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# Well-heeled adventure tourists make stops on North Pacific atolls and islands aboard the "Caledonian Sky"

By **Bill Jaynes**  
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**Pohnpei**--Mwoakillese traditional dancers greeted the passengers of crew of the "Caledonia Sky" as they arrived at the Pohnpei Port late on Sunday morning. The sun broke through the clouds dispelling to insistent rain just in time as the bow of the vessel came into view.

The 74 guests aboard the luxury vessel each paid a minimum of \$14,000 for the cruise that departed from Rabaul, Papua New Guinea on March 7. The cruise was offered by Zegrahm Expeditions which has been offering "one-of-a-kind

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# Two Chuukese parents convicted for sexually exploiting their young daughter

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

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**Chuuk, FSM**—Today the FSM Supreme Court in Chuuk

sentenced Jayson Jappan and Anreta Fret to 92 months and eight months' probation in prison for charges related to Human Trafficking. The Court also ruled for the convicted felons to pay their victim who is now 15 years old, \$40,000 each in restitution.

Last month the two were convicted of Human Trafficking, Trafficking in Children, Aggravated Human Trafficking and Conspiracy. The crimes began when the victim was only nine years old. The convicted couple is the victim's mother and step-father. The exploited little girl was living with her parents on the island of Fananu, part of Nomwin Atoll in Chuuk's Hall Islands region.



The trial revealed that the couple had a pregnancy pact in which the young victim would have a baby for them since the mother could no longer bear children. After the victim became pregnant from her step-father the parents became alarmed at the possibility of discovery and forced the girl, who was by then a young teenager, to take a variety of drugs in an attempt to abort the baby. In addition to the ongoing abuse and exploitation, that act has caused permanent damage to the victim and to the victim's infant.

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# FSM voters return incumbents to the 21st Congress

By **Bill Jaynes**  
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March 14, 2019

**FSM**—According to certified election results that were amended yesterday, FSM voters chose to return all of the 14 members of the 20th Congress who ran for office to be their representatives for the 21st Congress. Two of those members will be chosen by the 21st Congress to be the next FSM President and Vice President.

When the 19th Congress selected Pohnpei’s Senator Peter Christian to be the FSM President, and Kosrae’s Senator Yosiwo George to be the FSM Vice President, a special election was held to fill their vacated At-Large seats. Former FSM Vice President Alik Alik filled Vice President George’s seat, and Senator David Panuelo filled President Christian’s seat.

During the March 5 election Pohnpei voters elected Senator Panuelo for the Pohnpei At-Large seat over veteran politician President Christian by a small margin. It means that President Christian will not be returning to the FSM Presidency.

Kosrae’s voters chose to return Vice President George to the At-Large seat for the state but only by 10 votes over Aren Palik according to the FSM Election Commission’s certified results that were revised yesterday.

Candidates have until March 15 to file any complaints regarding the election,

but according to Director of the FSM National Election Commission Tony Otto, Aren Palik of Kosrae is the only FSM candidate who has so far made an official request for a recount or a revote. He said that Palik alleged that approximately 200 Kosrae voters from Kona flew to Honolulu to vote in the election but were turned away when their names didn’t appear on the voter registration.

Otto said that the National Election Commission’s legal counsel advised him to forward Palik’s formal request to the Kosrae Election Commissioner.

Otto said that voters in Kona were not barred from voting by mail if they applied. He added that if they had previously voted in Honolulu, their names should have been on the voter list provided by the Kosrae Election Commission.

During the March 5 election FSM voters also approved a Constitutional Convention to review the FSM Constitution. The establishment of Constitution Convention requires only a simple majority of FSM voters. Any proposed amendments to the FSM Constitution delegates might approve during future meetings would require the assent of 75 percent or greater vote in at least three of the four FSM States.

Barring any changes to voter outcomes due to recounts or revotes, the 21st FSM Congress will consist of Chuuk Senators Elect Wesley Simina, Florencia S. Harper, Victor Goulard, Derensio Konman, Tiwiter Arritos, and Robson Romolow. Kosrae will be represented by Senators Elect current Vice President Yosiwo George, and Paliknoa Welly. Pohnpei will be represented by Senators Elect David Panuelo, Ferny Perman, Dion Neth, and Esmond Moses. Yap will be represented by Senators Elect Joseph Urusemal and Isaac Figir.

Elected Senators Wesley Simina of Chuuk, Yosiwo George of Kosrae, David Panuelo of Pohnpei, and Joseph Urusemal of Yap are eligible to serve FSM President or Vice President for the next four years. That choice will be made by Congress when the 21st FSM Congress is seated in early May of this year.

# Typhoon Wutip relief efforts ongoing

FSM Information Services

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei**—On February 22nd, 2019, His Excellency Peter M. Christian, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), declared a National Emergency in response to Typhoon Wutip (then a Tropical Storm). The State of Yap and the State of Chuuk had previously announced Declarations of Emergency. As of March 7th, 2019, assessment and relief efforts in both Yap and Chuuk, made possible from effective coordination efforts amongst the State Governments and FSM National Government, have been, and continue to be, ongoing.

In Yap State, the FSM National Government provided a patrol boat to ship assessment personnel and an initial resupply of water and medical supplies procured by Yap State Government. There will be more relief effort activities in the near future.

In Chuuk State, the FSM National Government and Chuuk State Government have been undergoing a combined effort on assessing the extent of the damage and needs in the outer islands of Chuuk. This includes the FSM National Government augmenting Chuuk State’s assets by providing patrol boat support, as well as support from the MV Caroline Voyager (Voyager). As of March 7th, 2019 the Voyager is returning to Pohnpei from Chuuk where it will resupply with resources procured by the Department of Environment, Climate Change, and Emergency Management (DECCEM), and a patrol boat is on its way to the Mortlock Islands with assessment personnel and as much water as it can carry.

While formal assessment reports on the extent of the damage in Yap and Chuuk are still to be completed, informal reports include significant damage to housing and food security infrastructure i.e. the banana trees, breadfruit trees, and coconut trees have fallen and taro patches run the risk of wilting.

On March 6th, 2019 the Government of the United States of America (U.S.A.) formally offered to provide assistance to the FSM. Coordination activities to maximize this assistance are underway.

On March 7th, 2019 President Christian, and members of his Cabinet, briefed members of the Congress of the FSM on ongoing efforts to provide the relief support needed in Yap and Chuuk. President Christian emphasized a need to consolidate disaster relief funding allocated for previous disasters (e.g. Typhoon Maysak) so as to give the National Government the required resources to meet the needs of the citizens affected by Typhoon Wutip. President Christian also suggested that it will be necessary for the FSM to formally develop a single “FSM Disaster Relief Fund” to help ensure swifter responses to future crises.

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## William Chunn convicted for trafficking in children and exploiting a trafficked person

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

March 6, 2019

**Pohnpei**—On March 6, the FSM Supreme Court found that there was sufficient evidence to convict William Chunn on six charges of trafficking in children and one of exploiting a trafficked person.

The Court will determine Chunn’s sentence for the crimes after a hearing on March 26, 2019.

On February 14, 2017, the FSM Department of Justice filed charges against two men for crimes involving prostitution of minors, William Chunn, a Pohnpeian taxi driver and Joseph Parisi, a ship captain from the United States. Parisi’s trial is still outstanding after he fled the FSM’s jurisdiction.

Chunn was convicted of multiple incidences of delivering under-age girls for the purpose of paid sex to several men. Only one of the men was identified in the initial charging documents.

Chunn was convicted on charges that he delivered a 16 year old victim to Seven Stars hotel for the purpose of having sex and collected \$50 from an adult male “customer” who had called Chunn for that purpose.

He was also convicted of charges that said that in 2016 Chunn picked up “child victim 1” and “child victim 2” in his taxi. An unknown male was aboard. He drove the passengers to Tropic Helicopters and picked up another unknown male. He then drove them all to the former Rumors bar and dropped them off. “Child victims 1 and 2” had sexual intercourse with the two unknown males on the concrete floor of the former bar on blankets the two men had brought with them. They received \$40 each from the men. Chunn came back and picked the two men up at which time “child victims 1 and 2” left Rumors on their own.

Prosecutors did not provide enough evidence to convict him on other alleged incidences for which he was charged.

## Takaiau Community establishes first PGS Group in the FSM

Vital

**Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia**

– On January 9, 2019, a group of twelve farmers in Pohnpei formalized their partnership with Vital as coconut suppliers under the Participant Guarantee System (PGS) model. The Takaiau PGS of Takaiau, U Municipality were also registered as the first PGS group to be incorporated in the FSM. This is a significant milestone for Vital’s Coconut for Life (C4Life) initiative and its goal to improve livelihoods across the country. The group, with farmers ranging between 36 and 70 years of age, has since completed two trades with Vital, selling over 9,000 pounds of husked coconut to the Coconut Industry Development Unit (CIDU) in Dekehtik, Pohnpei.

In February, the Takaiau PGS visited CIDU, walking through the facility and witnessing their harvests being processed into virgin coconut oil. The farmers and representatives of Vital were also invited to a luncheon hosted by the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT), during which time MCT’s Santiago Joab, Jr. and C4Life Resource Analyst Peterson Anson both commended the group as the first to become incorporated. Anson stated, “C4Life is all for the benefit of the nation as a whole. That is why, among all the natural resources in the FSM, we are working with coconuts—because almost every island in every state has coconut trees, and everyone can participate as a supplier. We foresee that MCT and the Takaiau PGS have laid the path for several hundred more PGS groups to follow. I wouldn’t be surprised if, in six months’ time, our empty warehouse in Dekehtik will require an expansion, once farmers see the long-term benefits of the C4Life project.”

C4Life aims to contribute to the financial security of the nation. It is designed to create a new and sustainable source of income for farmers in the FSM, as the nation prepares for the conclusion of the Compact of Free Association between the FSM and the United States in 2023.

Community engagements in each state are tentatively scheduled in phases:

- Phase 1 - Pohnpei communities (Sept 2018-Aug 2019)
- Phase 2 - Yap Copra Agents (Q12019) Chuuk communities (Q32019)
- Phase 3 - Kosrae communities (Q42019)

For more information on the Participant Guarantee System model, and to register your community’s interest to supply coconuts to C4Life, contact pgs@fsmc.com.



February 15, 2019 - The Takaiau PGS visits the Pohnpei CIDU facility during processing

## Japan grants over \$87,000 for facilities improvements at Pohnpei SDA School

By **Bill Jaynes**  
The Kaselehlie Press

March 7, 2019

**Pohnpei**—Through its Grant Assistance for Grass-Roots Human Security Project Scheme, the government of Japan provide \$87,228 to Pohnpei Seventh Day Adventist School for facilities improvements. The money will be used to provide a new restroom for high school students, renovation of 11 existing restrooms, and renovation of the current gymnasium.

Students and faculty gathered in the SDA gym to witness the grant signing ceremony. They heard speeches from Principal Franky Edward, Shool Board Chairman Walter John, PTA President Hubert Yamada and Student Body President Mermey Jeanett Yamada.

The school choir sang several beautifully harmonized songs. Witnesses were surprised when Japanese Ambassador Ryoichi Horie and his wife Yuko also sang two songs, the Rose, and Somewhere Over the Rainbow.

Grant initiator Alexander Chang gave the closing remarks after which, participants posed for a group photo.



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# International Women's Day 2019 celebrated in Pohnpei

*Pohnpei Women's Advisory Council*

The Pohnpei Women Advisory Council (PWAC) celebrated International Women's Day in Pohnpei from March 2-8, 2018. PWAC, is the umbrella organization for women groups in Pohnpei, with 20 groups and over 2,000 members.

The theme for this year's International Women's Day, is: "Balance for Better".

On Saturday, March 2, members of PWAC organized a clean-up outside the Pohnpei State Hospital and planted trees and flowers. On Sunday, March 3, PWAC visited the patients at the hospital and inmates at the Pohnpei State Jail, conducted prayer services and provided cash donations to the patients and food for the inmates. A series of workshops were held on March 4, 6 and 7 at the Governor's Conference Room with presentations from various NGOs and Government offices. The workshops included jam making, handicraft making, social issues, hydroponics, core values & noble causes, waste management, maternal depression, health, education social issues, Family Safety Act, Good governance, Conservation, Disability, Access to Justice, Pohnpei Domestic Violence Act, United Joint Presence, DRR & Community Resilience, Water Quality, and Geo-literacy Education in Micronesia.

Friday, March 8 was celebrated at the Kolonia-China Friendship Gymnasium at the Spanish Wall, from 9 a.m. to 5: p.m., with speeches, display of arts and crafts, agricultural and marine products with traditional and modern dances. The Pohnpei Women's Council legal counsel, Marstella Jack, delivered the keynote address. Mayor of Kolonia Town, Jose San Nicolas, Luhk Pohnpei, gave the welcoming remarks. Pohnpei Women Council recognized the Pohnpei Consumer Organization, a NGO for people with disabilities by donating a small cash donation to the organization.

"This year's event marks another history showcasing the unity of Pohnpei women. Every year, IWD events are improving and we are proud of that. This year's theme calls for unity and betterment. says PWAC President Susana Soh's".

PWAC would like to recognize the following individuals, government and businesses for their support in making this year's IWD a reality:

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# Vital FSMPC announces price decrease

**Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia** – The Vital FSM Petroleum Corporation announces an upcoming price decrease of ten (10) cents per gallon in the wholesale price of gasoline, kerosene and diesel. The price reduction goes into effect on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. This decrease comes approximately three months after FSMPC wholesale prices dropped 10 cents in December 2018.

According to the Pacific Daily News, Mobil pump prices rose 10cpg on February 28, from \$3.90 to \$4.00 per gallon. Two weeks later, on March 14, 2019, Guam pump prices increased by another 15cpg—from \$4.00 per gallon to \$4.15. “Regional and international oil markets

have been displaying upward trends, but thanks to the stabilizing mechanism within Vital’s pricing framework, FSM prices are slowly but steadily heading downward,” stated FSMPC Chairman of the Board of Directors Mr. Faustino Yangmog.

While Vital implemented a 10 cent price decrease in December 2018, many FSM motorists saw little to no change at the pump. “For various reasons, some FSM gas stations elected not to pass along the ten cent savings to consumers,” Chairman Yangmog remarked. “We’re hopeful that motorists will be able to benefit from the upcoming price decrease,” he concluded.

# President Christian declares aftermath of Typhoon Wutip a national disaster

*FSM Information Services*

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei**—On February 22nd, 2019 His Excellency Peter M. Christian, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), declared a national emergency in response to then-Tropical Storm Wutip, which later became designated as a typhoon. Due to the ongoing devastation and expected further damages caused by Wutip, on March 11th, 2019 President Christian amended the National Declaration of Emergency into a National Declaration of Disaster.

Preliminary assessments conducted by the FSM National Government and the State Governments of Yap, Chuuk, and Pohnpei have advised of significant damage to housing and food security infrastructure.

The amendment of the Declaration of Emergency into a Declaration of Disaster will enable the FSM, in accordance with the terms of our Amended Compact of Free Association, to formally request further disaster assistance and support from the United States Government.

The Declarations of Emergency by the Governors of the States of Yap and Chuuk remain in effect. Today, March 12th 2019, the Honorable

Marcelo K. Peterson, Governor of the State of Pohnpei, formally declared a State of Emergency for Pohnpei State.



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# ...Human Trafficking

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The couple failed to return after a recess in the court proceedings. The Department of Justice issued “wanted” posters for the two and recaptured them a day and a half later. The trial proceeded after their return.

During sentencing, Associate Justice Larry Wentworth convicted the Defendants of all charges except Human Trafficking, as the Court held that Human Trafficking and Aggravated Human Trafficking merged into one conviction.

According to a press release by the FSM Public Information office (FSMPIO), The FSM Department of Justice (DOJ) plans to incarcerate Defendant Fret in Pohnpei, while

Defendant Jappan will be incarcerated in Chuuk. The FSM DOJ will later move both Defendants to its prison facility in Kosrae.

“The Department’s Litigation Division considers this sentence a progressive step in the fight against Human Trafficking in the FSM. The combined \$80,000 in restitution imposed by the Court on the two Defendants is one of the largest in FSM history,” a DOJ spokesperson told the FSMPIO.

The Chuuk State Department of Public Safety initially referred the case to the FSM Anti-Human Trafficking Division, which was then investigated by the FSM National Police. Assistant Attorney General Abigail Avoryie, Director of the FSM Anti-Human Trafficking Division, Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Buckner, Director of the Criminal Justice Section, and Assistant Attorney General Mohammed Kutty prosecuted the case on behalf of the FSM.

# ...Caledonian Sky

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expeditions to remote locations for 25 years. During their first day at sea, lecturers introduced them to the history of the Federated States of Micronesia.

The vessel’s first landing was in Touhou, Kapingamarangi on March 8 while shell horns blew and locals sang and danced for the entertainment of the guests. There they toured the community, snorkeled, and took part in wreck dives guided by the Kapingamarangi Chief who is a dive master.

On the next day they arrived in Nukuoro where in addition to taking a walking tour of the island, they visited the school where they donated school supplies. There was also a short opportunity for diving and snorkeling in Nukuoro’s pristine waters before the vessel departed for Pohnpei’s main island at 1:00 in the afternoon.

On arrival in Pohnpei, guests were whisked to buses past the local vendors who were on hand to sell offering a variety of products from Nukuoro black pearls to Kapingamarangi carvings and hand crafts.

Three tours were offered. All of the tours included visits to Kolonia and the Catholic Bell Tower, Nan Madol World Heritage site and the beautiful Kepirohi waterfall, while each



offered slightly different emphases. One of the groups made a visit to the Adam’s family residence to view their private collection of WWII era tanks. Another group spent some time at the Pohnpei Botanical Garden for bird watching.

After a five hour tour, the guests returned to the port where they spent a short period of time shopping. Local vendors at the Port were H&D Store; LP Gas; Prints, Signs, and Solutions; Nukuoro Black Pearl; and Kapingamarangi Handicrafts shops.

After leaving the port, the vessel steamed to Oroluk.

The ship was scheduled to sail in a westerly direction with stops in Chuuk, Pulap, Satawal, Gaferut, Ifalik, Sorol, Ngulu, with disembarkation in Koror, Palau.





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## New archaeological research project started in Pohnpei

**Takuya Nagaoka (NGO Pasifika Renaissance), Ono Rintaro (Tokai University) and Jason Lebehn (Pohnpei State Historic Preservation Office)**

In February a team of Japanese archaeologists has started a four-year archaeological research project in Pohnpei in collaboration with the Pohnpei State Historic Preservation Office. The research project entitled "Archaeological Study of human migrations and inter-islands networks in Oceania" is funded by the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research Program of the Japan Government (Principal Investigator: Dr. Ono Rintaro, 18KK0019).

The focus of the research is to shed light on the early Micronesian culture during the colonization period, when the ancestors of the Pohnpeian people first arrived on the island from Melanesia around 2000 years ago.

The team selected Lenger as the first fieldwork site because in 2007 Dr. Takuya Nagaoka of NGO Pasifika Renaissance excavated a small test pit there and recovered numerous ancient

artifacts. Most interestingly an obsidian (volcanic glass) artifact was found in the pit that according to geochemical analysis, was brought from Papua New Guinea. The artifacts suggest one of the oldest village sites in Pohnpei is in Lenger. The site is additionally suitable for archaeological excavation due to its location on land. It is difficult to carry out excavations at other early sites on Pohnpei due to their locations in coastal mangrove forests and shallow reef flats. Due to this difficulty, only small areas were excavated during the past investigations on this time period.

The team is planning to excavate larger areas during their four-year research to approach different research questions related to subsistence strategies, spatial use within village, interactions with other islands and social organizations.

From February 20 to 28, the team excavated the early village site on Lenger and found German-Japanese period artifacts such as glass bottles and iron artifacts in the upper layers. They found ancient artifacts such as pottery sherds, shell adzes, shell ornaments, and

shell midden in the lower layers. Before the team makes analysis it will wait for details on the results of the excavations, but various artifacts recovered during their investigation seemed to confirm the fruitfulness of pursuing research at the site.

With the assistance of the Pohnpei State Historic Preservation Office, the team endeavors to promote Pohnpeian people's participation in the research project and to foster their interest in local history. They have offered volunteer opportunities to the public through announcements on radio and Facebook and many volunteers of different nationalities, such as FSM, French Polynesia, USA and Japan, have volunteered every day. A group of twenty some Micronesian Studies students from the College of Micronesia led by Professor Delihna Ehmes also visited the fieldwork of the team.

After completing the excavations on Lenger, the team organized a one-day exhibition on March 1 of excavated artifacts at the Pohnpei State Historic Preservation Office in Kolonia to

show the public the results of the archaeological research. More than a hundred people visited the exhibition.

During the exhibition, Nagaoka did powerpoint presentations about the archaeology of Micronesia and the project to eighth grade students from the Kolonia and Ohmine Elementary Schools and explained them about the excavated artifacts. The students showed interest in the ancient artifacts they saw for their first time.

The team will conduct various analyses on the excavated artifacts and is planning to continue the fieldwork in Pohnpei during this summer. It hopes to learn the history of the island with the people through the project during the next four years.

"It is our wish that students' learning experiences with us will make them more interested in their own history, give them dreams, and raise future archaeologists," Nagaoka said. "Kalahngan en kupwuromwail koaros, the chiefs, landowner and other people of Lenger who supported the project."

## COM-FSM Micronesian Studies program students engage in archeological learning

By Delihna M. Ehmes

"What is archeology?", a typical question I often get from my students. In the last weeks of February and early March, the Micronesian studies students at the College of Micronesia-FSM, have been fortunate to be a part of an archeological excavation and lecture series. The archeological opportunity to learn and explore is owed to Dr. Takuya Nagaoka (NGO Pasifka Renaissance), for extending the invitation to the college. When asked what they thought about the Lenger excavation, these were some of the responses:

"First thing is how dedicated and passionate they are. It made me realize that their work is not easy because it requires a lot of dedication and passion to carry out such projects. I say so because some of them are very young and some of them are very old, but they still go on. This is what inspires me the most. Second thing I found interesting is how they do their work, and that includes the digging, cleaning, sifting, classifying, and all that. It gave me much thought that it's the career for me, but I won't make a promise. It made me realize that its actually more fun to go out in the field than sitting behind a desk. And lastly, I'm interested in why they do their work. I mean, I myself, want to pursue a deeper knowledge of our history. And what

they are doing is the exact answer to my desire."; "1) It is very interesting to see such great work being done by our people and even people that came all the way from the other states. 2) The challenging part is the project itself. The project needs more people to participate because there are many things that need to be done. \*Digging, measuring the site, brushing and etc...."; "The project itself was an interesting thing to me. Although it didn't go out exactly the way I thought it would be, I was amazed at how everything was done in a certain way. The digging, sifting, measuring of boxes, and picking of things found while digging. Everything was done in a certain order. What did I find challenging about the experience? The challenge was that there was so much work and so little help. I think there should be a bigger team or group involved to get the work done faster. Since this is a 4-year research project, we have been re-invited to join them next year."

Following the field experience on Lenger, the students also participated in a lecture series on a Nan Madol Course unit. This lecture series was designed to provide students an overview of Nan Madol. The course unit is collaboration between the College of Micronesia-FSM and the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC). The course unit was composed of 3

objectives: 1) Introduction to the peopling of Micronesia; 2) the cultural history of Pohnpei Island, and the archaeological discoveries and oral traditions of Nan Madol. ; 3) The processes taken for the approval of Nan Madol as a UNESCO World Heritage site and its future challenges. The guest lecturers for all three topics were Dr. Osamu Kataoka of Sophia University, Dr. Rufino Mauricio and Mr. Augustine Kohler of FSM Historic and Preservation office. The lecture series concluded on Saturday (March 09, 2019), with an excursion to the Nan Madol ruins. A lot of credit is given to our guest lecturers and Mr. Jason Lebehn of Pohnpei HPO for an extremely enlightening and refreshing lecture and discussion series, and to COM-FSM for hosting and funding this learning experience.

Both learning experiences were generally positive for the students, as they have a glimpse of what the career is like. The learning also put more emphasis to what they learned from the textbook. Both opportunities opened doors for both students and faculty to network with local and foreign experts. It remains the goal of the program that in time; more young people come to appreciate and realize the need for more experts in this area of archeology.



## Anglers brave blustery weather for WCPFC and CFC fishing tournament in Pohnpei



\$150 - Wilmar Acquino for a 19 pound Wahoo

Tiare Eastmond won \$100 as the top lady angler for her 18 pound Wahoo.

Heziel Edward pocketed \$100 as the top junior angler for his eight pound skipjack

Cash prizes of \$100 and \$50 respectively were also awarded for the biggest fish in species though in the case of Yellow Fin or other tuna the first prize went to Jimmy Obispo for his nine pound yellow fin. The second prize was split between Welber David for his 6.5 pound yellow fin, and Dane Nighswander for his 6.5 Dogtooth tuna.

First prize for Mahi Mahi went to Junior Spence for his fish of 16.5 pounds. Second prize was awarded to Westcott Panuelo for his 15.5 pound fish.

Nathan Glancy won the top prize in the Wahoo category for an 18 pound fish. He was followed by John Alefaio with a 16 pound Wahoo.

Tiare Eastmond won \$100 for her catch of an 11.5 pound Barricuda. The \$50 prize went to Konrad Englberger for his 10.5 pound catch.

Welber David caught a monstrous 17.5 Skip Jack and also a big 12.5 pound Skip Jack. His catches earned him both first and second prizes.

The club and its members thank WCPFC and CFC for their continuing generosity in sponsoring the club's activities and particularly for this first tournament of 2019.

Thanks also go to the volunteers who help make the tournaments happen.

The next Pohnpei Fishing Club tournament will be on April 6, sponsored by Ocean View West Wing and Best Buy. The World Tuna Day tournament, sponsored by the National Fisheries Corporation, Taiyo, and Kasar will be on April 27.



### Pohnpei Fishing Club

*March 9, 2019*

**Pohnpei**—16 boats and their anglers registered for the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) and Caroline Fishing Corporation (CFC) fishing tournament. It was a blustery day that turned fine until it was time for the 4:00 weigh-in when a squall blew in. Despite the conditions, all of the boats made it back in.

Though schools weren't out in force during the tournament anglers still managed to catch fish, the biggest of which was Rodney Phillip's 109 pound marlin. That fish won him a \$500 cash prize for biggest fish.

The heart breaker of the tournament was Dane Nighswander's 49 pound sailfish which was one pound short of the weight required for a qualifying sailfish.

Cash prizes provided by the WCPFC and CFC for top anglers are as follows:

### Big Fish

- \$500 - Rodney Philip for a 109 pound marlin
- \$400 - Bernolina Hedson for a 29 pound Grand Trevally
- \$300 - Konrad Englberger for a 21 pound Wahoo
- \$200 - Chuck Handy for a 20 pound Wahoo

## Four to represent the FSM in the World Special Olympics Summer Games in Abu Dhabi

*By Nikisha Smith*

*March 1, 2019*

**Pohnpei**—On Friday, the 1st of March Special Olympics Micronesia hosted a track and field event for students with intellectual disabilities. It was great to see the turnout to support our four students who will be travelling to Abu Dhabi to represent the FSM in the World Special Olympics Summer Games in Abu Dhabi. They will be competing in the 60m, 100m, shot put and long jump. This is the first time the FSM has participated in the Special Olympics and is an honour for; Harrison Rea Eliou, Kimlein Kostika, April Luhk and A-Trick Paul to be our first ever representatives.

They will be accompanied by their coaches; Maureen Villa and Patterson Anson. Also attending in Abu Dhabi is the Chairperson of Special Olympics Micronesia, Castro Joab and Sports expert, Dorothy Chieg.

Special Olympics is the largest sporting organisation for people with intellectual and physical disabilities with a strong focus on what people CAN do. It is through sports that people can challenge themselves in a competitive environment, develop skills, abilities and prosper to success.

We are very honoured that Micronesia has been asked to participate in an inclusive and courageous event. Special Olympics Micronesia is our not-for-profit NGO that has been working with students in the FSM to train them for this big event.

We are looking forward to continue to 'Ensuring inclusion through sports'.

A special thanks to our guests of honour; Hon. David Panuelo, H.E. George Fraser, Roddy Robert, Hon. Marcello Peterson, Marcus Samo and Arthur Albert.

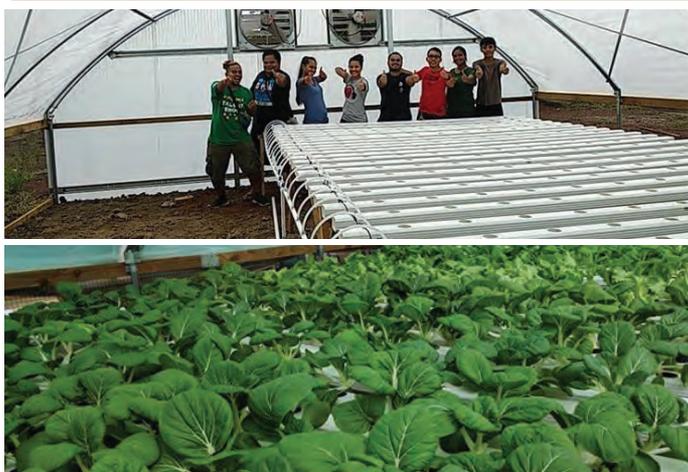


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# Sokehs Government sponsors 2019 Rebellion Day activities

## Sokehs Municipal Government

The Sokehs Municipal Government sponsored another unique event this year for the 2019 celebration of Sokehs Rebellion Day. The event, which was hosted on Saturday, February 23rd, was held at the Kolonia-China Friendship Gym at the Spanish Wall Park. Nowadays, Rebellion Day has come to be more than just a municipal holiday and the event this year invited the general public to come for a 4pm Fun Run through Kolonia and sponsored a preview of Fr. Francis Hezel's latest production which is a documentary on the Sokehs Rebellion. The video, produced by Micronesia Productions and directed by Fr. Hezel and Eugenia Samuel, is a 45-minute docudrama which interviews several historians, including Dr. Rufino Mauricio, Damian Sohl, Enter Lawrence, and the late Tony Martin, to name a few. It provides the historical facts as well as the local knowledge about the story of Soumadau en Sokehs and what transpired in 1910 to start the Sokehs Uprising. The video also incorporates some re-enactments using local actors from Sokehs. Fr. Hezel flew down from Guam to be the guest speaker for the event, which drew about 200 people.

In his speech at the event, Chief Magistrate Hon. Michael Lieman stated that the Sokehs Government has focused the Rebellion Day event around the theme of rebelling against non-communicable diseases (NCDs), which Pohnpei suffers from greatly and is technically still in a state of emergency for health due to NCDs. The Fun Run represents our "fight" against unhealthy lifestyle activities and shows the strength and spirit of our people. The winners

of the fun run were (men's category; 1. Dennis Pedrus, 2. Branston Gilmete, 3. Kawfika Lieman, 4. Denzel Lawrence, 5. Js Joseph, 6. Michaelson Lieman, 7. Junior Robert, 8. Masaro Jr. 9. Jailo Robert, 10. MJ. Imar, and Women's category; 1. Reloliza Saimon, 2. Meliza Bartolome, 3. Bartola Bartolome, 4. Josephine Bartolome, 5. Emilon Leit, 6. Francine Joseph, 7. Sera Edgar, 8. Sonia Neth, 9. Lora Edgar, and 10. Keilani Lorrin) and prizes were given out to the winners. Special thanks to our donors for this event, Mrs. Maggie Samo of Prints and Signs Solutions, Dr. Merlynn Abello-Alfonso, & Congressman Ferny Perman, who all sponsored the T-shirts for the event, and to Micronesia Productions for facilitating the screening of the video.



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## FSM Continues on with the Technical Cooperation Project for the Introduction of Hybrid Power Generation System with JICA

### JICA

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has started the “Project for the Introduction of Hybrid Power Generation System in Pacific Island Countries” since March 2017. This is 5 years’ technical cooperation project targeted for 5 pacific island countries; Fiji, Tuvalu, Kiribati, RMI, and FSM. The aim of this project is to promote the deployment of a hybrid power generation system composed of Diesel Generators (DG) and Renewable Energy (RE) by providing technical support for the appropriate & economical operation and maintenance of DG as well as for the appropriate integration of RE, and operation and maintenance of RE. For this purpose, JICA offers technical assistance by Chief Advisor, Mr. Ogawa, long-term expert based in Fiji, and short-term expert team headed by Okinawa Ene-tech., Co, at each states of the FSM, as well as inviting trainees for trainings in Okinawa, and Fiji.

On January 29, 2019, the second Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) meeting was held in Pohnpei at the Pohnpei State Government office with attendance from the Department of Resources & Development of the FSM, Office of the Governor of Pohnpei State, Kosrae Utilities Authority (KUA), Yap State Public Service Corporation (YSPSC), Chuuk Public Utilities Corporation (CPUC), Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC), JICA Micronesia, and the expert team.

Through the 2nd JCC meeting,

the FSM side and JICA identified issues including the contents of the Project Design Matrix (PDM), the Plan of Operation (PO) and Project Monitoring Sheet. Both sides actively discussed the progress of the project activities based on the report of review for the last two years provided by a Japanese evaluation mission team. FSM side agreed to implement measures recommended by JICA Experts under the improvement plan later evaluated and updated in 2019. Training Equipment has been donated to the FSM side under the Project under the condition to be utilized in an appropriate manner. The venue for the 3rd JCC Meeting will be held around February, 2020 in the State of Yap.

The Minutes of Meeting was signed by Mr. Hubert Yamada, Assistant Secretary for Energy Sector for Hon. Marion Henry; Secretary of Department of Resources and Development, Mr. Tadayuki Ogawa; Chief Advisor of the project, Mr. Takahiro Suzuki; Assistant Director for Energy and Mining Group, JICA Headquarters and Mr. Shinji Shibata; Resident Representative of JICA-FSM.

As the next main activity of this project, officials from each state will be invited to counterpart trainings sometime this year to disseminate skills and knowledge on the Hybrid Power Generation System. Possible venue of trainings are Fiji, Yap and various DG plants within FSM.



## 2019 Women’s Day – Kosrae Kolonia Women Organization- KITAIL

By Sonia Kephias

March 9, 2019

**Pohnpei**—The celebration of International Women’s Day (IWD) across the world was a sight to behold. An unexpected crowd of approximately 100 participants, including both men and women, boys and girls joined Kosrae Women Organization (KITAIL) to commemorate Women’s Day on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at FSM – China Friendship Sports Center in Pohnpei. The celebration was the first time in history for “Mutan Kosrae” residing in Pohnpei to join women across the globe to celebrate this special day. KITAIL believes that women are important, and that the day should be celebrated by honouring women with gifts in different forms commemorating their significance in life and empowerment in all fields.

Several activities took place during the celebration:

- 1) Amazing presentations of drawing contest among young girls from Elementary School to High School to highlights importance of this year IWD theme “Balance for Better”. There were three winning contestants with cash awards of \$45, \$50 and \$70. The awards were presented by Madam Zhao, the wife of the Ambassador Embassy of People’s Republic of China in the FSM.
- 2) Q&A session which focused on the history of IWD, women’s health, and other subjects.
- 3) FSM and China Friendship Q&A to raise more awareness about Chinese friendship support throughout FSM. KITAIL was fortunate to receive friendship funding support from China Embassy whereby free t-shirts, free Kosrae delicacy local soup were made available and served to everyone.
- 4) Demonstration of local weaving specifically to younger girls, etc.

Keynote speaker, Mrs. Kenye G. Jackson presented a remarkable presentation for every woman to know that they are important in their family, society, and everywhere.

KITAIL is still in its infancy stage. Nonetheless, we are proud and grateful to join

the world to celebrate 2019 Women’s Day for the first time in history. Let us continue to celebrate with honor and respect.

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## A moment with Myjolyne Kim

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For International Women's Day 2019, get to know some of the women driving change and increasing equality across the Pacific Islands and Papua New Guinea. Myjolyne Kim is a single mother, a PhD candidate and Pacific scholar who hails from Chuuk, in the Federated States of Micronesia and is working on history of Chuuk through women's voices and stories.

In 2015 I started a PhD at the Australian National University in Canberra, for which I was grateful to be awarded a scholarship through the Australia Awards program through the Australian government. My PhD is on Chuukese local history, but in this research I'm interested in women's history, their voices and their stories.

I don't consider myself a 'gender' person, but in attempts to decolonize Micronesian history, I realized that much of our written history is based on an old-fashioned, colonial, male-dominant lens that concentrated on men's stories and perspectives.

Interestingly, when we look at local history, the gender perspective is flipped, and local histories are centered women's stories. Local histories are female related and clan histories all go back to women as we're matrilineal society.

**How do you get people to discuss their oral histories?**

Ethnographic interviews [where researchers undertake in-depth, one-on-one interviews directly with individuals] were not as productive as I initially thought. First the style, approach and methods involved in an ethnographic interview are still foreign, so it is not that easy.

I ended up setting aside the interview sheet and really engaged in a mentor-mentee setting. It's almost like a [talanoa](#) process, but in Chuukese tradition it's the concept of the noos or the learning mat, where we just tell stories and learn from each other.

**What set you on this path?**

In my Masters Degree I was focused on Micronesian history in the area of traditional warfare and violence, and the violent reputation Chuukese people obtained over centuries. But as I was studying that, I saw all these local histories of women with a totally different view to what was dominant. So I delved deeper into local history, and then I was exposed to these rich women's history and the important role they played in their societies then.

As a woman living in the islands, I had worked on education reform, youth policy, gender and even cultural policy, but there were so many barriers due to gender and culture. But as a local woman I knew that a lot of us were using culture in a political way which could be disempowering for women. For example, we feed on a violent history of Chuuk because colonial histories tell us we are, and this violent culture endorses violence among young men. For many, domestic violence then became a problem. Learning more about local history and deep cultural values made me see some hope. I see local history as empowering women, men and therefore our Chuukese

communities. This is what led me to gender focused history.

I've also worked in areas and been in meetings where men don't give you the space simply because you are a woman, but in my family I was given the space to speak as a woman and I was told that women have a significant voice. To have policies implemented [that lead to greater equality] you need cultural validation – so for us to have women leaders you have to have a local history that not only proves but supports that women are entitled to leadership roles – that is important to increase women's participation in leadership roles.

People say women are not in leadership positions because people say it is culturally disrespectful, but my narrative history is showing that is not the case. And that's why it is so important to be critical of what has been written about us and who's defining and writing our stories.

**What advice do you have for young women who want to take a similar path?**

I would just say be open to opportunity; especially educational opportunities, as they don't come up often. It is important to truly understand who you are, but also be open to what you learn outside your island cultures that can really foster inclusion and equity in your communities. Because that is a key to a healthy community. Women can influence positive change, it's important to be responsibly influential.

**What are the biggest issues in the Federated States of Micronesia right now, and how can they be addressed?**

Inclusion, accessibility and equity. Problems here are due to political reasons and a lack of quality education; both cultural and formal education.

**What drives you to work towards your goals?**

My son, my nephews and nieces and the generation that is coming: I want my son to grow up in a healthy community, to experience equity and inclusion and to have a safe environment. I'm driven by this.

Sometimes I want to give up. But if did; who would do it? I can't rely on others, I need to do it so that when I die, my son and others will have a good legacy and be able to live in a country where they feel they belong.

**If you could use one word to describe women in FSM, what would it be?**

Salient. Women hold the pillars in their homes, but they also hold their family and extended community together. Women are able to say, "my kids will have food on the table, my son or daughter will go to a good school." These are the little things that really influence the greater society and government.

Also, in our culture we really listen to our parents. Sons listen to mothers. Moms have a strong influence on changing and shifting narratives, and with more educational opportunities they will be able to lead their communities and families into a more inclusive space.

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- [KoloniahumanResourceRequests@state.gov](mailto:KoloniahumanResourceRequests@state.gov)

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Mission in Kolonia is seeking eligible and qualified applicants for the position of Procurement Agent/Property Assistant.

**DUTIES:** Incumbent is responsible for preparing purchasing actions and maintaining procurement files; and responsible for leasing actions and coordinating with property owners. Incumbent will also serve as Non-Expendable Property Assistant who is responsible for receiving, inventory, and record keeping on all property. Incumbent is required to drive to vendors, the Warehouse, and residences; and to assist to move furniture, and assist with setting-up events.

**EDUCATION:** At least two years Post-Secondary Education at College or University is required.

**EXPERIENCE:** Three years in procurement, leasing, or property inventory, involving the application complex regulatory material is required.

**LANGUAGE:** Level 4 (Fluent) Speaking/Reading/Writing English is required. (This may be tested.) Level 3 (Good Working Knowledge) in reading/speaking/writing Pohnpeian is required.

Valid driver's license in Micronesia with clean driving record is required. Selected applicant under consideration will be required to pass medical and security certifications.

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (EEO):** The U.S. Mission provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation.

## Interior Provides \$853,590 for former Trust Territory of Pacific Islands employees through Prior Service Trust Fund Program

*Office of the Assistant Secretary Insular and International Affairs*

WASHINGTON – U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary Insular and International Affairs Doug Domenech has authorized a payment of \$853,590 in FY 2019 funding for the Prior Service Trust Fund (PSTF) Administration, which distributes benefits to former employees of the post-World War II, U.S.-administered, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI) in the Western Pacific

“The United States continues to meet its commitment to 771 beneficiaries who previously served in the U.S.-administered Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands,” said Assistant Secretary Domenech. “The Prior Service beneficiaries are elderly persons who rely on these monthly checks in varying amounts from \$25 to \$65 to pay for medicine, food, utilities, and even telephone service.”

Employee benefits provided through the Prior Service Trust Fund represent a responsibility assumed by the Federal Government following the dissolution of the TTPI in 1986. The program serves beneficiaries with five years or more of prior service. The four jurisdictions to emerge from the TTPI were the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

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. Compact federal grants provided to the freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. On behalf of the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary, Insular and International Affairs, executes these responsibilities through the Office of Insular Affairs.

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA DEVELOPMENT BANK  
P.O. Box M Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941



Opening Date: February 27, 2019  
Closing Date: March 29, 2019

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT NO. 2019-003

It is the policy of the FSM Development bank that FSM citizens be given first priority for employment consideration, with other Micronesians, U.S. citizens, and other nationals utilized in positions for which no qualified citizens are available.

**POSITION: SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR**

**LOCATION:** FSM Development Bank, Headquarters, Kolonia, Pohnpei **SALARY:** \$18,782.40 minimum per annum, Higher Salary may be Considered Depending on Qualification

GENERAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES (Illustrative only):

1. Perform the actual install, upgrade, monitor, maintain, configure and testing of software and hardware (physical and virtual) components of the Bank's network;
2. Assist the IT Manager to implement the requirements of the Bank's IT plans, including some scripting and programming;
3. Maintain the essentials such as operating systems, business applications, security tools and software, website, email, PCs, local and wide area networking, including switches, firewalls, ADSL modems, WiFi access points, and the virtual environment; troubleshoot server operating system, network hardware and network application errors;
4. Administer networks, systems and servers related to the Bank's network system (e.g. e-mail system, wireless systems, networks, Active Directory accounts, (and others), network printers, desktops, laptops, telephone system, SQL database, LAN/WAN, VPN, VMware systems, etc.) including physical and virtual server provisioning;
5. Draft correspondence memos/letters associated with recommendations for acquisitions of appropriate computer hardware and software;
6. Perform preventive maintenance tasks for network, systems and applications, including backup and restoration of systems for the purpose of ensuring the safe and efficient operation IT equipment, systems and applications;
7. Install computer equipment, network (client and server) software and hardware on a variety of platforms including all setup and configurations component (e.g. service packs, application software, operating software, hardware upgrades and patches, cabling and wiring) for the purpose of deployment equipment and applications, upgrading equipment and applications, and otherwise providing support for all technology operations;
8. Troubleshoot network, systems and applications for the purpose of identifying and correcting malfunctions and other operational difficulties; provide after-hours support for infrastructure related emergency as well as occasional weekend maintenance;
9. Perform regular IT security monitoring, testing and identification of security threats and vulnerabilities; provide recommendations for rectifying security compromises;
10. Ensure high availability and acceptable levels of performance of mission critical host computer resources;
11. Manage IT helpdesk system, plan and prioritize systematically to minimize backlog and ensure operational efficiency and other duties assigned by the IT Manager and maintains the Bank's filing system;
12. Perform other duties as assigned.

**QUALIFICATIONS REQUIREMENTS:** Bachelor's degree in Computer Science, Information System and/or other related fields from an accredited college or university or five years related experience and/or training; or equivalent combination of education and experience, preferably in banking. Specialized training or extensive experience in the repair of computer hardware. Proficient in operating systems used by Banks. Extensive networking, systems analysis, design and programming skills.

**SKILLS:** Ability to learn and develop skills relating to computers operating systems such as Windows, Mac OS, and other computer platforms. Ability to perform advanced install, configure and maintain servers and networks. Ability to analyze technical problems, define in basic terms, and execute tasks. Ability to learn, execute and assess computer system network troubleshooting, database management system, maintenance, back-up, upgrades and updates.

**CERTIFICATIONS:** Preferred certificates in Information System and Network Security, Cyber Security, VMware Vsphere 6.5 Fundamentals, Database Management systems, Governance of Enterprises IT, Windows, Mac OS and other operating systems.

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS:** All applications, curriculum vitae, and at least three letters of reference shall be completed and submitted to: FSMDB Corporate Office in Kolonia, Pohnpei, or any of the FSMDB Branch offices in Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap State. You may mail to: FSM Development Bank HQ, P.O. Box M, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941; or fax to 320-2842 or by email to: [loverh@fsmdb.fm](mailto:loverh@fsmdb.fm), on or before March 29, 2019.

## Chuuk Chamber of Commerce recognizes hardworking and accomplished business women

The Chuuk State Chamber of Commerce, the recognized private sector organization in Chuuk State is involved in improving the socio-economic condition of the Chuukese people and strives to promote collaboration between the sectors in this effort. The majority of island businesses are represented in the membership of the Chuuk Chamber of Commerce where the deliberation of mutually beneficial strategies, networking and execution of private sector programs are regularly discussed.

In honor of International Women's Day March 8, 2019, the Chuuk Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the following hardworking and accomplished women in their field of business. Their commitment to excellence in business is a positive reflection of the entire business community.

Congratulations Ladies and Happy International Women's Day!



CHUUK STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
LIST OF RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE  
CHUUK BUSINESS WOMEN  
IN HONOR OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2019

NAME	BUSINESS	ACTIVITY
JOYLYN ROLD OWNER GENERAL MANAGER	M&S STORE	RETAIL, WHOLESALE, GROCERY, DEPT STORE
CINDY S. MORI OWNER	SEA VENTURE COMPANY	SHIPPING AGENCY SPACE RENTAL/LEASING LOGISTICS & FREIGHT FORWARDING
MELBA JEAN AISEK GENERAL MANAGER	TRUKSTOP HOTEL CHUUK LPG CHUUK DIVECENTER	HOTEL, CAR RENTAL, DIVE SERVICES, RESTAURANT, LPG SALES
ROWENA AISEK GENERAL MANAGER	DEALFAIR STORE HIGH TIDE HOTEL	WHOLESALE/RETAIL HOTEL & RESTAURANT CAR RENTAL
CARMEN K. FRITZ OWNER	CARMEN SAFEWAY	RETAIL/WHOLESALE GAS STATION SPACE RENTAL
JENNISE HASHIGUCHI GENERAL MANAGER	SHIGETOS STORE SHIGETOS HOMECENTER CHUUK YAMAHA	RETAIL/WHOLESALE SPACE RENTAL HARDWARE YAMAHA BOAT&ENGINE SALES
NANCY AIZAWA OWNER	SUSUMU'S ENTERPRISES	SPACE RENTAL GAS STATION/CONVENIENCE STORE BOAT CHARTERS
JOSIE ESTEPA OWNER	GEMVI	CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AUTO SHOP RESTAURANT & CONFERENCE BEAUTY SHOP RETAIL
IASINTA PAUL OWNER	J SQUARE	FOOD SALES & CATERING RETAIL
LEILANI M. MORI OWNER	LEISIDE STORE LEISIDE RUNWAY INN RACHEL'S BEACH	RETAIL/WHOLESALE HOTEL ROOMS & CAR RENTAL BEACH RESORT RESTAURANT SPRING WATER SERVICES
NAOMI M. MORI OWNER	JOHN'S PRINT SHOP	TSHIRT SALES/PRINTING BANNERS & NOVELTIES/SOUVENIERS
VICTORIA MORI OWNER GENERAL MANAGER	KURASSA STORE & HOTEL	RETAIL/WHOLESALE HOTEL & CAR RENTAL SEAMSTRESS
MORIA RUBEN OWNER	MORIA'S STORE	RETAIL/WHOLESALE SPACE LEASING



## UPGRADE OF MICRONESIA CONSERVATION TRUST WEBSITE

### REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ)

Deadline for Offers: 29 March 2019  
Funded By: United States Agency for International Development (USAID)  
Implemented By: AECOM International Development  
Contract AID-492-H-17-00001

The Climate Ready Project, which is a USAID project implemented by AECOM in Federated States of Micronesia, requires services of a suitably qualified website developer to render services as per the Scope of Work for Upgrade of Micronesia Conservation Trust Website.

#### The objectives of the Scope of Work are to:

1. Update the MCT website to ensure it meets all Green Climate Fund (GCF) post-accreditation requirements, including, but not limited to, the ability to publish grant-making decision-making processes, and the ability receive, register, and respond to E&S complaints.
2. Develop MCT's capacity to maintain the website to ensure ongoing long-term compliance with GCF requirements beyond the life time of this scope of works.
3. Ensure the website and post-accreditation requirements meet best practice Knowledge Management standards.

#### Activities

The Scope of Work involves the following activities (full details in the RFQ):

- Activity 1: Review and assess the MCT website  
Activity 2: Deliver technical and content upgrade  
Activity 3: Update contact and reporting mechanisms  
Activity 4: Assist in developing a framework for the MCT project database  
Activity 5: Deliver staff training to improve MCT's online communication capacity

The detailed Scope of Work is available in the RFQ.

The purpose of this RFQ is to solicit quotations from eligible providers and Climate Ready Project anticipates issuing a fixed price contract. The detailed RFQ and Scope of Work is available by contacting the USAID Climate Ready Senior Policy and Finance Advisor, Mr Stephen Boland at – [sboland@pacificclimateready.org](mailto:sboland@pacificclimateready.org)

**Quotations:** The per-unit pricing, as appropriate, in quotations in response to this RFQ must be priced on a fixed-price, all-inclusive basis, including delivery, and all other costs. Pricing must be presented in local currency (USD). Offers must remain valid for not less than thirty (30) calendar days after the offer deadline.

**Offer Deadline and Protocol:** Offers must be received no later than March 29, 2019. Please send offers by e-mail to [sboland@pacificclimateready.org](mailto:sboland@pacificclimateready.org). Please reference the RFQ number in any response. Offers received after this time and date will be considered late and will be considered only at the discretion of AECOM.

## Enimwahn Development Association celebrates end of FSM SGP project with an Impiohkai

*Enimwahn Development Association*

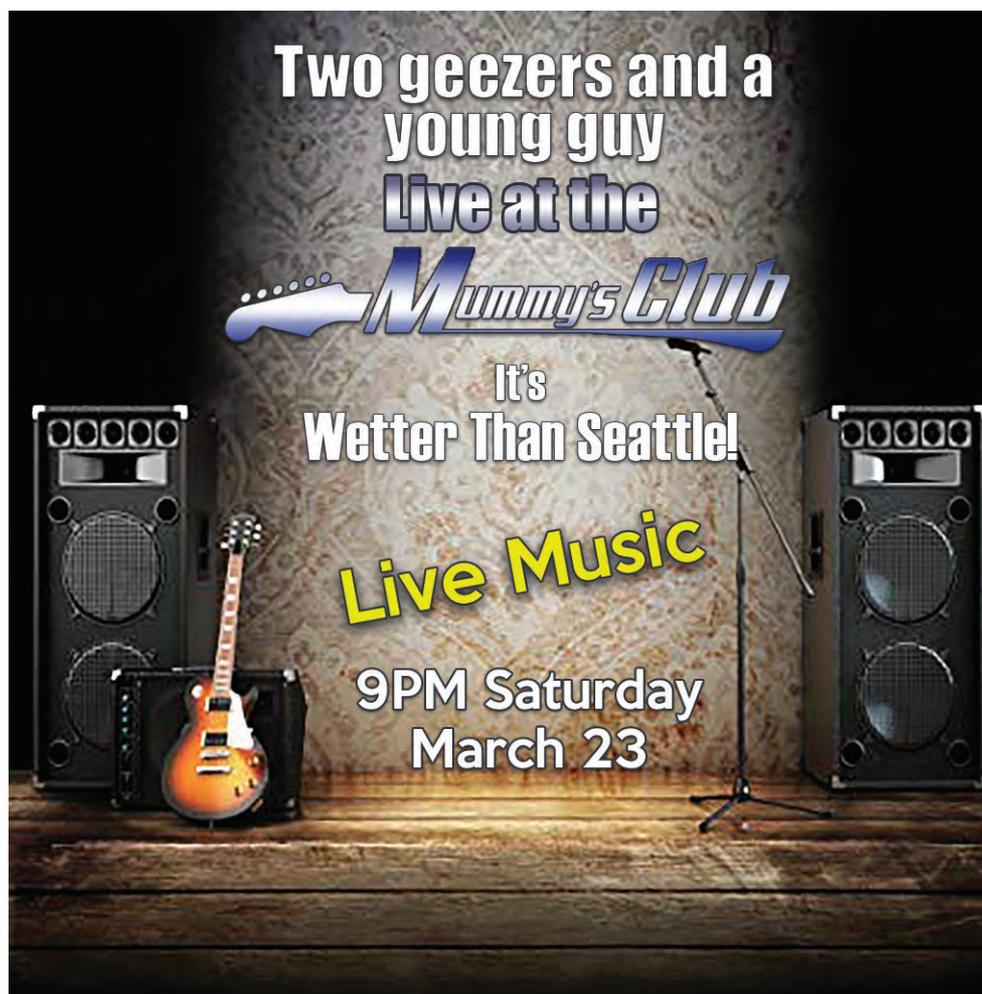
On Saturday March 2nd, 2019 the Enimwahn Development Association celebrated the end of their FSM Small Grants project entitled “Improving the sustainability and diversity of home farming activities in Enimwahn” by holding an Impiohkai or agricultural festival in Nanmweid, Madolenihmw. This impiohkai showcased all the locally grown fruits and vegetables that the EDA community grew under this food security themed project.

The Enimwahn community used this grant to educate themselves on the issue of climate change and biodiversity and planted different varieties of food crops to grow. In addition, they created nurseries, a tool shed and a greenhouse to continue to grow planting materials for the community.

The event was attended by many dignitaries including the EDA village chiefs, the Honorable Shelten Neth - Pohnpei State Senator and Chairman of the Madolenihmw delegation to the PSL, Meninkeder Lapalap – Chief Magistrate

of Madolenihmw Municipality, Hon. Winsener John - Speaker of the Madolenihmw Council, Mr. Sohnsper Penias - councilman, and the FSM SGP Program Director, Mr. Simpson Abraham. The keynote speaker was Mr. Adelino Lorens who is a long-standing supporter of eating local foods and is a role model as he has gone 10 years without eating rice.

The Enimwahn community would like to thank all the stakeholders in Pohnpei that contributed to their project such as the Pohnpei State Agriculture Office, COM-Land Grant, USDA-NRCS, State Forestry, the Madolenihmw Municipal Government, FSM Congressman Dion G. Neth, Micronesia Productions, and the Island Food Community of Pohnpei. Also, a big KALAHNGAN to the UN GEF FSM Small Grants Program for giving us this opportunity to improve our lives and our livelihoods.



### INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

**Date: 11 March 2019**

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) is an intergovernmental organization established in 1951 and is committed to the principle that humane and orderly migration benefits both migrants and society.



IOM invites interested eligible Contractors to submit Quotations for the implementation of reconstruction of seven road culverts (as described below) damaged or destroyed in floods and landslides caused by the tropical storm.

Item No.	Project Reference Number	Project Name	Brief Description	Location
1	P006	Likin Sawi	Construction of new Culvert	Madolenihm
2	P009	Nan Mwet	Repair of existing RCP Culvert	Madolenihm
3	P011	Dien Culvert	Construction of new Culvert	Kitti
4	P012	Enipein Powe	Construction of new Culvert	Kitti
5	P015	Seinwar BC	Repair of existing Box Culvert	Kitti
6	P016	Souwihso BC	Construction of new Culvert	Kitti
7	P017	Lepwel BC	Construction of new Culvert	Madolenihm

Interested Bidders are invited to collect the Bidding Document at IOM Pohnpei office from 13 March 2019 to 26 March 2019 (from 09:00-12:00 and 13:00-17:00).

A pre-bid meeting will be held on 27 March 2019 at 11:00 Hours. Interested Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

IOM Pohnpei Office  
Suite 2G, Pohn Umpomp Building  
Pohn Umpomp Place, Nett Municipality

Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 days after submission of Bids and shall be delivered to the IOM Office at above office on 15 April 2019 before 14:00 Hours. Late bids shall be rejected.

IOM reserves the right to accept or reject any bids, and to cancel the procurement process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of Contract, without obligation to inform the affected Bidder/s of the ground for IOM action.



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