

Okeanos double hulled traditionally styled canoe arrives to serve Pohnpei outer islands

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Pohnpei, FSM—On the evening of November 11, 2018, the “Okeanos Messenger” arrived at Pohnpei’s port, ready to serve Pohnpei’s outer islands. Pohnpei officially welcomed the vessel this morning in a ribbon cutting ceremony in Dekehtik.

Pohnpei’s Governor Marcelo Peterson welcomed the vessel saying that it will provide cost effective, regular and reliable services to Pohnpei’s outer islands in a cost beneficial way while also providing training for potential Pohnpei mariners.

The “Vaka Motu”, is a double hulled open-ocean sustainable sailing canoe. It departed New Zealand two months ago. On its journey, the beautiful vessel visited Vanuatu, Kiribati, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, accomplishing a journey of 3000 open ocean miles. The canoe is propelled first by wind power but is also equipped with an engine that can run on coconut oil. The electricity on the vessel is supplied by solar powered batteries. The Vaka Motu has a kitchen, a flush toilet and a water maker that can produce 60 liters of potable water per hour.

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Pohnpei—Today Pohnpei Law Enforcement executed court ordered arrest warrants against Costan Yoma, Ense Rodriguez, and Hignio Iriarte issued on November 22, 2013. They also executed search warrants in connection with charges against the defendants related to dredging activities that may have been in violation of the law.

None of the men have been convicted of any crime and are presumed to be innocent unless otherwise proved in a court of law. They have not yet had any hearing.

13 separate charges have been filed against all of the defendants in relation to dredging activities. Yoma has separately been charged with six additional charges. Iriarte has separately been charged with three additional charges.

The search warrant commands law enforcement officers to search the shoreline of Kapwon-Paieke in U Municipality and also to search Black Sand Company located near the Pohnpei General Hospital in Liwi, Nett, as well as the other Black Sand Company locations located in Nett Municipality.

Officers have been instructed to “search for, to seize, to analyze and to deal

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UNFPA consultant educates health practitioners and community groups on diagnosis and treatment of victims of sexual violence

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FSM—This afternoon, Dr. Carina Hickling, a sexual health and reproduction specialist and consultant with UNFPA concluded an FSM wide series of workshops on clinical management for victims of sexual violence. According to the FSM Family Health and Safety Study of 2014, at least one in three women in the Federated States of Micronesia has experienced violence by a partner at least once in their life.

The workshop was primarily intended for health practitioners but was also expanded to include community non-government organizations, women’s groups, church organizations and law enforcement agencies. Dr. Hickling conducted the workshop, which was designed to help the states to organize clinical management responses to sexual violence, in each of the four states. The workshops were organized by the state health departments, the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs, and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Dr. Hickling said that as the seminars progress in each of the states, health practitioners in particular began to realize that they may have missed signs of sexual violence that present themselves in patients they have seen. She said that in each of the states, most health practitioners came to the conclusion that the problem was bigger than they had thought.

The problem of sexual violence is already thought to affect a large portion of the population. The Family Health and Safety Study of 2014 says that as many as

40% of females between the ages of 15 and 24 have experienced sexual violence. Many victims do not come in for treatment or report instances of sexual violence for many reasons including social stigma and a feeling that reporting the crime wouldn’t accomplish anything.

She stressed that victims of sexual violence should come in for treatment as soon as possible. She said that in far too many cases, victims come in after it is already too late to provide treatment. For instance, emergency contraception medicines are only effective up to five days after a sexual attack in order to prevent pregnancy.

The workshop covered topics such as recognizing symptoms of victims of sexual violence and how to speak to a victim about what they may have experienced in non-judgmental and non-threatening ways. She covered topics of proper documentation for law enforcement referral and aspects of physical examination to treat and to preserve evidence of sexual violence.

She also covered important related matters such as sexually transmitted infections, HIV, and pregnancy.

The workshops themselves were on the first step toward developing an effective strategy to deal with victims of sexual violence. She said that systems of social support, legal processes, and interactions from civil societies all need to be formed. She said that governments, through working groups should establish standard



operating procedures to help victims of sexual violence all the way from prevention to after care and law enforcement matters.

She was encouraged that in each state, individual participants nominated themselves to set up sexual violence task forces with peer accountability in order to begin to develop effective strategies.

As UNFPA Global’s roving sexual and reproductive health consultant, Dr. Hickling provides technical assistance and oversight to UNFPA’s Humanitarian SRH programs in close collaboration with country and sector leads. She ensures quality of the program through compliance and adherence to UNFPA, Donor and National policies, procedures and guidelines, IAWG and the Sphere standards. She supports program teams, provides supervision, direction, coaching, mentoring and training based on capacity needs of staff. She develops UNFPA’s SRH programming models, tools and guidelines. She provides virtual SRHR, coaching and mentoring to country

office staff. She supports and strengthens data collection forms and reporting such as HRP, MISP indicators, HMIS, and assesses staff capacity in technical and operational capacity to deliver quality SRH and GBV programs, providing formal and informal capacity building.

Her missions today have included The Solomon Islands, Palestine including West Bank and the Gaza Strip, Federated States of Micronesia: Kosrae, Chuuk, Yap, Pohnpei. At the time of this writing she was on another mission in Budapest, Hungary.

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Pohnpei Rotary Club raises over \$12,000 for scholarship and other activities at Annual Quiz Night

Pohnpei Rotary Club

November 17, 2018

Pohnpei—The Pohnpei Rotary Club hosted its annual Quiz Night tonight at Cupid's Restaurant. By all accounts, it was a rousing success.

Six players at each of 22 tables competed for cash and prizes by trying to answer basically irrelevant and potentially pointless trivia questions. There was a lot of yelling and joking, and were it not for the efforts of the brave and selfless moderator the night might've descended into total anarchy. You are probably sorry now if you managed to miss it.

The top prize was \$100 per person at the winning table provided by the Bank of Guam. This year the winners were Nathan Bonnice, Mellyann Mallarme, McClaine Gilmete, William Jon Dean, Mark Bush and John Fazio. Congratulations to those trivia buffs.

In addition to the trivia competition there were raffles including a 50/50 raffle and a raffle for lots of goodies donated by our sponsors. There were also a few items for auction provided by donors that could be bid on and won.

A highlight of the evening was the drawing for the raffle of two round trip United Airlines tickets to locations in Micronesia and Asia. That is a big win for a \$5.00 ticket. There were 500 tickets sold. United pulled out the lucky tickets at quiz night and the lucky winners were Bernolina Hedson and Albert Carlot. Thank you, United Airlines, for the sponsorship.

We want to thank all those in attendance for their generous support to all of the activities going on. For the Rotary Club this is our biggest fundraiser of the year. The Rotary Club in conjunction with Vital Petroleum awarded \$21,600.00 in college

scholarships for this school year, and Rotary also has a separate scholarship program where it awarded \$12,000.00 in college scholarships this year. These scholarship programs are ongoing and a large portion of the money raised will go to those scholarship programs.

We are also involved in many public service projects. Besides support for the Scripps National Spelling Bee, the Ipwetik Community Center in Madolenihmw, and the Pohnpei Swim Club; we sent sports equipment to Pingelap, provided portable Echocardiograph units to Pohnpei State to screen children for Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD), helped to organize the visit of Taiko Japanese Drummers from Sendai, Japan, sponsored a water project at the Chuuk Women's Council building and a solar power project at Sapwalap Elementary School; we also support Rotary International's global effort to eradicate Polio. All in all we want to let people know the money you generously contribute is going to be well spent.

We cannot do this type of fundraiser without support from a lot of sponsors. We want to thank all of our sponsors who made this evening a success listed in no particular order of importance. All the donors are extremely important. Thank you to one and all!

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We also want to thank the staff and management at Cupids for all their help in putting the event on, along with all the members of Rotary Club who put in extra effort beyond the call of duty to make this evening a success. All told the raffle, donations and quiz night itself raised over \$12,000.00. It was a great evening and a beneficial one also. Thank you to everyone.

Please purchase Rotary Club 2019 calendars, the proceeds of which also go towards our community projects.

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FSM Participates in the 5th Our Ocean Conference



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Bali, Indonesia—His Excellency Peter M. Christian, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, along with a delegation of top officials, attended the 5th annual Our Ocean Conference from October 29th to October 30th, 2018. Focused on generating commitments and taking actions to maintain the sustainability of our oceans, the Our Ocean Conference has totaled more than 18 billion dollars in commitments from governments and organizations since it began in 2014.

This year's conference focused on marine protected areas, sustainable fisheries, marine pollution, and climate-change related impacts to the oceans. One of the

key activities in this year's conference was a plenary session, in which President Christian shared thoughtful remarks that were exceptionally well received—both in the form of applause and pledges to assist.

“We must commit, with increased determination,” said the President, “to toughen our stand against illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing—and commit to adopting more sustainable fishing practices. We must, without hesitation, consider the closure of fishing activities in the high seas pockets; we must work to terminate uncontrolled and unregulated fuel transfers on the high seas; and we must demand also higher regulatory standards for fuel transfers within zones.”

The President kept this promise, and today approximately 286,000 square kilometers of the FSM Exclusive Economic Zone is closed to commercial fishing. (For comparison, the total protected area is larger than the surface area of Colorado or New Zealand, or approximately 856 islands the size of Pohnpei.)

“In keeping up with our crusade for the oceans,” the President said, “The FSM has stepped forward to take a leading role in another effort to further alleviate the pain and burden of the oceans...to this effort, I am

“Two years ago in Washington D.C., under then Secretary of State Kerry’s hosting of the Our Ocean Conference, I made the commitment that the Federated States of Micronesia would expand out to 24 nautical miles around each island, its marine protected area, to prohibit commercial fishing, protecting an additional 185,000 square kilometers of the FSM Exclusive Economic Zone.”

happy to announce that the FSM, with support from The Nature Conservancy, is launching the Technology for Tuna Transparency Challenge or T-3 Challenge. The T-3 Challenge increases at-sea monitoring capability through electronic monitoring.”

“By taking this lead, the FSM is committed to full tuna transparency by 2023.”

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Guam Receives \$5.7 Million in 2019 Compact Impact Funding Support for Guam Public School Leaseback Program

Office of the Assistant Secretary Insular and International Affairs

WASHINGTON – Doug Domenech, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, has released \$5,736,250, a portion of Guam’s fiscal year 2019 share of Compact Impact funding, to support the public school leaseback program on Guam.

“We are pleased to release a portion of Compact Impact funding in support of Guam’s public schools,” said Assistant Secretary Doug Domenech. “As soon as the fiscal year 2019 enumeration population numbers are finalized, we can calculate the updated distribution amounts and release the remainder of this year’s funding to Guam and the other affected U.S. jurisdictions.”

Under the Compacts of Free Association (Compact), citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the

Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau are legal nonimmigrants able to live, work, and study in the United States. As a result of migration under the Compact and the increased impact and demands placed on public services on Guam, Hawaii, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa, the U.S. Congress, in 2003, allocated \$30 million in annual funding to be distributed among these four affected U.S. jurisdictions. Every five years, the U.S. Census Bureau conducts an enumeration of Compact migrants that is used to determine distribution amounts. The next enumeration will be completed in early 2019.

Under current law, the \$30 million Compact Impact allocation for affected U.S. jurisdictions expires in 2023.

The Secretary of the Interior is responsible for coordinating federal policy with respect to the territories of the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

Islands, and administering and overseeing U.S. federal assistance provided under the Compact of Free Association to the freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The Assistant Secretary, Insular

and International Affairs, executes these responsibilities, on behalf of the Secretary, through the Office of Insular Affairs whose mission is to foster economic opportunities, promote government efficiency, and improve the quality of life for the people of the insular areas.

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with according to law”, all tangible and electronic, personal and business records, documents, materials related to unlawful mining and dredging and other offenses with which defendants are charged. They are also to seize all personal and business mechanical equipment, tools, motor vehicles and other apparatuses relating to the alleged offenses. They are also to seize all objects or other materials obtained through alleged unlawful dredging activities related to the charges including

seabed corals, rocks, sand, gravel and any other dredged material.

The charges against all of the men include allegations of Criminal Conspiracy, Accessories, Compounding a Crime, and violations of several chapters of the laws regarding the conditions for mining or dredging. Yoma additionally faces five additional charges of violations against the law on Conditions for Mining or Dredging and one for alleged violation of laws on contractor’s licenses. Iriarte faces three charges of violating Contractor’s licensing laws.

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The crew provided a tour of the vessel to people in attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony. While the sleeping quarters and galley were each small, tiny even, as would be expected on such a vessel, they were serviceable, with 12 bunks to accommodate seven passengers and five crew members. In addition to passengers, the vessel can accommodate three tons of freight. Its two and a half foot draft means that it will be able to approach outer islands atolls much closer than can the field trip ship for easier passenger and freight transfer.

The brand new vessel arrived in pristine condition. Five of the seven crew members aboard when it arrived were from the FSM—two from Pohnpei, and three from Yap. While the vessel was captained by Okeanos Skipper Angelo Smith, originally from Fiji, and Watch Captain India Tabellini from Tahiti, Tony John of Pohnpei will assume the role of Captain of the vessel now that it has arrived in Pohnpei.

After the vessel has been registered as an FSM flagged vessel it will be named the "Okeanos Pohnpei".

After the conclusion of the tour, the Okeanos headed to sea for a short excursion with members of Pohnpei's leadership and some members of the media aboard. We elected to stay ashore and take photos of the vessel as it passed Pohnpei's majestic Sokehs Rock.

The vessel does not yet belong to Pohnpei. Until costs have been recovered it will be owned and operated by the Okeanos Foundation which commissioned the building of the vessel. After the vessel has reached the "break even" point, ownership will then be transferred to Pohnpei.

Meanwhile, the Okeanos Foundation, whose mission is to empower Pacific Island people to implement traditionally based sustainable sea transportation to ensure independence, cultural revival and ocean stewardship, intends to establish a traditional navigation school in Pohnpei. It also intends to establish a boat yard for maintenance of the vessel.

The Okeanos Vaka Motu non-profit operations are conducted by Pacific islands-led social enterprises that offer traditionally based sustainable sea transportation to meet day-to-day needs. The company already has vessels in operation in nine Pacific islands countries: Cook Islands, Fiji, New Zealand, Samoa, Tahiti, Tonga, Vanuatu,

Marshall Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas. Okeanos says that it has already trained hundreds of previously inexperienced sailors in the art of traditional navigation.

FSM will be the 10th Pacific Island nation to receive placement of a vaka starting with Pohnpei. Yap is scheduled to receive a vaka vessel in April.

Managing Director for Okeanos operations in Pohnpei, Jack Yakana said that when he learned of the mission and purpose of Okeanos Foundation for the Sea, he was so supportive of it that he left his position at Pohnpei Transportation and Infrastructure to help with the project.

Yakana neglected to read a message from Dieter Paulmann, Founder and President; and Dena Seidel, Director and Chief Operations Officer of Okeanos-Foundation for the Sea. He asked that we include that message that was addressed to FSM President Peter M. Christian, Pohnpei Governor Marcelo K. Peterson, and Lt. Governor Reed B. Oliver in our coverage. The message follows:

"Kaselehlie Okeanos Pohnpei, distinguished guests, your Excellency President Christian, Honorable Governor Peterson, Lt Governor Oliver, Mayor Henry of Mwoakilloa, Mayor Clark of Pingelap, Mayor Sena of Nukuoro, ladies and gentlemen and especially our brave and skillful sailing crew who travelled thousands of miles of open ocean to bring the vaka to you today.

"We are honored to have Okeanos Pohnpei arrive in Micronesia ready to begin the very meaningful work of traditionally based sustainable sea transportation servicing your outer island communities.

"We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Governor Peterson for your leadership, vision and commitment to meet the urgent transportation needs of your outer island communities.

"Okeanos is honored to support you and your country's goals for regular, reliable and safe sea transportation between your islands empowering your people and your economy while inspiring pride and creating jobs for open ocean sailors and vaka operators. Your state's proactive charter commitment to really use the vaka to services remote communities is why we are here.

"Your ancestors were the greatest open ocean sailors and navigators the world has ever known. You are the descendants and carriers of that great traditional knowledge.

"When your Pacific brothers and sisters



"You are role models for the Pacific and the world. So many solutions are possible when you stand on the shoulders of your ancestors and combine their wisdom with global friendships and modern technical experience to meet the urgent challenges your island countries face today.

"We are very proud and honored to have Jack Yakana as Okeanos Pohnpei's managing director leading Okeanos' mission for your state. As an outer islander who grew up with traditional canoes, Jack brings to this position his deep passion to bring to life cultural sailing practice into day -to-day service to outer island communities.

had all but lost their traditional seafaring skills, it was Pius Mau Pailug from Micronesia who dedicated his life to reviving the sacred practice of open ocean wayfinding and, in so doing, brought back the ancient sea roads of your ancestors. Papa Mau's gift to the world was a gift from Micronesia.

"Okeanos is proud to be here in Micronesia supporting you and your own goals for lived voyaging culture as means to addressing the real world challenges and day-to-day needs of your people.

"The skill and bravery of the Okeanos Pohnpei crew that sailed from New Zealand to Vanuatu to Kiriabati to Marshall Islands and now Pohnpei to be with you are evidence of the pride and heartfelt momentum that will be the source of your success

"When young Pacific people are eager to stand in the place of their ancestors, servicing their families and country through proud practices of open ocean sea transport relying only on your native sources of energy, there is no limit to what Pacific countries can accomplish.

"We extend our deepest respect to our crew beginning with Captain Angelo Smith, Watch Captain India Tabellini, Okeanos Pohnpei captain in training Tony John, Tyron Jano, Isaiah Yarofyan, Jeffson Yeliglur and Larry Shielmai."

"A proud, strong future based upon regular, safe renewable transportation can be FSM's because of who you are and who you have always been. The potential for positive growth from the successful activities of this one canoe can be enormous extending to training centers and boatyards providing place-based education and job opportunities throughout your country.

"We wish we could be with you in person today but please know we are with you in heart and spirit with the greatest admiration and highest hopes for our robust and meaningful long term partnership."

COO Seidel wrote that Governor Peterson initiated the partnership with Okeanos in July of 2018 by committing to charter the vessel to serve outer island communities. During the ribbon cutting ceremony, Governor Peterson thanked the Pohnpei State Legislature for committing the funds to make those charters happen.

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Pacific tuna managers must set science-based policies, fight illegal fishing

At meeting, Commission can advance sustainability, become a global fisheries management leader

By Dave Gershman and Dawn Borg Costanzi

Parts of the Pacific Ocean are home to some of the world's largest, most productive and valuable tuna fishing grounds. Under the management of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), these waters contain the tropical tunas—bigeye, skipjack, and yellowfin—that are consumed in sandwiches, salads, and high-end sushi and sashimi.

But without science-based, effective management measures, the health of these species could be in jeopardy. At this year's WCPFC annual meeting 10-14 December in Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S., managers must work together to reinforce their commitment to sustainable tuna fisheries by taking three critical steps to ensure the long-term health of the species in these ocean waters and by reinforcing these actions with measures to end and prevent illegal fishing.

3 pillars of effective tuna management
Fisheries management has come a long way from the days when catch limits were seen as the only tool for promoting sustainability. Today, science-based strategies coupled with effective limits can make all the difference. In Honolulu, WCPFC attendees should agree on three actions to create balanced tuna management plans for the region:

1. Take steps to further develop harvest strategies.

Harvest strategies, in which science-based models help set pre-agreed fishing limits that can fluctuate with the health of

fisheries, are critical to modern fisheries management. While the WCPFC has made some progress on harvest strategies, which also take into account carefully considered objectives for the stocks, many vital details are still to be decided.

At this year's WCPFC meeting, managers should refine objectives for bigeye and yellowfin tuna and agree on a healthy target for South Pacific albacore. To help modernize its fisheries management approach, the WCPFC also should create a harvest strategy development working group to improve the dialogue between scientists and managers on the best way forward for each stock under Commission management.

2. Reduce the impacts of fish aggregating devices.

FADs—floating rafts that tuna gather around, making them easier targets for fishing vessels—are a major component of the purse seine fishery, which can scoop up huge amounts of tuna with each set of a net. Unfortunately, due to a lack of regulations, FAD use is unsustainable. The WCPFC's FAD Working Group has recommended design guidelines for the devices to reduce the entanglement and deaths of sharks and turtles in FADs; the Commission must mandate that fleets adopt these designs as soon as possible. This would help the WCPFC catch up to other tuna regional fisheries management organizations that have adopted these standards.

Because many FADs are not recovered from the ocean and thus contribute to the growing problem of marine debris, the WCPFC also should reduce the number of the devices that each vessel can have in the water at a

time, phase out the use of plastic in FADs, and determine better ways to control and retrieve FADs before they break up and sink or wash onto coral reefs.

3. Ensure the sustainability of bigeye tuna.

According to this year's updated stock assessment, bigeye tuna, or ahi, is not experiencing overfishing. But scientists have nonetheless advised against increasing fishing pressure. Because this valuable species needs to be managed for long-term sustainability, the WCPFC should accelerate efforts to develop a harvest strategy that would help promote responsible decision-making before bigeye are too depleted. In the meantime, the Commission should follow the scientific advice and take other steps to strengthen management by, for example, maintaining catch limits in the longline fishery and limiting how often purse seine vessels can set their nets on FADs, which would improve controls on managing bycatch of bigeye.

Fighting IUU fishing

Even if the WCPFC takes all the right steps on tuna management, the organization will be ineffective if it fails to adopt enforceable controls to end and prevent illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

One proven way to minimize IUU fishing is to ensure that fishing vessels can be positively identified, specifically through International Maritime Organization (IMO) numbers, which stay with ships—regardless of changes in name, flag, or ownership—until they are scrapped.

The WCPFC has made progress by requiring IMO numbers on vessels weighing 100 gross tons or more and by increasing compliance with that rule. Now, the Commission must continue to enforce the measure and ensure that IMO numbers are submitted with vessel records. The WCPFC should also expand the IMO number requirements to all motorized inboard fishing vessels 12 metres or longer that are authorized to operate outside the waters of their flag State.

Improving the use of IMO numbers is only one factor in combating IUU fishing. As part of the WCPFC's commitment to guard against the landing of illegally caught fish at ports, its members should designate one or more ports where suspected IUU vessels can be inspected. The Commission should also help small island developing States better fund the implementation of anti-IUU fishing measures in their ports.

Moving forward

This year's WCPFC agenda is packed with opportunities for better management of valuable tuna fisheries. If Commission members can set the right limits on fishing, better control fishing gear like FADs, and fight illegal fishing, the WCPFC can become a global leader of sustainable management. It is vital that decision makers take action at this meeting and demonstrate that they are serious about keeping Pacific tropical tunas healthy now and well into the future.

Dave Gershman and Dawn Borg Costanzi are officers with The Pew Charitable Trusts' global tuna conservation and ending illegal fishing campaigns, respectively.

Key Programs Funded in 20th Congress' Sixth Special Session

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei—As a result of the Sixth Special Session of the Twentieth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, held this past November 13th to 17th, many programs, projects, and activities—both ongoing and new—will receive funding. While all funded projects, programs, and activities are worthy of reporting, a couple in particular may have the widest-range appeal.

For example, the Congress has both approved and accepted a non-project grant from the Government of Japan in the amount of two hundred million Japanese Yen, which is equivalent to roughly 1.8 million United States Dollars, for the promotion of economic and social

development programs. The result of mutual discussions on May 28th, 2018, between the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs and the Japanese Embassy in Kolonia, this is another extraordinary example of the friendship between our two nations.

Meanwhile, the FSM Congress has also approved and accepted a grant in the amount of \$85,000 from the United Nations' Environment Programme to fund the "Renewal of Institutional Strengthening" that will, to quote Congressional Resolution No. 20-146, "...operate an effective and well organized National Ozone Unit (NOU) to support the country's compliance with the control measures and other obligations under the Montreal Protocol...."

Building our country's refrigeration and air-conditioning servicing technicians' capacity under the HCFC Phase-out Management Plan is another component of the grant, which emphasizes our country's dedication to identifying and fighting climate change.

Many more programs, projects, and activities were approved and/or accepted by the FSM Congress, including \$250,000 from the United States' Department of Health and Human Services

to assist our nation in the Opioid State Targeted Response Project.

To learn more about these recent resolutions, and more, citizens may visit the Congress of the FSM website at <http://cfsm.fm/>.



Pohnpei Continues to Combat Solid Waste Management Issues through J-PRISM II

JICA

Pohnpei State Environment Protection Agency (EPA), in collaboration with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), hosted the 2nd State Level Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) meeting in support of Phase II of the Japan Technical Cooperation Project for Promotion of Regional Initiative on Solid Waste Management in the Pacific Island Countries (J-PRISM-II) on October 11th, 2018 at the Pohnpei Governor's Conference Room. Chuuk, Yap and Kosrae also hosted their 2nd State Level JCC meetings with respective key stakeholders. Japan's J-PRISM II Team facilitated all 4 JCC meetings in collaboration with each state Project Counterparts.

In his opening remarks, EPA's Executive Director Mr. Henry Susaia welcomed and acknowledged the presence of His Excellency Mr. Ryoichi Horie, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the FSM, Honorable Pohnpei State Lt. Governor, Reed Oliver, Madam Ginger Porter Mida, Chairman of the Board of EPA, representative from the National Dept.

of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management, representatives from Office of T&I and Pohnpei Waste Management Services (PWMS), and other members.

The purpose of this year's JCC meeting was for participants to share updates on the progress of J-PRISM II with emphasis on the need to formulate the State Solid Waste Management Strategy (SSWMS) in Pohnpei. In addition to the overall progress of J-PRISM II, the J-PRISM II Team discussed activities to focus hereafter specifically the formulation of SSWMS, compilation of good practices and how to improve the Container Deposit Legislation (CDL) system.

The current Solid Waste Management (SWM) situation was analyzed technically and the result of the analysis was shared among key stakeholders. According to Pohnpei EPA, the SWM challenges include mainly the improvement of CDL program and waste collection system and proper management of Final Disposal Site. CDL Expert, Mr. Alice Leney concluded the JCC meeting with insights on improvement of CDL system in Pohnpei. Mr. Leney shared the system

constraints as well as explored solutions with the key stakeholders. Pending actions includes the finalization of the SSWMS with a five-year Action Plan with gained support from State leaders.

The signing of the Minutes of Meetings concluded the three-hour long meeting, following the closing remarks from His

Excellency, Ambassador Horie, who acknowledged EPA for their willingness to accelerate improvement of Solid Waste Management in Pohnpei and encouraged other key stakeholders to do the same.

The Minutes of Meeting was signed by JICA, Pohnpei EPA, State Department of T&I and J-PRISM II Team Leader.



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Request for Expressions of Interest

Individual Consultant for Design and Supervision of Road Project

The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) has received a grant from the Adaptation Fund to implement a project, entitled, "Enhancing The Climate Change Resilience of Vulnerable Island Communities in the FSM". A portion of the grant will be used to fund the construction of an inland road in Kosrae State. The road will be about 3.6 miles long.

The FSM Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management (DECCEM) now invites qualified road engineering consultants to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the assignment. EOI's should include a letter of application supported by a Curriculum Vitae, and at least three (3) references.

The Services (as detailed in the Terms of Reference) include the review of existing reports and delivery of required studies to inform the design, organization and supervision of all survey work, the preparation of designs and bidding documents, technical support for contract negotiations and management and the supervision of construction. The Consultant will be based in the Department of Transport and Infrastructure (DT&I) in Kosrae State, FSM. The duration of the assignment will be for an initial period of 12 months (renewable).

An eligible applicant should be a Registered/Licensed Engineer, with professional qualifications that meet the requirements of an APEC Engineer and should have experience in the design and construction

of low-volume roads in rural and mountainous areas. The requirements for an APEC Engineer, may be found at: <http://www.ieagreements.org/agreements/apec/members/>

Interested Applicants can submit questions no later than 2 weeks before the deadline.

To obtain a copy of the Terms of Reference for the assignment or to submit questions or to obtain further information, please contact the person below.

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Interested consultants may also download a copy of the Terms of Reference here: <https://tci.gov.fm/documents/pmu/bid-for-decem/tor-engineer-design-supervision-inland-road-kosrae-state.pdf>

Expressions of Interest should be submitted electronically to Mr. Richard Moufa at the email address given above no later than December 7th, 2018 at 1600 hours, local (Pohnpei) time.



30th Anniversary of FSM-Japan Diplomatic Relations

FSM Information Services

Tokyo, Japan—His Excellency Peter M. Christian, President of the Federated States of Micronesia, accompanied by the Honorable Speaker Wesley Simina and other members of the FSM Congress, the Honorable Speaker Innocenti Oneisom and other members of the Chuuk Legislature, and other members of the FSM Government, celebrated the 30th anniversary of formal FSM-Japan diplomatic relations at the Hotel New Ohtani on November 2nd, 2018. Attended by over 800 participants, including distinguished leaders in the Japanese Government and private sector, including the Honorable Masanao Ozaki, Governor of Kochi Prefecture, Madam Akie Abe, wife of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, the Honorable Keiji Furuya, House Representative and Chairman of the Japan-FSM Parliamentary Friendship League, the Honorable Mikio Shimoji, House Representative, the Honorable Toshiko Abe, State Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honorable Yoshiro Mori, and more, the event was widely regarded as one of, if not the, largest celebration of diplomatic relations the FSM has ever had.

President Christian gave a compelling speech, noting that “This year marks the 32nd Anniversary of our Nation’s Independence, an occasion of pride that is being celebrated throughout our nation...I decided that on this anniversary of our independence, we would celebrate it here in Japan to showcase, and reconfirm, the special relationship Micronesia has with Japan as we mark another milestone in our 30 years of diplomatic relations.”

“Ladies and gentlemen,” the President said, “as we celebrate the diplomatic relations that were formalized 30 years ago, I would like to point out that the history of our relations stretches more than 100 years—starting when people from Japan traveled further from their shores in search of opportunities, both in business and in romance.” The President remarked that he was happy that so many in attendance were a testament to the people-to-people interchange that began so many decades prior.

“In this modern day of metropolises, jet planes, and super trains, we have been able to continue these wonderful people-to-people programs, under the leadership of Mori sensei and the Parliamentary Friendship League, and which I hope will continue under the new relationship of Micronesia and the Prefectural Governments of Japan,” President Christian said, with a special thanks to

Governor Ozaki of Kochi Prefecture for his leadership in this area.

“As we celebrate these occasions,” the President continued, “let me quickly say thank you to the Government and People of Japan for their strong support and assistance to Micronesia’s effort to establish for the people of Micronesia a better standard of social growth.” President Christian emphasized the depth of Japan’s assistance to the FSM, adding that the partnership between our two countries “has been most useful to Micronesia, and one of which Micronesia is most grateful to Japan.”

During the Meiji era, when the Japanese first began settling in the FSM, a Japanese businessman named Mori Koben established trade between Japan and our islands. There are over 2,000 of Mori’s descendants in the FSM today, and approximately 20% of the FSM’s population is of Japanese descent. Citizens can witness Japanese assistance in many forms on our islands, from the volunteers in our schools and departments of education to infrastructural projects such as gymnasiums. It was in no small part due to assistance from Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteers that Nan Madol received grant aid and support as it became registered as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

President Christian concluded his speech by saying “One weakness of man is to not acknowledge that which we don’t know, and to never give up a position of great esteem and power to those who could carry on. I take this festive occasion to humbly declare the people of Micronesia’s very best wishes and acknowledgement to His Majesty, Emperor of Japan upon his personal decision to abdicate his role as Emperor.” His Majesty, the Emperor of Japan, plans to abdicate his throne in April 2019.

In addition to the formal celebration of the FSM-Japan 30th Anniversary of diplomatic relations on November 2nd, President Christian also had the opportunity to meet with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. The meeting included discussions on issues of mutual interest to the FSM and Japan, including regional security and cooperation.

The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia is proud of our long history with the Government of Japan, and will endeavor to ensure that the relationship between our two countries remains close, friendly, and supportive.

Federated States of Micronesia builds expertise in climate change and disaster management

SPC

22 November 2018

Pohnpei, FSM –National practitioners in the Federated States of Micronesia working on the front line of climate change and disaster management have completed a capacity building training course in Pohnpei, boosting their monitoring and evaluation (M&E) skills and strengthening the nation’s ability to meet future climate challenges.

The training brought together 22 participants from national government agencies, state government agencies, non-governmental organisations and civil society organisations

A joint initiative of the FSM Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management (DECCEM) and the USAID Institutional Strengthening in Pacific Island Countries to Adapt to Climate Change (ISACC) Project, the training was implemented by the Pacific Community (SPC) with support from GIZ.

The innovative and practical approach of this training was welcomed by participants who noted the significant impact of the tools, knowledge and resources will have on their daily work.

“I enjoyed looking at the results framework

and coming up with indicators for the outcomes”, said Yota Oue, Programme Manager for the National Ozone Unit, DECCEM. “The training is very helpful and super relevant to my line of work, especially since M&E is really integral to the regulatory nature of what I do.”

Similar sentiment was shared by Executive Director, Andy George from the Kosrae Conservation and Safety Organisation (KCSO). “I’ve learnt a lot about evaluating projects from beginning to end. I think that this is an important training and we should look into replicating it,” he said.

The strengthening of monitoring and evaluation of national, regional and global resilience systems and the associated capacities within FSM is essential to facilitate informed decisions on prioritization and resource allocation at the national and local levels. Reliable and up-to-date M&E information is also an invaluable tool for accessing and effectively managing climate change finances.

The training builds on existing activities supported by the USAID ISACC project in FSM, including the recent FSM Climate Change & Disaster Risk Finance Assessment, which will be finalised by the end of 2018.

Congratulations to the confirmed board nominees

FSM Information Services

Palikir, Pohnpei—The Twentieth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia held its Sixth Special Session this past November 13th to 17th, and citizens will be interested to know that many of the nominees for membership in various governing boards were confirmed.

Always and increasingly important to the sustainability of our nation, the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) will now enjoy the leadership and support of Mr. Grilly Jack, representing the FSM National Government, and Mr. Nena William, representing the State of Kosrae.

MiCare will see Dr. Elizabeth Iehsi Keller on its Board of Directors representing the State of Pohnpei, while Dr. Tulensru E. Wagus will serve as a member of the Board of Regents for the College of Micronesia, representing the State of Kosrae.

Mr. Justo Lokopwe has been confirmed

to serve as the FSM National Election Commissioner for Chuuk State. Meanwhile, the FSM Telecommunication Regulation Authority will be served by Mr. Mathias Lawrence.

The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia sends its best wishes to these men and women as they endeavor to serve our nation and its citizens by serving the organizations they’re a part of.

Citizens unfamiliar with governing boards and their functions may appreciate the following explanation. A Board of Regents, such as the College of Micronesia’s, is a committee nominated by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and confirmed by the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to supervise and oversee the general welfare of the campus and the conduct of its staff and students. Similarly the Board of Directors for MiCare, the policy-making body of the institution, is also comprised of individuals nominated by the President and confirmed by the Congress.

NOTICE OF INACTIVE ACCOUNTS

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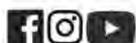
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Student Success: Shallea Yoriko Nanpei

Shallea Yoriko Nanpei or simply known as Yori, grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii. Her family moved to Pohnpei a few years back and began her adjustment, unfamiliar with the local language and culture.

"As the President of the club at that time, I am proud of the work that was put out by my team and I am grateful to have been able to send positive messages to my community."

According to Yori, *The friendly faculty, staff, peers and close friends that I had encountered made my time at COM-FSM a wonderful experience. One of the best things about COM-FSM is that I was able to be immersed in the culture and tradition of all four island states, as well as focus on my passions for much more modern techniques such as photography and videography through the Media Arts Club (MAC).*

Yori is currently a full time student at Temple University – Japan Campus and currently taking up her BA in International Affairs.

"Learning the background work of being a nation, and hopefully being able to apply it to the FSM one day. At the same time, I have an internship at the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC). Here, I am constantly able to contribute to the FSM wherever I can", says Yori.

She said in the beginning, she was very unsure of her goals. *"I didn't know where I was, who to become and what to do with myself. Somewhere down the line, the time and effort that I had invested in exploring what COM-FSM had to offer, provided me with pathways that have helped me achieve many of my goals, and consecutively create more."*

When asked how to define Student Success, Yori shared, *"I think Student Success is defined by making the most of whatever opportunities are available to you and then sharing it. Being a student is not easy, in fact it's a full time job. Do your best in your studies, and then do more. Go beyond academics, do more than you are obligated to. Get involved with extracurricular activities, or get involved with your community. Equal to becoming successful in your own life, I think it is important to share your story with others. Success is always best when shared, as they say, and your actions are sure to inspire others to achieve their own level of success as well. "*

She finished her Health Careers Opportunity (HCOP) degree from the College last Fall 2017.

Yori shared that her greatest achievement was the level of activity and production that came out of MAC during the Spring and Fall of 2017. During this time, The club accomplished many projects that were able to contribute to the COM-FSM community (registration video/ Title IX) and the greater community of the FSM (FSM Faced: IOM contest).

Yori is currently working through APIC on organizing a program where students of COM-FSM are able to come to Japan and have real life experience.

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The FSM and Japan - Celebrating

Message from President Peter M. Christian



It is with great pleasure that I extend on behalf of the entire leadership and the people of the Federated States of Micronesia our sincere gratitude and congratulations for the 30th Anniversary of our Diplomatic Relations. Indeed, our nations have come to enjoy this relationship based on our mutual desire for friendship and cooperation.

In recognizing this important occasion, it is also fitting to reflect on the many accomplishments that Japan has made for the betterment of its people and those that are less fortunate around the world. It is also evident that Japan remains one of the most economically and technologically advanced countries in the world due to its hard working people. With that, I commend Japan for its developments and commitments in enhancing friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation with the FSM.

As we continue to deepen and strengthen our ties, we also keep expanding our common understanding. As a result, with each passing day, our relationship grows stronger and more rewarding for both nations. I can only begin to imagine the great advances which the young generations on both sides will witness as a result of this good partnership. As we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of our Diplomatic Relations and in reflecting back on the years of our relations, I also want to recognize and acknowledge the tremendous support that Japan has contributed towards expanding and strengthening the goodwill and “Kizuna” between our two countries and people.

Early this month in November, I had the privilege to have bilateral talks with Prime Minister Abe on the occasion of the 30th diplomatic relations of our two countries during which we reiterated the importance that we both attached to our bilateral relations and our mutual desires to further strengthening it. As we celebrate together this important occasion, we sincerely welcome the opportunity to further strengthen and enhance the friendly relations that our two peoples have come to enjoy over the years. I continue to believe that our relationship based on respect, mutual understanding, and true friendship will be a lasting one.

Summit Meeting between President Christian and Prime Minister Abe

President Christian and Prime Minister Abe held a summit meeting on October 25, 2017, in which Prime Minister Abe emphasized its relationship with the FSM – an important partner for Japan connected by historical ties and the Pacific Ocean– which has been strongly and consistently supporting Japan in the international arena. Prime Minister Abe expressed his willingness to work together with President Christian to greatly develop Japan - the FSM relations under the “Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy”.



Photo: Cabinet Public Relations Office

Message from Prime Minister Shinzo Abe



The 16th December this year marks the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and the FSM, and I would like to celebrate this occasion together with H.E. Peter M. Christian, the President of the FSM and the people of Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). The ties between Japanese and Micronesian people began in the 1890s. Until now, both countries have nurtured a strong partnership based on the built-up history of the friendship. At this great commemorative milestone, I would like to extend my gratitude and respect to all the individuals who have worked hard to foster our friendly relationship.

In May this year, President Christian attended PALM8 in Iwaki City, Fukushima and we were able to have a fruitful discussion on many challenges that the FSM and Pacific Island Countries are facing. I had a meeting with President Christian this November again when he visited Japan to attend the reception of the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Japan and the FSM. We had a bilateral meeting once again and exchanged direct opinions, including the follow-up of PALM 8, and were able to deepen our bilateral relationship further.

At PALM8, Japan promised to cooperate in the field of Maritime Security, strengthening connectivity through improving the ocean transportation network, and people-to-people exchange in order to achieve a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” vision. Japan is determined to do its best for the stability and prosperity of this whole region by implementing what it has promised at PALM8 through the cooperation with the people of the FSM.

At PALM8, “The Network of the Pacific Island Countries and Japan’s Local governments” was founded by initiative of Kochi Prefecture and the FSM in order to promote and strengthen ties between the Pacific Island Countries and Japan’s local governments. This will give a boost to the exchanges at grass-roots level. I sincerely hope that Japan and the FSM, neighbors that have grown by receiving blessings of Pacific Ocean, can walk hand in hand by cooperating together based on the established friendship.

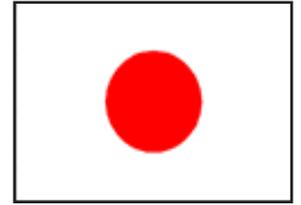


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The Eighth Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM8)

PALM8 was held in Iwaki, Fukushima, Japan on 18 and 19 May 2018 under the theme “We are Islanders - Partnership Towards Prosperous, Free and Open Pacific” and leaders participated from 19 countries and regions including Japan and the FSM. At PALM8, discussions were conducted, centering on the four agenda items of (i) a maritime order based on the rule of law, and sustainable oceans, (ii) resilient and sustainable development, (iii) connecting Pacific citizens, and (iv) cooperation in the international arena. The PALM8 Leaders' Declaration was adopted as the outcome of the discussions successfully.

30 Years of Diplomatic Relations



The Project for Improvement of Domestic Shipping Services (Micronesia Navigators) (April 2015)



The Project for Reconstruction of School Library at Xavier high school in Chuuk State (Sep 2018)

Official Development Assistance



A Static Macadam Roller procured to Pohnpei State under the Economic and Social Development Plan FY 2015



The Project for Power Sector Improvement for the State of Kosrae (will be completed in early 2019)

As of March 2017, the Government of Japan has provided grants and technical cooperation to the FSM amounting approximately \$31.6 billion Yen since its inception in 1980. The fields of economic and social assistance vary from education to infrastructure. Japan has implemented these projects on the basis of the FSM's needs.



Cultural Events

In Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the FSM and Japan, nine students from Sendai Ikuei Gakuen High School in Japan were invited to perform the "Wadaiko" or "Japanese Drums" at the 6th Annual Japanese Festival in February hosted by the Embassy of Japan. To further celebrate this auspicious occasion, the embassy invited a Japanese Acapella group "INSPi" as the focal attraction in September. INSPi conducted a total of 5 workshops and 3 concerts in a span of 5 days in which over thousand people participated and enjoyed.



JICA Alumni Association receives Commendation Award by Ambassador Ryoichi Horie in recognition of their contributions to deepening friendship between Japan and the FSM



School visit by Ambassador Ryoichi Horie and Madam



JENESYS 2017 Participants in Tokyo – JENESYS is a cultural exchange program between youths from Pacific Island Countries and Japan with the aim for promoting mutual understanding and friendship.

Budweiser Tournament attracts anglers, fish give it a miss

Pohnpei Fishing Club

November 10, 2018

Pohnpei—Budweiser and Ambros/Shimbros sponsored the 15th Annual Budweiser Catch-5 tournament today. Anglers turned out in force for the tournament. Unfortunately, fish gave it a miss. Though it was a nice day for the tournament, fish stayed away in droves.

The format was a Catch-5 with the intention that the boats with the largest number of the five species would be awarded prizes with ties settled by total boat weight. Anglers were specifically after Yellowfin Tuna, Skipjack Tuna, Wahoo, Mahi Mahi, and Billfish. However, mahi mahi and billfish cagily hid away. Not one was landed during the day.

The following are the winners of the Catch 5 which was a boat prize. Dr. Hedson's boat Splash 2.0 won, catching three species, the only boat to do so.

- Most Species CATCH-5
- Catch-3 Johnny Hedson on Splash 2.0 \$400.00
- Catch-2 Francisco Sohl on Sokehs Tour \$300.00
- Catch-2 Peter Saimon on Dolphin \$150.00

We also awarded a prize of \$100.00 for each of the largest fish in each species. Since we had a tie for wahoo and no mahi or billfish, the anglers who tied for first place wahoo catches each received \$100.00.

BIGGEST OF EACH SPECIES:

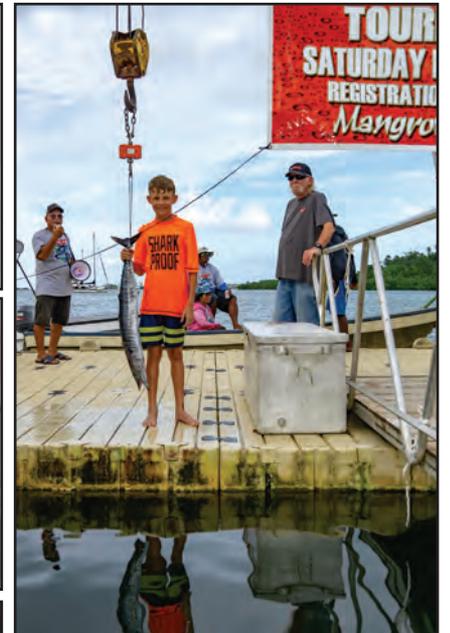
- Yellowfin 29lb- Peter Saimon on Dolphin
- Wahoo 25lb- Lara Trott on Pepe Erepani
- Wahoo 25lb- Francisco Sohl on Sokehs Tour
- Skipjack 10lb- Sean Sohl on Sokehs Tour

Anecdotally, there may have been some large barracuda caught during the tournament, but since they were not part of the tournament, they weren't weighed.

The club thanks the volunteers who made the tournament possible: Bill Pendergraft, Tina Albert, Praise Santos, Serlynn Kersey, and all the guys helping on the dock and the boom truck which unfortunately was not needed. A barbecue supported the Pohnpei Public Library, thanks to Uta Krause and Maira Dwyer. Many thanks to our sponsors Budweiser and Ambros/Shimbros.

All registered boats received a case of Budweiser and free t-shirts. Every angler who went out was still a winner.

We are scheduling the Mahi Mahi to be back for next tournament. See you then.



Employment



Opportunities

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Letter to the Editor

Whose vision and will are going to prevail in Micronesia!

It seems to me that there must be a secret “handbook” on how to “deal with uninformed and sometimes naïve Micronesians” which some foreign businesses study and employ when they come to our islands – the handbook must state that the best way to deal with us is to divide and confuse us, and while we fight amongst ourselves, to quickly get what they want. The “handbook” must state that the best way to do this is to pit traditional leaders against government officials, civil society organizations and the private sector against governments, villagers against local partners, etc...

I say this because our national and state strategic and sustainable development plans call for sustainable development in the areas of agriculture/agroforestry, fisheries and eco-tourism. You will not find in any of our national and state plans, nor in any of our regional and international commitments, a call for large hotels and casinos to be built on these islands. There is also nowhere in those plans a call for the taking of sea-cucumbers and other marine resources en masse and in highly destructive ways. And yet, these types of ventures are becoming more common, and are actually gaining support from a lot of our current leaders – these schemes usually take center stage and have become more of a priority for some of our leaders than the plans that we have painstakingly put in place. And these schemes often cause major discord amongst our people.

Why do we allow for someone else’s vision of Micronesia to take priority over those that we have identified in our constitutions and associated plans? I was part of a team that just spent the last three months consulting with all relevant government, private sector and civil society organizations around the country to update our National and State Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans. It was a difficult and time-consuming process which included research, interviews, workshops and all sorts of consultations with hundreds of our residents to figure out the best way to sustainably develop our islands and to protect our environments. And these updated plans don’t seem to be getting the interest and attention of some of our leaders. And yet, when someone comes in with a “quick cash” or a “boom and bust” business idea, their case is looked at immediately and more seriously by some of our leaders than that which our residents are most concerned about – **to develop our nation in a way that we all live a honorable and appropriate livelihood, while still maintaining control of our islands and our environments. And importantly, that we don’t rush decisions that will lead**

our children to become minions and work slaves for others after we have passed.

Our Preamble, which by the way is the vision for our nation, states, **“WE, THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA, exercising our inherent sovereignty, do hereby establish this Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia. With this Constitution, we affirm our common wish to live together in peace and harmony, to preserve the heritage of the past, and to protect the promise of the future.”** How does one feel inherent sovereignty, when their own vision of their country comes only second to the will of shady foreign businesses? How does one affirm his/her common wish to live together in peace and harmony, and to preserve the heritage of the past, and to protect the promise of the future, when the vision we now bow to is the vision of those who want big \$\$\$\$?

“To make one nation of many islands, we respect the diversity of our cultures. Our differences enrich us. The seas bring us together, they do not separate us. Our islands sustain us, our island nation enlarges us and makes us stronger.” How does one feel respect for a diverse culture when our traditional ways are continuously being eroded because of our focus on making more and more \$\$\$\$, and when it sometimes feels like nothing else matters? How can our differences continue to enrich us when we are all being told our ways and traditions are holding us back, and the sacred places we used to revere, are now being bulldozed and dredged for the sake of development and more \$\$\$\$? And how are we going to continue to pull strength from our differences and diversity if the only culture that matters is the culture of making more and more \$\$\$\$, no matter the environmental, social and traditional implications? How are our islands going to sustain us and enlarge us when we pillage them daily for the sake of more \$\$\$\$?

“Our ancestors, who made their homes on these islands, displaced no other people. We, who remain, wish no other home than this. Having known war, we hope for peace. Having been divided, we wish unity. Having been ruled, we seek freedom.” How do we continue to unite, when we are being divided by those who come to us with their “quick cash” and “boom and bust” business schemes? Why did we fight so hard to gain our freedom from foreign governments, only to succumb to the rules and tyranny of shady foreign business interests?

“Micronesia began in the days when man explored seas in rafts and canoes. The Micronesian nation is born in an age when

men voyage among stars; our world itself is an island. We extend to all nations what we seek from each: peace, friendship, cooperation, and love in our common humanity. With this Constitution we, who have been the wards of other nations, become the proud guardian of our own islands, now and forever.” How do we continue to be proud guardians of our own islands, now and forever, if it’s the will of the shady businesses that will win out in the end?

Our national anthem states, “we’ll all work together with heart, voice and hand, ‘til we have made these islands another promise land, ‘til we have made these

islands another promised land”. Did the framers of our constitution and this beautiful anthem, envisage our islands’ lush green forests and mangroves, bountiful ocean, and pristine corals teeming with natural life, be replaced by 200 room hotels, with casinos on dredged up or reclaimed land? Did they envisage a promised land, a kind of heaven on earth, swarming with obnoxious gamblers, scammers, money launderers, human traffickers and prostitution? Is this the promise land we all so proudly sang when we were in grade school?

Willy Kostka

Vision for the China Pacific Tourism Year 2019 now a reality

South Pacific Tourism Organisation

21 November 2018

Suva, FIJI – The tourism industries of SPTO member countries will benefit from the Belt & Road Initiative (BRI) through the promotion of the China Pacific Tourism Year 2019 (CPTY). This was announced by President Xi Jinping on Friday when he met with Pacific Island Country Leaders from Niue, Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, PNG, Cook Islands, FSM and Vanuatu, before the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

“With the full support of SPTO member countries at the Council of Tourism Ministers meeting in Samoa in October this year, CPTY 2019 will not be a concept or vision anymore but a reality. We are extremely grateful to the President Xi Jinping, Government and people of the People’s Republic of China for this great opportunity and we are very excited for 2019. CPTY 2019 will celebrate and mark the opening of the door of cooperation between China and the Pacific in the tourism sector, connect people in the tourism industry in China and the region as well as increase awareness and understanding of the Pacific Island destinations in the Chinese market and vice versa” said SPTO CEO, Chris Cocker.

SPTO also recognises the pertinent need to improve air access from China into the Pacific; the need to train the Pacific to be China Ready; the need to train the Chinese tourism counterparts to be Pacific Ready; and the need to sustainably develop and promote the Pacific to niche market segments in the Chinese market and finally to

integrate culture in the Pacific and China as an important component of the CPTY 2019 celebration and promotion.

“In 2018, an estimated 140 million Chinese visitors have travelled the globe. Today China is the world’s largest source market of outbound tourists and strategically for SPTO and its member countries, this means better access to the Pacific Islands where tourism has greatly expanded since the early 90’s and China has emerged as not only the region’s but also the world’s fastest growing source market; and the top spender in international tourism since 2012” said Mr Cocker.

Cocker added that the China market is the 6th largest tourism source market for the Pacific and accounts for 6.7% of the total market share. In spite of its modest contribution to the overall region, China as a market has been the key driver of tourism growth in the Pacific over the past 5 years. In 2017, an estimated 143,014 Chinese travellers visited our region” said Mr Cocker.

The proposed activities for the CPTY 2019 program have been the topic of ongoing discussion between the People’s Republic of China’s Ministry of Culture & Tourism and SPTO. This was one of the key agenda discussed when SPTO and some of its member countries attended the China International Travel Mart (CITM) last week from the 16th to 18th November in Shanghai, China.

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Children across the Pacific islands “takeover” in a sea of blue on World Children’s Day

From Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Tonga to the Federated States of Micronesia, Pacific island children’s voices join those of children around the world uniting for their rights

UNICEF

SUVA, 20 November 2018 – Today across the Pacific islands, children united to “takeover” and raise their voices on issues that matter to them. Joining the millions of children around the world on World Children’s Day, children from Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Tonga and the Federated States of Micronesia, joined parliamentarians, Ministries and communities to ‘go blue’ for children everywhere.

World Children’s Day – celebrated on 20th November – is a global day of action ‘for children, by children’ to raise awareness and funds for the millions of children that are unschooled, unprotected and uprooted. UNICEF

is inviting the public to go online and sign a global petition asking leaders to commit to fulfilling the rights of every child now and for future generations, so that every child is in school, safe from harm and can fulfil their potential.

As part of the day, UNICEF is asking supporters to raise their voices in solidarity with the most disadvantaged and vulnerable children by helping ‘turn the world blue.’

“World Children’s Day is more than a day to celebrate children everywhere. It is an annual opportunity to recommit ourselves to protecting the rights of every child – in the Pacific and throughout the world,” UNICEF Pacific Representative, Sheldon Yett, said. “The

current and potential well-being of all societies depends not only on how these rights are recognized but also on how they are acted upon.”

Across the Pacific islands, there are several events taking place:

- In Fiji, more than 300 students at Stella Maris Primary school hosted UNICEF and the Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts, as well as community members, for a student-led assembly. The winners of the Fiji superhero comic contest to end violence in schools were announced: First place CMF Primary School student, Lusyel Rayawa Vuataku, 13 years, with her superhero “Tarmahqu Man (father),” Second place Holy Trinity Anglican School student, Viliame Uate Morrell with his superhero “Mindreader” and in third place Yat Sen School student, Chantelle Choo, 13 years, with “The Blur”;

- In Vanuatu, UNICEF and the Ministry of Education will join 1,200 Vila North School students on 21 November to help end violence around the world with a focus on bullying in

schools in a child-led advocacy event within the Speech Day Programme;

- In Solomon Islands, a community event was held in Visale with primary school and secondary students, together with the Ministry of Health. The “First 1000 Days” national campaign was launched. School students and community members saw themselves on the big screen, teaching others about healthy eating and good hygiene;

- In the Federated States of Micronesia, youth have written, produced and filmed a song to world leaders, calling on them to take action to achieve peace for children around the world. They went live on air today singing on radio Pohnpei Broadcasting Service.

- In Kiribati on 21 November, children will “takeover” the Parliament to present President Taneti Mamau with the global petition to sign;

- In Tonga, youth are gearing up to “takeover” Parliament in the first ever youth parliament held in the country

Xi meets leaders of Pacific island nations to further BRI cooperation

Source: Xinhua

(Editor’s Note: Only Chinese media were allowed access to the APEC side-meeting with Pacific Island leaders in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. Chinese officials ejected all other reporters. This article is what came of that meeting as covered exclusively by Chinese media.)

Chinese President Xi Jinping met here on Friday with leaders of Pacific island countries that have diplomatic relations with China to exchange views on bilateral ties and pragmatic cooperation.

During the meeting with President of the Federated States of Micronesia Peter Christian, Xi said China appreciates the Pacific island nation’s adherence to the one-China policy and is willing to uphold the principle of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith and the principle of pursuing the greater good and shared interests to enhance unity and cooperation.

Xi said he hopes both sides will well implement cooperation agreements reached by the two countries recently on jointly building the Belt and Road, promote cooperation in such fields as trade, investment, agriculture, fishery and infrastructure construction.

Xi said he wishes the tourism event held by China and Pacific island nations in 2019 a success.

Xi added that China is ready to support and help the Federated States of Micronesia in tackling climate change within the framework of South-South cooperation.

Christian, for his part, said his country highly values relations with China and spoke highly of China’s stance that every country, large or small, is equal.

He said the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is quite important for the regional development and his country is willing to expand cooperation with China in trade and tourism, as well as to further communication and coordination on tackling climate change.

During the meeting with Prime Minister of Samoa Tuilaepa Malielegaoi, Xi pointed out that the bilateral relations face new opportunities for development.

He called on both sides to adhere to a high degree of political mutual trust, continue supporting each other on issues of their core interests and major concerns, expand cooperation in various fields within the BRI framework and enlarge people-to-people exchanges.

He also said that China supports Samoa in hosting the 2019 Pacific Games and will continue supporting the country to improve its capability to tackle climate change.

Tuilaepa said since Samoa established diplomatic relations with China, it has firmly adhered to the one-China policy.

The prime minister expressed gratitude to China for helping his country in infrastructure construction, which is conducive to its strives to shake off the status of being a least developed country and promote its development.

He added that Samoa is willing to advance major cooperation projects with China under the BRI.

When meeting with Vanuatu Prime Minister Charlot Salwai, Xi said China-Vanuatu relations are at the best period of development in history.

China will support as always Vanuatu’s national construction and sustainable development, encourage more capable enterprises to invest in Vanuatu, as well as promote cooperation in such fields as trade, infrastructure construction, transportation, communication, culture, education and healthcare within the BRI framework, Xi said, calling on both sides to strengthen coordination

and cooperation in multilateral mechanisms.

For his part, Salwai agreed that bilateral ties are at the best period in history. He expressed gratitude to China for the long-term help as well as admiration for China’s achievements in reform and development.

Pragmatic cooperation between the two countries are smoothly progressing in various fields, Salwai said, which has boosted the development of Vanuatu.

Vanuatu sticks to the one-China policy, appreciates the BRI and will actively participate in it, he said, adding that the country supports China’s stance on major international and regional issues, he added.

In his meeting with Prime Minister Henry Puna of the Cook Islands, Xi said China and the Cook Islands have upheld sincere friendship, mutual respect and equal treatment since they established diplomatic relations 21 years ago, and have achieved mutually beneficial and win-win results.

Taking the signing of bilateral cooperation agreements on jointly building the Belt and Road as an

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opportunity, China is willing to consolidate friendship between the two peoples, and enhance communication and cooperation with the Cook Islands in such fields as economy and trade, tourism, culture and at local levels with the principle of achieving shared growth through discussion and collaboration, Xi said.

Puna said his country is proud of its good relations with China, which is based on mutual respect, non-interference in each other's internal affairs and equal treatment.

The Cook Islands sticks to the one-China policy and is grateful to China's support to the country in various fields including infrastructure construction, he said.

The signing of bilateral agreements on jointly building the Belt and Road has opened up broader space for cooperation, he added.

In his meeting with Prime Minister Samuela Akilisi Pohiva of Tonga, Xi said this year marks the 20th anniversary of the two countries' establishment of diplomatic ties.

China and Tonga have produced fruitful results in mutually beneficial cooperation in the past 20 years, Xi said.

China appreciates Tonga's firm adherence to the one-China policy and welcomes the country to actively participate in jointly building the Belt and Road, he said.

Xi said he hopes that the two sides tap into their potential, boost cooperation in such fields as trade, investment and infrastructure construction, and expand people-to-people, culture and local-level communication.

Tonga speaks highly of China as it treats the Pacific island nation as an equal partner and thanks China's valuable help, especially the recent visit of Chinese hospital ship Ark Peace to Tonga, Pohiva said.

Tonga sticks to the one-China policy, congratulates China on the success of the first China International Import

Expo, admires China's foresight and prospect of development, and is delighted to join the Belt and Road cooperation, the prime minister said.

When meeting with Niue Premier Toke Talagi, Xi stressed that China will continue to follow a policy of pursuing the greater good and shared interests and uphold the principle of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith in developing its relations with Niue.

The Chinese side welcomes the active participation by the Niue side in the Belt and Road cooperation, so as to realize connectivity with countries in the region and beyond, he said.

China, Xi said, is ready to strengthen cooperation with Niue in the fields of climate change, South-South cooperation, maritime affairs, environmental protection, and promote green, low-carbon and sustainable development.

For his part, Talagi said Niue adheres to the one-China policy and treasures the friendship and cooperation with China.

Niue speaks highly of China's active efforts in tackling climate change, appreciates China's support in such areas as transportation and infrastructure, and is ready to strengthen cooperation with the Chinese side in various areas and coordination on international affairs, Talagi added.

Xi also met with Fiji Defense Minister Ratu Inoke Kubuabola, who also serves as the representative of the Fiji government.

Xi said the China-Fiji relations maintained a sound development momentum, which brought substantial benefit to the two peoples.

China is willing to work with Fiji to further promote political mutual trust, deepen pragmatic cooperation, strengthen the friendship between the two peoples and push forward the bilateral ties, Xi said.

Kubuabola expressed gratitude for China's assistance to Fiji's economic development and improvement of people's livelihood.

Kubuabola said Fiji hopes that it will work with China to further enhance pragmatic cooperation in various areas.



Vacancies

Social Policy Officer

About the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (Forum Secretariat) is the region's premier political and economic policy organisation, with a vision of helping to create a region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity, so that all Pacific people can lead free, healthy, and productive lives.

The international organisation works to achieve this vision by fostering cooperation between governments, collaboration with international agencies, and by representing the interests of its members - including directly engaging with community members in order to identify pressing needs of the region.

The Forum Secretariat has undergone an organisational restructure, with a view to achieve greater consistency across the organisation in the way workforce capability is developed, and capability gaps are identified and addressed. As such, the organisation has produced a highly professional workforce that is capable of creating and delivering high quality outcomes for the people of its member countries.

About the Opportunity

The Forum Secretariat is now looking for a Social Policy Officer to join the team in Suva, Fiji.

Reporting to the Director Governance & Engagement through the Social Inclusion Adviser, this role is to strengthen PIFS' capacity on social inclusion issues (particularly gender and disability) into the overall work of the Secretariat. The role is help strengthen the capacity of Forum Island Countries to mainstream social inclusion into their development activities and plans. Some key areas of responsibility will include (but will not be limited to):

- Mainstreaming of social inclusion issues particularly gender and disability, throughout the Secretariat;
- Coordinating implementation of regional social inclusion priorities;
- Strengthening the Secretariat's social policy functions; and
- Develop professional partnerships and relationships.

The Forum Secretariat is seeking an engaging and proficient individual who holds a Degree in development studies, gender studies, disability studies, or anthropology with substantial work experience in international development particularly on gender equality, disability and/or social policy in the Pacific region or in a similar environment. Candidates should also possess sound knowledge of wider Pacific regional development issues as they relate to social inclusion.

About the Benefits

The appointment carries a competitive remuneration and benefits package including medical and life insurance. The salary will be in the range of SDR 29,526 to SDR 44,289 per annum. At the 1 October 2018 exchange rate this salary range was equivalent to FJD88,322 to FJD132,483. For non-Fijian nationals, this salary may be tax-free. To be eligible for these positions, the applicant must be a national of a Forum member country*. Applicants must be willing to travel periodically via economy class.

Interested applicants are encouraged to apply through our website: www.forumsec.org where an information package containing the job description and remuneration details is also available. Candidates must include in either their application or Curriculum Vitae the full contact details of three referees.

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Deadline for applications is at 5pm (Fiji time), 14 December 2018.

* Member States of the Pacific Islands Forum: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

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POPA employee completed the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) Young Leadership Program

Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor (POPA) Senior Auditor has successfully completed the SAI Young Leaders Program which was held in Washington DC on October 15 to October 26, 2018. This competitive program was launched by International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) in 2017 with the objective of changing young leaders contributing to positive change in the Supreme Audit Institutions (SAI). SAI Leadership is widely recognized in the INTOSAI community as the most effective moving force, which transforms an SAI. Supporting SAIs in sustainably enhancing capacities and performance is impossible without SAI leadership driving positive change. Recognizing the significance of leadership development, the IDI launched the SAI YOUNG LEADERS Program, as a part of its portfolio programs. The program aims to nurture young leaders in SAIs, to enable their own growth and contribute to development of their SAIs.

INTOSAI operates as an umbrella organization for the external government audit community. For more than 50 years it has provided an institutionalized framework for supreme audit institutions to promote development and transfer of knowledge, improve government auditing worldwide and enhance professional capacities, standing and influence of member SAIs in their respective countries. INTOSAI is an autonomous, independent and non-political organization. It is a non-governmental organization with special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the

United Nations.

INTOSAI was founded in 1953 at the initiative of Emilio Fernandez Camus, then President of the SAI of Cuba. At that time, 34 SAIs met for the 1st INTOSAI Congress in Cuba. At present INTOSAI has 194 Full Members, 5 Associate Members and 1 Affiliate Member. The INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI) supports the enhancement of audit capacities of INTOSAI members. Activities include the long-term regional training programs, regional satellite and partnership programs as well as IDI training seminars and workshops in key areas of government auditing. IDI was established at the 1986 Sydney Congress.

91 SAIs in the INTOSAI community have indicated interest in the SAI Young Leaders (SYL) Program. The IDI sent an invitation to all SAIs that have indicated an interest to apply for the program in September 2017. IDI received 70 completed applications in October 2017. Applications received were screened using three broad parameters – the quality and potential of the change strategy proposal, the potential of the SYL to meet the program’s requirements, SAI commitment and assurance from Head of SAI. Based on the screening, 40 SAI YOUNG LEADERS including their respective change strategy proposals were selected for the second screening workshop which was held Norway on November 20-24, 2017. Cherry (although one of the 40 SYL selected) was not able to go to Norway because of visa requirement however, IDI contacted her and arranged for a panel interview via skype and gave her a chance to present her change strategy proposal which is Communication Strategy for POPA. After the second screening, 25 final young leader applicants including Cherry were invited to attend an International interaction workshop in Chennai, India on March 19-29, 2018. The other 24 SYLs came from Argentina, Bhutan, Botswana, China, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, India, Liberia, Maldives, Malta, Samoa, South Africa, Thailand, Tonga and Zambia.

The SYLs and their respective coaches attended the International Interaction in Chennai, India. The workshop consists of theory, experience sharing and application sessions on various topics included in the four clusters – Discover Self, Discover Universe, Grow People and Create Value. SYLs were taught about being a leader; being aware of oneself not only through strength but also recognizing and improving on one’s weaknesses and limitations. Aside from self-awareness, SYLs also learned the importance of being socially aware, so as a leader SYL would know how to deal with conflict, how to influence others, how to collaborate and most especially how to empower others. The workshop also covered coaching skills and different kinds of learning styles all of which would support the SYLs.



The Group with IDI

Of the 25 SYLs accepted to the program, 20 of them were successfully achieve the agreed change strategy project milestones and were invited to the second two-week workshop in Washington DC from October 15-26, 2018. In this workshop, SYLs learned about communicating effectively, influencing skills, managing conflict, negotiation skills creative thinking and further sessions on the four clusters (Discover Self, Discover



Cherry with IDI Deputy Director General

Universe, Grow People and Create Value). SYLs also had the opportunity to visit such international organizations like United Nations Headquarter in New York and World Bank in Washington DC, to interact with international stakeholders on emerging issues. The second week of the workshop was hosted by the US Government Accountability Office (GAO). The SAI Young Leaders were given 30 minutes to present the milestones of their change strategies and their journey as SYL. Ms. Somcio’s strategy proposal for POPA is Communication strategy with the objective of promoting the value and benefits of Public Auditor’s Office to different stakeholders especially to Pohnpei citizens. One of the positive impact of POPA’s communication strategy is that there is increased number of audit requests and queries to our office. In our Annual Audit Plan for fiscal year 2019, seven (7) of the eight (8) audits scheduled came from different stakeholder’s request such as Legislature, Director of Treasury and from the Attorney General’s Office. Compliance Investigation Division also received request from Youth Sector to do presentation on Fraud Awareness for young people.

Ms. Cherry Lyn (or Cheng to her friends) encourages Young Leaders from SAI of the Federated of Micronesia to apply and be a part of the next batch of SAI Young Leaders.

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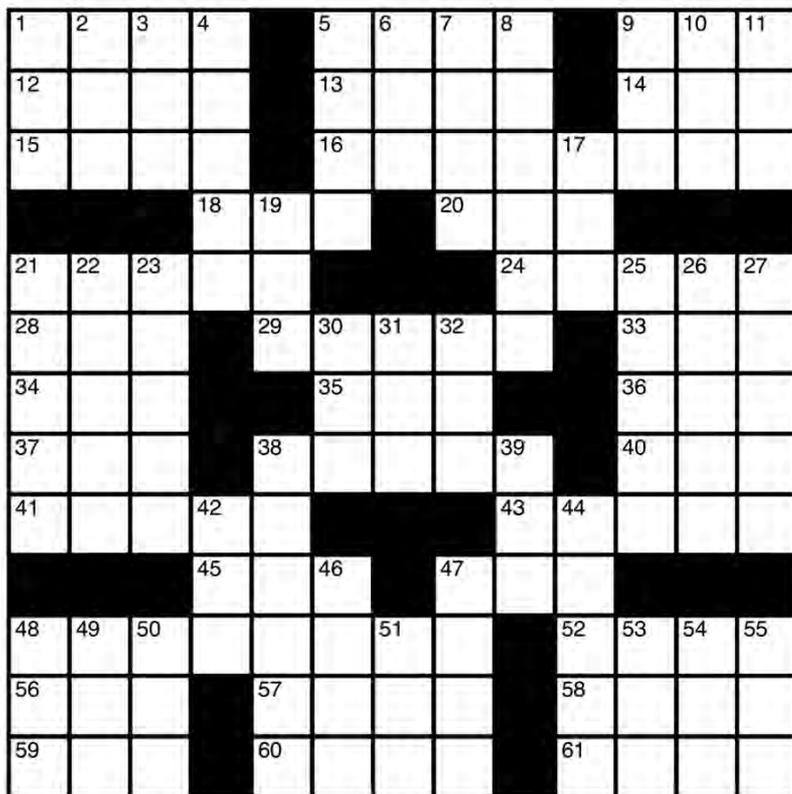
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16. Negative particle
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29. Two of cards
33. Mrs. Peron
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35. Family M.D.'s
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37. "____ voyage!"
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1. Banned pesticide
2. Word of cheer
3. Thurman of *Pulp Fiction*
4. Parisian thanks
5. British gun
6. MSN rival
7. Scott who sued for his freedom
8. Extra song at the end of a concert
9. Not him
10. Military address: abbr.
11. Yang partner
17. "Honor ____ father. . ."
19. Flanders on *The Simpsons*
21. Caribbean resort island
22. Gillette product
23. Packing string
25. Actress Winger
26. Perrier competitor
27. "Where the deer and the antelope play"
30. Kind of trip for the conceited
31. Raises, as the ante
32. ____: *Miami* (TV series)
38. Mexican snacks

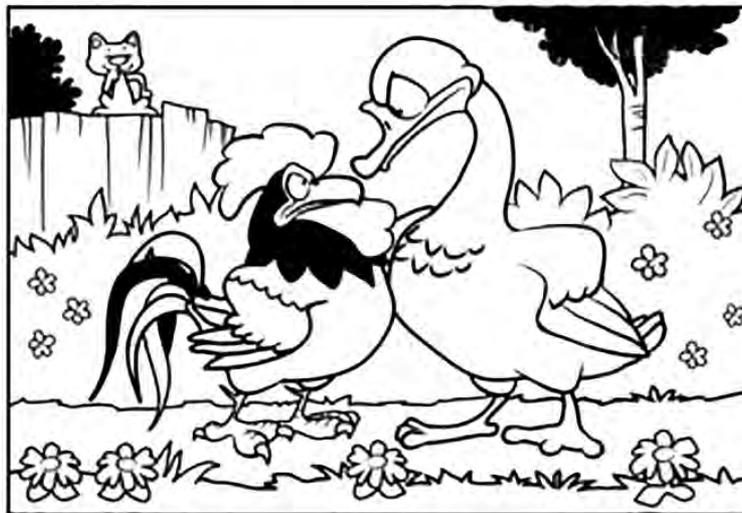
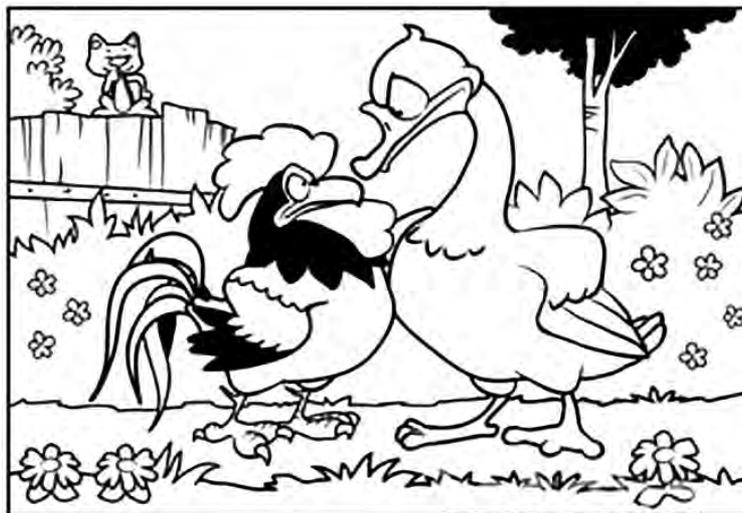


39. ____ *Bravo* (Wayne film)
42. Tiny criticism
44. Approaches
46. Tramp
47. It may be tempted
48. Post's opposite
49. Harper who wrote *To Kill a Mockingbird*

50. Silly Putty holder
51. Edge
53. Corp. boss
54. "Now I ____ me down to sleep . . ."
55. Speakers' hesitations

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PMA Food Program funds emergency beacons for Yap outer island fishermen

By Joyce McClure

Each year, the U.S. spends millions of dollars on Search and Rescue (SAR) missions throughout Micronesia. They have advised the governments of these islands to improve their small craft regulations to include some forms of emergency equipment such as a large bright colored tarp, radar reflectors, or ideally carry an emergency beacon called an EPIRB or PLB.

Two years ago, Pacific Mission Aviation (PMA) was involved in a successful Sea Search operation where they found a skiff which had been adrift for 36 hours. They were able to relay the coordinates to the Coast Guard who later came and picked up the four men from Fais Island.

That event started a quest to somehow help these islands have access to a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) which they could take with them on voyages to other islands or when they went out fishing. Each PLB costs about \$290.00, so it would require some kind of grant to acquire enough PLB's for all the 18 inhabited Islands in Yap State alone.

Yap State used to have a vessel that made quarterly trips through the islands to

distribute food, people and supplies. But due to mechanical problems and ultimately a decision to send that ship to drydock, Yap has not had a reliable means of supporting their islands for over two years. Occasionally the National ship will make a trip through the islands, but it is not enough to meet the demand.

At the end of 2017, in an effort to meet the needs of the people, PMA began a feeding program to supply the islands with rice. Whenever there is a flight to Ulithi and Fais that has any space available, PMA will fill the remaining space with sacks of 20 lb Rice. PMA donates the freight costs so that the people on the receiving end can purchase the rice for essentially the same price as they would buy it on the mainland. Here's how it works. The Rice is purchased in bulk quantities of 100 bags at a time and receives a 10% discount which brings the price down to around \$8.00 per bag. The Rice is then sold at \$10.00 and for every sack sold, \$2.00 goes towards funding the PLB project. Since January 2018, these \$2.00 per sack have raised enough to purchase 18 PLB's. This is enough for each inhabited island in Yap State to get one PLB each.



PMA has also been able to purchase a small Pelican case to keep each PLB dry and protected. Each PLB has been registered online and will be assigned to responsible individual who has access to a HF radio. The requirement for a fisherman to take the PLB with him will be to only sign his name on a check-out sheet.

In the event of an actual emergency, the beacon will send its location via satellite

to the SAR authorities who will contact us and verify that this is an actual emergency. As soon as it is confirmed, the exact coordinates of the boat will be given and Search and Rescue can commence with less time spent on searching.

We are excited to get these beacons distributed to the islands and will continue to purchase more so that the islands can have more than one beacon.



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