

National Geographic Nan Madol documentary has first international airing

By Bill Jaynes
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Pohnpei—In May, a production crew from National Geographic spent 10 days in Pohnpei doing research and filming for a 45 minute documentary on the UNESCO World Heritage site, Nan Madol for their new series “Lost Cities with Albert Lin”. The episode entitled “Ghost City of the Pacific” had its first international airing on Monday evening beginning in the United States.

The video series features host Dr. Albert Lin, an engineer, on an around the world high-tech adventure. Utilizing LiDar, three dimensional scanning, sonar, and ground penetrating radar, the archaeologists on the crew work to re-create unexcavated cities such as Nan Madol.

Augustine Kohler, FSM National Historic Preservation Officer said that National Geographic contacted the FSM National Government seeking permission to film in Pohnpei and to conduct research at Nan Madol. In July of 2016, Nan Madol was added to UNESCO’s list of World Heritage sites. It was also placed on the list of World Heritage Sites in Danger.

The 800 year old city on the sea long ago was engulfed by mangrove forests and Kohler has been working with many organizations to try to restore and preserve the site.

During the filming of the National Geographic documentary, Kohler said that he saw several structures that he had never seen before that are covered in dense mangrove forest that according to the show’s host, covers an area larger than Vatican City. The 3D rendering of how Nan Madol may have looked when it was occupied by the ruling Saudeleurs was a breathtaking graphic representation.

Though there were some affectations that are common to television productions, for the most part, the documentary portrayed parts of Pohnpei accurately. The documentary begins with the host flying in on a small Caroline Islands Airlines turboprop plane as if that is the way that he arrived on island. That beginning affectation carried throughout the documentary making Pohnpei, which is definitely remote, appear to be more remote than it is. There were no shots of downtown Kolonia or any modern structures in the documentary. However,



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that affectation does not essentially mar the quality of the production.

While in Pohnpei, the National Geographic crew stayed in hotels,

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Kazual mania hits Pohnpei

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Pohnpei—D-Mac, Playboi, Lil Gabe, and E Jae, the members of the acapella group Kazual, three brothers and a cousin completely destroyed audiences in Pohnpei with their dance and music stylings. The United States Embassy brought the band to Pohnpei as part of the American Music Abroad program.

Kazual has appeared on “America’s Got Talent”, “Next Big Superstars of Tomorrow”, BET, MTV, “Showtime” at the Apollo Stage in New York, and has opened for big name acts like Beyonce, Nelly, and most recently for country star Randy Hauser. They constantly tour as well. Kazual is so well known that when they were recognized

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FSM National Convention Center Officially Commences Construction

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On October 18th, 2019 His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), joined the Nahnmwarki of the Kingdom of Sokehs, the Governor of the FSM State of Pohnpei, and the Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China (China) to the FSM, in a ground-breaking ceremony to officially commence construction of the FSM National Convention Center. The Convention Center is the latest example of friendship and cooperation between the FSM and China, which celebrated 30 years of diplomatic relations on September 11th, 2019.

“The significance of this undertaking is that it is the first-ever project to be generously donated by a provincial government,” President Panuelo began, extending his appreciation to China and the People’s Government of Guangdong Province. “May I ask that we give [the People’s Government of Guangdong Province and the attending workers and officials] a round of applause?”

The FSM National Convention Center is the largest project to be implemented within the soil of the Palikir Capitol Complex, and the Convention Center—when completed prior to the close of 2020—will be able to host approximately 500 individuals in its primary conference hall, with two additional conference rooms capable of serving 150 and 20 individuals respectively. This will allow the FSM National Government, as well as interested non-government organizations

and private sector organizations, to host national, regional, and international events at a scale previously difficult to impossible to implement.

The original Memorandum of Understanding for the project was endorsed on November 7th, 2018. “Within just a 12-month period, we are now witnessing a ceremony to break-ground,” President Panuelo said. “With such progress in its implementation...it behooves me to [express] congratulations...to the China Construction Steel Structure Corporation, the Guangdong International Engineering Consulting Corporation, and others.”

The FSM National Convention Center, when completed, will serve as a bridge of friendship between the FSM and China, and will emphasize a design that is respectful to both Micronesian and Chinese architecture. Taking note of the President’s directive to have the FSM become a paragon example of an environmentally friendly country, the FSM National Convention Center will be energy-efficient and make use of natural ventilation. Furthermore, the Convention Center will contain—per President Panuelo’s request—a large climate-controlled room with glass cases for the display of the Nation’s constitution and various cultural artifacts.

President Panuelo extended his heartfelt appreciation to the people and Government of China and Guangdong Province for their generous assistance, and emphasized again that the “One-China Policy remains the bedrock of our FSM-China partnership.”

After the conclusion of his statement proper, the President went on to describe the FSM National Government’s appreciation for China’s support in endorsing the FSM as the host for the new United Nations Multi-Country Office (MCO). The Government believes that the FSM National Convention Center will, among many other roles, assist in the FSM utilizing the new MCO.

The FSM National Government extends its appreciation to the people and Government of China, and the people and Government of Guangdong Province, for their friendship and support.



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Peaceful Yap scarred by murder of its Acting Attorney General

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October 26, 2019

Colonia, Yap—The body of Rachele Bergeron was not laid to rest during a moving memorial service for her on Tuesday, October 22 in Colonia, Yap. That will be done in her home town of Waukesha, Wisconsin after an autopsy is performed. The memorial service was tearful but also had moments of joy. Bergeron was a Christian woman who, along with her husband of just less than one year and her parents, believed that death is not the end but a new beginning of eternal life with her creator.

Since Rachele, an American serving as Acting Attorney General was fatally shot outside of her home on the evening of Monday, October 14, the residents of Yap, the peaceful and most traditional of all of the FSM States, have had very little rest of their own as police conduct a careful investigation to bring to justice her killer or killers.

“Yap’s spirit is broken by this senseless and heinous act,” said Yap’s Governor Henry S. Falan in a video statement made the morning after the murder. “I promise to do everything in my power to have justice prevail and to restore civility into our society.”

FBI investigators arrived on the first available flight from Guam in an advisory capacity to National and State police officers. As of this morning, no charges against any suspect had yet been filed.

Almost immediately on release of the word of the tragedy in Yap, international media outlets, some of them diligently looking for the facts, others less so, went into a feeding frenzy. Since Bergeron had a passion and professional history of seeking justice for victims of human trafficking, some less than scrupulous media outlets painted Yap with a wide and wildly inaccurate brush, describing the problem as being rampant in Yap. In fact, the residents of Yap are peace loving



Members of the Baptist Church where Rachele and her husband attended and many other members erected a memorial of her favorite flowers outside of her home where she was shot.



Long time friend Pastor John Malimai stands to comfort Simon Hammerling, Rachele’s husband of just less than a year, as Simon makes his remarks during the memorial service for Rachele.

and respectful of each other, though every community will have a few problems and problem individuals.

Some media outlets took flights of conspiratorial fancy as to why someone would want to kill the passionate Acting Attorney General and prosecutor of the State based solely on opinion.

In many ways, the damage from inaccurate news reporting has been just as difficult as the terrible crime itself causing undeserved damage to the reputation of the island and to Bergeron’s friends and family.

This morning, the Director of the Department of Youth and Civil Affairs released a statement regarding the progress of the investigation after one news outlet reported that arrests had been made. That news report has since been retracted. “On behalf of the State of Yap, Governor Henry S. Falan would like to assure the Residents of Yap and the General Public that the ongoing

investigation into the murder of Acting Attorney General Rachele Bergeron remains in the intermediate phase, as reported earlier this week.

“Persons-of-interest have been identified but no arrests have been made to date. Governor Falan asks for your help in giving law enforcement officials and your fellow citizens your respect by not engaging in spreading rumors, assumptions and speculations.

“We will issue the next statement and keep you informed when there is more news to report. Until then, thank you for your support, patience and prayers as the investigation team continues its work diligently and methodically. We assure you that justice will be done.”

According to several residents, as the investigation continues without resolution there is a sense of community wide fear as the killer or killers remain at large.”

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Japan Self-Defense Forces visit the FSM for the first time

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On October 11th 2019, a 14 member delegation of the Japan Self-Defense Forces (JSDF) led by Major General Imaki Koji arrived Pohnpei by aircraft U-4. The JSDF visited the FSM for the first time. H.E. Mr. Sobashima Hidenobu, Ambassador designate of Japan, Mr. Sugiyama Koji, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan, H.E. Mr. Robert Riley, the U.S. Ambassador, Ms. Richter, the U.S. Defense Attaché, and among others welcomed them at the airport upon their arrival.



H.E. Mr. Robert Riley, Ambassador of the U.S. welcomed the Japan Self-Defense Forces



From the left, Ms. Richter U.S. Defense Attaché, H.E. Mr. Riley, Ambassador of the U.S.A., Major General Imaki, H.E. Mr. Sobashima, Ambassador designate of Japan, Mr. Sugiyama, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan.

Ambassador designate Sobashima hosted a reception at a restaurant in Kolonia town.

After the greetings by Ambassador designate Sobashima and Major General Imaki, the delegation of the JSDF donated three wheelchairs to the Pohnpei State Hospital. Around 30 guests including the Hon. Lorin Robert, Special Consultant on Foreign Affairs to the President of the FSM, H.E. Mr. George Fraser, Ambassador of Australia, Ambassador Robert Riley of the U.S.A., H.E. Mr. Huang Zheng, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, and Mr. Kapilly Capelle, Director of the Pohnpei State Hospital, attended the reception.

The Micronesia Conservation Trust awards \$390,000 in grant funding to organizations and communities to further enhance the Micronesia Challenge across the region

This week, the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) through a grant from the Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies (MACP) awarded subgrants to 15 organizations and communities in all five jurisdictions of the Micronesia Challenge (MC). The project 'Meeting the goals of the Micronesia Challenge: 2020 milestone and beyond' is working with technical partners to provide support to communities and governments, building on progress already achieved, to meet the goals of the MC and to lay a strong foundation as the region approaches the 2020 milestone and beyond. MCT issued a Request for Proposals for projects that will result in more effective management of natural resources, strengthen jurisdiction protected areas networks, and address major threats facing protected areas across the region. Just over \$390,000 in subgrants were issued to the following organizations and communities (listed alphabetically):

1. The Conservation Society of Pohnpei (Pohnpei): Mobilizing MPA Communities to Increase Adaptive Fisheries Management Capacity in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.
2. The Conservation Society of Pohnpei (Pohnpei): Establishing Baseline Information for Terrestrial Invasive Species Management in the Outer Islands and Atolls of Pohnpei State, FSM.
3. Duk Duk Goose, Inc. (Guam): WE ARE PROTECTORS: Educational Media

and Resources to Increase Awareness, Change Behavior and to Meet the Goals of the Micronesia Challenge.

4. The Ebill Society (Palau): Restoring sea cucumber resources and strengthening the role of women in Palau's nearshore coastal fishery.
5. Kitti Municipal Government (Pohnpei): Building Capacity and Improving the Ability of the Kitti Municipal Government to Implement a Compliance Improvement Project to support its Coastal Management Efforts.
6. Kosrae Conservation and Safety Organization (Kosrae): Community planning and designation of Kupluc Mangrove Reserve in the state of Kosrae.
7. Marcela Foundation (Pohnpei): Protecting Ant's Ecological Environment.
8. Mariana Islands Nature Alliance (CNMI): Schools for Environmental Conservation.
9. Micronesia Conservation Coalition (Guam/Yap): Gilman Community Based Training, Monitoring, and Management of Multi-Fish Species Spawning Aggregation.
10. Namdrik Atoll Development Association (Marshall Islands): NADA Pearl Farm Capacity Building & Training Project.
11. Pakin Community Association (Pohnpei): Building Pakin Community Resiliency to Climate Change Through an enhanced ecosystem-based approach to Fisheries Management.
12. Palau Conservation Society (Palau):

Improving fisheries management through effective planning.

13. Palau International Coral Reef Center (Palau): Understanding human well-being benefits and values of the Palau National Marine Sanctuary.
14. Palau Protected Area Fund (Palau): PAN UNITES: Achievement, Innovation and Inspiration.
15. University of Guam (Guam): Supporting the Micronesia Challenge Marine Database.

The Micronesia Challenge is a commitment by the leaders of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands to effectively manage the natural resources that are crucial to the survival of Pacific traditions, cultures and livelihoods. Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies (MACP) works with MCT and its partners to build local capacity to sustain ecosystems. With support to design, implement, and enforce their own conservation efforts, communities are able to effect change that makes a deep and lasting impact on protected areas, livelihoods, fisheries management, climate resilience policy and governance.



Welcome remarks by Ambassador designate Sobashima



Major General Imaki and Mr. Capelle, Director of the Pohnpei State Hospital



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FSM athletes prepare for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games

By Jim Tobin, FSM Olympic Committee

Six Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) athletes have received International Olympic Committee (IOC) athlete training scholarships to try to qualify, and then to compete in the 2020 Olympic Games. The games will be held in Tokyo, Japan from July 24 to August 9, 2020. The sports that the FSM athletes hope to qualify and compete in are Athletics (track and field), Swimming, Wrestling and Boxing. The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will have 33 sports, with over 11,000 athletes, representing 206 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) from countries and territories around the world.

The FSM has competed in 5 Olympic Games starting with the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games, followed by Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympic Games. Due to the high standards for athlete qualification only one FSM athlete – Manuel Minginfel (Yap) – Weightlifting male - has ever qualified on his own merit for an Olympic Games (London 2012). All of the other FSM athletes who competed in an Olympic Games have participated as Universality Place (non-qualified) athletes in Athletics, Swimming, Weightlifting, Wrestling and Boxing.

Starting in the beginning of 2018, the FSM Olympic Committee (FSMOC), formally known as the FSM National Olympic Committee (FSMNOC), applied for and received Olympic Scholarships for Athletes - Tokyo 2020, provided by the IOC, for 6 FSM athletes up to \$1000 per month for each athlete. The FSM athletes are: Scott Fiti (Chuuk) – Athletics male; Darla Jonah (Pohnpei) – Athletics female; Tasi Limtiaco (Chuuk) – Swimming male; Taeyanna Adams (Pohnpei) – Swimming female; Junjun Asebias (Chuuk) – Wrestling male; and Jennifer Chieng (Yap) – Boxing female. The scholarship are to be used to assist each FSM athlete with training costs in preparation to qualify, and then compete in Tokyo 2020. The scholarships also include \$5,000 for travel costs to Olympic qualifying events. The 6 scholarships will end in August 2020.

In past Olympic Games, the FSMOC had received two (2) Universality Places in Athletics from the IAAF (track and field world governing body) for one male FSM runner and one female FSM runner. The

FSMOC was notified in August by the IAAF that the FSM, and other smaller nation NOCs around the world, would only receive one (1) Universality Place in Athletics for Tokyo 2020. Scott Fiti will be nominated early next year, by the FSMOC, for the Universality Place in Athletics for Tokyo 2020. Scott competed in the IAAF 2019 World Athletics Championships in Doha, Qatar in early September. He will be moving to the Gold Coast, Australia to train full time, until the opening of Tokyo 2020, at the Oceania Athletics Training Centre, funded by IAAF and FSMOC grants. At the same time, the FSMOC has contacted the IOC and IAAF to request an additional Universality Place in Athletics. The issue is the limit of the total number of athletes that will compete in Tokyo 2020, with those athletes who have met international qualifying times and places being selected over prior Universality Places given to smaller NOCs.

Tasi Limtiaco and Taeyanna Adams have been selected to be nominated for the two Universality Places in Swimming from FINA (swimming world governing body) for one male FSM swimmer and one female FSM swimmer to compete in Tokyo 2020. Limtiaco and Adams participated in the FINA 2019 World Swimming Championships in Gwangju, South Korea from July 12-28, 2019. Four FSM swimmers, selected from the results of the FSM Swimming Qualifier held on Pohnpei early this year, competed in the Swimming World Championships. None of the FSM swimmers achieved qualification times for Tokyo 2020 at the Swimming world championships. From their individual results and times, FSM Swimming Coach A Taka, selected Limtiaco and Adams to be nominated and then compete in Tokyo 2020. Limtiaco has also received a FINA athlete training scholarship, and will be training full time in Bangkok, Thailand. Adams, attending Pohnpei SDA high school, will be trained full time by Coach A Taka starting in December when he returns to Pohnpei from Japan.

Junjun Asebias, FSM male wrestling, participated in the UWW 2019 World Wrestling Championships last month in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan from September 14- 22. Jun also received a special Oceania National Olympic Committees (ONOC) wrestler training camp scholarship to train in Japan for 3 months prior to the Wrestling

world championships. He lost his only match and failed to qualify for Tokyo 2020. He will be traveling to Budapest, Hungary to compete in the UWW 2019 World Junior Wrestling Championships in the next few weeks. There are no Universality Places in Wrestling for Tokyo 2020. It will be very difficult for Jun to qualify but he will continue to compete in Wrestling qualification competitions around the world, funded by FSMOC grants. After his return from Budapest, Jun will train full time in Guam with the Guam Wrestling Club.

The FSM athlete with the best chance to qualify for Tokyo 2020 is Jennifer Chieng in Boxing. Jennifer competed in Rio 2016 and has won 2 Gold medals in the PNG 2015 Pacific Games and Samoa 2019 Pacific Games. She just competed in the AIBA 2019 World Women Boxing Championships in Russia, funded by the FSMOC. This was not a qualifying event for Tokyo 2020. Jennifer, and her Boxing

coaches including head coach Erick Divinagracia, will be competing in Boxing qualifiers in China and France in the next 8 months. FSM Congress and FSM National Government approved \$70,000 to Jennifer to properly fund the high costs for her training in New York, and travel and accommodation costs for her 3 coaches and herself for upcoming Boxing qualification events. If Jennifer fails to qualify on her own merits, the FSMOC will nominate her for a Universality Place in Boxing for Tokyo 2020.

Pelma Mingii, FSMOC Treasurer and Team FSM Chef de Mission for Tokyo 2020, and Lestly Mendiola, FSMOC Sport Development Officer and Team FSM Logistics Manager for Tokyo 2020, will be attending an Olympic Forum – Preparation for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games – in Nadi, Fiji from October 21-23, 2019. The forum will discuss the final plans for Oceania NOCs preparation and participation in Tokyo 2020.

We wish all of our FSM athletes the best in training, trying to qualify, and then compete in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

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President Paneulo Administers Oath of Office to Akillino H. Susaia & Jackson T. Soram as Ambassador of the FSM to the USA & Deputy Chief of Mission of the FSM to the USA, Respectively

FSM Information Services

WASHINGTON, D.C.—On October 11th, 2019, His Excellency Akillino H. Susaia, Ambassador of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to the United States of America, and the Honorable Jackson T. Soram, Deputy Chief of Mission (DCM), were sworn into their respective roles by His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the FSM.

“Do you, Akillino H. Susaia, solemnly swear that you will faithfully execute the duties and responsibilities of the office to which you have been appointed, and will, to the best of your ability, uphold, promote, and support the laws and Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, so help you God?” said President Panuelo.

“I do,” said Ambassador Susaia.

“Do you, Jackson T. Soram, solemnly swear that you will faithfully execute the duties and responsibilities of the office to which you have been appointed, and will, to the best of your ability, uphold, promote, and support the laws and Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, so help you God?” said President Panuelo.

“I do,” said DCM Soram.

After the oath of office ceremony proper, President Panuelo, Ambassador Susaia, and DCM Soram shared brief remarks.

“I cannot emphasize enough,”

President Panuelo said in his remarks, “how proud I am today as the ninth President of our Nation to have the opportunity to administer the oath of office to our Ambassador to the United States, Ambassador Susaia—and to administer the oath of office to our [DCM], Jackson Soram. I congratulate both of you...you know that this is a new administration—and I have said that my success is NOT my success alone, but for the entirety of the people of the FSM. We are one Nation, a proud Nation, and I appreciate your hard efforts in building our Nation forward.”

“Thank you all...we need to tell the [United States]: here we are,” said Ambassador Susaia. “We are smack in the middle of the Pacific but our special and strategic relationship is worthwhile—we want to continue to be a part it. And I commend the President for really dedicating his efforts to do that... Because from there, other things will follow that will [improve] our lives, and our children’s lives.”

“Colleagues, staff, families—thank you for joining us today,” said DCM Soram “As today came closer, I became a little bit emotional. ...Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you for your vote of confidence in us to continue serving the people and Government of the [FSM], this Nation.... We will continue to do what we can to serve our country, and the best interests of our Nation, our people.”





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at the airport the customer service agent didn't charge them for their extra bags and fawned all over them.

On October 11, the date of their scheduled concert at Spanish Wall Ballfield, the skies in Pohnpei opened up and poured out a deluge as it often does. Though the rains had dissipated by 6:00 that evening, they could not have safely set up sound equipment at the scheduled venue and plans had to change. The venue was changed to the Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School gym. Despite the weather and change of venue, several hundred people still showed up to not just watch, but to be a part of their concert, an exciting event with pitch perfect vocals and dancing, and a few forays by the singers into the audience.

They asked the people in the audience who were born in the month of October to come to the front of the stage and then sang their own version of "Happy Birthday" to them, something that was especially wonderful for me to see since my wife's birthday was on that very day. It brought tears to my eyes.

After Kazual's first set, Amanda Abello, who opened for Joss Stone when she was in Pohnpei, sang a beautiful ballad and accompanied herself on acoustic. Abello should be performing much more but venues in Pohnpei are few.

Performers from Pohnpei's "Youth for Change" next took the stage and were, as they always are, magnificent. Kazual joined them for a song with all of their voices blending perfectly together before Kazual did a short second set.

Early on Saturday morning, the band got up and performed at Spanish Wall for the hundreds of people who participated in the US Embassy's Color Run with the theme, "Girl Force: Unscripted and unstoppable"

John Ferguson who travels with some of the artist on the American Music Abroad program and helps to coordinate the talent said that 300 artists and bands tried out for the 15 slots on the program. He said that Kazual was a perfect match.

The Friday night main concert was good, though hampered by weather, but Monday's performance at PICS High School was amazing. Hundreds of PICS students crowded the huge cafeteria at the school and responded to Kazual like 1960's audiences responded to The

Beatles. An enthusiastic crowd always amps up performers and it was obvious at the PICS performance that Kazual experienced that and gave back to the audience everything they received from them and more. At times the reactions of the students went so far as to drown out the performance for a moment or two.

For their last number they called up RJ Mitchell William, a PICS student to freestyle rap with them. His rap performance was impressive and they sounded like they had rehearsed the song for hours rather than just a quick run through.

Kazual was set to leave for Yap to perform there but circumstances there changed dramatically on the night before they were set to leave. The Embassy necessarily canceled that portion of the tour.

They remained in Pohnpei until they departed for the Marshall Islands to perform there.

The Kazual tour was the third American Music Abroad tour sponsored by the U.S. Embassy to the FSM. The first was the remarkable tour by the Hip Hop band, Dangerflow, five years ago. The next was by country star Sierra Hull who visited Chuuk.

I was privileged to have dinner with the guys of Kazual and their manager, Omar "Free" Wilson, twice. They knew that they were sitting with a journalist and a musician but I'd told them that I wouldn't be bringing my camera or a notepad and that they should relax and just be themselves. Despite their massive talent, they were extremely humble. Still, I got the impression that the guys from Kazual are the guys from Kazual whether they're on the stage or not. It's just who they are.




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United Nations Day Celebrated in Pohnpei with a Gubernatorial Forum

This year on October 24, 2019 United Nations Day was used to host a gubernatorial forum for the candidates running for Governor and Lieutenant Governor for Pohnpei State's upcoming election on November 12th, 2019. Micronesia Productions, an NGO focused on public awareness and education activities in the FSM, partnered with the UN Joint Presence Office in Pohnpei, Pohnpei Broadcast Corporation (V6AH), and several other NGOs to host the event at the Governor's Conference Room. The theme for the event was "How the Candidates for Governor & Lt. Governor plan to implement activities under the UN Conventions that our government is required to do".

The candidates were asked questions from the Pohnpei Women's Advisory Council on gender equality and domestic violence. The Pohnpei Youth Council asked about equal employment opportunities and creation of jobs, and a representative from the environmental organizations asked about economic development being balanced by sustainable development and use of local resources. Micronesia Productions asked questions on implementation of the new age of consent law and the new Pohnpei Disability Act of 2019. The broadcast was live on V6AH station and streamed on the internet. The video remains online and can be found via a link on the Pohnpei Broadcast Corporation's Facebook page.

A UN Day message was given by the Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Ricky Cantero. This message, without the introductions is listed below. Micronesia Productions would like to thank all the candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor for participating in the event, and for the NGOs and general public that attended the forum to ask questions. Special thanks for funding and participation to Ms. Evelyn Adolph, Director of the UN Joint Presence Office in FSM.

Country Statement
United Nations Day – October 24, 2019

Governor Marcelo Peterson,
Lt. Governor Reed Oliver and members of your Cabinet,
Head of the UN Joint Presence Office and members of your staff,
Fellow Citizens,
Fellow Statemen,
Friends of the FSM,
Friends of Pohnpei,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First and foremost, please allow me this opportunity to convey sentiments of gratitude to the President and to the members of the Board of Directors of Micronesia Productions – sentiments of gratitude for the invitation extended to our President, David Panuelo, to deliver a brief remark on this occasion to acknowledge the United Nations Day – thank you for the invitation and thank you for your creativity to have this remark delivered during the margins of a Gubernatorial Forum of our State of Pohnpei. It is with sincerity that I also convey sentiments of regret from President

Panuelo, as he is not able to be here with us today. He is, however, mindful of the importance of such an event and has levied instructions for me to represent him in this important gathering. I am, therefore, an extremely grateful for such a rare opportunity.

Friends and Countrymen:

More than seven decades ago on October 24th, 1945, 52 like-minded countries came together with a fundamental and noble mission to establish a global organization with aim to maintain and preserve worldwide peace and security, to develop and cultivate friendly among nations, and to foster cooperation among and between nations so as to help alleviate economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian international problems. Having just emerged from devastations and destructions of the Second World War, the world at that time was anxious and was eager for a new world order and for a new international system that could provide stability, opportunity and some degrees of balance and fairness. Thus, emerged the United Nations – emerged perhaps out of necessity, perhaps out of fear, perhaps out of a collective desire not to repeat past mistakes, and perhaps out of the need to preserve hope for humanity. Whatever the reasonings are, the emergence of this global organization ushered in a new era of cooperation and understanding among nations, a new era of hope for equality and a new era that somewhat guarantees a global platform for all to be heard. The monumental significance of this global achievement prompts nations all over the world to reserve time to honor and acknowledge the date of October 24th.

Having sought full membership of this world political body, our Federated States of Micronesia attained it on September 17, 1991, just five years after obtaining their independence from the United States of America. This was indeed a great milestone in our young nation's quest for global recognition, as a sovereign country with ultimate control over its national identity, national integrity, and national territory. To this very day, we as a country, we as a nation continues to acknowledge this defining accomplishment – in honor, we continue to observe and respect October 24th. Having attained full membership was indeed a great accomplishment for our young nation, especially within the context of our collective desire for political maturity and independence. So, as we enjoy this holiday, perhaps it is fitting to briefly acknowledge the basic principles that helped cement our country's membership into the United Nations – basic principles that had emboldened our founding fathers to bravely declare to the world...

That we wish to exercise our inherent sovereignty,
That we affirm our common wish to live together in peace and harmony, to preserve the heritage of the past, and to protect the promise of the future,
That we wish to make one nation of many islands, with respect for the diversity of our cultures. That our differences enrich us.
That the seas bring us together, they do not separate us.

That our islands sustain us,
That our island nation enlarges us and makes us stronger.
That our ancestors, who made their homes on these islands, displaced no other people, and that having known war, we hope for peace.
Having been divided, we wish unity. Having been ruled, we seek freedom.

And finally,

That we extend to all nations what we seek from each: peace, friendship, cooperation, and love in our common humanity.

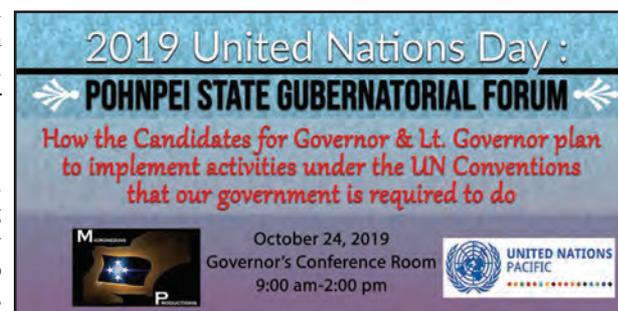
These universal principles, inscribed by our founding fathers into the supreme law of our land, did served to demonstrated our readiness to join the United Nations.

It served to confirm the sovereignty of our Federated States of Micronesia – a young nation-state determined to journey forward on its own merit and on its own control over its own political destiny. Therefore, we are blessed, we are encouraged and we are proud. (repeat)

Friends and Countrymen:

Much has happened to our country since our bold declaration. We have reached significant levels of political maturity. We have oversight and control of the quintessential role of conducting Foreign Affairs and in the process, have forged partnership with over 90-plus like-minded countries all over the world. The presence of in-country diplomatic representation of three of the largest economies in the world confirms our success on this front. In addition, within the context of our relations with the United Nations and its various organs, our country is very fortunate to have been able to host a Joint Presence of the United Nations here in Pohnpei, currently led and managed by our very own, Ms. Evelyn Adolph. Serving as a conduit for delivery of social programs, the office continues to provide needed support and contribution to our country's development efforts. The country is indeed forever grateful for these valuable and enriching contributions, and has and will continue to submit not only encouragement for continuation, but a request for an increased and elevated portfolio of support and assistance.

In addition, there are on-going efforts of the leadership of our country to secure hosting of a new Multi-Country Office (MCO) of the United Nations, to be based here in our Pohnpei. This new architecture will no doubt lead to a more integrated, enhanced and strengthen cooperation between our country and the United Nations and its various developmental organs. It will no doubt tremendously upgrade the current portfolio of the United Nations in our country – what naturally follow with such an upgrade are more diverse development programs and jobs for our people. Thanks to effort and persistent leadership of President Panuelo, consensus on our country's hosting of this office has been



reached among the Micronesia countries. It is just a matter of short time for this undertaking to be realized for our country, our region and our peoples. With such achievements, we, as a nation, ought to be grateful – we as a nation ought to be excited – and we as a nation ought to have high hopes for a better future.

Indeed, within the context of the FSM/UN partnership, there are volumes of possibilities and volumes of opportunities.

Friends and Fellow Statemen:

Our global environment, our Pacific region, our Micronesia region and our country is changing quite rapidly. This is perhaps needed and perhaps it is essential, so as to enable us cope and adapt to emerging global conditions, circumstances and challenges. Our beloved Pohnpei Sarawi is no exception to this rule of inevitable change.

Before us is an opportunity to once again exercise our fundamental civic duty to express our political wishes – our political desires – to elect those exceptional individuals to lead and take us forward, as State. Having a Gubernatorial Forum to follow our program behooves me to submit encouragement to all to make time to exercise their basic civic duty to vote and to choose the leadership for our State. It is important that we all take time to do this, because it is through our strong and collective activism, and love for our State, will we be able to progress positively forward. Let us be active, let us be engaged.

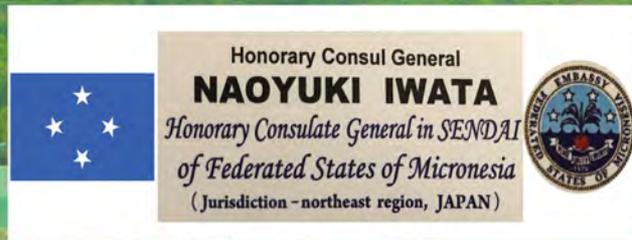
Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends, Fellow Countrymen and Fellow Statemen:

I will conclude my remarks just like I started, by once again conveying sentiments of appreciation to the President and to the members of the Board of Directors of Micronesia Productions for the invitation. President Panuelo is indeed very grateful.

Thank you for this opportunity and Happy UN Day.

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...Nan Madol Nat Geo

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ate at restaurants, hired guides, boats, divemasters, and many other support personnel including two production assistants from Micronesia Productions. They paid a large fee for permission to film at Nan Madol. They paid for everything.

“Francisco Mendiola and the great folks on the maintenance team at the College of Micronesia-FSM National Campus helped the filmmakers set dress a nahs for the National Geographic crew,” said Denise Oen. Oen is a staff member at COM-FSM and has been helping a group of students to produce their own documentary on Nan Madol for over a year with remarkable results so far.

“Our experience working with the National Geographic team was phenomenal. The crew took us under their wing and included us in all facets of the process of making their documentary. It was also a powerful learning experience to better understand the power of film and the importance of becoming tellers of our own stories through film making,” Oen said.

“Albert Lin Lost Cities came out great

with some of the best and latest technology used for TV shows,” said Alloys Malfitani of Pohnpei Surf Club, who spent a lot of time with the crew. “Amazing shots of Pohnpei especially from the drones. It made Pohnpei look amazing. That is the kind of publicity money can’t buy, done by experts. The crew that came are all on top of the game, the best in what they do.”

“We did it the right way traditionally/customarily by taking sakau to the Nahnmwariki and asking for his permission and blessings to film Nan Madol,” Kohler, who was constantly with the crew and was Dr. Lin’s main guide on the documentary, said. “Efforts to preserve/conservate Nan Madol continue,” Kohler continued. “A draft conservation plan is being worked on now - all these in the hope of removing Nan Madol from the World in Danger List and the publicity from the National Geographic documentary will help to spotlight that need.”

All of the local people who participated as support members for the production that we were able to talk with had nothing but praise for the documentary crew. Local film makers spoke of the learning they received as part of the experience. Others talked about the personal friendships established with crew members. They left much behind, but the experience certainly wasn’t one-sided.

“We tried to honor and celebrate the history, as well as living culture and traditions of Pohnpei to the best of our ability. I was deeply humbled by the incredible hospitality of Micronesia and its people, and strive to live up to the expectations of the title bestowed upon me by the Nahnmwariki,” Dr. Lin wrote during a Facebook chat. “Of all the places I have traveled, beyond being one of the most beautiful, it was the sense of community and friendship on this island in the Pacific rang the loudest, and I am proud and honored to have been made a part of that,” his Facebook page says.

During our chat, Dr. Lin said that the documentary will air on the National Geographic in 157 countries and in over 40 languages at various times over the next few months but that he had not been aware until after it aired in the United States that the FSM doesn’t currently have access to the National Geographic Channel which is a subsidiary of Disney. He said that digital



copies were being sent to Kohler and several others in Pohnpei. Meanwhile, the documentary can be streamed on Amazon Prime. Dr. Lin said that there might be further digital means for FSM citizens to view it.

Reviews in Pohnpei on social media are mixed with a majority opinion that we have seen that it is great to have a documentary on Nan Madol despite the few production affectations.

Malfitani said that the issue of making Pohnpei appear to be more remote than it is may have been due to the production crew’s concern they expressed to him that the documentary might cause a huge influx of visitors and potential negative development issues.

“There will be a slight increase in visitors because of this huge exposure so we need to be prepared with infrastructure and other concerns. We want to be able to control the number of visitors to the site to avoid damaging the site,” Kohler wrote.

President Panuelo & Prime Minister Abe reaffirm ‘Kizuna’ between FSM & Japan, discuss regional security & development assistance

FSM Information Services

TOKYO, Japan—On October 21st, 2019 His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) was received by His Excellency Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan, in a courtesy call on the margins of the Enthronement Ceremony of His Majesty, the Emperor. The primary outcomes of the meeting included the reaffirmation of the FSM-Japan “Kizuna”, or special bond, and discussion on further cooperation in areas such as infrastructural development and regional security.

Prime Minister Abe spoke first, thanking the President for visiting Japan and for the letter of sympathy regarding the aftermath of Typhoon Hagibis. The FSM is “one of the best friends” of Japan, the Prime Minister said, adding that the more than 100 years of FSM-Japan relations—almost 31 years of which have been via formal diplomatic relations—has seen a positive evolution of the FSM-Japan bilateral partnership.

The Prime Minister also spoke about the increasing importance on maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific, of which Japan

is putting a “special focus” on the FSM, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

Examples of such focus in the FSM include the ongoing work on expanding Pohnpei State’s commercial and fisheries port—which President Panuelo described as “one of [the FSM’s] big priorities”—as well as Japan’s increasing involvement in annual iterations of Operation Christmas Drop, and 7.4 million dollars of disaster mitigation funding, among others.

President Panuelo expressed his deep appreciation, on behalf of the Nation, for the invitation to attend the Enthronement of His Majesty, the Emperor, and noted with regards to the aftermath of Typhoon Hagibis that “Japan’s disasters and sadness are [the FSM’s] disasters and sadness, because of our special Kizuna.” The President applauded Japan’s role in “providing security to maintain a free and open Indo-Pacific”, particularly in its own partnership with the United States of America, and noted that the FSM is “ready to play any role” to ensure regional security.

Prime Minister Abe noted his pleasure

that the FSM and Japan are “on the same page” in this regard.

President Panuelo also extended the Nation’s appreciation to Japan for its continuous and highly visible development assistance, including its student scholarship programming and in-country presence of Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Volunteers.

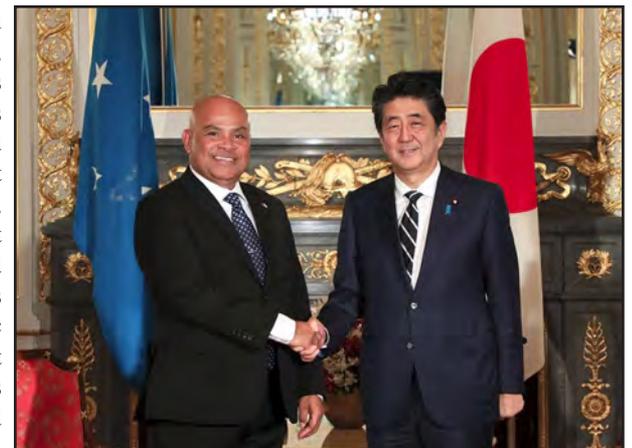
In his closing remarks, Prime Minister Abe promised to deepen Japan’s cooperation and development assistance efforts with the FSM.

President Panuelo, in his closing remarks, extended again the FSM’s appreciation for Japan’s continued friendship and support in areas of import to the Nation. In particular, the President noted that the FSM looks forward to beginning negotiations on the expiring economic provisions of the Compact of Free Association, as Amended, with the United

States. “Anything that Japan can help with [in this regard],” President Panuelo said, “would be appreciated.”

Both Prime Minister Abe and President Panuelo noted that they look forward to meeting again in November, 2019, where more detailed bilateral discussions will occur.

The FSM is proud of its Kizuna with the people and Government of Japan, and looks forward to strengthening the FSM-Japan special bond even further.



FSM successfully concludes second review under the United Nations Convention Against Corruption

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) successfully completed a country review on its implementation of binding obligations under the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC). The FSM acceded to the UNCAC in 2012, and assumed a legal obligation to implement concrete anti-corruption measures. Anti-Corruption experts from the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Singapore conducted the country review from October 8th to 10th, 2019, and discussed with FSM authorities, including representatives of the FSM Department of Justice, FSM Department of Finance & Administration, and the Office of the Public Auditor, what progress has been made country-wide, as well as discussing the major challenges and roadblocks encountered in domesticating legal obligations set by the UNCAC.

This was the FSM's second country review, the first one occurring in 2014—two years after the FSM became a State Party to the UNCAC.

The Honorable Yosiwo P. George, Vice President of the FSM, welcomed the delegates, and in particular the visiting experts from China and Singapore, as well as key staff from the Secretariat to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), based in Vienna and in Suva, at the opening ceremony held in the Central Facilities Building in Palikir on October 8th. The reviewers noted with appreciation the FSM's commitment towards open, transparent, and accountable public service. Among the key developments shared with the reviewers was the National Anti-Corruption Strategy, which is being finalized to provide a concrete and reviewable framework in combatting corruption in the FSM.

The National Anti-Corruption Strategy will be launched later this year and will be subject to further consultations with stakeholders nationwide. Part of the strategy includes the development of legislation to support, and implement, anti-corruption initiatives. Examples include a freedom of information law that would give the public access to public information, as well as a "Disclosure of Financial Contributions" law that would require elected public officials to disclose their financial contributions.

The country visit was facilitated by the FSM Department of Justice through Acting Secretary Leonito Bacalando, Jr., who serves as the focal point for the UNCAC. Also joining the discussions at the Central Facilities Building were Associate Justice Beaulen Carl-Worswick and staff from the FSM Supreme Court, as well as legal staff from the 21st Congress of the FSM. The review process involved exchanges of views and constructive dialogue, and sharing of experiences and best practices, not only among visiting experts but also with key agencies and stakeholders in the FSM. These included the National and State Public Auditors, the National Registrar of Corporations, and Executive Branch Departments including the Department of Finance & Administration, the Department of Environment, Climate Change, & Emergency Management, the Department of Education, the Department of Health & Social Affairs, as well as local banks and regulators, Law Enforcement agencies, members of the business community, the Chamber of Commerce, and broader civil society.

This country review is specific to Chapters 2 and 5 of the UNCAC pertaining to Preventive Measures and Asset Recovery, respectively. The results of the review will further assist the FSM in identifying weaknesses in the implementation of the UNCAC, and will produce specific recommendations by the experts on possible ways of addressing those weaknesses.

Under the rules of the UNCAC, this review process does not give any ratings among States Parties, nor does it impose any sort of sanctions or penalties. It does, however, encourage States Parties to abide by their obligations through open dialogue, and sharing of best practices, in the area of anti-corruption. In the spirit of cooperation, the FSM itself serves as reviewer of other countries under the review mechanism. A summary outcome of the review will be made public in accordance with the rules of the UNCAC.

As a State Party to the UNCAC, the FSM is committed to honoring its legal obligation under this Convention. As His Excellency David W. Panuelo, ninth President of the FSM, declared in his inaugural address to the Nation, the administration intends to bring more transparency, openness, and accountability in public service.

Anglers haul 'em in at annual True Value Fishing Tournament

Pohnpei Fishing Club

October 19, 2019

Pohnpei—We had a great tournament last Saturday, October 19. It turned out to be a fairly calm day, with some overcast weather and not too much in way of big waves or currents.

We had a good turnout with 22 boats registering.

Most boats didn't catch a lot of fish but there were still some big fish that were landed.

True Value provided some great prizes. The prizes were gift certificates or actual merchandise.

The big winner was Berno Hedson with a 96 pound yellow fin. Wilbur David had another big yellow fin at 89.50 pounds.

Listed below are all of the winners and prizes:

Point Big Fish:				
Berno Hedson	Yellow Fin	96.00	1st	Grand Prize : 1 R/T Guam Or Majuro
Wilbur David	Yellow Fin	89.50	2nd	Eskimo 10 Cu. Ft Fridge
Marvey Jr. Spencer	Yellow Fin	51.00	3rd	Eskimo 10 Cu. Ft Freezer
Oscar Hoskin	Grand Trevally	27.00	4th	Bbq Grill & Samsung Tablet

Category Fish:

Joe David	Yellow Fin	10.50	\$250.00
Ella David (Jr)	Skip Jack	15.00	\$250.00
Yoma Edward	Wahoo	15.00	\$250.00
	Mahi Mahi		\$250.00
Doc. Ypye E. Guivan	Barracuda	11.00	\$250.00

Lady Angler:

Melyann Mallarme	Barracuda	11.00	\$250.00
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Junior Angler:

Marvey Jr. Spencer	Skip Jack	14.50	1st	\$175.00
Marvey Jr. Spencer	Skip Jack	13.00	2nd	\$150.00
Ocean	Skip Jack	3.50	3rd	\$100.00

Every boat that entered and weighed in received a case of San Miguel beer and a Red Horse cooler. You couldn't lose in the tournament.



We want to thank all the sponsors that made this tournament possible.

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Also, thanks to all the people who helped out including Bill, Virginia, Cel, Paul and all the employees from our sponsor.

Sandwiches and refreshments were provided at Dekehtik where the weigh in was held. For once it was a beautiful day and everyone had a blast.

We hope all participants enjoyed the new floating dock built by the Pohnpei Fishing Club and organized, (like herding cats) by James Wichman.

A big thanks to everyone who helped out and participated. Thanks again True Value, 24th annual is a big deal.

See you at our next tournament on November 9, Budweiser.

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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

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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.

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Okeanos medical mission to fight Dengue outbreak in Yap

Okeanos is proud to join the Yap State Health Crisis Task Force committed to combating the spread of Dengue Fever and Leptospirosis now prevalent on Yap Island.

“We are grateful to Okeanos for their help with the emergency...because one big problem is the transportation of supplies and medical personnel to our remote communities,” says John Gilmatam, Chairman of the Yap State Emergency Health Task Force.

Days after the Yap State government announced a month-long closure of public schools due to the Dengue pandemic, Okeanos crew members were loading boxes of medical supplies provided by the Yap State Health Department onto their open ocean sailing canoes.

On September 4, two Okeanos Vaka Motu fossil fuel-free sailing canoes Okeanos Ambassador and Okeanos Waa'qab departed Yap Island to transport much needed medical supplies to remote neighboring island communities. More than a dozen local crew who have been trained to sail the Vaka Motus safely across the open ocean delivered medical supplies to all of Yap's neighboring island communities over the course of three weeks along with food provisions the crews prepared for their families.

“It was a very successful trip in my opinion,” says Okeanos Fleet Commander Captain Peia Patai. “Our Okeanos Vaka Motus successfully delivered medical supplies to 17 islands which had no other way of being serviced as the state cargo ships were not operating at that time.”

“I'm really proud to be taking part in helping out our people,” says Okeanos crew member Nelson Chipelmal, who grew up on Lamotrek atoll sailing traditional Carolinian canoes. “The vaka motus are not here to replace our local canoes. They came here to encourage sailing and help transport people to wherever they need to go, especially in times of emergency.”

As of August 25, Yap has had 406 suspected cases of dengue fever and 91 confirmed cases, according to a situation report posted by the Yap State Government Public Information Service. Children are the most vulnerable to Dengue and the outbreak has overwhelmed health care workers in Yap, who are also contending with the re-emergence of hand, foot and mouth disease.

Recent scientific publications suggest that the infectious diseases like dengue are expected to increase further in many endemic and non-endemic regions due to the increasing global temperatures brought forth by climate change.

It is the mission of Okeanos Foundation for the Sea to support vulnerable island communities on the forefront of climate change by providing traditionally-based, sustainable sea transportation and professional open ocean sailing training. Okeanos Vaka Motu's provide a traditionally based and environmentally friendly solution to the lack of transportation facing outer islands in the Pacific, as some communities wait months to be serviced by cargo ships to deliver day-to-day essentials like food, cargo, or in this case, medicine.

The two Okeanos Vaka Motu's currently operating in Yap are among the six 50-foot, single masted, open ocean sailing canoes built to meet day-to-day sea transportation needs in the Pacific islands. The Vaka Motu's built since 2012 joined the eight Vaka Moana, 72-foot double masted vessels previously built by Okeanos and now operated by voyaging societies in Fiji, Tahiti, Cook Islands, Samoa, New Zealand and Hawaii to revive traditional culture.

In August, the crew of the Okeanos Marshall Islands Vaka Motu completed medical runs to Arno Atoll for the Ministry of Health to help combat a tuberculosis outbreak on Majuro's neighboring island.

“I hope that we can look into ways that Okeanos can continue to help with healthcare to [Yap's] outer islands perhaps providing regular transport to those communities up to five times a year.” says Task Force Chairman John Gilmatam who is also the Executive Director and CEO of Wa'ab Community Health Center.

The Okeanos Foundation was invited to Yap State by Honorable Governor Henry Falan. Okeanos was asked to imagine a partnership model for a Vaka Motu public transportation system to provide regular, safe and reliable transportation to Yap's remote neighboring communities.

An initial proposal for an Okeanos-managed Vaka Motu bus system was prepared with Yap's Executive Branch and submitted to Legislature for consideration but Okeanos has since requested that other organizational models be explored.

At this time, all parties and elected officials supporting the use of Vaka Motus to provide regular service to Yap's outer islands are requested to join the discussion for imagining the best model for traditionally based sustainable sea transportation, capacity building and independence for the Yapese people.

For now, Okeanos continues training the local crew to be professional open ocean sailors to safely and reliably meet their communities' urgent sea transportation needs.

“It was a good training trip for our local crews as we encountered many different kinds of weather” said Okeanos Fleet Commander Captain Peia Patai. “As we delivered medical supplies as part of the Emergency Task Force, we encountered some fierce winds that are typical this time of year but the crew knew how to seek shelter and properly anchor the vakas in the lagoons 'til the squalls passed over. I was very proud of how professionally our crews performed during this trip.”





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