

Pohnpei celebrates 74th anniversary of its liberation from military occupation

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei—On September 11, 1945, U.S. Naval forces accepted the surrender of Japanese forces in Pohnpei and raised the American flag ending the Japanese occupation. Each year for 40 years, Pohnpeians have commemorated the liberation with Liberation Day festivities including sporting and other events.

Sporting events have been happening in conjunction with the

day for several weeks culminating with the final celebration on September 11, 2019 at the Pohnpei Islands Central School track. The state also sponsored a Liberation Festival they called the “Liberation Bash”, a dance and music competition at the Kolonia China Friendship gym.

Teams and individuals from Pohnpei’s municipalities participated in various sporting events during the last several weeks. At the end of the competitions, Kitti athletes were both the top gold medal winners, with a total 33 of gold

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Pohnpei Legislature holding public hearings on bill to legalize marijuana despite FSM law prohibition

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Pohnpei—The Pohnpei State Legislature is currently reviewing a bill (135-16) written in 2016 to regulate and tax marijuana production and use in Pohnpei. The Committee for Health and Social Services is currently conducting public hearings on the merits of the bill.

Floor Leader Senator McGarry Miguel withdrew the old bill that had previously been assigned to the Justice and Governmental Operations and Education Committees and re-assigned it to the

Committee for Health and Social Services. “The intent is to legalize it for medicine purposes only,” Senator Miguel wrote in response to our questions. “I am not interested in legalizing marijuana at this point on recreational purposes.”

“Yes, we will start with the medical purpose first and if we can control the problems and have solutions of concerns raised by many, and changes can be made in the future for legalizing recreational usage...” he wrote, and trailed off.

The bill will require major gutting in committee and substantial amendments before it hits the floor for possible approval if medicinal purposes for marijuana usage were the intent.

“In the interest of respecting and enhancing individual freedoms, the Pohnpei

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Pohnpei—The Chinese research vessel Hai Yang Liu Hao paid a port call to the Pohnpei Port this week. In conjunction with that visit and the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the People’s Republic of China and the FSM, Ambassador Huang Zheng hosted a reception aboard the vessel.

Before a dinner aboard the vessel, invited guests were given a tour of the bridge and took part in a briefing on the mission of the vessel. For a layperson, the briefing was difficult to understand, full of technical jargon, but the after briefing question and answer period was easier to understand. The vessel has for several years conducted underwater geological surveys both in terms of seabed mapping and by taking core samples from the ocean floor where they have permission to do so. China does not currently have an agreement with the FSM to do so in its exclusive economic zone, but according to FSM Senators who were present at the briefing, the idea is being discussed.

No sea bed mining is currently allowed in FSM waters but the Chinese government hopes to be able to come to some sort of mutually agreeable terms with the FSM to explore the feasibility in what they say would be an environmentally friendly way.

Among the dignitaries at the reception and briefing were FSM Senators Aren Palik, Robson Romolow, and Ferny Perman. Former President of the FSM John Haglelgam and Pohnpei Senator McGarry Miguel, President and Vice President of the Micronesia-China Friendship Association were also present. President Haglelgam was FSM President from 1987-1991 during which time he facilitated and signed



off on establishing diplomatic relations with China. Matthew Chigyal of the FSM NORMA (National Oceanic Resources Management Authority) was also present and spoke knowledgeably of the efforts of the research vessel saying that the data would be very helpful to NORMA in its efforts. FSM Foreign Affairs officials were also present.

The formal celebration of 30 years of FSM-China relations will be held at Mangrove Bay on Friday, September 13, 2019.



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Chuuk Healthy Islander Fair Report

By Kiki Stinnett

In 2017, CWC was awarded a grant by the CDC Pacific Islanders Diabetes Prevention Program (PI DPP) run by the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organization (AAPCHO). The PI DPP is a lifestyle change program designed to promote wellness and prevent type 2 diabetes in at risk patients. PI DPP is a diabetes prevention program using lifestyle change interventions that target: 1) Improving diets; 2) Increasing physical activity, and 3) Achieving moderate weight loss.

On Friday, August 30th, CWC's Chuuk Healthy Islander Program (CHIP) hosted a one stop shop Healthy Islander Fair in collaboration with Chuuk Public Health, Chuuk Community Health Center, COM Land grant program, and our newest partner, the Catholic Relief Services, plus some of the Leadership members from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Over 200 people cycled through the fair and activities which was held on the public dock in the village of Nepukos (the town center). Chuuk Public Health had nine (9) of their various programs participating in educational and prevention awareness, including dental check-ups and Public Health staff assisted CWC CHIP Team with their Blood screening efforts. Chuuk Health Center Staff were on site to assist clients that needed special assistance and consultation.

The Catholic Relief Services also shared information about how best to avoid and prevent the spread of dengue fever, how to safely store drinking water, and the best practice for hand washing. CWC's various programs were also available and included the Key Pop program, Gender based Violence, and the Women in Business network which promotes local produce and crafts plus our Ridge2Reef program doing awareness. Cooking demonstration were conducted by the COM CRE program headed by Dr. Lolida Ragus and participants enjoyed the delicious sampling of many healthy products.

Lots of education and prevention awareness material were given away to those that spent the time to learn about the these programs. The free give-aways included Diabetes Foot Care bags,

pedometers, recycle bags, anti-bacterial soap, hand sanitizer and mosquito coils, tooth brush and tooth paste, free drinking water, plus coconut and healthy refreshments. This was an excellent opportunity to share information and learn about the prevention and best approaches for self-care.

I want to acknowledge and express our sincere "Kinisou Chapur" to those who

participated and give special recognition to our partners, especially The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, who donated the tool kits for the blood screening and all who contributed to the success of our Healthy Islander Fair.



World Mission Society Church of God joins others in cleanup of causeway



By Bill Jaynes
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Pohnpei—Members of the World Mission Society Church of God (WMSCG) in Pohnpei joined together for a cleanup of the causeway in Dekehtik. Emmanuel Luppi, Deacon and Assistant Overseer of the WMSCG said that it was their first volunteer community cleanup and was in response to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 11-15.

new arrival of in Pohnpei. According to their website, the religion boasts nearly 3 million members in 7500 churches in 175 countries internationally. It was founded in 1964 by "Christ Ahnsahnghong". The religion believes that "The Church of God is the only church that God established on the earth" and that their founder was the messiah in human form. He died in 1985. They believe that his widow, Jang Gil-ja is God the Mother. She is also known as the Bride of Christ.

SDGs 11 through 15 pertain to sustainable cities and communities, responsible consumption and production, climate action, life below water, and life on land. WMSCG has been widely recognized for its volunteer activities.

WMSCG is a somewhat



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Citizens of the FSM Applying for REAL ID Driver's Licenses: You Need Your I-94 and Your FSM Passport

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On September 3rd, 2019, the United States Government through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued a directive relating to the REAL ID Act of 2005 and its subsequent amendment in December 2018. This internal regulation changes the requirements for presenting an identity document in order to receive a REAL ID compliant driver's license. Citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) will require their FSM passport along with an I-94 form when applying for these licenses, as the amendment has added these documents to the list of acceptable documents that establish identity for purposes of obtaining a REAL ID compliant driver's license.

In 2005, the U.S. Congress passed the REAL ID Act of 2005, which provides requirements for individuals when applying for REAL ID-compliant drivers license and identifications. While the intent of the U.S. Congress was to exempt the citizens of the FSM, the Republic of Palau (ROP), and the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), from the various requirements of the law, its subsequent implementation by DHS proved to be difficult for the citizens of the three countries. Citizens were subjected to other impediments including issuance of temporary licenses and ID for a renewable term of one year.

In December 2018, the U.S. Congress passed, and U.S. President Donald J. Trump signed, the REAL ID Act Modification for the Freely Associated States Act, an amendment to the 2005 law to further clarify the intent of the law with respect to citizens of the three countries. Citizens, however, became victims in the language of the law, which required visas as one of the three requisites to obtain REAL IDs. Under the terms of the Compact of Free Association (COFA), as Amended, citizens of the FSM, ROP, and RMI may enter the United States visa-free, thus the visa requirement became even more problematic.

On Tuesday, September 3rd, 2019, the U.S. DHS announced an amendment to its regulations concerning the

requirements for presenting an identity document in order to receive a REAL ID compliant driver's license. This amendment adds an FSM passport with an I-94 form to the list of acceptable documents that establish identity for purposes of obtaining a REAL ID compliant driver's license.

Specifically, DHS has designated "an unexpired foreign passport and valid Form I-94 (Arrival-Departure Record) as acceptable identity documentation for purposes of obtaining a REAL ID driver's license or identification card for eligible citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands." This amendment corrects an earlier regulation that had determined that FSM citizens needed to obtain an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) in order to establish identity for the purposes of obtaining a REAL ID compliant driver's license. This amendment was issued the same day as a second amendment to DHS rules that DHS announced earlier on Tuesday, which clarifies that FSM citizens do not have "temporary lawful status" in the United States, and are therefore eligible to obtain driver's licenses that are valid for up to eight years (which is the same for U.S. citizens).

DHS noted that "it is appropriate to designate this identity documentation for FAS citizens given the unique relationship between the United States and the FAS and considering that to live and work for indefinite periods, FAS citizens are not required to obtain a visa or EAD, which are documents currently required to establish identity for REAL ID purposes. DHS also believes the designation is consistent with the intent of Congress to facilitate the issuance of REAL ID licenses and identification cards to FAS citizens as demonstrated by enactment of the REAL ID Modification Act." DHS also noted that this amendment was "consistent with the spirit of the [Compact of Free Association]."

In response to this good news, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the FSM, stated, "I want to thank the U.S. Government and the various U.S. agencies that have helped to resolve

this issue. I am especially grateful for the FSM citizens in the United States who have advocated for fairness and equality, knowing very well that their lives became affected by this situation. With this DHS directive, we can close this matter and continue to focus on strengthening the special and enduring relationship between the FSM and the United States, particularly as our nations begin dialogue for negotiating our Compact post-2023."

To ensure smooth implementation, President Panuelo is directing Ambassador Susaia in Washington D.C. to work with his FAS colleagues to request that DHS inform all Department of Motor Vehicles (DMVs) throughout the United States about this updated regulation, so that citizens of the FAS countries are able to receive their driver's licenses without additional delay or hindrance.

"The United States remains the FSM's first and foremost ally, and it's good to know that the U.S. Government has again demonstrated that it can do the right thing," President Panuelo continued. "Now that this issue is resolved, we can move forward—together."

On the occasion of the FAS Presidents Working Visit of the White House in May 2019, President Panuelo had raised the REAL ID issue with the U.S. Government at the highest levels possible. The United States Government has been genuinely receptive to the Panuelo-George Administration, building on the momentum of the historical FAS Presidents Working Visit to the White House, the historical visit of Secretary Robert Wilkie to the FSM, and by the first ever visit of a U.S. Secretary of State to Pohnpei, FSM, with the visit of the Honorable Mike Pompeo on August 5th, 2019.

For more information, please contact the Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia in Washington D.C., at fsmdc02@gmail.com or phone (202)223-4383. An alternative contact is the FSM Public Information Office, phoned at +691-320-2548 or by email at richard.clark@gov.fm.

30th Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors (APIPA) conference

Tumon, Guam- On August 30, 2019, fourteen (14) Auditors from eight (8) Government Audit Offices closed the 30th Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors (APIPA) conference held at Dusit Thani Guam Resort from August 26-30, 2019. The plenary session, entitled "Accountability and Transparency in the Pacific: Successes in our Islands highlighted the success of the Pacific Islands government audit offices. The Auditors presented short summaries of their recent audit, findings and recommendations, challenges of their respective offices, strength and weaknesses of audit follow-up and what happen after the release of the audit report. The presenters are from: 1) Republic of Marshall Island 2) Kosrae State, FSM 3) Pohnpei State, FSM 4) Chuuk State, FSM 5) FSM National Public Auditor's 6) Republic of Palau 7) Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Island (CNMI) and 8) Guam,

USA. Graduate School USA faculty member Mr. Drummond Kahn facilitated the session. The session was built on the success of the outstanding closing plenary presentation delivered by Ms. Sophia Pretrick of the POPA in Palau 2018 APIPA conference. This year annual conference was attended by 450 participants and hosted by Guam Office of Public Accountability.



Sophia Pretrick, Investigative Advisor, POPA



RMI Contributes 25K to BRMC Scholarship Funds

Majuro, Marshall Islands – On Wednesday morning, 21 August 2019, the Republic of the Marshall Islands contributed a check worth 25,000 US dollars to the Bill Raynor Micronesia Challenge (BRMC) Scholarship Fund. This contribution will secure a 1:1 match from a US based donor.

The Vice Chairperson of the National Board of Education (NBOE), Mr. Helmer Lang, presented the check to the RMI Board Member on Micronesian Conservation Trust (MCT) Board of Trustees, Ms. Rhea Moss-Christian, at a short ceremony held at Minister Wilbur Heine’s Office at the Ministry of Education, Sports & Training.

Also, present to witness the handover were MCT Board member, Francis Carlos Domnick, Minister of Education, Wilbur Heine, NBOE Member, Molly Helkena, PSS Commissioner Kanchi Hosia, Associate Commissioner Sally Ann deBrum, and Associate Commissioner Gee Bing.

This contribution is to support a target goal that MCT and its partners established to raise an endowment fund of approximately \$1.2 million dollars, generating an at least 5% earnings per year, to support two full time students at up to \$30,000 per year.

This endowment fund is to support graduate students in natural resources management fields who are citizens and/or long-term residents of the five jurisdictions of Micronesia, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Republic of Palau (ROP), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), US Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) pursuing their graduate degrees in biodiversity conservation and other related sustainable development at universities within the Pacific region or in the US mainland. To date the fund has supported 13 students from all over Micronesia, with three graduating with master degrees this past month.



NBOE Vice Chairman Helmer Lang hands over the 25K Check to Rhea Moss-Christian.

...Marijuana bill

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Legislature finds that, within limits, the personal use of marijuana should be legal for person 21 years of age or older,” the bill as submitted begins.

“That part (the recreational part) will be deleted after the committee finish(es) its research in the public hearings. All we need to focus on now is to legalize for medical purposes only. Amendments will be made in the bill and place restriction process of medical usage, licensing, penalties and enforcement”, Miguel wrote.

It will require many amendments to meet the stated intention of the Senator who re-introduced the bill for consideration.

The proposed bill sets up mechanisms and regulations for “legitimate, taxpaying business people, and not criminal actors” to legally sell marijuana, and for people 21 and over to legally purchase and consume it in Pohnpei.

“Marijuana sold by regulated businesses will be labeled and subject to additional regulations to ensure that health and safety standards are put into effect and that consumers are informed and protected,” it says.

The proposed bill not only would legalize authorized marijuana cultivation, both public and private, marijuana stores, product manufacturing facilities, and testing facilities, it also defines classes of licenses, fees and appeal processes for denial of licenses for each of them as well as the fines for operating without a license. It defines the places where marijuana could be legally used; restrictions that are similar to the restrictions for tobacco use. It legalizes the paraphernalia used to consume marijuana. It instructs the Director of the Department of Public Safety to set up enforcement regulations and establishes how long after the bill is passed into law, assuming that happens, that the Director has to establish the regulations. It establishes excise taxes based on weight of marijuana distribution and sales tax for first sale retailers of the product. It sets up penalties for under-aged buyers who use falsified identifications to purchase the product. It even designates the Pohnpei Scholarship Fund as the recipient of fees, fines and forfeitures.

“Nothing in this chapter proposes or intends to require any individual or entity to engage in any conduct that violates national law, or exempts any

individual or entity from any requirement of national law, or poses any obstacle to national enforcement of national law”, the proposed Pohnpei bill says. However, the proposed bill does not seem to specify what a licensee or user is to do if the FSM National Government decides to prosecute under the currently existing FSM law.

Title 11 of the FSM code defines crimes and punishments. Chapter 11 of that title which it says can be cited as the “Trust Territory Controlled Substances Act” lists marijuana as an illegal controlled substance, the possession and distribution of which is punishable under national law. The Trust Territory law is still on the books and has been prosecuted by the FSM many times since the FSM became a sovereign nation.

On the Legal Information System of the FSM there are a significant number of cases that show that the FSM has previously rigorously prosecuted for marijuana related violations of law. Some of those cases are cited as annotations under the search and seizure provisions of the Constitution.

“In the interest of the economic development of this State,” the proposed bill says, “the Governor of the State, in consultation of the Director of the Department of Public Safety and with the Private Sector, shall, to the extent practical, initiate and implement coordination efforts with relevant officials of the FSM National Government to promote the exportation of quality marijuana products cultivated and produced in the state of Pohnpei to legal destinations abroad.”

Nine U.S. states have legalized the recreational use of marijuana, and 29 states have some form of legalized marijuana for medical use. In April, Guam, a U.S. Territory legalized the recreational use of marijuana.

Still, marijuana is listed as a Schedule I drug under U.S. federal law, the law on which the FSM code is based. Those states and Guam are marginally protected by two memos regarding prosecutorial priorities. Neither of the memos are U.S. law and don’t constitute legal protection against prosecution of people in the states where marijuana has been legalized on whatever basis.

The first memo was issued by U.S. Deputy Attorney General David Ogden in 2009 regarding legalized marijuana for medical use. It

specified factors that would invite federal prosecution such as sales to minors, violence, and unlawful use of firearms associated with medical marijuana sales.

U.S. Deputy Attorney General James Cole issued another memo in 2013 covering both medical and recreational marijuana. His guidelines for states less likely to trigger federal prosecution include similar guidelines to the Ogden memo but include other guidelines regulations that allow the diversion of marijuana to states that have not legalized its use, and the use or possession of marijuana on federal property.

Those memos are not binding on the US government. They are not law and another administration could decide to change its mind and decide to prosecute all cases of marijuana use and distribution.

The FSM has no such memos or other concessions in place.

The bill under consideration by the legislative committee lifts the entire list of banned Schedule 1 controlled substances from the FSM Code, except that when Marijuana is listed, the bill proposes to add the words, “provided that with respect to marijuana, the provisions of this chapter of the Code shall only apply to persons under the age of 21 years...,” along with other provisions.

The added wording seems to attempt to amend the FSM code at a state level.

The committee hearing with National Government officials will take place after press time.

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Report Finds Transshipments in Western, Central Pacific Likely Underreported Inadequate monitoring can lead to illegal catch entering port

PEW Charitable Trusts

WASHINGTON—The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission's (WCPFC's) management of transshipments in its waters is compromised by significant gaps in reporting, monitoring, and data sharing, according to a report released today by The Pew Charitable Trusts.

Transshipment is the transfer of fish from the vessel that caught the fish to a carrier vessel that will deliver the fish to port, an activity that often takes place on the high seas and outside the view and reach of authorities. While moving catch from one vessel to another may seem innocuous, its largely hidden nature allows unscrupulous fishing vessel operators to obscure, manipulate, or otherwise falsify data on their fishing practices. This contributes to millions of dollars of illegally caught fish entering the seafood supply chain each year.

To gain better insight into transshipment operations, The Pew Charitable Trusts combined commercially available Automatic Identification System data with the application of machine learning technology to analyze the track histories of carrier vessels operating in WCPFC convention area waters in 2016. Researchers then compared this analysis with publicly available information on transshipments and carrier vessels.

The resulting report, "Transshipment in the Western and Central Pacific: Greater understanding and transparency of carrier vessel fleet dynamics would help reform management," found that only 25 carrier vessels reported high seas transshipments to the WCPFC's secretariat in 2016—but at least five times as many authorized carrier vessels potentially transshipped in port or at sea in WCPFC waters in 2016.

Per the combined analysis of AIS

data and publicly available reports to WCPFC, a strong probability exists that more at-sea transshipment events occurred than were reported to the WCPFC by carrier vessels themselves or by relevant flag or coastal State authorities. Very little information is available on the remaining vessels' activities.

A study cited in the report estimated that more than US\$142 million worth of illegal, unreported, and unregulated catch is transshipped in the western and central Pacific Ocean alone—most of it misreported or not reported by licensed fishing vessels.

"The relative lack of transparency surrounding transshipment is a cause for great concern," said Amanda Nickson, Pew's director of international fisheries. "Misreporting or not reporting catch not only hinders management efforts to improve the health of fish stocks, but it also hurts the economies of island nations that heavily rely on fishing."

In addition to the problems with data collection, Pew's report urges the WCPFC to enhance data-sharing agreements with other regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) whose waters overlap with its own. Gaps in coordination increase the risk that unreported transshipments may cause RFMOs to inaccurately count all species caught in waters they manage, adversely affecting the accuracy of stock assessments.

To make vessel operations more transparent, Pew's report recommends that three parts of the transshipment regulatory framework be significantly strengthened: reporting, monitoring, and data sharing.

"With continued research, analysis, and action, the WCPFC could become a model for effective transshipment management for other regions and fisheries management organizations across the globe," said Nickson.

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Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) Approved FY20 Funding for FSM



JEMCO Members with Assistant Secretary Domenech and Ambassador Riley and Ambassador Susaia

FSM Information Services

HONOLULU, Hawaii — The Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) recently met in Honolulu, Hawaii on September 4th, 2019 and adopted Resolution 2019-1, which approved an allocation of \$56,689,446 for the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) in Compact Sector grants for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. JEMCO further authorized use of Public Infrastructure Sector assistance for a number of infrastructure projects for FY2020, including: ADB Water Project Matching, Kosrae Project Management Office (PMO) Rehabilitation, Yap Catholic High School Science and Library Supplements, Designs for the Lelu Causeway Emergency Repairs, and the College of Micronesia-FSM's campus in Chuuk State.

The meeting provided FSM the opportunity to present to JEMCO updates on the sectors of education, health and infrastructure, highlighting the sector accomplishments for FY2019, noting the challenges encountered and outlining plans going forward. In his remarks, JEMCO Chairman Mr. Nikolao Pula acknowledged that "we have come a long way," addressing the magnitude of issues tackled in the era of the Compact of Free Association (COFA), as Amended, and appreciating the progress realized today. Among these are the establishment of sector management information systems for education and health, some of which are the first to be implemented anywhere in the Pacific, and which are key in informing sound policy decisions.

JEMCO expressed its appreciation for the progress in the infrastructure sector, noting that professional project management capacity is established in the FSM States and National Government, a positive step toward

advancing on the backlog of Compact infrastructure grants. The FSM is expected to make headway in its infrastructure grants with \$58 million in projects to start construction between January, 2020 to June, 2020.

JEMCO is the oversight committee created by the amended COFA between the FSM and the United States. JEMCO is a five-member committee, two from the FSM and three from the United States.

JEMCO is chaired by Mr. Nikolao Pula of the US Department of Interior, with Mr. Lorin S. Robert, formerly Secretary of FSM Department of Foreign Affairs and presently Special Consultant to the President on Foreign Affairs, serving as Vice Chairman. Members on JEMCO include Mr. Leo Falcam Jr., the Chief of Staff to the President of the FSM and Chief Negotiator for the Joint Committee on Compact Review & Planning (JCRP), Mr. William Gallo from the US Department of Health and Human Services, and Ms. Suzanne Lawrence from the US Department of the State, the newest addition to JEMCO.

The meeting included several high-level government officials in attendance from both the US and the FSM, including Ambassador Akilino Susaia of the FSM Embassy in Washington DC, Assistant Secretary Douglas Domenech of the U.S. Department of Interior, Ambassador Robert Riley of the U.S. Embassy in the FSM, Governor Marcelo K. Peterson of Pohnpei State, Lt. Governor Arthy G. Nena of Kosrae State, Speaker Austen T. Lambert of Pohnpei State Legislature, Floor Leader Jerry Fagolmal of Yap State Legislature, and Senator Bob Skilling of Kosrae State Legislature.

Okeanos Yap Beach Clean Up



On Tuesday, August 27th, sophomores and juniors of Yap Catholic High School joined the crew of Okeanos Waa'qab and Okeanos Ambassador along with members of the Yap Department of Education and the Department of Youth and Civic Affairs (DY&CA) for a coastal clean up around Nungoch island in Yap, Federated States of Micronesia.

Students broke off into two groups, collecting trash from both the beach and from the deck of the vakas. Over 10 bags of trash were collected during the two hour clean up, according to Yap Catholic High School Principal Michael Wienczek.

"It was wonderful collaborating with so many different organizations and especially YHS," said Principal Wienczek. "I look forward to other opportunities like this in the future - I think events bringing the high schools together are an excellent opportunity to show that we are all working together towards a common goal."

This event and Yap Catholic High School's weekly Thursday Colonia Bus Park clean ups are supported by the Wa'ab Healthy Lifestyle Coalition. While cleaning, students are reminded not only of the importance of protecting our island home but also of the risks associated with alcohol, drugs, and unhealthy lifestyles.

Both of Okeanos Foundation for the Sea's sailing canoes, Okeanos Ambassador and Okeanos Waa'qab are dedicated to providing traditionally-based, sustainable sea transportation to the outer island communities of Yap, who often have to wait months to be serviced by the single, government chartered cargo ship. The Okeanos Vaka Motus are fossil fuel-free and use solar power and coconut biofuel to operate when winds are low.

Yap legislature, including Governor Henry Falan, have publicly endorsed the Okeanos Vakas for their ability to service the people of Yap with goods, medical relief and transportation while also peaking the interest of young people to embrace their ancestral seafaring roots.

Lots of fishing but not a lot of catching happened at Matson and Amcres fishing tournament

Pohnpei Fishing Club

Pohnpei—It was a dark and cloudy day, full of foreboding because the seas were calm but just not full of fish.

The 7th Annual Matson Tournament was a good tournament. We had 14 boats participate, but some days the fish are the big winners.

All of the people on the boats that went out had a good time. We also got some good publicity from a visiting fishing show host from Hawaii.

However, the marlins and big tuna were definitely hiding.

Still, a day out fishing sure beats working.

The big fish was a 16.5 pound grand trevally caught by Shambhu Prasad despite taking part in a rescue mission to save another boat that had some engine problems. Shambu figures the \$700 cash prize for a first place fish was a fair exchange for a small amount of time spent helping out a fellow angler.

Grand Trevally can be large but generally don't win the top prizes in the category of big point fish. The same is true of skip jack tunas but the remaining awards for the biggest point fish went to anglers who landed skip jack. The second and third prize awards were redistributed at \$350 each for two 13 and a half pound skip jacks, one each caught by Marlino Mihkel and Marvet Spencer, Jr. The \$200 fourth prize went to Francisco Kosmas for his 13 pound skip jack.

Indicative of the kind of fishing, or perhaps we should instead say, "catching" that took place during the day's tournament, anglers landed no wahoo and no mahi mahi. Two anglers caught 12 and a half pound skip jacks tying them for the biggest fish of the species. Taylor Paul and Dwayne Hadley divided the \$100 first place prize for \$50 each in the category. Mathew Mix landed a small barracuda of unspecified size, taking home the \$100 prize for that category.

The Pohnpei Fishing Club thanks Matson and Amcres for hosting and supporting the tournament again this year. The weigh in and awards ceremony at Mangrove Bay were well attended. The club thanks Mangrove Bay for its continuing support as well. We want to thank all the people who helped at the weigh in as our volunteers are very important.

Though fishing results were smaller than we'd hoped, we will continue to fish out there with the support of sponsors like Amcres and Matson.



...Liberation

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four golds, 23 silvers, and seven bronze medals. Kapingamarangi athletes won three gold medals, one silver medal, and two bronze medals for a total of six medals overall. Pingelap had one gold medal, two silver, and three bronze for a total of six. Madolenihmw athletes earned five total with one each gold and silver, and three bronze. Sapwhuahfik had on gold and one silver medal. Nukuoro had one bronze medal. Mwokilloa didn't post any medals.

The Liberation Bash was scheduled to run from 4:00 in the afternoon until 9:00 in the evening. During the more than two hours before the actual competition began, businesses, individuals and organizations sold their wares and provided information about their organizations while children could romp in the "bounce house" or play on the new playground at the Spanish Wall park.

Five individuals and groups participated in the song division of the competition. "Rabunaata" won first place, followed by "New Living Quartet", and Ozzy Ozky in second and third place. Seven groups and individuals competed in the dance portion of the contest. "Elle" won first place, followed by "Dwayne" in second place, and Ozzy Ozky in third.



medals, and also the top total number of total medals with 23 silver medals and 16 bronze medals for a total of 72 medals.

Nett had 20 gold, 13 silver, and 16 bronze for a total of 49 medals. U was third with 16 golds, six silvers, and 14 bronzes for a total of 36 medals. Sokehs earned 35 medals, 10 of them gold, 14 silver, and 11 bronze. Kolonia had 34 total medals with



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COM-FSM and China Friendship Demonstration Farm Opening Ceremony

Palikir, Pohnpei (September 10, 2019) - A ceremony was held on September 2, 2019 for the College of Micronesia- FSM and China Friendship Demonstration Farm attended by the dignitaries and members of the college community.

His Excellency Huang Zheng, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the FSM, was present along with the Honorable Lt. Governor of Pohnpei, Mr. Reed. B. Oliver.

College President & CEO Joseph M. Daisy gave special remarks and thanked the Chinese Embassy for making this project possible. The Chairman of Pohnpei Farmers Association, Mr Vallerio Pellep was also present and gave his special remarks.

Through the efforts of the Chinese Embassy and China Aid a 180 square meter greenhouse and a 100 square meter piggery was constructed by Hunan International Engineering Construction Co. Ltd. The intention of the project was to enhance students and farmers use of technologies in vegetable farming, piggery operations and biogas production. A circular mode of farming production in which the pig manure is used to generate biogas, which through a digester the liquids are used as fertilizers for vegetable growing.

This project will provide a practice base for the students in the Agriculture program to learn this type of farming technology and will improve the level of agriculture education at the college. This project also aims to contribute in generating a large number of agriculture technicians for the FSM.

All the produce that will be harvested will benefit the College's Dining Hall.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT: Assistant – G5, Fixed Term Appointment for WHO-CLO/FSM

The World Health Organization (WHO) is seeking a qualified individual to serve as the Assistant (G5, Fixed Term Appointment) for WHO/CLO-FSM office. The duration of the contract for this position is two (2) years.

The Assistant will be based at the WHO/CLO-FSM office in Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, and will provide general support, administrative and finance assistance to the country office.

Description of duties:

Under the guidance and supervision of the Country Liaison Officer (CLO), the incumbent provides support in the following areas:

1. Screens incoming correspondence, documents and reports and routes to the CLO, including relevant background materials; ensures proper distribution and follows up on deadlines;
2. Takes / transcribes correspondence, reports etc. from dictation, tapes and manuscripts, using word processing software, and takes notes at meetings and prepares minutes;
3. Drafts/prepares general correspondence, briefing notes, background materials etc. on brief instruction or own initiative, and types/formats statements, reports, and studies including statistical tables and other materials; verifies that outgoing correspondence is presented in accordance with WHO style, check language, grammar and accuracy prior to submitting for signature and clearance;
4. Opens, organizes and maintains general project files with appropriate systems for any follow-up actions;
5. Sets up schedules of appointments for the CLO and visitors; places and screens telephone calls and answers queries with discretion;
6. Maintains, updates and monitors information on workplans/project activities in the Global Management System (GSM) including encumbrances and expenditures monitoring and tracking sheets; and generates reports as required; provides CLO with timely information on project and task budget ceilings, award budgets, expenditure, and

7. Assists in the recruitment of temporary advisors, temporary and fixed term staff by initiating the relevant administrative formalities and in the processing of other types of contractual arrangements; monitors status and maintains a follow-up system;
8. Arranges, coordinates and leads administrative preparation for meetings, seminars, workshops, including letters of invitation, costs calculation and travel requests; assists with the preparation of documents, dispatching of materials and liaising with participants and others involved;
9. Makes travel arrangements for the CLO and others as appropriate; prepares briefing material for his/her use on official trips or special meetings;
10. Assists the CLO in the development and oversight of Agreements for Performance of Work (APWs) to ensure contractors fulfil their obligations and follows up with governments on the submission of Funding Authorization and Certification of Expenditure (FACE) reports and administers fellowship programme work;
11. Maintains imprest accounts, responsible for checking invoices, preparation of imprest returns including recording and reconciling financial statements;
12. Provides inventory and fixed asset reporting as needed;
13. In the absence of the CLO, assumes administrative responsibility for the day-to-day, routine operations of the office;
14. Performs other related duties as required or instructed, including providing support to other areas of work.

Required Qualifications:

Education:

Essential: Equivalent to graduation from secondary school with secretarial/administrative training.

Experience:

Essential: Five (5) year experience in secretarial/administrative posts.

Desirable: Experience in administrative support positions in WHO or another UN agency an asset. Experience in Oracle-based or other

Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems an asset.

Skills: Good communication and interpersonal skills; Ability to act with tact, diplomacy, discretion and respect for confidentiality; Ability to prepare correspondence, summary of meetings, documentation and notes for the record, etc; Ability to discern routine from non-routine; Good computer skills and ability to adapt to various software applications; Ability to work harmoniously as a member of a team, adapt to diverse educational and cultural backgrounds, and maintain a high standard of professional and personal conduct.

Required Competencies:

- Knowing and managing yourself
- Producing results
- Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences
- Setting an example
- Ensuring the effective use of resources

Timeline/Duration of assignment: Two (2) years at Pohnpei, FSM country office.

Interested applicants should complete the WHO Vacancy Application Form (WHO-PHF) together with a letter of interest and resume/CV in-person, by mail, or via email by 10 October 2019 to the following address:

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WHO Application Form (WHO-PHF) and Full Terms of Reference (ToR) can be obtained from WHO/CLO-FSM office in Palikir, Pohnpei or call (691) 320-8804 for further questions.

FFA-led monitoring, control and surveillance operation Island Chief 2019 covers area larger than Russia



September 3, 2019

HONIARA – The third Pacific Island Forum Fisheries Agency-led monitoring, control and surveillance operation for the year - Operation Island Chief 2019 (OPIC19) covered an area greater than the size of Russia, the biggest country in the world.

Involving eight patrol boats and eight aircraft including the FFA managed aircraft under the Regional Aerial Surveillance Programme, Operation Island Chief 2019 covered 18.4 million square kilometres.

Operation Island Chief 2019 was undertaken from 8-23 August, with two days of training prior to the operation.

“This Operation is not new. It is an ongoing Operation that FFA has led for several years and we have found that lately there have been no infringements, which is a very good sign,” said FFA Director Fisheries Operations, Allan Rahari.

The twelve-day annual operation to detect, deter, report and/or apprehend potential illegal, unregulated or unreported (IUU) fishing activity and vessels involved just over 250 personnel from the navy, police, air force and national fisheries bodies in the Pacific. There were also 14 secondis from Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Australia and the United States working closely with the team at FFA’s Regional Fisheries Surveillance Centre (RFSC).

“The Operation teaches them to experience how the Operations Room works during a multilateral and multi nation Operation. The object is for these officers to be able put into practice what they have learned in the RFSC when they return to their own headquarters during their own surveillance

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Trust Fund Committee of the Trust Fund for the People of the FSM Conducts Fourth Quarter Meeting

Trust Fund for the People of the Federated States of Micronesia

September 10th, 2019

WASHINGTON, D.C.– The Trust Fund Committee of the Trust Fund for the People of the Federated States of Micronesia (the Fund) conducted its fiscal year 2019 (FY19) fourth quarter meeting on September 6th in Honolulu.

The meeting covered the Fund’s investment performance for the April-June quarter as well as an update to the end of July. The meeting also included an education session.

For the April-June quarter, the Fund gained 3.2%, net of fees, and had an ending net asset value of \$684,414,562 (preliminary and unaudited). The increase was due to gains across all asset classes, particularly in U.S. and global public equity asset strategies, the fixed income asset strategy, and the private equity asset strategy. For July, the Fund gained 0.2%, net of fees, ending with a net asset value of \$685,808,588 (preliminary and unaudited). For the fiscal year-to-date

(October 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019) the Fund has gained 2.7%, net of fees.

The Committee approved a fiscal year 2020 operating budget and a service agreement with Bookminders for accounting services for a one-year period.

Trust Fund Committee members acknowledged the potential for the historic meeting of the three freely associated states Presidents with U.S. President Donald Trump at the White House in May and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo’s visit to the Federated States of Micronesia in August may impact the Fund. The Committee discussed future Fund issues to include clarifying roles and responsibilities of the Trust Fund Committee and Original Party governments (United States and Federated States of Micronesia governments). They also discussed distribution policy, payment of expenses after September 30th, 2022, timing of distributions, and the accountability framework for future distributed funds.

The education session also included presentations and discussions on investment fee reporting, and Investment Adviser and Committee roles and responsibilities for Money Manager identification, selection, and monitoring.

Office of Insular Affairs Director Nik Pula of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) chaired the meeting. The other U.S. Members were Suzanne Lawrence of State and Phil Maestri of Education. The FSM members were Sihna Lawrence and Alex Narruhn. Doug Domenech, DOI Assistant Secretary,



Insular and International Affairs, attended the meeting.

The next quarterly meeting will take place by teleconference in November or December 2019.

As provided for under the Compact of Free Association agreements, as amended (U.S. Public Law 108-188), the Fund was established to contribute to the economic advancement and long-term budgetary self-reliance of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia when annual grant assistance under the Compact expires after fiscal year 2023. For more information on the Fund, visit the official website at <https://fsmcfatf.com/>.

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operations,” said Mr Rahari.

Participating countries included Australia, Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste and Vanuatu. It also involved the Quadrilateral Defence Coordination Group (QUADs) – Australia, New Zealand, France and the United States.

“OPIC19 has been a very challenging one for me. Last time I was part of Operation KuruKuru 2017 as a Watch keeper. My understanding of the role of the Chief of

Staff was just administration & logistics. But now the role is more an operational role. Situational awareness was key to getting the task and Operation going as a Chief of Staff,” said Leading Seaman, Viliame Matakibau from Fiji, of his experience as Chief of Staff of OPIC19.

He added that “In terms of capacity building, OPIC19 has really helped me with the roles and responsibilities in looking after the Watchkeeper for OPIC19. I also learnt how the RFSC operates during any operation. Overall, it was a good operation and I’m really looking forward to future FFA-led operations.”

Of the 272 vessels sighted during the Operation there were 126 boardings at sea and in port, and a total of 90 days in total at sea. The Operation also covered 137 hours of air surveillance.





EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT: SSA- National Emergency Medical Team Coordinator for WHO-CLO/FSM

The World Health Organization (WHO) is seeking a qualified individual to serve as the SSA-National Emergency Team Coordinator for WHO/CLO-FSM office. The duration of the contract for this position is 12 months with the possibility of extension.

The SSA-National Emergency Medical Team Coordinator will be based at the WHO/CLO-FSM office in Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, and will provide technical, operational and program management support to the Emergency Medical Teams (EMT) Initiative aimed at supporting the government of the FSM.

Description of duties: Under the guidance and supervision of the Country Liaison Officer (CLO), the incumbent shall perform the following job responsibilities.

1. Provide technical support to develop guidelines, plans, strategies, and materials for national EMT development and operations.
2. Support the Ministry of Health to develop/adapt/strengthen national emergency preparedness and response plans, policies, and standard operating procedures (SOPs).
3. Facilitate the establishment of a Technical Working Group (TWG), national team structures and a roster of trained emergency response personnel for national EMT preparedness and response.
4. Support planning and system development to support incoming international EMTs, when requested, and on-site monitoring as specified in the WHO guidance on EMT classification and minimum standards.
5. Develop/adapt training materials for national EMTs and staff involved in emergency coordination functions at the national and subnational levels.
6. Provide on-site support to national and sub-regional EMT workshops and exercises.
7. Provide monthly progress briefings/updates and written status reports on the national EMT capacity strengthening

- and development to the Ministry of Health and WHO Country Office/CLO and the Pacific EMT Focal Point.
8. Contribute to donor and external reporting
 9. Participate in regular Video/ Telephone Conferences and other means of communication, experience exchange and information update.
 10. Take active part in national and regional trainings to increase his/her own personal knowledge, relevant to the role in creating SOPs and policies for the ministry, including but not limited to visits to other countries, EMTs and health emergency operation centers, participation in regional exercises and coordination trainings.

Required Qualifications:

Education:

Essential: University degree in medicine, public health, project management, or other fields related to health emergency management.

Experience:

Essential: At least 2 years' experience in the relevant areas. Some experience in formulating SOPs, organizing trainings/meetings and managing planning/implementation of public health programs.

Desirable: Familiarity with Government policies, priorities, structure and procedures on implementation of activities related to Health Emergencies Experience working with United Nation System, or I/NGO will be and added advantage.

Skills:

Ability to interact with and advise Ministry of Health counterparts Current knowledge of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) issues and policies, and UN Humanitarian Reform & Architecture Ability to work harmoniously as a member of a team and adapt to diverse educational and cultural backgrounds. Ability to work under tight deadlines with self-initiative Ability to develop plans and proposal

Use of Language Skills:

Essential: Advanced level of spoken and written English

Desirable: Understanding local languages

Required Competencies:

- Teamwork
- Respecting and promoting individual and cultural differences
- Communication
- Building and promoting partnership across organization and beyond
- Moving forward in a changing environment

Timeline/Duration of assignment:

The duration for the assignment is 12 months, at Pohnpei, FSM Country Office

Interested applicants should complete the WHO Vacancy Application Form (WHO-PHF) together with a letter of interest and resume/CV in-person, by mail, or via email by 10 October 2019 to the following address:

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His Excellency David W. Panuelo Informs the Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero: "I would welcome Guam to be an observer in the Compact negotiations"

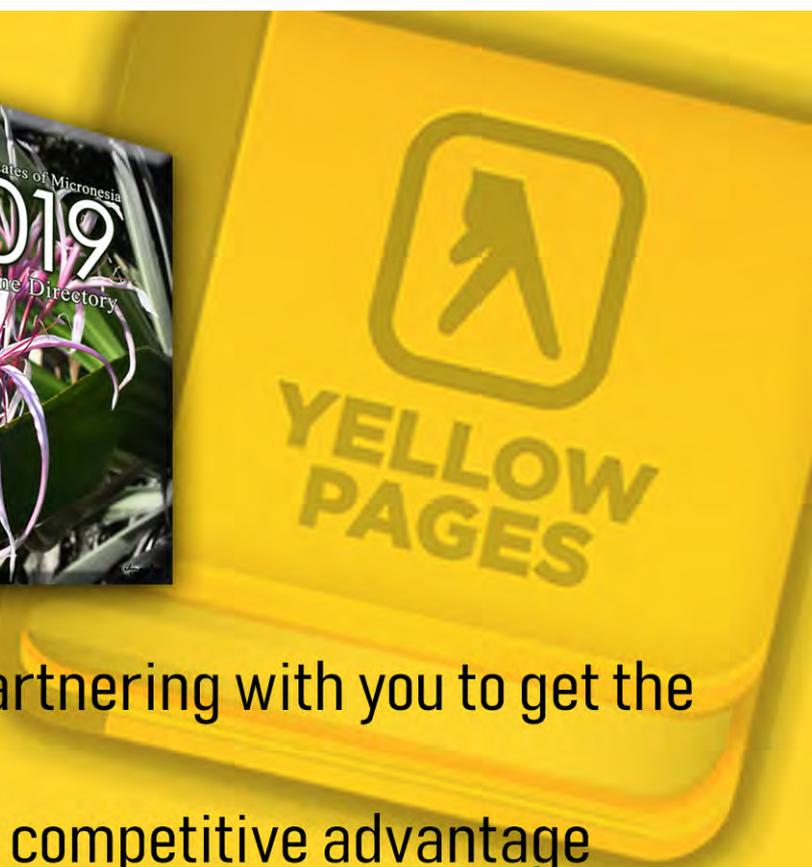
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HAGÁTÑA, GUAM—On September 4th, 2019, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), was received by the Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero, Governor of the U.S. Territory of Guam, and the Honorable Joshua Franquez Tenorio, Lieutenant Governor, in a courtesy call. The purpose of the meeting was for the President to update its Micronesian neighbor on regional issues, and to respond to the Governor's request that Guam be able to observe the upcoming negotiations on the Compact of Free Association between the FSM and the United States. The President was clear that, while the decision may not be up to him personally, that he supports the idea of Guam—as well as the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. State of Hawaii—joining FSM-U.S. Compact negotiations as observers with the capacity to inform the Governments of the FSM and the United States their views on issues of import.

"Governor, I thank you—I want to thank you so much. Having known you and having met you in a professional capacity at the Micronesian Islands Forum, I find you to be very kind, very sincere, and forthright. I have every confidence that you're representing everyone in Guam, including the 10% of your population that are from the Freely Associated States," President Panuelo said. "You're doing really good so far."

"I've been working very closely with [the Consul General of the FSM], who has been very responsive. Since a lot of the Freely Associated States do have a significant impact here...I wrote Secretary [the Honorable Mike] Pompeo about the [Compact] negotiations," said Governor Leon Guerrero. "[I asked Secretary Pompeo if Guam] could be part of the negotiating team, as an observer."

President Panuelo was clear that, in



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TIMETABLE

For November 12, 2019

PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE POHNPEI ELECTION CODE	IMPORTANT DUE DATES (DEADLINES)	EVENTS/ACTIVITIES
Legal Residence 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.
General Election – when held 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 second Tuesday in November .
Time for filing Nomination Petitions 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.
Request for Absentee Ballot Off Island 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.
Request for Absentee Ballot On Island 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.
Voting by Confiner Voters 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.
Marking and returning of absentee ballots: 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.
POSTMARKED ballot envelope	November 11, 2019	The ballot envelope and the affidavit shall be enclosed and sealed in the covering envelope and shall be postmarked NOT later than MIDNIGHT on the day before the election.
Absentee ballots Must be received	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.
Substitute Candidate 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.
Recount 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.
Run-Off Elections 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

Emilio Eperiam
Pohnpei Election Commissioner
Pohnpei State Government
Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941

June 6, 2019
Date

Cabinet Nominations & FY 2020 Budget Discussed in Committee to Wait on the President

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—The 21st Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) began its Second Regular Session on September 9th, 2019. After the opening session, His Excellency David W. Panuelo and the Honorable Yosiwo P. George received the Committee to Wait, chaired by the Honorable Robson U. Romolow, with committee members the Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal, the Honorable Aren B. Palik, the Honorable Esmond B. Moses, and the Honorable Ferny S. Perman, to discuss their agenda for this session of Congress.

The meeting began with the President informing the Committee to Wait on the outcomes of the 50th Pacific Islands Forum (PIF), and how the Joint Communique and Kainaki II Declaration on Urgent Climate Change Action Now will be brought to the United Nations later in the month. “I am scheduled to speak on the 26th [of September] as the 8th speaker in the afternoon, and so in my meeting with Speaker [the Honorable Wesley W. Simina] yesterday, I just wanted to say that we’ve agreed that I’ll extend an invitation to Congress to see if some of you can join,” the President said. “I think it’s always good that the Legislative Branch participate in as much as possible...and that’s going to be the ongoing policy, that I at least extend invitations to the Congress [for events of national import.]”

President Panuelo noted that seven nominations for advice-and-consent positions (i.e. Cabinet-level positions) were in the process of being submitted, with more to come. The nominations include filling the roles of the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Secretary of the Department of Finance & Administration, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Communication, & Infrastructure, and overseas embassies and consulates. “We ask that, as much as possible, you give your earliest support and expeditious action on our nominations this session,” the President said.

Both the appropriation request for the Constitutional Convention and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 budget were also discussed, with the President noting that there may be some minor additions and changes submitted, particularly with regards to personnel.

Beyond the agenda proper, two items garnered significant time and discussion: the need to improve benefits for Foreign Service Officers, and how to assist the FSM State of Yap with its ongoing outbreaks of dengue,

leptospirosis, and foot and mouth disease.

The President—who has advocated for an aggressive foreign policy—noted that he appreciated the Congress’ adopted resolutions on the Government establishing embassies in the Swiss Confederation and Australia respectively, and advised that the FSM’s Mission to the United Nations and Department of Justice have been tasked to complete a fact-finding mission to Geneva to “meet with officials and get first-hand information.” In turn, the President called to attention that, in addition to the need for more Foreign Service Officers in FSM Consulate Offices abroad, foreign service personnel are in urgent need of additional support.

“I was in Guam,” the President said, “and the staff...do all of this overtime work that isn’t compensated for, and meanwhile they cannot make ends meet.” The President cited examples of foreign service personnel in Washington, D.C., Portland, Oregon, Honolulu, Hawaii, and Guam who simultaneously demonstrate commitment to going above and beyond the call of duty in service to the citizens of the Nation whilst also very nearly qualifying for the U.S. poverty-line in acquiring certain services. “I plan to submit something this session [to increase foreign service premium],” the President said, “and I will do some emergency regulations within the parameters [of the law and the powers of the Executive Branch] to review [foreign service compensation].”

“On the issue of the outbreaks in Yap,” the President said, “I’m advised that the Yap State Department of Health has reached out to the FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs, and that through the Department of Foreign Affairs we’ve asked the U.S. [Centers for Disease Control] for assistance.” It was discussed that, while the FSM National Government and the FSM State of Kosrae have sent personnel to the FSM State of Yap to assist in containing and mitigating these outbreaks, that it may be beneficial to send more support in the short-term and augment the Nation’s means of preventing and containing outbreaks in the long-term. The President, as part of a supplemental budget request, is asking for \$90,000 to support Yap State and the Nation in the outbreak of dengue fever.

The meeting concluded with President Panuelo and Vice President George re-emphasizing their commitment to foster an exemplary working relationship with the FSM Congress for the benefit of the Nation’s citizens.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CONSULTANT'S QUALIFICATIONS BASED SELECTION (CQS)

Project: Federated States of Micronesia Maritime Investment Project (P163922)
Grant No. IDA-D4500

Assignment Title: Needs Assessment for Component 1 (Maritime Infrastructure) and Component 2 (Maritime Safety and Security) Activities

Reference No.: FM-PIU-MIP, DOTCI-126203-CS-CQS

The Federated States of Micronesia has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Micronesia Maritime Investment Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the following consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") will focus on the following four key areas:

- (i) Identifying gaps and actions needed for FSMIP ports to become compliant with ISPS requirements;
- (ii) Conducting inventories of quay structures and furniture that relate to safety such as bollards, cleats, fenders and ladders and recommend actions to bring them in-line with international standards;
- (iii) Conducting inventories of the present system of AtoNs at FSMIP project ports including buoys, markers, harbor lights and identify system elements that are missing, damaged, in states of decline, or in need of upgrade, and to recommend measures to repair, replace or upgrade the AtoNs so that they are aligned with international standards, and
- (iv) Assessing the state of surfacing and drainage at the existing port container yards, analysing alternative options for improvements, and prioritizing improvement works based on a transparent comparative cost / benefit analysis.

It is intended the consulting assignment shall be completed in six months and will require a total of ten (10) person-months input by key experts to complete. The Government of FSM is seeking a firm to provide the necessary expertise to identify specific measures to strengthen maritime infrastructure and maritime security and safety. The areas of specialization are detailed in the ToRs and include: (i) ISPS compliance; (ii) marine structures; (iii) AtoNs; and (iv) container yard improvements & port infrastructure.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached here below.

The Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure (DoTC&I) now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the "World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers", dated July 2016, revised November 2017 and August e Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

The best qualified firm to carry out the services will be selected in accordance with the Consultant's Qualifications Based Selection (CQS) method set out in the Regulations, and based on the following criteria:

- i. General experience in the core areas of infrastructure planning, feasibility studies, design and construction supervision (a minimum of 10 years' experience will be required)
- ii. Experience on similar assignments as per the Terms of Reference (at least 3 similar assignments over the past 10 years)
- iii. Proof of technical, managerial and financial capacity of the firm
- iv. Experience in the pacific region is desired

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, by mail, by fax or by e-mail) by Friday, 4 October, 2019.

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his view, the FSM must stand with its Micronesian neighbors, which includes sovereign nations such as the Republic of Palau and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and also its regional allies within the United States, such as Guam.

"I would welcome Guam to be an observer in the Compact negotiations. It's not my decision to make, I must say, but I think it will be healthy and show unity...because we have to deal with the Compact's impact," President Panuelo said, noting that the FSM community in Guam is both highly visible and highly contributory to the island's development. The President also noted that the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) will provide hard data demonstrating the FSM's positive impacts in places like Guam, the CNMI, and Hawaii. "When I arrived in Guam, the person helping me with my rental car was [from the FSM], and the person manning the front desk at my hotel was [also from the FSM]."

"Sure, [FSM citizens] are part of the economy—and they contribute to the economy, and that's important to point out," Governor Guerrero said.

The President noted that Guam is uniquely Micronesian and American, and as the United States is the Nation's ally that it seemed reasonable that Guam—as well as the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands—would be able to provide perspectives that the FSM and U.S. National Governments might benefit from, noting that the Compact of Free Association, as Amended, is ultimately a treaty between two sovereign nations. The Joint Committee on Compact Review & Planning (JCRP), which negotiates on

behalf of the FSM National Government, is comprised of members from all four FSM states precisely for the purpose of ensuring multiple perspectives are shared and heard, but the FSM and its States negotiate together as one entity.

President Panuelo, Governor Guerrero, and Lieutenant Governor Tenorio also spoke about several other topics of mutual interest, such as the upcoming United Nations General Assembly and the urgent need for Pacific Islands—whether they're sovereign nations like the FSM, or states and territories of other nations—to speak about the urgent need for the global community to combat the existential threat of climate change. President Panuelo noted that it may be in Guam's interest to join the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) as an observer, like French Polynesia, as Guam shares many of the same challenges that other Pacific Islands do but can offer potentially unique perspectives in how to tackle said challenges.

Governor Leon Guerrero initially asked President Panuelo for a meeting when he had a brief layover in Guam on his way to the 50th PIF. While the President was unable to meet that request, the FSM National Government recognizes that the request for the courtesy call on September 4th was made on relatively short notice, and that the Government of Guam was responsive and very genuinely accommodating. The FSM National Government extends its appreciation to the people and Government of Guam for their friendship and hospitality, and endeavors to ensure that the FSM's relationship with Guam, like the FSM's relationship with the rest of the United States, is based on mutual respect and shared values in the promotion and execution of programs that benefit the citizens of each.





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