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Australia affirms support of FSM in high level bi-partisan visit

By *Bill Jaynes*
 The Kaselehlie Press

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Pohnpei, FSM—This week a high level bi-partisan delegation from Australia paid visits to the Micronesian sovereign nations in the North Pacific, including the FSM. The delegation consisted of Minister for Foreign Affairs Julie Bishop, Minister for International Development and the Pacific Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, Senator for South Australia and Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs Penny Wong, and Senator for Queensland and Shadow Minister for International Development and the Pacific Claire Moore.

The visit was facilitated through the hard work of Australian Ambassador to the FSM George Fraser and his staff.



Traveling aboard an Australian Navy jet, the party traveled from Palau to Pohnpei on Monday June 4. They spent the next morning touring the FSM's World Heritage Cultural Site, Nan Madol before their motorcade headed to Palikir for bilateral meetings with President Peter M. Christian and his cabinet members.

At an afternoon reception for volunteers from Australian Volunteers International and for Australian scholarship award recipients at Orchid's Restaurant at Ocean View, Senator Wong underscored the importance of the visit. She said that anyone who follows Australian politics would know that their parliament is a noisy place with many disagreements among the members of the party of power and their opposition. She said that one thing they agree on is the importance of Pacific Island nations.

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SPC report on sea cucumber populations recommends moratorium on commercial harvest should remain

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Pohnpei—The Secretariat of the Pacific Community has released a 55 page assessment of sea cucumber stocks in Pohnpei waters. The result suggest that sea cucumber stock have not recovered from a long history of harvesting prior to the 1991 moratorium, and may have been impacted by other factors such as the 2016 harvest, the subsistence harvest for the local market, a disruption to the ecosystem, and detrimental fishing practices.

It says that a preliminary cost-benefit analysis, based on calculated harvestable stock of pinkfish and surf redfish, indicates that there would be little benefit from proceeding with such a small harvest and that it may encourage illegal fishing to generate more profits.

It says that fishers earned a total of \$16,854 during the 2016 harvest. The estimation of the selling prices for the harvested sea cucumbers was \$123,631. Pohnpei State collected a \$25,000 licensing fee from Young Sun Corporation.

Because of those factors, the SPC report recommends maintaining the moratorium on commercial harvesting but it says that if Pohnpei State decided to allow a commercial harvest of sea cucumbers it should at the bare minimum develop a management plan before any harvest is conducted. The assessment provides several management suggestions.

The civil action filed by the Mwoalen Wahu against Pohnpei State and Young Sun Corporation in 2016 resulted in a temporary injunction against implementing the planned commercial harvest of sea cucumbers. The case is still before the court for consideration of the issuance of a permanent injunction but it has been stalled for quite some time.

Meanwhile, Young Sun has recently set up a large tent for a sea cucumber farming project behind a locked gate at the popular swimming spot at the APSCO dock. In its regulations for a sea cucumber harvest, Pohnpei's Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture requires a rebuilding of harvested stock through seeding or spawning. It is not clear what method Young Sun is using at their new facility at the APSCO dock and we could not find a way to reach them.

Sea cucumber commercial aquaculture is notoriously difficult. According to the SPC report only a few species of sea cucumbers have the ability to regenerate asexually. With those varieties a single sea cucumber can be cut in half to generate two distinct new sea cucumbers but it doesn't always work and sea cucumbers that have been cut are more accessible to predators and infection if reintroduce into the wild too early.

Dr. Manoj Nair of the College of



Micronesia's Land Grant program has been working on research for commercial sea cucumber aquaculture for quite some time. Through theft, disease, or just plain natural selection, the harvests have not been particularly promising but they are still working on it.

Elijah Tarofalmal is in charge of two Land Grant sea cucumber farms in Yap. They established two farms. 3,000 sea cucumber fingerlings were kept in a farm just a few feet from O'Keefe's Waterfront Inn in Colonia. 7,000 were planted off the shore of an island in the lagoon. After torrential rains for several days in Yap, only 76 of the 7000 in the lagoon were left alive. He transferred those to the farm off the shore of O'Keefe's, ultimate all but

200 of the 10,000 planted survived. He says that the 200 that remain are doing fine now.

Dr. Nair says that they currently have 14 million larvae in tanks. He said that he wished that meant there would be a yield of 14 million full grown sea cucumbers but only a small percentage of those will survive to a size that can then be transferred into a farm to grow to full size. Once there, any number of things can happen.

Dr. Nair's program works specifically on aquaculture methods for sea cucumbers that Pohnpeians eat and that were banned from commercial harvest for export.

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Unusable Kolonia tennis courts back in service and better than ever

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

May 30, 2018

Kolonia, Pohnpei—Tennis courts in Kolonia that have been completely unusable for many years have been given a new birth thanks to a special project sponsored by FSM Congressman David Panuelo.

The \$150,000 project bill paid for a complete renovation of the courts along with a new practice court. Kolonia Town Mayor, Jose San Nicolas hosted the turnover ceremony this afternoon.

Panuelo wrote on his Facebook page that the addition of the new courts means that Pohnpei now has six total tennis courts which means that Pohnpei can now host regional and sub-regional tournaments. He wrote that before the Micro Games nearly four years ago, the Pohnpei Delegation at the FSM Congress funded the renovation of the four courts in Nan Pepper, Pohnpei at a cost of \$300,000.

Those courts are still being well maintained and are in consistent use.

As this afternoon's ceremony ramped up, Dr. Bryan Isaac, of the Pohnpei Tennis Club said that the new courts have a few negligible low spots and that the nets needed to be constrained in the center, but that otherwise, the facility was a great addition to the sport. He seemed to think that those little problems would be easily fixed but that the courts would certainly be useful.

Present for the ribbon cutting ceremony were Lt. Governor Reed Oliver, Kolonia



Town Speaker Jack Harris, Ambassador of Australia George Fraser, Ambassador of Japan Ryoichi Hories and his wife Yuko, Associate Justice Nickondro Johnny, members of the Pohnpei Tennis Club and the Pohnpei Sports Commission along with interested members of the community. Wahnparons Bilimon Henry and Midion Neth were also present.

CNMI police trainers graduate 63 police officers from island wide police training



By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

June 1, 2018

Pohnpei—This evening 63 police officers from the national, state and municipal governments graduated from a ten day law enforcement training course conducted by seven certified officers from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI) Department of Public Safety.

The training was facilitated by an agreement between CNMI Governor Ralph Torres and Kolonia Town Mayor Jose San Nicolas.

Officers who participated were trained in "breach team" techniques that are useful when law enforcement officers have to enter a property by force. They were also trained in fire arm safety and shooting techniques.

At the graduation ceremony at the Kolonia-China Friendship Gym, each of the officers received a certificate of completion of the training.

In addition to the training provided by the government of CNMI, Governor Torres also donated several handguns to Kolonia Town for law enforcement use. Those handguns were shipped to the FSM Department of Justice pending the possibility of their release to the



Kolonia municipal government.

FSM's Secretary of the Department of Justice Gallen said that he authorized the use of the handguns for training purposes but that after the training they went back into national government custody.

"Handguns are a very dangerous tool," he said. He said that though the training was a good introduction to the use of handguns, he didn't feel comfortable certifying anyone in the municipal governments to carry one. "It doesn't mean they're qualified to use one," he said.

Pohnpei's Governor Marcelo Peterson was present at the ceremony as were Secretary Gallen, Municipal leaders, and family members of the graduates. The ceremony lasted for several hours.

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Deadline: July 15, 2018

Signing Ceremony of Japan Grant Aid for “Economic and Social Development Program”

Embassy of Japan in the FSM

May 28, 2018

Palikir, Pohnpei—On May 28th, 2018, Mr. Ryoichi Horie, Ambassador of Japan to the Federated States of Micronesia and The Hon. Mr. Lorin S. Robert, Secretary of Department of Foreign Affairs, signed an Exchange of Notes for Grant Aid for Economic and Social Development Program in Palikir.

The 200 million Japanese Yen (approximately 1.8 million US dollars) will provide equipment to strengthen the FSM’s disaster prevention and disaster reduction capacity.

The grant was announced on May 18th, by Prime Minister Abe during the summit meeting between Prime Minister Abe and H.E. Mr. Peter Martin Christian, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, who visited Iwaki, Fukushima prefecture, Japan to attend the 8th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM8).



Cruise ship offers more rooms for visitors during 2018 Micro Games

By Joyce McClure

Hotels and apartments on Yap have been booked for months for the 2018 Micro Games that take place this July 15 – 27. Capacity on the small island is limited and other options have been few and far between. But more rooms will be available when the Forever Lucky cruise ship enters the harbor on July 1st.

With 146 cabins that include deluxe single, deluxe double and executive suites, room capacity on Yap will more than double during the biennial sports event that is projected to bring more than 2,000 athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators to the island. It will be docked in Colonia with access to transportation to the Yap Sports Complex and within walking distance of the marina where all water sports events will take place.

Owned and operated by Fahrenheit Co. Ltd. of Subic Bay, Philippines, the ship offers four restaurants and

bars, recreational and wellness facilities, a business center, free wifi, complimentary breakfast, 24 hour medical and concierge services. Prices range from \$120 to \$210 per night. For more information visit <http://fclsubic.com/home/2018/05/forever-lucky-cruise-ship> or to book a room, email reservations@fclsubic.com and request a room reservation form. The reservation form must be filled in and signed before a reservation will be made and confirmed.



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No. 18-01
(June 2018)

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About the Opportunity

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Yap to celebrate friendship with Japan during annual summer festival

Yap Visitor's Bureau

Colonia, Yap- During a summit meeting between Japan and the Federated States of Micronesia last fall, Japan's Prime Minister, Shinzo Abe, expressed his gratitude to FSM for consistently and strongly supporting his country in the international arena for many years and noted that 2018 would be the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the two nations. His desire to develop even stronger relations was met favorably by FSM President Peter Christian who replied that he too wished to further strengthen bilateral relations with Japan.

Yap, one of four states of the FSM, is now preparing to celebrate the 30-year anniversary between the two Pacific islands during its annual Yap Summer Festival that will take place at the Living History Museum in Colonia on June 15 - 16.

"We are very excited to be able to bring together the traditional dances, food, art and culture of Yap and Japan to showcase our friendship," said Don Evans, general

manager of the Yap Visitors Bureau. "Both cultures are not just unique but use distinct, artistic expressions that represent and honor their ways of life," he added. "It will be an exciting two days to be in Yap!"

FSM Ambassador to Japan John Fritz and FSM Honorary Consul-General to Hokkaido Nobutsugi Kyuribayashi will be among the honored guests. The formal program will include addresses by local and visiting dignitaries; entertainment by students from Yap Catholic High School; and, traditional Yapese and Japanese dance performances. Participating in the event will also be local members of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) who plan to host a sushi stand, a Japanese treat that is found on every menu in Yap. Other student groups and local organizations are being invited to sell local food, handicrafts and other products in the festival's marketplace.

For more information about the festival or to rent a booth, stop by the Yap Visitors Bureau during normal business hours, call (691) 350-2298 or go to www.visit Yap.com.

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... Bi-partisan visit

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President Christian's Chief of Staff, Leo Falcam said that the visit was to reassure the FSM and the North Pacific nations of Australia's commitment to a stepped up engagement strategy with some "meat behind it". He said during the bilateral meetings there was notable mention of increased engagement in the Pacific region and that the North Pacific is well within their concentration and not forgotten.

Falcam said that one of the shining examples of the positive bilateral relationship between the FSM and Australia is the patrol boat program. The FSM has the second largest Exclusive Economic Zone in the Pacific which has been patrolled by three boats provided by the Australian government.

In 2020 Australia will begin delivery of two new boats to replace the three boats that the FSM is currently using. While there will be one fewer boat, Falcam said that the new ones will have an increased speed, capacity and range. It is hoped that the patrolling of the FSM's EEZ will be enhanced by aerial surveillance

capabilities, though that program is currently in the proposal stage.

"We anxiously await the introduction of the program and look forward to documenting the results within the first one or two years," Falcam said.

He said that President Christian has previously requested the designation of an honorary consul in Australia. That request has not gone unheard and was brought up by the Australian delegation during their bilateral meetings. Falcam said the medium to long range plan is to establish a permanent embassy in Australia and added that it only made sense since Australia was the first to establish an embassy in the FSM and has been in the country since the very beginning.

He said that on the margins of the Micronesian Islands Forum the leaders signed an MOU with Australia to revive the Micronesian Transnational Crime Unit. FSM and Australia have pledged their vigilance and support for the unit's function. He said that two pillars would ensure success: effective training and capacity building; and the establishment of a secure information sharing network.

During their meeting President Christian thanked the Australian leaders for the

large part they played in the RAMSI program. He called it an example of Pacific Island nations pulling together for a neighbor who needed help to shore up some of its internal unrest; a sign of true cooperative effort throughout the Pacific.

Falcam said that Minister Bishop and Secretary Robert also signed an Australia-FSM aid partnership agreement.

He said that Australia has also announced a pilot program for FSM citizens for people to people exchanges. Under the pilot program, citizens of Pacific Island countries could apply for a three year visa that would allow them to take advantage of a wide variety of educational opportunities and then to work in Australia for a period of time. He said that the FSM continues to be grateful for ongoing scholarship opportunities for the people of FSM to study in Australia.

"We intend to participate in Australia's offer for increased capacity training in the area of diplomatic relations," he said.

Tuesday's visit concluded with a reception hosted by President Peter Christian. Early the next morning the delegation continued on to Kwajalein, Ebeye, and Majuro for bilateral meetings there.



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COM-FSM Incentive Awards

(Palikir, Pohnpei) Student Success at the college would not be possible without the countless number of faculty and staff who make sure the college's mission is fulfilled. The college recognized some of these employees at its various campuses this May at its Annual Incentive Awards.

Innovative Idea Award – (Award given for outstanding ideas that's implemented and has resulted in saving or improved performance at the college.) This year's recipients were Dr. Michael Muller – National Campus; Benjamin Akkin – Chuuk Campus; Dr. Nelchor Permitez – CTEC; Tara Tara – Kosrae Campus. Each was awarded a certificate of recognition and a monetary prize.

Award of Recognition – (Award given to employee who goes above and beyond the call of duty for the good of our college.) Recipients were Lihno Panuelo – National Campus; Michael Nakamura – Chuuk Campus; Steven Young-Uhk – Yap Campus; Bruno Barnabas – CTEC; Paliknoa Sigras – Kosrae Campus. Each was awarded a certificate of recognition and a monetary prize.

Faculty of the Year – (Award given to one full-time faculty per year for outstanding teaching.) Recipients were Delihna Ehmes – National Campus; Alton Higashi – Chuuk Campus; Dr. Joy Guarin – Yap Campus; Phyllis Silbanuz – CTEC; Tioti B. Teburea – FSM-FMI Campus; Rosalinda DeMesa Bueno – Kosrae Campus. Each was awarded a certificate of recognition and a monetary prize.

Student's Choice Award – (Award given to recognize one staff member who "supports, assists, encourages, advises, and serves as a role model for the students.") Recipients were Pearl H. Olter-Pelep – National Campus; Clayton Candido – Chuuk Campus; Gertrude Mangarwen – Yap Campus; Sebastian Tairuwepiy – CTEC; Tioti B. Teburea – FSM-FMI Campus; Shrue A. Sahn – Kosrae Campus.

Each was awarded a certificate of recognition and a monetary prize. **Staff of the Year** – (Award given to one non-teaching full time staff member per year who meet the following criteria for selection: outstanding work performance; active participation on committees and teams; contribution of time and effort to extra-curricular activities; special projects etc.; demonstrated dedication to the college; and is recognized for outstanding service to students and



Lihno Panuelo - Award of Recognition, Staff of the Year, and Good Health Award

others.) Recipients were Lihno Panuelo – National Campus; Caren Enlet – Chuuk Campus; Monica Rogon – Yap Campus; Maureen Mendiola, Yoneko Kanichy, and Sebastian Tairuwepiy – CTEC; Eva Buthung – FSM-FMI Campus; Meryulyn L. Livaie – Kosrae Campus. Each was awarded a certificate of recognition and a monetary prize. **Professional Recognition** – (Award given to recognize degree completion, published books or articles, or promotion to leadership at our college or in external work related professional organization.) Recipients were Joseph Felix Jr. , Loatis Seneres, Timothy Mamangon, Amy S. James Santiago, Julia Martin, Terry Marcus, Marlou Gorospe, Engly Ioanis, and Naynard David – National Campus; Dr. Murukesan- Yap Campus; Sebastian Tairuwepiy, Taylor Elidok, Winter George, Francisco Simram, Rosalinda Sibanuz – CTEC; Hiroki Noda – Kosrae Campus. Each was awarded a certificate.

Community Service – (Award given to recognize employee who prompted our college, or performed outstanding community service.) Recipients are Delihna Ehmes – National Campus; Alton Higashi – Chuuk Campus; Phyllis Silbanuz – CTEC; Paliknoa Sigras – Kosrae Campus. Each was awarded a certificate and gift.

Retirement – (Award given to recognize 20 years of continuous service to our college for an employee departing after completion of the 20 years.) Recipient is Jazmine Gonzales from National Campus. MS. Gonzales leaves the college after serving 32 years. She was awarded a certificate of recognition and a monetary prize.

Good Health Award – (Award given to recognize a non-faculty employee who has not applied for sick leave for the whole year.) Recipients are Amirihter Thozes, Bency Amond, Costantino Jack, Donovan Williams, Emanuel Mori, Felix Nick, Ioanis Hellens, Lihno Panuelo, Loatis Seneres, Moleince Kephas, Rickson Barnabas, Ritchie Valencia, Sherwin Johnny, and Yuuki Omura – National Campus; Kind Kanto – Chuuk Campus; Elijah Tarofmal, Martin Ruwniyol, Owen Y.

Rutmag, and Victor Runmar – Yap Campus; Dernita I. Clark, Drystal Silbanuz, Fransisco Simram, Grilly Jack, James Beti, Kenson K. Santos, Nacanieli S. Tuivalalagi, and Stephen Yarofalig – CTEC; Edmund Wogthuth, John Berry, and Vincent Talimelib – FSM-FMI Campus; Henry J. Alokoa, John S. Johnnyboy, Lanson Alik, Meryulyn L. Livaie, Paliknoa I. Sigras, and Salik S. Cornelius – Kosrae Campus. Each was awarded a certificate.



Jazmine Gonzales retires after 32 years.

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Interior Funds Atmospheric and Wave Forecasting Program for U.S. Territories in Pacific

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WASHINGTON – Doug Domenech, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary - Insular and International Affairs, this week provided a \$497,738 grant to the University of Hawaii Joint Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Research School of Ocean and Earth Science for a project to improve atmospheric and wave-forecasting through the Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System.

“Protecting people and the border is a shared priority between Secretary Zinke

and myself,” said Assistant Secretary Domenech, which includes protection from atmospheric hazards and storms for those who live in vulnerable island areas,” continued Domenech. “Recent experiences with Tropical Cyclone Gita and Typhoon Soudelor in the Pacific and Hurricanes Irma and Maria in the Caribbean remind us of the ongoing vulnerability islands and their inhabitants face during extreme weather.”

The funds will help improve data collection about rainfall; change in

typhoon patterns; availability of fresh water; and flooding and wave action from severe weather events, including high winds for American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. In addition to collaborating closely with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Weather Service forecasting offices, the project will also respond to the needs of local, regional, and federal government agencies; emergency responders; scientists; resource managers; planners; various academic pursuits; professional consultants; marine engineers; marine operators; ocean users such as fishermen and surfers; and the general public.

All U.S.-affiliated Pacific Islands served by the PacIOOS include the State of Hawai‘i; the territories of Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and the freely associated states of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States

of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

Funding for this program is provided through the Office of Insular Affairs’ Technical Assistance Program.

The Assistant Secretary - Insular and International Affairs - and the Office of Insular Affairs carry out the Secretary of the Interior’s responsibilities for the U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Additionally, OIA administers and oversees Federal assistance under the Compacts of Free Association to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. OIA supports the Secretary’s mission of Fulfilling Trust and Insular Responsibilities through balancing efforts and limited resources towards stronger economic and health capacities, and fiscal accountability in the U.S. insular areas.

Bank of FSM announces record profit and record dividend for 2017 fiscal year

Bank of the FSM

May 25, 2018

FSM—The 4,598 shareholders of the Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia will get a happy surprise when their dividend checks begin to arrive in June. During parallel Annual General Shareholder meetings in Colonia, Yap and Kolonia, Pohnpei on 22 May 2018, bank Chairman/Director Larry Adams announced that the bank had delivered record and near record results in multiple areas of Assets, Deposits, Core Earnings, Capit, Dividend and Asset Backing per share.

The net profit for the year ending 31 December 2017 was \$2,100,612 or \$2 to \$25 per share. He said it was by far the best result in the 33 year history of the bank.

The Board of Directors approved a record dividend of \$1 – 13 per share payable to all registered shareholders of the Bank as of 30 April 2018.

The bank’s media release says that this is the 14th consecutive year that the Bank of the FSM has paid a dividend to the BFSM shareholders which benefits the entire FSM community.

It says that BFSM is one of the few locally owned successful commercial banks operating in the Pacific. It has 4,598 separate shareholders, 7,452 deposit accounts, and 4,764 loan accounts.

Along with Adams and Deputy Chairman/Director Patrick MacKenzie other key directors of the bank and board members are Anna Mendiola, Senny Phillip, John Sohl, and Andy Choor. Chairman Adams also acknowledged the excellent contributions made to the bank by retiring Director Nelperson Etse, and said that the Directors are looking forward to working closely with incoming Director Feliciano Perman.

President and CEO Bob De Courteney expressed particular appreciation to the major shareholders, the FSM National Government, FSM Development Bank, each of the FSM State Government and other shareholders) for showing the wisdom and foresight to keep the majority of existing directors.

“Continuity of intelligent, connected and high quality Directors and harmonious decision making at Board level, is what lead to great results,” he said.

The bank’s Annual Report says, “Bank of FSM has a sound strong sustainable banking model and is still committed to remain a locally incorporated bank in the FSM, dedicated to the people of the FSM, and helping the economic growth of the FSM nation. The Bank also operates a Loan Production Office in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as a means of making profits from that location, and repatriating all those profits back to FSM to help subsidize our low fee/low cost operations in all FSM states.”



U.S. EMBASSY INVITES THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO A SEALED BID AUCTION

**Bid Date: Monday & Tuesday,
July 16 and 17, 2018**

Pick up date: Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Location: Peace Corps

ITEMS FOR BID:

- Furniture
- Appliances
- Misc. office equipment
(IT equipment & general equipment)

LOCATION: Peace Corps Office POHNPEI

VIEWING STARTS: 8:00AM– 5:00PM
Monday, July 16, 2018

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT SEALED BID:
8:00AM– 3:30PM
Tuesday, July 17 2018

OPENING OF BIDS: Winning bidders will be notified by Phone starting on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. Items must be picked up as soon as possible.

SEALED BID SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

--Property sold on an “as-is-where-is basis” for cash payment without refund or warranty by Peace Corps/US Government

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--All fully purchased items must be removed from Peace Corps premises immediately following payment

--US Embassy and/or Peace Corps reserves the right to reject any or all bids

--No “ghost bids” allowed
--Bidder should be at least 18 years of age to be eligible to participate in the auction.

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USAID and IOM complete reconstruction collaboration in Chuuk and Yap communities following Typhoon Maysak

By: IOM/Olivia Blinn

USAID, in partnership with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), marked the completion of all construction activities in Chuuk and Yap as part of the multi-year Typhoon Maysak Reconstruction Project (TMRP) as of April 15th.

In January, USAID and IOM celebrated the completion of Chuuk construction with a closeout ceremony in Weno. U.S. Ambassador Robert Riley, representatives from USAID, local government officials community members, and many of the IOM staff directly responsible for the reconstruction attended the event. In his address, Ambassador Riley acknowledged the accomplishments achieved through local partnership.

“Our event today is not just about completing construction projects,” Riley said. “We’re also celebrating how our governments, non-governmental partners and beneficiaries now have greater capacity to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters in the future. We have learned valuable lessons that will be indispensable to future recovery efforts.”

The \$42 million USD initiative by USAID repaired and replaced homes and public infrastructure damaged or destroyed by Typhoon Maysak in 2015. In Chuuk, community working groups constructed 328 new houses and 87 public infrastructure facilities, including schools, community homes and dispensaries, spread across 29 islands; both lagoon and outer islands. IOM staff handed over the final home last September and the final public infrastructure facility at the end of December.

In Yap, local laborers constructed 94 new houses and repaired or constructed 66 public infrastructure facilities across 5 islands of the remote Ulithi Atoll. A significant component of the construction in Yap was that of Outer Islands High School (OIHS) on Falalop, which Typhoon Maysak had rendered nearly unusable in 2015. IOM supported the repair and construction of 20 buildings on the campus.

The school is crucial to the education of youth in Yap’s remote outer islands, and served roughly 160 to 170 students, according to OIHS principal John Ugulmar. However, the school was forced to limit enrollment during reconstruction due to a lack of space and textbooks.



As work was progressively completed on the OIHS buildings, more students were able to return to school. At the end of March, OIHS had just over 80 students enrolled. Teachers have conducted their classes in the completed library, the culture huts or “sometimes under the coconut trees when it’s too hot inside,” Ugulmar said.

Aside from simply having new buildings, he is confident in their strength and ability to withstand possible storms. With construction completed, OIHS should be able to be back to full capacity for next school year. Ugulmar looks forward to the entire campus being up and running again. He’s not the only one that feels that way.

“Not only the students, but the teachers are also anxious to get back in the classrooms,” Ugulmar said.

The IOM-implemented project was completed in partnership with USAID, the FSM Government, the State Government of Chuuk and Yap, as well as the local Chuukese and Yapese communities. In addition to construction activities, USAID and IOM also issued vouchers totaling more than \$2.6 million USD to 1,167 households in Chuuk and 188 households in Yap.

TMRP utilized a community-based approach to engage local communities, which allowed residents to directly participate in the repair of local homes and infrastructure rather than rely exclusively on contracted labor from international firms. IOM technical teams mobilized and trained 1,429 community workers in Chuuk and 216 workers in Yap in best practices and safety standards in construction. As a result of this approach, \$6.4 million USD remained in communities across Chuuk and Yap.

Director of the Chuuk Disaster and Emergency Operations Center Wilfred Robert believes that community involvement is important because of “the feeling of ownership.”

“When [the community is] involved, they have this responsibility — a feeling that they own it,” he said in an interview last fall. “There’s a sense of pride in what they have.”





U.S EMBASSY

INVITES THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO A SEALED BID AUCTION

Bid Date: Monday & Tuesday, July 16 and 17, 2018

ITEMS FOR BID: VEHICLES

Location: Peace Corps

1. 2017 Toyota HIACE VAN
Minimum Bid: \$30,356.00
6/4/18 Odometer Reading: 509kmh

2. 2015 Toyota RAV4
Minimum Bid: \$17,588.00
6/4/18 Odometer Reading: 11568kmh

LOCATION: Peace Corps Office POHNPEI
VIEWING STARTS: 8:00AM – 5:00PM
Monday, July 16, 2018

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT SEALED BID:
8:00AM – 3:30PM
Tuesday, July 17, 2018

OPENING OF BIDS: Winning bidders will be notified by Phone starting on Tuesday, July 17, 2018. Items must be picked as soon as possible.

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Spring Study Tour to Pohnpei, FSM



Micronesia Conservation Trust

Pohnpei-On March 24th to 31st 2018, Bertha Reyuw (Yap) and Bradford Mori (Chuuk), who are Bill Raynor MC Scholarship Recipients at Sophia University in Tokyo Japan, accompanied 12 Sophia graduate students in the Global Environmental Studies Programme with Professor Anne McDonald, on a study tour held in Pohnpei. Micronesia Conservation Trust staff helped coordinate the trip to be possible for the group. These graduate students consisted of three Doctoral Candidates and eleven Masters Candidates (including Ms. Reyuw and Mr. Mori) who are from China, Korea, Great Britain, Africa, and the Philippines.

The purpose of this study tour was to have the group experience first-hand challenges of the small island developing nations who are on the frontline of climate change, in regards to climate change adaptation, biodiversity conservation, and island sustainability. The agenda compiled by MCT for the trip included project site visits and meetings with local communities, State and National Government Officials. The trip activities were planned to provide perceptions of the environmental challenges Pohnpei and FSM, as a nation are facing, as well as the actions they are implementing to help reduce the impacts in the pathways of policy making and practical activities.

This trip not only taught the group about the environmental impacts and actions taken by local communities and partners in Pohnpei and the FSM, but it also has given them the opportunities to enjoy the island lifestyle and build friendship connections with the local people.

The group returned to Japan with full hearts of such memorable field learning experience which is documented in the form of a report and a blog compiled by the group. The report also contains

the group's observations and identification of critical elements that need further consideration. The report will be shared once finalized, but the blog can be accessed with this link, (<https://genvfm.wordpress.com/>). Also, an on-campus Seminar was organized on the 22nd of May, to allow the students to share with others what they have learned from the field in Pohnpei, FSM. Participants of this Seminar were the University's staff, students, friends as well as honorable guests, FSM Ambassador Mr. John Fritz, and APIC members, Mr. Shoji Sato who is a Former Japan Ambassador to FSM, and Mr. Megumi Araki.



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PEACE CORPS
INVITES THE GENERAL PUBLIC
TO A SEALED BID AUCTION

**Bid Date: Tuesday & Wednesday,
June 26 and June 27, 2018**

Pick up date: Thursday, June 28, 2018

Location:

Nautilus Gazebo

ITEMS FOR BID:

- 2015 Toyota Rav4**
- Miscellaneous Office equipment**

LOCATION: NAUTILUS GAZEBO KOSRAE

VIEWING STARTS: 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Tuesday, June 26, 2018

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT SEALED BID:
9:00AM - 12:00PM
Wednesday, June 27, 2018

OPENING OF BIDS: Winning bidders will be notified by phone starting Wednesday, June 27, 2018 in the afternoon. Items must be picked up as soon as possible.

SEALED BID SALE WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- Property sold on an as-is-where-is basis for cash payment without refund or warranty by Peace Corps/ US Government.
- The purchaser shall pay any customs duties, local taxes, or other charges imposed by the Government of Kosrae or the FSM.
- Successful bidder must pay the full bid amount in cash, exact amount by 4:00 PM on Thursday, June 28, 2018
- All fully purchased items must be removed from premises immediately following payment
- Peace Corps reserves the right to reject any or all bids
- No "ghost bids" allowed
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Air Niugini to offer direct Japan/FSM/PNG services

Air Niugini Press Release

From the 1st of September 2018, Air Niugini will commence direct air services between Narita Japan, and Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).

The air services agreement to formalize this arrangement was signed between the Prime Ministers of Japan, FSM and PNG during the 08th Pacific Alliance Leaders Meeting (PALM) in Japan from the 18th to 19th May, 2018. The agreement now gives Air Niugini the right to uplift passengers between Narita and Chuuk on the way to and from Port Moresby.

Under this recent agreement, Air Niugini is now able to operate from Narita to Chuuk twice weekly. The existing weekly scheduled service POM/Chuuk/Pohnpei also remains but from 01st September operates on Thursdays, and will return via the same route Pohnpei/Chuuk/POM on Fridays.

Air Niugini's Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr Tahawar Durrani, said that since the weekly Port Moresby/Chuuk/Pohnpei service was introduced 18 months ago, there has been an increase in the number of Japanese and Australian

tourists and divers, as well as business travellers, who travel this route.

He added that a market analysis was carried out which confirmed that further growth on the Japan route could be achieved by including a stopover at FSM. The expansion to include Japan is strategic, and a great opportunity for both countries as it will allow two superb destinations – PNG and FSM – to be marketed to divers and other visitors not only from Japan but also from North America and Europe. It also further cements Air Niugini's position as a carrier of choice connecting Asia with the Pacific Island nations.

Mr Durrani said "The direct Narita/Chuuk/Port Moresby service is targeted at Japanese tourists, divers and other travellers who tend to take shorter stays in either destination, while longer stay visitors from further afield will be able to experience the wonders of both countries in a single trip. Together with the existing Pohnpei/Chuuk/Port Moresby service, we will continue to provide convenient connections through Port Moresby for business and tourist travellers to various Air Niugini destinations in Papua New Guinea, South East Asia, the Pacific Islands and Australia, further enhancing Port Moresby as a gateway hub in the

region."

"There is a huge tourism potential to PNG, FSM and the Pacific which all stakeholders must continue to work hard to tap into and increase the volume of Japanese and long haul travellers to the region. The Japan/PNG route has been operating twice weekly for some time, and by combining two great Pacific destinations together, and working closely with the business communities and the tourism sector in PNG, FSM and Japan, we are hopeful this initiative will create the platform for services to be further expanded in the future."

The FSM President, Mr Peter Christian, acknowledged Air Niugini and the government of PNG for providing the needed airline service between FSM and PNG and has assured of his government's continued support.

Mr Christian said "The reception in FSM



has been very positive since Air Niugini started services last year, it has made travel easier for tourists, divers, fishermen and also the local people to travel between Chuuk and Pohnpei as well as FSM and other parts of Asia, Australia and the Pacific via Port Moresby. We look forward to this direct Japan flight".

"Apart from tourism we can do more by looking at opportunities like student exchange programs, export of fresh vegetables, eggs and others from PNG to FSM. We just need to promote and advertise more as opportunities are endless". Mr Christian concluded.



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Bid Date: Monday & Tuesday, July 09 and 10, 2018

Pick up date: Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Location: Peace Corps

ITEMS FOR BID:

1. 2017 Toyota Rav4

Minimum bid: \$30,341.00

6/4/18 Odometer reading: 1,542kmh

2. 2007 Toyota Rav4

Minimum bid: \$6,563.00

6/4/18 Odometer reading: 40,106kmh

3. Misc. office equipment

LOCATION: Chuuk Peace Corps Office, Mwan—AMJ Building/SEFIN

VIEWING STARTS: 9:00AM– 5:00PM
Monday, July 09, 2018

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT SEALED BID:
9:00AM– 12:00PM
Tuesday, July 10, 2018

OPENING OF BIDS: Winning bidders will be notified by phone starting Tuesday, July 10, 2018 in the afternoon. Items must be picked up as soon as possible.

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GEF Small Grants Programme funds Enimwahn Development Association, Inc. (EDA)

By Simpson Abraham, NC for GEF-SGP-FSM

During the month of May, Enimwahn Development Association, Inc. (EDA) was granted funding from the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme FSM to the amount of \$42,225.



The project "Enimwahn Development Association, Inc. (EDA)" 12 month goal is Protecting Food Security in Enimwahn community through improving sustainable agroforestry techniques and utilization of diversified climate tolerant food plants and crops with full community participation.

The Small Grants Programme, FSM is part of a global GEF funding modality initiative implemented by UNDP on behalf of GEF partnership to provide grants to FSM NGOs and community-based initiatives that works to mitigate threats to the environment, support sustainable community livelihood

Standing: Mr. Stuart Penias, President Enimwahn Development Association Inc, (EDA), Mr. Simpson Abraham- NC SGP-FSM, Members of EDA; Mr. Marcus Andon, Mr. Fred Martin, Mr. Sosper Penias, Mr. Albert Amson, Hon. Sheldon Neth, Chairman-Delegation for Pohnpei State Legislature Seated: Ms. Evelyn Adolph, UNCS for UNFPA Joint Presence, Ms. Joyleen Rosario, Mr. Petrick Ringlen, Mayor of Madolenihmw.

development and to build capacity of its grantees to be more effective. The Programme is hosted by the UN Joint Presence Initiative office in country on Kaselehlie Street in Pohnpei.

Handover ceremony for procuring agriculture tractor to R&D-Division of Agriculture

Embassy of Japan in the FSM

May 29, 2018

A handover ceremony was held at Agriculture Station Botanical Garden for the Project for Procuring Agriculture Tractor in Pohnpei State which provided the Department of Resource and Development-Division of Agriculture, Pohnpei State with US\$84,990 under Grant Assistance for Grass-roots Human Security Projects 2017.

This Project has provided 2 tractors to improve Pohnpei Agriculture production to achieve food security and promote good nutrition. The provided tractors will be used to increase and improve local crop production to address alarming food security uses for family consumption and cash income. Also, assist the local farmers with their rising need of cash income to sustain them in business long term.

of these tractors will make a contribution to the agriculture products. The Hon. Marcelo Peterson, Governor of the Pohnpei State Government expressed his deepest gratitude to Ambassador Horie and the people of Japan and added that this will enhance the agriculture sector of Pohnpei State Government. Agriculture is the principle source of livelihood for Pohnpeians whether it's subsistence farming or little commercial farming and with the equipment it will certainly increase production of commercial farming. He said that Pohnpei is very fortunate to have these opportunities.

The ceremony was witnessed by the staff of Pohnpei State Government, the Department of Resources and Development-Division of Agriculture and the Embassy of Japan.

In his address, His Excellency Ryoichi Horie, Ambassador of Japan stated that agriculture is a very essential sector together with fisheries for the FSM. He added that he hoped the provision



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