

Pohnpei's Paramount King passes the mantle of leadership to his brother

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Madolenihmw, Pohnpei—

On Sunday, August 16, 2020, Pohnpeians were saddened to learn that Isipahu, Nahnmwahrki en Wein Madolenihmw Kerpert Hebel had passed away.

His brother Herbert Hebel immediately became Isipahu.

His Majesty Kerpert Hebel, of the Depinahnmei clan had been Wasahi (the next in line for the throne) in 1990 when then Isipahu Salter Salvador Hadley passed away and was the first Nahnmwahrki to have declined the throne, instead passing it to his uncle, Ilton Shelten,. After

declining the position he maintained the title of Wasahi. When his uncle passed away, he became Isipahu. He said at that time that he was the Nahnmwahrki to Serve and maintained that philosophy and leadership style until his rule ended.

Kerpert Hebel was born in Wone, Kitti on December 30, 1949. He attended Elementary School at Christ the King School in Kitti, and Our Lady of Mercy Elementary School in Kolonia. He attended High School at Pohnpei Agricultural and Trade School in Madolenihmw, where he was extremely active in sports, particularly track and field and volleyball. He worked at the coconut processing factory owned by Kadalino Sam. He later worked with the Talent Search Program through the College of Micronesia FSM as the Culture and tradition adviser.

In 2010, Kerpert Hebel travelled for his first time as Isipahu of Madolenihmw. He and a delegation consisting of the Nahnmwahrkis of Sokehs, Pingelap, and Kitti traveled to Palau for the 4th Pacific Traditional Leader's Conference, an association of the traditional leaders of the Micronesian Islands.

Later that year he traveled to Guam and met with the temporary leaders of the organization, which included the Ibedul of Palau who was the Temporary Chair, the Iroj

Lapalap Kota Loek of the Republic of Marshall Islands who was the Temporary Treasurer, and the Bruno of Yap State who was the Temporary Secretary of the fledgling organization. Isipahu was the Temporary Vice Chair. During that meeting the temporary officers passed the

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No arrests yet made in Sea Cucumber container seizure case

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Pohnpei—On August 13, Pohnpei State filed criminal charges against 12 people in connection with a seized container of dried sea cucumbers that had been bound for Hong Kong. The container was seized after Associate Justice Robert Nakasone issued a warrant on July 10.

Since then, no arrests have yet been made though the court approved 12 arrest warrants early last week in connection with the charges.

Governor Reed Oliver contracted attorney Marstella Jack as a special prosecutor on the matter. She says that the criminal information contains 42 counts of violations that are criminal in nature but would not share any further details.

The court also did not release the criminal information document after more than a week of contacting them on a daily basis. More developments will be forthcoming.

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Chuuk's youth takeover Legislature

By: *Island PRIDE & Chuuk Youth Council*

On August 14th, in a historic event, the young people of Chuuk took over the Chuuk State Legislature's House of Representatives Chambers, conducting their own mock session and passing their own Resolution speaking out against domestic violence. The takeover event was part of a 3 day celebration of International Youth Day organized by Island PRIDE (Promoting Resilience through Involvement, Development & Education) and the Chuuk Youth Council, which also featured a track & field day and Youth Leadership Conference on Aug. 12-13.

Culminating the celebrations was the Youth Takeover Legislature day where the following youth representatives ranging from ages 15-23, and comprising of 9 males and 13 females, elected their own officers and representing their own districts were:

- James Joseph (Floor Leader), Northern Namoneas
- Givanleine Sana Suka (Vice Speaker), Upper Mwortlocks
- Emerald Siren Hashiguchi (Speaker), Nomwisofu
- Mahealani Mori, Northern Namoneas
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- Martha Miochy Aten, PPO
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- Milly-ika Lady Olyne Mori, Mid Mwortlocks
- Arthur Irons III, Lower Mwortlocks
- Kymo Roby, Lower Mwortlocks
- Gayla Jamila Bisalen, Paatiw, Northwest
- Gio Nedelec, Halls, Northwest



agonizing it is to deal with it and to speak up for ourselves. Let's not let this issue thrive hidden forever." – Rep. Siniann Joseph

For their day in these seats, these young men and women chose to use this platform as a call to action on domestic violence, resulting in the unanimous passing of Resolution C.Y.L.A.R. NO. 01 with its heading reading:

"To request and urge the Chuuk State Leaderships; State and Municipal governments and traditional leaders, to ensure that Chuuk State Youth are recognized and given the required support to prevent domestic violence and develop themselves into attaining better opportunities in life."

The session was filled with compassionate and compelling arguments made towards the need to improve Chuuk's social services for victims of domestic violence and strengthen protective measures with stronger legislation and penalties for perpetrators. Some of the representatives even gave their own personal testimonies in witnessing the damage of domestic violence and having friends their age who are suffering in silence.

Here's what some of them had to say:

"I'm here to represent the unheard and hidden voices of young women in my region. As a woman, I know and understand how it feels to be a victim of domestic violence and how

"Victims in our islands are voiceless because they do not know or have anywhere to go." – Rep. Milly-Ika Lady Olyne Mori

"Young adults and kids have committed suicide due to domestic violence... We should encourage youth groups and youth activities, making a difference one small step at a time." – Rep. Arthur Irons III

"Domestic violence affects the youth because bad company corrupts behavior" – Rep. Martha Miochy Aten

"Domestic violence is a trauma no child, woman or man should ever have to experience, therefore we must work to extricate this problem from our beloved islands." Rep. Gio Nedelec

"This experience gives me the feeling of hope that we can put domestic violence on the islands of Chuuk to an end." – Rep. Kilani Stinnett

The event ended with closing remarks from the Hon. Floor Leader Danny Mersai, commending the youth for speaking with such courage and confidence, jokingly adding that he thinks the law should be amended to lower the age to run for office to 16 after what he had witnessed and announced that the youth's resolution will be added to support the Family Protection Act that they are currently working on in the legislature, which addresses domestic violence and that he will also work on ensuring that a Youth Takeover Legislature event becomes an annual event in Chuuk.

On the overall experience of taking over the legislature, here's what some of the youth had to say:

"No words can express how proud and thankful I am for the opportunity We youth had, it has an huge impact on our future" – Floor Leader James Joseph

"It gave me the privilege to speak and to be the voice on behalf of my bothers and sisters of Chuuk State, and the motivation to work hard so that one day I can be a great leader and help the people of my island." – Rep. Fredrick Francis

"One particular thing that I've learned from this experience other than the way the House of Reps works, is SPEAKING UP. I've never been the voice of the unspoken because I've never had that confidence but I did it today and I've never felt so good, so CONFIDENT." – Rep. Stelynn Kichiro
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A book a month for children in Yap

Habele

Beginning this school year, children born in Yap are eligible to receive a new, age appropriate book every month, from birth through age five.

That's the goal of Habele's "Young Island Readers," a program to support early childhood literacy through direct donations of book. It's made possible by Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL), a community-based program providing children with free, home-delivered books from birth to their 5th birthday.

By age five, each Young Island Reader will have a personal library of sixty five books.

"Access to books at home correlates highly with childrens' reading scores once they enter primary school," says Neil Mellen, Habele's Founder. "Having good books in reach helps grow a child's love for learning. Their imaginations come alive as parents and caregivers read to them."

Habele is the local champion for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) in Micronesia. Established by former Peace Corps Volunteers, Habele has served Micronesian students through book donations, scholarships and robotics training since 2006. Habele first proposed "Young Island Readers" to community members and educators on Yap shortly after the departure of Peace Corps volunteers from the FSM in 2018.

Volunteers serving in the education sector had been creating and maintaining school-based libraries, the primary source of books for young children on Yap. With the end of Peace Corps' support for libraries, local educators reached out to Habele for new ways to foster early childhood literacy.

Young Island Readers will work with local partners to help fill this void. Local student volunteers from Yap Catholic High School will be actively enrolling and updating new participants monthly.

"I believe Young Island Readers is a powerful tool for increasing literacy among children here on Yap," says Michael Weincek, Principal of Yap Catholic High School. "A love of learning starts years before a child enters the classroom."

The FSM Postal Office will ensure all books get to their intended recipients, even when addressed "care of" distant family members.



About Dolly Parton's Imagination Library:

Since launching in 1995, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has become the preeminent early childhood book gifting program in the world. The flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation has mailed well over 100 million free books in Australia, Canada, The Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom and the United States. The Imagination Library mails more than 1.4 million high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to registered children from birth to age five. Dolly envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading, inspiring them to dream. The impact of the program has been widely researched and results suggest positive increases in key early childhood literacy metrics. Penguin Random House is the exclusive publisher for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. For more information, please visit imaginationlibrary.com.

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2020 FSM National Law Day

FSM National Law Day is one of the court's annually sponsored programs that features high school students representing their states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap in debates on issues of national significance. The purpose of the Law Day, when it was first organized and held in 1991, was to involve high school students and the general public in discussion of issues important to the Federated States of Micronesia as a developing nation and to commemorate the birth of the FSM Supreme Court. The FSM Supreme Court was established as the highest Court of Nation on July 12, 1981. The Federated States of Micronesia, through the Supreme Court, has been providing the opportunity to high school students to participate in the development of our nation through debates on issues important to the FSM, and the same opportunity has been given to the general public to be involved in these discussions as well. The FSM Supreme Court and the Law Day Organizing committee once more invite everyone to join us in celebrating the FSM National Law day. This year, we celebrate thirty-nine years since the establishment of the FSM Supreme Court.

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U.S. Ambassador holds panel discussion on “Lessons in Leadership” for International Youth Day

By *Bill Jaynes*
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August 14, 2020
Pohnpei — This evening United States Ambassador Carmen Cantor hosted a “Lessons in Leadership” panel discussion and reception for youth organizations in Pohnpei.

Ambassador Cantor served as the moderator for the panel discussion. Panelists were Pohnpei State Senator Sendilihna Lekka, FSM Secretary for the Department of Finance, Micronesia Conservation Trust Executive Director Willy Kostka, and Micronesia Legal Services Corporation Directing Attorney Danally Daniel.

Ambassador Cantor had prepared questions for the leaders to help guide the discussion. Her first asked them to define the qualities of an effective leader. Some of the answers given were revealing of the leaders themselves and were difficult for them to answer but all had good responses for their definition of effective leaders.

Ambassador Cantor asked them what their most difficult leadership was and what happened as a result of that decision. That was a particularly difficult question for them to answer as it was specific to their organizations and though all of them answered most couched their answers in a way that would not specifically identify a specific and identifiable situation. However, Senator Lekka said that her most difficult decision was the decision on whether or not to run the risk to run for office as a woman. She said that she had to overcome a mentality from some of the voters that men were best suited for office. “Why send us to school then?” she asked them. She said that her running for office and winning resulted in a big change in the thinking in Nukuoro.

As the evening progressed, time for answering questions was limited and so Ambassador Cantor did not require an answer from each panelist for each remaining question. Someone from the audience asked for advice on how women



maintain respect while serving as leaders. The two female panelists responded to that question. Senator Lekka said that any leader should be themselves, should share, and get feedback. Daniel said that a woman has to work twice as hard as a man in order to get to the same position. She said that a good leader, whether male or female should put God first and also work to educate themselves.

An audience member asked the panelists the particularly difficult question of what the worst decision they ever made was. No one specifically answered that question but Kostka said that he knows he’s made a bad decision when he gets staff “push back”. He said when that happens he definitely takes it to heart and reconsiders. He said that if he didn’t value the opinions of his staff members, they wouldn’t be there.

Before dinner was served, Ambassador Cantor announced 13-year-old Katrianne Kihleng as the winner of the 2020 Embassy Kolonia Virtual Art Contest. She unveiled the stunning pencil drawing of an eye with a reflection of the earth in the pupil. Katrianne was awarded a framed certificate along with an iPhone 11.



...Pohnpei King

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bylaws of the Pacific Traditional Leader’s Conference and were chartered in Guam, which is a US corporate charter. Isipahu and all of the temporary officers became the officers of the newly chartered organization. Isipahu maintained the position of Vice Chairman of the organization throughout the remainder of his reign.

Early on in his reign, Pohnpei’s traditional leaders elected him as the Chair of Mwoalen Wahu Ileile en wein Pohnpei (Traditional Leadership Council of Pohnpei State).

Kerpert Hebel was outspoken on many issues on behalf of the people of Pohnpei. He spoke strongly against the establishment of a hotel and casino in Pohnpei. He banned the use of betelnut at traditional gatherings in Madolenihmw. He assisted the Island Food Community of Pohnpei on local food initiatives.

As the guardian of Nan Madol, he tirelessly worked with the National Government and international organizations to see Nan Madol ascribed as a UNESCO World Heritage site and had been working on the development of Pohnpei central cultural asset when his reign was cut short by mortality.

Kerpert Hebel’s brother, Herbert Hebel is now Isipahu, Nahnmwahrki en Wein Madolenihmw. Like his brother Herbert Hebel was born in Wone, Kitti. He attended Wone Elementary School, Pohnpei Island Central School, and the College of Micronesia FSM where he attained an

Associates Degree in Education.

He worked early on after graduation as a Head Start classroom teacher at Wone Elementary School. He later became an Elementary School classroom teacher before taking the test for the United States Armed Forces and serving in the United States Navy. He said that he joined the U.S. Armed Forces as a way of thanking the United States for saving his parent’s life when they liberated Pohnpei from Japanese occupation.

Since he had the title of Lempwei Lapalap in Madolenihmw, he first asked the permission of then Isipahu Salter Salvador Hadley which he gave. He entered the US Navy on October 13, 1987 and served for four years aboard the USS Constellation, a CV 64 class aircraft carrier. He excelled in the Navy and after a few months of service was named Sailor of the Month, but since he was not a U.S. citizen, he could advance no higher. His active duty status ended on October 13, 1991 at which time he relocated to Kansas City, Missouri. He remained on inactive reserve for another four years.

During the time of his reserve status, then Isipahu Ilton Shelten stripped all traditional titles from Madolenihmw title holders who did not live in Pohnpei.

His Majesty Herbert Hebel remained in Kansas City, Missouri for many years where he worked as court translator in the Pohnpeian language and also as a Certified Nurses Aid at a hospital there. He returned to Pohnpei last year after his nephew, Sinter Iko passed the title of Wasahi to him.

Eneriko Paulus became the Wasahi of Madolenihmw when Herbert Hebel ascended to the throne.

IT upgrade helps school in Chuuk face pandemic challenges

Habele

Amid social distancing concerns and teachers trapped off-island by travel restrictions, a small charter school in Chuuk has a new tool for educating students. Akoyikoyi School serves low-income students on the island of Weno, and has been doing it tuition free since 2011. Thanks to a partnership with Habele Outer Island Education Fund and the Office of Insular Affairs, staff and students at Akoyikoyi School will be able to access one of the most advanced, far-reaching wireless networks on island.

As with many island schools, educational internet usage at Akoyikoyi has been limited by insufficient networking tools. Accessing educational content online, or streaming remote instruction from teachers off-island, remained a challenge beyond the capacity of the school's network. Working with local IT experts at iSolutions Micronesia, Habele was able to provide an enterprise-level wireless network that covers the campus, and even some surrounding areas.

"Students packed in a small room for remote instruction doesn't help with

social distancing," says Neil Mellen, Habele's founder. "Students and staff need to be able to access educational content, even while spread out across the campus. This network will make that possible in a way they could not have imagined before."

In a school year shaped by uncertainty, a far reaching network will allow staff and students to participate in remote learning, even under the strictest social distancing measures.

The coming school year will present new obstacles for FSM schools, as for schools the world over. Habele remains committed to working with dynamic partner schools like Akoyikoyi in finding innovative, actionable ways of serving students from remote island communities in the days ahead.

"As we wait word from Chuuk DOE and FSM DOE regarding the opening of schools in Chuuk, we are looking for ways to use technology at Akoyikoyi," says Clark Graham of Akoyikoyi School. "Habele's contribution, along with iSolutions, provides us badly needed expertise, for which we are most grateful."

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FSM and RMI students receive inaugural Dr. Joakim Peter Memorial Scholarships

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Pearlnalin Rilan Anien
Marshall Islands High School
University of Hawai'i at Hilo
Bachelor of Science (Biology); 3rd Year

pleased to announce the first two recipients of the scholarship. Each of them will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and be part of the A+JOJO Scholars Program to receive leadership development and mentoring support.

(Full bios, visit: <http://www.ajojoscholars.org/scholars/>)

BACKGROUND ON DR. JOAKIM "JOJO" PETER

The Dr. Joakim Peter Memorial Scholarship founders and committee members are The A+JOJO Memorial Scholarship Fund is

named in honor of the late Joakim "Jojo" Peter, PhD (Education), who was an extraordinary friend, educator, scholar, organizer, and Micronesian community leader. "Jojo was not only a champion of his Chuukese, Micronesian, and Oceania communities, he was a champion for civil rights and human dignity in Hawai'i and beyond. Jojo's impact reaches from his home atoll of Ettal in Chuuk State, FSM to his later homes in Guam and Hawai'i, to across the Pacific and the continental United States," shared his friend and "sister" Innocenta Sound-Kikku, a Community Navigator at Kokua Kalihi Valley health center.

(RMI) and Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and are already contributing greatly to their communities.

(For more info on the scholarship: <http://www.ajojoscholars.org/the-scholarship/>)

ABOUT THE A+JOJO SCHOLARS

Ms. Srue Wakuk is pursuing a Master of Public Health degree and currently works to promote community health through an internship at the UH Cancer Center. A graduate of Kosrae High School, Ms. Wakuk wrote, "I want to pass on his [Dr. Joakim Peter] legacy, by helping the Micronesian community in Oahu thrive. He fought for healthcare coverage for all Micronesians. He once told me that it was his intention to change how people see disability. He wants the world to look at him just like a normal human being regardless of his physical well-being. He paved the way for us today and people remember him with great dignity."

Ms. Pearlnalin Rilan Anien is a graduate of Marshall Islands High School and currently a Junior at UH Hilo majoring in Biology. She dreams of becoming a medical doctor to serve her community. Ms. Anien wrote, "Being an A+JOJO Scholar will open up more opportunities to expand my services to the community. I believe in hard work and perseverance. Without these two values, I would not have been where I am today... The fact that Dr Joakim Peter, a humble being from the small islands of Chuuk, made quite an impact on his family, himself and his country, inspires me to do the exact same. I want to create an everlasting impact on my country and others as well."

Upon selecting these A+JOJO Scholars, committee member and co-founder Dr. Sheldon Riklon, Peter O. Kohler, M.D., Endowed Distinguished Professor in Health Disparities and an associate professor in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, said, "These students represent the incredible drive and determination of so many of our Micronesian youth who seek to contribute to their home nations and adopted communities. We were thrilled to receive so many exceptional applications, and we look forward to continuing this scholarship and developing the cohort of A+JOJO Scholars for many years to come."

The Dr. Joakim Peter Memorial Scholarship welcomes donations through their fiscal sponsor, Micronesians United-Big Island (MU-BI) on their website (www.mu-bi.org) or online via the A+JOJO Scholars website (www.ajojoscholars.org).

Church of Latter Day Saints presents wheel chairs and walkers to Pohnpei Special Education Program



By **Bill Jaynes**
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Pohnpei—Today, representatives of The Church of the Latter Day Saints presented a donation of wheel chairs and walkers to staff members of the Special Education Program of Pohnpei.

Francisco Simram, Stake Presidency First Counselor gave remarks and presented the three pallets of supplies to the Special Education Program.

A representative from the Special Education Program said that while the Program had received donations of supplies for the program, this was the first time that he could remember that a church had made such a donation.

The wheel chairs and walkers will be used for students who need them throughout Pohnpei.

(For more biographical information: <http://www.ajojoscholars.org/dr-joakim-peter/>)

THE A+JOJO SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The A+JOJO Scholars program was initiated by a group of Jojo's friends to continue his legacy of supporting young Micronesian students and future scholars. Fellow Chuukese educator, colleague and longtime friend Dr. Vidalino Raatior, Program Specialist, College of Professional & Global Education at San Jose State University, stated, "In Chuukese, "Achocho" means resiliency, courage, persistence, or hard work, so we felt that establishing the A+JOJO Scholars Program funded by this scholarship was a fitting tribute to our friend who embodied resiliency and pushed all of us to strive for excellence."

The A+JOJO Scholars program sought candidates who would "exemplify the life and values of Dr. Joakim Peter in resiliency, hard work, leadership, dedication to social justice, and commitment to advocating for the well-being of the COFA community." The selection committee reviewed 17 applications from high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students, from the Pacific and the continental U.S. Selection committee member and co-founder Dina Shek, Director, Medical-Legal Partnership for Children in Hawaii and faculty at the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law said, "The field of candidates represented excellence from across the Compact nations of the Federal States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. We were so impressed by these emerging leaders in the COFA communities both in their home islands and in the diaspora."

Another co-founder and committee member, Dr. Mary Perez Hattori, Scholarship Program Specialist at the East-West Center and Affiliate Graduate Faculty, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, shared, "We were thrilled with the two inaugural scholars, and it's exciting to see the high level of academic achievement of our Micronesian students." The two scholars hail from the Republic of the Marshall Islands

The fierce urgency of now – Engaging Pacific Islander communities in Hawai‘i to contain COVID-19

By David Derauf, F. DeWolfe Miller and Tim Brown

21 August 2020

HONOLULU—The global COVID-19 pandemic, like every public health crisis, exposes societal fissures and failings. Almost inevitably, there are those who are left behind, where responses come too late. Here in Hawai‘i, the COVID-19 epidemic has grown explosively since the end of July with an average of 220 cases a day reported in the week ending 21 August. But while the epidemic affects everyone, Hawai‘i’s Pacific Islander communities have been hit hardest of all.

Pacific Islanders other than Native Hawaiians have ten times the infection rate of all other ethnic groups in Hawai‘i. Furthermore, the rate of COVID-19 infection in these communities is growing much more rapidly than in the rest of the population.

line graph showing rate of covid infection for non-Hawaiian Pacific Islanders growing much more steeply than the trend for all other ethnicities

Socio-economic challenges

Pacific Islander communities in Hawai‘i face unique socio-economic, historical, and cultural challenges in coping with COVID-19. Many are ineligible for Medicaid and either work in lower-paying hourly jobs or are unemployed. This forces them to either go without health care or rely on overburdened community clinics. As the COVID-19 epidemic spreads widely in the community, these community clinics are increasingly stretched thin, especially as many of their own staff are exposed and quarantined.

Pacific Islander households also tend to be multi-generational in nature, leading to crowded living quarters in Hawai‘i’s overpriced housing market. This makes it difficult for people to isolate, inviting rapid COVID-19 transmission.

What’s more, the pressures of American assimilation already challenge cultural patterns of connectedness among Pacific Islanders, and the additional separation that COVID-19 prevention requires can trigger existing historical traumas related to colonization and discrimination. This makes communications with the communities even more complex. If undertaken by those with little cultural and linguistic experience with these communities, it can contribute to further virus spread.

Meanwhile, the state’s response to COVID-19 has largely overlooked these communities, only recently starting to offer COVID services geared specifically for them. Testing has been limited and slow, urgently needed rapid contact tracing has been slow and plodding, and opportunities for quarantine outside of crowded quarters have been impeded by limited hotel inventory and poor communications. Media reports and educational materials are primarily available in English, and the limited translated materials available are often inaccessible to many community members due to literacy and a failure to understand the venues where Pacific Islander sub-communities naturally communicate.

Lessons from HIV

There are important lessons to be learned about managing COVID-19 from another global pandemic: HIV. These lessons are critically important to an effective response for neglected Pacific Islander communities in Hawai‘i:

First, learn from members of affected communities who know their own situation best. Outsiders often misread or fail to fully comprehend the needs, concerns, and perceptions of risk in different Pacific Island cultures. They usually lack the cultural experience or language skills needed to work within the communities without generating mistrust or triggering historical and cultural trauma. A response can only be effective if Pacific Islanders and the organizations they trust are active partners, not passive recipients.

Second, Pacific Islander communities must be leaders and equal partners in the response. Pandemic responses that focus only on the health sector are inadequate to address the multiple factors driving transmission in these communities. Instead, effective responses must be multi-sectoral, engaging community leaders, social service agencies, and social science researchers from within the community to develop effective communications and service strategies. Only then will they fully reflect and address the needs of the community.

Third, an effective response must address the social and economic factors driving

transmission. For some in Pacific Islander communities, crowded living situations, low income, disparate access to health care, language barriers, and a host of other issues create a more fertile ground for COVID spread. These issues keep the communities from taking the steps necessary to protect themselves. Unless these issues are addressed, COVID will continue to spread unimpeded.

Critical needs unmet

The State of Hawai‘i’s COVID-19 response to date has been primarily a health sector response, directed and largely run by the Department of Health (DOH). As such, given DOH staffing limitations and lack of familiarity with Pacific Islander communities, it has failed to appropriately address their needs. The result has been volatile COVID-19 growth. Staff and patients at Kōkua Kalihi Valley (KKV), a community health center working closely with Pacific Islander communities, have highlighted several critical needs that have not been met. These include:

More agile and language-appropriate communications developed in partnership with leaders of affected communities and delivered consistently through appropriate channels, such as social media and church and youth networks. Six months into the pandemic and KKV is still struggling to locate and/or translate appropriate messaging and adapt it to the natural communications networks of Pacific Islander communities.

Effective, transparent, and sustained engagement of Pacific Islander leaders as full partners, including consulates, churches, traditional leaders, nonprofits, and other groups representing Pacific Islanders. While some good work has been done in this area, so far it has been too little and too late to disastrous effect. Clear public communications policies for avoiding stigma and bias against marginalized communities. Despite repeated experiences showing that stigma and discrimination work against effective prevention, public leaders and media frequently single out Pacific Islanders. Such public shaming is a significant barrier to COVID education and response, particularly among communities already struggling against systemic racism.

Robust contact tracing that accounts for the unique social, cultural, and historical

barriers in each community. The state’s failure to establish adequate contact tracing has been felt most dramatically in Pacific Islander communities, where exposed and positive individuals in crowded living quarters are mostly not provided timely—or even any—case investigation or contact tracing, nor offered COVID tests for exposed family members.

More effective assistance with quarantine and isolation in economically-strapped, high-density households. There is a critical need for more culturally effective messaging, access to unused hotel rooms for quarantine support, and humane systems for supporting families facing either home quarantine or temporary relocation.

Comprehensive and timely family support to address such issues as food insecurity, unemployment, a lack of personal protective equipment and hygiene supplies, COVID misinformation, and other critical barriers that have been causing Pacific Islander families to drop through the cracks in alarming numbers. We cannot responsibly expect families to quarantine or isolate effectively without these supports.

How to engage affected communities for an effective response

A good start would be for the state Department of Health to adopt recent recommendations from the Hawai‘i and Pacific Islander COVID19 Response, Recovery, and Resilience Team. These can be found at: <https://www.slideshare.net/civilbeat/nhpi-covid19-statement>.

The following recommendations to the State draw upon the response team’s work and are intended to be complementary:

Foster a culture of shared kuleana and innovation. The State’s pandemic response has been obstructed by blame shifting, a lack of transparency, and a dearth of community experience. Individuals with a proven track record of community leadership, consensus building, and logistics, rather than just content expertise, should lead working groups. Whether or not these individuals are public employees, a unified state and county leadership should fully mandate and support them. Pacific Islander leadership from subcommunities should also be fully engaged, resourced effectively, and informed on a

COVID-19 delayed Kahmar River Bridge at long last officially open for use

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlie Press

August 20, 2020

Pohnpei—In the blazing heat of the August 20 afternoon, dignitaries and interested others gathered at the site of the new Kahmar River bridge, which was entirely funded by the Government of the People’s Republic of China.

The Kahmar Bridge is 56 meters long (~184 feet) and 10 meters wide (~33 feet), and represents approximately \$3,200,000 (3.2 million dollars) of assistance. Originally signed in a Technical and Economic Cooperation Agreement in 2015, construction began on the Bridge on June 26th, 2019. While formal completion of the Bridge had occurred some months ago, the official opening ceremony was delayed due to requirements for proper vetting and inspection, which occurred electronically due to the unique situation imposed by the COVID-19 Pandemic.

“China and FSM share a long history of friendly exchanges. Since the establishment of diplomatic ties, the Chinese government attaches great importance to China-FSM relations, and the bilateral relationships have developed rapidly,” said Ambassador Huang Zheng, China’s Ambassador to the FSM during his lengthy speech. “China is willing to work together with FSM to build the Belt and Road into a road that is able to promote cooperation, safeguard health, recover economy and promote sustainable growth.” Huang reiterated that “China and FSM will work together to create a brighter future for Belt and Road cooperation and to build a community with a shared future for humanity together.

“This bridge will become a symbol of our healthy Great Friendship between our two peoples,” Vice President George said in his statement. “This bridge will not only connect our Governments and improve access to the inlands of Nett, but will also contribute to the economic and social development of Nett, Pohnpei more broadly, and the Great Friendship between the FSM and China.”

Lt. Governor Feliciano Perman represented the Pohnpei State government and also thanked the government of China for the bridge, which he said would not only serve the nearby villages but contribute to the economic development and transportation needs of Pohnpei as a whole.

Ambassador Huang presented a portrait of the bridge to Vice President George who then presented it to Lt. Governor Perman, who in turn handed it over to Nelsin Iriarte, Administrator of the Nett Municipal Government as a symbolic turning over of the bridge itself.

Iso Nahnken of Nett Salvador Iriarte gave the last words of the lengthy ceremony.

When the ceremony itself was completed, the ribbon was cut as brightly colored confetti floated down onto the participants.



The Micronesia Clean Up Day Planning Committee would like to invite the GENERAL PUBLIC to observe September 13, 2020 as MICRONESIA CLEAN UP DAY. This day has been designated by our leaders as part of a regional initiative to take action in making our islands clean and green.

Since this year’s Micronesia Clean Up Day falls on a Sunday, we are encouraging everyone to tune into the local station on September 13 for President David W. Panuelo’s speech, and the key sermon from Pastor Herman Sado.

For information on clean-up activities prior to or after the 13th, you can contact the FSM Department of Environment, Climate Change, and Environment Management at 320-8815 or your respective EPA/KIRMA office in your state.

Ambassador Carmen G. Cantor receives traditional title

Embassy of the United States of America Kolonia

Ambassador Cantor made her first traditional leader courtesy call to His Majesty Kerpert Hebel Wasa Lapalap Isipahu, Nahnmarki of Madolenihmw (King of Madolenihmw, Pohnpei) and Her Majesty Rihna Hebel, Likend of Madolenihmw. The Nahnmarki gave Ambassador Cantor the traditional title of Nanei En Isipahu Madolenihmw. This is the first traditional title any U.S. Ambassador has received from Madolenihmw municipality. During the visit, Ambassador Cantor announced that the U.S. Government, through the Ambassador's Fund for Cultural Preservation (AFCP) awarded a \$200,000 grant to the Cultural Site for Research Management, in partnership with FSM Historic Preservation. The funding will assist in the preservation of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, Nan Madol, and develop a plan for the Nan Madol Visitor Center scheduled to open in 2021. The Nan Madol Visitor Center is currently under construction with funding primarily from the Embassy of Japan; the U.S. funding will complement the efforts of the Japanese government. Ambassador Cantor is scheduled to meet with other traditional leaders in the future.



Ambassador Cantor receiving her title Nanei en Isipahu Madolenihmw.



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Pohnpei tuna tag recovery by local fisherman

At about 10 months (303 days to be exact), one tuna tag has been recovered around Pohnpei territorial water. FSM NORMA wishes to recognize a nice tuna tag recovery by a Pohnpei local fisherman, namely Gretorio Hallens, on the 6th of July 2020. Mr. Hallens applied the bottom fishing method while fished at 1 nautical mile away from the reef and caught this yellowfin. Recovered at 91 cm measured by NORMA fisheries officer. The fish was released at 10 miles south of Kitti Municipality and 20 miles east of Ant Atoll. The yellowfin was 47 cm when released at these coordinates, 06.36N and 158.1555E, respectively, on the 8th of September 2019 as part of the Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme (PTTP). All biological samples were collected. A great result!



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About the Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme (PTTP)

The Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme (PTTP) is a joint research project, implemented by the Oceanic Fisheries Programme (OFP) of the Pacific Community (SPC). The goal of the Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme is to improve stock assessment and management of skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye tuna in the Pacific Ocean. Visit the SPC Pacific Tuna Tagging website: <https://tagging.spc.int/>

About the biological samples

It consists of collecting up several tissues on specimens (mostly fish) caught during observer trips, tuna tagging cruises or scientific trips. It is essential that these samples are collected properly in different regions and at different times. These samples can be as diverse and then used to run analysis:

- Stomach to describe diet composition
- Muscle, liver and blood used as natural tags (Isotope) and to analyse contaminants
- Gonad used for reproduction biology studies
- Otolith to estimate age and growth of fish
- Spine used for age validation
- Visit the website to learn more about the Pacific Marine Specimen Tissue Bank <https://www.spc.int/ofp/PacificSpecimenBank/Home/About>

About the tag reward

If, by chance, you encounter a yellow or white tag on a tuna (skipjack and yellowfin), please contact NORMA (320-2768/2700) and SPC (320-7523) directly. You will be rewarded on the condition of the tuna and tag in helping with collection of biological samples.



Figure 1. Displayed the tag released and caught in Pohnpei Territorial Water.

Pacific Tuna Tagging expedition overcomes COVID challenge

Pacific Community (SPC)

14 August 2020

Noumea (New Caledonia) - Despite the significant challenges presented by COVID-19, the Pacific Community (SPC) 7-week research expedition to monitor the health of world's largest tuna fishery will depart from Honolulu on Saturday 15 August 2020.

Half of the world's tuna catch comes from the Western & Central Pacific, providing a critical source of protein and export revenue for Pacific Island Nations.

With most research and fisheries observer programmes currently suspended due to COVID-19, Graham Pilling, the SPC Deputy Director for the Oceanic Fisheries Programme, said the importance of this cruise cannot be overstated.

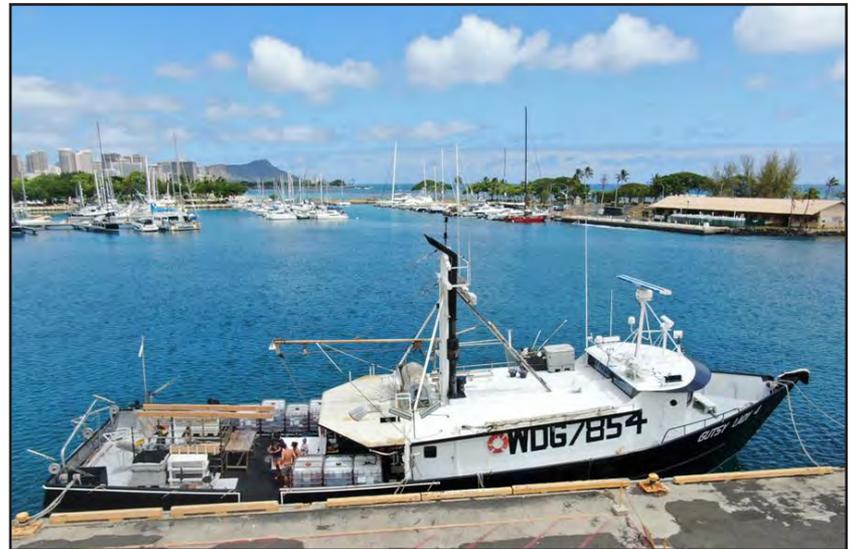
"These tuna fisheries are worth approximately USD6 billion annually and, along with tourism, are the main income for most Pacific Island Nations. With global tourism effectively

shutdown due to COVID-19, the income derived from tuna is even more critical for Pacific economies," he said.

To avoid any potential for COVID-19 transmission to the remote communities of the Pacific the cruise will not make any port calls to Pacific Island Nations. The crew members, including the scientific team, are in isolation for 14 days prior to departure and have undergone COVID-19 virus testing. The vessel will then return directly to Honolulu on October 5, 2020 - 50 days after departure.

The expedition will only sample from the tropical waters of the high seas and the vast Kiribati Exclusive Economic Zone. The cruise will also provide the first opportunity to collect data on tuna sustainability from the Phoenix Islands Protected Area, which was established in 2008.

From 2006 to 2019, SPC has tagged 452,489 tuna and 81,402 tags have been retrieved, generating the most comprehensive data set for tuna management in the world. In addition to monitoring the health of the tuna stocks, Dr Simon Nicol, SPC Principle Fisheries Scientist said the electronic tags inserted into the tuna are also being used to monitor the health of the Pacific Ocean.



Dr Stuart Minchin, the Director-General of the Pacific Community, said this continued research is critical to ensure that the region remains a global leader in sustainable use of its fisheries resources. "Around 70% of the catch is taken by international fleets and the fees generated by these licenses provides major source of revenue for Pacific governments to support their development goals. The tagging of bigeye and yellowfin tuna in this region is critical for researchers to understand the impacts of the fisheries on these species," he said.

According to SPC's 2019 Tuna assessment report, four key tuna stocks of yellowfin, big eye, skipjack, albacore are in a healthy state in the Western Central Pacific Ocean region.

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regular basis, especially when these subcommunities are experiencing disproportionate spread. The state and city should each appoint high-level community contacts charged with cutting through bureaucratic barriers and supporting innovation at the community level.

Provide resources to communications teams of Pacific Islanders and experts who can assist communities with emerging messaging needs, including inventorying, adapting, disseminating, and advising on language-appropriate COVID resources; standing up language-specific hotlines and single points of contact; and working closely with community leaders to identify the unique considerations for effective COVID education and response specific to each Pacific Islander community. Such considerations include, for example, social media misinformation, alternative strategies for honoring essential cultural practices such as funerals, destigmatization, and education in how extended family members can safely support COVID-positive relatives.

Better support for families during quarantine and isolation, including providing food, protective gear, hygiene supplies, economic and social assistance, and—when warranted—free hotel rooms or other suitable housing relocations. Each family must be contacted within 24 hours of a positive test by a trusted language-appropriate navigator for the duration of isolation. This requires allocating a significant increase in resources to nonprofits, community groups, and even health insurers with available community-support staff, as well as rapidly recruiting navigators from Pacific Islander communities. It is also critical to establish easy-to-understand online training, up-to-date resource guides, and appropriate standards for navigators. Data-sharing agreements should be quickly executed among state agencies and nonprofits to facilitate communications and coordination.

Rapidly expand case investigation and contact tracing in partnership with nonprofits and community groups. Hawai'i needs upwards of 400 contact tracers statewide, including individuals fluent in Pacific Island languages. Online training resources from the University of Hawai'i and national sources could be used to prepare large cohorts of contact tracers from affected communities. Whenever possible, contact tracing should be integrated into the overall family support system. Training for contact tracers should be geared toward

community health workers, with no B.A. degree requirements, and should be completed within two weeks. In addition, training should foster empathy and allow trainees to interpret complex concepts into the cultural contexts of their own communities. Training resources can be quickly and appropriately adapted that will prepare contact tracers to start immediately under appropriate supervision, and their skills and abilities will grow with time to meet the needs of Hawai'i's diverse communities. Positive action required now

The reasons why Pacific Islander communities have so far borne the brunt of the pandemic in Hawai'i should be obvious to all: extremely overcrowded housing, which makes household COVID transmission a certainty and isolation nearly impossible; low pay for front-line workers throughout our economy, making hunger and possible eviction a likely outcome of sheltering in place; and low English literacy combined with ineffective government messaging in key languages. Underlying these conditions is Hawai'i's systemic racism against Pacific Islanders and the long tail of historical and colonial trauma that plays a determining role in how these communities respond to State strategies for COVID-19 containment and mitigation.

Messaging around solutions for the epidemic needs to broaden beyond individual behaviors to include discussion of systemic responses to broader cultural and social support needs. An individual's failure to follow quarantine and isolation orders, for example, often results from their need to provide for their family. It can also result from an individual's mistrust accumulated over years of systemic disenfranchisement of his or her community, in which case, honoring and resourcing the agency of Pacific Islander leadership is especially critical.

The "fierce urgency of now" created by the surging COVID-19 epidemic among Pacific Islanders in Hawai'i calls for urgent, positive action. The state response must broaden immediately to engage Pacific Island communities as equal partners, provide for truly collective and just approaches to health care and support needs, and channel resources to community organizations and stakeholder groups in a way that allows them to take leadership in COVID prevention and care.

Only by enabling Pacific Island communities to proactively take on the COVID-19 epidemic in their midst will state leaders achieve the outcomes we all seek—stopping the spread of COVID and its increasingly catastrophic health, economic, and community impacts.

President and Congress discuss repatriation and other matters

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—The 21st Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) began its Seventh Special Session on August 17th, 2020. After the opening session, His Excellency David W. Panuelo and the Honorable Yosiwo P. George received the Committee to Wait, chaired by the Honorable Esmond B. Moses, with committee member the Honorable Ferny S. Perman, to discuss their agenda for this session of Congress. The Committee to Wait on the President discussed COVID-19 repatriation efforts, amending Tourism Sector Mitigation Funding to support additional categories of businesses, nominations for various offices (e.g. the FSM Office of Personnel and the FSM Trust Fund Board), a supplemental budget request in support of the COVID-19 Response Framework, and expanding Pandemic Unemployment Assistance programming to non-citizens of the FSM.

The meeting began regarding COVID-19 adaptation, mitigation, and repatriation efforts. After the President described the results of the simulation exercises throughout the Nation, Senator Perman, Chairman of the Congressional Committee on Health & Social Affairs, asked: "How come we didn't do the [Republic of] Palau model of how they brought and repatriated their citizens? In the Palau model, they put people in a hotel, quarantined them, tested them twice, and brought them back to Palau for additional quarantine and tests."

The Honorable Livingston A. Taulung, Secretary of the Department of Health & Social Affairs and Chair of the FSM COVID-19 Task Force, said: "We are moving in that direction. We recently found that the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI) model showed that people would get tested negative and then, once they were repatriated, show up as positive for the virus. So this reinforced our movement towards a model that learns from the experiences of the CNMI and Palau, and would uniquely serve the equally unique needs of the FSM and its citizens. We are aiming for a fourteen-day Pre-Quarantine in Guam with two tests, followed by arrival and onsite Quarantine for fourteen days and additional tests."

The bulk of the Executive Branch's supplemental budget requests—approximately \$1,700,000 (1.7 million dollars)—is COVID-19 related, the bulk of which is regarding setting up Pre-Quarantine processes in Guam. This includes funding for potentially chartering a flight via an international commercial carrier.

"To add to what the Secretary of Health mentioned," began the Honorable Eugene Amor, Secretary of the Department of Finance & Administration and Vice Chair of the FSM COVID-19 Task Force, "We are looking at two options for hotel quarantine sites in Guam and

contracts are on their way.

The same with the medical facility that will help with daily monitoring of our citizens that will be repatriated, including tests at day seven (7) and eleven (11). We're looking at targeting medical referrals first."

The FSM COVID-19 Task Force has prepared a second report on the COVID-19 Response Framework, dated August 17th 2020, including this information, the results of simulation exercises, and all other relevant matters regarding the Pandemic. Citizens, residents, and stakeholders are explicitly encouraged to read it, which may be found here: http://gov.fm/files/2nd_FSM_COVID-

The next item discussed was regarding expanding the Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund, aka the FSM Economic Stimulus Package, to additional categories of businesses.

"I have sent Presidential Communication 21-363, a proposed bill to amend Title 55 that is to provide other businesses that are impacted by COVID-19 outside of the current limits of the Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund," President Panuelo said. The total FSM Economic Stimulus Package has approximately \$16,000,000 (16 million dollars) allocated for this purpose. "Of course, we will issue relevant regulations and detail what criteria are required for any payout given to those businesses. Secretary, can you update us on the expenditures of the fund so far?"

"We've only spent 1.8 million so far," Secretary Amor said, echoing the President's request that the Committee overseeing the funding is of the professional opinion that more categories of businesses are affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic and that the Nation's economy would benefit from the assistance.

"Mr. President," said Senator Perman, "The question raised to me [by citizens] is that they're saying there is a delay in the distribution of the checks. If we expand to more businesses, are we going to address the distribution of the assistance?"

Secretary Amor advised that the primary delay in businesses not receiving timely checks from the Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund is because businesses may not be updated on their tax filings. "We have asked businesses to please update their filings for last year so that we can do the proper analysis."

"Some of the checks may seem a bit slow in going out but that is because we have procedures to follow," added Mr. Rob Solomon, the Nation's macroeconomist. "For the Tourism Fund there is paperwork tied to the tax roll, and we have to follow the law. All of our programs— including the [Pandemic Unemployment Assistance] Program, and

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the Stranded Citizens Economic Package—take up a lot of time due to strict rules and regulations. For the Stranded Citizens Package, more than 50% of the applicants don't have the documentation we need under the rules that are set, and that's what takes up all the time."

Regarding supplemental budget requests, President Panuelo explained how the amount totals for \$2,300,000 (2.3 million dollars) in capital and human resources development, of which \$1,700,000 (1.7 million dollars) is for COVID-19-related efforts, in addition to \$400,000 (four hundred thousand dollars) to assist the College of Micronesia-FSM for the Fall Semester. The Panuelo-George administration has requested an additional \$300,000 (three hundred thousand dollars) from the 21st FSM Congress for the purpose of expanding the economic assistance to stranded

FSM citizens.

President Panuelo noted that approximately forty or more applicants to the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program are non-citizen full-time residents of the FSM, who do not qualify because they are not FSM or U.S. citizens. "We're looking at a way to carve out in the regulations to be able to pay these residents from our local revenues. These long-time residents are appreciated members of the FSM community, but we would need to pay them from our local revenues."

Senator Perman, noting that the Nation's depleting revenue projections may hinder the Government's capacity to serve all of its needs, asked: "With all of this foreign aid coming in for the COVID-19 Pandemic, why can't we use it?"

President Panuelo explained that the \$7,700,000 (7.7 million dollars) under the U.S. CARES

Act is for the Nation's State Governments, of which the States of Yap, Chuuk, and Kosrae have submitted their budget justifications to the U.S. Department of Interior. The President further described how the \$6,000,000 (6 million dollars) of disaster assistance support from the Asian Development Bank

has been split into two separate groups: half for the Department of Finance & Administration's implementation of the Tourism Sector Mitigation Fund/FSM Economic Stimulus Package, and half for the Department of Health & Social Affairs' COVID-19 response. This funding is largely being used by both MiCare and continual reimbursement to the State Governments for their COVID-19-related programming and activities. "The supplemental budget requests are for items that we cannot use other funding for," the President said.

The meeting also covered nominations to

the FSM Trust Fund Board, the Board of the FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC), and a candidate to head the FSM Office of Personnel. Historically a part of the Department of Finance & Administration and more recently a component unit of the Office of the President, the FSM Office of Personnel is now legally a standalone entity of the FSM National Government that retains its mandate but is less shackled from bureaucracy by being under a separate line agency.

The final topic discussed in the Committee to Wait on the President was with regards to the ownership, rights, and liabilities of the Pohnpei spur of the HANTRU-1 fiber optic cable. The Panuelo-George administration laid out its arguments on transferring the ownership, rights, and liabilities of this spur to the FSM Telecommunications Cable Corporation (FSMT Cable), aka the Open Access Entity, in a previous Press Release on the gov.fm webpage.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



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- 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.

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- Bachelors degree in food science, health, fisheries or related field. Associates degree may be acceptable if proven relevant experience.
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- Willingness to work outside conventional working hours and around fish and on/around fishing vessels.
- Good people skills
- Strong commitment to sanitation and hygiene.

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).

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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:

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The Pacific Community (SPC) invites applications for the position of Finance and Procurement Officer, EU-FSM Sustainable Energy and Accompanying Measures (SEAM) Project in its Micronesia Regional Office (MRO). This position will be located at its regional office in Pohnpei, Micronesia.

Description

The Pacific Community (SPC) is the principal scientific and technical organisation in the Pacific region, supporting development since 1947. We are an international development organisation owned and governed by our 26 country and territory members. In pursuit of sustainable development to benefit Pacific people, our unique organisation works across more than 25 sectors. We are known for our knowledge and innovation in such areas as fisheries science, public health surveillance, geoscience, and conservation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

The Micronesia Regional Office (MRO) situated in Kolonia, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), is the main hub for SPC's projects and partnerships with the Micronesian members of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), the Republic of Palau, and the territories of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and Guam. The MRO opened in June 2007.

The role – the Finance & Procurement Officer will manage the project accounting, audit, budgetary controls, monitoring of financial performance/progress in compliance with EU requirements, procurement for services contracts and project assets, disbursement of funds and contracting with the Federated States of Micronesia. The position will also provide the Project Manager with strategic financial advice, ensure the completion of assigned project and donor reporting, oversee and manage audit functions and assist with the administrative and coordination of duties associated with the project.

The key responsibilities of the role include the following:

1. Develop and implement financial procedures for the overall project in accordance with SPC and donor (EU) requirements
2. Undertake the financial tracking and reporting of national and state level project activities so as to inform decision making
3. Undertake project procurement and contract oversight
4. Provide strategic financial and procurement advice to the Project Manager and assist with project coordination and administration

For a more detailed account of the key responsibilities, please refer to the online job description.

1. Qualifications

- Bachelor's Degree in accounting, business, commerce, public finance or related degree

2. Essential experience and skills

- At least 5 years' experience in project accounting in an international or regional organisation including experience with financial management information systems
- In depth procurement experience
- Understanding of project budgeting, financial reporting, donor reporting, audit requirements, and efficient systems for international funds transfer
- Knowledge of budgetary processes in PICTs and working directly with PICTs in project financial management
- Sound coordination, administrative, networking, and collaborative skills
- Advanced computer skills in applications such as Microsoft Word and Excel

Closing date:

10th September 2020 – 11:00 pm Pohnpei time
Job Reference: AL000327

Applicants can apply online at: <http://careers.spc.int/>.

For your application to be considered, you must provide us with:

- an updated resume with contact details for three professional referees
- a cover letter detailing your skills, experience and interest in this position
- responses to all screening questions

Please answer all of the screening questions, if you do not answer these questions your application will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed at shortlisting stage.

Screening questions:

1. How would you approach explaining complicated financial processes to staff members?
2. Based on your experience with donor-funded, complex multi-country projects, identify and explain three key financial management lessons learnt that would assist you in this role.
3. The role involves financial reporting to the donor. Furthermore there will be opportunities to share some costs across different projects funded by the same donor. Based on your experience, describe and justify two key factors that will need to be considered in setting up a financial reporting system to cover such an arrangement.
4. What is your understanding of procurement especially in terms of donor compliance?

PIFS-SPC join voices for Australian Parliamentary inquiry into Human Rights of Pacific women, girls

20 August 2020

Suva, Fiji – The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) and the Pacific Community (SPC) have made a joint submission to the Australian Parliamentary Inquiry into the human rights of women and girls in the Pacific. The submission offers recommendations on how the Australian government may support Pacific Island countries to respond more effectively to domestic, family and sexual violence, and other human rights issues such as gender equality.

The submission was informed by PIFS's and SPC's engagement with the Australian government's aid program in the Pacific, as well as survey responses from Pacific governments and civil society organisations.

“Sustainable development and true progress for all Pacific people continues to be hampered by the high prevalence of violence against women and girls. The epidemic of violence within families has been deepened by COVID-19 disruption due to confinement and other restrictions, so the timing of this Parliamentary Inquiry also provides an opportunity for our nations to refocus urgent efforts to ensure homes are truly valued by all families, as the safest place to be.” said Pacific Islands Forum Secretary General Dame Meg Taylor.

“The Pacific Islands Forum envisions a region of peace, social inclusion, and prosperity, the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and one Blue Pacific continent. To achieve this, we need to break the cycle of violence and as one Blue Pacific continent remain committed and resolute to eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls. We must do better to empower our women and girls from diverse Pacific backgrounds to realize their capacity, grow their confidence and recognize their human rights.”

SPC's Director-General, Dr. Stuart Minchin, said “We still have work to do when it comes to improving the lives of women and girls in the Pacific. This inquiry by the Australian Parliament provides an opportunity to examine the impact of our efforts to reduce domestic, family and sexual violence, and to see how we can better focus on human rights issues such as gender equality.”

Dr. Minchin thanked PIFS for collaborating with SPC on this joint submission and the Australian government for its commitment to improving the lives of women and girls in the Pacific, and looked forward to the outcome and recommendations of the Inquiry. SPC's contribution to this submission was co-authored by SPC's human rights division, the Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT) and its Social Development Programme (SDP).

BID INVITATION

for

Construction of National Campus Student Center for College of Micronesia-FSM Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

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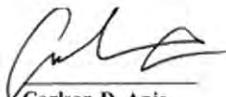
The Program Management Unit (PMU) of the Department of Transportation, Communications & Infrastructure (DTC&I), National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby issuing this Bid Invitation Notice to qualified contractors for the **Construction of National Campus Student Center for College of Micronesia-FSM, Palikir, Pohnpei**. The Pre-Bid Meeting and Site Visit is scheduled for **Thursday 3rd September, 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:

“Construction of National Campus Student Center for College of Micronesia-FSM Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia”

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 **Thursday October 15th 2020 at 4.00pm**


Carlson D. Apis
Secretary, DTC&I

BID INVITATION

for

Construction of Pohnpei Campus Multipurpose Technical Building for College of Micronesia-FSM Kolonia, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

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Panuelo signs emergency regulation amending regulation on hazardous pay

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On August 10th, 2020, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), signed an emergency regulation (which is also proposed to become a permanent regulation) on the applicable guidelines on hazardous pay, as appropriated in Section 9(12)(H) of Public Law No. 21-42. FSM healthcare and foreign service personnel who are working in a jurisdiction with a confirmed case of COVID-19 may be entitled to additional compensation inclusive of twenty five percent (25%) on top of their base pay.

The emergency regulation applies specifically to the COVID-19 hazard pay funded by the 21st FSM Congress and inserts “Subpart 8.8A Hazard pay on COVID-19” into the Public Service System Regulations. It defines hazardous work as “occupation or work assignment that involves unusual and extreme hazards to health and safety” in a country, state, or territory with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Eligible employees are considered healthcare workers and foreign service personnel, including officials and contractors. Other employees may be designated in subsequent regulations.

Those eligible to receive hazardous pay would be entitled to receive an additional 25% on top of their base pay.

“This regulation accomplishes two purposes,” President Panuelo said in a statement. “The first is that it recognizes the exemplary performance of our foreign service officers who are operating in COVID-19 environments whilst serving our citizens with the financial support they need to make the Pandemic more bearable. For too long our foreign service officers have been sacrificing their health and safety for the good of the Nation, and this regulation—charitably funded by the astute leadership of the 21st FSM Congress—provides for them.”

“The second piece of this regulation ensures that, if the FSM receives a case of COVID-19, our Nation’s frontline healthcare, border protection, immigration, police, maritime surveillance, customs, and quarantine workers will be eligible to receive hazardous pay.”

The emergency regulations can be seen here: http://gov.fm/files/Hazardous_Pay_Regulation_August_10_2020.pdf

As of August 10th, 2020, the FSM remains COVID-19 free.



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Partial Campus Opening Plan for Fall 2020

This plan provides guidance on how COM-FSM will implement its COVID-19 Response Plan Response Plan at all campuses for fall 2020.

The college plans to offer courses online, online and in-person and fully in-person depending on the requirements of the course. The college will continue limiting the number of people on campus at any one time. Should an active case of COVID-19 be found in any state, the campus in that state will effectively close to all but essential services and courses will be shifted to fully online or temporarily suspended. The primary concern is to keep students, faculty and staff safe and healthy while ensuring students are able to achieve student learning outcomes of each course.

*Any person coming to campus may be denied entry if s/he is showing symptoms of COVID-19, such as a temperature that is not in normal range. The person will be given the local COVID-19 hotline number and encouraged to seek medical attention. COVID-19 Hotlines:

Kosrae-370-3200 (Hospital 370-3199)
 Pohnpei-320-3109 (Hospital 320-2214)
 Chuuk-330-5442 (Hospital 330-2214; 330-2216; 330-2217)
 Yap-350-4161 (Hospital 350-2110; 350-3446; 350-2114)

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES: Respect the Five Principles

1. Gatherings are limited to no more than 10 people.
2. Respect social distancing: Stay 6 feet apart
3. Maintain personal hygiene: wash hands. Learn about home-made masks. If sick, or caring for someone sick, STAY HOME.
4. Room and equipment hygiene: college will clean public areas/buildings and provide disinfectant and hand sanitizers
5. Be prepared, stay informed.

FULLY REMOTE

Faculty Guidelines

At a minimum, faculty should use Schoology to:

1. Post course syllabus,
2. Post course schedule,
3. Utilize the Schoology gradebook feature,
4. Provide contact information for faculty including faculty office hours (online)
5. Set and post a regular response time for students (24 hours weekdays/48 hours weekends).
6. Have regular and substantive interaction with students to meet accreditation requirements for online delivery.

Faculty agree to participate in professional development training

BOTH ON-CAMPUS AND REMOTE TEACHING

- On-campus classes must accommodate physical distancing of 6 feet between people
- On-campus classes will typically accommodate 10 students depending on the size of the classroom.
- Faculty should be prepared for:
 1. Possible quick shutdown of classes or classes to be delivered remotely if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 on the island.
 2. Accommodation of students should they be ill, exhibit COVID-19 symptoms, or be exposed to someone with COVID-19.

VISIT www.comfsm.fm FOR FULL DETAILS



Modifications that are being implemented at the college in response to COVID19.

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