

“We are not abused” say Filipino workers in the FSM

Manila hears the message and lifts the ban in the FSM



By **Bill Jaynes**
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FSM—In a show of solidarity, Filipino workers across the FSM gathered together in each of the FSM states during the last two weeks to send the message to President Duterte that they are not being abused in the FSM. They asked their President to reinvestigate the total ban on processing and deployment of workers to the FSM.

Manila heard the message and today, Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III announced that the Philippines government has entirely lifted the ban against overseas foreign workers in the FSM

A news article in yesterday’s “Manila Bulletin”, written by Leslie Ann Aquino indicated that the message sent by Filipinos working in the FSM was received in Manila. That article said that Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III would be meeting with Bernard Olalia, the head of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration to see if there was any basis to lift the ban.

The article said that Bello had received many messages from workers in Micronesia saying that they were being treated well by their employers.

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FSM Swimming Association reminded of Olympic mandate for non-discrimination

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FSM—In March of 2018, Mrs. Karo Lelai, the chairperson of the Oceania National Olympic Committee Athletes Commission sent a letter to the FSM Swimming Association saying that it had received numerous reports that the Federation was discriminating in the selection process for elite

swimmers to compete internationally.

Since that time, Clark Graham of Chuuk has sent the letter several times to the Kaselehlie Press asking us to reprint it. His most recent demand came earlier this week, but the letter was copied to only four people and Graham’s name was not on that list. Mrs. Lelai expressly denied permission to reprint the contents of her letter.

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US Embassy welcomes DCM Heather Coble

By Bill Jaynes
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September 21, 2018
Pohnpei—US Ambassador to the FSM, Robert Riley hosted a dinner reception to welcome the new Deputy Chief of Mission Heather Coble and her husband to the FSM.

According to a press release on the US Embassy website, Coble previously served primarily in economic positions, include Fiji, Panama, Indonesia, Afghanistan, Washington D.C., and the Iraqi Kurdistan Region. The Foreign Service is her third career after successful professions in the corporate and academic sectors. She has experience with global financial concerns, anti-money laundering and anti-corruption initiatives, business promotion, and environment, science, technology, and health issues. She speaks Spanish and Indonesian.

Heather earned her undergraduate degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. She completed her Masters of Business Administration and earned a Master of Science in Economics from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. Her husband is a retired FBI special agent. They have two daughters, a mechanical engineer and a marine biologist who like surfing. The entire family enjoys boating, SCUBA, and snorkeling.

During his speech, Ambassador Riley said that Coble has also earned a doctorate.

After her introduction, Coble spent the evening circulating among all of the tables, not just those where dignitaries such as Vice President Yosiwo George and others sat.



Yap volunteers seeking donations from businesses to help reduce overpopulation of domestic animals

Joyce McClure

September 27, 2018

One of the most often heard comments about Yap from first-time visitors is how clean the island is. Its citizens are deeply attached to the land and surrounding ocean and committed to keeping it unspoiled and unpolluted for the generations. But there is one abiding problem in Yap's pristine environment – the overpopulation of feral dogs and cats and the diseases they carry.

It is common to see animals suffering from malnutrition, infections, and injuries. Puppies often die painfully from preventable illness. Public health threats also crop up with parasite and disease ridden animals in close proximity to humans, aggressive animals that might attack and injure pedestrians, feces that attract flies to household areas and contaminate food, and garbage cans that the hungry animals invade and overturn. Unfed dogs and cats can also wreak havoc on local wildlife.

The solution? Veterinary clinics that provide spaying and neutering services. But there are no veterinarians on Yap.

The Yap Animal Protection Society (Y.A.P.S.), an all-volunteer, locally registered, nonprofit organization, was formed in 2009 to address this concern by recruiting veterinarians to come to the island to hold spay and neuter clinics. A small group of committed residents donate their time for fundraising, organizing and implementing the popular clinics with the aim to make the clinics as accessible to residents as possible by offering the services for free.

In March 2018, the island was visited by the Pacific Partnership, the U.S. Navy's humanitarian and civic assistance mission. Among the medical team was a veterinarian who provided spay and neutering services for approximately 40 animals. In 2015 and 2016, Y.A.P.S. hosted two clinics that treated nearly 280 animals thanks to volunteer veterinarians from Australia. Among the work provided was the training of local volunteers in animal handling, basic medical procedure assistance and sterilization of equipment. Deworming, tick and flea treatment and vaccinations are also provided during the clinics.

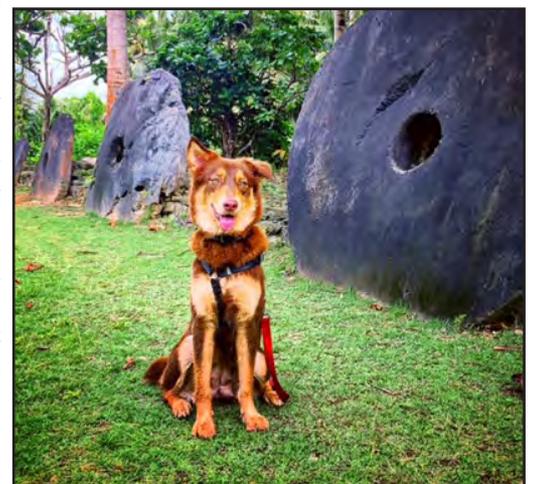
Y.A.P. S.' current goal is to hold

a spay/neuter clinic in Spring 2019 in two locations in Yap that will treat up to 200 animals. But the cost of staging a clinic runs upwards of \$10,000 or more and includes a small honorarium for the visiting veterinarian for meals, transportation to bring the animals to the clinic, medical and general cleaning supplies, transportation, accommodations and airfare. The volunteers hold sales of used clothing during the year to raise money and are currently soliciting support from companies in Yap and Guam for donations. The corporate campaign kicked off in late September and received its first donation of \$200 from CTSI a few days later with more expected from businesses that have branches in Yap or sell their products and services on the island.

"While the direct benefit is to the animals, the residents of Yap also benefit from a cleaner, safer island due to healthier, less aggressive animals," said Denise Gilliland, president of Y.A.P.S. Yap is home to a growing population of dogs, cats and other domestic animals. Some are being adopted due to Y.A.P.S.' promotion of animal welfare that has made more people aware of the need to care for their animals and get them spayed and neutered. "Providing services that promote animal health while keeping the unwanted population in check is beneficial to all," Gilliland added.

Y.A.P.S. works closely with the Yap State Division of Agriculture and Forestry, College of Micronesia Yap State Campus, the Yap State Department of Health Services, the Yap Sports Council and other agencies to ensure successful clinics.

For more information, go to #yapanimalprotectionsociety. Donations may be sent to Yap Animal Protection Society, PO Box 1032, Colonia, Yap 96943.



UCT 2 conducts underwater demolition to improve port access

By Chief Mass Communication Specialist Matthew R. White, 30th Naval Construction Regiment Public Affairs

9/17/2018
CHUUK, The Federated States of Micronesia (NNS) -- Sailors from the U.S. Navy's Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 2 conducted an underwater demolition blast to remove a hazard to navigation at the Chuuk Main Cargo Wharf, in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Sept. 9. The controlled demolition removed a shallow shoal and will improve the safety of ships navigating in and out of the port. Following a bathymetric survey of the demolition site, the blast lowered the depth of the sea floor by approximately five feet, displacing more than 3,000 cubic yards of shoal.

"We are grateful to the U.S. Navy for taking this positive and proactive step to maintain safety within Chuuk port," said Robert Riley, U.S. ambassador to



Steelworker 2nd Class Tyler Ault, team leader, assigned to Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 2, enters the water to conduct a quality control dive to inspect explosive charges placed on a shoal, which is a hazard to the safe navigation of ships using Chuuk cargo port, in the Federated States of Micronesia. UCT 2 placed 252 pounds of explosives into holes bored into the shallow shoal to safely demolish the shoal. UCT 2 is a key component of the Naval Construction Force, providing the capability to construct, inspect, repair, and maintain the full spectrum of maritime infrastructure. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Matthew R. White /released)



Construction Mechanic 1st Class John Monahan, dive supervisor, gives Underwater Construction Team (UCT) 2 divers a final safety brief before they enter the water to place explosive charges in holes bored into a shallow shoal, which is a hazard to the safe navigation of ships using Chuuk cargo port, in the Federated States of Micronesia. UCT 2 is a key component of the Naval Construction Force, providing the capability to construct, inspect, repair, and maintain the full spectrum of maritime infrastructure. (U.S. Navy photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Matthew R. White /released)

the FSM. "The action is emblematic of the steadfast and enduring nature of the security relationship that exists between the United States and the FSM, and is indicative of the close bonds that exist between our two countries. The sun will not set on our commitment to the

defense of the FSM."

During the preparation leading up to the blast, UCT 2 divers drilled 29 holes approximately three feet into the shoal, and filled them with 252 pounds of explosives. The controlled demolition lowered the depth of the shoal, which was initially at a depth of 20 feet below the water's surface, to approximately 26 feet. Throughout the planning and execution stages of the project, environmental safety measures were employed in accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act.

Prior to the blast, lookouts were employed to watch out for marine life and a bubble screen was deployed, which releases compressed air into the water surrounding the blast site to scatter off marine life. These measures minimize the potential for affecting protected marine species wherever explosives are used. The shoal demolition was coordinated with the Chuuk State Governor, local police, port operations, marine resources, and the U.S. Embassy in Pohnpei, FSM.

"Our coordination with the agencies in Chuuk, including the local police, was vital to the success of the shoal demolition. They provided invaluable manpower and knowledge to keep the area free of non-essential personnel, ensuring a safe blast," said Lt. Zach Niezgodski, UCT 2 Construction Diving Det. Charlie officer-in-charge. "Everything UCT 2 is doing while we

are here is an effort to assist the people of FSM and to improve the functionality of the Chuuk Cargo Port."

In addition to the shoal demolition, UCT 2 will provide a range of operations improving the wharf area, including inspecting of existing navigational aides; assessment of the wharf; exploring the port for future deep-water mooring locations; and placing environmental offsets at popular scuba diving sites which will protect the coral reef from damage due to boat anchors.

FSM and the United States share a close and mutually beneficial relationship through the Compact of Free Association (CFA), which has existed since 1986. The CFA provides for economic assistance, defense of FSM, and other benefits and agreements.

UCT 2 provides construction, inspection, repair, and maintenance of waterfront and underwater facilities in support of Navy and Marine Corps operations. UCT Seabees have the unique ability to perform shallow, deep water, and terrestrial construction.

Valiant Shield is a U.S. only, biennial field training exercise (FTX) with a focus on integration of joint training in a blue-water environment among U.S. forces. This training enables real-world proficiency in sustaining joint forces through detecting, locating, tracking, and engaging units at sea, in the air, on land, and in cyberspace in response to a range of mission areas.



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Pohnpei community organisations receive advocacy grants from the Pacific Community

19 September 2018

Five Pohnpei community organisations have received the news that their applications to the Pacific People Advancing Change (PPAC) Small Grants Facility Fund have been approved for funding. Staff from the Pacific Community's (SPC) Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT) met with each of the organisations last week (10-14 September 2018) to deliver the news and sign their grant agreements with the Pacific Community.

The five organisations that have received grants are Care Micronesia, Enimwahn Development Association, Micronesian Productions, Youth4Change and the Pohnpei Senior Citizens Association. Representatives from each of the organisations were present at a one-day workshop in Pohnpei on Friday 14 September where they collectively celebrated the good news and undertook further planning to kick-start their respective advocacy campaigns within the next three months.

Mr Stuard Penias, President of the Enimwahn Development Association said, "Through this grant our community will be informed about human rights, domestic violence and good governance to ensure that all men and women advance gender equality in order for us to have a productive community".

Ms Sylvia Elias, Executive Director of Youth4Change, acknowledged that the grant will enable their organisation to "mobilise and inform young people about the impact of corruption on the country's development, so that young people can advocate for anti-corruption".

RRRT has funding from the Government of Sweden to implement PPAC, focused on building the capacity of civil societies to advocate for human rights advances, as well as increasing awareness and changing attitudes within communities around human rights and gender equality. Under the first phase of the project, RRRT facilitated workshops in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Tonga, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands to build the capacity of civil society organisations in human rights advocacy.

In the second phase, civil society organisations in these five countries were invited to apply for a small grant to implement human rights advocacy campaigns. Announcements about successful recipients from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu will be made over the coming months. Recipients of the grants will receive mentoring from RRRT over a twelve-month period.

RRRT has operated for over 20 years as the region's pioneer in human rights and gender capacity building to Pacific Island countries (PICs), institutions and civil society. RRRT provides a comprehensive suite of policy and legislative advice, technical assistance and capacity building to support PICTs in responding effectively to priority areas of human rights, such as gender equality, ending violence against women and children, disability rights, climate change, and equitable, sustainable development.



Representatives of Care Micronesia, Enimwahn Development Association, Micronesian Productions, Youth4Change and Pohnpei Senior Citizens Association pictured with RRRT staff.

...Ban lifted

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The ban, issued earlier this month seemed to be based solely on the recommendation of Marciano De Borja Philippines Consul in Guam. His recommendation seemed to be based, at least partially, on allegations of maltreatment and abuses from either one public health worker in Chuuk in 2017, or systemic mistreatment of Filipino doctors and nurses at Chuuk State Hospital. Those allegations led the powerful Philippines Overseas Employment Agency (POEA) to "blacklist" the Chuuk State Hospital.

The ban said that because that situation had not been resolved, no Philippine citizen could apply for new employment in the FSM and those who return to the Philippines, would not be allowed to return, whether or not their contracts had been completed.

In Pohnpei, two Filipino children held signs telling POEA that they missed their mommy, an overseas worker who was not allowed to return to Pohnpei after she needed to return to the Philippines.

Several Filipinos who had returned to the Philippines were not permitted to return because of the ban. After today's announcement, the FSM can expect some happy reunion moments at the airports across the FSM.

"We will definitely order the lifting if it is only one (problematic employer)", Bello told the Manila Bulletin yesterday.

Apparently, that is what they found, and as a result, Bello announced the lifting of the ban late this afternoon, Pohnpei time.

"I am very thankful to my co-officers," said Viner Macarubbo, President of the United Filipino Community of Pohnpei, "because all of us were supporting each other and listening to each other's ideas."

"I'd also like to thank our fellow Filipino workers who are still in the Philippines and spent their time for face-to-face interviews with a local reporter," he said. He mentioned that one of those workers went to Manila for an interview with that reporter though she lives in one of the provinces that is six to seven hours away by land travel.

Macarubbo also thanked FSM President Peter Christian and Pohnpei State Governor Marcelo Peterson for their rapid response to the situation.

As is often the case with most large groups of people, not all of the Filipinos in Chuuk, Kosrae, Yap, or Pohnpei could be there for the group photos. Many were working at the time. But their message was heard loud and clear in Manila just the same.

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Engagement Officer

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The Forum Secretariat is now looking for an Engagement Officer to join the team in Suva, Fiji.

Reporting to the Director Governance & Engagement through the Regional & International Partnerships Adviser, this role is to provide stakeholder engagement advice and support to ensure that the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat has an effective and inclusive approach to engaging with its Members and stakeholders across the region and internationally. Some key areas of responsibility will include (but will not be limited to):

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...Non-discrimination

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of the ONOC Athletes Commission and as far as I am aware, the matter was resolved," Lelai wrote in response to our questions. "The issue was to ensure that athletes were given fair and equal opportunity to try out for the swimming team and as far as I know, this was the case."

Since that time, a young woman who has lived her life in New York whose mother is Chuukese went to Papua New Guinea for the Oceania Swimming Championships. Next week, she is going to the Young Olympic Games in Argentina representing the FSM as the FSM's only swimmer. She is also going to the FINA world short course swimming championships in December.

The FSMNOC is also funding SJ Fiti, a Chuuk runner to go to Australia for a two year track and field scholarship to prepare for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. He is the only person from the FSM who is getting the scholarship. He runs the 100 meter event.

Another Chuukese male athlete in wrestling has been selected to try to qualify for the 2020 Olympic Games. The FSMNOC is applying for Olympic training scholarships for him.

None of the above athletes live in Chuuk but in Guam or the US mainland.

"I say this is very great news indeed for all FSM athletes and I commend the FSM NOC," Mrs. Lelai wrote. "For example, Papua New Guinea is an example of a nation that actively seeks overseas athletes to lift the competitiveness of its sporting teams."

Chuuk currently has no active swimming program even for open water swimming which was a sport at the recently concluded Micro Games in Yap. Chuuk sent no swimmers to the Micro Games.

In his email to the Kaselehlie Press this week, Mr. Graham said that he has "grown tired of the nepotism and discrimination that has been permitted to exist in the FSM by the FSM Swimming organization and with the knowledge of FSMNOC and its employees." He says that he is speaking "for all FSM citizens who

want fair and equal opportunities for the people, especially the youth, of this nation."

Though the ONOC had received several specific reports that alleged discrimination against athletes, none of the reports had come from the athletes themselves and the ONOC Athlete's Commission had not been asked to assist in any appeal process on behalf of an athlete.

Mrs. Lelai wrote that the ONOC Athletes Commission had also received no appeals since the issuance of her letter.

"Please note also that Mr. Tobin sits on the ONOC Board with me, however, the ONOC Athletes Commission has a mandate to act in the best interests of and advocate for elite athletes in Oceania with a degree of independence," she wrote. "Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment. The ONOC AC is pleased that it has been able to contribute to improving opportunities for elite athletes in FSM."

New basketball and volleyball court opens in Madolenihmw

September 15, 2018

Madolenihmw—After a ribbon cutting ceremony held this morning at 10:00, the people of Pihs, Madolenihmw now have access to a brand new basketball and volleyball court. The court is for the whole community and particularly for the Pihs Youth Association who worked with FSM Congress at Large Senator David Panuelo who helped to provide funding for the court.

Jackson Luke, President of the Pihs Youth Association gave opening remarks at the ceremony. Meninkeder Lapalap Madolenihmw Municipal Government the Honorable Pretrick Ringlen, and Honorable Shelten G. Neth, Chairman of the Madolenihmw Delegation to the 9th Pohnpei State Legislature gave special remarks. The keynote address was delivered by Senator David Panuelo who serves as the Chairman of the R&D Standing Committee of the 20th FSM Congress.

The huge crowd gathered for the ribbon cutting ceremony will long remember the day.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS YAP STATE PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION (YSPSC) WATER TANKS ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT & TESTING YAP STATE, FEDERATED STATE OF MICRONESIA RFP NO. 2018-002 September 10, 2018

On behalf of the Yap State Government, Federated State of Micronesia, the Office of Planning and Budget/Project Management Office (PMO) invites proposals for the provision of professional consultant services to perform Engineering Assessment & Testing of two one million gallons potable water steel tanks located in Colonia, Yap.

Consultant may request a clarification or inquiry of any of the Request for Proposal (RFP) documents in writing addressed to: Samuel E. Luzano, PMO Manager, Project Management Office, YCA Complex, P.O. Box 970, Colonia, Yap FM 96943 at (691) 3502324 or emailed to seluzano@yapstategov.org

All Proposals will be submitted in a sealed envelop marked "RFP – YSPSC Water Tanks Engineering Assessment & Testing" and must incorporate the name and address of the proposer on the outside of the envelope addressed to:

The PMO Manager
Project Management Office
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Colonia, Yap FM 96943

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Employee Profile

Beverlyn Buw is a counselor at COM-FSM under Upward Bound Program. Born in the state of Yap, FSM, she attended Yap High School for four years and participated in the Upward Bound Program under the college. Immediately After graduating from High School in 2009 she enrolled at COM-FSM and graduated in spring 2012 with an AS degree in Business Administration. She transferred to University of Guam and graduated in spring 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and Economic.

She returned to Yap State and was hired spring 2017 as a student services specialist II (counselor) for the Upward Bound Program there. When asked why she returned to Yap and working at the college, she has a very thoughtful response.

I came back to Yap and work with the program because I've always wanted to show my gratitude to the program. It is because of all those four years in high school when I was an Upward Bound Program participant that they showed me and walked me through developing a worldview and self-perspective of my future. I love making a difference in students' lives every single day.

When asked about her own experience at a four year college at UOG, she confirmed what students like her usually relate.

Academically speaking, transitioning from a two year college made it easier especially from College of Micronesia-FSM to University of Guam where there is a partnership between the two colleges.

Her pride in her alma mater is reflected in these statements.

The area that I am most proud of is my ability to work effectively with students with extreme needs. I'm still excited working at the same college I graduated from. Much of my daily works is dealing with students. I believe students today are tomorrow's learner and we are promoting and enhancing the learning process for all students by ensuring academic, career and personal/social development of students from 9th to 12th grade at Yap High School. Some of the things I discovered in college that I want to share with student is that college isn't just about academic life.

Her advice to students.....

You'll be exposed to a wide variety of new people, often with very different perspectives from your own. Beginning college student marks a most important transition. Everyone incoming college for the first time must be ready for the more difficult academic life in college and to balance various obligations.

Her proudest moments include these.....

What I enjoy best about working at UB and as a student service specialist II is having to work with students. I love all my students even though they always find a way to do a rain check on my patience. It is always a pleasure of getting to know each and every one of them. They always keep me on my toes and I'm always learn something new from them. Working with students' day in and day out, I get to meet and become a part of their lives. I get to be a part of molding into young adults and helping them prepare for the world. I care for them, challenge them, and encourage them as if they are my own.



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ACE Mentor-English	Kosrae Campus	\$10,889.00	October 12, 2018
Extension Assistant (Nutrition)	Career & Technical Education Center (CTEC-CRE)	\$6,075.00	October 12, 2018
Maintenance Worker II	FMI Campus	\$5,955.00	October 16, 2018
Instructor-Education	Yap Campus	\$16,131.00 - \$17,819.00	October 16, 2018
Maintenance Worker II	Yap Campus	\$5,955.00	October 17, 2018
HRM Specialist I	National Campus	\$8,846.00 - \$9,968.00	October 18, 2018
Extension Agent I (Home Economics)	Yap Campus	\$8,586.00 - \$9,675.00	October 24, 2018
Instructor-Mathematics	Career & Technical Education Center (CTEC)	\$16,131.00 - \$17,819.00	October 25, 2018
Cook I	National Campus	\$5,351.00	October 28, 2018

Serious inquiries can be made to the Human Resources Office at email address hro@comfsm.fm and telephone number (691) 320-2482 extension numbers 130, 131, 192 or visit us at www.comfsm.fm.

Student Body Association Retreat, Chuuk



College of Micronesia-FSM Entrance Test

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October 19, 2018

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CTEC Campus

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...FSM President in Guam

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request to ensure they have confirmed jobs, homes or schooling plans awaiting them if their intent is to travel to Guam or another U.S. community.

President Christian said his administration's efforts are aimed at ensuring that people leaving the FSM go abroad and gain enlightenment but then return home to help their island.

President Christian has charged the FSM community to find ways to reach out to those not abiding with the precepts of the Compact Agreement between the U.S. and FSM.

"We are very concerned," said President Christian about recent videos depicting violence by apparent Guam FSM residents. He added that the FSM community on Guam has communicated with him their worry that a small percentage of the Micronesian community is causing trouble and casting a cloud of negativity and shame on those nationals abiding by local laws.

"Everyone is upset about this lack of civility."

President Christian added his desire to revive discussions he had with the previous administration on a housing program for FSM nationals on Guam.

President Christian expects to return to Guam next month to continue discussions.

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Embassy of the People’s Republic of China hosts Fun Run/Walk in Pohnpei

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

September 22, 2018

Pohnpei—Approximately 700 runners and walkers of all ages braved the early morning hours to participate in a 5K fun run/walk sponsored by the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China to the FSM. The theme of the event was “China and FSM Friendship Forever” and participants each received a t-shirt emblazoned with the theme celebrating 29 years of diplomatic relations between the FSM and China.

They also received large folding fans with a stunning graphic of the Great Wall of China juxtaposed with the FSM’s World Heritage site, Nan Madol.

China’s Ambassador Huang Zheng gave a speech about the warm relations that the FSM has had with China since 1989. Acting Foreign Affairs Secretary Samson Pretrick spoke on a similar topic.

But runners were anxious to get started and when the speeches were done, they were ready to take off. Jim Tobin of the FSM National Olympic Committee had to reign then walkers and runners back in so that they could all start at the same time.

When they did start, it was like the running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain. One of the runners later commented that he had participated in the famous running of the bulls once in his life. He said that he found that the biggest danger in that event was not the bulls themselves, but of the people trying to get out of their way.



When the countdown was completed, the runners and walkers took off across the width of the road—bystanders, like photographers could potentially have been in danger but survived. When the smoke cleared at the starting line, a lonely pair of broken zorries (slippers, flip flops) lay abandoned in the street.

Clearly, some of the runners were serious about getting down the road and 20 minutes or so later, some of the runners were already back. Walkers were slower about it but after they had mostly all arrived, prizes were awarded by draw for registered participants.

The FSM Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management (DECEM)- Adaptation Fund Project is searching for qualified candidates to fill the following positions:

Positions	Location	Job Description	Annual Salary	Closing Date
Project Accountant	FSM National Government	Prepare annual and quarterly budgets, annual requests for fund tranches, annual procurement plan and annual financial reports with all supporting documents ready for review and audit.	\$18,000.00	October 31, 2018
Communication Officer	FSM National Government	Responsible to lead preparation and implementation of project's communication and visibility plan (CVP).	\$12,000.00	October 31, 2018
Operations & Finance Officer - Pohnpei	FSM National Government	Provide secretariate support and lead the organization of meetings including the Pohnpei State project steering committee meetings, workshops, consultations in Pohnpei in relations to the relevant activities of the poject in close collaboration with the coordinators in Pohnpei (Nukuoro & Kapingamarangi) & DECEM Project Management Unit (PMU)	\$14,000.00	October 31, 2018
Operations & Finance Officer - Yap	Yap State Government	Provide secretariate support and lead the organization of meetings including the Yap State project steering committee meetings, workshops, consultations in Yap in relations to the relevant activities of the poject in close collaboration with the coordinators in Yap (Eauripik& Woleai) & DECEM Project Management Unit (PMU)	\$14,000.00	October 31, 2018
Operations & Finance Officer - Kosrae	Kosrae State Government	Provide secretariate support and lead the organization of meetings including the Kosrae State project steering committee meetings, workshops, consultations in Kosrae in relations to the relevant activities of the poject in close collaboration with DECEM Project Management Unit (PMU)	\$14,000.00	October 31, 2018
Operations & Finance Officer - Chuuk	Chuuk State Government	Provide secretariate support and lead the organization of meetings including the Chuuk State project steering committee meetings, workshops, consultations in Chuuk in relations to the relevant activities of the poject in close collaboration with the coordinators in Chuuk (Satawan & Lekinioch) & DECEM Project Management Unit (PMU)	\$14,000.00	October 31, 2018
Community Coordinator - Kapingamarangi	Kapingamarangi	Coordinate the execution of the activities and services on island with the island/Municipal government	\$8,000.00	October 31, 2018
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Interior Announces \$4 Million in Discretionary Compact Impact Funding for Hawaii and Territories in FY 2018

To Defray Impacts of Compact Migrants in Hawaii, Guam, CNMI, and American Samoa

Office of the Assistant Secretary Insular and International Affairs

WASHINGTON – Doug Domenech, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, this week announced an additional \$4 million in Compact Impact funding for fiscal year 2018 to be distributed to Hawaii, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and American Samoa to defray costs and impacts associated with migrants under the Compact of Free Association (Compact), or U.S. Public Law 108-188, to each of these affected jurisdictions.

This supplemental Compact Impact funding provided by Congress as an additional contribution to be applied towards educational impacts, was distributed as follows:

Guam	\$ 1,987,556
Hawaii	\$ 1,701,635
CNMI	\$ 307,914
American Samoa	\$ 2,893

“Guam and Hawaii, being the first ports of entry to the U.S. from the Micronesia region, are the most impacted by those who travel to the United States under the Compacts of Free Association,” said Assistant Secretary Domenech. “Guam Governor Eddie Calvo also discussed this issue of Compact Impact with Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke during his recent visit to Guam. We are aware of the challenges that Guam faces and are pleased that Congress has provided this additional funding.”

Under the Compact agreements (P.L. 99-239 and P.L. 99-658), citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau, also known as the freely associated states (FAS), are eligible to live and work in the United States as legal non-immigrants. Under the Amended

Compact of 2003 (P.L. 108-188), Congress provided \$30 million each year in mandatory funds to help defray costs associated with migrants under the Compacts to the affected jurisdictions of Guam, Hawaii, the CNMI, and American Samoa. Supplemental discretionary Compact Impact grants were first authorized and appropriated in fiscal year 2012 as an additional contribution for educational impacts.

Most of the \$30 million in mandatory Compact Impact funding for fiscal year 2018 was already distributed earlier this year, with \$14.9 million given to Guam; \$12.8 million given to Hawaii; and \$2.3 million given to the CNMI. American Samoa’s portion of mandatory funding, \$21,705, will now be sent to American Samoa along with their discretionary amount of \$2,893 for a total Compact Impact funding support of \$24,598. Guam will receive an additional amount of \$176,989 which is prior-year unspent Compact Impact funds. The mandatory funds may be used more broadly for health, educational, social, public safety services, or infrastructure related to such services due to the residence of Compact migrants in these jurisdictions.

Both discretionary and mandatory Compact Impact grant funding are distributed according to a ratio based on an enumeration conducted every five years by the U.S. Census Bureau. According to the 2013 enumeration, there are 17,170 FAS migrants in Guam, 14,700 in Hawaii, 2,660 in the CNMI, and 25 in American Samoa. As required by law, the enumeration is to be conducted every five years. Census is currently conducting its 2018 enumeration. Under current law, the mandatory \$30 million Compact Impact funding authorized under the Compact expires in 2023. The supplemental discretionary Compact Impact funding is dependent upon annual authorizations by Congress.

BIG fish landed at the 11th Annual Blue Nile Fishing Tournament

Pohnpei Fishing Club

September 15, 2018

Pohnpei—Bright, sunny days don't often lend themselves to large catches of fish during fishing tournaments and it was certainly that during the 11th Annual Blue Nile Fishing Tournament. But while there weren't large catches of fish caught on the 15 boats that registered, large fish were certainly caught. Mark Johnny, aboard the Happy Hookers caught the biggest, a 308 pound marline that he promptly donated to the Pohnpei State Hospital.

Johnny won a roundtrip ticket to Guam, a monstrous 4.5 liter bottle of Chivas Regal, and \$200 cash for his 308 pound marlin.

On any other day, Kikuo Apis, Jr. might have won first prize for big fish but today he took second prize for his 197 pound marlin. For that he won \$400 cash, a smaller bottle of Chivas Regal and a \$25 gift certificate.

Two huge yellowfin tunas provided Eugene Kohler with both third and fourth prizes. Eugene Kohler won \$300 cash, a bottle of Chivas Regal, and a \$25 gift certificate for his 96.5 pound fish. His 86 pound yellowfin won him \$200 cash, a bottle of Chivas Regal and a \$25 gift certificate.

Each of the special prize winners earned \$100. Kikkuo Apis, Junior landed a, just short of fourth prize for biggest fish, yellowfin at 80 pounds. James Wichman bagged a 22 pound wahoo. Konrad Engleberger always manages to land at least one barracuda. This time he won \$100 for his 18 pound

specimen. Isaiah Hawley landed a 6.5 pound mahi mahi.

Ladies Anglers won prizes for their outstanding fish as well. Topping them was Bernolina Hedson with her beautiful 30.5 pound Giant Trevally. Lara Trott followed up with a 23.5 pound wahoo. Marcella Hawley had an 11 pound barracuda.

Junior anglers were out in force as well. Stephanie Spencer landed a 20 pound yellowfin for which she was awarded \$100 cash, and a \$50 gift certificate. Denzel Lawrence won \$50 cash and a \$50 gift certificate for his 16.5 pound barracuda.



The awards ceremony was well attended. We had a big crowd, and lots of liquids were flowing, especially the Chivas for the winners from Titan Imports.

There was a barbecue to support the library, thank you Uta and Moira.

Many thanks to everyone who helped out including Bill Pendergraft, Tina Albert, Cel Perez Pendergraft, and all the people on the dock and in the boom truck.

Thanks to Blue Nile for another great tournament.



Local underwater photographers catch awards in Yap



Julia Nefczyk-Underwater Photo Award MantaFest 2018 Brad Holland

Colonia, Yap- Some fish enthusiasts bring home mounted displays of their catch. Two Guam residents took home awards for a photo and a video of sea life instead.

Mike Fusco and Julia Nefczyk were among the divers from the U.S., Canada, Taiwan, Korea and Germany attending MantaFest 2018 in August. The underwater enthusiasts came together to dive among the island's resident population of manta rays and study with professional underwater photographers.

Fusco's video of a moray eel and a banded shrimp received Honorable Mention in the Video category while Nefczyk's photo of angelfish swam away

with a top award in the Compact Camera/ Behavior category.

Held annually by the Manta Ray Bay Resort and Yap Divers, the event brings divers from around the world for two weeks of photo workshops, special dives, evening media presentations, one-on-one training by top professionals, a photo contest, dive party and tours of the island. In addition to diving, snorkeling and deep sea fishing, Yap is renowned for its unique stone money currency and its culture that is among the best preserved in the Pacific region.

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Assistant Secretary Domenech Applauds Progress at Pohnpei Utility and JEMCO Support

JEMCO Allocated \$1.3 Million to Overhaul Generators and Expand “Cash Power” System

Office of the Assistant Secretary Insular and International Affairs

WASHINGTON – Doug Domenech, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, applauds the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC) for its progress in strengthening institutional management as well as delivery of power and water utilities for the people of Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). Assistant Secretary Domenech further commends the subsequent decision of the U.S.-FSM Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) to provide PUC with \$1,328,220 in fiscal year 2019 Compact sector grant assistance to overhaul generators and expand cash power systems at the utility.

“I commend Chairman Nik Pula and the JEMCO for making this grant assistance available to the FSM Government for the benefit of the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation,” said Assistant Secretary Domenech. “I understand that leaders in Pohnpei are collaborating to bring PUC out of financial insolvency so that it may operate on sound commercial principles. This is a concrete example of the U.S.-FSM partnership under the Compact of Free Association and how it should work to benefit the people of the FSM,”

Domenech further added.

Assistant Secretary Domenech visited Pohnpei State in May 2018, where he was given a tour of the Nanpohnmal power plant by PUC Manager Nixon Anson and experienced rolling brown outs during his stay.

Compact sector grant assistance as approved by the JEMCO, and made available through the Compact of Free Association (Public Law 108-188) will support the following:

Power Generation Engine Servicing - \$828,220 to overhaul PUC diesel generators and engines by (1) partial or complete disassembly of the Caterpillar 3516 gensets, (2) inspection to detect damaged, defective, or worn parts, (3) repair or replacement of such parts, and (4) reassembly, testing, and trial-run prior to returning the item to its full operating level.

Three-Phase Prepayment Power Metering System Expansion - \$500,000 to support the purchase of electric meters for commercial and industrial customers of PUC.

The PUC has been operating under an emergency decree and in crisis mode for several years. Recently, PUC leadership began implementing the early stages of a program to develop a sustainable framework to capitalize, manage, and strengthen the utility called the Multi-Donor Framework for a Capitalization, Recovery, and Institutional Strengthening Program (CRISP). The CRISP contains commitments from PUC and the Pohnpei State leadership, that when implemented, seeks to enable the PUC to restore itself as a reliable, effective, and efficient provider of power, water, and wastewater utility services to the people of Pohnpei.

US and FSM hold annual Joint Economic Management Committee Meeting

Allocated \$65 Million in FY 2019 Compact Funding for the FSM

Office of the Assistant Secretary Insular and International Affairs

HONOLULU - The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the United States bilateral Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) annual meeting took place Tuesday, August 21, 2018, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The Committee members jointly allocated \$65 million for the sectors of health, education, public sector capacity building, private sector development, environment and public sector infrastructure as identified under the Compact of Free Association (Compact) for the benefit of the people of the FSM.

The JEMCO members from both the FSM and the U.S. governments:

- Emphasized the importance of implementing economic policy reforms to encourage investment and to achieve self-sufficient tax rates;
- Reiterated the importance of advancing education, to strengthen the FSM’s school accreditation processes, improving access to primary healthcare, and implementing infrastructure projects to contribute to economic advancement, budgetary self-reliance, and sustainable inclusive development;
- Received presentations from FSM state and national government education and health officials on ongoing initiatives within the health and education sectors; and
- Received a presentation from Graduate School USA on the Fiscal Year 2017 FSM Economic Review, an independent assessment of the FSM’s economic performance and policy environment, as well as independently verified economic statistics.

The JEMCO allocated Fiscal Year 2019 Compact assistance to support the FSM Government in the following sectors:

\$ 28,270,952	Education
\$ 23,753,740	Health
\$ 1,182,985	Public Sector Capacity Building
\$ 612,709	Environment
\$ 799,101	Private Sector Development
\$ 1,595,949	Enhanced Reporting and Accountability
\$ 6,942,091	Public Sector Infrastructure
\$ 244,260	Disaster Assistance Emergency Fund

JEMCO also passed the following resolutions:

- JEMCO 2018-1 Pohnpei Utilities Corporation Institutional Reform-\$1,328,220
- JEMCO 2018-2 Public Infrastructure Sector authorizing use of prior-year funds
- JEMCO 2018-3 FY 2019 Compact Assistance

The JEMCO serves to promote the effective use of funding under the Compact agreement and serves as a forum for FSM and U.S. officials to discuss mutual priorities regarding this funding and how best to achieve them for the betterment of people in the Federated States of Micronesia. It is comprised of five members – three from the U.S. Government and two from the FSM Government: Chairman Nikolao Pula (Director, Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior); Vice Chairman Lorin Robert (FSM Secretary of Foreign Affairs); Leo Falcam, Jr. (Chief of Staff to the President of the FSM); William Gallo (Associate Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services); and Nicholas Dean (Director, Office of Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Island Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, U.S. State Department).

The JEMCO is expected to reconvene for its mid-year meeting in the Spring of 2019 to preview the FSM Government’s proposed FY 2020 budget proposals. Under current law, sector grant funding under the Compact will expire in 2023, and distributions will then be available from the Trust Fund for the People of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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