesia. It was also a way for Ambassador LI to thank some of the leaders in the FSM who have worked closely with him during his stay here.

"My general impression is that under the leadership of this government, the FSM has made remarkable progress in many aspects, such as infrastructure, telecommunication, air transportation and capacity building," he said during his speech. "In the international arena and regional affairs, the FSM has also demonstrated its unique role and positive energy. I witnessed the successful hosting of the 47th PIF in 2016 and the 15th session of the WCPFC will be held here this December. The FSM is also an active and constructive partner of tackling global issues such as climate change, gender equality and UN 2030 agenda for sustainable development."

"As Ambassador of China, I regard the past 3 years as very much rewarding because we have worked together to realize a number of significant programs. The Y-12 aircraft and the Okat Bridge in Kosrae are playing irreplaceable roles for the local people to connect with the outside world. The construction of a multi-purpose gymnasium in Yap will contribute for the hosting of the coming Micronesian Games in June, plus another gym constructed in the municipality of Madolenihmw last year and a new one here in Kolonia town which is to be handed over the day after tomorrow. The new government building of Chuuk will be completed at the end of this year. A passenger cargo ship for Yap and the construction of secondary roads and bridge in Pohnpei are to be implemented soon. Another program that I attach great importance is the support of the Chinese government full-scholarship to the FSM students. Last year alone we recruited 33 students from the FSM to study on scholarships in China, totaling over 200 so far. Given time, these young talents will become the engines of development of their motherland."

"Upon my departure from the FSM, I also feel regrettable from time to time that

some of my ideas have not yet been fulfilled. I was very ambitious when I first arrived. I wished that I could visit as many places as possible. Although I have visited the four states quite several times, but I have not yet been to the outer islands apart from Ulithi and Fais of Yap. As a country with hundreds of inhabited outer islands, FSM offers very attractive places for diplomats to explore. Maybe this could be a very good incentive for me to come back again in the future. I regret also that during my term of office here, I have not been able to get more Chinese tourists to visit this beautiful country. As a very large tourist export market, China produced 139 million of overseas tourists last year. But only a very minimum number of tourists come to the FSM. I therefore see a great potentiality of future opportunity for this win-win cooperation. I regret also not having promoted enough private investment, although China is already a large country for overseas investment. I believe my successor will do a much better job than I do. At the same time, I am expecting very much for an improvement of investment environment in the FSM, including stipulating more preferential policies to attract foreign investment, properly protecting the legal interest of foreign investors and designating pillar industries for joint ventures such as tourism."

Putting aside his regrets he spoke of the love he had developed for the FSM and thanked the people of the FSM for their hospitality and willingness to work together.

Vice President Yosiwo George spoke of the warm relationship between the FSM and the People's Republic of China.

Ambassador LI mentioned the several occasions in which Chinese and FSM national leaders had visited with each other in their countries and said that the next high level visit would be Speaker Wesley Simina. He will lead a high level delegation at the end of this month at the invitation of the Chairman of the Chinese National People's Congress.

Ambassador LI's successor will arrive in the FSM within the next month.



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vicinity of the repair.

But sometimes those switches fail for a variety of reasons. When they do it causes a line fault that means that a larger number of electrical customers are affected until the switch is pulled and repairs can be made.

Solomon said that last evening the air break switch on the lines near the US Embassy began to spark, which shut down the electrical delivery system until workers could reach the site and pull the switch to isolate the problem. The day before, an air break switch failed on lines near the landfill site in Dekehtik.

Several weeks ago, the air break switch across from the Namiki Office Complex in Kolonia began to arc and also caught fire. Though the fire department was dispatched to the scene, line repair personnel had already pulled the switch by the time they arrived. Until that point, traffic had been streaming past, including a Vital (FSM Petroleum Corporation)

fuel truck. Though the line fire was spectacular, as soon as PUC employees pulled the switch, the fire was done and there was no longer any danger.

"It's not just wet weather," Solomon said. "They (the switches) can fail even when it is dry." Corrosion, an electrochemical process created on the metal of the switches is accelerated by the famous salt humidity of Pohnpei along with the electricity that flows through the switches. When the corrosion builds to an intolerable level, electricity begins to arc across the switch. When that happens, a line fault occurs, interrupting power for most PUC customers rather than just those customers close to the arcing switch.

The generators that PUC is currently using to generate power for the island were not designed to run constantly. "We expect them to go down occasionally," Solomon said. "Those generators are designed for backup power for a few hours a day. They were a quick fix."

Lacking another solution, the quick fix seems, at least for the near term, to have become a more or less permanent solution.

None of the diesel generators that were

designed for long term use that provided power to Pohnpei residents for so many years are working. The replacement cost for any one of them is cost prohibitive. Those hulking generators are still on the premises of the power plant, but though the noise of the plant is still massive, those generators are silent, having lived well past their expiry date.

When those generators ran, they ran at low revolutions per minute (RPM) which allowed them to run nearly constantly with breaks only for service. The generators that have replaced them run at higher RPMs and will require more frequent servicing due to the increased friction of the faster speed.

The two new 545 kilowatt diesel generator sets with a total cost of \$603,500 donated to PUC through a matching grant from a USDA Rural Development High Energy Cost are still in the process of being installed. Those generators are also high RPM units, but their inclusion in PUC's quiver of power generation arrows will mean the chance for rest, relaxation, and restoration of the other generators after the new generators come online.



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- Coordinating high level forums and dialogues;
- Providing analysis and advice on the Forum's partner engagement and development cooperation; and
- Team leadership and performance

The Forum Secretariat is seeking a strategic and diplomatic individual who holds an advanced degree in international development, international relations, public relations or related fields with substantial years of relevant work experience in government relations, stakeholder engagement and/or public policy, preferably within the Pacific region and/or international development context.

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...Kolonia Gym

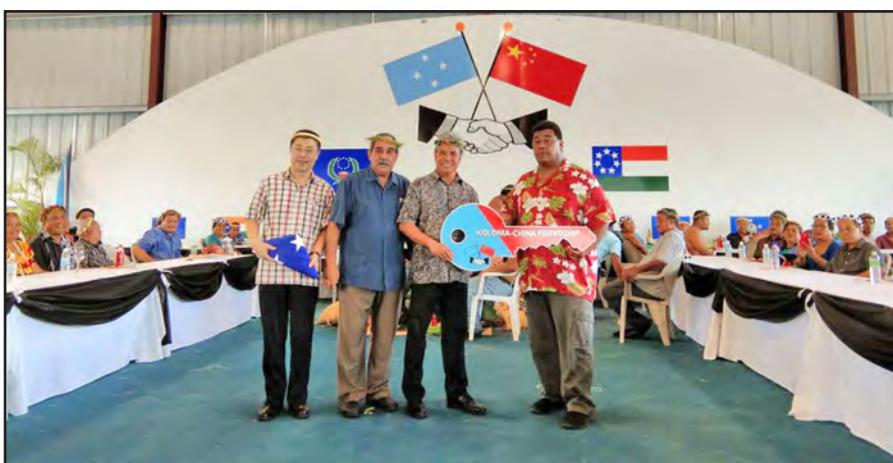
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gratitude and appreciation to the Chinese government and Ambassador Li Jie for the contribution to promote the development of local communities. The multi-purpose gym realizes the dream of Kolonia people and the young generation will benefit from it and will remember the friendship with China.

H.E. Ambassador Li Jie pointed out the construction of this gym is another demonstration of the good relationship between China and the FSM. It is also a

manifestation of the importance China attaches to the well-being of the ordinary people. It provides a wonderful place for physical exercises and art performances. He is confident that under the strong leadership of the FSM government, the social undertakings and the China-FSM friendship will make progress continuously.

The art groups from all over Pohnpei State performed songs and dances with unique local cultural features in the celebration.





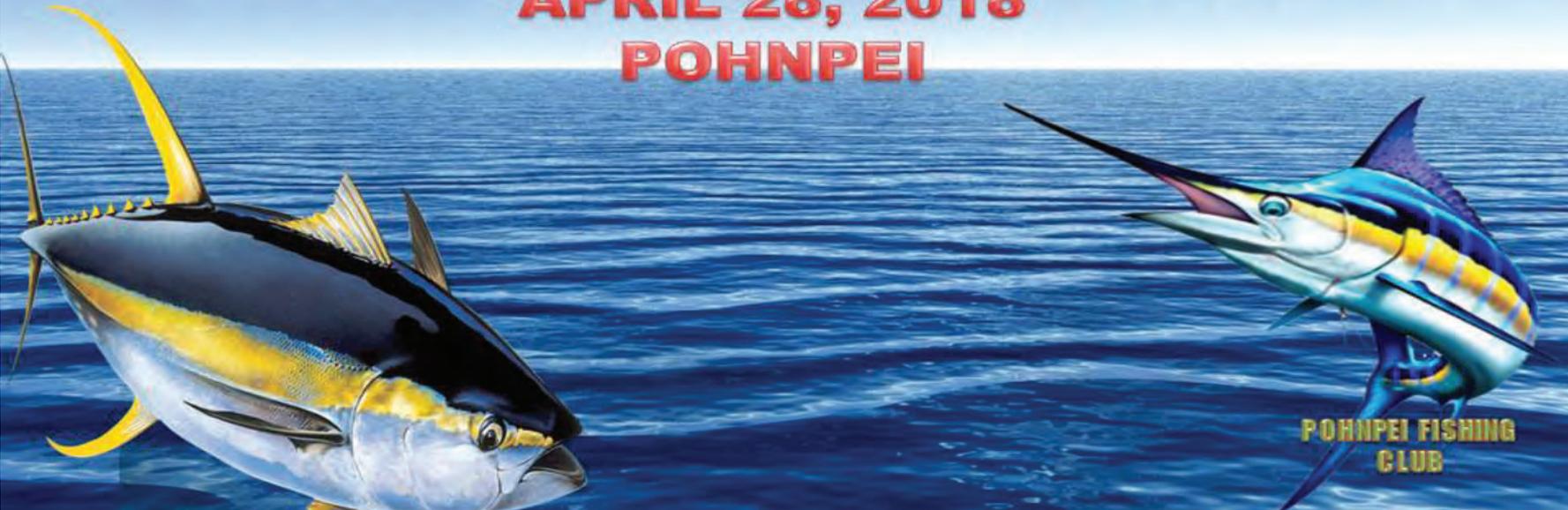


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Weigh in is from 3:00pm to 4:00pm, at the Mangrove Bay. If you return after 4:00pm you will be disqualified. Other than that, there will be a barbecue at the weigh in, so please support the Pohnpei Public Library at the Barbecues.

The following species are the only ones that qualify: Billfish, Skipjack tuna, other tuna, Mahi-mahi, Wahoo, Barracuda, Giant trevally, Rainbow runner.

This is a Marlin Jackpot Tournament, \$3,700 to Marlin bigger than 450.00lbs, (if two or more are caught in the tournament the Jackpot goes to the biggest.)

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	2nd	\$150	\$200
Skipjack/Black SJ	First	\$250	\$300
	2nd	\$150	\$200
Mahi-mahi	First	\$250	\$300
	Second	\$150	\$200
Yellowfin	First	\$350	\$450
	2nd	\$250	\$300
Barracuda	First	\$250	\$300
	Second	\$150	\$200
Dog Tooth Tuna	First	\$250	\$300
	2nd	\$150	\$200
Junior	First	\$250	\$300
	2nd	\$150	\$200
Lady	First	\$250	\$300
		\$150	\$200
Total		\$3,400	\$4,250



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Jamel T. James, from Lelu in the state of Kosrae, is a member of the Class of 2010 who graduated with an AS in Marine Science. He currently works as an Assistant Fisheries Biologist for the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA).

Jamel first enrolled at the National Campus in Fall of 2008 where he earned his associates degree in Marine Science. In 2011 he enrolled again to pursue a second degree in Business Administration, however that was cut short when he was awarded a full scholarship to Zhejiang Ocean University (ZJOU) in China. There he spent the next three years learning Mandarin and eventually earning a bachelors in Biological Science in 2014. He then was again offered a full scholarship to earn a masters degree in Marine Science, to which he received in 2017 with a thesis focused on Environmental DNA (eDNA) analysis on fresh water fish composition in Pohnpei and Kosrae.

Since October of 2017 Jamel has been working with NORMA to which he is the Assistant Fisheries Biologist. While there he has participated in various local and regional meetings and workshops such as the World Tuna Day in Kosrae, the Career Technical Education Exploration day at Nanpei Memorial High School in Pohnpei, the Pacific Ministerial Shark Symposium in Samoa, and the Tuna Stock Assessment Basic Training in New Caledonia to name a few.

While attending COM-FSM Jamel was a Marine Science intern where he spent time collecting blennies from the intertidal zones in Ant atoll, and other times collecting sea cucumbers and finding its species distribution around Pohnpei. In the college's work-study program he spent time at the Nation's Department of Foreign Affairs where he spent time entering data and proofreading diplomatic letters and documents.

While studying in China Jamel was a part-time assistant professor where he taught English courses to freshmen. He was also a Laboratory Technician where he collected and preserved and analyzed DNA samples. At ZJOU he was a member of the International Students Association and served as its president from 2013 to 2017.

There is no question that Jamel is a busy person, but in asking him he will claim that it's all in a days work and is not work at all because he is enjoying it. The college is proud to have been a part of Jamel's path to success. As we celebrate 25 years of student success, we are eager to see where Jamel is in the next 25 years.

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For the first time World Autism Acceptance Day is recognized in the FSM



By Lululeen Santos

April 2, 2018

Pohnpei—A friendly event was held at the Pohnpei Public Library on April 2nd 2018 in honor of World Autism Acceptance Day. The occasion was created by a group of young women who are all mothers to children on the autism spectrum who wanted an opportunity to spread awareness and more education about autism. What other day would have been better than the actual World Autism Acceptance Day recognized by United Nations?

World Autism Acceptance Day is an internationally recognized day on April 2nd of every year. It encouraged member States of the United Nations to take measures to raise acceptance about people with autism throughout the world. It was designated by the United Nations General Assembly “resolution 62/139. World Autism Acceptance Day”, passed in council on November 1st 2007. It was proposed by the United Nations representative from Qatar, Her Highness Sheikha Mozah Bint Nasser Al-Missned, Consort of His Highness Sheik Hamad Bin Khalifa Al-Thani, the Emir of the State of Qatar, and supported by all member states.

Although it took 10 years, the Federated States of Micronesia, is now recognizing the fact that there are children and people with autism and is realizing the effects of the autism spectrum. The event was the first of its kind in Pohnpei and was much appreciated by the few who attended. The number of children on the autism spectrum in Pohnpei has been increasing and this event created an environment where people could come together to enjoy the time shared with these kids and at the same time, be given an opportunity to speak about autism to the leaders in attendance at the small but informative event.

The event’s guest speaker was Dr Gordon Dow who is a Psychologist at the Behavioral Health Division under the Department of Health Services here at Pohnpei State. The doctor shared with the crowd what autism is and what sort of behaviors and/or activities go through a person’s mind if he or she is diagnosed with autism spectrum. He added that he was glad and happy about the noise the kids were making as that is considered normal for a child or person on the autistic spectrum. What we consider to be abnormal is normal for that complex and diverse group of kids.

The event was attended by the Honorable Governor Marcelo Peterson, Pohnpei State Senator Shelton Neth, Chairman to Committee on Health & Social Affairs, Congressmen Esmond Moses and Ferney S Perman and other invited guests, families and friends of loved ones with autism. All thanks to the strong and beautiful mothers of these kids who wanted to share and educate the public about how beautiful their children are and what a normal day is like for them.

Yap to celebrate three decades of friendship between FSM and Japan

Colonia, Yap. Honoring 30 years of diplomatic relations between FSM and Japan will be the focus of the 9th Annual Yap Summer Homecoming Festival on June 15 and 16 in Yap. The Living History Museum in Colonia will be the setting for the celebration that will feature traditional dances, food, handicrafts, canoe rides and children’s activities. “We are very excited to welcome our Japanese friends as well as new visitors from Japan and around the world to celebrate our close association and thank the Japanese people and government for their partnership through the years,” said Don Evans, general manager of the Yap Visitors Bureau. A full schedule of events will be published as it is finalized on www.visitoryap.com and Facebook #yapvisitorsbureau.

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Peace Corps holding State and National appreciation ceremonies throughout April

United States Peace Corps

Peace Corps/Federated States of Micronesia and Palau has been holding Appreciation Ceremonies in the four states of Micronesia, starting with Yap on April 12, followed by Chuuk on April 17, Pohnpei on April 20, and concluding with Kosrae on April 23. Emily Untermeyer, the Acting Regional Director for the Inter-America and Pacific Region, from Peace Corps Headquarters Washington DC, has been in attendance. High level representatives from the State and National Governments of the FSM, representatives from the Departments of Education and other partner organizations, municipal leaders from municipalities in which Peace Corps currently operates or has historically operated, currently serving Peace Corps Volunteers and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers residing in the FSM, and families currently hosting Peace Corps Volunteers in their homes, have also been in attendance at the ceremonies.

The Appreciation Ceremonies reflect the gratitude Peace Corps holds for the long-term support offered by the governments in Micronesia and the many partner organizations, communities, schools, and host families, which have made the collaboration between the United States of America and Micronesia to promote world peace and friendship possible over these many years. Peace Corps gifted a plaque to the national government and to each state commemorating their partnership, as well as certificates to each municipality that partnered with Peace Corps at some point over the more than fifty years of Peace Corps presence in Micronesia. The ceremonies have included speeches, a photo slideshow with images collected over 50 years, cultural performances, and refreshments.

Over the years, more than 4,300 Americans have volunteered through Peace Corps in the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands (TTPI) and the Federated States of Micronesia, first arriving in the region in 1966. At one point, in 1968, there were 940 Volunteers serving in the region of Micronesia. Over the years, Volunteers have collaborated with local

partners to build capacity in agriculture, education, health, youth development, and community economic development. Recently, Peace Corps Volunteers have focused on partnering with local elementary schools as co-teachers and co-planners, to strengthen local teachers' English instruction and improve student success; specifically in student achievement and confidence, and increased engagement with the English language. In collaboration with their schools and counterparts, Peace Corps volunteers have supported the accreditation process, facilitated teacher workshops, coached sports, and initiated extracurricular activities such as reading clubs, dance, gardening, environment activities, trash management, summer camps, theater, and much more.

These ceremonies come as Peace Corps is phasing out operations in the FSM after over 50 years of continuous presence in the region. Peace Corps Washington announced in December of last year the anticipated closure of volunteer activities by the end of the academic school year in June of 2018 due to operational and infrastructure challenges in areas ranging from vast geographic distances, medical care and transportation, and recurring staff vacancies.

Peace Corps leaves a rich legacy in Micronesia. With such large numbers of Peace Corps Volunteers having served in the Micronesian Islands there are few people here that have not directly interacted with and benefited from Peace Corps Volunteers. The government representatives that spoke at the Appreciation Ceremonies all had stories of formative experiences with Peace Corps Volunteers in their youth. In addition, Peace Corps' legacy in the region includes: teaching English to multiple generations of Micronesians, supporting the formation of the Yapese traditional Navigation Society and the revival of canoe racing, the Green Roadshow curriculum and school visits in Pohnpei in conjunction with the Conservation Society of Pohnpei, the drafting of State Constitutions such as Kosrae's Constitution in 1977, designing the Pohnpei State Legislative chamber, supporting the EPA's aluminum can recycling program in Kolonia, the Pohnpei summer reading and family movie night at the Public Library, the solar power grid in Pakin, fostering the FSM National Olympic Committee, conducting the first US Census of Micronesia in 1966, supporting the desalinization project in Kapingamarangi, facilitating grants to build basketball courts and seawalls in multiple states of FSM, and many other projects. In addition to these many projects, the most important and probably the longest lasting legacy of the Peace Corps' presence in Micronesia will be the strong bonds of friendship that have developed between many Peace Corps Volunteers and their communities during their two years of service.

Peace Corps is a United States Government Agency dedicated to promoting world peace and friendship. Since its founding by John F Kennedy in 1961, more than 250,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in over 141 countries world-wide. Currently there are approximately 7,000 Americans serving as Peace Corps Volunteers in more than 60 countries around the world.



Current and previous US Peace Corps volunteers in Pohnpei



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**...Faichuk
Mayors**

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Public Law No. 19-167, which became law April 18, 2017, establishing the prohibition zone, among other purposes.

The Faichuk Mayors expressed their concurrence to the prohibition decision as a resource protection measure and called upon FSM and Chuuk State leaders to collaborate on bolstering enforcement procedures, recognizing the need to upscale surveillance capacities all around.

In addition, the Mayors were aware of a soon-to-be completed resource use management and community resilience project on Oneisom. In light of that, Mayor Paul and CCS Executive Director Akapito briefed the Mayors regarding some important outcomes and experiences from that project that has been in place the last three years funded by a grant from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety.

The meeting allowed the Mayors the opportunity to undertake initial

discussions for the possibility to jointly protect their reefs as one region, which harbors the largest grouper spawning and marine species aggregation site and most varied coastal to marine ecosystems in Chuuk Lagoon.

Because of isolation, Faichuk fishing grounds are favored by dynamiters and others employing illegal fishing methods for whom the treacherous reefs and orbit of mangrove channels, largely unfamiliar to enforcement officers based on Weno Island, are an undeserved bonus.

At the close of their meeting, the Mayors formally established the Faichuk Mayors Conference and acknowledged the need to interact regularly to pursue mutual issues and concerns. They also emphasized the need to increase efforts in resource use planning and management in line with recent natural resource protection laws in Chuuk and the FSM. Finally, they invited CCS to serve as "an important observer" at their regular meetings in order to assist with natural resources and environment matters.

The five Mayors and one Traditional Chief agreed to meet again during the first week of May ahead of the upcoming Chuuk State Leadership Summit in June to preview the agenda and agree on particular interests to pursue at the Summit.



**Employment
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New Tokyo Medical College sends a student for 6 year medical training

New Tokyo Medical College

April 9, 2018 Pohnpei—June Joy Laibeyal, a Saipan-born FSM citizen, and student of New Tokyo Medical College (NTMC) in



June Joy at Medical Microbiology Lab Class at NTMC

Pohnpei has been sent for a six year complete medical training program on a full scholarship. She will complete her training at Qiqihar Medical University (QMU) in Heilongjiang province in northeast China.

Upon the completion of QMU's program, Laibeyal will receive a medical degree from QMU and NTMC simultaneously. The six year medical training includes a full one-year internship from QMU Hospitals.

Currently QMU has three major university hospitals with more than 20,000 beds. QMU consists of 14 schools and 4 auxiliary departments, boasts a staff of 4,281 and the number of enrollment is 16,501.

Laibeyal graduated from Xavier High School and the College of Micronesia FSM. She completed three and half years of vigorous pre-medical and science training at NTMC and was awarded a full scholarship from NTMC.

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NTMC is accepting applications for their 2018 intake. All Micronesian and selective US Citizens (mainly for Guam and CNMI) will receive scholarships that cover the entire tuition for NTMC if accepted. Good high school GPA and results of the NTMC Entrance Examination (NTMC-EX) may secure a seat at NTMC.

NTMC only accepts 20 students per year. Interested students may call 320-3815 for further assistance.

CPUC COO POSITION ADVERTISEMENT

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CPUC is a state owned corporation with the responsibility for power water and sewer service provision in Chuuk State, Federated States of Micronesia. Currently providing power, water and sewerage services to the island of Weno – population 13,500.

Qualifications & Experience

The successful applicant will ideally have a Bachelor's degree in Engineering, Business or Public Administration or have a minimum of 15 years of relevant utility experience including 5 years in a managerial or executive capacity in a utility corporation.

The successful candidate will have experience of:

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- working cooperatively to achieve corporate objectives;
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Application Process:

Qualified and interested applicants should submit the following documents:

- cover letter addressed to the CEO of CPUC;
- detailed resume/Curriculum Vitae;
- names, contact details and relationship of three referees;
- one page summary explaining why you are interested in the position and why you are a suitable candidate for the position;

All shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by the CEO. Applications may be made by post, addressed as follows:

Kembo Mida, CEO
CPUC COO Application,
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Applications may also be sent by email – all documents should be combined in one single pdf file and sent to kembo.mida@cpuc.fm with read request and Subject Line: CPUC COO Position - [applicant name]

Applications close at 12 noon on Monday 30th April 2018.

Other Requirements

The CPUC reserves the right to reject all or re-advertise the position if necessary.

CCS funds from FSM National Government a huge lift

Chuuk Conservation Society

April 12, 2018

The Chuuk Conservation Society (CCS) recently donated binoculars to the Tiun Parem and Wichukuno Toleisom Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Chuuk Lagoon through a funding assistance from the FSM National Government pertaining to FSM Public Law No. 20-42.

“The binoculars will help the MPAs look carefully within and beyond the borders of their protected areas”, Marz Akapito, Executive Director of CCS, said during the brief ceremony on the 4th of April.

Receiving for the Tiun group was Srenty Antonio, Chief of Police, Parem Municipality. Before becoming an enforcement officer for Parem Island, he has been the chief conservation officer for the Tiun MPA.

Mr. Yoshimichi Masis, Chief of Wichukuno Village, accepted the donation for Wichukuno MPA on April 9th.

“This binocular is going to be very helpful. Many times, our community

officers cannot go out to the reefs. With this, we will be able to see clearly whoever is fishing too close to the closed reefs and act on it”, expressed Chief Masis.

The binoculars, an office flatbed truck, several cleaning and office equipment items, as well as two GPS devices were procured out of the \$50,000 funds provided by the FSM National Government in October 2017. Part of the funding will go directly to community actions, such as the turtle nesting project for Fananu Island in the Paafeng region and the Community Action Planning for Nukanap in Sapuk Village, Weno Island. This is the first time CCS gets this kind of money from the FSM National Government, and it is a huge lift for a struggling NGO with massive tasks, trying to support burdened communities in the stewardship of their natural resources.

For further information, call CCS at (691) 330-7227 or write to our postal box 2415, Weno Chuuk 96942.



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ADB launches technical assistance inception workshop in Yap

Civic Affairs

March 28, 2018

COLONIA, Yap — On March 21, 2018, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) with the facilitation of the Division of Personnel conducted an Inception Workshop for the bank's Technical Assistance to the State of Yap.

Last year, representatives of the Yap State Government participated in an ADB workshop at the nation's capital in Palikir; there, the Yapese delegation were successful in convincing ADB to extend their Technical Assistance (TA) to Yap following similar services to the FSM National Government and the Pohnpei State Government.

On Wednesday morning, March 21st, ADB Pacific Department's Norio Usui and consultant Dr. Ted Valentine conducted the Inception Workshop, "Strengthening Public Sector Management in the North Pacific". The workshop covered the overall goal of the TA, key focus and major activities along with discussion with the workshop's participants. All directors and office heads along with their key staff were invited to participate, in order for the TA to be successful and to ensure that it covered all areas essential for government operations.

The major objectives of the TA project are three-fold:

1. To assist the Yap State Government in addressing major challenges that it faces with regards to public administration reforms, particularly in light of the impending phasing-down of Compact grant funds;

2. To propose measures to be undertaken by the Yap State Government over the medium term to address these public administration challenges; and

3. To propose measures to be undertaken by the Yap State Government that will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of public service delivery

The TA is to be undertaken by Dr. Valentine, Public Administration & Compensation Expert and team leader, and Des Stainer, Performance Evaluation Expert; Mr. Stainer arrived in Yap a week later.

The project will run from March to mid-October, 2018, with possible extension depending upon the needs and requirements of the Yap State Government in agreement with the Project Officer, Mr. Usui.

Information about the TA is available on the ADB website: www.adb.org/projects/48482-001/main

For inquiries about the Inception Workshop, please contact the Division of Personnel at 350-2142.

GovGuam, Joint Region Marianas sign Civil-Military Coordination Council Charter

April 12, 2018

ASAN, Guam – Governor Eddie Calvo and Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield, commander, Joint Region Marianas, signed the charter for the Civil-Military Coordination Council (CMCC) at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex in Hagåtña April 12.

The charter outlines the scope, membership, structure, roles and responsibilities, and operating procedures for its participating members from the government of Guam and federal agencies.

"The function of this council is truly unique," Chatfield said. "Opportunities like this allow us to have an open and transparent dialogue about the pace and sequence of proposed military construction projects to ensure that these projects are mutually beneficial to the safety, security of the military and local communities and to promote the economic prosperity of the island of Guam."

During the meeting, council members discussed military construction projects, Guam Environmental Protection Agency permit reviews, and the partnership between the Department of Defense and the Guam Department of Labor regarding the H-2B visa approval process, which has recently resulted in several new H-2B visa approvals for military projects.

Calvo continues to raise the issue that construction projects outside of the military facilities, that are not necessarily directly associated to the military buildup in Guam, also are able to get the necessary skilled labor force.

"This is a milestone in the history of the military buildup here on Guam," Calvo said. "This charter we are signing today cements the One Guam approach, which benefits the entire island community. The biggest challenge in the buildup was the lack of skilled laborers to augment the local work force and we're starting to see some positive movement in that regard. Projects that support economic growth, education and health are critical to the overall quality of life for the people of Guam – both civilian and military."

The governor noted that he looks forward to the next few weeks. Department of Labor anticipates USCIS will be responding to H2-B visa applications for non-military construction projects.

The charter fulfills the commitments made in the 2010 and 2015 Records of Decision for establishing final operational procedures of the council.

The event marked the fourth meeting of the council since its inception.



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DR. ELIUEL K. PRETRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Introduction

Dr. Pretrick was the former Secretary of the FSM National Government Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs and the founding President of the FSM National Olympic Committee. The goal of the Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick Memorial Scholarship Committee is to award one \$10,000 scholarship annually to a FSM citizen who wishes to attend a 4-year university with a goal to receive a bachelor's degree in physical education or a sport related field. The \$10,000 scholarship is for a 3rd or 4th year student for school year 2018/2019, and will be awarded on June 15, 2018.

For Applications please contact

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Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia.
- Must have completed an Associate's Degree with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and is currently enrolled college student.
- Must have been accepted for admission into an accredited four-year institution, majoring in Physical Education or Sport Administration.
- Must enroll as a full-time student.

Application Details and Deadlines

- The Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick Memorial Scholarship Committee must receive applications containing the following information no later than June 1, 2018 to be considered.
- The Scholarship Application Form, which must be filled-out completely and accurately in the applicant's own handwriting. The complete form consists of:

- Part I General Information
- Part II Financial Information
- Part III Education and Training
- Part IV Career Objectives Essay
- Part V Honors/Awards/Community Service
- Part VI Scholarship Agreement Form

- Three (3) letters of recommendation, preferably from teachers, counselors, school administrators, or religious leaders.
- Proof of enrollment or acceptance at the applicable institution of higher education.
- In addition, your school office must send a copy of your school transcript, including cumulative grade point average, directly to the Scholarship Committee. Applications will not be considered complete until the Scholarship Committee receives the Applicant's school transcript.

Application Submission

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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: COPRA COLLECTION AGENTS IN CHUUK, KOSRAE, POHNPEI AND YAP



Date: April 16, 2018

Vital FSM PetroCorp (FSMPC) is looking to engage with Copra Collection Agents as business partners within each of the four states of the FSM. Agents will ensure a consistent supply of raw materials, mainly dried copra, to the Coconut Development Unit (CDU) in Pohnpei by trading with local coconut farmers on behalf of FSMPC and CDU. Interested parties can find Application forms and more information online at www.vitalenergy.fm/bids-tenders/.

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- ☒ Have a keen interest in developing the agriculture sector in remote communities;
- ☒ Are able to demonstrate that you have access to a minimum of USD20,000 towards funding the day to day requirements of being a Copra Collection Agent for FSMPC;
- ☒ Have access to transportation solutions for pickup of copra and coconut from participating communities;
- ☒ Have access to warehouse-type storage facility for product awaiting shipment to FSMPC;
- ☒ Have local knowledge of the area, island and farmers;
- ☒ Must be an existing established business/enterprise with a valid business license, and can demonstrate that they are current with all Municipal, State, and National Taxes;
- ☒ Must be able to dedicate individuals for extensive travel throughout the FSM;
- ☒ Must have a minimum of 2 years experience collecting and trading goods;
- ☒ Have interpersonal skills, high proficiency in local, English languages.



Application deadline: May 11, 2018.