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75th Anniversary of the United Nations celebrated in Pohnpei

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Pohnpei- PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On October 26th, 2020, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) formally celebrated the 75th United Nations Day, an annual and legal FSM national holiday held every 24th of October. The event began with a parade across Kolonia Town with a stop in front of the UNDP office for the unveiling of a banner celebrating the 75th anniversary of the United Nations.

On arrival at the Kolonia Town gymnasium, the formal portion of the program began beginning with remarks by the Honorable Bethwel Henry, Speaker of the 1st FSM Congress, the Honorable Kandhi A. Elieisar, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the Honorable Cromwell Bacareza, Chief of the FSM's United Nations Children's Program (UNICEF).

Local humanitarian organizations and others, each involved in at least one aspect of the UN's Strategic Development Goals, the FSM is actively pursuing operated information booths with games, prizes and free giveaways.

Speaker Henry's welcoming remarks detailed the Nation's appreciation both for its own unity as the FSM, comprised of the States of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae, and for the Nation's evolution from a colony and proto-colony under four separate countries' jurisdictions into a sovereign country recognized throughout the World for its commitments to the global community and solidarity through membership in the United Nations. The Speaker noted his appreciation that Pohnpei State itself is a united entity, whose diversity of ethnic and linguistic groups stand together as one, and that Pohnpeians stand with Yapese, Chuukese, and Kosraeans



as Micronesians. "We thank all of you for joining us in this celebration," Speaker Henry said, emphasizing that the FSM stands with the United Nations in Shaping Our Future Together.

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FSM Government files motion to dismiss claims that Oliver's civil rights were violated and other claims

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FSM—FSM Government attorneys have filed a motion to dismiss the civil action (CA 2020-018) filed by Norleen Oliver against the FSM Government, the Secretary for the Department of Justice, and two National Police officers. The named individuals were sued both personally and in their official capacities. They filed their motion to dismiss on October 19. According to Marstella Jack, attorney for Oliver, she has until Friday November 6 to file a motion in opposition to the motion to dismiss and is currently working on that motion.

Oliver filed her suit in response to actions the government took regarding a planned road project funded by a Congress special projects law. That civil action contained 10 causes of action against the government and its operators, some of them stemming from the confiscation of her vehicle which she has admitted she used to block the road that goes through the land where she lives in Ipwal, Sokehs.

In its motion, the government describes the current state of the road to the First Lady's family home as, "still being unpaved with

deep potholes and ditches in several places (that) continue to cause inconvenience to the road users. It is a huge security risk to the President, the first family, and their security detail."

The government's motion to dismiss says that the civil action should be dismissed for "failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted, and for failure to implead an indispensable party. It says that the suit should also have named the contractor awarded the contract for the road because

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POPA issues opinion that doctor contracts flawed but are binding liabilities of the government

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Pohnpei—On September 18, the Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor (POPA) issued a Management Advisory that concluded, subject to further review and determination by the Pohnpei Attorney General, that the employment services contracts of doctors at Pohnpei Department of Health and Social Affairs (DoHSA) are binding obligations of the Pohnpei State Government. A POPA staff member sent the document to The Kaselehlie Press in the waning business hours of October 30.

Since the Management Advisory was issued nothing much has changed. Several doctors at DoHSA have resigned and more have indicated their intention to do so.

The Acting Attorney General has never issued a legal opinion on the matter of what has come to be known as “Max Pay”, a term that is based on the law that defines maximum pay for public servants.

An informed source says that doctors are not public servants but professional contract employees remunerated under the terms of their contracts and not the “Max Pay” law which applies to public servants.

POPA disagrees and says that the

contracts were “not in compliance with relevant legal frameworks”. But they also noted that “the doctors’ employment services contracts were prepared, routed and signed-off by the responsible Pohnpei government officials involved, including the Attorney General.” As such, POPA issued the opinion that Pohnpei seems to be on the hook for withheld payments. It said that opinion was subject to the legal opinion of the Acting Attorney General who has not weighed in on the matter.

POPA’s Management Advisory said that POPA was engaged to review and assess the 28 doctors’ salaries, including differentials paid during the first six month of the 2020 calendar year. During their review that found that the sum of \$606,000 was appropriated to finance the 28 doctors’ salaries for that period of time but the Government paid \$710,000 for those salaries, approximately 17 percent above the approved budget.

It said that nearly \$70,000 was spent to compensate the doctors for overtime hours during the six months reviewed. The government paid more than \$113,000 in standby differential although the DoHSA budget did not include that expense category. More than \$51,000 was spent for night differential which also was not included as an expense item in the DoHSA budget. It said the total impact was \$103,000 of additional

costs to the Pohnpei Government during the six month period.

The management advisory said that POPA had found instances where doctors were receiving payments for both standby and overtime differentials. It found instances where doctors were receiving differential while on vacation and or sick leave. It found that doctors were receiving payments for hours exceeding the most possible work hours available in a bi-weekly pay period and some were receiving overtime pay while not fully on the job for 40 hours in a work week.

POPA said that it found that some of the doctors’ employment contracts differentiated between the amounts appropriated and budgeted to fund their positions. “Two doctors adjusted base salaries were budgeted at \$57,744.00 each in the FY-2020. However, according to their employment services contracts, each doctor will be paid up to about \$115,000 or approximately 99% over and above the budgets approved for their positions/salaries during the same year,” the management advisory said.

Just the same, it concluded that the contracts seemed to be legally binding whether or not they were appropriate.

A team working with the Department of Treasury and Administration submitted some new contracts for doctors with fixed negotiated salaries with no overtime and no

differentials. An informed source says that the Executive Budget Review Committee reviewed and approved the renegotiated contracts but the Governor and the Director of DoHSA rejected them.

Meanwhile, some doctors have already resigned and others have mentioned their intentions to do so.



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Lights! Camera! Action! With the Micronesia Challenge

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More than 40 people have completed the Micronesia Challenge Young Champions internship program since it was launched in 2009. The 2019 – 2020 intake saw five interns representing each of the five Micronesia Challenge jurisdictions, mentored by community conservation leaders. This year in celebration of the 2020 Micronesia Challenge goal, each intern developed short films that highlight the marine and terrestrial conservation efforts and their socio-economic impacts upon people’s livelihoods.

Now ready, these films will be launched over the weeks ahead.

“We’re really excited by the stories being told by our Micronesia Challenge Young Champions. Over the past decade this program has seen our Young Champions support the outreach work of the Micronesia Challenge while building their networks and skills in nature conservation,” said Miss Geraldine Datuin the Micronesia Challenge Coordinator.

“2020 is a huge milestone year for us and we can’t wait to share these films as part of our celebrations.”

In 2006 leaders from Micronesia united, committing to effectively conserve at least 30 percent of the near-shore marine resources and 20 percent of the terrestrial resources across Micronesia by 2020. In doing so it led to a myriad of benefits for people and their communities including the capacity building of young Micronesians.

As of 2020 the Micronesia Challenge had supported over one-hundred college certificates, degrees and internships for youth and staff due to programs such as the MC Young Champion Internship, Bill Raynor MC Scholarship and Association for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC)-Sophia University Scholarships. Out of more than one-hundred youth, there were forty-three people that completed the Micronesia Challenge Young Champion Internship.

The 2019-2020 intake of five young people from the Republic of Palau, Republic of Marshall Islands, Federated

States of Micronesia, Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands and Guam increased their conservation knowledge while helping to preserve natural resources within their home island.

Over the eight-month period the Micronesian Challenge Young Champions helped promote the MC. This included being equipped with the tools to produce the range of short films. These are being launched to a global audience, demonstrating the conservation efforts of the large ocean states of Micronesia, while setting excellent examples to the future generations of their islands.

“We congratulate the Micronesia Challenge for their initiative which has seen a legacy of young Pacific people helping to conserve and protect our natural environment which in turn, protects us,” said Ms Nanette Woonton the Acting Communications and Outreach Adviser of the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

“This program which gives back to our young people can have a long-lasting legacy, working with the MC Young Champions to produce films is a fantastic idea. We are looking forward to listening to, and watching their conservation stories told by them, through their eyes.”

The five Micronesia Challenge Young Champion Interns are Ms Shuri Chibana from Palau who interned at the Micronesia Challenge Regional Office; Mr Berlando Hadley from Pohnpei State, Federated States of Micronesia was posted with the Conservation Society of Pohnpei and Micronesia Productions; Mr David Aiseia from the Republic of Marshall Islands interned at the Marshall Islands Marine Resource Authority; Mr William Naden II from Guam undertook his internship at the University of Guam Sea Grant Program; and Ms Pheona David from the Northern Mariana Islands interned at the Office of Planning and Development, CNMI Office of the Governor.

Their internships began on 1 December, 2019 and ended on 31 August, 2020. Their films will be launched over a weekly basis as of 30 October 2020. To keep updated with the launch, please follow the Micronesia Challenge Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OneMicronesia> and the Micronesia Challenge website <http://www.micronesiachallenge.org/>.

For more information on the Micronesia Challenge Young Championship Program, or the Micronesia Challenge please email Ms Geraldine Datuin the Micronesia Challenge Coordinator at micro.coordinator@gmail.com



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that company has a financial interest in the road project going forward.

The FSM Government argues that instead of blocking the road, she could have gone to the court to stop the pavement project. It essentially says that because she didn't, she had no other recourse and certainly didn't have the right to block access to the road.

Oliver did make her objections known when she wrote FSM President David Panuelo but she never received a response to that letter.

Because the FSM Government filed criminal charges against Oliver, the motion to dismiss accuses her civil action as a kind of "forum shopping" for a better outcome from a different set of hearings. It also argues that Oliver's causes of action constitute "collateral estoppel", a common law doctrine that prevents a person from relitigating an issue that has already been ruled on by a court. It's an unusual argument to use when no Court has yet ruled on any of the matters brought up in Oliver's civil action though in fact, the same set of circumstances are currently being heard in the criminal matter against Oliver. Still, that case is far from decided.

The motion to dismiss states that Oliver's civil rights were not violated when the Attorney General ordered that her car be removed from the driveway allegedly blocking access by the First Lady and her security detail from the upper unpaved road that led to her home, nor was it an abuse of power. The motion to dismiss said that the AG and the police officers were in their legal rights. "The Attorney General of the FSM having the duty to enforce the law of this country had a right under the circumstances to stop the Plaintiff from further committing the deprivation of civil rights. And since the deprivation of rights is considered a national crime defined and punished by the FSM Code, the Attorney General and the National Police had legal right-in fact, a duty-to take immediate, safe, and decisive action and to detain the evidence of the crime, if necessary," it said. Similar claims were made in response to others of the causes of actions in Oliver's lawsuit.

"The effort displayed by the National Police under the circumstances to settle the matter peacefully and amicably, which the Plaintiff chose to ignore, would negate the bare claim that Plaintiff was deprived of due process," the motion to dismiss said.

On the claims of trespass in Oliver's civil action, the motion to dismiss said that it

had documentation that Oliver is not the registered owner of the land. "Defendants are aware that evidence of ownership is not absolutely necessary in a trespass case," is said. "Other evidence could demonstrate Plaintiff's possessory right. In this vein, the Plaintiff's family has a lease of a dwelling unit situated on the parcel of land of Andon Augustine. The Plaintiff's husband and Dakiko Augustine, the surviving spouse of Andon Augustine, executed this lease. The lease covering a period from January 2015 up to December 2020 does not include the access road. The National Government paid the housing allowance for the Plaintiffs husband on the basis of the lease."

"It appears that Plaintiff is carefully avoiding making a categorical claim of ownership or possessory rights over the location of the access road in question," the motion to dismiss continued. "Indeed, only recently (sic) that the Pohnpei Public Land was requested to conduct 'as-built' survey on this area in Sokehs in order to determine the adjoining lots that this access road traverses. The survey shows an existing road covering a few parcels of land none of which was titled to the Plaintiff."

The government's motion to dismiss also vehemently denied that there was any theft of funds involved in the road project. "Plaintiff failed to demonstrate how the public project is a wrongful use of public funds given that the access road is admittedly serving the community including Plaintiff's family and the landowners of landlocked properties in the vicinity where the access road goes," it says.

The plaintiff claims that the road goes only to the First Lady's family home.

The motion to dismiss denies that there was any intentional inflection of emotional distress when the National Police officers brought Oliver's car to the impound lot at the National Government. It said that officers were preserving evidence in a national crime when they did so and that action did not amount to abuse.

The government also argued that suing the individual defendants in their personal capacities was inappropriate. "Defendants Gallen, Johnna and Joseph acted not as private individuals but as law enforcement officers of the nation," it said.

Legal filings in Oliver's civil action will likely continue for quite some time unless the court agrees that it should grant the motion to dismiss after also considering the Plaintiff's motion in opposition to that motion to dismiss, assuming that the motion in opposition is filed by the Court's deadline for submission.

Micronesian leaders unified on having an equal voice to other Pacific countries

East-West Center

FSM President warns that Micronesian countries may leave Pacific Islands Forum if passed over again for Secretary-General appointment

Speaking at the inaugural EWC Insights featuring Pacific Leaders event on 13 October, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), David W. Panuelo, emphasized the "unified" approach of Micronesian countries on the key issues facing the region: climate change, post-COVID economic recovery, the US role in Micronesia, and the selection of the next leader of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF).

Pacific Regionalism

The selection of the next PIF Secretary-General is emerging as a test of Pacific regionalism. The 18-member bloc has traditionally rotated the position among the three Pacific sub-regions of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia. To date, a Micronesian has held the position only once out of six terms. Now, all five Micronesian countries—FSM, Kiribati, Nauru, the Marshall Islands, and Palau—are united in insisting that the bloc should honor its commitment to rotational leadership and appoint the Micronesian candidate, current Marshall Islands Ambassador to the US, Gerald Zackios. The PIF needs to "show confidence in the North Pacific" and give the Micronesian sub-region its turn to lead, President Panuelo said.

Climate Change

As they fight for an equal voice in the South Pacific-dominated regional architecture, the atoll nations of Micronesia are also on the frontlines of the Pacific region's existential struggle to survive the impacts of climate change. The FSM President underscored that climate change is a clear and present threat, calling for urgent global commitment and greater action from industrialized countries. Several outlying islands of FSM are already experiencing severe food and water shortages as rising sea levels and drought limit fresh-water supplies.

Economic Recovery

As FSM navigates the challenges of regional representation and climate change, President Panuelo's remarks also pointed to recent successes and opportunities—including the country's economic resilience amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Like many other Pacific

nations, FSM was quick to implement travel restrictions and has not registered any infections to date. A low reliance on tourism is limiting the economic impact of COVID-19, while FSM government stimulus measures and unemployment assistance from the US are supporting businesses and consumers. Looking ahead, Panuelo's government is focused on renewable-energy innovations and fisheries protections to support continued economic growth and resilience.

FSM-US Relations

President Panuelo expressed strong optimism about FSM's enduring partnership with its "closest ally," the US. The FSM President predicts that negotiations to renew financial provisions of the FSM-US Compact of Free Association will conclude successfully by January 2021. The President also noted that FSM-US ties are broader and deeper than the formal provisions of the Compact arrangement, with a rich history of bilateral exchanges and capacity-building. FSM citizens serve at high rates in the US military, forging a special bond between the two nations.

FSM and PIDP

Panuelo noted the special, valued role of the Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP) based at the East-West Center. Although PIDP is the only member of the PIF's Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific (CROP) based in the North Pacific, the PIF Secretariat has excluded PIDP from CROP meetings since mid-2019. This has only reinforced Micronesian perceptions of the need to insist on having a voice "equal to other countries in the Pacific."

About EWC Insights featuring Pacific Leaders

EWC Insights featuring Pacific Leaders is a flagship production of the Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP), a founding member of the Council of Regional Organisations of the Pacific. The Director of PIDP and EWC Vice President, Ambassador Karena Lyons, hosts the series. Broadcast live from EWC in Honolulu, Hawai'i, Pacific Leaders is a platform for important Pacific-oriented conversations, amplifying the voices of our region's leaders to inform, empower, and inspire.

For the October 13 inaugural episode, President Panuelo spoke to Ambassador Lyons from the FSM capital, Palikir.

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Secretary Elieisar’s UN address described the FSM’s benefits and commitments achieved through the principles of solidarity, inclusivity, and multilateralism, noting that His Excellency David W. Panuelo said in September that “it is crucial, in both times of peace as well as times of calamity, that the international community stand together, and that an infringement on the rights of one is the same as an infringement on the rights of us all. Whether we choose to call it multilateralism, inclusivity, or simple human decency, we are all much more alike than we are different. All human life matters, and our Nation calls upon the global community to embrace solidarity with one another. Empathy is not weakness; empathy is courage, and empathy is strength.”

The Secretary noted with appreciation that in the 34 years of the Nation’s independence, the FSM became a member of the United Nations in 1991, has established five Embassies and three Consulates General, and formed diplomatic relations with 86 countries. “This was made possible through international recognition of our independent status, achieved principally by our membership in the United Nations,” Secretary Elieisar said.

The Secretary described the relationship between how seemingly abstract, large-scale problems have at their heart concrete, personal-level solutions. Speaking on Climate Change, the Secretary said “The beauty of the United Nations, and the beauty of genuine respect and cooperation with one another, is that this same formula of making an abstract, large-scale problem into a concrete, personal-level solution applies to virtually any challenge we can imagine. It is synthesized in the notion that words allow us to express how we feel and come to a consensus on what is true, to be followed by commitment—and that commitment itself is an action, not a word, demonstrated by what we do at the individual, familial, community, State, National, and Global level,” the Secretary continued.

The Secretary’s address then segued into recognition and appreciation on behalf of the FSM and the North Pacific at large for the implementation of the forthcoming United Nations Multi-Country Office. “It has taken over 15 years for us to achieve this result. With challenges of a global scale affecting island nations like ours in the Pacific, a UN presence on the ground will be extremely helpful. This important decision reflects the

UN’s commitment to address the concerns of even the most vulnerable and smallest of its members. Micronesia is proud to become the host for this office, and extends its gratitude to both the United Nations at large as well as its brothers and sisters in the North Pacific for their support.”

“As President Panuelo said at his 75th United Nations Address,” Secretary Elieisar concluded, “a better world is not something we ask for: a better world is something we build. We define a better world through consensus, with a foundation of empathy and love for other human beings. We construct a better world by acknowledging that we are who we choose to be, and then choosing to take responsibility for both ourselves and our communities. For the small nations of the world, the United Nations today is more important than ever before.”

Sanaka Samarasinha, UN Resident Coordinator had been scheduled to virtually speak to the gathered crowd but due to technical difficulties, Cromwell Bacareza, Chief of the FSM’s United Nations Children’s Program (UNICEF) stepped in to read Samarasinha’s intended address.

“Dreams can change the world,” he began. “Three quarters of a century ago just such a dream—the United Nations—was borne out of the ashes of the worst catastrophe the world had ever experienced. The countries of the world united to ‘save succeeding generations from the scourge of war’ and agreed on a Charter that has served as the guiding principles for the United Nations and the global community for the past 75 years.

“...despite many challenges ‘we the peoples’ of the United Nations still zealously cling to the belief that what binds us together as one civilization must be preserved at any cost. The survival of humanity depends on it; ‘a stronger UN; a better world’, we say with conviction.

“...Recognizing that the United Nations has had its moments of disappointment, the Secretary General launched a mammoth reform of the organization just under two years ago to create a more agile, effective, inclusive and accountable organization. This year, he also launched a global conversation ‘on the future we want, the UN we need.’ More than a million have

already spoken. Here in the Pacific thousands of voices have been recorded through virtual means as well as numerous talanoa sessions. We will engage in one such dialogue this morning here as well as several that are occurring across the region today and in the coming weeks.

“As COVID-19 wreaks havoc around an ever shrinking world, we know that our challenges are interconnected, our futures interdependent and the success of the solutions we develop will to a great extent hinge on reinvigorated multilateralism and global action. Only by working together can we overcome this pandemic because we are only as strong as our weakest link. As long as there is COVID-19 somewhere, there is always the possibility of COVID-19 everywhere.

“...In 2015 all the world’s leaders committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice and tackle climate change.

“...Here in the Pacific, I would like to reaffirm our commitment to the governments and people we serve that we will continue to spare no effort to work in partnership with all of you in all these areas as we strive together to fulfill the promise of nations united.

“In a spirit of celebration remembering our rich 75-year collective past, but also in a spirit of reflection and humility, we invite you to engage in the conversation today and in the weeks to follow...Everyone’s voice is important. Everyone’s dream must be celebrated. Everyone’s fears must be addressed. Everyone’s vulnerability must be recognized. Everyone’s potential contribution must be accounted. Through a mutually respectful dialogue that inherently seeks to understand each other, we will no doubt create a better world for our children than we found ourselves,” he concluded.



“Wrong doing, abuse, mismanagement, embezzlement and forgery” in Pohnpei outer-islands medical referral program

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

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Pohnpei—A Management Advisory Report from State Auditor Ihlen Joseph written on October 6 on the Pohnpei Outer-Islands Medical Referral Program alleges “potential abuse, misuse and mismanagement” of the program funds. The report was written to Wincener J. David, Director of Pohnpei’s Department of Health and Social Affairs (DoHSA) and was also forwarded to Pohnpei’s Acting Attorney General. A staff member of Pohnpei’s Office of the Public Auditor (POPA) forwarded a copy of the report to The Kaselehlie Press on Friday evening, October 30.

The Pohnpei Outer-Islands Medical Referral Program is entirely funded by the Pohnpei State Government and has

no relationship to the MiCare health insurance plan.

It says that POPA received an anonymous call through its fraud hotline saying that an employee of the DoHSA had been receiving, forging, and cashing checks made payable to several Pohnpei outer islands medical referral patients without their consent or knowledge. POPA referred the matter to its Compliance and Investigation Division (CID) to begin a Preliminary Review and Administrative Investigation (PRAI) on the subject. CID compiled a detailed PRAI that covered only fiscal years 2018 and 2019 and sent that report to the Attorney General.

Based on the results of the PRAI, POPA found that a total of \$50,000 was appropriated to finance the program, \$25,000 per fiscal year. The funds were approved specifically to cover round trip

sea and air transportation costs for outer islands medical referral patients and also to cover living allowances or stipends for eligible outpatients’ referrals while in Pohnpei undergoing medical attention.

The daily stipend rate is set at \$2.14 or \$64.20 per month for each eligible patient and is only applicable and payable to outpatients on a monthly basis. Inpatient outer island medical referrals are not eligible.

During the two fiscal years examined, the sum of \$48,759.20 was disbursed from the \$50,000 approved for the Outer Islands Medical Referral program funds. Most of the funds expended went to pay for outpatients’ living allowances/stipends. The remaining lesser balance was spent to cover sea and air transportation costs, including reimbursements.

The PRAI summary said that there were no internal control systems in place to guide proper administration and management of the outer islands medical referral program. As a result, auditors found strong indications of abuse, mismanagement, forgery, double payment and embezzlement of the program funds.

It provided six examples:

There were numerous instances where the DoHSA prepared and submitted payment requests to DoT&A without the necessary supporting documents, (i.e. Travel Authorization numbers, and doctor’s certification confirming that payees are eligible outer islands medical referral patients still undergoing medical attention in Pohnpei). DoT&A processed and issued payments without the required supporting documents during the two years examined.

Investigators found several instances where stipend checks were issued to patients after they had returned to their home islands.

There was one instance where stipend checks were prepared and issued to the mother accompanying her son who was the patient.

In several instances checks were issued as double stipend payment to patients for a total amount of \$2,732.

Investigators identified and contacted seven referral patients who were still residing in Pohnpei who confirmed that they had never received a total of over \$1000 worth of checks issued to them and that they had not cashed them.

The investigators identified, contacted and interviewed a local store owner who confirmed instances where a DoHSA employee had cashed medical referral checks.

“...we conclude that the \$50,000.00 appropriated for the Pohnpei Outer Islands Medical Referral Patients program was not properly administered and managed by the DoHSA and the DoT&A. Our PRAI disclosed strong indications of wrong doing, abuse, mismanagement, embezzlement and forgery of the program’s funds by the responsible DoHSA employee (s) during the two fiscal years examined,” the management advisory said.

The matter has been referred to the Acting Attorney General who at press time had not yet filed any criminal charges against the employee who was unnamed in the management advisory.

A new army task force in Oceania

By **Staff Sgt. Solomon Navarro**

October 21, 2020

Task Force Oceania (TF Oceania) consists of Soldiers from all components of the U.S. Army; active-duty, Army Reserve and National Guard, with the purpose of engaging and cultivating meaningful and lasting relationships in Oceania.

Oceania is an area of the Pacific that includes Australia and neighboring Pacific island countries.

TF Oceania is headquartered at Fort Shafter Flats, Hawaii, and consists of 10 two-Soldier country teams that will provide continuous presence on 10 Pacific islands. “There are eight island countries to include Timor-Leste, Vanuatu, Tonga, Fiji, Samoa, Palau, Papua New Guinea and the Federated States of Micronesia including Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Yap,” said Lt. Col Igor Dubinsky, TF Oceania deputy commander. (editor’s note: Lt. Col. Igor Dubinsky inadvertently left Chuuk off the list of FSM States.)

“The original intent of having civil affairs-trained Soldiers deploy to these countries was to work with the civilian population to collaborate and develop solutions to the specific issues these nations are dealing with, said Dubinsky. “However, from the time the task force was conceived to present-day, the world has been drastically changed due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. With this

change, so has our engagement strategy.” The countries that call Oceania home may be small, but hold significant strategic importance for the U.S. and its allies in the region, said Dubinsky.

The two-soldier country teams are Civil Affairs trained and will work with the State Department and host-nation governments to execute senior leader engagements and facilitate exercises, conferences, humanitarian assistance and disaster response planning.

“U.S. Indo-Pacific Command is using a whole of government approach in designing, reviewing, and implementing Overseas Humanitarian, Disaster, and Civic Aid funded minimum cost projects. To date they have completed 204 projects worth \$17.4M. These and future projects will provide medical supplies, hand washing stations, generators, tents to house medical supplies, portable toilets and cleaning supplies,” said Dubinsky.

For Col. Blaise Zandoli, TF Oceania commander, the reasons for being in Oceania are many but the most important is the human-to-human connection around

shared values.

“The U.S. has strong historical ties with Oceania dating to at least WWII. These countries share fundamental values around democracy and a spiritual approach to human existence that embeds respect for the individual within a strong social context. Our shared values and mutually beneficial practical connections make the partnership between the U.S. and Pacific Island countries a natural fit,” explained Zandoli.

Task Force Oceania demonstrates how the Army remains committed to our global partners and ready for any challenge. Protective measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 are being taken to operate in the region.



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FFA and Quadrilateral regional partners are providing air surveillance, and trials are being conducted using satellites and other emerging technologies.

Overall, 19 countries are involved in Op Kurukuru 2020. Local and regional partners, including Fisheries, Maritime Police, Defence Forces, and other maritime security agencies were encouraged to work closely alongside one another, and the results have been positive according to Surveillance Operations Officer CMDR Robert Lewis, RAN.

“Regional cooperation towards combatting IUU Fishing is really progressing,” says CMDR Lewis. “We’ve seen some excellent examples of organisations working together to share information, and support national priorities during this operation.”

“We’ve already identified several potential vessels of interest, that is, they may be conducting illegal fishing, have inappropriate vessel markings, or be acting unusually. Ships or aircraft have been redeployed to look into these vessels further, and the investigations are ongoing with our FFA Members,” says CMDR Lewis.

The aim of Operation Kurukuru is to detect, deter, report and/ or apprehend potential IUU fishing activity but it also works to build capacity of National surveillance initiatives through support and mentoring from the Regional Fisheries Surveillance Centre at FFA.

The Operation involves 15 FFA Members – Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Niue, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Tokelau, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. The four Quadrilateral Defence Coordination Group members – Australia, France, New Zealand and United States – work alongside the nations.



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After briefing by FSM COVID-19 Task Force regarding Kwajalein's COVID-19 cases, President Panuelo temporarily delays repatriation from Majuro

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On October 29th, 2020, His Excellency David W. Panuelo—President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)—determined that it was in the Nation's best interests that the planned October 30th, 2020 repatriation effort of FSM citizens stranded in the Republic of the Marshall Islands be delayed.

The decision was influenced by several factors, including that on October 28th, 2020, the Republic

of the Marshall Islands received two positive cases of COVID-19 on Kwajalein Atoll; that, of the 23 citizens intended for repatriation, less than half had completed COVID-19 testing by October 29th; that unfortunately, legal contractual agreements between Pohnpei State and its designated quarantine facility have not been finalized; and that several crucial questions were not able to be answered due to gaps in the Government's knowledge and data.

While the FSM National Government

is not cancelling or stopping its overall repatriation effort from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the original October 30th, 2020 repatriation flight will not occur as planned. The FSM National Government remains committed to implementing all efforts to repatriate its citizens under the safest and most effective procedures necessary to protect the health and safety of its citizens abroad, as well as its citizens and residents currently residing in the FSM.

President Panuelo discusses Caroline Islands Air flying domestically in November & absentee ballot voting in Guam & Hawaii with Committee to Wait

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—The 21st Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) began its Eighth Special Session on October 26th, 2020. After the opening session, His Excellency David W. Panuelo and the Honorable Yosiwo P. George received the Committee to Wait on the President, chaired by the Honorable Esmond B. Moses, Vice Speaker of the 21st FSM Congress, with committee member the Honorable Ferny S. Perman, Chairman of the Congressional Committee on Health and Social Affairs.

Arguably the key item on the agenda, superseding others in both time and gravitas, was discussion regarding a recent proposed appropriation of fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000) in public projects, and the current lack of projected revenue to fund this appropriation in full. The public projects represent varied and essential support across a range of sectors, from streetlights and local Government subsidies in Kosrae, to food security and school construction projects in Chuuk. It is the view of the Executive Branch that the 21st FSM Congress' commitments to the citizens of the Nation should not be compromised, particularly during this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic. As such, it was the President's recommendation that Congress seek to even the gap by using unallotted or otherwise unused funding from public projects never initiated some years prior, as opposed to other discussed alternative solutions.

The next item on the agenda concerned legislation the President has transmitted

to Congress to temporarily suspend the use of in-person-voting at the Nation's Special Polling Places in Hawaii and Guam, so as to promote the use of absentee ballots. President Panuelo made the case that the Nation cannot know how dangerous Guam and Hawaii may be during the March, 2021 election, and so it is critical for election officials to begin educating voters to prepare to submit their requests for absentee ballots as soon as possible. The Government strongly encourages citizens living abroad to begin planning on voting using an absentee ballot.

Following discussion on the March 2021 election was a conversation regarding the status of the Nation's capacity to operate domestic flights. The President updated Vice Speaker Moses and Senator Perman that the Department of Justice and Caroline Islands Air, the Nation's domestic air carrier, have successfully brought in the new pilot from the Republic of Kiribati, for a total of two pilots altogether, which is the number required to fly the 19-seater Y-12 aircraft presently located in Weno. It is the intent of the Government that the two pilots will leave for Chuuk State on October 27th, 2020 via patrol boat. After carrying out routine preventive maintenance and flight testing,

Caroline Islands Air will be able to perform domestic transportation duties once

again, complete with a sustainable and transparent schedule.

The remainder of the meeting focused on topics such as the FSM's proposed membership with the International Police Organization (INTERPOL), nominees to the Board of the FSM Trust Fund and the Board of the FSM Telecommunications Corporation, and repatriation efforts of FSM citizens from the Republic of the Marshall Islands. "I remain committed to repatriation of FSM citizens from the Marshall Islands this month," President Panuelo said. "We will publicly release relevant information about the repatriation efforts once the technical components are finalized and it is clear that there will no delays or alterations thereof."

The meeting ended on a positive note, with President Panuelo extending his appreciation to the 21st FSM Congress for their steadfast and exemplary leadership in tackling issues both complex and necessary for the Nation's development and improved quality of life for its citizens.



President Panuelo shakes hands with Senator Perman

NOTICE OF INVITATION TO QUOTE



Request for Quotations on Information Technology Software/Hardware and Audio/Video Equipment

The National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) of the Federated States of Micronesia has received financing from the World Bank and intends to apply part of its proceeds towards the cost of **I.T. Software/Hardware and Audio/Video Equipment**. NORMA intends to prequalify vendors for items such as network servers, computers, software, conferencing equipment, and other computer accessories to be purchased and distributed by the vendor to its affiliated PROP counterparts within the FSM.

FSM NORMA is now seeking offers from suitably qualified and experienced vendors/suppliers to provide these IT & AV Equipment to be used by its fisheries staff and national observers.

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President Panuelo swears-in the Honorable Samson Pretrick, Director of the FSM Office of Personnel

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—Recently, His Excellency David W. Panuelo—President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)—conducted the oath of office ceremony for the Honorable Samson Pretrick, Director of the FSM Office of Personnel.

“Do you, Samson Pretrick, solemnly swear that you will faithfully execute the duties and responsibilities of the office to which you have been appointed, and will, to the best of your ability, uphold,

promote, and support the laws and Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, so help you God?” said President Panuelo.

“I do,” said Director Pretrick.

In his remarks, Mr. Pretrick said “Mr. President, I take this great opportunity to thank you and the Vice President for your trust and confidence for me to head up the Office of Personnel. As the new Director, I will do my best to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Personnel along with my good staff. I am also honored, Mr. President, to be sworn in this afternoon and to join you at your Cabinet meeting this afternoon as a new member of your Cabinet. Thank you.”



CPUC launches new Cash power service to prepay customers

CPUC Press Release

October 2020

CPUC has launched its electronic cash power service for customers that is now available at over 20 store locations across Chuuk. This provides convenience for customers to easily purchase Cash power at their nearest Retail store location without having to commute to the CPUC main office. To purchase at a Retail store, unlike the CPUC office, the customer simply provides the meter number and the mobile phone number. The store clerk or cashier will send the cash power units to the customer mobile number, and the customer will receive it via an SMS notification on their mobile device.

Not only does this offer convenience to its customers, it provides an environmentally friendly solution by eliminating the need for paper printing that goes to trash bins after use. Customers will also no longer need to wait in line or beat a time before CPUC closing as they can visit the nearest store location to purchase cashpower after hours.

This software solution that can be used both via a mobile and web application, and is provided by Tekconnec Inc. is the first of many improvement projects that CPUC is working on and we look forward to its success in Chuuk so that it can be utilized in other islands of Micronesia.

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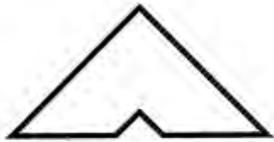
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Request for Quotations on Marine Safety and ICT Equipment

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Sokehs schools receive generous donation of reusable masks from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

The Sokehs Municipal Government has been actively implementing their COVID-19 Preparedness Plan since it was created in March 2019, and one of the areas to prepare for was to find masks for all the students in the schools in Sokehs Municipality. With handwashing stations already built at all public schools, the next important prevention mechanism to prevent the spread of the coronavirus is to wear a mask.

The Honorable Mr. Diopulos Diopulos, Member of the Sokehs Council –Vice Chairman on Committee on Health, Education & Social Affairs, wrote a letter to Elder Bill Davis, who heads the Humanitarian Aid office for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) out of the Guam Micronesia Service Center, requesting a donation of masks for the students of Sokehs public schools. He told Elder Davis that “our students are facing a tremendous change in their learning,” and that “80-90% of students are not wearing masks” in schools.

Elder Davis’s reply came on Thursday October 15th with a visit to the Sokehs Chief Magistrate’s office by members of the local Mormon Church to provide a donation of 2,000 masks for the students of Sokehs Powe, RSP, Sekere, Pakin and Palikir Schools. Each student will receive 2 masks from their school. The Honorable Michael Lieman, Chief Magistrate of Sokehs, gratefully accepted the donation and thanked the LDS Church for responding to their request for assistance.



Mr. Henter Lawrence Social Affairs coordinator from the LDS Church, Hon. Michael Lieman, Chief Magistrate of Sokehs Municipal Government, Hon. Diopulos Diopulos, Member of the Sokehs Council, and Mr. Francisco Simram, First counselor, Pahnasang Stake Presidency

Kolonia School celebrates Global Handwashing Day

UNICEF

October 30, 2020

Kolonia, POHNPEI - The Kolonia Elementary School together with UNICEF and The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) joined the global community in celebrating this year's Global Hand Washing Day that was on October 15, 2020 at the Kolonia Elementary School under the theme "Why Hand Washing is Important."

The celebration by the Kolonia School students included activities and performances such as poem reading, power point presentations, singing, speeches and skits which the students carried out in promoting the importance of hand washing. The students also skillfully painted a water tank, donated

by UNICEF with support from USAID to be used for the school's hand washing activities. This gave the students the opportunity to promote specific COVID-19 preventive behaviors by painting the messages on the water tank.

Mr. Cromwell Bacareza, Chief of UNICEF Field Office in FSM while interacting with the students stated that COVID-19 pandemic is an important reminder that handwashing with soap and clean running water is one of the simplest, but most effective ways to stop the spread of germs and diseases like COVID-19. He added, "many germs and viruses that can make us sick are spread when we don't wash our hands with soap and clean water, and somehow our contaminated hands or fingers find their way into mouths, eyes or nose."

The Global Hand Washing Day is celebrated every 15 October, to raise awareness on the importance of washing hands with soap. This year, hand washing has taken more center stage as it is one of the most efficient ways to protect oneself against the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

In addition, the Global Handwashing is a way of reinforcing the message that proper hygiene not only prevents transmission of diseases but keeps people healthy.



(R-L) UNICEF Chief of Field Office; Kolonia School PTA President; EPA Representative; a Teacher, and students of Kolonia school posed in front of one of the painted tanks

COM-FSM PARTNERS UNICEF to hold Handwashing competition to commemorate Global Handwashing Day

UNICEF

October 30, 2020

Kolonia, POHNPEI - The College of Micronesia (COM)-FSM in partnership with UNICEF held a Hand Washing Competition in commemoration of this year's Global Hand Washing Day (GHD), which was celebrated on October 15. The competition was launched on same day GHD and it ran for a week where COM-FSM students visited a number of schools to coordinate the competitions.

In all, six schools each from a municipality participate in the competition. They included COM (5 girls and 5 boys); 4th Graders of Lukop Elementary (8 girls and 6 Boys); 7th Graders of Enipein Elementary (16 girls and 14 boys); Sophomores of PICS High School (6 girls and 7 boys); 5th Graders of Awak Elementary (7 girls and 9 boys); 2nd Graders of Nett Elementary (7 girls and 13 boys).

As a precursor to the contest, the interns from COM took participants through series of hand washing techniques using finger paint as a demonstrative tool acting as dirt, and then soap and water for the hand washing process. Subsequently, each student contestant was given gloves and finger paint, which was then washed with soap

under running water from a designated hand washing station.

The winner of the competition was determined based on speed and cleanliness of the hand. Thus, the contestant finishing first with the cleanest hands was adjudged the winner.

According to Mr. Simone Montano of the College of Micronesia- FSM who spearheaded the programme, the competition was intended to achieve two things; first, commemorate the Global Hand Washing Day event; and second sensitize children on proper hand hygiene practices within the context of COVID-19.

The fun-filled event also brought together teeming crowd of spectators who ended up actively participating in the event and learning more about proper hand washing and how such practices can help prevent the spread of diseases like COVID-19. The students were later charged to become hand washing ambassadors and champions in their respective communities.

Winners of the contest were given hand washing essentials, school supplies such as crayons, markers, and a check of \$50.00.

UNICEF presented 1,500 hygiene kits, water tanks and COVID-19 supplies to Pohnpei State Government schools

UNICEF

October 30, 2020

Kolonia, POHNPEI - The UNICEF Chief of Field Office in FSM, Mr. Cromwell Bacareza has handed over to the Pohnpei State Government school hygiene kits, water tanks and COVID-19 non-pharmaceutical supplies in a brief ceremony held on Thursday October 29, 2020.

The 1,500 hygiene kits consisting of soaps, tooth brushes, tooth bases, nail clippers, nail cutters, and hygiene pads will be distributed to schools in Pohnpei State and this is expected to further support children in these challenging times of COVID-19.

The five mother schools in Pohnpei to benefit from these hygiene kits supplies include Ohmine Elementary School; Sokehs Powe Elementary School; Rohi Elementary School; Awak Elementary School; and Saladak Elementary School.

T.H. Reed B. Oliver, Governor of Pohnpei State praised the efforts of UNICEF in assisting with these essential supplies. He said, "I believe these hygiene kits will prepare our children with lifesaving skills to prevent diseases such as cholera."

The Director, Department of Education, Mr. Stanley Este also stated, "good health is key to better education. Unicef has always been an important partner with the department and we will continue to

work with them for many years to come in giving our children a better future."

On his part, Mr. Bacareza, UNICEF Chief of Field Office in FSM reiterated UNICEF's commitment to children by continuously making every effort to protect children and their families, empower young people and provide essential supplies for promoting health. He said, "UNICEF will ensure all the schools in Pohnpei, including the outer islands of Pohnpei receive these hygiene kits, water tanks and other supplies intended to keep children safe and protected."

The hygiene kits and other supplies are expected to provide first and readily

accessible responses to urgent needs of children and other beneficiaries.



Mr. Cromwell Bacareza (L), UNICEF Chief of Field Office, Micronesia presenting supplies to Pohnpei State Government School



Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia

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UNICEF's Leadership Through Immersion (LTI) Internship program Interns completes First Month Campaign

In September 2020, the College's Center for Entrepreneurship selected five students for the Leadership Through Immersion (LTI) Internship program through UNICEF. The LTI Internship program aims at training FSM youth leaders by giving them the opportunity of organizing advocacy campaigns.

The campaigns that the LTI promotes include: The Water, Sanitation, and Health (WASH) campaign and COVID-19 preparedness. Members of the leadership program include students from different academic programs, including HCOP, Marine Science, Liberal Arts, and Teacher Prep.

This month, the interns celebrated World Hand Washing Day by organizing essay, posters, and dance competitions participated by different schools around Pohnpei. These activities aim to educate the youth in Pohnpei about the importance of proper sanitation, especially during a global pandemic.

The leadership program will last for a period of 3 months, spanning from October to December. In November, the interns will organize a series of activities to celebrate World Toilet Day, and will culminate in an assessment and awarding ceremony by December.



On October 29, the interns received their stipend and got recognized for their efforts in their first month of their campaign.

The Center hopes the interns will have enhanced their leadership, communication, management, marketing, and other lifelong learning skills, by the end of this program.

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