

No date confirmed for repatriation of FSM citizens residing in Pohnpei

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On August 6th, 2020, the COVID-19 Task Force of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), in partnership with the COVID-19 Task Force of the State of Pohnpei et al., conducted a simulation exercise in preparation for the eventual repatriation of FSM citizens residing in Pohnpei. Although the exercise demonstrated significant improvements from the simulation exercises in June, it was also noted that significant gaps remain. While Pohnpei State had been targeting August 8th, 2020 as a potential repatriation date for FSM citizens residing on Pohnpei, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the FSM, after being

briefed by the FSM COVID-19 Task Force, agreed with the recommendation that the State and Nation is not yet ready for repatriation at this time.

The simulation exercise demonstrated that, particularly at the Point of Entry (i.e. the airport and its surrounds) and Quarantine Site (i.e. the Emergency Medical Unit/Chinastar Hotel), substantial improvements have been made. The view of the Task Force is that the Point of Entry and Quarantine Site are each approximately ninety percent (90%) ready for repatriation efforts.

Gaps included a change in process

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By Bill Jaynes
 The Kaselehlie Press

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Madolenihmw, Pohnpei—On July 31, Meninkeder Lapalap (Mayor) Wein Madolenihmw Petrick F. Ringlen formally submitted his resignation to Madolenihmw Council Speaker Wensner John.

In February of this year, Pohnpei prosecutors filed criminal charges against four representatives of the Madolenihmw Executive Branch for the theft of over \$67,000. Each of the defendants, including

the former Mayor is charged with Grand Larceny, Embezzlement, Theft by Failure to Dispose of Funds Received, Cheating, Misconduct in Public Office and Criminal Conspiracy. All of the charges stem from unreimbursed payroll advances the representatives drew. Ringlen is accused of having taken and not reimbursed over \$29,000 in advances over the course of 12 years.

The prosecution of those cases is ongoing and all of the accused are presumed to be innocent unless charges are proven in court.

According to the attorney who does legal consultation work for the Madolenihmw Government, work on articles of impeachment against the former Mayor began shortly after news of the criminal charges came out. Recently, the council passed articles of impeachment. However, the Counsel rescinded them after accepting the former Mayor’s resignation.

According to the Madolenihmw Constitution, Speaker Wensner John will be the acting Mayor for 90 days and a new election will have to be held.

Ringlen was the Madolenihmw Meninkeder Lapalap for more than 15 years.

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“Safety, vigilance, responsibility and international cooperation key when reopening Pacific entry points”: UN and ADB

United Nations [UN] and the Asian Development Bank [ADB]

Tourism Organisation and the Pacific Community.

As COVID-19 continues to cause widespread movement restrictions, the United Nations [UN] and the Asian Development Bank [ADB] today convened a virtual roundtable meeting with the governments of the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Kiribati and the Marshall Islands to discuss multisectoral considerations for safely reopening points of entry and the types of institutional support available from the UN, ADB and other development partners to Pacific island countries.

“ADB is committed to working with its Pacific developing member countries and helping them protect their people from the social and economic impacts of COVID-19,” said Mr. Paul Curry, ADB Principal Operations Coordination Specialist for Palau, Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Marshall Islands. “Close collaboration between development partners will be critical, when Pacific countries begin to open their borders.”

The recent supplement to ADB’s annual flagship economic publication, the Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2020, said the Pacific will continue to feel the blow of the COVID-19 pandemic this year with restricted trade flows and declining tourism numbers dampening the economic outlook for the Pacific subregion.

The remote Pacific nations moved quickly and decisively to stop COVID-19 in its tracks by shutting their borders early. This proactive stance has come at a significant financial cost. Future economic prospects in the Pacific will largely depend on safe opening of its borders.

Measures put in place by governments around the world to help contain the spread of the virus have included significant border closures, entry restrictions, and changes to visa and entry requirements. The aviation sector has been particularly hard-hit, with ICAO forecasting that globally airlines may be faced with 1.5 billion fewer international air travellers this year and a US \$273 billion drop in gross operation revenue.

Today’s UN-ADB regional meeting focused on multisectoral considerations and

assistance available for safely reopening national entry points targeting pre-border, at border, and post-border openings for both air and sea transport. Support from the international community could include initiatives such as the training of customs, immigration, police, and health officials and the distribution of personal protective equipment for use at airports and seaports. The establishment of clear protocols and the importance of ensuring that other actors such as airlines, seafarers associations and tour operators are included in preparing plans for reopening borders was emphasised.

With the UN warning against complacency, COVID-19 continues to accelerate at breathtaking speed. The number of coronavirus cases globally has roughly doubled in the past six weeks to more than 16 million, with WHO predicting that countries may witness multiple waves of the virus at different intervals and in variable local contexts for several more years to come.

Similar roundtables are planned for Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Tonga, Samoa, Niue, Cook Islands and Tokelau.

“Small island developing states, which depend largely on tourism for their economies, have been hit hard by the global slowdown following the COVID-19 pandemic. The UN has, from the beginning of this crisis, advocated for the safe, responsible and timely reopening of national entry points, on which many small businesses and jobs depend. While the decision of when, how and with whom to open borders is a sovereign decision, safety, vigilance, responsibility and international cooperation are critical as the world slowly opens up again.” These were the words of Sanaka Samarasinha, UN Resident Coordinator for ten countries in the Pacific.

The event brings together a number of UN entities such as the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the International Maritime Organization, the World Health Organisation, the International Organisation for Migration, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime, the World Tourism Organisation and the World Trade Organisation among others along with related global organisations such as the International Air Transport Association and regional entities like the South Pacific

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Upgrade of COM Carpark, Kolonia Campus, Pohnpei

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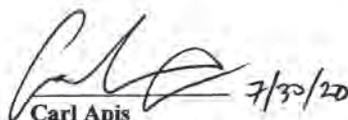
The Program Management Unit (PMU) of the Department of Transportation, Communications & Infrastructure (DTC&I), National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby issuing The Bid Invitation Notice to qualified contractors for the **Upgrade of COM Carpark, Kolonia Campus, in Kolonia, Pohnpei**. A Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit will be held on **Thursday 13th August, 2020 at 10am** at the PMU Offices in the Kaselehlie Building, First Floor, Palikir, Pohnpei.

Further information on this ITB may be obtained by submitting a written request for details to Mr. Shankarah Lessey, Contract Specialist, DTC&I, P.O. Box PS-2, Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941 at email shankarah.lessey@gmail.com with the subject heading:

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The bidding documents, including the instructions to bidders, scope of work, bills of quantities, technical specifications and conditions of contract may also be directly obtained from the Department’s website: <https://tci.gov.fm/> in its PMU section.

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Pohnpei EPA shuts down Ohwa dredge site and road project for violations

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

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Pohnpei—Pohnpei’s Environmental Protection Agency has shut down a dredge site in Ohwa, Madolenihmw. According to EPA Director Henry Susaia, the EPA board issued a cease and desist order and a subpoena to the dredger. After hearings, the board issued an undisclosed fine.

Susaia said that EPA shut down the dredge site because the dredger was operating outside of the boundaries allowed by

the permit and because it was operating without a berm or siltation barrier.

The dredger has paid the fine but the site remains closed to new dredging at the site. EPA has ordered him to remove the dike that serviced the site. They must install siltation barriers while that process moves forward.

Susaia said that EPA also shut down the Lukop, Madolenihmw road improvement project for a period of time. He said that the contractors had piled up dirt on the shore line which was washing into the

lagoon at that time. Their permit had also expired. He said that the contractors have since removed the pile of dirt and guidelines have been established so that the project can continue.

“Our goal is to stop new dredging and to have dikes removed (from old dredge sites)”, Susaia said. He called the task of monitoring dredge sites one of their biggest challenges. On the one hand, aggregate is needed for the many pending and ongoing infrastructure projects. On the other, the environment, which is any and everything that surrounds us and that

affects our lives, must be protected for our own survival even as we strive to make our environment better. That is part of EPA’s mandate.

Much remains to be done. Several dredge sites operate without siltation barriers of any kind. Though EPA has a mandate to shut down all sites that are operating without one until they are in place, they currently remain in operation.

Susaia says that so far all other dredge permits remain in place.

COVID-19 impacts lead agenda for FFA Fisheries Ministerial meeting

Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)

5th August 2020

HONIARA – THE first ever Forum Fisheries Committee Ministerial meeting to be held online opens tomorrow, with the impacts of COVID-19 on the regional tuna fishery at the top of the agenda.

The 17th FFC Ministers meeting (6-7 August) is occurring virtually, due to travel restrictions arising from the pandemic.

Fisheries Ministers will consider ways in which FFA can provide further assistance around the Observer Programme, including how observer livelihood can be sustained as well as Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) support, and national economic impact assessments.

Ministers will also be provided with the Tuna Fisheries Report Card 2020 before it is submitted to Forum Leaders later this year. The Card reports on progress against

a range of indicators in the Regional Roadmap for Sustainable Fisheries.

FFA Director General, Dr Manu Tupou-Roosen said: “The pandemic has had a significant impact on the work of FFA Member countries, particularly around MCS. For example, it is now extremely difficult to place observers on-board fishing vessels, due to travel restrictions and health and safety concerns, and requirements for fishing vessels to carry observers have been suspended.

“The FFA Secretariat has been providing assistance to Members to help them address the impacts of COVID-19, including studies to review food security and how best to support Observers over the longer term.”

The meeting will take place via a virtual meeting platform. Dr Tupou-Roosen said greater use of such technologies in the wake of the pandemic had reinforced the value of investing in appropriate wireless broadband capabilities throughout the

Pacific region.

“Our Member countries see an opportunity to invest in technology, with a range of flow-on benefits for time and cost savings in the way FFA works,” Dr Tupou-Roosen said.

“While the pandemic has been extremely challenging, it has also given Members and the Secretariat a chance to reflect on how we consolidate approaches to fisheries issues. The region can emerge as even more resilient.”

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Regular Field Trip to Chuuk State Postponed; MV Micronesian Navigators Leaving Pohnpei August 8th to Assist MV Hapilmohol-1 Stranded in Woleai

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On August 5th, 2020, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), responding to a request from the Honorable Henry S. Falan, Governor of the State of Yap, confirmed that the MV Micronesian Navigators will delay its regular field trip to Chuuk State to instead provide immediate assistance to citizens stranded on the MV Hapilmohol-1 (H-1), which is presently located in Woleai Atoll. The H-1, which was conducting

a routine “Student Run” to escort children and families to their homes in preparation for the new academic year, has suffered from issues with its generators. The passengers on the H-1 are safe but operating the H-1 in the open ocean could potentially risk the safety of the Nation’s citizens onboard.

“After consideration of the nature of the problems with the generators,” Governor Falan said in his letter to the President, “and the possibility of total failure of both generators on its way back in open water, the ship being low

on fresh water to cool the engine and serve the needs of its passengers and crews...we have no other alternative but to request for a backup vessel [to provide] urgent assistance.”

With the MV Caroline Voyager presently inoperable, the only vessel the FSM National Government has in its possession that can presently accommodate the request from Yap State is the MV Micronesian Navigators. Thus, President Panuelo has instructed the Department of Transportation, Communication & Infrastructure to

postpone its regular field trip schedule to Chuuk so that it may respond to the needs of the H-1 and the Nation’s citizens onboard.

“The Micronesian Navigators is now preparing to depart Pohnpei, heading straight to Woleai, on August 8th,” President Panuelo wrote in his response.

The expected arrival date of the Micronesian Navigators in Woleai is August 12th, 2020.

FSM recognizes 2020 World Day Against Trafficking in Persons & commits to greater action against human traffickers

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On July 30th, 2020, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) formally recognized and participated in the 7th annual World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Operating on the theme “Committed to the Cause—Working on the Frontline to End Human Trafficking,” the international day emphasizes the importance of combatting the threat of human trafficking across the globe. Although the FSM prides itself as a Nation committed to extending peace, friendship, cooperation, and love in our common humanity to all peoples and nations throughout the world, the FSM National Government recognizes that one of the ways of demonstrating this commitment domestically in the States of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae is to ensure that Micronesians are safe from the use of force, fraud, coercion, and exploitation.

Following a series of speeches from the Honorable Yosiwo P. George, Vice President of the FSM, Her Excellency Carmen G. Cantor, Ambassador of the United States of America to the FSM, and Mr. Lino Amor, Assistant Secretary heading the Division of Anti-Human Trafficking in the FSM Department of Justice, the FSM National Government and Pohnpei State Government, in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy in Kolonia and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), held a fun-walk across Pohnpei’s capital of Kolonia as a visual demonstration of the Nation’s commitment against individuals and organizations practicing the trafficking of persons.

“Today, we thank the first responders who work tirelessly for this cause but whose work is often overlooked and unrecognized,” Vice President George said, emphasizing the crucial role the Division of Anti-Human Trafficking plays in its cooperation with State and Municipal police forces, the United States of America, Japan, Australia, and IOM to combat human trafficking.

“I encourage all mothers and fathers,” Vice President George continued, “to play an active and engaged role in being responsible for their children, being very careful to guide their children in making the right choices, and being physically, emotionally, and mentally present in their children’s lives. Collaboration and cooperation between Government, families, communities, and the civil and private sectors are key to keeping our Nation safe, and loving parents are essential to this.”

“Human trafficking is the use of force, fraud, exploitation, or coercion to obtain labor or sex from victims,” Assistant Secretary Amor said in his statements. “While the majority of victims are usually female, it can happen to anyone including men, women, boys, and girls. It is a multi-billion dollar industry world-wide and, yes, it unfortunately exists here in the FSM.”

Since 2017, the Department of Justice has

prosecuted three human trafficking cases; provided immediate and long-term service to victims who were minors; hosted an anti-trafficking conference in Pohnpei with over 150 participants from all four FSM States; opened a victim shelter in the State of Chuuk; and selected a location for a similar shelter in Pohnpei. In September 2019, the Panuelo- George Administration restructured the Department of Justice to add the new Division of Anti- Human Trafficking, whose primary function is to mitigate and eliminate this threat to the FSM.

Citizens may recall the FSM’s commitment to the Indo-Pacific Strategy, which is a broad political and security strategy inclusive of the Nation’s cooperation with the United States, Japan, Australia, and other partners to uphold the Pacific’s security. While this is often projected to emphasize the Nation’s commitments against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing and broadening environmental protection measures, protecting citizens from exploitation is an equally crucial component. In the context of the FSM, the Nation has been increasingly identified as a location for human trafficking.

“As a Micronesian and as a Pohnpeian, when I read the recent human trafficking report on the FSM,” President Panuelo said in a statement following the fun-walk, “of course I was both humbled and even embarrassed. ‘Paradise in Our Backyards’ is the term the Panuelo-George administration uses to emphasize our commitment to environmental conservation, but it must also mean with equal emphasis our commitment to human rights. All citizens and residents of the FSM, whether they are Micronesians from Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, or Kosrae, or expatriates from the Republic of the Philippines and other countries, have the right to be safe from the use of force, fraud, exploitation, and coercion. I echo Vice President George’s call for parents and communities to be responsible for their children, and on behalf of the Government the Panuelo-George Administration will be calling upon the Nation’s friends, allies, and development partners for additional assistance in this area.”

“The FSM National Government,” President Panuelo continued, “recognizes the attendance of not only Ambassador Cantor and IOM at the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, but also the attendance of His Excellency Hidenobu Sobashima, Ambassador of Japan to the FSM, and the Honorable Vy Duong, chargé d’affaires of the Australian Embassy to the FSM. The FSM National Government is proud to cooperate with the United States, Japan, Australia, IOM, and other partners in eliminating human trafficking from our Nation.”

Citizens of the FSM can play

their own part in combatting human trafficking by keeping the FSM National Government informed on suspected cases of force, fraud, exploitation, or coercion to obtain labor or sex from victims. Through partnership with the FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC), any citizen or resident of the FSM can call the FREE anti-human trafficking hotline by dialing H-E-L-P or 923-2000.



Vice President George shakes hands with Assistant Attorney General Avoryie, congratulating her on her excellent performance in assisting the FSM in tackling the threat of human trafficking



Vice President George shakes hands with Ambassador Sobashima



Citizens and residents of the FSM walk together as a demonstration of the Nation’s commitment to tackle human trafficking

While delivering additional medical supplies, Ambassador Huang promises to provide COVID-19 vaccine to the FSM if it is developed in China

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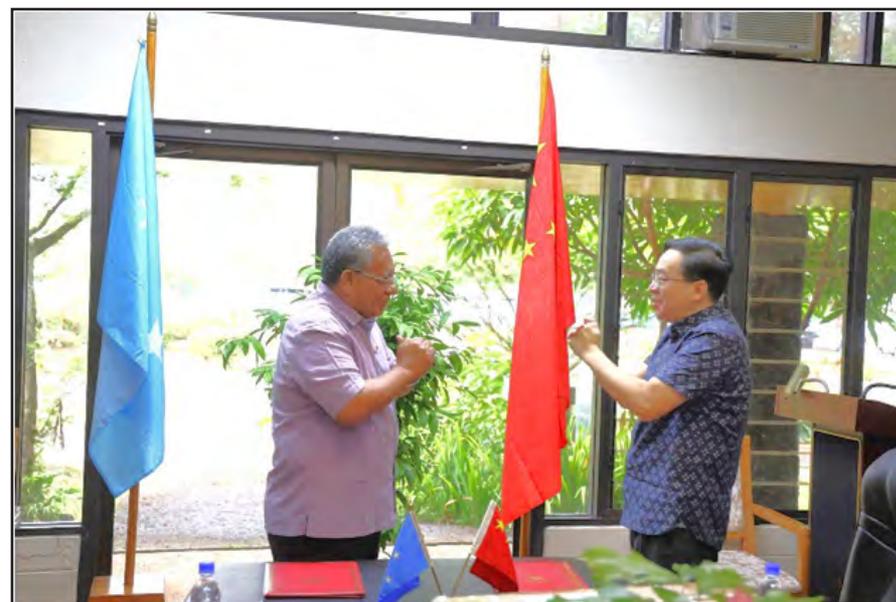
PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On July 24th, 2020, the Honorable Livingston A. Taulung, Secretary of the Department of Health & Social Affairs and Chair of the Federated States of Micronesia’s (FSM’s) COVID-19 Task Force, and the Honorable Ricky F. Cantero, Deputy Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, received His Excellency Huang Zheng, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China (China), who handed-over an additional ten (10) boxes of personal protection equipment (PPE) donated to the FSM by Shandong Province. The Ambassador promised that additional COVID-19 support was en route, and that when a vaccine is available that the FSM will receive it.

“We will do everything we can to help the FSM’s people to win this global battle against this global Pandemic, which is the common enemy of humankind,” Ambassador Huang said in his remarks. “When the

development and deployment of [a] vaccine is available in China, we will make it an international public good for everyone. ...It will be offered as assistance to developing countries, including the FSM, who need these vaccines the most.”

“I am very pleased to hear that your Government is working very hard to make sure that a vaccine is produced and then shared with the rest of the world,” Secretary Taulung said in his remarks. “Today’s assistance from Shandong will supplement and complement what China has already provided.”

The cumulative total of COVID-19 related Chinese assistance to the FSM is approximately three hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$320,000), with \$170,000 in cash donations to the FSM National Government and Pohnpei State Government and the remaining \$150,000 through medical supplies. The FSM National Government is deeply appreciative



Secretary Taulung & Ambassador Huang greet each other in traditional Chinese fashion

of Chinese assistance in helping the Nation to prevent COVID-19’s arrival and/or mitigating its affects should it arrive. China and the FSM have enjoyed

nearly thirty-one (31) years of formal diplomatic relations. September 11th, 2020, will mark the 31st anniversary of the Great Friendship and comprehensive partnership between the FSM and China.

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FFC adopts the FFA Regional PSM framework

Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)

5th August 2020

HONIARA – The Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Committee (FFC) has successfully sanctioned the regional Port State Measure (PSM) framework at its 114th meeting held in June.

According to the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency's (FFA) Director General, Dr Manu Tupou-Roosen, "this marks a significant milestone in the Agency's efforts to strengthen and enhance port-based activities in relation to addressing Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing in the territories of its 17 member states."

These efforts are also reflective of the FFA's Regional Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Strategy (RMCSS) 2018-2023 which highlights PSM as "one useful MCS tool in the larger MCS toolbox available to members in the fight against IUU fishing."

Mr. Edward Honiwala, Director of the Solomon Islands Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR) highlighted that, "the adoption of the regional PSM framework provides the opportunity to strengthen the country's National Port State controls, establish mechanisms that would facilitate our obligations under the WCPFC CMM on Port State Measures, and ensures that our Port State Controls are compatible with other international arrangements."

The FFA Regional PSM Framework provides key elements, processes and responses necessary to facilitate targeted and effective PSM across the region. It provides guidance to FFA Members in developing minimum PSM standards to be applied at the national level, promoting inter-agency cooperation

and coordination, and improving data and information exchange. The scope of the framework applies to all fishing vessels; therefore, members may apply these provisions to their national vessels at their own discretion.

The nature of fishing in the WCPO is multi-jurisdictional and multi-national and therefore requires internal and external networks to effectively manage any issues, such as illegal fishing and transnational crime. If implemented effectively, PSM can prevent IUU-caught fish from entering into national and international markets, and provides the foundation for further work in the area of catch certification and Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS).

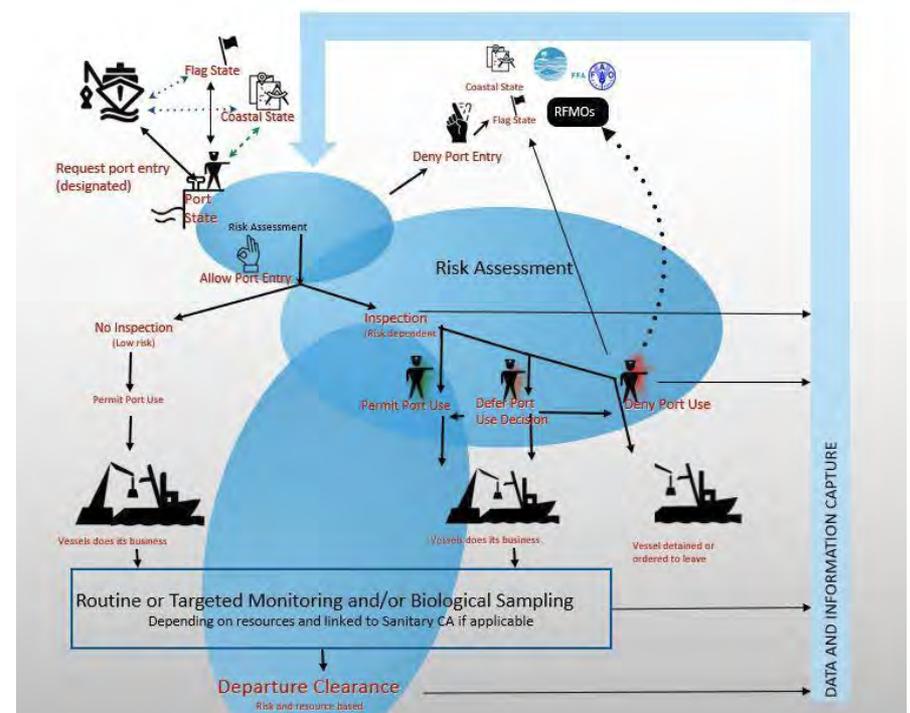
The FFA Secretariat's PSM work is supported through a five-year investment from the New Zealand Government which commenced in 2017 under the Pacific Islands Port State Measures (PIPSM) project.

Over the course of 2019, the regional PSM framework was developed by the FFA members. It underwent amendments and was tabled at four technical and governance meetings until it was officially adopted at the FFC114 in June 2020.

The Secretariat has commenced work on a prototype for an e-PSM tool which digitises and automates PSM processes in line with the regional PSM framework. In addition, discussions have kick started with members that have identified national PSM priorities for support.

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Below is a diagrammatic representation of the FFA Regional PSM Framework.



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(e.g. the airport quarantine room was used for stabilizing a Person Under Investigation) and a change in type of personal protection equipment (PPE). Personnel require additional competency in using coveralls.

The Medical Monitoring Area (MMA) at Misko Beach, which is intended to serve as both an isolation facility as well as a quarantine site, has significant infrastructural issues, including that essential equipment was not available. Of particular note is that the MMA facility is not wheelchair accessible, that there is no triage or testing site at the facility, and that the facility has

insufficient staff. No medical doctors other than the Incident Commander participated in similar exercises. Of similar concern is that multiple medical personnel in Pohnpei State have allegedly resigned from their employment at precisely the time when the Nation cannot afford to lose such personnel.

Additional gaps allegedly remain in areas such as capacity-building. The Task Force informed the President that, to the knowledge of the FSM National Government, ventilators have not been used or tried, and contact tracing workshops intended for sixteen (16) participants have been postponed after only five (5) have shown up. Further, while progress has been made in acquiring sufficient testing capacity for repatriating citizens abroad, the

contract for one such organization has not yet been finalized.

“There is a lot of progress made from the previous assessments, but also there are gaps,” said Dr. Eliaser Johnson, the FSM’s epidemiologist, in the Task Force’s briefing to the President. “Our overall recommendation, looking at the exercise today, is to delay the repatriation.”

“The Secretary repeats your idea of wanting to have an airtight system,” Dr. Eunyong Ko, the World Health Organization’s Country Liaison Officer to the FSM, said in the briefing to President Panuelo. “All of our efforts, drills, investment, facility building, and simulation drills done so far have greatly improved the level of safety. However, what the assessment team saw during

today’s exercise was still not meeting the expected standard, particularly due to recent changes in the protocols and processes. We will continue to assist Pohnpei State to achieve their goal of maximal safety through technical dialogues and process.”

“We cherish being COVID-19 free and we must work very hard to make sure that this remains the case,” Dr. Livingston A. Taulung, Chair of the FSM Task Force and Secretary of the Department of Health & Social Affairs said.

“For the safety of our country, I cannot make a decision to open the country unless I am highly convinced and confident that our state of readiness is airtight,” President Panuelo said.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia’s National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Program, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward a COMPETENT AUTHORITY (CA) INSPECTOR based at the FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs (FSMDHSA) in Pohnpei, FSM and reporting to the Head of National Food Safety Inspection Program or his designate. The CA Inspector services include:

The incumbent shall undergo one (1) year of field work to be administered by the CA Team Leader. The incumbent must also attend, complete and pass the biennial national food safety and health certification training course and examination, as set forth in the National Food Safety Act in order to be certified as National Food Inspector (also known as CA Inspector).

GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

- To provide regulatory inspection and certification services to fishing industry vessels and establishments within Federated States of Micronesia in accordance with the National Food Safety Act (PL 7-116), Subsidiary Food Safety Regulations, associated amendments, as well as the National Control Plan (NCP) and other CA System documents;
- To provide assurances as to the safety and fitness for purpose of fish and fishery products destined for export through a defined certification system;
- To provide advice to other organizations with regard to the safety of fish and fishery products including the other sections within Health, NORMA and other government and non-government agencies and collaborate with such along with relevant industry personnel and those of regional and international organizations.
- Perform routine inspection of food facilities and vessels engaged in receiving, storing or preparation of food and food products for commercial import or export and recommend regarding the formal approval of establishments and vessels;
- To perform sampling and testing as required in the NCP and the National Monitoring Plan and Regulation;
- Effective and accurate recording and reporting of CA official control activities;
- Enter ports of entry, detain and search vehicles/vessels at such port of entry and examine and take samples of articles and anything which is capable of being used for such preparation, packaging, storage, sale or conveyance;
- Collect evidence of contravention of the National Food Safety Act and Regulations, by collecting samples of suspected food, obtaining statements from witnesses and preparing reports of such contravention;
- Act as witness in support of the charges against offenders of the National Food Safety Act and Regulations;
- Investigate food complaints, examine any books, accounts, documents or other records;
- Assist in developing and implementing training programs in Sanitation Management and Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) for the food industry;
- Assist States with relevant education activities, surveys/investigations during outbreaks, conduct food inspections/recalls.
- Other duties as assigned.

DURATION OF THE PERIOD

The position will be for an initial one (1) year period. (Probationary period of six months and annual performance review determines whether contract would be continued). This is a full time position and may be extended based on satisfactory performance.

REMUNERATION

Salary will be based on the Local Labor Market Payscale and/or depending on qualifications. This will be a 1-year full-time position under contract with FSM NORMA.

APPLICATION

The FSM NORMA invites applicants to indicate their interest in providing the above-mentioned services by submitting electronic and/or hard copies of a) Letter of Interest, b) CV, c) support Degrees/Certificates and d) 3 reference letters to NORMA no later than August 16, 2020. Selection will be in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank’s Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers (January 2011 edition). Full Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from the follow and applications can be sent to: Mr. Eugene Pangelinan
NORMA, FSM National Government
2nd floor of Ambros Building
PO Box 122, Kolonia, Pohnpei, FM 96941
Office Telephone: 691-320-2700/5181
Email: info@norma.fm Copy to crawford.nimea@norma.fm

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelors degree in food science, health, fisheries or related field. AS Degree may be acceptable if proven extensive relevant experience.
- 2 years experience in food safety inspection, management, sanitation or related work
- Fluency in the English language.
- Good written and oral communication skills including basic computer skills.
- Proven ability to work independently and under limited supervision with strong attention to detail.
- Willingness to work outside conventional working hours and around fish and on/around fishing vessels.
- Good people skills
- Strong commitment to sanitation and hygiene.

Micronesian youths take a step forward in the fight against the global pandemic

Youths take lead in COVID-19 awareness efforts

Zubnah Khan

03 August 2020

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia— There were three houses up on the hill, with another six to eight houses on another hill from these three houses that needed to be reached. With pouring rain that blanketed a single muddy and slippery path uphill, Micronesia Red Cross Society youth volunteers embarked on their journey to reach locals in remote communities with COVID-19 preparedness information.

“We were trying our best not to slip while we walked to reach people living in Kittu. We went back to the station dripping wet and sogged in mud after a whole day of information sharing in this area and about four days to finish the whole community,” says 17-year-old Gorinna Booth.

Even though the global pandemic, COVID-19, has not reached this small Micronesian country, its effects could be felt by more than 100,000 locals, including more than 40,000 children, who reside on the islands. Many people in these remote areas were still not aware of how to prepare for and prevent the spread of this deadly disease.

UNICEF partnered with the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Micronesia Red Cross Society for a house-to-house campaign to engage children and other locals on COVID-19 awareness. A total of 60 youth volunteers were trained on prevention and hygiene promotion for this four-month campaign.

While Gorinna remembered the past couple of months, another youth volunteer highlighted taking a boat to reach a community called Pakin which took two hours from mainland Pohnpei to reach 19 households with about 100 people.

18-year-old Donevaun Esiel, or Donny as he likes to be called, got off the boat to see three communities on the island. There was a mix of traditional and modern huts with many children playing, running around or swimming as schools were closed.

Donny, third from right, demonstrates how to properly wash hands with soap and water to communities, including children, during the campaign.

The people in Pakin have a tradition to

rub coconut oil on visitor’s arms and welcome them with coconut drink before they embark the island.

“This was my first time to visit this remote island. It was a sunny, hot day and at first, they did not want to listen to our awareness sessions, some were even nervous to see new faces, but as they learnt new things, their interest grew and they all gathered in a big traditional hut to hear what we wanted to say,” says Donny.

The locals in Pakin did not have access to a proper water supply and depended on a well which had a mixture of pure and saltwater.

“They did have soap, but it was like a race to finish when they washed their hands. The people were shocked to learn that there was actually a method of properly washing their hands. Our campaign programme supported the households with buckets to assist with their needs of water,” he added.

Gorinna jumped in to add that it was the same in the other communities she visited including Madolenihmw. Some of the residents depended on rainwater and had tanks so they did wash hands, but they just rinsed them and were surprised knowing the steps of washing their hands as well as how important it is for good hygiene and safety.

“When we demonstrated how to wash hands properly, the children were so excited and keen to learn.” She pauses with a laugh. “It was so much fun washing our hands with them. They were very fast learners and enjoyed the session.”

During the campaign, more than 20,000 people with about 8,000 children from more than 3,000 households in Pohnpei alone were engaged with and sensitized on COVID-19 prevention and hygiene practices.

The youth volunteers used materials such as flipcharts and flyers to conduct one-on-one discussions as well as practical demonstrations on basic hygienic practices with the locals. Village members actively participated in the sensitization sessions which will foster community ownership and sustain adoption of safe hygiene practices.

In addition to community engagement, the youth volunteers were also trained on data collection with a mobile application to assist the government with important information for COVID-19 preparedness and response planning.

“We used mobile phones to record information such as how many people were living in one house, how many children and sick people as well as how many were suffering from non-communicable diseases,” says Gorinna.

For Gorinna and Donny, this was an experience they will never forget and are looking forward to being part of yet another journey to help their small island nation in the fight against COVID-19.

The campaign had been funded by USAID for COVID-19 response activities in FSM.



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Carl Apis
Secretary, DTC&I

HMAS Canberra assists in search and rescue

Australian Government
Department of Defence

HMAS Canberra and its embarked aviation assets assisted in locating the three-person crew of a skiff that had been missing for nearly three days in Micronesia.

The men were found on August 2 in good condition on tiny Pikelot Island, 190km west of where they had set off in their seven-metre vessel on July 30.

Their SOS message outlined on a beach was spotted from the air by Australian and US aircraft during the search.

The ADF had been asked for search-and-rescue support by the Rescue and Coordination Centre in Guam on the afternoon of August 1.

Canberra is part of Task Group 635.3 conducting a Regional Presence Deployment. Canberra was returning to Australia while the rest of the task group continued on its way to participate in Exercise Rim of the Pacific off Hawaii.

The ship sailed overnight to reach the search area, and in cooperation with US aircraft operating out of Guam, located the men on the island.

Crew of 1st Aviation Regiment in an Army armed reconnaissance helicopter landed on the beach, delivered food and water, and confirmed the men's identities and performed health checks.

Canberra's Commanding Officer Captain Terry Morrison said the response by the ship's company to the operation was outstanding.

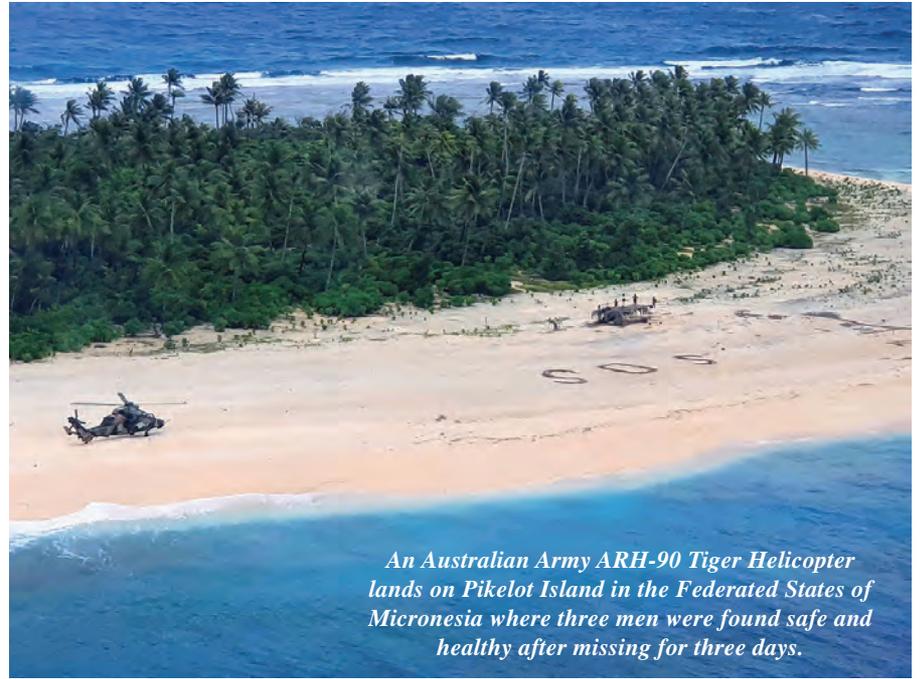
"The ship's company responded to the call and had the ship quickly prepared to support the search and rescue," Captain Morrison said.

"In particular, our embarked MRH90 helicopter from No. 808 Squadron and the four armed reconnaissance helicopters from 1st Aviation Regiment were instrumental in the morning search that helped locate the men and deliver supplies and confirm their welfare.

"I am proud of the response and professionalism of all on board as we fulfil our obligation to contribute to the safety of life at sea wherever we are in the world."

The missing vessel and crew were reportedly sailing from Pulawat to Pulap atolls, a 23-nautical-mile journey, when they sailed off course and ran out of fuel.

FSS Independence arrived on the scene late on 03 August and took over duties from HMAS Canberra. The crew from Independence launched their small boat and proceeded to the island to collect the three men as well as recover their skiff. With the three embarked safely and their skiff under tow Independence returned the men to their anxious families on Pulap Island.



An Australian Army ARH-90 Tiger Helicopter lands on Pikelot Island in the Federated States of Micronesia where three men were found safe and healthy after missing for three days.

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Micronesian conservation finance entity becomes new host of Global Island Partnership to help achieve global and local conservation and sustainability goals

Micronesia Conservation Trust

July 29th 2020

The Micronesia Conservation Trust, based in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia has been announced as the new fiscal host of the Global Island Partnership - a global partnership working to connect island leaders on conservation, sustainable livelihoods and sustainability. Islands are on the frontline of climate change and are serving as laboratories for innovation and leading on developing solutions that can be scaled globally.

The Global Island Partnership was founded by the Presidents of Palau and Seychelles and now has four island leaders who lead the partnership - Palau, Seychelles, Grenada and the British Virgin Islands as well as 45 members and hundreds of islands, island entities and organisations across the world who work on conservation, sustainable livelihoods and sustainability.

It is expected this new partnership between MCT and GLISPA will help to share bright

spots, lessons and networks that benefit island people in Micronesia and across the world.

Incorporated in the Federated States of Micronesia in 2002, the Micronesia Conservation Trust (MCT) supports biodiversity conservation, climate change adaptation and related sustainable development for the people of Micronesia including: the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the US Territory of Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. MCT's vision and mission statements read: Vision - Enduring partnerships that conserve our land and sea to improve quality of life for communities across Micronesia. Mission - We build partnerships, raise and manage funds, make grants, influence policy, and provide conservation and financing expertise.

Honorable Minister of Finance, Palau and Chairman of the Board for Micronesia Conservation Trust Elbuechel Sadang:

"Small island states have been at the forefront of conservation policy and financing and the successes of the Micronesia Conservation Trust and Global Island Partnership continue to stand as testaments of the small island commitment to sustainability. Bringing these two exceptional entities together is a major milestone in conservation management, and will amplify the call for sustainability across the Pacific and the globe. The MCT is proud to host GLISPA and looks forward to creating new opportunities and fostering new innovation to further Small Island State initiatives into the future."

Ambassador Hersey Kyota, Palau Ambassador to the US, GLISPA Board Chair: "I would like to thank Micronesia Conservation Trust for agreeing to host GLISPA. It is a great opportunity to work together and we look forward to a great working relationship."

Kate Brown, Executive Director of the Global Island Partnership: "We are very happy that MCT will be our new host. We have had an interim host in the US based

organisation Island Conservation for whom we are very grateful. Now in working with MCT we expect to strengthen the ability of GLISPA to undertake our important work and expect this relationship to also be beneficial to the Pacific and across the islands of the world.

Willy Kostka, Executive Director of Micronesia Conservation Trust: "We are extremely honored to be hosting GLISPA on behalf of island nations and nations with islands across the globe. It is fitting to bring GLISPA to the Pacific Islands because GLISPA is about working on island solutions that contribute to our global quest to building a better world for our island communities. Some of these island solutions, like the Micronesia Challenge initiative, have leveraged other national, regional and global initiatives like the Caribbean Challenge, the Coral Triangle Initiative, the Aloha+Challenge and so on. We are proud to be part of the GLISPA family."

Global Fishing Watch and Pew unveil technology to accelerate transshipment reform

Public interactive portal to help increase understanding and transparency of carrier vessels and their activities.

The Pew Charitable Trusts and Global Fishing Watch

Washington, D.C. — Global Fishing Watch launched a public web portal today that policymakers and fishery managers can use to better understand the activities of vessels that take on catch from commercial fishing vessels and deliver it to ports worldwide for processing. The Pew Charitable Trusts lent its expertise in fisheries to the development of the portal to guide its effectiveness and application.

The transfer of catch to carrier vessels, called transshipment, is a vital part of the global fishing industry. But it often takes place on the high seas, outside the view and reach of authorities, making it harder for them to verify that the amount and type of fish product transferred is lawful and sustainable.

The portal, hosted on Global Fishing Watch's platform, will show users the breadth of transshipment activity worldwide to raise awareness among fish suppliers and consumers and improve the transparency of this practice.

"We are combining data from various sources and applying machine learning techniques in order to shine a light on what has, historically, been an opaque practice," said

Tony Long, CEO of Global Fishing Watch. "The public portal makes transshipment data easily accessible and will help bring much-needed transparency to global transshipment activities."

Current monitoring and regulatory controls over transshipments at sea are inadequate, as there are few guarantees that all transfers are being reported and observed. This interactive, first-of-its-kind portal uses satellite technology, machine learning, and up-to-date vessel authorization databases to give users consolidated information on carrier vessels' activities, allowing them to analyze vessel tracks and see which ports the vessels frequent. By using the portal, fishery managers can improve how they monitor and regulate this vital part of the seafood supply chain, helping to ensure the long-term sustainability of the fisheries they oversee.

"This portal will enable managers to verify transshipment activities, helping to reduce opportunities for unauthorized transfers of fish product and identify when such activity is not being adequately reported," said Amanda Nickson, director of Pew's international fisheries work.

The carrier vessel portal can give policymakers attending meetings of the five regional fisheries management organizations

(RFMOs) a better understanding of transshipment activities in their respective waters. These RFMOs—which, combined, are responsible for managing fisheries in more than 90% of the world's ocean—are the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas, the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna, and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission.

With the portal, they can easily cross-check publicly available information with vessel monitoring system data and the national and observer reports they already receive.

"It's time to change the way transshipment is managed," said Nickson. "We hope this portal will give policymakers the additional information they need to reform this practice."

For further information: Kimberly Vosburgh, Senior Manager Global Fishing Watch kimberly@globalfishingwatch.org



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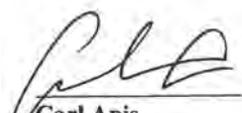
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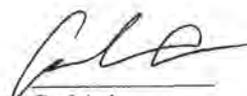
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Opinion Editorial

Ambassador Carmen G. Cantor speaks on FSM's efforts against Human Trafficking

This is a historic year for the U.S. Government and the U.S. Department of State as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Trafficking in Persons Report (TIP Report).



When the United States Congress passed the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) in 2000, one of its requirements was the creation of a report that would represent the U.S. government's dedication to fight human trafficking on a global scale and serve to increase the number of governments actively prosecuting traffickers, protecting victims, and preventing human trafficking crimes.

From its inception, at a time when many governments denied the existence of human trafficking in all its forms, the TIP Report has become the standard-bearer for the principles enshrined in the TVPA and the 2000 UN Trafficking in Persons Protocol. Over the last 20 years, the TIP Report has successfully reinforced global anti-trafficking norms and ideals. It has

drawn attention to trends and emerging issues, highlighted promising practices, and tracked the progression of important developments, such as the passage of comprehensive anti-trafficking laws and improvements in victim identification efforts.

On June 25, U.S. Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo released the 2020 TIP Report. The Report documents the government efforts of 188 countries and territories, including the United States, to combat human trafficking. Though the methodology, content, and design of the TIP Report have evolved, reflecting the broader anti-trafficking movement's progress in understanding the crime, the messages at the heart of each edition have been steadfast: there is no excuse for human trafficking, and governments must take bold action to end it.

The need for a global response has never been greater as the COVID-19 pandemic reinforces the urgency to protect vulnerable people from exploitation by traffickers.

The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) is making significant efforts to fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking. The government continues to demonstrate overall increasing efforts to include funding an anti-trafficking training for law enforcement officials and providing \$120,000 for trafficking victim services. The government

also established an Anti-Human Trafficking Division within the Department of Justice, with a full-time assistant attorney general to prosecute human trafficking cases and investigators in the states of Chuuk and Kosrae. Furthermore, the FSM Department of Justice continues to collaborate with the respective FSM States in their efforts to identify, address, and prosecute human trafficking cases. The FSM Department of Justice continues to provide training for law enforcement officials, judges, lawyers, health providers, faith-based organizations, and youth and women's groups, at the state and national level. However, there is more work that needs to continue taking place to implement national and state-level action plans, and meet minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking.

Over the last two decades, the U.S. Government, through the U.S. Department of State, along with host governments, including the FSM, NGOs, multilateral organizations, survivors, faith communities, and other advocates have been unrelenting in the pursuit of a world free from human trafficking. We acknowledge our achievements and steel ourselves for the battle ahead and the work yet to be done.

Thank you,
Carmen G. Cantor
United States Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia

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Urgent action needed to support Pacific health systems and economies — ADB

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

30 July 2020

MANILA, PHILIPPINES— The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic is highlighting the critical need to support health and social protection systems in the Pacific region, according to the latest issue of the Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Pacific Economic Monitor (PEM) launched today.

"While much of the Pacific remains free from COVID-19, the recent rise of cases in Papua New Guinea (PNG) shows that building capacity and strengthening health systems are integral parts of COVID-19 preparedness," said ADB Director General for the Pacific Leah Gutierrez.

The latest issue of the PEM, the flagship economic publication of ADB's Pacific Department, highlights

country issues and explores policy themes centered on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

On average, the economies of ADB's 14 Pacific developing members are forecast to contract by 4.3% in 2020 as COVID-19 impacts tourism and trade. The projected growth rate in 2021 of 1.6% will rely on the reopening of international borders and the subsequent resumption of tourism, labor, and trade activity.

The PEM says COVID-19 has had a far greater impact on the economy than on the health sector. ADB's latest assessments suggest the effects of lockdowns and travel bans have been particularly severe on the region's tourism-dependent economies, with some facing double-digit declines in gross domestic product in 2020.

The PEM provides updates on the potential short-term impacts of

COVID-19 on poverty levels in the Pacific. Although decisive actions have largely prevented the virus from entering their countries, the Pacific's priority now is to kickstart economic activity and ensure protection for the poor and vulnerable. Ongoing economic stimulus packages are a step in the right direction, but sound and timely execution of these plans will be key to the recovery, according to the report.

The PEM's policy briefs examine the broader implications of the COVID-19 crisis on other critical issues including food security, waste management, and disaster response. It also examines the virus' potential long-term effects on Pacific health systems and the pandemic's poverty impacts, in which the number of those living in extreme poverty in the region could increase by more than 1 million—a 40% jump relative to pre-

COVID-19 levels. There is also a brief examining how PNG is pursuing fiscal reforms amid the economic downturn.

The PEM is a bi-annual review of economic developments and policy issues in ADB's 14 developing member countries in the Pacific and includes policy briefs on key policy issues and interests. In combination with the Asian Development Outlook series, ADB provides quarterly reports on economic trends and policy developments in the Pacific. The PEM welcomes contributions of policy briefs from external authors and institutions.

ADB is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. Established in 1966, it is owned by 68 members—49 from the region.

Fisheries Ministers strengthen their commitment to regional cooperation amid pandemic

Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)

HONIARA, 8th August 2020 – Fisheries Ministers from member countries of the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) have expressed serious concern about the unprecedented impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on their domestic economies. Their comments came during the 17th FFC Ministers meeting, which concluded yesterday.

In his opening remarks, the Honourable Kandhi Eleisiar, Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Federated State of Micronesia (FSM) and FFCMIN17 Chair, emphasised "tuna as our only natural resource and the breadwinner of our national economies. Therefore, understanding its impact and how we may adapt [and] minimise the impact [COVID] may have on us is important." Commending Pacific Leaders for swift action to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the region, Ministers have expressed strengthened commitments to regional solidarity and collaboration as central to confronting the impacts of the pandemic in the Pacific. They have also emphasised the importance of protecting the fisheries sector, given its important economic and food security benefits.

FFA Director General Dr Manu Tupou-Roosen, in her opening comments, spoke of the "adaptability and resilience" of Members in the face of COVID-19, noting that "More than ever, our cooperation is needed to see us through this unprecedented challenge."

Measures to address the impact of the pandemic Ministers asked FFA to undertake a regional study on how Members can harness

their comparative advantage with respect to regional tuna resources and maximise the benefits flowing from strengthened cooperation in areas such as processing, value-adding, cross-border investment, increased regional trade, improved transportation links, and improved labour mobility.

With disruptions to airfreight impacting the export of fresh fish outside the region, Ministers welcomed the work being undertaken by FFA to explore market opportunities within the region.

The Ministers also commended the measures taken by the FFA and officials to mitigate health risks posed by the pandemic, including development of health-related safety protocols for crew members, observers and others interacting with fishing vessels. These protocols will minimise the risk of contracting or spreading the disease and enable fishing operations to continue safely.

Work by the FFA Secretariat to improve observer safety and maintain observer livelihoods by using their analytical fisheries knowledge and skills on-shore was welcomed by the Ministers.

IUU fishing

The pandemic has resulted in an increased risk of Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, due to the limitations on the use of human observers and port inspections.

Ministers highlighted the increased importance of FFA's integrated Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) framework during these times, including the satellite vessel monitoring system, vessel of interest information and the overall regional surveillance picture, as well as the aerial surveillance programme managed by FFA on behalf of Members.

Climate change

While the impact of the pandemic was front of mind for Ministers, they emphasised the importance of not losing sight of biggest threat to the region – that of climate change.

Ministers encouraged FFA to continue to prioritise work looking at the impacts of climate change on tuna fisheries and ensuring the region can adapt to the challenges this will bring.

In this regard, Ministers called for closer collaboration among regional organisations to respond to the specific needs of the region and to ensure that fisheries issues are firmly placed onto the wider climate change agenda, including in the context of the Pacific's engagement in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

At the conclusion of the meeting, FFA Director General, Dr Manu Tupou-Roosen expressed appreciation "for the continued support and trust that Members place in the Secretariat as we continue to facilitate stronger regional cooperation, adaptability, caution and resilience in fisheries."

The 17th Forum Fisheries Committee (FFC) Ministerial meeting, was attended by Ministers representing Australia, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Samoa and Solomon Islands. Cook Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Tokelau, Tuvalu and Vanuatu were represented at senior official level.



participants in the 17th meeting of FFC Ministers, the first ever to be run online. Ministers discussed initiatives for increased regional cooperation in response to COVID-19, climate change, and illegal fishing, among other issues.

Opinion Editorial

Insights on a globally diverse summer enrichment program (Yale Young Global Scholars)

By Cindy Huang

What do you think of when it comes to summer programs? Do you think of monotonous textbook reading in hot weather? Or maybe you're thinking about summer choices on the other end of the spectrum; choices packed with thrills and sightseeing?

I believe a balanced summer experience not only enriches the intellectual mind but also shapes strong character and builds a critical mindset. When I searched, the internet provided me many options for how I could spend my summer, but one particular program hosted by Yale University (United States) caught my attention: "...founded on the tenets of liberal arts, renowned for its diverse and inclusive community..." the website said. As I dug through Yale Young Global Scholars's (YYGS) website, new thoughts of an ideal summer started to form in my mind. I decided to apply, and give myself a chance to spend this summer with professors and faculty with world-class knowledge while engaging myself in a once-in-a-lifetime community of high school students representing over 130 countries.

Knowing that YYGS goes through a selective admission process, it was intimidating to set my mind on applying. Though my high school grade point average and teacher recommendations were required parts of the application process, it seemed to me that the highlights were the personal essays and short questions. They got my creative juices flowing. Having now been through the program, I believe YYGS was looking for what I believed to be uniquely me. Every one of us has a story, a background, an identity. Every person encounters diversity and seeks belonging. We look for improvement in academic and social skills and take YYGS as a stepping stone, hoping to feel the pride of calling ourselves a YYGSer, but we

also understand that we must make our contributions in cultivating a booming community. Having such realizations were crucial for me during and after my application process, and they continue to serve as life lessons for me whenever I encounter new people and new ideas.

This year, due to reasons I need not reiterate, YYGS could not host its traditional two-week program on the Yale campus in New Haven, Connecticut as it has previously done. Instead, virtual lectures and meetings connected us. Through Zoom, each day I found myself having multiple educational and eye opening experiences. Perhaps I would talk about Islamic philosophy with my instructor, or take an interview with a friend from YYGS's media team. I would type out my notes and thoughts on an online discussion forum, and also have amazing video sessions with students from Beijing, New York, Vancouver, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Ecuador, Romania, or India. Having Micronesia added to the list brought a new level of diversity to Yale's program. A shared determination from students who were determined to pursue better education and from faculty who were committed to increasing education access shone brightly despite an unprecedented pandemic, earning the direct support of Yale's President Peter Salovey.

From lectures and seminars, where knowledge grew; to breakout sessions, where different minds clashed and sparked enlightenment, we discussed everything under the sun with utmost passion. Our instructors pushed us to explore the impact of coronaviruses on animals, and to reflect on wildlife trade and contact in modern society. We discovered great Islamic thinkers of the 12th century like Avicenna and Ghazali. We immersed ourselves in thought experiments and in sharing our own definitions of "intellect" and "the soul". Group projects on addressing mental health in our respective communities gave me first-hand stories. Learning the history of job satisfaction taught me "critical humanity" through the lens of Karl Max's theories. Professors asked questions beyond my imagination—every second of the hour and a half sessions was

an intense intellectual challenge, a constant push to think past my limits, to grasp a deeper meaning, to absorb colliding opinions, and to ask my own questions, finding a path of rediscovery and reshaping the way of learning.

YYGS would never have been complete without its amazing community of staff and peers. Staff members, strict but heartwarming, ensured that the students made the best of their YYGS experience; and of course, each of us students who came from every corner of our Mother Earth provided a diversity of world-views. Whether it was sharing artwork with a self-ascribed "queer" from California; talking about rising sea levels with a Canadian who has done climate research in the Pacific islands; reaching out to a Brazilian to talk about depression rates and healthy lifestyles, the amount of diversity was proven not only by ethnicity and culture, but also by the wide range of fields each individual was invested in. This diversity mirrored the passion of our

generation. It made me realize with overwhelming astonishment that the minds and ideas formed by global scholars would be the cradle of an evolving future.

A quote from poet Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr., concludes my thoughts well: "A mind stretched by new experiences can never go back to its old dimensions". But one mind is small compared to our bigger community with a shared future for humanity, and I believe this experience should not belong to me only. Every student deserves a chance to be a better version of themselves. I strongly recommend taking a shot at Yale Young Global Scholars. Encounters with astounding ideas, fresh perspectives, and an inclusive community of inspiring lecturers and driven peers are bound to spark limitless creativity.

One unforgettable summer, two weeks' time combined with just a bit of curiosity could unlock the promising foundation to your potential as a global scholar with YYGS!

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The Program Management Unit (PMU) of the Department of Transportation, Communications & Infrastructure (DTC&I), National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby issuing this Bid Invitation Notice to qualified contractors for the **Repair and Maintenance of the Department of Resources and Development, National Complex in Palikir, Pohnpei**. The Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit is scheduled for **Friday 14th August, 2020 at 10am** at the PMU Offices in the Kaselehlie Building, First Floor, Palikir, Pohnpei.

Further information on this ITB may be obtained by submitting a written request for details to Mr. Shankarah Lessey, Contract Specialist, DTC&I, P.O. Box PS-2, Palikir, Pohnpei, FM 96941 at email shankarah.lessey@gmail.com with the subject heading:

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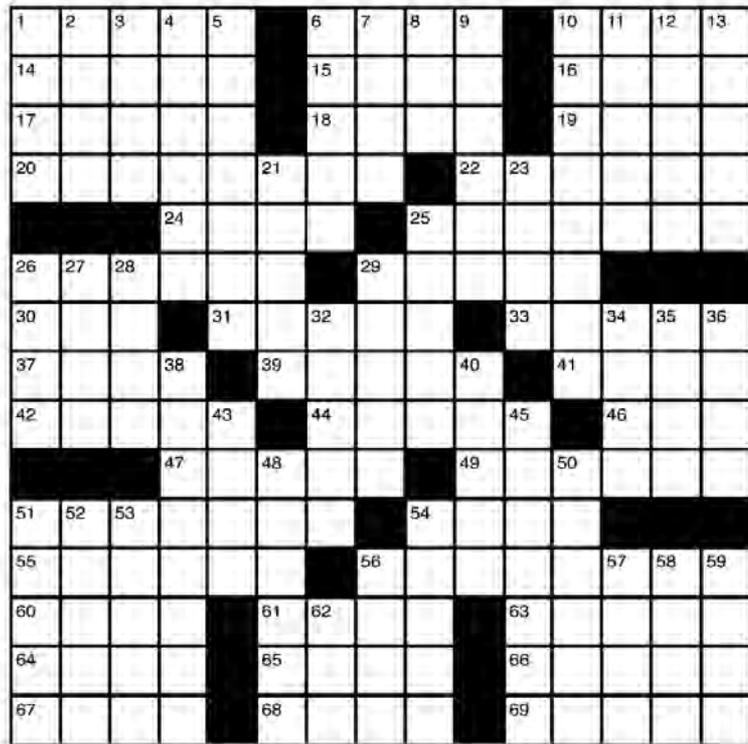
The bidding documents, including the instructions to bidders, scope of work, bills of quantities, technical specifications and conditions of contract may also be directly obtained from the Department's website: <https://www.tci.gov.fm/> in its PMU section.

The closing date for the submission of bids is **August 27th 2020 at 4.00pm**


Carl Apis
Secretary, DTC&I

ACROSS

- 1 Our planet
- 6 ___ in; wearing
- 10 MRI, for one
- 14 Luau greeting
- 15 Lasso
- 16 Lunch spot
- 17 ___ into; eats greedily
- 18 Goes astray
- 19 Ceremony
- 20 Scoured
- 22 Trimmed, as tree branches
- 24 Official stamp
- 25 Gary & Jackie
- 26 Leah's sister, in Genesis
- 29 Cold cereal
- 30 "...through the night that ___ flag was still..."
- 31 Approaches
- 33 Good buys
- 37 Ensnares
- 39 Tries to lose
- 41 Small store
- 42 Long tales
- 44 High-powered surgical beam
- 46 1/4 and 3/4
- 47 Planted
- 49 Squandered
- 51 Hot dog condiment
- 54 Bride's headwear
- 55 Whole
- 56 Building at an airport
- 60 Actor Sandler
- 61 ___ for; empathize with
- 63 Escape detection by
- 64 Racing sled
- 65 Sightseeing trip
- 66 Computer geeks, often
- 67 Observes
- 68 Sty residents
- 69 Lovers' meeting



- 5 One no longer popular
- 6 Fish basket
- 7 Actor Jack ___
- 8 Spring month: abbr.
- 9 Tyrant
- 10 Ethical misgivings
- 11 Actor Michael
- 12 Run ___; chase
- 13 Requires
- 21 Bundled hay
- 23 Highway
- 25 Expenses
- 26 Goes bad
- 27 Grand mal precursor, often
- 28 Rugged cliff
- 29 Tire ridge pattern
- 32 Felt sick
- 34 "There'll be ___ time in the old town..."
- 35 "The ___ Ranger"
- 36 Ran fast
- 38 Hobbies
- 40 Septic tank alternative
- 43 Zoom skyward
- 45 Clothing
- 48 Yuletide door decoration
- 50 Dieter's piece of pie
- 51 Lunch & dinner
- 52 Excessive
- 53 Theater part
- 54 Swerves
- 56 Hoodlum
- 57 ___ a soul; nobody
- 58 ___ up; tallies
- 59 In case
- 62 Pigeon's cry

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| DRILL | LASER LEVEL | ROUTER | WRENCHES |
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DOWN

- 1 Sups
- 2 Actor Baldwin
- 3 Laugh loudly
- 4 Songbird

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

WETSE

VEOMI

SPLUCT

PRAROL

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



THE JIGSAW PUZZLES OF THE MONA LISA, DAVID AND VENUS DE MILO WERE

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.



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