

Japan grant provides partial funding for Nan Madol Cultural Center

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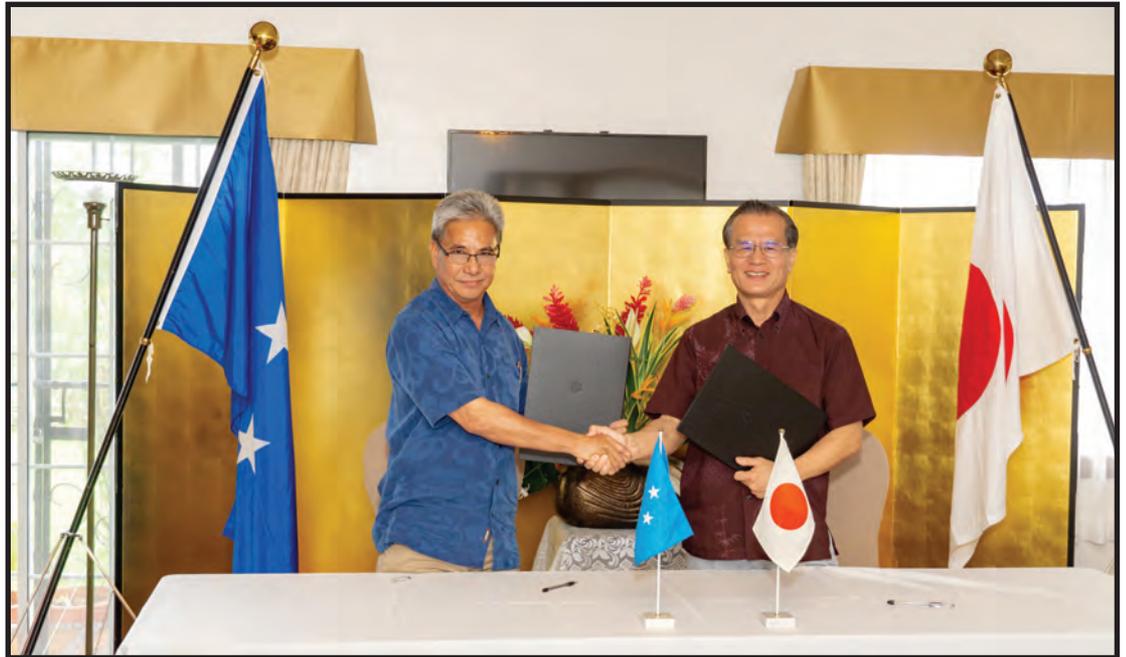
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Pohnpei—This morning Ambassador Ryoichi Horie and Governor Marcelo Peterson signed official paperwork for a Japanese grant to construct the Nan Madol Cultural Center. The \$181,394 grant came from Japan’s Cultural Grass Roots Project funds.

The new cultural center will serve as a visitor’s center and educational center at Nan Madol which has been designated as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The total cost of the cultural center is \$468,616.42 and will house cultural artifacts along with displays to explain the historic and cultural significance of Nan Madol. The FSM Congress has committed to the remaining cost.

Resources and Development Director Nick Solomon outlined the scope of the project during today’s ceremony. During his presentation he said that senior citizens would act as guides in the center, sharing stories of Nan Madol and Pohnpei’s culture.

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Lyon faced with US charges of bribery related violations of Foreign Corrupt Services Act

Unnamed FSM officials implicated in charges

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Hawaii—Yesterday, US prosecutors filed a criminal information in the US District Court in Hawaii on charges they allege against Frank James (Jim) Lyon. The US has accused Lyon of bribing officials in Hawaii, allegedly to gain a \$2.5 million dollar contract. They have also accused him of bribing officials in the FSM, allegedly in order to get a \$7.8 million contract with the FSM government “funded in large part by the United States Federal Aviation Administration...and for project management.”

The US criminal charges allege that between the years 2006 through 2016, Lyon “together with his co-conspirators, provided bribe payments to FSM officials totaling at least approximately \$200,000 in order to obtain approximately \$7.8 million in contract payments.”

The US charge also alleges that between 2011 and 2016, Lyon and his alleged co-conspirators provided bribe payments in cash for distribution to Hawaii officials totaling at least approximately \$240,000 in order to obtain a \$2.5 million contract.

The allegations have not been proven. Lyon is presumed to be innocent unless he is proved to be otherwise in a court of law.

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NGOs and Congress add “Fitness Zone” attraction on Pohnpei’s causeway

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Pohnpei—During the times of the day when the sun isn’t baking the road, many residents of Pohnpei have taken to exercising by walking or running on the new sidewalk on the causeway in Dekehtik. The sidewalk has made it much safer to do so and now, there is a new addition residents can add to their exercise routines—a new “Fitness Zone” located approximately halfway down the length of the causeway on the east side of the road.

On the day that we visited, three teenagers were working out on the machines while a cool breeze blew over the lagoon. A young boy, under the watchful eye of his mother was exploring other machines. That is one of the rules of the “Fitness Zone”. Children under the age of 14 can use the machines but only with adult supervision.

The FSM Congress, Rotary Club of Pohnpei, and Mahi, International worked together to purchase and install several new weather resistant exercise machines, a task that was only just recently completed.

Senator Ferny Perman, chairman of the Committee on Health said that non-communicable diseases are rampant in Pohnpei and part of the cause is a lack of exercise. With that in mind he called John Schroer of Mahi International to see if he might be able to help to acquire exercise equipment. The project took off from there.

Perman said that Congress provided \$30,000 for the “Fitness Zone”.

Schroer was not available for comment



but Steve Finnen of the Rotary Club of Pohnpei said that both Mahi International and the Rotary Club bought two of the machines each. He said that Mahi International additionally coordinated the purchase and transportation for the machines. For its part of the purchase, the Rotary Club of Pohnpei purchased two machines at a cost of \$4000. \$2000 came from locally raised funds and \$2000 came as a grant from Rotary International.

Instructions on how to use the machines are posted at each of the many exercise stations. There is also a sign stating the rules for safe use of the “Fitness Zone” to avoid injury. There is no charge for use of the machines and users assume all risk and responsibility for their use.

The equipment appears to be extremely sturdy and is made from weather resistant materials.



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said, “I am quite excited to take on the challenge and look forward to working with the PIDB Board of Governors, Board of Directors and the Staff and Management in boosting economic activities in our region”

Mr. Heine recently held the position of Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Commerce, Investment and Tourism in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Prior to that, from 2014 to 2017, he served as Manager of Policy Development, Office of Commerce and Investment. From 2012 to 2015, he worked for the RMI Ministry of Resources and Development as ADB Project Manager. He worked in the Ministry of Health as Assistant Secretary in charge of Personnel and Finance, and Hospital Administrator. Dwight spent some time in the private sector working for PII, Inc., as Shipping Manager and running his

own business. After graduation from college, he returned to the Marshall Islands where he started working for the Ministry of Education as the National Scholarship coordinator, and under the Public Service Commission as Senior Task Force Officer.

Mr. Heine’s education background includes: a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University of the South Pacific; Master of Public Health (MPH) degree with concentration in International Health from Boston University; Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Policy and Administration from Western Oregon State College; and a Diploma from Marshall Islands High School where he graduated Salutatorian.

Dwight also passed the requirements and in 2016 was awarded Accredited Investment Fiduciary (AIF) Designee.

He is currently pursuing a doctoral program online at the University of the Virgin Islands for a PhD in Creative Leadership for Innovation and Change.

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“Even before I came to this country two and a half years ago,” said Ambassador Horie during his speech, “I recognized the tremendous importance of Nan Madol for the world and the FSM. “It will enhance and deepen the social and cultural integrity and continuity of this country, as the UNESCO document said, I quote, ‘Nan Madol is tangibly associated with Pohnpei’s continuing social and ceremonial traditions and the authority of the Nahmwarki.’”

“Ladies and gentlemen,” he continued, “when it was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, Nan Madol was also inscribed on the world heritage list in danger. I hope all the stakeholders will make joint efforts to remove this proper from the list of World Heritage sites in danger. In this connection, I highly appreciate the assistance of the US Government and Ambassador Riley with the US Ambassador’s Fund for Cultural Preservation Grant and the Fund for Interpreting Micronesian Cultural Heritage through Media, which was announced last year.

With such joint effort by the FSM, Pohnpei State, the US, Japan and all other stakeholders, I really hope that Nan Madol will continue to give the World Heritage its real meaning.”

Governor Peterson stood and spoke with great thanks for the support that the government of Japan gave during the process of consideration by UNESCO to make the historic site a UNESCO recognized World Heritage site.

Isapahu Nahmwarki of Madolenihmw, Kerpet Hebel echoed that sentiment during his closing speech after the signing had been completed. His speech was translated by Hainrick Stevenson. Isapahu surprised the participants in the room including Ambassador Horie when he announced that he was bestowing a traditional title on the Ambassador for his help and continued support on the Nan Madol restoration.

State and national officials attended the ceremony which was held at the residence of the Japanese Ambassador.



Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 1 and volunteers help keep Pohnpei clean

US Department of Defense

POHNPEI, Federated States of Micronesia--Sailors with Construction Civic Action Detail, Federated States of Micronesia (CCAD FSM) assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 along with employees from US, Australian and Japanese embassies participated in a roadway cleanup community relations (COMREL) event, Jan. 5 in Pohnpei.

The volunteers picked up over 20 bags of rubbish along the causeway that leads from Pohnpei airport into the city of Kolonia.

“This event was a great opportunity

for our team to work with our friends from the US, Australian, and Japanese embassies to cleanup the causeway,” said Lt. j.g. Jon Dean, officer in charge of CCAD FSM. “More importantly, this is a chance to prevent discarded trash from polluting the water Pohnpeians use to catch fish.”

COMREL events allow service members an opportunity to interact and build relationships with the people of Pohnpei.

“It’s important to keep this road clean, my kids walk through here everyday,” said Kathy Santos, a Japan Embassy volunteer. “It’s important to keep this community clean and show Pohnpei’s

beauty.”

The highway cleanup is one of many COMREL events CCAD FSM Sailors have participated in since deploying to Pohnpei in August.

NMCB 1 is assigned to CTF 75 and is the primary expeditionary task force responsible for the planning and execution of coastal riverine operations, explosive ordnance disposal, diving engineering and construction, and underwater construction in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

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NMCB 1 renovates schools in Pohnpei



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US Department of Defense

Jan 07, 2019
POHNPEI, Federated States of Micronesia-Builder 2nd class Michael Rodrigez, from Miami, assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 paints a classroom at Madolenihmw high school. Sailors from NMCB1 have been

upgrading local schools to improve the quality of life for the children of Pohnpei. NMCB 1 is assigned to CTF 75 and is the primary expeditionary task force responsible for the planning and execution of coastal riverine operations, explosive ordnance disposal, diving engineering and construction, and underwater construction in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

FSM, Palau and Guam Contribute \$214,024 to the Micronesia Challenge Endowment Fund

Micronesia Conservation Trust

The Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau and Guam recently contributed to their Micronesia Challenge (MC) Endowment accounts with the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT). Each year Palau and FSM contribute to their accounts which were established in 2008 and 2012 respectively. And this year Guam launched its MC Endowment Account with \$40,000 from the Guam Visitor's Bureau (GVP), which was approved by the Guam Legislature and the Governor earlier in 2018. The FSM has, until now, contributed an annual amount of \$50,000, but this fiscal year decided to increase that amount to \$100,000 in order to increase its ability to reach its goal of a total endowment of \$29,000,000. Palau has surpassed its contribution commitment of \$9,000,000, however, it continues to invest between \$70,000 to \$100,000 each year to continue to grow its endowment fund. Palau's contributions come from a percentage of the Green Fee collected

from visitors to Palau. Guam's seed funding of \$40,000 is the first step in allowing it to reach its \$2,000,000 goal. Earnings from the invested funds go back to each respective jurisdiction to support their protected areas systems and associated activities. The Micronesia Challenge is a common commitment by the Micronesian jurisdictions (Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Republic of Palau) to conserve 30% of their nearshore marine resources and 20% of their terrestrial resources by 2020. This conservation goal also comes with a financial commitment to establish mechanisms that will sustain these conservation efforts moving forward. All jurisdictions are working to achieve both conservation and financial commitments by 2020 and beyond. In 2006 the Micronesia Conservation Trust was selected to serve as the financing mechanism for the Micronesia Challenge Endowment Fund by the Chief Executives of Micronesia.

Kitti 3D model shows Kitti from ridge to reef

Conservation Society of Pohnpei

The small island nations of Micronesia are jewels in the Pacific Ocean. These tiny-forested islands, ringed by stunning lagoons and reefs are home to beautiful cultures steeped in time and stories. Here in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), The Nature Conservancy and the Conservation Society of Pohnpei are working with local communities to craft a 3D map to shine the light on this stunning landscape in the vast Pacific. The people of Pohnpei are strongly tied to both the ocean and the land. They rely equally on the ocean to provide marine resources and the land for food and shelter.

This Participatory 3D Model (P3DM) of Kitti Municipality on the southwest corner of Pohnpei provides a clear picture of the area from the top of the ridges to the outer barrier reef. With this scale model (1:7,500) all members of the community, leaders, and those lucky enough to visit, will quickly and easily understand the connection from ridge to reef. It provides a focal point for discussions on how the land and sea are being used, and importantly, how to plan for the future. Key topics that will be discussed around the model include

runoff from the hills to the reef resulting in sedimentation; the role of mangroves for protecting the shoreline; and how protected areas are connected (or not!). Across these and other issues the foundation is equality for everyone to have an understanding and voice about the future of Pohnpei.

The P3DM workshop began on Monday 29 October and will be completed in two weeks, Friday 9 November. During the first week we build the blank model reaching the island high point at 2,600 feet. The second week is then the time to populate the model by painting the reefs and forest, marking trails and boundaries with strings, and point locations with pins and labels. At the end we place a legend and reference map so that users can easily interpret the symbols. As the model will stay here in Kitti it can continue to be used for planning, education, and decision-making.

We extend our thanks and recognition to the FSM Ridge to Reef Project, funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and of course the community of Kitti for their enthusiasm to construct their map of Kitti.



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He will have to defend himself against charges that he violated the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act which says that it is "unlawful to act corruptly in furtherance of an offer, promise, authorization, or payment of money or anything of value, directly or indirectly, to a foreign official for the purpose of assisting in obtaining or retaining business for, or directing business to, any person."

Though the charges do not identify them by name, people in Hawaii and in the FSM the charges label as co-conspirators 1 through 3, and Micronesians Official 1 and 2, are colored by the allegations the US Government filed against Lyon.

The charges say that a person the prosecutors call "Micronesians Official 1" was a person "whose identity is known to the United States, was a government official in the FSM Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure who administered FSM's aviation programs, including the

management of its airports."

The charges say that "Co-Conspirator 2" was a U.S. citizen who resided in the FSM.

The person they label as "Micronesians Official 2" was "an individual whose identity is known to the United States, (and) was a government official in the FSM Congress who served on a congressional committee with oversight over 'Engineering Company's' FSM contracts."

The allegations in the criminal charge say that Lyon, "together with his co-conspirators, discussed in person, via email, and via telephone that they would pay bribes to FSM officials and State Agency officials to obtain and retain business contracts from the FSM and State Agency and to obtain payments on those contracts, including via wire transfers."

It alleges that Lyon withdrew cash from his personal bank account that had been transferred by his company in order to pay "cash bribes to FSM officials and State Agency officials and to pay bribes in the form of vehicles, gifts, and entertainment for FSM officials."

entitlement of possession of the Vessel or an interest in the Vessel that is subject to this action in rem and in personam must file their Claims with the Clerk of the FSM Supreme Court Chuuk Trial Division, Weno, Chuuk State, FSM, within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this Notice of Arrest.

2. An answer to Plaintiff's Complaint against Vessel in Rem and In Personam must be filed and served within twenty (20) days of the date of publication of this Notice of Arrest, otherwise default may be entered and the Vessel condemned and sold.

3. Applications for Intervention under FSM Rule of Civil Procedure 24 by persons claiming maritime liens or other interests shall be filed within the time fixed by the Court.

4. A copy of any Claim, Answer or Application for Intervention must be served upon Plaintiff's attorney, Michael J. Sipos, Esq. Ace Commercial Building, 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 2069, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941, Telephone: (691) 320-6450, E-mail: MSipos@mail.fm

5. The name, address and telephone number of the Clerk of the Court in Chuuk is:

Lovelynn Berden
Assistant Clerk of Courts
FSM Supreme Court
P.O. Box 601
Weno, Chuuk, FM 96942
Tel. (691) 330-2397

Dated: January 10, 2019

The criminal charges against Lyon include excerpts from emails purportedly between Lyon and "Co-Conspirator 2", the US citizen who resided in the FSM. It says that on or about December 28, 2010, Lyon sent an email to "Co-Conspirator 2" regarding Lyon's Associates' purchase of travel relating to the airport contract and an unrelated side trip to Las Vegas for "Micronesians Official 1 and his wife".

The U.S. Criminal information said that Lyon "stated that the side trip would be expensive, but also stated, 'This is huge (and very very very critical to get renewed) contract so I am not trying to save money—or god (sic) forbid—insult [Micronesians Official 1].'"

The charging document alleges that Lyon and his alleged co-conspirators purchased a car for Micronesians Official 1 for his or her personal use in order to retain business. "On or about July 8, 2013, Micronesians Official 1 sent an email to Frank James Lyon to go look at a Ford truck to potentially purchase for him, which (Lyon) forwarded to Co-Conspirator 1, stating "[T]his is an example of things [I] have to do[.] [I] have to find a car, negotiate a price, figure out how to pay for it, get in on a ship to [P]ohnpei...[T]his is illegal[.] [I] can only do these things when people don't know what I'm doing[.]"

The U.S. charges allege that "on or about January 20, 2014, [Lyon] and his co-conspirators caused a wire transfer of approximately \$3902.99 to be sent from a bank account controlled by [Lyon] to the University of Hawaii to pay tuition for a relative of Micronesians Official 1."

The charges allege that in April of that year, Lyon and his alleged co-conspirators caused a similar wire transfer amount to be transferred to the University of Hawaii to pay for tuition of a relative of Micronesians Official 1."

The charges allege that in or around June 15, Lyon and Micronesians Official 1 instructed Co-conspirator 2 to "draft a request for qualification document seeking bids for an FSM project management contract, including drafting selection criteria to favor (Lyon's company) in order to obtain an improper business advantage and win the PMU (FSM Project Management Unit) Contract."

"On or about December 9, 2015, Frank James Lyon sent an email to Co-Conspirator 1 stating that

"[Micronesians Official 1] is asking for \$5K/month...So you and I will have to work together on spending & get agreement with [another Engineering Company executive] on guidelines on what goes into [marketing]"; the charges allege.

The U.S. alleges that in 2015, Lyon and his alleged co-conspirators purchased a car for "Micronesians Official 1's" personal use.

The U.S. criminal information says that "...on or about April 15, 2016, Frank James Lyon stated in an email that he intended to pay for an apartment for Micronesians Official 2, and that Micronesians Official 2 'handles the infrastructure committee—which I need to approve our \$500K contract week of [M]ay 11.'"

None of the "conspirators", 1, 2, or 3, or "Micronesians Officials" 1 or 2 is identified by name in the charges the US filed against Jim Lyon. Any speculation on their identities would only be guesswork.

Today the website for Lyon Associates was inaccessible.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TRIAL DIVISION – CHUUK STATE

ADAMS BROTHERS CORPORATION, Plaintiff,

v.

GLORY MARINE 5, her tackle, machinery, equipment, appurtenances, etc.

In Rem Defendant, PT ANTAR SARANA REKASA, In Personam Defendant.

CIVIL ACTION No. 2018-1006

NOTICE OF ARREST OF THE VESSEL GLORY MARINE 5

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 28, 2018, pursuant to process issued in the above-entitled action, at the request of Plaintiff Adams Brothers Corporation, the Vessel Glory Marine 5, now being in the lagoon of Satawan Atoll, Chuuk State, FSM, together with its engines, machinery, tackle, equipment and appurtenances, etc. (the "Vessel"), was arrested and attached by the FSM National Police.

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Pohnpei auditor recommends changes in PTA employee leave and allotment implementation

By *Bill Jaynes*
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Pohnpei—Pohnpei's Office of the Public Auditor has released a performance audit of Pohnpei Port Authority allotment an annual leave applications and uses. The audit cover the fiscal year that ended on September 30, 2017.

The Port Authority General Manager requested the audit. The audit found that on several occasions the Port management had not followed its own published procedures. It said that the result was both a heavier work load for finance employees and the creation of a lenient environment that could lead to systemic abuse.

It found that the "excess annual leave cash out" practices were not always in line with policy. Apparently, the General Manager has discretionary authority to approve cash payments for unused accumulated leave in excess of 360 hours. That authority is only for employees who have submitted a written request for leave far enough in advance of the days requested for management to make arrangements to cover their absence. The request for use of excess leave must be made within 60 days of the end of each calendar year. In those cases, and if the leave is denied, the GM can authorize a cash payment in lieu of time off.

Auditor found one instance where six airport employees requested leave on overlapping dates. The auditor speculated that the employees requested the overlapping dates, all of them during the Christmas holiday season so that management would be forced to deny the leave and instead issue a cash payment, which is what happened. He said that the incident indicated lack of planning by responsible management to properly plan, coordinate and schedule employees' use of excess annual leave hours to avoid disruption of daily operations. It said the incident also occurred because the GM allowed it.

Auditors recommended that the GM should not entertain practices that are or may lead to non-compliance with PPA's policies and procedures

and should set a "tone at the top" by enforcing the policies.

Auditors pointed out another occasion in which a PTA Division head went on vacation without filling out a leave application. The employee extended his vacation and then had his secretary fill a leave application form out for him. The GM approved the leave application despite the policy and prudent management practices.

It said that additionally, Division heads were approving or disapproving leave applications despite the policy that only the GM has that authority.

The final finding of the audit had to do with payroll allotments which is a payroll deduction for which employees can apply in order to pay creditors. As a sample, auditors selected the allotment records for 53 employees. There were a total of 864 allotments or 53 employees. Of those, 501 allotments were processed without completing change of allotment forms. 176 allotments were not dated by the Division of Finance. 123 allotments were missing the start date for the allotments. 26 allotments were issued with no allottee name on the allotment form. 26 allotments were processed without an approving signature. Four times there was no employee signature. Four times the allotment date was not clear, and on four occasions the amount of the allotment was missing.

Unlike at the Pohnpei State Government, PTA has no rule on the number of allotments an employee is allowed to have or on the frequency of changes or amendments to the allotments. Auditors pointed out that such a policy can occupy employees' time with volumes of transactions that may have contributed to the non-performance of certain documentation tasks. They recommended that management should review the reasonableness of the policy in order to minimize the exposure to complications including unnecessary financial loss.

In his response to the requested audit, current General Manager Pius Roby agreed with all of the findings and vowed changes effective immediately.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT: SSA-Communicable Diseases Coordinator for WHO/CLO-FSM

The World Health Organization (WHO) is seeking a qualified individual to serve as the SSA-Communicable Diseases Coordinator for WHO/CLO-FSM office. The duration of the contract for this position is one year.

The SSA-Communicable Diseases Coordinator will be based at the WHO/CLO-FSM office in Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, and will provide general and technical assistance to Department of Health and Social Affairs and Department of Health Services in four (4) states to progress elimination and control of neglected tropical diseases as part of WHO secretariat.

Description of duties:

1. Planning and implementing the sentinel and spot-check site surveys for LF in Chuuk State and planning and implementation of LF Transmission Assessment Survey (TAS) in all 4 states of FSM.
2. Planning and implementation of LF morbidity burden assessment and follow up in FSM.
3. Facilitate referral of patients with a hydrocele for potential operation.
4. Deworming of all children aged 1-14 years (pre-school, primary, JSS) and Women of Child Bearing Age (WCBA) for the whole country against STH.
5. Assist reporting, management and analysis of data related to NTDs in FSM.
6. Assist Leprosy Elimination Program including integrated community and home based management.
7. Assist in the trachoma mapping efforts in FSM, including coordinating with the stakeholders.
8. To assist and provide general and technical support in implementing the WHO Country budget on NTD and communicable diseases.
9. Perform other related duties as assigned by the Country Liaison Officer (max of 20%)

Require Qualifications:

- Education required: Nurse or Health Assistant Degree or its equivalent
- Experience required: At least five (5) years of working experience in public health sector and/or health service delivery
- Language requirements: Written and spoken fluency in English is essential.

Required Competencies:

- Communicating in a credible and effective way;
- Producing results;
- Moving forward in a changing environment; and
- Fostering integration and teamwork

Timeline/Duration of assignment: The duration for the assignment is from March 4, 2019 to March 3, 2020.

Annual Salary: Special Services Agreement (SSA) contracts salary based on experience/qualifications.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and resume/CV in-person, by mail, or via email by **February 8, 2019 (Friday)** to the following address:

In-person or E-mail to:

Roan Cabacungan
Project Assistant, WHO/CLO-FSM
Room 201, Capitol Suites and Offices
Department of Health and Social Affairs
Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM
Email: cabacunganr@who.int

Mail to:

Roan Cabacungan
Project Assistant, WHO/CLO-FSM
PO BOX PS70
Department of Health and Social Affairs
Mogethin Building, Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941

Full Terms of Reference (ToR) can be obtained from WHO/CLO-FSM office, Palikir, Pohnpei.

Pacific Governments and Civil Society Leaders Seek “Spreading a Culture of Peace”

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On the 18th of February, the Peace Summit of Pacific Leaders will be held at the Parliament of New South Wales organized by Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) and an international peace NGO under the UN ECOSOC named Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL).

This summit has the title of "2019 Pacific Leaders Summit for Peace, Sydney: Center of Spreading Peace Beyond Ethnicity and Borders" with participants including political leaders of the PIF member states and HWPL representatives including Chairman Man Hee Lee, a Korean peace activist and Korean war veteran.

Participants will discuss the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW) to promote a culture of peace in the Pacific countries. The DPCW was drafted by HWPL, international law experts and UN officials for the establishment of peace as a global norm. This will be achieved through international cooperation and active participation of citizens, ensuring



the realization of rights to the development of nations in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

According to HWPL, along with strategic partnership with African Union (AU) through an MOU with Pan-African Parliament (PAP) in AU for international cooperation in peacebuilding, this peace summit is expected to further receive support from governments and social leaders in Asia-Pacific countries.

“Our approach to peace has a foundation in the power of people. Approximately 1.73 million people have participated in 631 events held in 176 countries as part

of the Legislate Peace Campaign, to advocate for the DPCW to be discussed by states and international organizations, raise awareness of peacebuilding by civil society, and ultimately promote a culture of peace through participation of people transcending language, ethnicity, culture or national border,” said Mr. Ian Seo, General Director of Department of Public Relations, HWPL.



CCAD FSM Sailors give back to the people of Pohnpei

US Department of Defense

POHNPEI, Federated States of Micronesia--Sailors with Construction Civic Action Detail, Federated States of Micronesia (CCAD FSM) assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1 have participated in a number of programs to aid the people of Pohnpei since arriving in August for a routine six month deployment.

CCAD FSM has provided tutoring to high school seniors who are taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test in order to qualify to join the U.S. military, taught practical first-aid to locals, conducted and participated in various community relations (COMREL) events and completed several construction projects, all while immersing themselves in the local culture and strengthening relationships.

“I’m super proud of our team and what they have accomplished over the past six months,” said Lt. j.g. Jon Dean, CCAD FSM’s officer in charge. “They have

worked hard to complete the mission and show our commitment to the people of the Federated States of Micronesia.”

CCAD FSM constructed a new classroom, renovated an existing classroom and restroom facility at Madolenihmw High School. Additionally, the team added a new 1300 linear foot chain-link fence around Temwen Elementary School and renovated a restroom facility at Awak Elementary School.

“It feels good to be able to improve the quality of life for the children of Pohnpei,” said Steelworker 2nd Class David McClure. “I get to use my expertise to help the people of Pohnpei in a positive way, there’s no better feeling.”

Over the last four months CCAD FSM has tutored over 120 students in preparation for joining the US Armed Services. The team held tutoring sessions every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Citizens from FSM can freely join the US armed services while maintaining their citizenship due to the Compact of Free

Association signed between the United States and the FSM.

“There is a great deal of interest from students desiring to serve in the US military and the ASVAB is one hurdle that CCAD FSM can make a little easier for them,” said Builder 3rd Class Rosa Gomez.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Curtis Gilbert, CCAD FSM’s independent duty corpsman, organized community health engagements at Madolenihmw high school. He taught over 400 high school students the importance of environmental hygiene, personal hygiene, dental care and physical exercise.

“I enjoy teaching and working with younger generations to improve their health,” said Gilbert. “It’s important for them to understand the environmental impacts of water conservation and how it doesn’t just affect them personally, but the island as a whole.”

CCAD FSM participated in a number of

COMRELS including 5K runs, passing out candy for Halloween and roadway cleanups. The events allowed the Sailors to interact with the people of Pohnpei.

“Community relation events are a win-win for Pohnpeians and the CCAD Team,” said Chief Builder Bo Hartley. “The events provide the CCAD team a grass roots avenue to strengthen relationships with our host nation and provide a down to earth impact on an everlasting friendship between the US and FSM.

The United States has been sending CCAD Teams to the FSM for decades to continue building the partnership between the two countries.

NMCB 1 is assigned to CTF 75 and is the primary expeditionary task force responsible for the planning and execution of coastal riverine operations, explosive ordnance disposal, diving engineering and construction, and underwater construction in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

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New definitions of “criminal trespass” become law without the Governor’s signature

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

January 7, 2019

Pohnpei—On January 7 of this year an Act passed by the Pohnpei Legislature defining criminal trespass became law without the Governor’s signature.

Before the revision a person could only be charged with criminal trespass if they interfered with the peaceful use and possession of the property of another either “by force or by stealth”. The sentence for that crime was imprisonment of up to one year, fine of \$500, or both jail and fine.

Pohnpei Attorney General Dana Smith says he intends to put the new definitions of criminal trespass into use as it applies to government owned properties where people have been given notice to vacate but have refused to do such as at the Pohnpei Public Market property and government homes and land in the vicinity of PICS High School. He says that though civil actions have been filed by the government in those cases, there is nothing under the law that would prohibit the government from also filing criminal

proceedings and that violators risk that action under the law.

Under the new law which went into effect on January 7, there are now three separate classes of criminal trespass. The previous definition which requires occupation “by force or by stealth” is now known as “Trespass in the Second Degree” and carries a penalty of up to six months imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$600.

A person who, knowingly and without authority, enters into any part of the dwelling house or onto the property of another is guilty of “Criminal Trespass in the First Degree”. The penalty for this newly listed crime is imprisonment of up to three months and/or a fine of up to \$300.

“Aggravated Trespass” applies to people who remain within any part of the dwelling house or on the property of another, after receiving notice from the owner, rightful occupant or an authorized representative of the owner or rightful occupant to depart. The penalty for violation of this law is imprisonment of up to one year and/or a fine of up to \$1000.

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New law firm opening December 22, 2018 representing clients in Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap with general practice of law. Attorney has about 22 years of litigation and general representation.

Firm charges contingency fee (only paid when client is paid in fee-generating cases and some collection matters) and hourly rate plus costs. Promotional fee of \$95/hour for all representation agreements reached between December 22, 2018 and February 22, 2019. After February 22, regular hourly rate of \$100 for all FSM clients and \$120 for non-FSM clients.

30th anniversary of formal FSM-China diplomatic relations begin with science

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On January 4th, 2019 aboard the Research Vessel KeXue, the Honorable Lorin S. Robert, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs representing His Excellency President Peter M. Christian, His Excellency Huang Zheng, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary of the People’s Republic of China, and numerous distinguished representatives from China, FSM National Government, Pohnpei State Government, and Pohnpei State Legislature began the first of a series of events celebrating FSM and China’s 30th anniversary of formal diplomatic relations. The KeXue, which in English means science, is operated by the Chinese Academy of Science’s Institute of Oceanology (IOCAS) as a top-of-the-line research ship.

Attendees were treated to a presentation

about Chinese scientific discoveries in areas such as oceanography, marine biology, and marine industries. This was followed by an extensive tour of the ship’s highly advanced, cutting-edge features, and then a series of genuinely heartfelt speeches held in the dining room.

Zhang Weitao, Deputy Chief of Mission for the Chinese Embassy in FSM, performed the Master of Ceremony duties, and first introduced Professor Wang Fan, Director of IOCAS. “This research vessel is the platform for researchers to address the world’s most pressing marine science issues,” Director Wang said, “...and in recent years, as both the FSM and China have continued to score new progress in economic and social development... and as we go forward with more bilateral exchanges to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes... this ship can help us to continue to strengthen our

connectivity under the China-Pacific Framework to carry out exchanges... in marine science research and ocean protection, aquaculture...and cooperation. I wish all of you good health...and I’d like to extend my New Year wishes to you all.”

Next up to speak was Ambassador Huang, who said “...We are a few days after the New Year, but most importantly we are celebrating here today the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and the FSM.... Last year, in November, Chinese President Xi Jinping and President Peter M. Christian of the FSM had a very good and important meeting where they have decided to improve our relations...to a comprehensive strategic partnership. Why comprehensive, and what does that mean?” said the Ambassador, “it means...that China will help the FSM more in areas of education, health,

culture, and science.”

“We share the same sky, we share the same earth, and we share the same ocean,” said Ambassador Huang. “So finally we will share the same future.”

The last formal speaker was Secretary Robert. “It’s very interesting and perhaps fitting that the name of this ship [KeXue] is Science,” Secretary Robert said, “And it’s also fitting that this ship has a very important... mandate to study the ocean. As you know, FSM...has many challenges maximizing the utility of our resources and fisheries without harming their sustainability...and climate change especially is a concern. We do not yet have scientists in the FSM but...that’s because our islands, our people, our culture—we are the science.”

Near the end of the evening, Secretary Robert, the Honorable Shelten Neth, and Ambassador Huang each gave brief closing remarks thanking everyone for coming.

The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia strives for, and appreciates, amicable relationships with all nations and peoples. Our comprehensive strategic partnership with China, in particular, has provided our country with some significant and much needed infrastructure improvements. Future assistance includes plans for a new ship and plans for a new aircraft to improve our transportation infrastructure and ocean surveillance capability.

Although this is one of a series of events to follow, September 11th, 2019 will mark the official date for the 30th anniversary of formal diplomatic relations between the Federated States of Micronesia and the People’s Republic of China.



Secretary Lorin S. Robert is shown KeXue’s advanced scientific machinery



Secretary Robert and Ambassador Huang review the RV KeXue’s Log



: Secretary Robert with Ambassador Huang (left) and Director Wang (right) et al.

FSM Finance and Administration transmits revised domestic revenue projections

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

January 14, 2018

FSM—This morning, FSM’s Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, Sihna N. Lawrence sent revised domestic revenue projections to Congress. The previous projections were revised upward by \$4 million from approximately \$77 million to \$81 million. In her letter to Speaker Wesley W. Simina, Lawrence wrote that the revision was due to a misunderstanding that had just been resolved that morning. The additional \$4 million is the result of additional fishing access fees.

The revenue projections listed the actual

revenues for the previous three years. The actuals from FY 2016 and 2017 are audited figures while the FY 2018 actuals are pre-audited preliminary figures. The FY 2019 projections are \$27 million less than in FY 2016, the lowest of the actual domestic revenues listed and \$113 million less than last year. Previous actual domestic revenues in FY 2016 were \$108 million. They were \$137 million in 2017. Last year they were \$194 million.

The most consistent source of revenue over the last three years has been Fishing Access Revenues, which in 2016 were over \$63 million. In 2017 they were nearly \$73 million, and last year they were \$68 million. The revenue projection for fishing access revenue for 2019 is \$59

million. National Tax revenue in 2016 was nearly \$13 million; nearly \$14 million in 2017, but only nearly \$9 million in 2018. The projection for 2019 is for a million dollar increase in those revenues to nearly \$10 million.

The source of revenue with the largest fluctuation according to the Domestic Revenue Projections is Non-National Tax Revenue—taxes collected from businesses with Captive Insurance companies in the FSM. In 2016 the FSM realized nearly \$6 million from that source. In 2017 the figure was nearly

\$23 million. In 2018 the figure was an astounding \$82 million.

An employee of the Department of Finance and Administration said that the \$82 million had not been a surprise and that figure had been included in the domestic revenue projections for 2018. This year there is no such large figure waiting on the horizon. This year’s projection for Non-National Tax Revenue is a conservative \$4 million.

Secretary Lawrence’s revenue projections show that there is a total of over \$5 million available for appropriation.

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6 Pacific island countries at risk of falling into debt traps

By Mar-Vic Cagurangan
Pacific Island Times

January 18, 2019

Collectively and individually, the economic performance of the Pacific island countries has been erratic for the most part, and in most cases quite pinched, hence their heavy reliance on external aid. Financial analyses indicate the volatility of their real GDP growth. The annual average rates for growth have been low.

International lenders have identified at least six Pacific island countries that are facing elevated risk of debt distress. The list includes Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Samoa, Vanuatu, and Tuvalu. Narrow economic bases, vulnerability to economic shocks and exposure to climate change and natural disasters are among the factors that arrest the development of these economies, according to the Asian Development Bank's Pacific Economic Monitor released in December 2018.

ADB's analysis of the Pacific island countries' books indicate a recurrent — and worsening— financial predicament that will extend for a long period of time and curtail their ability to pay their debt service.

“ADB and development partners are working with Pacific governments to strengthen debt management while also promoting long-term solutions to the challenge of expanding access to basic services,” said Carmela Locsin, director general of ADB's Pacific Department. “While debt financing can play an important role in responding to substantial infrastructure needs in the Pacific, strong project due diligence, investment planning, and improved debt monitoring frameworks are needed to safeguard against future repayment concerns.”

Following are the highlights from ADB's economic monitor report:

Marshall Islands: Despite significant progress in controlling its public debt, the latest debt sustainability analysis of the IMF and World Bank places the Marshall Islands at high risk of debt distress. Since 2012, the country has received sizable revenues from fishing license fees. This has been accompanied by large increases in recurrent spending, particularly on public sector wages, which accounted for 22.3 percent of total expenditure and increased by 8.3

percent in FY2017, and subsidies and transfers to state-owned enterprises, which increased 34.5 percent. On the revenue side, there is room to improve tax collections, with important reforms still pending.

Kiribati. Analysis for Kiribati baseline scenario shows that the present value of its external debt-to-GDP is projected to breach the indicative ceiling (30 percent of GDP) by 2023. Like most Pacific island countries, Kiribati faces many development challenges due to its geographical layout. Its high vulnerability to the adverse impacts of climate change, such as higher incidences of disasters, loss of groundwater, and rising sea levels, necessitates government spending on climate change adaptation efforts.

In the face of this vulnerability, Kiribati adopted a Joint Implementation Plan for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management in 2014, which identifies key strategies that will cost \$94.6 million or the equivalent of 52.2 percent of its GDP from 2014 to 2023, with the infrastructure strategy component accounting for \$48.1 million. Faced with domestic resource constraints, Kiribati will be heavily dependent on the participation of development partners, if it is to successfully implement the plan.

Samoa. Sound policy reforms and prudent fiscal management allowed Samoa to reduce its debt burden from 121.7 percent of GDP in 1994 to 33.6 percent in 2008. However, damage and losses caused by a tsunami in 2009 and a cyclone in 2012 caused a decline in economic growth over the long term. The government responded with increased expenditure for rehabilitation and new public investments to stimulate growth, leading to high debt levels.

Fiscal deficit averaged 5.4 percent a year between FY2010 and FY2015 resulting in the breach of 50 percent debt target from FY2013. Samoa's debt stock trends reflect large shocks faced by the economy as a result of global economic shock (2008–2009), natural disaster (2012), and public investment decisions.

Vanuatu. This is ranked as the world's most vulnerable country for disasters in the United Nations World Risk Index



Cyclone Pam leaves a trail of destruction in Vanuatu in 2015. Photo courtesy of devpolicy.org

in 2017. This has implications for debt sustainability. For example, Tropical Cyclone Pam, which struck Vanuatu in 2015, caused damage to infrastructure equivalent to around 60 percent of GDP. Vanuatu's public debt increased in the wake of Cyclone Pam from the equivalent of 24.1 percent of GDP in 2014 to 46.1 percent in 2016. Public debt is now at the higher end, compared with other Pacific island countries. Even before the cyclone hit, the government had a large infrastructure pipeline to be financed by grants and concessional lending. Yet, simple repairs required on some projects, including the airport rehabilitation, became major reconstruction activities due to cyclone damage.

Federated States of Micronesia The FSM's Compact Trust Fund is seen to fall short of the target level required to generate replacement income for expiring U.S. Compact grants, based on current accumulation trends. Latest estimates from the IMF and Graduate School USA indicate that combined financial assets in the CTF and the FSM Trust Fund are likely to allow for sustainable withdrawals—that is, without eroding the real value of the funds for future generations—of about \$35 million a year. This will be about \$45 million short of expiring Compact grants (around \$81 million) after 2023. A deficit of this magnitude would require substantial cuts in essential services such as education, infrastructure and health; increases in taxation; a considerable increase in debt; or some combination of these. In 2017, the IMF recommended a medium-term fiscal adjustment to boost fiscal surpluses of about \$30 million in FY2015– FY2016 by another \$15 million to cover the impending shortfall

after 2023.

Tuvalu. In the 2017 World Risk Report, Tonga was ranked as the second highest country at risk of disasters due to its high exposure to weather disturbances and sea-level rise as well as weak disaster management. The impact of disasters in Tonga are severe both in the magnitude and cost of the damage. In the last two decades, there were four major cyclones that caused substantial damage in Tonga—three of which struck the country this decade. The latest and most destructive weather disturbance to hit Tonga was Tropical Cyclone Gita last February 2018. It cost the economy an estimated \$164.3 million in losses which is equivalent to 37.9 percent of Tonga's GDP.

When Cyclone Pam hit Tuvalu in 2015, around 45 percent of the population were affected as the country suffered from substantial losses amounting to \$10.3 million, equivalent to 26.9 percent of its GDP. In these circumstances, there is a need to invest in infrastructure that can withstand future weather disturbances. Such investment and the costs of reconstruction are likely to impose a heavy burden on the government's fiscal position. The debt level of Tuvalu would be greatly influenced by at least two possible shocks: disaster and fishing revenue. Under a disaster shock scenario, the impact of a cyclone similar to Cyclone Pam would result in a larger fiscal deficit equivalent to 10.0 percent of GDP in 2028. A fishing revenue shock assumes that changes in weather patterns would lead to a sharp decline in fishing license revenues between 2028 and 2032. This would result in a fiscal deficit equivalent to 15 percent of its GDP.

Ulik sworn in as Chief Magistrate of Kapingamarangi

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

January 8, 2019

Pohnpei—During the noon hour today, the people of Kapingamarangi present on Pohnpei’s main island celebrated the inauguration of their newly elected magistrate in the new naqs in the Pohnrakiet village.

FSM President Peter Christian joined the crowds of people who came to witness former magistrate Galeb Camule handing over the reins of the Kapingamarangi government to newly elected magistrate Nathan Ulik.

Pohnpei Supreme Court Justice Macy Anson administered the oath of office. Ulik swore his oath of office in front of the large crowd with his hand on the Bible his wife held.

Throughout the ceremony, a group of traditionally dressed singers sang religious songs.

When the time came, Camule outlined the successes during his time in office

and also the continuing challenges and ongoing projects for the incoming magistrate. He passed on a hand carved paddle to his successor.

Ulik gave his inaugural speech in the language of his people, after which his wife sang a song that began tentatively and then grew strength as she appeared to gain confidence and as the guitarists accompanying her caught up with her key.

Family members sang a musical selection to close off the inaugural ceremony.

Pohnpei Senator Edgar Lickaneth served as the Master of Ceremonies for the inauguration.



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