

In Memoriam: The Honorable Yosiwo P. George

FSM Information Services

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics in 1969.

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On August 14th, 2022, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) announced, with great sadness, that the Honorable Yosiwo Palikkun George, Vice President of the FSM, passed away.

Born in Kosrae on July 24th, 1941, Yosiwo Palikkun George began his education at Malem Elementary School. In 1957 he moved to Pohnpei to attend Pohnpei Intermediate School and then Pacific Island Central School, where he graduated in 1963. Yosiwo Palikkun George attended the College of Guam and then transferred to the University of Hawaii under a scholarship from the East-West Center. While at the East-West Center, Yosiwo Palikkun George participated in a student-exchange program at the University of New Mexico. Yosiwo Palikkun George graduated with a

Yosiwo Palikkun George's career in public service began with the Pohnpei Transportation Authority, where he served as an Engineer; he then later served as a classroom teacher at Kolonia Elementary School, and then as the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands' Social Security manager in Saipan.

Yosiwo Palikkun George served as the first Lieutenant Governor of Kosrae from 1979 to 1980, when he was appointed by President Tosiwo Nakayama to become the Director of the Department of Social Services, with foci on education, health, and community services. These foci would remain of continuous professional and personal interest to him throughout his life.

After several years of dedicated service as the FSM's Director of Social Services, Yosiwo Palikkun George felt duty-bound to serve the People of Kosrae, and so ran for the seat of Governor of Kosrae. He faithfully served Kosrae as its Governor for two terms, from January 3rd, 1983, to January 14th, 1991. He was then appointed by President Bailey Olter to serve as the Ambassador of the FSM to the United Nations, where he served with distinction for three years.

International service on behalf of the FSM inspired Yosiwo Palikkun George

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Though new COVID numbers dropping, Pohnpei Task Force still recommends and urges the usage of masks

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

August 15, 2022

Pohnpei, FSM—On August 10, FSM's President David Panuelo has issued new travel guidelines for the FSM now that the borders have been opened. Under those new guidelines, vaccinations for all children under the age of five are not required for travel to any FSM State. Additionally, travelers to Pohnpei and Kosrae, where the virus has already spread within the communities, are no longer required

to provide a negative COVID-19 test. Travelers to Chuuk and Yap, the FSM States that have not yet seen community spread of the illness, are still required to provide a negative test taken within 72 hours of traveling.

Numbers of new COVID infections in both Pohnpei and Kosrae are significantly down, and the Pohnpei COVID Task Force has closed several test and treat centers, moving their services to the local health dispensaries. "The numbers in the T&Ts were

showing a steep decline. That's why we have scaled back our T&Ts to integrate it into the dispensaries. We started this on Thursday and will be evaluating it for the next few days," wrote Pohnpei COVID Task Force Chair, Norleen Deorio.

Shortly after community transmission of the virus in Pohnpei was announced, the Pohnpei Department of Public Safety issued an announcement of a regulation for mandatory wearing of masks in public places. Violators

of the mask mandate could be cited \$1000. Since that time, there has been no evidence of any enforcement of that regulation.

Pohnpei State Legislature (PSL) Speaker Marvin Yamaguchi said that while the Legislature did pass a law regarding mandatory usage of masks some time ago, regulations for that law including fine amounts were left to the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

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Rotary Club of Pohnpei announces scholarship recipients

The Rotary Club of Pohnpei, FSM, is pleased to announce the following Scholarship recipients for the scholastic year 2022-23.

Two COM-FSM students are recommended for \$500 scholarships and seven students who will travel out of country are recommended for \$1,300 scholarships. This results in a total of \$10,100 for Rotary Club Scholarships.

The following are the \$1,300 off-island student recipients:

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Hotel Management

Shanalin Lee Ling,
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Mermy Jeanette Yamada,
Walla Walla University,
Business/Accounting

Ramsey Narruhn,
University of Guam,
Business

Deryl Giltaman,
Hawaii Community College,
Marine Science

Saya Shigeta
Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific U.,
International Relations and Peace
Studies

The following are the \$500 COM-FSM student recipients:

Ian Perman,
COM-FSM,
Micronesian Studies

Prinet Richard,
COM-FSM,
Health Career Opportunities
Program – HCOP

Each year the Rotary Club of Pohnpei sends out scholarship applications and awards deserving FSM citizen students financial assistance to help with their higher education. The scholarships go to

students enrolled in post secondary education. The scholarship moneys are raised locally, and go straight to the students. We also want to thank Vital Petroleum for its contribution to this program. This scholarship program has been ongoing for 25 years, and we have supported hundreds of students.

Please support the Rotary Club with its local projects and its fundraising. 2023 calendars will be arriving shortly, and it is a gift that will keep on giving.

Australia supports FSM



Some of the hard-working MRCS team are pictured here with Australian Ambassador Jo Cowley: Director Isao Frank Jr, Disaster Management Officer Morgan David, Dissemination and Communication Officer Morehna Rettin-Santos, and MRCS Finance Officer Patricia Iehsi.

Australia is supporting the vital work of the Micronesian Red Cross Society as part of FSM's preparation and response to COVID-19. Australia's support is provided through the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Australian Red Cross.

The Micronesian Red Cross Society (MRCS) is a critical partner in the COVID-19 response. Its volunteers and supplies are helping to educate the community, limit the spread of the virus and protect healthcare workers. Australia

has supported MRCS volunteers to work with the Health authorities at the "Test and Treat" sites, and by supplying PPE and test kits for MRCS personnel deployed in the field across all four states. Australian support will help MRCS to continue its COVID-19-related work at community dispensaries.

Before the outbreak, Australia supported the MRCS to carry out community consultations, collect household data to map vaccine coverage and develop community COVID-19 response plans.

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Carmen G. Cantor Sworn In as Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs



U.S. Department of the Interior

WASHINGTON — Carmen G. Cantor was sworn in today as Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs by Secretary Deb Haaland.

“With decades of experience working as a diplomat and on issues critical to island communities, Carmen is ready to lead the Department’s mission to support Insular Areas and freely associated states by ensuring that they have the resources and support needed to address their unique needs and mitigate climate-related challenges. Her knowledge will also be indispensable as Interior works with international partners to grow America’s clean energy economy and protect and conserve biodiversity,” said Secretary Deb Haaland.

“Growing up in Puerto Rico and having lived in the Federated States of Micronesia, I have a deep appreciation of the unique challenges faced by island and coastal communities,” said Assistant Secretary Cantor. “I’m thrilled to join the Department of the Interior to tackle these challenges through collaborative efforts across the federal government, territories, freely associated states and our international partners.”

Carmen most recently served as U.S. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Federated States of Micronesia. Previously, she served

in various roles within the Department of State, including as the Executive Director of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and Bureau of International Information Programs, Executive Director of the Bureau of Counterterrorism, Director of the Office of Civil Service Human Resource Management and as Deputy Director for Recruitment, Examination, and Employment.

Carmen also served as Director of the Office of Civil Rights for the Foreign Agricultural Service, and as Director of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity at the Federal Maritime Commission. She earned a B.A. from the University of Puerto Rico and an M.A. from the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico.

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs carries out the Secretary of the Interior’s responsibilities for the U.S. territories; administers and oversees federal assistance under the Compact of Free Association (COFA); oversees international engagement in support of the Department’s mission and U.S. foreign policy; and leads the Ocean, Great Lakes and Coastal Program, helping to coordinate ocean and coastal programs across the Department’s bureaus and federal, state and territorial partners.

Library of Congress funding Peer-to-Peer Documentation of Distinctive Micronesian Weaving Traditions

*Nancy Groce
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American Folklife Center at the Library
of Congress*

(Washington, DC & Ulithi, Yap) In spring 2022, the Habele Outer Island Education Fund in the Federated States of Micronesia was one of 10 projects chosen to receive a highly-competitive Community Collections Grant from the American Folklife Center (AFC) through the Library’s Of the People: Widening the Path initiative. Funded by the Mellon Foundation, the grant program serves to support individuals and organizations throughout the U.S. and territories to document their communities’ contemporary culture and cultural activities. The resulting documentation – in the form of recorded interviews, photographs, videos, and musical recordings, etc. – will be added to the AFC’s archives to enrich and expand the historical and cultural record.

Modesta Yangmog of Asor Island, Ulithi Atoll instructing Vreah Yaloweg on warping string in preparation for weaving a lavalava. Photo courtesy of Habele. This post highlights the important fieldwork undertaken by Habele’s lead researchers Modesta Yangmog and Regina Raigetel on their project “The Warp and Weft of the Remathau.” This year-long study is documenting the knowledge and artistry of women from the Outer Islands of Yap who weave the beautiful and highly-valued lavalava cloth, which remains an essential element in maintaining cultural traditions and community relationships among contemporary Remathau (People of the Sea). Ultimately, the researchers plan to record in-depth audio interviews with 20 master lavalava weavers, photograph the weaving process and, when appropriate, the community spaces and workshops where weaving takes place.

Both Modesta and Regina come from the Atoll of Ulithi, a string of the scenic outer islands of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) in the western Carolina Islands (read more about the FSM at the end of this post). Both are themselves respected weavers of lavalava and knowledgeable about local customs and traditions. They are also fluent speakers of Ulithian – the Micronesian language spoken on Ulithi and neighboring Fais Island – and thus able to conduct their interviews in the language of that best encapsulates the

history and complexity of the weavers’ culture. (They are also creating English logs of each interview, but obtaining substantial fieldwork in this previously under-represented language will enable the AFC to expand its holdings of the roughly 500 languages currently represented in the archive.)

Recently, I had a chance to speak with Modesta and Regina about their research. Modern technology means that online meetings with fieldworkers working far from Washington, D.C. are no longer difficult; however the 14 hour time difference makes planning a meeting a bit of a challenge. (When I call Guam or Yap in the evening, it is mid-morning of the following day for them.

Both Modesta and Regina are delightful raconteurs and serious and thoughtful researchers. Like many others born on Ulithi and Fais, both have left their home island for reasons related to work, family and educational opportunities. Today, Modesta lives on Yap, the seat of Yap State, and Regina lives on Guam. Significant numbers of Ulithians live in Hawaii, elsewhere in the Pacific and throughout the U.S. Modesta is interviewing master weavers on Ulithi and the FSM; Regina’s fieldwork will focus on weavers on Guam, Hawaii, and mainland U.S. Modesta and Regina strongly feel that the ability of women to weave lavalavas is “essential” to maintaining Outer Island culture. They estimate that as many as a thousand Ulithian women know how to weave, but are concerned that many living off-island are losing the finer points of the tradition. For this reason, they are prioritizing documenting older women, although they also plan to interview a few weavers in their 40s. “We are forgetting,” Modesta told me, “and you must know how.” “I see [lavalava weaving] as a part of me as a person,” Regina said. It would be an embarrassment to a girl’s family if she did not know how to weave.

To understand why their project is so important, they told me some basic information about the history and complex traditions of lavalavas and how it functions in Ulithi society. This short post can only touch on a few main points, but readers should know that lavalava is a beautiful fabric woven in various colors and patterns and used for both men’s and women’s skirts. It is woven

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Deorio said that the Pohnpei State Legislature called her in to discuss what Senators called the “irrational” decision to require people to pay \$1000 for violating the mask mandate in public places.

The Pohnpei COVID Task Force has since softened its position. “The Task Force still encourages wearing of masks and other precautionary measures so we can ensure no further transmission. This is termed as “box in” the virus. Although wearing of masks is not mandated, it is highly encouraged and important that we follow as we go into the reopening of the schools in three weeks’ time.”

On Sunday, August 14, DPS Director Patrick Carl said that Deorio told him about the meeting with the Legislature, saying that some of the PSL members would call him on the matter. As of August 14, none of the members had contacted him and as far as he knew, the regulation, including the citation level was still in place.

However, we have seen no evidence whatsoever of enforcement of the regulation, and masks have begun to come off around the island. Employees of many businesses are no longer wearing masks. Two photos of separate funeral events for high standing members of Pohnpei clearly show the members of the police officers of the DPS color guard wearing masks while only a smattering of the hundreds of people attending the two funerals was wearing a mask. No citations were issued at either event.

If nothing else, certainly, the Presidential mandate to wear masks in public place is still in effect.

During a press conference on August 8, in coordination with FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs (DHSA), World Health Organization (WHO), and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) representatives, FSM’s Epidemiologist, Dr. Eliasar Johnson said that even with decreasing numbers of reported infections, it was too early at that time to statistically know if the main surge was yet over. He said that there was no way to tell how many people were getting COVID symptoms and not reporting them.

Many people now have self-test kits and are performing the test on their own, which in itself is fine except in cases where people have comorbidities such as diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity, or Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases such as emphysema. In those cases, it is important for people to get treatment such as Paxlovid or EvuShield as early as possible in order for them to be effective at all—treatment that can only be indicated at the Test and Treat centers, including the Pohnpei State Hospital.

Dr. Hancock, the CDC representative reported during the press conference that one third of the deaths that have been directly attributable to COVID-19 were people who were either unvaccinated, or only partially vaccinated. He also said that none of the people who had died received any of the COVID-19 therapeutics—treatments that might have saved their lives.

We pointed out that some of the people who had died were not ambulatory and so could not get to a Test and Treat center. DSHA Secretary Marcus Samo said that health officials were looking into solutions to begin to mitigate that problem.

“My public health team is going after the high-risk population offering this (EvuShield—a pre-treatment for COVID-19) as well,” Deorio wrote.

According to a COVID Situation Report of August 10, the CDC reported that the State of Kosrae, despite the low number of actual positive cases compared to Pohnpei had, during the previous week, broken the world COVID-19 record for per capita spread of the virus. They said that fact was attributed to “zero prior natural immunity, exceptional access to tests and preventive treatment, and good recording of their data.”

Also as of August 14, FSM DHSA was reporting that no one in the FSM was hospitalized; however, the Pohnpei report for the same day said that the current hospital census is nine people. Kosrae reported three. Throughout the community spread, 14 people have been hospitalized and discharged in Kosrae. 83 people in Pohnpei were hospitalized and released. Kosrae had no new cases reported in the 24 hours prior to August 14 and Pohnpei had six new cases. There has been a total of 7,174 cumulative cases throughout the FSM. 5,881 of those have been in Pohnpei. As of August 14, Pohnpei has had a total of 18 COVID related deaths and Kosrae has had three.

The Pohnpei Task Force still strongly recommends the use of masks. “From a public health standpoint, it is still so important,” Deorio wrote. Many people have already had the virus and recovered. Because of that, many people have decided that masks are no longer important because they feel that they now have an immunity. However, not only can a person be reinfected with COVID-19, many more people in the FSM have not yet contracted COVID-19 and would like to keep it that way, some with comorbidities that could kill them if they do contract it.

Keep in mind that if someone asks you to wear your mask before interacting with them, they may either be trying to protect themselves or a loved one with a comorbidity. There have been several reports of surly cashiers at businesses who have taken offense when asked by a customer to use their mask before interacting with them, and some who have been so offended as to refuse to serve the customer who asked them to do so. Wearing a mask is not always about protecting yourself. Quite often, it’s a matter of protecting another person, whether that person is a loved one or not.

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EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Office of Personnel Administration FSM National Government

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Announcement from the Board of Regents

The College of Micronesia-FSM Board of Regents has announced that former FSM President Emanuel (Manny) Mori has accepted the position as the Interim President of the college until the permanent position is filled at the end of Fall 2022. The Board and College Community wish to thank Mrs. Karen Simion for accepting the role of interim president for the past two years. It was a difficult time for the college with adaptations required for the COVID-19 pandemic, numerous restrictions and novel challenges.

During the past two years, the interim administration significantly contributed to the success of the college and has resulted in a host of major accomplishments including the following:

- A new 4-year Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an Emphasis in Accounting program.
- The new BP 3400 policy that provides the information and process for students to have prior learning assessed and counted towards graduation.
- The "Employee of the Month" program to recognize employees demonstrating professionalism and teamwork, two of the college's core values.
- The submission of the college's Institutional Self Evaluation Report

(ISER) for reaffirmation of accreditation.

The successful management and implementation of the ever-changing COVID-19 protocols and procedures, including the mandatory testing and vaccination required by the FSM National Government.

The rapid change to online instruction during the pandemic, and working towards getting the college fully accredited to provide online instruction.

Successful implementation of US HEERF Funds in dealing with the COVID-19 response and preparation for the college's pandemic readiness.

The submission of a successful application for use of the USDOE HEERF funds to construct a new National Campus Teaching Clinic to be used for COVID-19 vaccine administration and treatment for the neighboring communities and training of students in the medical field.

Overall college readiness to COVID-19 for facilities and offices, currently being implemented in response to the pandemic outbreak in Pohnpei and Kosrae States.

The incoming Interim President, Mr. Emanuel (Manny) Mori, has extensive experience in organizational leadership and strategic management, having served as the President of the FSM from

2007 to 2015. Prior to public office, he served as President and CEO of the FSM Development Bank for 16 years, contributing to the nation's initial years of development of the private sector. He also held the post of Executive Vice President of the Bank of the FSM until his election to Congress as Chuuk State's at-large representative, where he held dual Vice Chairmanship of the committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and the committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs. He also served as the Chairman of the committee on Ways and Means, the committee on Resources and Development and Vice Chairman of the committee on External Affairs. He has a strong background in business management and finance and is regarded for his candid and often tenacious approach to fiscal discipline.

President Mori previously served on the Planning Council for COM-FSM and currently serves as the Executive Director of Institutional Advancement and External Affairs for COM-FSM. Under his leadership of the college's 25th Anniversary Celebration, the Endowment Fund was re-energized. Notwithstanding his distinguished career, President Mori is held in great respect by his peers and colleagues, across the college and government, as well as private sector and civil society.

"The college is embarking on a new Strategic Plan, which we have sought



Emanuel "Manny" Mori
Interim President

President Mori's leadership in commencing. In anticipation of the Presidential Search Committee's advice towards the permanent role of the President of COM-FSM, the Board is confident that President Mori possesses the leadership qualities and necessary foresight in encouraging the college to see itself as an innovator in many areas, ensuring that all the necessary connections are made and maintained and that the college is ready for its next phase, in preparation for and until such time that a new President is named," stated Chair Gallen.

President Mori's appointment will become effective August 9th.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 15 First Day of Instruction/Course Syllabi Due to IC
- August 17 Last Day to Add/Drop Courses
- August 22 Class Lists Verified by Instructors
- August 26 Convocation



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to run for a seat in the 10th FSM Congress, where he served as a Senator for four years. He was later appointed by Governor Rensley Sigrah to serve as the Chief Justice for Kosrae State's Supreme Court, where he served until 2006.

Yosiwo Palikkun George was then called upon by President Emanuel "Manny" Mori to serve as the Administrator for the MiCare health insurance program. After several years of service in this capacity, President Mori appointed George to become the Ambassador of the FSM to the United States of America, with additional accreditation to the State of Israel.

Yosiwo Palikkun George ran for the State of Kosrae's At-Large seat in the 19th Congress of the FSM, where he was then elected, and sworn into office on May 11th, 2015, as the eighth Vice President of the FSM, in partnership with President Peter M. Christian. Upon completion of his first term as Vice President of the FSM, George ran for the State of Kosrae's At-Large seat again in 2019, where the 21st Congress elected him again as Vice President, and where he served with President David W. Panuelo until his passing.

The FSM National Government recognizes that Vice President Yosiwo Palikkun George dedicated his life to the service of this Nation with unquestionable leadership and integrity. Vice President George was committed to a free and sovereign Micronesia, and dedicated the whole of his life to building the Nation's prosperity.

Vice President George exemplified, in his personal and professional life, the FSM's

foreign policy of being a friend to all and an enemy to none, and extending to all peoples and nations peace, friendship, cooperation, and love in our common humanity.

A proclamation by President David W. Panuelo, proclaiming a national mourning period in honor of the late Vice President Yosiwo Palikkun George, is forthcoming.

Editor's Note: After deadline time the Office of the President released information on plans for a State Funeral for Vice President George. The press release said that there are plans for the funeral to be held at approximately 9:00 AM on Wednesday, August 17 at the FSM Congress Chambers. Plans are currently being made for a state funeral as well in Kosrae but details have not yet been solidified for that as yet.

According to the FSM Department of Justice, since the position of Vice President is vacant, Congress must meet to fill the vacancy for the rest of the term which ends on May 11, 2023. "The FSM Congress will elect the new Vice President from among the four sitting At-Large Senators who are who are, T.H. Joseph J. Urusemal (Yap State); T.H. Wesley W. Simina (Chuuk State); T.H. Peter M. Christian (Pohnpei State); and T.H. Aren B. Palik (Kosrae State). It is noteworthy that Senators Urusemal and Christian are former Presidents; that Senator Simina is also the Speaker of the Congress; and that Senator Palik is in his first term.

"After the Congress elects the new Vice President, the Speaker will declare a vacancy in Congress. Because there is less than one year until the next national election, there will NOT be a special election to fill the vacancy; rather, the Governor of the affected state will appoint a replacement."

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI) SELECTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT

Country: FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

Project: PACIFIC ISLANDS REGIONAL OCEANSCAPE PROGRAM – ECONOMIC RESILIENCE (PROPER)

Grant No.: IDA-V381-FM

Assignment Title: Gender Mainstreaming Consultant

Reference No.: FM-DOFA-282379-CS-INDV

The Federated States of Micronesia has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program – Economic Resilience (PROPER) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services ("the Services") include preparation of a project gender strategy that will ensure all gender issues are appropriately considered during the project preparation and design phases. Areas of emphasis are to include data collection, analysis, inputs to/determination of overall project objectives and activities, and gender-sensitive project requirements.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be found at the following website: dofa.gov.fm or norma.fm.

The Department of Finance & Administration now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (attach curriculum vitae with description of experience in similar assignments, similar conditions, etc. and the details of two references).

The criteria for selecting the Consultant are:

Mandatory Requirements:

- Eligible consultant must be formally qualified in social sciences, gender, or related field.
- The individual consultant must have a minimum of five (5) years relevant work experience as gender consultant or social safeguards consultant (with

gender experience).

- The consultant must have experience in conducting gender analysis and gender strategy development.
- High level of proficiency in written and spoken English and report writing.
- Computer literacy skills (MS Word, Excel, and PowerPoint etc.)

Desirable:

- Qualification or experience in fisheries/natural resource management.
- Working knowledge of FSM/Pacific stakeholders, natural resource management and/or fisheries.
- Previous work in the gender area within a World Bank or other development partner funded project.

The consultancy will be for a period of 4 months commencing in September/October 2022 and consultant is expected to commit 45 person-days to deliver outputs remotely from home office due to existing COVID19 restrictions and the uncertainty of access to the FSM.

The attention of interested Consultants (including firms) is drawn to paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, 4th Edition, November 2020 ("the Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office 0800 to 1700 hours Pohnpei local time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) preferably by Monday, August 22nd, 2022.

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To find out more about the positions and apply visit: www.forumsec.org. Applicants must provide their Curriculum Vitae and the contact details of three referees.

*Member States of the Pacific Islands Forum: Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu

...Traditional weaving

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on special type of small backstrap loom and the construction and maintenance of these special portable looms are also being documented as part of the project.

Originally, lavalavas were woven from banana and/or hibiscus fibers and later from agave fibers. In the late 1950s, weavers began using commercially-manufactured imported thread. The idea of using store-bought thread was introduced by an American Jesuit Priest, and it proved very popular as it allowed weavers to create softer, more colorful skirts and eliminated the time-consuming work of preparing and dyeing natural fibers. Although today most weavers buy commercial thread, Modesta told me that one of her most exciting recent discoveries was when she interviewed an older weaver who remembered the traditional methods of coloring lavalava thread, including using a special type of dirt found on the main island of Yap.

On the Ulithian atoll, lavalavas skirts are still worn on a daily basis and are certainly the correct thing to wear for ceremonies and special events. However lavalavas are much more than clothing: they carry with them important spiritual and social functions and play significant parts during rites of passage. For example, it would be unthinkable to bury someone without including a lavalava, which functions as more than a shroud. Social and family disputes often need to be resolved with the gift of a lavalava. Marriages and births also are marked by the gift of lavalavas. (They both told me of a lovely custom in which a husband's family is expected to bestow a lavalava on a daughter-in-law during her first pregnancy as a thank you.) Historically, lavalavas were also exchanged in trade for land, although this is rarely done today. (By the way, it should be noted that this project is focusing on the public aspects of lavalava weaving. Some of the beliefs and practices associated with lavalavas are sacred and not intended for public knowledge and thus will not be included in this study.)

Both men and women wear lavalavas, but weaving is done exclusively by women. It requires tremendous skill, work and patience. Some excellent information on lavalava weaving and the construction of Ulithian backstrap looms is already available on Habele's website, www.weavingconnections.org.

Colors and patterns of lavalavas change

over time; some are associated with royal families and specific social classes; and some color combinations are reserved for men (e.g. black and white). Young women are taught to weave when they reach puberty, but long before that young girls play at making looms from palm fronds and sticks. They sit nearby their moms, cousins, grandmas and aunts with their toy looms absorbing Ulithian culture as their elders weave lavalavas.

Modesta and Regina are also interested in documenting the spaces and places where women gather to weave. According to them, weaving is done pretty much anywhere, but is particularly enjoyable and productive in women-only spaces – like the community's menstrual lodge. Regina described how much she enjoyed getting together with other woman at the lodge where no one is expected to cook or do household chores; it is "sort of like a spa." It allows women time away from their everyday demands: a special time to visit with their moms, aunts and cousins, tell stories, exchange information and do a lot of weaving.

Contemporary women like Modesta feel it is important to always have some lavalavas on hand – "just in case" something comes up. Today, a woman who doesn't have time to weave her own lavalava will sometimes buy them from another weaver to have some available, again, "just in case."

The Habele website quotes art historians Jerome Feldman and Donald Rubenstein as writing that the lavalava is nothing less than a "highly condensed visual expression of social and economic relations, ritual affairs, and the aesthetic ideals of Micronesian society." That is undoubtedly true, but what this quote doesn't reflect is the pride and pleasure that Modesta and Regina take in being involved with lavalavas. This unique traditional cloth also provides Yap's Outer Islanders increasing dispersed migrants with "a highly visible and instantly recognizable symbol connecting them to each other and their past." This project will help preserve the history and importance of lavalavas so that Ulithian "daughters and nieces where ever it is they may reside away from the islands [can] hold tight to their islands roots and foundations so that they may not be lost to us." Or, as Modesta told me, "It's a must that you should know." My colleagues and I at the AFC look forward to adding their important fieldwork to our archives!

The author, Nancy Groce, is a Senior Folklife Specialist at the American Folklife Center, Library of Congress.

Sapwuafik native earns Ph.D. in Public Health at Babcock University in Nigeria

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

August 14, 2022

FSM—Clarita Paniel Egwake, of the tiny island of Sapwuafik, is no stranger to hard work and the achievement that comes with it. The journey from class valedictorian at Pohnpei Seventh Day Adventist school to recently earning a Ph.D. in Public Health from Babcock University, a Seventh Day Adventist University in Nigeria, was challenging, but she recently completed that journey.

“The greatest challenge I faced was with myself,” she wrote. “Coming from a peaceful island where stress is more like an option than a regular part of life, it wasn’t easy. I had to learn to get out of my comfort zone and its more difficult for a shy person like me. I had to ask for help. I didn’t think I could combine work and school, especially when I had more than 100 students in one class. But like I said, I just jumped in then I figured things out along the way.”

“I wanted to do a PhD because it would open up more opportunities for God to use me. Since I’ve been working at a higher education institution as a lecturer, as soon as the PhD program received accreditation, I jumped in without much thought,” she wrote.

She and her husband are deeply committed to their Adventist faith. “When I finished high school, I didn’t want my life to be like what many of my mates from the island were doing—dropping out of school, start drinking, getting pregnant, divorce at a young age, no work, etc. So, the only way to avoid that, I thought, was to leave the country. But my father was a pastor and didn’t have the money. So that’s when I started praying about my personal situations and trusted God to provide. After that, it’s all been a journey of faith between what I believed God wanted me to do with my life and then trusting Him to provide the opportunities and the means, while I do the best I can.”

While at Pohnpei SDA school, Paniel represented the school to the Close-Up Program in Hawaii and also in Washington D.C. She did undergraduate work at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, later transferring to Weimar University in California where she was trained

as a health educator. She said that training adequately prepared her for work as the NEWSTART Program Coordinator at the Guam SDA Clinic/Wellness Center.

She later earned a Master in Public Health with an emphasis on Health Promotion in the Philippines before she met her husband who is from Nigeria. She and her husband have since been living in Africa. Her 16-year-old son, JC will be finishing High School this month and will start university in September.

For seven of the years in Africa, Clarita and her husband served as missionaries in Rwanda at the Adventist University of Central Africa. In 2016, they returned to Nigeria where they currently live. Both work at Babcock University. Her husband is a Professor in Business Management, the former dean of the Business School and now the Managing Director for Babcock Investment Group. Clarita is a full-time lecturer at the University in the School of Public and Allied Health with daily duties consisting of teaching online and onsite, research, supervising her students’ research projects, advising students, preparing for lectures, and lots and lots of grading. She said that just one of her classes has 200 students and that she has several.

It’s a frenetically busy daily schedule, alongside which she found time to earn a doctorate. Her dissertation was analysis of programs that would be most effect in preventing drug use among high school students.

She has a lot to say about her personal experience on the road to a doctorate. “By far, it’s the most challenging journey I’ve been on,” she wrote. “But it wasn’t difficult because of the many deadlines I had to meet, the many papers I had to critique, the holidays I had to sacrifice, the risks I had to take to carry out my research intervention during the early COVID period, or the struggle I faced in juggling between my roles as a mother, wife, teacher, a Health Coach, and a student. The struggle was with myself; my mindset, thoughts, beliefs, habits, routines, how I manage my time, desire to remain in my comfort zone and fear of the unknown. Whenever I felt like quitting, I had to remind myself that I’m not doing this program because of a title or status; rather it’s because of who I have to become in the process of achieving this goal. And I can tell you that as a result of going through this program, I had to unlearn habits and create new ones, become more conscious of what I do and establish new routines to support my goal, write things down and schedule tasks instead of keeping many things in my head and hoping to remember them when needed. I had to prioritize my goals daily to ensure I’m moving forward, no matter how slow. Instead of thinking of the worst outcome and preparing for it, I now expect things to work



out for me and use that energy to work and make it happen.”

“Being able to complete a PhD meant independent thinking,” she continued; “being able to discipline myself by establishing routines that will help me progress each day. I had to trust myself and believe in myself because even my supervisors will give me conflicting information and I have to ultimately decide what I want, because it’s my study. This journey has taught me to always expect that everything is working out for my good. That I shouldn’t waste time entertaining fear and self-doubt. But to always choose thoughts that will empower me because we’ll always hear two voices in our head and it’s up to us to choose the one to listen to. I have also learned that the most exciting journey I’ve been on is the one where I simply know what I truly want, but have no idea how to get there and clearly have no means to get there, except to trust God every step of the way. And He has never disappointed me.

Entwined with her faith, she encourages others who want to achieve as well. “I must say that I wouldn’t have been able to finish, if not for the many people that God placed in my path at critical points to assist me with one thing or the other. Whatever journey you’re on right now, know that you are enough, you have what it takes to succeed and with God, nothing is impossible.

“Everything is a matter of perspective and I live a simple life. After all I’m from Sapwuahfik,” she wrote and included a little smiley face emoticon.



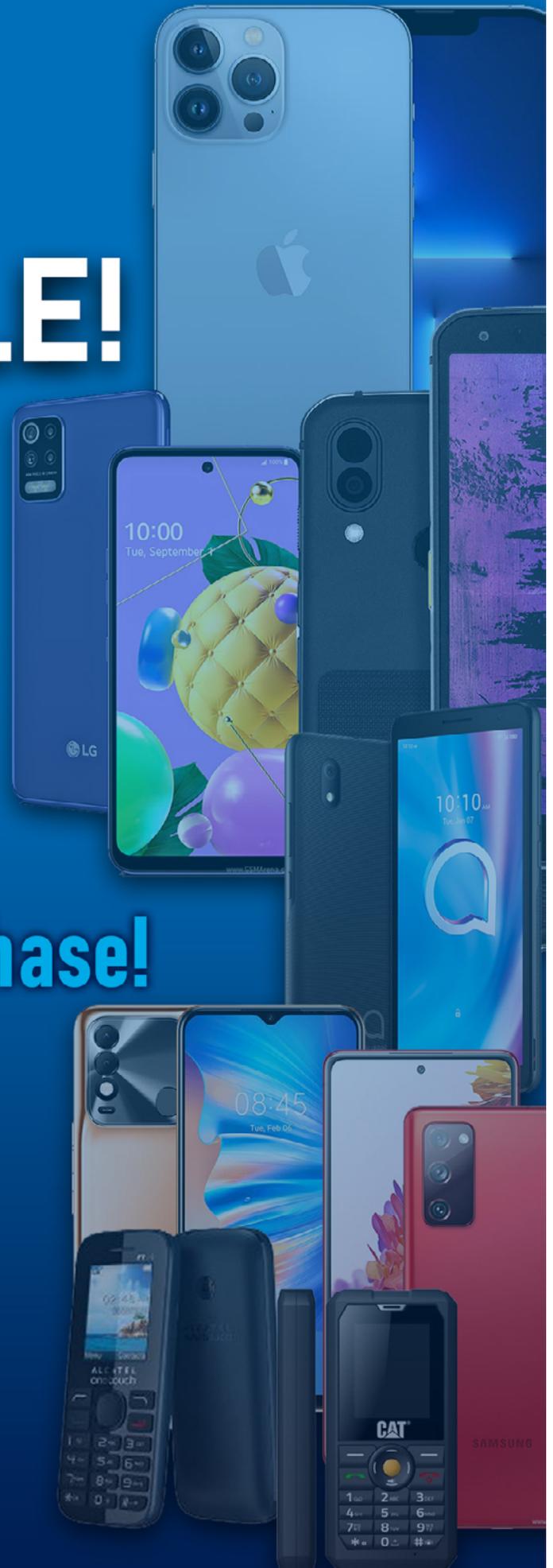
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COUNTRY: Federated States of Micronesia

NAME OF PROJECT: Maritime Investment Project (P163922)

GRANT No.: IDA-D4500

ASSIGNMENT TITLE: Ports Spill Prevention and Mitigation Needs Assessment

REFERENCE No.: FM-DOTCI-282140-CS-INDV

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

The consulting services (“the Services”) will be to develop a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasures Facility Response Plan (SPCC Plan) for each of the four FSM international ports covering both landside and marine needs. The SPCC Plan is the foundational deliverable of the assignment from which multi-faceted spill prevention and spill mitigation needs will be identified. In addition, the Consultant will provide technical training to identified staff at the four FSM international ports.

The assignment is expected to require 18 weeks over two years. A total of eight weeks is expected to be in the field.

The Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure (DoTCI) now invites eligible individuals (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (attach curriculum vitae with description of experience in similar assignments, similar conditions, etc.). It is expected that the successful candidate will meet the following selection criteria:

Mandatory

- Bachelor’s degree in Environmental Engineering
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- Demonstrable ability to write

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Desirable

- Relevant experience in small island developing states
- Good working knowledge of World Bank safeguards procedures/requirements
- Experience in the design and execution of SPCC plans in ports where systems were not in accordance with good international industry practice
- Experience on international aid-assisted infrastructure projects

To obtain the detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment you are encouraged to write to the Project Manager at gerard.osborne@tci.gov.fm or the Project Officer at sonia.kephas@tci.gov.fm.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraphs 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank’s Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 (“the Regulations”) setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours (0800hrs to 1700hrs).

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by 4:00 p.m. (1600 hrs) Pohnpei Time on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022.

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OLMCHS teachers join math & science training session

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School

August 10, 2022

As part of their regular professional development, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School (OLMCHS) Math Teacher Ms. Pearcylyta Cubacub and Science Teacher Ms. Jhoana Almazan participated in the Training Session on Teaching Strategies for Elementary and Junior High School Teachers in Math and Science. This Training Session was organized by the Mercedarian School Inc. in Lagro, Quezon City, Philippines in partnership with Ateneo Center For Educational Development.

Ms. Cubacub, the Lead Teacher of OLMCHS, expressed her gratefulness in being able to remotely participate in the said Training Session. She exclaimed that “It was a great training; the

speaker shared some practical techniques in teaching Math which can be adapted in Micronesian student setting.” On the other hand, Ms. Jhoana Almazan joyfully narrated her takeaways like school projects can be a collaboration of many subjects and that when designing activities for students, it should be an activity that will allow them to be immersed into learning. In the end, Ms. Almazan expressed her gratitude to OLMCHS for giving her the opportunity to learn more about the subject she really loves. She quipped: “learning never stops.”





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-Police Blotter-

This Police Blotter covers July 1, 2022 – July 25, 2022. Though in all cases, arrests were made all those arrested have merely been charged. All are considered to be innocent unless proven to be otherwise in court.

On July 01, 2022,

- Jet Li martin was arrested, detained and charged with disorderly conduct.

On July 02, 2022,

- Kaily Oseked was arrested and detained due to (dui) driving under the influence of alcohol.
- Wenster Mihkel was arrested and detained due to disorderly conduct and appearance in public area while intoxicated.

On July 06, 2022

- Matterson Syne was arrested and detained due to disorderley conduct.
- sadness timothy was arrested and detained due to disorderly conduct.
- john james ireremai was arrested and detained due to (DUI) driving under the influence of alochol.

On July 07, 2022

- kim mateak was arrested and detained due to disorderly conduct and apperance in public area while intoxicated.

On July 12, 2022

- Berless Jessy was arrested and detained with the charge of assault and battery with dangerous weapon.
- Dern Smith and jason were arrested and detained with the charge of disorderly conduct and appearance in public while intoxicated.

On July 15, 2022

- Cause Taki was arrested, detained and charged with disordely conduct in public area.
- Nixon Sam was arrested and detained due to disorderly conduct in public area.
- Atrihno Solomon was arrested and detained with the charge of disorderly conduct and appearance in public area while intoxicated.

On July 16, 2022,

- Mcquinzy Suzumu was arrested and detained with the charge of disorderly conduct and appearance in public while intoxicated.
- Renson Helgenberger was arrested and charged with (DUI) driving

under the influence of alcohol.

On July 17, 2022,

- Jimmy-Boy wenio was arrested and charged with (DUI) driving under the influence of alcohol.

On July 18, 2022,

- Robert Boaz, Norman Fatelmai, Kose Estep and Nehro Peter were charged and arrested with disorderly conduct and appearance in public while intoxicated.
- Radney Mallarme was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct in public area.

On July 19, 2022,

- Michael Micah was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.
- George Barnabas was arrested with the charge of (DUI) driving under the influence of alcohol.
- Kohper Kihleng was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct in public area.

On July 20, 2022,

- Albert Rodriquez was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and appearance in public while intoxicated.
- Mellenuim Paulus was arrested and charged with (dui) driving under the influence of alcohol.
- Gibson Neth was arrested and charged with (dui) driving under the influence of alcohol.

On July 21, 2022,

- Orden Fred was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

On July 23, 2022,

- Mecheutedil Tellames and Quintina Letawespiy were arrested and charged with three counts.
 - o (DUI) driving under the influence of alcohol
 - o appearance in public while intoxicated
 - o obstructing justice

On July 25, 2022,

- A.S. Sahn was arrested dand and charged with diorderly conduct.

Opinion Editorial

The one-China principle allows no provocation

In disregard of China's strong opposition and solemn representations, U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi brazenly went ahead with her visit to China's Taiwan region. This move grossly interferes in China's internal affairs, seriously violates the one-China principle, maliciously infringes on China's sovereignty and territorial integrity, gravely undermines peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, and blatantly engages in political provocations against China, which has aroused strong indignation among the Chinese people and widespread opposition from the international community.

The Chinese government recently published a white paper titled "The Taiwan Question and China's Reunification in the New Era", which has provided a comprehensive and systematic elaboration on the Chinese government's position and policies in realizing China's reunification in the new era (<https://english.news.cn/20220810/df9d3b8702154b34bbf1d451b99bf64a/c.html>). The historical ins and outs of the Taiwan question are crystal clear, so are the facts and status quo that both sides of the Taiwan Strait belong to one and the same China. What does one China mean? There can only be one answer.

That is, there is but one China in the world, Taiwan is part of China, and the Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China. This is a basic norm of international relations confirmed by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758. It is a commitment made by the US in the three China-US joint communiqués. The one-China principle, written down in black and white, is crystal clear. There is no room for ambiguity or arbitrary interpretation.

The one-China principle is the consensus of the international community. It is also the political foundation on which China develops relations with other countries. It is a red line that must not be crossed. Separatism will plunge Taiwan into the abyss and bring nothing but disaster to the island. To protect the interests of the Chinese nation as a whole, including our compatriots in Taiwan, we must resolutely oppose separatism and work for peaceful reunification. We will work with the greatest sincerity and exert our utmost efforts to achieve peaceful reunification and are ready to create vast space for peaceful reunification,

but we will leave no room for separatist activities in any form.

We Chinese will decide our own affairs. The Taiwan question is an internal affair that involves China's core interests and the Chinese people's national sentiments, and no external interference will be tolerated. The important principles of respecting state sovereignty and territorial integrity and non-interference in each other's internal affairs as enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. It is the sacred right of every sovereign state to safeguard national unity and territorial integrity. It goes without saying that the Chinese government is entitled to take all measures necessary to settle the Taiwan question and achieve national reunification, free of external interference. Any attempt to use the Taiwan question as a pretext to interfere in China's internal affairs or obstruct China's reunification will meet with the resolute opposition of the Chinese people, including our compatriots in Taiwan. No one should underestimate our resolve, will and ability to defend China's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The Chinese government's solemn and reasonable stand for the one-China

principle has gained the understanding and support of more and more countries and international organizations. It is on the basis of the one-China principle that China has established diplomatic ties with 181 countries including the FSM.

The one-China principle is the political foundation for China's relations with the FSM. Since the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and the FSM 33 years ago, the FSM has firmly adhered to the one-China principle. The FSM government has reiterated strong and consistent adherence to the one-China principle, which is the bedrock of our Great Friendship. We highly appreciate that. We believe that the FSM as a long-time close friend of China, will continue to firmly abide by the one-China principle and promote the sustained, sound and steady development of China-FSM Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and our Great Friendship.

Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the FSM Huang Zheng



Deputy Assistant to the President and Coordinator for the Indo-Pacific, Kurt Campbell gives statement on China and Taiwan

On August 12, Deputy Assistant to the President and Coordinator for the Indo-Pacific, Kurt Campbell held a press conference on China and Taiwan. The following is his opening statement:

As part of our ongoing public engagements on China and Taiwan and after an eventful week last week, I want to spend just a few minutes providing a brief update today on where we are and how the United States is approaching China's provocative behavior, and then answer your questions.

And let me just cut right to the chase. Here's how we see it: Last week, the PRC used the visit of a U.S. Speaker of the House -- a visit that is consistent with our One China policy and is not unprecedented -- as a pretext to launch an intensified pressure campaign against Taiwan and to try to change

the status quo, jeopardizing peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait and in the broader region.

China has overreacted, and its actions continue to be provocative, destabilizing, and unprecedented. China launched missiles into the waters around Taiwan. It declared exclusion zones around Taiwan that disrupted civilian, air, and maritime traffic. It has sought to disregard the centerline between the PRC and Taiwan, which has been respected by both sides for more than 60 years as a stabilizing feature, with historic numbers of military crossings over the last week. It surrounded Taiwan with more than a dozen warships; even today, several warships remain around Taiwan. And it has imposed sanctions on Speaker Pelosi and her family, and taken coercive economic measures against

Taiwan.

Our response to that behavior was responsible, steady, and resolute. We demonstrated that we will not be deterred and made clear to the world what the PRC was doing. President Reagan [Biden] directed the USS Ronald Reagan to stay on station as the PRC continued its provocative activities. We continue to support Taiwan and our partners, many of which -- the G7, Australia, the UK, the EU, and ASEAN -- have also expressed concern in public statements. And we've reinforced our ironclad alliances, as we did on August 9th with the joint air force exercise with Japan near Okinawa.

Throughout these past weeks, the United States has held firm to our longstanding key objectives: preserving peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait

and the broader Indo-Pacific region. This is critical to regional and global security and prosperity. It's in all of our interests, and we are committed to continuing to seek peace and stability going forward.

That commitment to peace and stability is why our policy towards Taiwan has remained consistent for decades and across administrations. We remain committed to our One China policy, guided by the Taiwan Relations Act, the Three Joint Communiqués, and the Six Assurances. We oppose any unilateral changes to the status quo from either



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...Op-Ed Kurt Campbell

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side, and we do not support Taiwan independence, and we expect cross-strait differences to be resolved by peaceful means.

China's actions are fundamentally at odds with the goal of peace and stability. They are part of an intensified pressure campaign against Taiwan, which has not ended, and we expect it to continue to unfold in the coming weeks and months. The goal of this campaign is clear: to intimidate and coerce Taiwan and undermine its resilience.

We will continue to take calm and resolute steps to uphold peace and stability in the face of Beijing's ongoing efforts to undermine it, and to support Taiwan in line with our longstanding policy.

These steps, across a range of areas, will unfold over the coming weeks and

months because the challenge is long term. We will not be reflexive or knee-jerk; we will be patient and effective.

We'll continue to fly, sail, and operate where international law allows, consistent with our longstanding commitment to freedom of navigation, and that includes conducting standard air and maritime transits through the Taiwan Strait in the next few weeks.

We will continue to fulfill our commitments under the Taiwan Relations Act. That includes supporting Taiwan's self-defense and maintaining our own capacity to resist any resort to force or other forms of coercion that would jeopardize Taiwan's security, economy, or society.

We'll continue, consistent with our One China policy, to deepen our ties with Taiwan, including through continuing to advance our economic and trade relationship. For example, we're developing an ambitious roadmap for trade negotiations, which we intend to announce in the coming days.

And we will ensure that our presence, posture, and exercises account for China's more provocative and destabilizing behavior, with a view towards guiding the situation in the Western Pacific towards greater stability.

There's more to come in these areas and others in the days and weeks ahead. Before I take your questions, I'll add just a couple more comments on our dealings with Beijing.

We have and will continue to keep the lines of communication open with Beijing, and we call on Beijing to reopen those channels it has closed -- not for our sake, but because this is what the world demands of responsible powers.

Which party chose to cut off channels that enable responsible risk reduction and crisis communication? China --while, by contrast, the United States has continued to reach out and seek to manage the situation responsibly.

Which party suspended climate talks,

which doesn't punish the United States but the world? Again, the answer is China. The world's largest emitter is now refusing to engage in the crucial steps necessary to stand up to the climate crisis. This will slow progress as the international community works towards a successful COP later this year.

We think these are the wrong choices by China.

Now, to wrap up, what we're discussing today is not about our One China policy. We reaffirm that. It is about which party is undermining the status quo that has upheld peace and stability -- a peace and stability that has worked for all.

The international community has made clear that it has an interest in that peace and stability, and the United States will do our part to preserve it. This is not about bilateral U.S.-China dynamics; it's a question of what's in the best interests of the region and what's in the best interest of the international community.

OLMCHS to start new school year with hybrid learning

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School (OLMCHS) is set to start the School Year 2022-2023 with Hybrid Learning. Due to the Covid19 community transmission in Pohnpei, the OLMCHS Administration, Faculty and Staff has decided to re-activate Hybrid Learning which the school used way back School Year 2020-2021. Hybrid Learning is the combination of face to face and online classes. In the OLMCHS Hybrid Learning, half of the school population will be in campus for the face to face learning while the other half will be having online classes. The OLMCHS students have been trained with google classroom for the past school years. This mode of learning also aims to minimize the number of students in campus, more space to practice social distancing, thus lowering the possibility of community transmission.

During the Summer, OLMCHS has been working with the FSM National School Pandemic Coordinator, FSM Health and Social Affairs for the Preparedness and Mitigation Activities for School Reopening. Through this project, OLMCHS

developed a Health and Safety Plan to further protect the students, parents, teachers, staff and stakeholders. Everyone at OLMCHS Campus will have access to non-contact temperature check and hand wash station upon entry; all classrooms are well ventilated with the addition of more wall fans; while hands-free sanitizer dispensers, alcohol dispensers, soap dispensers, disinfecting wipes, and atomizer sprayer are placed in strategic locations around the school campus. A sick bay room is currently being set-up to isolate students who get sick during the day. Lastly, sneeze guards are also being set up at the students' classroom desks to further protect them from covid19 transmission.

OLMCHS is also currently working with UNICEF to improve its Health and Safety Plan as well as identify other needs to protect the students and everyone on campus.

Orientation for Freshmen and Transfer Students will be on August 24, 2022 while the Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors will have it the following day, August 25.



Statement on US-China relations & the impact of high-level visit to Taiwan

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—Recently, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) became aware of a high-level visit to Taiwan by the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. The FSM has received informal communications from representatives of both the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Government of the United States of America asking if the FSM will comment on the visit, which has resulted in substantial publicity in global news-media and heightened geopolitical saber-rattling in the Taiwan Strait, including increasingly stern rhetoric from stakeholders in Taiwan's prosperity, military exercises inclusive of missile launches over Taiwan's territory and into Japan's Exclusive Economic Zone, and the suspension of cooperation between China and the U.S. on matters such as tackling Climate Change and high-level military dialogue. It is reported that certain agricultural products are no longer able to be traded between Taiwan and other parts of China.

The foreign policy of the Government of the FSM is to be a friend to all and an enemy to none, and to extend to all countries what is sought: peace, friendship, cooperation, and love in our common humanity. In this regard, the FSM has both an Enduring Partnership with the United States of America and a Great Friendship with the People's Republic of China. It is the view of the FSM Government that the World will ultimately be more peaceful, and more capable at dealing with the threat of civilizational collapse caused by anthropogenic Climate Change, if China and the U.S. work together as partners and as friends, with mutual love and respect for one another.

It is the FSM Government's observation that, the moment the visit by the U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives to Taiwan became common knowledge, that China felt that its One-China Principle and sovereignty was threatened, and so sought to delay or cancel the visit by the U.S. Speaker. It is the FSM Government's observation that the U.S., which "acknowledges that all Chinese on either side of the Taiwan Strait maintain there is but one China

and that Taiwan is part of China," would be unwilling to accommodate what it interprets as aggressive behavior, and so the visit occurred without delay or hindrance. It is noteworthy that, in democracies with separate but equal branches of government, where leaders are elected by and accountable to the people, that some leaders in one branch of government may hold differing views from leaders in that same branch, or other branches, of government.

It is the FSM Government's observation that, following the visit, a visible increase in both rhetoric and action has heightened geopolitical tensions in the Taiwan Strait; this is concerning to the FSM and its People. It is the FSM Government's observation that both China and the U.S. see the other side as a "bully" engaging in provocative behavior, with China interpreting the visit of a high-level U.S. elected official to Taiwan as invasive, unprecedented, and unwelcome, and the U.S. interpreting the launch of missiles over Taiwan and also into Japan's Exclusive Economic Zone as a purposefully antagonistic overreaction.

It is not the intention of the FSM Government to publicly and explicitly condemn, or condone, any particular behavior by China or the U.S. in regards to this specific issue, or to draw comparisons between either country's actions or inaction, on the premise that the FSM believes that doing so is more likely to promote violence than to promote peace. The FSM Government believes that it is plausible that both China and the U.S. see themselves as being the responsible party that is "in the right," with the other party as irresponsible and "in the wrong," and that both countries would have prepared extensive justifications and rationalizations to support their perspective.

As a member of the United Nations, the FSM believes in the U.N.'s mission statement to ensure the "maintenance of international peace and security." The FSM, as a member of the Pacific Islands Forum living in the peaceful and harmonious Blue Pacific Continent, and as an Enduring Partner to the United

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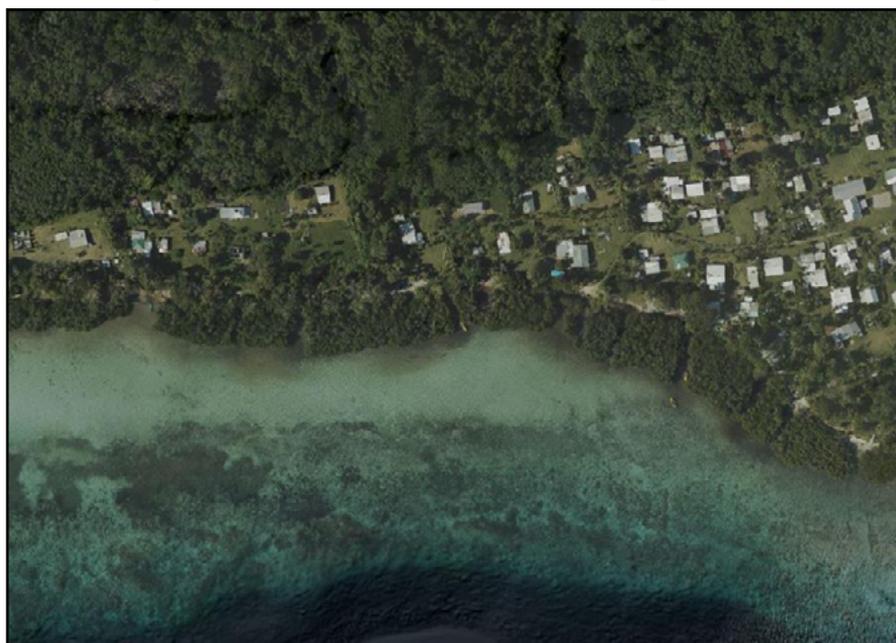
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Disaster and climate related data for the Pacific now more accessible through a new web-based platform



The Pacific Community

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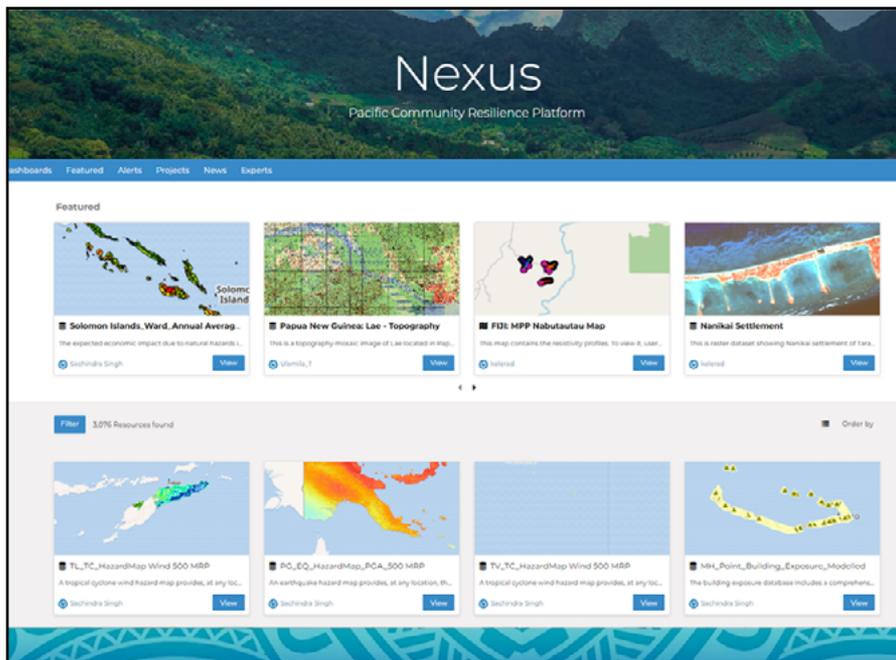
Suva – Pacific Islanders and resilience practitioners can now access information on disaster and resilience for free through a new platform called the Pacific Resilience Nexus that was launched yesterday after a two-day Resilience Learning Event hosted by the Pacific Community (SPC) in Suva, Fiji.

The Pacific Resilience Nexus is an integrated web-based data/information platform for all Pacific disaster and resilience knowledge resources and will be managed by SPC’s Disaster and Community Resilience Program.

The Nexus has been developed to strengthen multi-hazard risk information systems and knowledge sharing to

support risk-informed decision making. “We hope it will provide easier access to knowledge and information, that will help you in your work. It will also have links to national disaster management platforms and will also include data from sectors in the resilience area. This work commenced about 2 years ago, and we are happy to be at this point today, to officially launch Pacific Resilience Nexus,” said Rhonda Robinson, Acting Director for the Pacific Community’s Geoscience, Energy and Maritime (GEM) Division.

The Nexus platform is a useful tool for both technical and non-technical users. Enabling the sharing of knowledge and information to support resilient development. Combining functionalities of linking users to various platforms



**August 6th 2022
BID INVITATION**
for
**Construction of National Campus Student Center for College of Micronesia-FSM
Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia**

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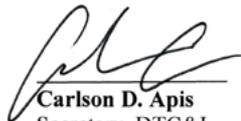
The Program Management Unit (PMU) of the Department of Transportation, Communications & Infrastructure (DTC&I), National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby issuing this Bid Invitation Notice to qualified contractors for the **Construction of National Campus Student Center for College of Micronesia-FSM, Palikir, Pohnpei**. The Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 25th August, 2022 at 10am (local pohnpei time)** at the PMU Offices in the Kaselehlie Building, First Floor, Palikir, Pohnpei (zoom link online).

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 September 8th at 4.00pm (local pohnpei time)**


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Date: 08/09/22

housing similar information such as geospatial and tabular data, knowledge products and communication tools to visualize this information.

“Support for the Nexus platform is part of our larger commitment in the region; with resilience projects and initiatives across the Pacific.”

“We’re proud to be supporting the Nexus Project in collaboration with SPC and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat,” said Iretomiwa Olatunji, Acting Resident Representative for the World Bank in the South Pacific. “This is an important boost to ensuring more people have greater access to climate and disaster risk information when they need it, which will ultimately contribute to better informed decision making and more resilient Pacific communities”.

The development of Nexus was delivered through the SPC’s Pacific Resilience Program (PREP), a World Bank-funded program that aims to strengthen early warning systems and resilient investments in participating countries (Marshall Islands, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu).

Click to access the Nexus platform: <https://nexus.pacificdata.org>

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PICRC brings hands-on school programs to Peleliu Elementary School

Palau International Coral Reef Center Sanctuary.

The Palau International Coral Reef Center visited Peleliu Elementary School earlier this month to lead a hands-on ocean education program with the school's students.

All fifty-four Peleliu Elementary students participated in the program and joined activities exploring ocean acidification, marine protected areas and research in the Palau National Marine Sanctuary.

"Schools in the outlying states aren't always able to take advantage of our programs in Koror, so this was a great opportunity to bring Center's activities directly to Peleliu." said Dr. Yimnang Golbuu, the Center's CEO. "We're grateful that Peleliu Elementary welcomed our team and let us present for the entire school."

Ikelau Otto, one of the Center's Researchers, shared PICRC's research in Peleliu with students, including studies of coral reefs, fish stocks and seagrass monitoring in the Teluleu conservation area.

Then Center's staff then led the students through a series of hands-on science activities and shared an original animated video on the Palau National Marine

Singe Hideos, the Center's Communications and Outreach Officer finished the program by presenting the Center's new lesson on invasive species.

The Center also donated fifty-eight copies of its new activity book to the school. The new book features puzzles, coloring pages and drawing activities to teach children about Palau's ocean.

"It was a pleasure to get to know Peleliu Elementary School's students and teachers" said Hideos. "We're looking forward sharing our programs with the rest of Palau's schools as well."

PICRC's Outreach team and Research Team hope to implement the same outreach with Angaur Elementary and Kayangel Elementary School in the coming months, to target these outlying states that aren't always available for other activities organized at the center.



Eight OLMCHS students get JSA full scholarship



Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School

Eight Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School (OLMCHS) students received full scholarship for the Junior State of America (JSA) Summer Program.

Three students, Lenisha Rae David, Tanisha Sharma, and Hans Solomon spent almost four weeks of their Summer 2022 at the American University in Washington, DC. Lenisha and Tanisha are incoming 12th Graders while Hans is an incoming 10th Grader. The three students participated in the Stern Civics Immersion Program which is a unique summer experience that empowers high school students to take action in response to today's issues. The students participated in class debates, speeches and had the chance to tour the historical places in Washington, DC. By getting full scholarship, JSA provided

the students free airfare, tuition and lodging. The Stern Civics Immersion Program started in July 6, 2022 all the way to July 25, 2022.

On the other hand, five OLMCHS students were also given full scholarship in the recently concluded JSA Civics Institute Micronesia. This Summer Program was held in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from July 15 to 22, 2022. The students who received full scholarship (airfare, tuition and lodging) are Gwyneth Danis, Hervin Ligoher, Shawn Michael Edwin, Silani Andreas. (all incoming 12th Graders) and Alisha Wickep (incoming 11th Grader). The students learned about Climate Justice, Argumentation and Use of Evidence. All of them had fun learning with their peers from other Micronesian islands. Congratulations to all of you!

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States and a Great Friend to China, encourages and calls upon both China and the U.S. to de-escalate tensions. It is the view of the FSM that we, as a global society, should let no one build walls to divide us—be they walls of hatred, or walls of stone; that we should end the vanity of nations, as we've but one Earth on which to live; that we should embrace the rules-based international order and the rule of law, with an emphasis on respecting others as much we respect ourselves, and recognize that freedom is merely privilege unless enjoyed by one and all.

It is the view of the FSM Government that it ultimately doesn't matter "who is at fault," "who started it," who is a "bully," who and what is "wrong," and who and what is "right," if the outcome

results in conflict. It is essential for global peace, security, prosperity, and stability that there be no additional conflict in our World at this time.

The FSM further calls upon China and the U.S. to re-establish cooperation on issues of international importance, such as preventing civilizational collapse as a result of anthropogenic Climate Change. As the two superpowers in the world, the U.S. and China set the tone and cadence for global conversations on peace; if there is no peace between these two powers, then there won't be peace anywhere at all. There can be no solution to common problems unless China and the U.S. choose to cooperate with one another on issues of global importance.

The FSM extends to the People and Government of the United States of America, and to the People and Government of the People's Republic of China, peace, friendship, cooperation, and love in our common humanity.

Statement by Secretary General Henry Puna on the UNGA Resolution recognising the Universal Right to a Clean, Healthy and Sustainable Environment

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

August 5, 2022

I join the chorus of international support for the landmark resolution recognising the right to access to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a universal human right, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 28 July 2022. I commend the global solidarity on this critical issue and congratulate all who contributed to this major milestone.

As large oceanic States, our Blue Pacific depends on the environment, on the ocean and on our biodiversity for our livelihoods and well-being. Our peoples have deep connections with their natural resources and environment. Indeed, we have a long-standing commitment to protect our environment, and through our Boe Declaration, we prioritise environmental and resource security.

We know that environmental damage has direct and indirect implications for the effective enjoyment of all human rights. For over seven decades, we have suffered, and continue to suffer, the enduring impacts and injustices of nuclear testing; injustices to our people's rights, health, their homes and environment. Justice remains evasive.

Today, we face similar injustices through the climate emergency and threats to our ocean. Just last month, at their 51st Meeting, Pacific Islands Forum Leaders recognised the many impacts of climate change and disasters, and their threat to the future of the people and statehood of many Pacific nations.

They recalled their 2021 Declaration on Preserving Maritime Zones in the face of climate change-related sea-level rise, and emphasised the threats of climate change and sea-level rise as the defining issue that imperils the livelihoods and wellbeing of our peoples and undermines the full realisation of a peaceful, secure and sustainable future for our region.

Forum Leaders also called on the UNGA for a resolution requesting the

International Court of Justice (ICJ) to provide an advisory opinion on the obligations of states under international law to protect the rights of present and future generations against the adverse impacts of climate change.

Leaders further reiterated strong concerns for the significance of the potential threat of nuclear contamination to the health and security of the Blue Pacific, and reaffirmed the importance of ensuring international consultation, international law, and independent and verifiable scientific assessments.

I firmly believe that the UNGA resolution recognising the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment as a universal human right is a turning point – a Kairos moment – that will heighten ambitious actions on all environmental issues, such as those highlighted above by our Forum Leaders, and including actions towards negotiations at the UNFCCC COP27 in Egypt this November.

In the Pacific, we are guided by our 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, prioritising people-centered development. We stand ready to deepen international cooperation to ensure that this landmark UNGA resolution for a universal human right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment is upheld, including through the full implementation of multilateral environmental agreements.

We will also continue to uphold our regional instruments such as the Convention for the Protection of the Natural Resources and Environment (Noumea Convention), and the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty which safeguards our region against environmental pollution by radioactive wastes and other radioactive matter.

I encourage all states to work towards national laws and measures to entrench this universal right for their people. We must reach higher standards of environmental protection for our One Blue Planet.

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and FIFA put climate partnership into action

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

09 August 2022

- PIFS and FIFA signed two-year Memorandum of Understanding in April
- In July Pacific Islands Forum Leaders declared a climate change emergency in the Pacific
- Partnership focus on climate change action and climate-proofing infrastructure.



The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) and FIFA have jointly launched a 12-month plan to implement the climate change partnership they signed in April and turn commitment into concrete climate action. Key activities will include employing FIFA Legends to raise climate change awareness and adapting existing infrastructure in one of the world's most vulnerable regions to make it more climate proof.

FIFA President Gianni Infantino and the PIF Secretary General Henry Puna signed a two-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to combat climate change during the FIFA Congress in Doha, Qatar, in April. The MOU focuses on using football diplomacy to educate and raise awareness on climate change and disaster resilience. It also aims to enhance climate-proofed infrastructure, focus on climate resilient football development and mobilise finance for resilience building in the region, including support for the Pacific Resilience Facility fund.

According to Secretary General Puna, the implementation plan is a demonstration to the people and communities in the Pacific that both FIFA and PIFS are serious about addressing the climate emergency facing the region and building the resilience of vulnerable communities.

“The Pacific region recognises that 2022 is a defining year for urgent and strong climate action – where pledges and commitments need to be translated into action,” SG Puna said. “This is the key message that the Pacific will take to the international community leading up to COP 27 in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt in November. COP 27 must deliver on implementation.”

“In their meeting in July, Pacific Islands Forum Foreign Ministers supported new ways of elevating regional climate change priorities to the international community, including through sports diplomacy such as the recent MOU on Climate Change with FIFA,” he added. “This marks the entire region’s recognition and support for the MOU as an innovative approach to climate advocacy, leveraging on the global influence of football.”

Gianni Infantino said: “Football is certainly not immune to climate change and is affected at all levels, from grassroots and amateur to elite, with the Oceania region facing a particularly high risk of climate and disaster impacts.” “At FIFA, we also have a duty to wider society: helping to draw attention to climate change and taking action against it in one of the world’s most vulnerable regions, is one of the best ways we can use football’s power and popularity to have a positive impact.”

Key activities include:

- Creating a climate change literacy program for schools, and training to support climate change awareness by FIFA Legends;
- Joint communications and advocacy plan leading up to COP 27 and the 2023 FIFA Women’s World Cup in Australia and New Zealand;
- Support climate proofing and retrofitting of football infrastructure in the Pacific;
- Convening a regional workshop on resilient football infrastructure development;
- Undertaking a regional football infrastructure audit; and
- Exploring collaboration with the Pacific Resilience Facility within the framework of the FIFA Climate Strategy.