

# Minister for Tokyo Olympics and Mayor of Ama Town visit OLMCHS

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The Minister for the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games 2020, His Excellency Shunichi Suzuki, and Ama town Mayor OE Kazuhiko visited Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School (OLMCHS) on August 22, 2019.



Ama Town is one of the host towns for Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) which supports the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Tokyo 2020. The host town has an opportunity to exchange people and culture both in Japan and FSM.

Japan to the FSM introduced Ama Town to Micronesian Ambassador to Japan, His Excellency John Fritz, that's why he visited the town and started an exchange program," Mayor Kazuhiko said.

The delegation was welcomed by the OLMCHS community headed by Sr. Krista Namio, MMB. They had a brief closed door courtesy call with discussions that included the Tokyo

Olympic and Paralympic Games 2020 at the school's conference room.

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# Yap and Kosrae Senators object to auditors' assertions that funding of public projects are violations of law

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FSM—FSM's Office of the National Public Auditor (ONPA) recently released two of four audits on FSM Congress Funded Public Projects and Social Programs. The two audits covered projects in Kosrae and in Yap. ONPA says that audits for projects in Pohnpei and in Chuuk are currently ongoing and are not yet ready to be released.

The introduction to the audits say that "complaints from government officials and citizens prompted this audit on the appropriations made by the

Congress of the FSM to fund social and economic development projects in the FSM commonly known as public projects." The audit for the Kosrae project, dated July 26, 2019, covered Fiscal Years 2014 through 2017. The audit for Yap's projects dated August 21, 2019 were originally to have covered the same period but after further review and discussion during planning for the audit, the audit team decided to change the scope to cover fiscal years 2016 to 2018 up through August 31, 2018.

For fiscal years 2014 through 2017,

Congress appropriated nearly \$54 million for public projects. The Budget Office allocated (the amount set apart) \$52.75 million. However, the total amount allotted (amount actually issued) by the Budget Office was just over \$43.9 million leaving \$11.2 million un-allotted.

During that time, Congress funded a total of 371 projects for Kosrae State for a total amount \$7.3 million. The Budget Office allocated \$7.02 million and allotted \$6.12 million leaving over \$900,000 un-allotted.

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# Legislature unanimously passes Pohnpei Disability Act, an Act to establish an Act in the near future

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**Pohnpei**—Pohnpei State Legislators today unanimously adopted a bill for an act (L.B. 452-19 L.D. 1) to abolish the Pohnpei Disabilities Act of 2001 and to replace it with a package of laws that are still under development. The bill mandates the timelines for regulations to be proposed. It has not yet been transmitted to the Office of the Governor for signature. The committee report in support of the bill quoted testimony from the Governor’s representative that said that he supports the bill.

“The bill is forward looking in nature in that it anticipates that a great deal of additional legislation and regulation will be needed to realistically implement the plan which in turn will bring into existence the resultant, fully inclusive, Pohnpei Disabilities Program,” the committee report on the bill said.

The committee report said that though the intentions of the Disability Act of 2001 were good, “inertia appears to have crept in, as no concrete action has yet to be undertaken.” The 2019 bill makes no claim that it is yet a fully realized action addressing all forms of disability. It defines the types of disabilities it is set up to begin to address but again requires departments of the Pohnpei State Government to submit specific proposed regulations to fill in the details, which according to the committee report, representatives of those departments said they were ready to do.

The act’s biggest immediate accomplishment regards access issues for

those people who are mobility impaired, but even that action requires further tweaking by the Department of Public Safety. According to the committee report, the act set up an “official, uniform ‘mobility accessible/disabled parking spaces’ system to be utilized by persons with mobility disabilities; the processes of designating the mobility accessible/disabled parking spaces, the certifying and permitting of the use of these spaces, and the enforcement of the mobility accessible/disabled parking space requirements against those found abusing these spaces are all found the latter portions of the bill.”

The bill says that not later than 45 days prior to the day designated by the United Nations as the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which is December 3, 2019, the Director of the Department of Health Services is to submit to the Governor and to the Pohnpei Legislature a plan to implement a “specifically tailored state government program for all persons with disabilities, to be known as the “Pohnpei Disabilities Program”.

The plan is to cover recommended statutory and administrative means to people with disabilities, including accessible/disability friendly parking spaces; accessible/disability friendly accommodations for access to the facilities of government public buildings; accessible/disability friendly accommodations for the obtainment and use of the services of state government agencies and instrumentalities; inclusive educational services as every level in order to promote community integration for all persons with disabilities and enable them to realize their full potential; inclusive employment opportunities in

order to promote community integration for all persons with disabilities, including considerations, so that they are afforded the opportunity to provide for themselves, as well as their loved ones; and social services programs designed to support all persons with disabilities in order to promote community integration.

No later than 180 days following the initial plan, the Director of the Department of Health is to submit an enlarged plan applicable to privately owned areas that are open to the public.

The Director of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure is to submit a detailed estimate of the costs of installing wheelchair ramps and widening of entrance ways to allow persons in wheelchairs access to the first floor of each government building. It is also to include costs estimates for at least one male and one female oversized bathroom facility for ease of access to those with disabilities.

The Director of Education is to submit a plan for inclusive educational programs at every level, for all persons with disabilities. The Chief of the Divisions of Personnel, Labor and Manpower Development is to submit a plan for promoting inclusive employment opportunities for all persons with disabilities.

All of the plans are to be submitted to the Director of the Department of Health who is to compile them all and also identify potential sources of grant funding that might be explored internationally.

For now, the substance of the Disabilities Act is to systematize and mandate the establishment of workable plans to establish a Disabilities Act in the near future and to establish laws regarding handicap parking spaces and specific fines that drivers who abuse those spaces will face.



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# Rotary Club of Pohnpei announces 14 \$1000 scholarship winners

Rotary Club of Pohnpei

August 18, 2019

**Pohnpei**—The Pohnpei Rotary Club is proud to announce the selection of its scholarship winners for the 2019-2020 school year.

Rotary engages in fundraising activities throughout the year to raise money for this scholarship program, including our big annual fundraiser the quiz night which is scheduled for November of this year.

We also want to thank our other major supporter Vital for its annual support and also to our Rotary District 2750 for its helpful donation.

This year we are awarding \$14,000.00 in scholarships to FSM citizens attending post-secondary schooling.

We want to congratulate not only our winners but all who applied. As usual it was a very difficult selection process.

We also want to thank the Rotary Club members who contributed a lot of time and effort to make these awards possible.

Congratulations go to the following students, who are listed with their universities and majors.

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|-----|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.  | Chonmon, Jennaia       | UH Hilo Business           | Admin.                |
| 2.  | Felix, Shania          | Park University            | Biology               |
| 3.  | Hadley, Rockyner       | UH Manoa                   | Law                   |
| 4.  | Henry, Graham          | UOG                        | Education             |
| 5.  | Jano, Carisma M.       | Creighton University       | Journalism            |
| 6.  | Keppin, CeeCee         | Saint Joseph's University  | Political Science     |
| 7.  | Kostka, Stanislaus     | Wheeling Jesuit University | Communications        |
| 8.  | Nanpei, Shallea Yoriko | Temple University          | International Affairs |
| 9.  | Ranganbay, Julia Piyon | Canisius College           | Psychology            |
| 10. | Richard, Rianna Malie  | Eastern Oregon University  | Psychology            |
| 11. | Tomoki, Yorang         | UH Hilo                    | Business Admin.       |
| 12. | Untun, Nicholas        | Sophia University          | Political Science     |
| 13. | Willyander, Macmillan  | Saint Louis University     | Psychology            |
| 14. | Yatilman, Darla        | Wheeling Jesuit University | Criminal Justice      |

We have some repeat winners, and a lot of universities are represented. Good luck to all our scholars.

The Pohnpei Rotary Club is a civic organization dedicated to helping Pohnpei and the FSM. We try to make an impact, and promoting secondary education is one of our primary goals. However, we also are involved in other projects.

Please check out the little free library in front of the FSM Telecommunications main office. Free books are available to take and we encourage people to drop off any books you have already read.

We also participated in getting sporting goods equipment on the causeway, and also sending some sporting goods

to the outer islands.

Other projects include a student exchange in Japan, which was just completed.

Please support the Rotary Club and once again congratulations to our winners.

## PUC celebrates the completion of the New Zealand Solar Project

On Wednesday, August 21, 2019 the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation held a "Project Completion Ceremony" for the additional 274kW of PV solar panels at the Pohnlangas, Madolenihmw solar farm. This ceremony was the official opening of the new solar project that was donated by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (NZ MFAT). New Zealand donated close to \$1.3 Million USD for this renewable energy project, and it was chosen from a list of proposed projects from the utilities around the FSM.

The Partnership Agreement between the NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, and Pohnpei Utilities Corporation was signed on September 15, 2017 between New Zealand Ambassador to FSM, the Secretary of Foreign affairs in Palikir, and the Vice Chairman of the PUC Board.

NZ MFAT contracted ELEMENTAL, an engineering firm out of New Zealand to manage the project and prepare the technical specifications. The project includes the installation of a 275 kW Solar Photovoltaic Power plant which is expected to increase the contribution of renewable energy from 5% to 6% of annual electricity generation at PUC. The panels are already contributing to energy generation.

PUC continues to follow its master energy roadmap that will see a total of 18MW of Solar power generation by 2037 for Pohnpei State and will take another step closer to this goal with an upcoming solar project that will add an additional 2MW of solar panels to the Pohnlangas solar farm later this year.



An aerial view of the Pohnlangas Solar Farm with the New Zealand solar project located towards the bottom of the photo.

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## 40th Anniversary of the FSM Development Bank

**August 15, 2019** - Kolonia, Pohnpei - A reception commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the FSM Development Bank was held Thursday, August 15th at Cliff Restaurant in Kolonia. The bank celebrated 40 years of achievements and growth through successful financial partnerships in the FSM. Key shareholders, past and present board of directors, dignitaries, as well as other high-ranking officials joined the FSMDB staff in celebrating this grand occasion. The festivities were complete with delicious, locally made food, stunning cultural performances and inspiring messages shared by the guest speakers, including keynote speaker, the Honorable Yosiwo George, Vice President of the FSM, and the Honorable

Manny Mori, former FSMDB President/CEO and 7th President of the FSM.

The current FSMDB President/CEO, Anna Mendiola, shared a few words highlighting the bank's success over these 40 years. She explained that the bank began with a starting capital of \$900K and, today, the bank's assets stand at over \$62 million with a \$36 million loan portfolio. President Mendiola assured everyone that, "from the savvy businessman to the simple fisherman and farmer", the FSM Development bank will continue to play its pivotal role in further fostering growth and success of FSM's key industries including: tourism, hospitality, fisheries & agriculture, retail & manufacturing, construction of real estate development and energy efficient homes.



## While transiting in Fiji after the 50th Pacific Islands Forum, President Panuelo meets FSM students in Suva

*FSM Information Services*

**August 22 2019**

**SUVA, Fiji** —While transiting in Nadi after the 50th Pacific Islands Forum in Tuvalu, on August 19th 2019 His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), visited Suva, capital of the Republic of Fiji, to accomplish two tasks. The first task was to meet with the FSM's students attending the University of the South Pacific (USP), the Pacific Regional Seminary (PRS), Fiji National University (FNU), which includes the School of Medicine, the University of Fiji, and other institutions of higher education. The second task was to meet with staff to discuss the operations and activities of the Embassy in the region, and to inspect the Embassy's facilities three facilities: the Embassy proper, the Ambassador's residence, and the Deputy Chief of Mission's residence. All three facilities were purchased (not rented or leased) in the late 1980s, and have been assets of the FSM National Government ever since, lessening the FSM's in-country operating costs.

Emphasizing again that his administration is founded on the principles of public service, the President's informal dinner-meeting with the students began with updating them on the overall developments throughout the FSM, and included the President encouraging them to continue their studies for the benefit of the Nation. "I want us to share a meal together as family," the President said, noting that all citizens of the FSM are part of a greater whole. "I

can see in your eyes and on your faces the confidence and dedication that you are all studying very hard."

Just over 60 citizens of the FSM are studying in Fiji in fields ranging from medical training to engineering, skills the Nation desperately needs. President Anson of the FSM Student Body Organization represented the students in their questions and concerns on various issues, such as: job opportunities after graduation; the possibility of raising the minimum wage; whether the Scholarship Board can expedite their responses to student inquiries; student visa issues; and the FSM's potential membership in USP.

While the FSM National Government, like most (perhaps all) Governments throughout the world, is unable to guarantee employment for every graduate in every field at the time of their graduation, the President noted that it's imperative that skilled citizens return to the FSM to assist in its Nation-building efforts. Further, while providing opportunities is certainly one component of the Government, the President also advised the students that developing opportunities for themselves is of equal importance. "It may not be the most comforting response," the President said. "But it's what we can do. When I graduated [from Eastern Oregon University], I came back home to assist in our Nation-building, and I encourage each and every one of you to do the same. Our administration is trying to reach [and bring back] our skilled citizens from abroad... the way I see it [we can't achieve our

prosperity] without human resources."

President Panuelo expressed that he is an advocate for the proposed bill in the FSM Congress for an 8% salary increase for public servants working for the FSM National Government, noting that inflation is "constantly rising with the cost of living, and the minimum wage isn't catching up." The FSM National Government is acutely aware that conversations in meeting houses, markets, and social media often discuss this issue.

However, the President noted that the FSM Constitution doesn't allow for the FSM National Government to control the minimum wages set by the FSM States of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae. "Citizens need to work in this process to lobby their respective governments [and elected officials]," the President said, noting again that while he is happy to say that he supports an increased minimum wage throughout all of the FSM's States that the power to make that happen relies in the FSM State Governments.

Regarding perceived issues with expeditious communications from the FSM National Scholarship Board, the President said "I've already called in [to my office in Palikir] the Scholarship board...I've instructed them to restructure and determine how they can best respond to students, especially in terms of issuance of their awards."

On the topic of USP membership, the



President said "The [FSM National Government] will give it a very quick review. I'm leaning towards yes...but once I know for sure, I'll work with the Congress to get the membership fees."

The President also addressed issues with student visas, and proposed to the students one of his plans moving forward. "When I was in Tuvalu, I befriended [His Excellency Frank Bainimarama], Prime Minister of Fiji," President Panuelo said. "I've instructed our Embassy to look at Fiji's situation: if Fiji has a visa waiver with the other Pacific Island countries...then we should propose a visa waiver with Fiji, so that students aren't having difficulty with visas."

It was noted that the FSM students in Fiji were fundraising for the Micronesian Student Organization for an event called Pacific Night, where all Pacific Islands that are represented at each school display or perform their culture, such as through traditional dances and attire. The President advised that he would donate to this fundraiser, with the funds transmitted to the Micronesian Student Organization for the purpose of the FSM students demonstrating the Nation's values at Pacific Night.

The FSM National Government wishes to formally extend to the people and Government of Fiji its appreciation for their kind support during the FSM delegation's transit in Fiji, including assistance with protocol at the airport and the police escort.

## ...Public Projects

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The audit of Yap's public projects says that during the audit review period 71 projects for a total of \$5.75 million were approved by the FSM Congress. Of the amount appropriated by Congress, the Budget Office allotted an amount of over \$2.9 million for 59 projects. The total un-allotted amount was just over \$2.8 million.

The audits for projects in Yap and in Kosrae both pointed out ONPA's opinion that projects were approved without appropriate selection processes and with no coordination between the Congressional representation offices for the two States and their respective State government officials.

Three Senators responded to the draft versions of the audit, each pointing out in their own ways and in their own styles, disagreement with various findings of the audits and particularly, what seemed to be

the main finding of the audit—that either laws or ethical standards may have been violated in the selection of public projects and social programs.

“...Our delegation's general practice requires that all requests for Congressional grants be submitted in writing to our office through the Yap State Governor's Office, and or through one of the Council(s) of Traditional Leaders wherein the project or program is community based,” wrote Yap's Senator Joseph Urusemal. “In instances when a requesting community, non-governmental organization, special interest group, state government entity, etc. is directed by the State to submit a request directly to our office, or opted to independently, our delegation also requires of the requesting entity that courtesy copies of such a request be submitted to the Governor's Office and to the relevant Traditional Council. We feel this inclusive process with the State and the municipal communities allows for a more coordinated review of priority development public projects.”

Yap's Senator Isaac Figir wrote, “My

understanding of what an audit is supposed to (d)o is to compare an actual performance to a set standard. My objection is about where you found the set standard that required collaboration with the State Government in the selection of projects. The way I see it, the Yap delegation is elected by the people of Yap to respond to their needs. How the delegation does that is up to it. The delegation was not elected by the Yap State Government, (and) is not responsible to the State Government for the delegation-funded projects.”

As did Senator Urusemal, Senator Figir pointed out that the delegation does have “a lot of consultation with the State Government”, but said that fact is a political decision and “not any legal requirement from Constitution, law or international standards...It is therefore improper to mention any selection or reviewing processes in an audit as if the Yap delegation has failed to live up to some standard. That is not the case. In the choice of projects, the only responsibility of the delegation is to the people of Yap. The yardstick of whether the proper projects were selected is whether the

people choose to re-elect us.”

Kosrae Senator Paliknoa Welly's response was the most verbose of the responses but concluded, “Your recommendations are not accepted as I am not in any way require(d) by law or regulations to work with state leaders in addressing SDPs (State Strategic Development Plans). In essence, you are telling me to work with people who do not support me.”

In rejecting one of the audit conclusions he quoted from the audit and added emphasis to the quote, “On the other hand, they APPEARED to prioritize their constituency building effort...” He rejected the auditors' conclusions. “This is not factual. I wish the auditors would only refer to fact; not assumptions.”

Both audits pointed out several discrepancies in the implementation of the actual issuance of payments by finance offices. For details, the audit on Kosrae's public projects can be found at [www.fsmopa.fm](http://www.fsmopa.fm) under “new audits”. At press time, ONPA had not yet posted the audit on Yap's public projects online.

## The FSM thanks the World Bank for their support, encourages closer collaboration

### FSM Information Services

**FUNAFUTI, Tuvalu**—On August 15th 2019 the FSM delegation, headed by Senior Consultant to the President on Foreign Affairs Lorin S. Robert and inclusive of Chief of Staff Leo Falcam Jr., met with Mr. Michel Kerf, the World Bank's Country Director for Papua New Guinea and the Pacific Islands. Occurring while His Excellency David W. Panuelo was still attending a 50th Pacific Islands Forum's closed-door meeting for leaders only, the primary outcomes of the meeting included the FSM vocalizing its appreciation for the World Bank's assistance, advocating once more for IDA 19 funding to primarily be directed towards the Climate Resilient Transport Project, and requesting consultations on the necessary procedures for setting up a World Bank office in the FSM.

“It's always good to carry on the conversations with one of our biggest development partners,” Senior Consultant Robert began.

“Thank you...look, we are really delighted by our partnership that we've established with the Government of the FSM,” began Mr. Kerf. “We've had the opportunity to scale up...the resources available under the IDA.”

The IDA grant funding works like this: every three years, the World

Bank offers—to eligible countries—a three-year financial program to build opportunity for the nation per its own development goals. Citizens familiar with the recent developments of the fiber optic cables in FSM States of Yap and Chuuk, for example, may recall that these projects were largely funded by the World Bank under IDA 18. Other examples of successful projects include World Bank's financial assistance to the FSM Department of Finance & Administration, with outcomes including the revised Financial Management Regulations and a new Financial Management Information System.

IDA 19, then, does NOT refer to the year 2019 but, rather, the 19th iteration of the IDA program—and it's the IDA 19 funding that the FSM National Government is attempting to prioritize for the Climate Resilient Transport Project, i.e. building environmentally sustainable roads.

“With the IDA 18 funding almost fully committed...now would be a good time to think about what [the FSM] wants to do with the IDA 19 allocation,” Mr. Kerf said, noting that the funding will begin in 2020 and continue until 2023. “We expect the amount of resources available would be...about sixty million plus...if we start preparations now, by the time the Board is ready to approve, we'd be in the early phase.”

In addition to the IDA 19 funding discussion, there was also conversation on the forthcoming World Bank office in Pohnpei. It was advised that the intent is for the World Bank to open an office in the FSM before the end of 2019, i.e. “later this year.”

The meeting was arguably a follow-up from an August 1st 2019 courtesy call by the World Bank on President Panuelo, who received Senior Infrastructure Specialist Mr. Sean Michaels and his delegation. In that August 1st meeting, the President repeated his request for the Climate Resilient Transport Project. While that meeting primarily focused on climate resilience and maritime infrastructure and operations in the FSM, the President noted “A lot of our roads are dilapidated...they get flooded with heavy rain. I [want] planning to be taken into account for areas like erosion, areas that can be washed out. We want it to be resilient.”

President Panuelo has written, and received a reply from, the World Bank Country Director that the Climate Resilient road assessment can already begin, and that the bulk of the \$60,000,000 of the IDA 19 funding will be dedicating to road resilient infrastructure, primarily in the states of Pohnpei and Chuuk per the President's meetings with the respective state leaderships. Although the President is yet to meet with the States of Kosrae and Yap to determine their priority areas,

President Panuelo plans to visit them in the coming months to discuss their needs and priorities under the IDA 19 funding.

Since the FSM's GDP per capita is within the threshold of being a Least-Developed Country (LDC), and a Small Island Developing State that is threatened by climate change and other challenges, the FSM receives substantial assistance in the form of IDA grants (not loans) from the World Bank. The Nation appreciates its partnership with the World Bank, and intends to continue strengthening its relationship in the coming years.

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## Process launched for FSM's Fourth Constitutional Convention

August 23, 2019

**PALIKIR, POHNPEI** - The Second Special Session of the 21st Congress had transmitted Congressional Act (CA) 21-35 for the President's signature, to call for the selection of delegates and establishment of needed procedures for the Nation to hold the Fourth Constitutional Convention of the Federated States of Micronesia.

On August 7, 2019, the President signed Public law 21-19 to launch the process and criteria for the selection of delegates of the Constitutional Convention along with the expected procedures and duties of the Convention:

1. Delegates: There is to be one Delegation per state that is comprised of one delegate for the at-large seat and two delegates per election district, which translates to:

- Chuuk State – 11 delegates;
- Pohnpei State – 7 delegates;
- Yap State – 3 delegates; and
- Kosrae State – 3 delegates.

2. Eligibility: Unless excluded by law, persons eligible for election to the Convention should be:

- an FSM citizen 25 years or older;
- have fulfilled the residency requirements for a registered voter in the state and the representative district; and
- not under judgement of mental incompetency or insanity, not under parole, probation or any felonious conviction.

3. Dates: The law has laid out the following dates to guide the work and process of the Convention:

- Tuesday - November 05, 2019: Election Day for Delegates to the 4th FSM Constitutional Convention;
- Tuesday – December 3, 2019: The Pre-Convention Committee would assemble to choose its own officers and to organize itself

according to its own rules and procedures, all of which is expected to be completed within 15 days; and

c. Tuesday – January 7, 2020: The 4th FSM Constitutional Convention is to convene and continue in session for 30 days and if necessary, may extend up to 45 days.

4. Duties: The duties of the Convention would be to propose amendments to the Constitution for placement on a ballot for the March 2021 referendum; ensure that the proposed amendments are in the established format for proposed amendments to the Constitution; and, finally the Convention would notify the President of the proposed amendments for the eventual transmittal of the proposals to the Congress for the 2021 referendum.

The FSM Constitution was drafted by the Micronesian Constitutional Convention in 1975 and ratified in 1978 by Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap. On May 10, 1979, the four states collectively became the sovereign self-governing Nation of the Federated States of Micronesia with the FSM Constitution as the supreme law of the land. And contained within is a clause to ensure that at least every 10 years the people of the FSM can amend their Constitution.

The First FSM Constitutional Convention was ratified in 1978 and birthed the FSM nation in 1979. In 1990, the Nation held its Second Constitution Convention which produced four proposed amendments that were ratified and incorporated into the FSM Constitution. The Third Constitution Convention was held in 2001 and yielded 14 proposed amendments which, unfortunately, were not approved in the referendum. Through Public Law 20-19, the Fourth FSM Constitutional Convention is set to convene on January 7, 2020.

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# The 50th Pacific Islands Forum: “Securing our Future in the Pacific”

## FSM Information Services

**NADI, Fiji**—From August 13th to 16th His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and his delegation, attended the 50th Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Leaders Meeting held in Funafuti, Tuvalu. The primary outcomes of the PIF include the Forum Communiqué and the Kainaki II Declaration for Urgent Climate Change Action Now, which can be found here: [https://gov.fm/files/Joint%20Communiqués/FINAL\\_-\\_50th\\_Pacific\\_Islands\\_Forum\\_Communique.pdf](https://gov.fm/files/Joint%20Communiqués/FINAL_-_50th_Pacific_Islands_Forum_Communique.pdf)

Many citizens of the FSM have been inquiring what the PIF is—thus, before explaining the outcomes of the PIF, this release will intend to answer that question.

The sub-regional consensus from the Micronesian Presidents’ Summit and the Micronesian Islands Forum is used to inform the various leaders of the Micronesian region on their unified position in the broader Pacific, which is conducted through the PIF, which has 18 full members including leaders across Micronesia, Polynesia, Melanesia, Australia, and New Zealand. Once a consensus is reached on an issue in the PIF, the entire Pacific is able to use one voice to share its concerns, advice, and recommendations to the entire world through the United Nations. This unity in perspective lends great weight towards advocating for broader international support and cooperation to reach mutual goals, including the request for urgent and immediate action from all countries, organizations, and people to do their part in, for example, combating the existential threat of climate change.

President Panuelo’s schedule during the 50th PIF began with arriving in Tuvalu courtesy of the Royal Australian Air Force, with the children of Tuvalu singing songs about how saving Tuvalu from being swallowed from rising sea levels—as a low-lying atoll, Tuvalu is similar to Woleai in Yap, Satowan or Polowat in Chuuk, or Kapingamarangi in Pohnpei—is akin to saving the World.

The President attended numerous meetings and events, including the Smaller Islands States (SIS) Leaders meeting—wherein the leaders of the Cook Islands, the FSM, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, and Tuvalu met to discuss common issues and concerns, and reach consensus on how to address them as a collective. Other discussions included the PIF Leaders session with Civil Society Organizations, and a Working Dinner with the heads of the Council of Regional Organizations of the Pacific (CROP) Agencies—wherein President Panuelo presented on the outcomes of the recent Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) Ministers Meeting in Pohnpei, and wished both FFA and the FSM a happy 40th

birthday.

During the SIS meeting prior to the larger PIF discussions, President Panuelo said “I merely wish to say that [the FSM] is in agreement with the issues before us.”

“We are in agreement that our maritime boundaries must always remain the same [regardless of the potential impacts of sea level rise],” the President continued. “We support [the establishment of] a regional aviation ministerial meeting [to address regional safety and upper airspace management control issue]. And we stand with our neighbors, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, in...requesting an independent and objective assessment to verify the extent of any breaches at the [allegedly leaking Runit Dome].”

The culminating event was the Forum Leaders Retreat, which began at approximately 9:00am on Thursday, August 15th and concluded at approximately 10:00pm, with the Joint Communiqué and the Kainaki II Declaration for Urgent Climate Change Action Now as the outcomes.

It may be helpful for citizens unfamiliar with the dynamics of these regional meetings to describe the setting. The Leaders Retreat is a discussion limited exclusively to the Leaders (i.e. the attending Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Heads of Delegation) and in Tuvalu it was held in the Kainaki II meeting house, with one high-level official from each country in a nearby building drafting the agreements of the Leaders in the form of the aforementioned communiqué and declaration. Representing the FSM in this drafting committee was the Honorable Andrew R. Yatilman, Secretary of the Department of Environment, Climate Change, & Emergency Management (DECEM).

Some of the outcomes include Leaders of the PIF calling for all parties to the Paris Agreement to meet or exceed their contributions towards pursuing global efforts to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels; requesting all parties to the Paris Agreement to formulate and communicate mid-century long-term low greenhouse gas emissions development strategies by 2020; that maritime zones are delineated in accordance with the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, and that maritime zones could not be challenged or reduced as a result of sea-level rise and climate change; that all parties attending COP 25 are to welcome the focus on oceans; and for the United Nations Secretary General to urgently appoint a Special Adviser on climate change and security, among others.

President Panuelo has urged, given the

severity of the existential threat of climate change to the FSM and, indeed, the Pacific as a whole, and the World at large, that all citizens of the FSM with an interest in making a positive difference for the betterment of their families and communities to read the Kainaki II Declaration for Urgent Climate Change Action Now in full. Teachers and other educators, in particular, are encouraged to include, where appropriate, components of this declaration in their forthcoming lessons during the first weeks of the new school year.

International media have been particularly focused on the role of Australia in the Leaders Retreat. Australia is a member of the PIF, and a friend and ally of the FSM. While there were some significant difficulties and challenges in reaching consensus, the overall outcomes of the Leaders Retreat were more broadly positive than otherwise.

“I was one of the leaders that turned around and asked Australia, why can’t they come along with a strong commitment with the Pacific Island countries?” President Panuelo told the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) during an August 16th interview, found here and beginning at approximately

18:13 in the hour-long program: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w172wq4tpdkz6s>. “We’re [going to] take this document to the United Nations.”

“Our Blue Pacific region needs to call for more urgent action at the United Nations, and indeed in every nation, to implement in full and in haste the Paris Agreement,” President Panuelo continued in his BBC interview.

President Panuelo and the FSM Delegation thanked the Honorable Enele Sopoaga, Prime Minister of the Republic of Tuvalu and Chair of the 50th PIF, and the people and Government of Tuvalu, for their genuine hospitality during the 50th PIF.

The FSM is committed to the Blue Pacific narrative and stands in solidarity with its Pacific neighbors in advocating for, and taking, pronounced action to ensure that the effects of climate change are mitigated. The Government recognizes that failure in combating climate change is not an option, and that both current and future generations of citizens of the FSM and the World depend on leaders taking actions today for our world’s environmental prosperity tomorrow.

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Present for the courtesy call were Mr. Sujiyama Koji, Chargés d'affaires ad interim for the Japanese Embassy to the FSM; Mr. Roger Mori, Deputy Chief of Mission of the FSM Embassy to Japan; OLMCHS Chairman of the Board, Mr. Kasio Mida and his wife, Postmaster Mrs. Ginger Mida; Former FSM President Emmanuel Mori; Ama town Mayor OE Kazuhiko; and His Excellency Minister Shunichi Suzuki.

The dignitaries were presented with mwaramwars to welcome them for a short program at the school gymnasium after the meeting. Selected students performed Kinkinio, a Pohnpeian traditional dance where dancers wear grass skirts and spear sticks. Assisted by Mr. Takada Kenji, Senior Exchange Program Coordinator of Ama town, Mayor OE Kazuhiko gave a presentation about Ama Town. His presentation showed the town as picturesque and vibrant. "Even though we don't have major industries, we have a culture," Mayor Kazuhiko said.



"Micronesia is an isolated island like Ama Town. I am interested in what kind of philosophy that they want to improve with the ongoing partnership."

One of highlights of the visit was when Mayor Kazuhiko and Mr. Takada gleefully entertained the crowd with their traditional dance, Kin nya monya. They demonstrated how to perform the dance while holding a large wooden spoon. They invited the crowd to perform with them and the students joyfully danced clapping the wooden spoons. "All members of our town can dance, even one year can already dance Kin nya monya," Mayor Kazuhiko said.

Included in the entourage from the Japan Embassy in FSM were: Mr. Sugiyama Koji, Charge of Affairs ad Interim; Mr. Maki Kenji, Second Secretary; and Ms. Iizuka Airi, Researcher/Adviser. Mr. Shindate Mizuki, Senior Staff of OKI Learning Center was



part of the Ama town delegation.

After the school visit, Minister Suzuki had lunch at Fusion Restaurant. He left the island on the same day at 03:00pm.

Minister Suzuki and company arrived in Pohnpei on August 21, 2019. They had lunch at the Japanese Ambassador's residence after which they left for Palikir. They had a meeting with Mr. Ricky F. Cantero, Acting Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). They hosted a dinner at Cupid's restaurant with guests: Mr. Roger Mori, Deputy Chief of Mission; Mr. Ricky F. Cantero, Acting Secretary of DFA; and Mr. Quincy Lawrence, Acting Secretary of the Department of Education (DOE).

## Compliance Investigation Division (CID) Advisor completes Master of Fraud and Financial Crime

**Kolonia, Pohnpei-** The Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor (POPA) is pleased to announce that Ms. Sophia H. Pretrick, a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) has completed her Master of Fraud and Financial Crime on May 10, 2019 at the Charles Sturt University (CSU) which is based in Australia through Distant Education. She finally received her degree on August 20, 2019. The Master of Fraud and Financial Crime aims to meet the educational needs of those with responsibility for fraud and financial crime deterrence, prevention, detection and investigation in the public, corporate and law enforcement sectors. For her case, Sophia enrolled in the CSU's Online Program and it took her through three (3) phases to complete it.

Sophia wants to share not only her achievements but also what she learns from her journey. She pursued her Master's Degree because she wants to challenge herself to attain higher education and to continue learning so she can do her job right for the people of FSM. Due to the changing environment and fast-pace technology, the complexity of her work make it vital to continue learning and upgrade her knowledge to make sure she's one-step ahead in order

to do anti-corruption work in the public sector. Completing her Masters was a challenge for her, she has to balance time with family, her studies and office workload. She was able to overcome all the challenges because of the support of her family and the work management.

She wants to encourage the young generation to follow their dreams and always take opportunities that will come their way especially when it comes to enhancing their skills and knowledge. "She shared that it is never too late to pursue Higher Education or any of our dreams". Her late mother, who was her teacher/mentor encouraged her to finish what she started. With the right support system, determination and faith in God, anything is possible. Reaching your dreams should not be the destination, your achievements should always inspire others and always share your skills and knowledge to motivate others". Currently, she is mentoring Auditors/Investigators from the Public Auditors offices to pursue in becoming Certified Fraud Examiner. Her journey in completing her Master's degree end but she is now entering a new journey by pursuing other certification programs in the future. As C.S Lewis said "You are never too old to set another

goal, or to dream a new dream."

Sophia assisted in establishing the Compliance Investigation Divisions within the Yap, Kosrae and Pohnpei State Office of the Public Auditors.

Previously, she worked at the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor for over 12 years. She attained a Bachelors in Criminal Justice Administration during her under-grad studies.



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Right picture: Mr. Marko Kamber C.E.O. C.F.C signs M.O.U between the College and CFC.

**By: Center of Entrepreneurship**

Palikir, Pohnpei – The Center for Entrepreneurship (Center) at the College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) kicked off its 6th year with major improvements to the College hydroponic greenhouses. A security fence was erected through the generous donation from the Caroline Fisheries Corporation (CFC). A container near the greenhouses was refurbished and fashioned into office space. The new satellite offices will be used for both the hydroponics operations as well as a local soap manufacturing company. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) generously donated office furniture for the fitting of the Center's new satellite office.

The Center for Entrepreneurship has finished the testing phase of the hydroponic greenhouses. The phase consisted of the cultivation of crops normally imported including several species of lettuce, Chinese cabbage, bok choy, tomatoes, and bell pepper using hydroponics. Information is being gathered to conduct a feasibility study of commercial hydroponic farming in the Federated States of Micronesia.

The Center came into existence through a donation from the Micronesian Registration Advisors, Inc (MRA). MRA has been a long-term supporter of the Center since its inception providing \$280,000.00 to fund the Center's programs over the span of 5 years. MRA has pledged to continue its support of the Center again this year.

The Center and CFC will soon enter a Memorandum of Understanding, aimed at growing fresh vegetables through hydroponics to compete with imported goods. CFC came to this decision after seeing how successful the College greenhouses were performing. Through the MOU COM-FSM graduates will be given first priority for hiring.

The Center would like to extend its thanks and appreciation to MRA, IOM, and CFC for their generous donations and support. We are excited to see what the future holds.

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# President Panuelo meets U.S. Secretary of Interior David Bernhardt in Fiji following the 50th Pacific Island Forum Leaders Meeting in Tuvalu

## FSM Information Services

**NADI, Fiji**—On August 17th 2019, at the invitation of the Honorable David Bernhardt, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) met with the Secretary of the Department of Interior and the U.S. delegation that attended the 50th Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) in the Republic of Tuvalu. The purpose of the meeting was for the delegations of the FSM, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and the Republic of Palau to share their views on matters of mutual interest, including the Compact of Free Association, and to hear the U.S.' perspective on regional issues.

"This is a good time to hear from you," Secretary Bernhardt began, inviting the delegations to converse about upcoming discussions of importance related to the Freely Associated States (FAS)' countries' Compacts of Free Association.

"Thank you, Secretary," President Panuelo replied. "First off, I thank you, Secretary, for the opportunity to meet you again... the visit of course by [the Honorable Robert L. Wilkie] to the FSM during the

Inauguration, and then [the Honorable Michael] Pompeo visiting right after [were historic]." The President expressed grateful appreciation for the high level leadership visits to the FSM by the Government of the United States, and described how the FSM welcomes news that the U.S. State Department has been given the authorization to begin the process of organizing and conducting negotiations on the expiring provisions of our Compact of Free Association.

"That was the biggest news that the citizens have been waiting for," the President said.

"But," the President continued, "I think we need to look at time—time is of the essence, and we're looking at 2023...I think we overshot the implementation of [the 2003 Amendments to the Compact of Free Association]." The President advised that, in his view, the delay in implementing the amendments of the Compact lead to unnecessary hardship for regular men and women and their families, and that it is vital that the new negotiations conclude prior to the actual expiration presently laid out in 2023.

The U.S. delegation, lead by the Secretary

of the Department of the Interior and inclusive of representatives of the U.S. State Department, U.S. Coast Guard, the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the U.S. White House's National Security Council, took the opportunity to update the FAS countries on some specific ongoing programs that are supporting the Pacific region. Among these were an update from NOAA on its monitoring capacity and data analysis, an update by the U.S. Coast Guard on search and rescue operations' support, and ongoing implementation of the ship-rider agreement which allows for FAS law enforcement officers to accompany, and assist, U.S. military vessels in periodic patrol operations of our exclusive economic zones (EEZs). (Only FAS law enforcement officers can enforce the laws of the FSM, the RMI, and Palau respectively.)

President Panuelo and Ambassador Ishoda, representing the RMI, were equally assertive in recommending that the visibility in the greater Pacific region be enhanced or strengthened. Given the unique relationship that exists between the United States and the FAS countries, it is imperative that the FAS countries and the United States are able to effectively coordinate the visibility of presence and valuable U.S. support in the region.

The President also advocated for greater capacity to streamline the usage of Compact Sector Grants, referencing nearly 200 million dollars of backlogged infrastructure funding. The President acknowledged that both the FSM and the United States bear some level of responsibility for this, and called for greater cooperation by the U.S. and the FSM to address this backlog.

It was further noted that the "bottleneck" in utilizing the Compact's infrastructure funding lessens U.S. visibility. "I want the U.S. to think about reflecting in the negotiations the level of maturity in the FSM-US relationship, including its growth in accountability and the rule of law.... So [my hope is] that the next negotiation isn't bogged down in these bottlenecks whilst China is highly visible in implementing infrastructure projects," President Panuelo said.

President Panuelo shared that he included in the 50th PIF Leaders Retreat language in the Joint Communiqué about ship wrecks that run the risk of endangering the environment. "We need an inventory of the World War II ship wrecks in the Pacific."

President Panuelo also encouraged the

U.S. as much as possible to meet Pacific leaders at the highest level, so that the U.S. can be seen as being fully engaged across the entire Pacific, and not just the North. While the FSM is proud of the FAS-U.S. tight-knit relationship, the FSM—who considers the United States its first and foremost ally—is obligated to advocate for broader U.S. visibility throughout the rest of the region for the benefit of the Pacific's security and stability.

The Republic of Palau's Minister of State, the Honorable Faustina K. Rehuher-Marugg, reemphasized the importance of the Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) process, and additionally drew much needed attention to the future of the Pacific Island Development Program and the necessity to revitalize its support to the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat as a CROP Agency. Minister Rehuher-Marugg also drew attention to the issue of the REAL ID Act and emphasized the importance of its ongoing impacts on FAS citizens currently residing in, and working in, the United States.

President Panuelo offered an intervention which described some progress towards resolving specific REAL ID Act issues. To further elaborate, Mr. Alexander B. Gray, Director for Oceania & Indo-Pacific Security within the U.S. National Security Council, discussed the ongoing efforts of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to resolve implementation of regulation issues which would benefit and clarify the applicability of the REAL ID Act to FAS citizens.

"If I can say one last piece," President Panuelo said. "We care about the overall U.S. presence in the Pacific. Other leaders, especially down in the South Pacific, may not have that kind of perception. So wherever it is possible, in terms of the Blue Pacific Continent and the Blue Pacific narrative...please embrace it. We need... inclusiveness in terms of U.S. leadership, especially since the U.S. [plays a key role] in providing peace, security, [stability], and freedom of navigation [in the Pacific]."

"That's a great comment and a great way to end the meeting," Secretary Bernhardt said. "I appreciate all the discussion."

The FSM National Government is proud of its enduring partnership with the people and Government of the United States of America, and looks forward to the swift initiation and conclusion of the negotiations for the expiring provisions of the Compact of Free Association, as Amended.



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

The Pacific Community (SPC invites proposals from Consultants to provide consultancy services as National Coordinator for the SPC North Pacific Regional Office – Pohnpei.

The more detailed description of the work is set out under the Request for Proposal document which can be downloaded from [www.spc.int/procurement](http://www.spc.int/procurement).

### HOW TO APPLY:

**Submissions should be entitled: RFP 19-065 – National Coordinator**

#### Method and deadline for Submissions:

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#### Questions and Answers

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
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**FSM NATIONAL GOVERNMENT COMPUTER NETWORK PROJECT**

- The FSM Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure (DTC&I) of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the installation of underground pipes and manholes at FSM Capitol Complex, Palikir, Pohnpei State, FSM. The PROJECT was initiated by the Division of Communication.
- Competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with FSM regulations and is also open to all eligible bidders.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure (DTC&I) of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia and inspect the Bidding Document at the address given below,

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- Bidding Documents can be obtained from the following sources:
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  - Hardcopies of the bid documents can be obtained thru payment of non-refundable deposit of US\$25.00 payable to the FSM Treasury if the bidder cannot provide his email to print the documents. Hard copies of the bid documents are readily available at FSM Department of TC&I, Palikir, Pohnpei.
- Pre-bid conference will be on September 11 2019, 10:00 a.m. at FSM DTC&I Conference Room and to be followed by subsequent site visit. All interested bidders are requested to proceed to the said location for project briefing. Site visit is MANDATORY.
- Submission of Bids:
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**TIMETABLE**

**For November 5, 2019 Constitutional Convention Election**

**This Timetable is based on the Revised National Election Act of 2005**

Sections	Dates	Definitions
Appropriation (9FSMC) Sec. 107	September 26, 2019	40 days prior to a Special Election, Congress shall appropriate a sum adequate to defray the administrative and contingent expenses of conducting National Election.
Open and close of absentee request by mail (9FSMC) Sec. 602 (2) a	September 16, 2019 October 1, 2019	Request to vote absentee ballot by mail must be received by National Election Commissioner (NEC) not more than 50 days but not less than 35 days before Special Election Day.
Closing for filing Nomination Petition (9FSMC) Sec. 202 (4)	September 26, 2019	The name of any candidate shall be printed on an official ballot only if, at least 40 days prior to a Special Election the nomination paper is filed in the office of the National Election Commissioner (NEC) of the state concerned.
Last day to appoint various boards and Counting and Tabulating Committee members (9FSMC) Sec. 302 (3)a		The National Election Commissioner (NEC) of each state with the approval of the National Election Director shall appoint election board and tabulating committee members on or before January 2nd of each election year.
Designation of Special Polling Places (9FSMC) Sec. 605 (2)	September 21, 2019	Not less than 45 days prior to a Special Election, the National Election Director (NED) shall designate the locations of the special polling places, (one in Guam and one in Honolulu)
Printing of official ballots (9FSMC) Sec. 503 (1)	October 1, 2019	The National Election Director (NED) shall complete the printing of the official ballots no later than 35 days before a Special Election.
Request to vote at the special polling places (9FSMC) Sec. 605 (3)	October 26, 2019	Request to vote at a special polling place must be received by the National Election Commissioner (NEC) of the state of registration not less than 10 days prior to a Special Election.
Last day to send absentee ballots by mail (9FSMC) Sec. 602 (2)b	October 6, 2019	The National Election Commissioner (NEC), shall, at least 30 days before a Special Election, mail an absentee ballot to any absentee voter who has requested an absentee ballot in accordance with this section.
Closing of Registration and Voter ID	October 6, 2019	No person shall be entitled to vote in any National Election, or to be listed upon the National Voter Register, or upon any Signature List, who fails to register to vote with the National Election Office or State Election Office at least 30 days prior to Election Day.
Absentee for Travelers (9FSMC) Sec. 606 (1)b	October 6, 2019 November 4, 2019	Not more than 30 days and not less than 1 day before the Special Election; a voter must submit in person a written request to cast a ballot prior to traveling.
Preparation of signature lists (9FSMC) Sec. 303(7)	October 16, 2019	National Election Director (NED) shall prepare signature lists from National Voter Register for each of the polling places not later than 20 days prior to each election.
VAAPP Requests (9FSMC) Sec. 604(1)d	October 29, 2019	National Election Commissioner (NEC) of the state of registration receives the written VAAPP requests at least 7 days before the Special Election.
Posting of Signature Lists of SPP (9FSMC) Sec. 605(4)	October 30, 2019	No later than 6 days before a Special Election, National Election Commissioner (NEC) shall post at the National Election Offices in their states signature lists of each special polling place in their state.
Posting of Signature Lists for Guam and Honolulu (9FSMC) Sec. 605(5)	October 30, 2019	No later than 6 days before a Special Election, the National Election Director, or his designee, shall post the Special Polling Place Signature lists for Guam and Honolulu in a publicly accessible place in each location to be set out in the regulations promulgated pursuant to this title.
Constitutional Convention Election Day	November 5, 2019	The election of delegates shall be held during a special election on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 2019.

Ioanis Sahn  
Acting Director  
FSM National Election  
Federated States of Micronesia

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**August 19, 2019**  
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

The FSM Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure (DTC&I), Program Management Unit (PMU) is soliciting proposals from interested individuals to provide professional services as CONTRACTS SPECIALIST AND PROJECT ARCHITECT to the Program Management Unit. The PMU is responsible for the monitoring and coordination of the FSM Infrastructure Development Plan, and for the provision of technical support, oversight and project management services for compact-funded infrastructure projects. The Terms of Reference, including specific skill sets, are attached.

Proposals from interested individuals, including CV's, copies of degrees and professional qualifications as well as at least 2 References, should be received by the Acting Secretary, DTC&I, no later than Friday, September 20th, 2019 @ 4.00 pm. All proposals received should be clearly marked:

Addressed to:

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Communications and Infrastructure  
FSM National Government  
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Proposals may be received in hard copy or soft copy via email and must be received no later than the above designated time and through the designated address.

Further information is available at the office of the Program Management Unit, DTC&I or email to the PMU Program Manager, Mr. Robert Goodwin, at email: rsgoodwin@hotmail.com or call (691) 320 2080.

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**Opportunities at the Secretariat**



**About the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat**

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

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

The work of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) is guided by the Framework for Pacific Regionalism (FPR) as:

The expression of a common sense of identity and purpose, leading progressively to the sharing of institutions, resources, and markets, with the purpose of complimenting national efforts, overcoming common constraints, and embracing sustainable and inclusive development within Pacific countries and territories and for the Pacific region as a whole.

The FPR is underpinned by the Blue Pacific narrative, endorsed by Forum Leaders in Samoa in 2017, which calls for a long-term regional commitment to act as one "Blue Continent" as the means to achieve its development aspirations. The Leaders vision was that it would serve as the platform to reinforce and inspire the region in its shared stewardship of the Pacific Ocean, and to reaffirm the connections of Pacific peoples with their natural resources, environment, culture and livelihoods.

**About the Opportunities**

Applications are invited from nationals of member countries to fill the following international positions.

**1. Trade Commissioner – Pacific Trade & Invest (PT&I), China**

The Trade Commissioner – PT&I, China's role is to provide appropriate market support to Forum Island Countries to promote and intensify the cooperation between the region and the People's Republic of China (PRC) in economic, trade, investment and tourism development. Maintaining diplomatic and technical links with the PRC Government at all levels is essential.

**2. Deputy Representative & Export Promotions Manager, China**

The Deputy Representative and Export Promotions Manager's (Deputy Representative) role is to provide appropriate trade and export support to Forum Island Members/Observers and their private sectors via a cost efficient and targeted client driven service in China aimed at increasing Pacific Islands' exports into China.

Salaries for the Trade Commissioner and the Deputy Representative positions depend on qualifications and experience. Paid in US Dollars, the ranges are equivalent to FJD108,724 to FJD125,510 per annum for the Trade Commissioner and FJD90,243 to FJD101,524 per annum for the Deputy Representative position. These salaries are also dependent on foreign exchange rates at the time of payment.

As both positions are based in Beijing, allowances to support Cost of Living adjustments are applied beginning at an equivalent of FJD40,706 per annum for the Trade Commissioner and FJD33,787 per annum for the Deputy Representative.

**3. Private Sector Climate Change Finance Officer**

The Private Sector Climate Change Finance Officer's role is to work with the private sector in Pacific Island Countries to strengthen their engagement with the public sector and other stakeholders with a view to deepen understanding of private sector contribution and its role in resilience development in the Pacific as well as increase opportunities for and access by private sector to climate change and disaster resilience information and capacity, best practice and knowledge sharing. Regional travel will be required to implement training and provide support on project missions.

The salary for this position depends on qualifications and experience and start within a range equivalent to FJD71,528 to FJD89,984 per annum. This salary is dependent on foreign exchange rates at the time of payment.

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**About the Capabilities**

Applicants are required to demonstrate their abilities in accordance with the Secretariat's Core Capabilities of: planning and prioritising, communicating with purpose and effect, leading and collaborating, applying critical thinking, developing & strengthening relationships and delivering value. To understand what these mean at the different levels of the organisation, applicants should view the Secretariat's Capability Framework on our website.

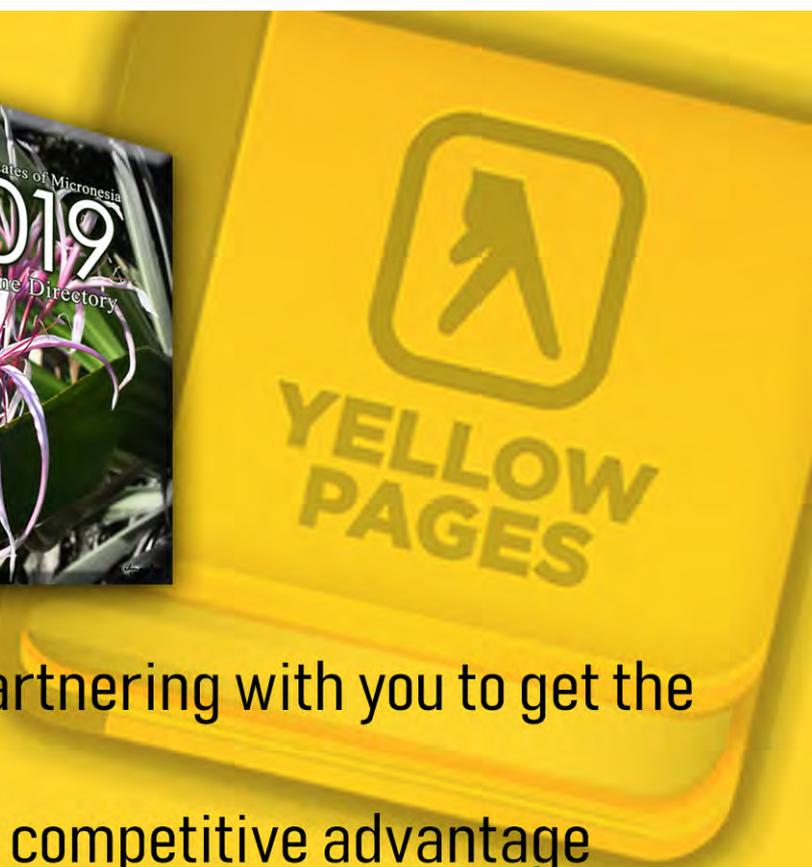
Supplementary Capabilities required for these positions include: building for the future, promoting effective workplace practices, managing and coordinating projects as well as using systems, tools and technology.

**Additional Information**

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

To be eligible for these positions, applicants must be nationals of Forum member countries\*. The Forum Secretariat is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Deadline for applications is at 5pm (Fiji time), 20 September 2019.

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For November 12, 2019

PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE POHNPEI ELECTION CODE	IMPORTANT DUE DATES (DEADLINES)	EVENTS/ACTIVITIES
<b>Legal Residence</b> 10 PC §1 – 103(6)	Close: Nov. 12, 2018	A person registering to vote may only be designated as his or her legal residence if the person was born in the local jurisdiction or he or she has actually resided in the local jurisdiction for at least one (1) year preceding the date of the next election.
<b>General Election – when held</b> 10 PC §6 - 102	November 12, 2019	General Election for the Governor, Lt. Governor and the Legislators shall be held simultaneously every four years, on the <b>second Tuesday in November</b> .
<b>Time for filing Nomination Petitions</b> 10 PC §5 – 111 as amended by S.L. No. 9L-110-19	Open: July 5, 2019 Close: Aug. 14, 2019	In the general elections, nominating petitions for candidates to elective office shall be filed with the Election Commissioner no more than one hundred (100) days or less than ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled date of the election.
<b>Request for Absentee Ballot Off Island</b> 10 PC §6 – 116 as amended by S.L. No. 9L-110-19	Open: June 15, 2019 Close: Oct. 3, 2019	Request for absentee ballots shall be made to the Election Commissioner in writing not more than one hundred fifty (150) days nor less than forty (40) days prior to the date of the election.
<b>Request for Absentee Ballot On Island</b> 10 PC §6 – 116 as amended by S.L. No. 9L-110-19	Open: Oct. 13, 2019 Close: Nov. 11, 2019	Request for absentee ballots by reason of Travel shall be made to the Election Commissioner in writing not more than thirty (30) days nor less than one (1) day prior to the date of the election.
<b>Voting by Confiner Voters</b> 10 PC §6 – 115 as amended by S.L. No. 9L-110-19	Open: Oct. 13, 2019 November 11, 2019	Any registered voter qualified to vote at any general or special election who is physically present in the state but who is confined or hospitalized because of illness or physical disability as will prevent him or her from attending the polls shall request for an absentee ballot with the election commissioner not more than thirty (30) days nor less than one (1) day prior to the date of the election.
<b>Marking and returning of absentee ballots:</b> 10 PC §6 – 117 as amended by S.L. No. 9L-110-19	October 3, 2019	Not less than forty (40) days prior to the date of the election, the election commissioner shall send to persons who is entitled to vote by absentee ballot outside the state and who request the same, a ballot envelope, affidavit and a covering reply envelope.
<b>POSTMARKED ballot envelope</b>	November 11, 2019	The ballot envelope and the affidavit shall be enclosed and sealed in the covering envelope and shall be postmarked <b>NOT</b> later than <b>MIDNIGHT</b> on the day before the election.
<b>Absentee ballots Must be received</b>	November 21, 2019	Absentee ballots must be received by the Election Commissioner prior to the close of business, no later than seven (7) working days after the election day.
<b>Substitute Candidate</b> 10 PC §5 – 115 as amended by S.L. No. 9L-110-19	Five (5) days after a vacancy is declared	If a candidate for Governor, Lieutenant Governor or other singular elected position dies, withdraws or disqualified after the deadline for filing nomination petitions resulting in either not candidate or an unopposed candidate, substitute candidate may be nominated following the same procedure as the candidate who died, withdrew or was disqualified.
<b>Recount</b> 10 PC §7 – 101(3)	One week (7) days after certification date	Petition for recount must be filed within one week (7) days of certification of the result of the election.
<b>Run-Off Elections</b> 10 PC §6 - 103	December 10, 2019	Runoff elections shall be held 28 days after the date of the general election. In a runoff election, there is no write in ballots

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Pohnpei State Government  
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June 6, 2019  
Date

# Opinion Editorial

## Standing Firm at the Age of Thirty, Having Full Expectations of a Brighter Future -- written on the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the FSM



The social and public opinion foundation of China-FSM relations has become more and more solid, and the hearts of our two peoples are getting closer and closer

In 2014, Chinese President Xi Jinping and then-President Emanuel Mori of the FSM decided to establish a Strategic Partnership featuring mutual respect and common development, opening a new chapter of the China-FSM relations. In November 2018, President Xi Jinping and then-President Peter Christian of the FSM met successfully in PNG and reached an important consensus to upgrade the China-FSM relations to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, which charted the course for the future development of our bilateral relations. In May 2019, the newly-elected President of the FSM, H.E. David Panuelo, stressed on multiple occasions that his administration would firmly adhere to the One China Principle and keep pushing the China-FSM Comprehensive Strategic Partnership to a new high. Up to now, China has implemented or been implementing nearly 20 complete projects and economic and technological cooperation projects in the FSM, including those delivered and put to use, such as the pilot farm, the Y-12 aircraft, the passenger-cargo ship in Yap and Chuuk, the multifunctional gymnasium across FSM, the bridge in Kosrae and the new Chuuk State office buildings complex, as well as the undergoing secondary road and bridge reconstruction project in Pohnpei. There are also some projects proposed and under review, including the project of repairing and upgrading the roads in Chuuk, the second passenger-cargo ship and maintenance of office buildings in Pohnpei. China has provided more than 200 scholarship opportunities and trained more than 500 management and technical personnel for the FSM. In addition, sub-national cooperation and people-to-people exchanges between our two countries are booming and continue to yield instrumental results. The visit by the traditional dancers from Yap State to China were warmly welcomed and highly praised by the Chinese audience. Next year, the FSM National Convention Center, whose construction is undertaken by Guangdong Province of China will rise above plain ground in Palikir, the

The year 2019 marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the People's Republic of China and the Federated States of Micronesia. For the development of any person, society, country or career, the 30th anniversary is an important stage worthy of celebrating warmly and summing up conscientiously. More than 2,500 years ago, Confucius, the great thinker and educator of ancient China, put forward the idea of "A man should stand firm at the age of thirty". In the Chinese culture of later generations, its gradually derived into "after 30 years' development, a cause's goals and direction are made clearly, and we have the courage to shoulder responsibility and make efforts for it".

Today, China-FSM relations are standing firm at the age of 30, which means that we need to push forward the steady and in-depth development of our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of mutual respect and common development. Over the past 30 years, the Chinese government has attached great importance to developing China-FSM friendly relations and always regarded the FSM as a good brother/sister, partner and friend. Over the past 30 years, the friendly exchanges and cooperation between China and the FSM in various fields have seen fruitful achievements, which not only serves the common interests of our two countries and brings tangible benefits to our two peoples, but also contributes to the regional and global peace, prosperity and stability. Over the past 30 years, China and FSM have continuously promoted mutual understanding and friendship.

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capital of the FSM, which will be a new landmark of China-FSM friendship.

The reason why we believe China-FSM relations are standing firm at the age of 30 is that historical experience has proven that, in order to maintain the long-term, sound and stable development of China-FSM relations and to continuously score new achievements, we must hold fast to the following principles:

First of all, the FSM government firmly adheres to the One China Principle. There is only but one China in the world. The Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China. Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory. The One China Principle not only is the most fundamental cornerstone of the China-FSM Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, but also one of the basic rules of the international law and international relations that every country should strictly abide by. China highly appreciates the stance of the FSM government in strictly adhering to the One China Principle and its leading role in safeguarding the One China Principle in the region. Without this cornerstone, the whole edifice of our partnership would collapse.

Secondly, we should always treat each other as equals. China has consistently advocated that all countries, big or small, strong or weak, rich or poor, are equal members of the international community. Despite being a developing country, China upholds the principle of pursuing the greater good and shared interests and the principle of sincerity, real results, amity and good faith. Under the principles of equality, mutual benefit, openness and sustainability, China has provided assistance to the FSM within its capacity under the framework of south-south cooperation like the way between brothers and sisters. China's assistance to the FSM is not attached with political preconditions, nor is it imposing on the FSM side, but is according to the needs of the FSM people, which has improved the local livelihood, brought tangible benefits to the local people, assisted in the FSM's economic and social development, so it is the most sincere and selfless.

Thirdly, we should always respect each other. In the 1980s, in the face of the opposition from some big powers, China fully supported the FSM in its pursuit of independence in the United Nations and became one of the earliest countries to recognize and establish diplomatic relations with the FSM. Over the past 30 years, China and the FSM have always respected each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity, respective social

systems, development paths chosen independently according to their own national conditions, fundamental interests and major concerns. Our two countries have never interfered in each other's internal affairs, have kept close coordination and cooperation on major regional, international and global issues. This constitutes an important connotation of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between China and the FSM. Fourthly, we should always pursue common development. All human beings, living on the same earth and sharing the same sky and ocean, will share the same future. Globalization is an irresistible historical trend in today's world. Not a single country should remain an isolated island. All countries ought to connect with each other to form a community with a shared future.

The great ideas of building a community with a shared future for humanity and pursuing the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) put forward by President Xi Jinping are China's answer to the question of what kind of world we are building and how to build it, which concerns the destiny of the whole humanity. The core is to promote policy coordination, connectivity of infrastructure, unimpeded trade, financial integration and closer people-to-people ties. It aims to build a new type of international relations featuring mutual respect, fairness and justice, win-win cooperation, to make our world open and inclusive, clean and beautiful with lasting peace, common security, and common prosperity. By the end of April 2019, 131 countries including the FSM and 30 international organizations have signed a total of 187 documents of cooperation with China under the BRI, making it the most popular international public good around the globe. China regards the FSM as an important partner in the pursuing of the Belt and Road Initiative, and will fully carry out the concept of "helping friends to know how to fish instead of just giving fishes" proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping by increasing input in the areas of education, healthcare, science and technology and people-to-people exchanges on top of the existing cooperation with the FSM, making concerted efforts to pursue the Belt and Road Initiative and build a community with a shared future for humanity.

Regrettably, despite the remarkable achievements of the 30 years development of China-FSM relations, which are obvious to the people, China-FSM relations suffer ungrounded criticism and vicious attacks by some countries that distort facts and overturn the right with the wrong. This fully exposes those countries' "sour grapes" psychology, colonialist attitude, Cold-War mindset and the outdated zero-sum game mentality. What they've been doing

are hegemonic behavior that flagrantly ignored the sovereignty of the FSM with the ultimate selfish motivation of driving a wedge between China and the FSM and prevent the FSM from realizing sustainable development with China's assistance. Only the people of the FSM have a say in the effectiveness and dynamism of China's assistance, which those countries have no right or reason to judge, let alone to criticize. China will always be a good friend and partner worthy of the trust of the FSM, and will continue to provide sincere and selfless assistance within its capacity to the FSM and work with the FSM to create a better future. This conforms to the trend of the times and is in line with the common interests of China and the FSM, brings about tangible benefits to the local people and is widely welcomed by the local people. The selfish attempts by some countries to undermine the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between China and the FSM are doomed to failure.

Since the beginning of this year, we have witnessed a series of activities celebrating the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the FSM, including the three receptions on deck aboard different Chinese scientific research

vessels, the dedication and turnover of the new Chuuk state office buildings complex, 2019 Chinese lunar New Year reception, the ground-breaking ceremony of the China-aided Pohnpei secondary road and Kahmar Bridge project. A large reception will be held in September in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and the FSM and the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China. In addition, the song and dance troupe from Zhongshan, Chinese Guangdong Province will visit the FSM and present wonderful performances to the local audience. We hope that all friends from the FSM can join us and work hand in hand to fulfill those grand functions. As the FSM President Panuelo said, we need to constantly push our bilateral relations to a new high in the next 30 years and beyond. We believe that as long as our two countries work together to keep enriching the connotations of the China-FSM Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, to pursue the Belt and Road Initiative on the principle of achieving shared growth through discussion and collaboration, and to promote the building of a community with a shared future for humanity, we can be full of expectations for a better future to be created by the peoples of both China and the FSM.

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