

Two new FSM national records set by Pohnpei swimmers at Pohnpei State Swimming Championships

Pohnpei Swimming Club

November 5, 2022

Pohnpei—November 3rd and 5th saw some amazing swimming at the Pohnpei State Swimming Championships. Swimmers of all ages from around the island joined for this two-day competition to compete. Teams from Kitti, Nett, U, Kolonia, and Madolenihmw all participated, with ribbons awarded to the top five

finishers for each event and medals to the top three scorers overall for each age division.

The results from the competition will be used to help identify swimmers for the upcoming Micronesian Games in Marshall Islands in 2023. Spectators were excited to see some fast action in the pool, including two new FSM National Records, one by Kestra Kihleng in the 100 Meter Individual



Medley and one by Kyler Kihleng in the 400 Meter Freestyle. Both Kihlengs will be competing in December at the FINA World Swimming Championships in Melbourne, Australia. Some other

notable swims of the competition included the 100 Meter Freestyle and the 100 Meter Individual Medley by

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FSM Supreme Court grants partial summary judgment to OAE on OAE vs FSMTC civil action

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

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Palikir, FSM—On October 25, 2022, The FSM Supreme Court granted FSM Telecommunications Cable Corporation (commonly referred to as OAE for Open Access Entity) a partial summary judgment in its case (CA 2021-010) against FSM Telecommunications Corporation (FSMTC). Though the court did grant a partial summary judgment to OAE in its 37-page ruling, the court dispute is by no means over, and no dollar amounts, if any, have yet been decided.

“Since the OAE has not overcome Telecom’s affirmative defense that the terms involving repayment of 50% of the RUS Hantru loan were unconscionable, the court, following the usual court practice concerning unconscionability, severs that particular IRU Deed provision so as to later determine whether it may be unconscionable,” the conclusion of the ruling on the partial summary judgment says. “The court grants the OAE summary judgment that the rest of the IRU Deed is a legally valid and enforceable contract and that the OAE has an indefeasible right to use 50% of the Hantru cable spectrum from Pohnpei to Guam and indefeasible rights to use the submarine cables between Guam

and Yap and between Pohnpei and Chuuk and the EMC cable once that project is built. The court denies summary judgment on the exact amounts Telecom owes the OAE.”

Background

The ruling provides a background to the history that gave rise to the issues between OAE and FSMTC. In 2014, the FSM Congress passed the FSM Telecommunications Act providing for a regulatory framework for the telecommunications sector. The Act removed FSMTC’s monopoly status and established a regulatory body called the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority

along with the OAE. The Act was motivated by an offer from the World Bank to provide funding to connect all FSM States to fiber optic capacity that was predicated on the requirement that the FSM take the steps necessary to foster a more competitive telecommunications market.

The World Bank required that FSMTC provide access to the HANTRU-1 Spur line it had bought and paid for with a loan from a U.S. federal government agency, the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). That requirement needed to be met before World Bank would release any funds for fiber optic capacity

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Japan officially hands over two major infrastructure projects to the State of Kosrae

By **Bill Jaynes**
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Kosrae—During a recent trip to Kosrae, Japan’s Ambassador to the FSM, Hisashi Michigami, officially handed over two major infrastructure development projects funded under Japan’s Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects. The combined cost for the two projects, one an improved roadway and the other, a new gymnasium for an elementary school, was \$561,730.

On October 26, Ambassador Michigami turned over the newly improved road between Utwe and Walung. The project provided \$388,635 to lay gravel on the roadway, install 11 culverts for drainage purposes, and provided one motor grader in order to regularly maintain the roadway. The improved roadway allows residents easy and safe access to the supermarkets for necessities as well as to the hospital for medical needs.

At the Ceremony, Ambassador Michigami mentioned that the infrastructure is important for the residents’ daily lives. He conveyed his hopes that the upgraded road would provide easy access to the center of the island and further become a symbol of the friendship between Japan and the FSM. He concluded by officially handing over the upgraded road project to the Mayor of Utwe, Mr. Canston H. Segal.

Kosrae Governor Carson Sigrah expressed his gratitude to Ambassador Michigami and Japan Government for their cooperation. The Mayor of Lelu, Director of Education, the staff from the Governor’s office, and the staff from the Embassy of Japan also attended the ceremony.

In a separate ceremony on October 28, Ambassador Michigami handed over the completed auditorium project at Malem Elementary school, built at a cost of \$173,095. The auditorium/ gymnasium will allow students to hold physical education classes and other educational opportunities no matter the weather.

Before handing over the project to the Mayor of Malem, Ruben



K. Charley, Ambassador Michigami said that a positive educational environment is crucial for children and for a country. He conveyed his hope that the newly constructed facility would foster a better educational environment at Malem Elementary School and become a symbol of the friendship between Japan and the FSM.

Governor Sigrah also attended the Malem Elementary School ceremony and again thanked the people of Japan and Ambassador Michigami for their cooperation and assistance. Senator Sasaki George, the Principal of the school, the students, the staff of the Governor’s office, and Embassy of Japan staff members attended the ceremony.



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UNICEF, Seabees, and Pohnpei Tennis Club give Nan Pepper tennis courts a face lift

By *Bill Jaynes*
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November 3, 2022

Pohnpei—With the help of UNICEF and the United States Seabees crew, the Pohnpei Tennis Courts in the Nan Pepper area have received a significant facelift. UNICEF donated the high-quality paint to repaint all of the walls and through the coordination of the United States Embassy in the FSM, the Seabees repainted.

and protection of rights of children, and also considering the fact that children are potential behavior change agents.”

On November 3, 2022, students from Ohmine Elementary School and Pohnpei Junior Tennis members put a person touch on the paint job. The students had been participating in a workshop with UNICEF Multi-Country Representative, Mr. Jonathan Vetch. On that morning they took a break from the workshop to join the Pohnpei Tennis Club in a celebration of the renovations.

On the wall above the sinks at the tennis court is the brightly painted message, “Wash Hands Save Lives”. The students each left their handprints on that wall in bright latex paint.

“The Pohnpei Tennis Club (PTC) organized the Wall painting event as part of its contribution to the social and behavior change on promoting hand hygiene,” a UNICEF representative wrote. “PTC included children to undertake the painting alongside the visiting UNICEF Representative given the latter’s primary focus on promotion



Veterans Association benefits men, women, and youth Church donates office equipment for non-profit start up

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Charitable organizations are created to help those needing special help. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints looks to benefit those they can, looking for opportunities to partner with some of these organizations, sometimes helping them to get their feet on the ground.

Herman Semes Jr, current president of the US Veterans Association (USVA) based in Pohnpei, reached out to the Micronesia Guam Humanitarian Department for a donation to help them get established. The Church was happy to donate two laptop computers, a color laser printer, and toner cartridges to the USVA

office. The computer and printer are for administrative use to support veterans in Pohnpei, along with training high school students in preparation to take the military exam (ASVAB)

The organization also serves as an advocacy, liaison, and lobby group for veterans’ interest and benefit. This will be an indispensable source of information that can be helpful for prospective enlistees prior, during, and after service in the US Armed Forces.

USVA has 102 registered members in their organization with the number increasing as veterans return to Pohnpei after retirement or ETS (Expiration of Term of Service) from the US Armed Forces.

The purpose of organizing US Veterans of Pohnpei into an association is to be recognized by the FSM National Government, Pohnpei State Government, and the US Government to serve as a community outreach resource and information center in the State of Pohnpei for men, women, and youth seeking opportunities in the US Armed Forces.

The Church values the members that these organizations can help and is grateful to its Church members who,

through thier tithes and offerings, make these donations possible. This donation will aid in this associations ability to improve the lives of many.



Department of the Interior Technical Assistance Program Grants now open to U.S. Insular Areas Climate change, energy, natural resources are among top priorities

U.S. Department of the Interior

or early next year.

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) is pleased to announce that the applications for Fiscal Year 2023 funding under the Office's Technical Assistance Programs can now be submitted to www.Grants.Gov.

The announcements for funding for Technical Assistance (TAP), Maintenance Assistance (MAP), Coral Reef and Natural Resources (including Invasive Species projects) (CRNR), and Brown Tree Snake (BTS) are open with a deadline of March 17, 2023. The announcements for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Mined-Lands projects and for the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Climate Change Technical Assistance program are also open with a deadline of January 31, 2023. It is highly recommended that applications be submitted as early as possible.

"We look forward to supporting as many applications from the Insular Areas as possible and encourage all to apply as early as possible for this round of Fiscal Year 2023 funding," said Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs Carmen G. Cantor. "Applications that address climate change, energy, and natural resources will be considered among the top priorities."

TAP, MAP, and CRNR funding is made available for short-term projects intended to meet the needs of the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as the freely associated states – the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. BIL funds are available only to support the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. IRA funds are available to the local governments of these same territories and Puerto Rico.

Other financial assistance programs provided through OIA such as the Energizing Island Communities should be announced later this year

Applications for TAP, MAP, CRNR, BTS and BIL will be considered from Insular Areas government entities, educational institutions, or non-profit organizations whose grant proposals directly benefit the four U.S. territories, including Puerto Rico in the case of IRA funding, or the three freely associated states, in accordance with 2 CFR 200. More information about financial grant assistance may be found on the OIA website along with the specific TAP 2023 instructions.

For more information and to apply, visit www.grants.gov and use CFDA# 15.875. While the deadlines listed are January 31, and March 17, 2023, it is highly recommended that applications be submitted as early as possible. Applications will be reviewed once OIA receives full-year appropriations. Applications related to public safety and emergencies may be reviewed early, prior to the deadline. All funding decisions will be finalized by September 30, 2023.



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Description

The Pacific Community (SPC) is the principal scientific and technical organisation in the Pacific region, supporting development since 1947. We are an international development organisation owned and governed by our 27 country and territory members. In pursuit of sustainable development to benefit Pacific people, our unique organisation works across more than 25 sectors. We are known for our knowledge and innovation in such areas as fisheries science, public health surveillance, geoscience, and conservation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

The Micronesia Regional Office (MRO) situated in Kolonia, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), is the main hub for SPC's projects and partnerships with the Micronesian members of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), the Republic of Palau, and the United States territories of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and Guam. The MRO opened in January 2006.

The role – the Office Assistant – Messenger will provide administrative and messenger support services to the Micronesia Regional Office and all divisions and projects working through the MRO as requested.

The key responsibilities of the role include the following:

1. Provide support for office reception
2. Provide support for general office administration
3. Provide support for messenger duties
4. Provide support for official meetings and workshops
5. Provide support for vehicle fleet management

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

Qualifications

- Certificate in Administration or Business Administration
- Essential experience and skills
- At least 2 years' experience in providing administrative assistance, office assistance or messenger, driver service
- Sound knowledge of MS Word, Excel and Windows computing environment
- Familiar or have working experience dealing with vendors
- Valid driver's license
- Proficiency in English

Remuneration – the Office Assistant – Messenger is a Band 2 position in SPC's 2022 salary scale, with a starting taxable salary range of USD 1,193 –1,491 per month, plus local staff benefits.

Benefits – SPC provides medical and life insurance for eligible employees and their eligible dependents. Employees are entitled to 25 days of annual leave. Provident Fund and/or Social Security will be according to FSM's local legislation.

Closing date: 20 November 2022 – 11:00 pm Pohnpei time

Job Reference: SH000206

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

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

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

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

Screening questions:

1. Describe a challenging task you were assigned in the past and how you approached it?
2. Describe a situation where you had to support a large team. Were you successful?
3. Explain how you would handle a situation where you were assigned multiple tasks by different team members?

...Swimming

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Katerson Moya of Kitti and the 50 Meter Breaststroke by Carson Amor of U.

While the focus of this competition was on individual competition, the competition organizers kept score for the teams entered as well. Kitti Municipal Team entered an amazing 28 swimmers and won the overall competition by a landslide with an astounding 891 points. U came in second with 10 swimmers, finishing with 458 points. A huge congratulations is in order for both of these teams and the hard work they put into preparing for this competition.

The overall individual scorers received gold, silver, and bronze medals as follows:

10 years old and under Girls:
1st place: Liardishia Jonathan of Kitti
2nd place: Jennysha Augustine of Kitti
3rd place: Maylany Moya of Kitti

10 and under Boys:
1st place: Alfios Santos of Kitti
2nd place: Benjamin Haigh of Kolonia
3rd place: Mason Moya Jr. of Kitti

11-15 years old Girls:
1st place: Katrianne Kihleng of U
2nd place: Kaylinn Kihleng of U
3rd place: Keysha-Mae Saimon of Kitti

11-15 years old Boys:
1st place: Katerson Moya of Kitti
2nd place: Sakokawai Obispo of U
3rd place: Berson Kohber of U

16 years and over Girls:
1st place: Kestra Kihleng of U
2nd place: Anymert Moya of Kitti
3rd place: Mellony Moya of Kitti

16 years and over Boys:
1st place: Kyler Kihleng of U
2nd place: John Santos of Kitti
3rd place: Elijah Eperiam of Kitti

Pohnpei Swimming Club is able to keep the pool maintained and open

to the public through local sponsors. Without these sponsors, the swim development programs would not be possible. Pohnpei Swimming Club would like to thank the FSM National Olympic Committee, Ace Hardware, Ace Office Supply, Napa Auto Parts, Etscheit Enterprise, the Rotary Club of Pohnpei, Western Pacific Central Fisheries Commission, and Laidenki Divers for their sponsorship of the pool and swim programs.

For more information on joining a swim team or taking swimming lessons, please stop by the pool office or email pohnpeiswimming@gmail.com. The next swimming competition will be held sometime in early 2023.



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...OAE-FSMTC

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development. FSMTC would not agree to that condition, and the FSM Congress passed legislation to require FSMTC to give OAE access and to also give FSMTC the same access to the OAE's Chuuk undersea cable.

FSMTC lobbied against the legislation and "instead negotiated and eventually and reluctantly agreed to a Deed Granting Indefeasible Rights of Use ('IRU Deed' or 'the Deed'). Under the Deed, FSMTC granted OAE rights for 25 years to use 50 percent of the capacity on one fiber pair in the HANTRU-1 cable. It also provided that the FSM Government would assign to OAE the submarine cable assets connecting Yap to Guam; a wholly owned cable system connecting Chuuk to Pohnpei, and its interests in a planned East Micronesia Cable system that would connect to Kosrae.

Under the Deed, FSMTC was required to purchase Internet capacity from OAE and was barred from using satellite systems to compete with or avoid using the OAE submarine cable system. FSMTC characterized this portion of the Deed as an "unconscionable restraint of trade". The deed also obligated OAE to pay 50 percent of all future RUS loan principal and interest payments for the HANTRU-1 spur. FSMTC billed OAE \$975,369 for its share of the loan payments at some point before RUS decided to forgive the loan.

FSMTC was to invoice the OAE on a monthly basis for all sums OAE owed FSMTC under the Deed, and OAE was required to pay the invoices within 30 days. The OAE was then allowed to charge its wholesale customers its total expenses, including its payments to FSMTC. FSMTC is, to this day, the OAE's sole customer, so under the deed, OAE can bill its costs back to FSMTC. At some point in the vague future, if competitors come online that utilize the fiber optic infrastructure, OAE's billings would split equitably among its customers.

After having met its previous obligations under the Deed, in March of 2020, FSMTC stopped paying, saying that it anticipated significant losses in international roaming charges due to the pandemic emergency closure. The roaming charges were a significant part of FSMTC's revenue stream. In late March, FSMTC informed the FSM President that it was repudiating the IRU Deed and ceasing payments under it. FSMTC asserted that its payments to the OAE and TRA cost it over \$1 million without any direct benefit whatsoever to FSMTC or to its services to the public. FSMTC also objected to OAE's involvement in Yap with the installation of terrestrial fiber optic cables to homes and businesses (fiber-to-home program) as competition with FSMTC's retail business.

OAE continues to bill FSMTC on a monthly basis. FSMTC has not paid but has booked the amounts on its balance sheet and retained those funds separately.

OAE filed the original civil action against FSMTC (CA 2021-010) seeking a money judgment against FSMTC for unpaid invoices as damages for alleged breach of contract, an order that FSMTC performs its IRU Deed obligations a finding that FSMTC breached its implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, and a finding that FSMTC breached the IRU Deed by not consulting with the OAE before contracting to upgrade is HANTRU spectrum, engaging in anti-competitive practices. It also asked for a declaratory judgment that the IRU Deed is legally valid and enforceable, arguing that such a declaration is needed to maintain the FSM's international standing with its EMC partners.

FSMTC presented its defenses and also filed counterclaims against OAE for declaratory relief to set aside the IRU Deed and to halt any DAE involvement in fiber-to-the-home projects; 2) unconstitutional taking of property without just compensation; 3) intentional and negligent interference with a contract; 4) intentional or negligent interference with business opportunities; 5) breach of contract and of the covenants of good faith and fair dealing; and 6) anti-competitive conduct.

The OAE responded to Telecom's counterclaims by moving to dismiss them. On October 19, 2021, the court dismissed all of Telecom's counterclaims except for the OAE's alleged unconstitutional taking of property without just compensation, insofar as that counterclaim did not assert the rights of the individual FSM states; and the OAE's alleged breach of contract and the breach of the covenants of good faith and fair dealing.

The OAE also moved for summary judgment. After extensive briefing, the summary judgment motion was heard on May 12, 2022. The October 25, 2022 ruling is the result of deliberations on the briefs and the hearing.

FSMTC asserted that "the IRU Deed was so one-sided it was unconscionable; makes no commercial sense; was a take-it-or-leave-it proposition; and that no potential international competitor will ever come to the FSM. Furthermore, it argues that the IRU Deed was illegal because Public Laws No. 20-13 and No.

20-20 were in effect when the IRU Deed was signed." It argued that because of this and many other factors, including the fact that OAE has another customer in Yap in iBoom, that OAE has not billed anything since they entered the market, the matter should go to trial.

The Court rejected nearly all of FSMTC's claims and counterclaims, leaving only the claim of unconscionability of the Deed and that only regarding the terms involved repayment of 50 percent of the RUS HANTRU loan. The court granted summary judgment to OAE, saying that the IRU Deed is valid and legally enforceable. It would not set a dollar amount of potential FSMTC liability to OAE because there is a "setoff of debts" between FSMTC and OAE. "Under the setoff doctrine 'where parties dealing together become mutually indebted, ordinarily only the balance is recoverable.'" Further, the court could not determine if in its issuance of invoices OAE deducted costs for other OAE pursuits such as the Eastern Micronesia Cable project or OAE's fiber-to-home project and plans.

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SCOPE OF WORK:

All consultants submitting a proposal should be prepared to:

- Develop an overall plan for automation or digitization of most operation of the college, which include electronic

signature, approval of documents.

- Recommend organization structural changes to minimize duplication of services without compromising equity of access to programs and services.
- Develop plans for the college to deliver courses from faculty at all of the college campuses to students enrolling in the FSM and outside of the FSM.
- Investigate regional and national trends and provide well-informed recommendations for program offerings, optimal locations and delivery modes to maximize student enrollment.
- Recommend strategies for increasing student enrollment by connecting high schools in the FSM with enrollment data and close partnership to recruit students to the college.
- Develop plan for the college to drive private sector

and partnership with the government to advance technical and vocational skills for the FSM.

- Review and put in place a new salary scale for the college to implement to keep and recruit qualified faculty and staff.
- Develop plans for COM-FSM to play a role in building the FSM economy.

RFP DETAILS:

If you are interested, please refer to the the link provided below, in which specified the proposal format, eligibility and qualification of the consultant, and other related details...please click the link to view:

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As required by FSM law, the Bank wishes to inform customers that accounts will be closed and the funds transferred to the FSM Secretary of Finance in January 2023. If your account appears on this list, you can avoid having your funds turned over to the Secretary of Finance by making a deposit or withdrawal to the account before December 31, 2022.

Yapese:

Tan e Motochiyal nu FSM, Bank e badag ni nge yog ko pi customer rok ney ni rayan I January 2023, maran close nag e pi account ney, man pii e salpiy riy ko FSM Secretary ko Finance. Fa'an ra be mug e account rom ko re list ney, ma rayog ni dabni pii e salpiy rom ko Secretary ko Finance faanra ngamub mu deposit fa mub mu withdraw nag e salpiy ko account rom u m'on ko December 31, 2022.

Pohnpeian:

E kosonndier sang ni ruwes en kosonned en FSM me FSM Bank udahn pahn pakairkiheng aramas oh pwihn en aramas me sansalehr powe, me epwelpen amwail tungol de sawwellimomwail nekinek nan Bank en FSM pahn katoktokidi nan sounpwong en January pahr 2023. Mwoni koaros me patpato nan nekinek pwukat pahn kesepwillang FSM Secretary en Finance. Ma mwaromwi iang sansal powe ah komwi kak pwaredo de ketido oh kapidohi de kasauwada omwi tungol de sawwellimomwi nekinek sang nan FSM Bank mwohn December 31, 2022 ma komw sohte kupwuriki omwi tungol de sawwellimomwi nekinek en kepideklang FSM Secretary en Finance.

Kosraean:

In fwal nuke pusren Masap lun FSM, Bank FSM inge akkalemye nusin Customers nukewa ma e akkalemyeyuk lung inge la account lowos ma akkalemyeyuk inge e tufwa kauli a money ka an ac tuhfeh itukyan nusin Secretary lun Finance ke FSM National Government ke January 2023. In oralla account se lom an tia putatyan nuke oakwuk ku oiya se inge, kom enenu in tuku nu Bank FSM oralla sie deposit ku withdrawal nuke account san meet liki December 31, 2022.

Chuukese:

Sia awora ei esinesin ngeni ami kei aramas, mwicheichen aramas, ika sopai mi affat itemi assan pun faan pungun annukun FSM, masowan ami kei accounts epuene lo ngeni ach ewe FSM Finance lon January 2023, ika pwe ese wor mwokutukutun uttut (withdrawal) ika isonanong (deposit) lon me mwen December 31, 2022 Ach anean pwe kopwe chuuto rech ach sipue annisfengen won om kei account.

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President Panuelo & Vice President Palik receive Assistant Secretary Cantor; recent JEMCO meeting described as successful & impactful

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—From November 3rd to 6th, 2022, representatives of the U.S. Government were in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to engage in a series of formal and less-formal meetings and consultations, including a meeting of the Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) to discuss the FSM's Health, Education, and Infrastructure Sectors. On November 4th, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the FSM, and the Honorable Aren B. Palik, Vice President of the FSM, received the Honorable Carmen G. Cantor, Assistant Secretary for Insular & International Affairs at the U.S. Department of Interior, for a courtesy call following the conclusion of a recent meeting of the JEMCO.

Assistant Secretary Cantor described to President Panuelo and Vice President Palik that she was glad to be back in her second home, and briefed them on the outcomes of the JEMCO meeting. Of particular interest and importance to the Panuelo-Palik administration is the efficient and timely, yet well-managed and accountable, implementation of the Kosrae State Hospital and Chuuk State Hospital projects; the JEMCO passed a resolution regarding these.

Citizens unfamiliar with JEMCO may appreciate the following explanation. After the Compact of Free Association, as Amended, came into effect, JEMCO was established to strengthen management and accountability with regard to assistance provided under the Compact,

and to promote the effective use of funding. Comprised of representatives of the FSM and U.S. Governments, JEMCO reviews the development plans and other planning and budget documents of relevant FSM Government units, and monitors the progress made by the FSM toward sustainable economic development and budgetary self-reliance in relation to the FSM's written goals and performance measures. JEMCO also consults with the providers of U.S. Federal Grant programs; reviews audits as called for in the Compact; reviews performance outcomes and other reported data; reviews and approves grant allocations, performance objectives, and, where appropriate, assessment tools; reviews and approves changes proposed by the FSM to the sectors that receive economic assistance under Title Two of the Compact; evaluates progress, management problems, and shifts in sector priorities; reviews quarterly Compact Trust Fund investment reports; and several other related tasks.

During the meeting with Assistant Secretary Cantor, President Panuelo reiterated the FSM's perspective that, if the first iteration of the Compact of Free Association's financial assistance and oversight processes could plausibly be described as too broad and unrestricted, that the second iteration, under the Compact of Free Association, as Amended, could equally be described as too focused and restrictive.

"I'm very much hopeful, and I believe this has already been discussed, that



Vice President Aren B. Palik; Director of Australia, New Zealand, & Pacific Island Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, Taylor Ruggles; Assistant Secretary for Insular & International Affairs, Carmen G. Cantor; President David W. Panuelo; CDA of the U.S. Embassy Kolonia, Alissa Bibb

our respective Compact Negotiators teams agree with the premise that it is in our mutual interest to amend our various financial or fiscal procedures agreements," President Panuelo said. "I believe that Compact One was too loose, and Compact Two was too rigid; I believe Compact Three can and must find a way that appeals to the public's interest that every dollar of Compact-related funding be used responsibly, while also ensuring that essential projects and programs are not unnecessarily delayed due to excessive bureaucracy. The bottlenecks to our infrastructure programming need to be eliminated.

Our country is a sovereign nation

that practices the rule of law and accountability, and we need to be treated that way. The Compact isn't a charity but a fair trade between two completely sovereign nations with the closest alliance that can never be found elsewhere, as our Micronesian men and women die for the same freedoms as any other American in the U.S. Armed Forces."

The productive and positive meeting concluded with the President recalling the success of the U.S.- Pacific Island Country Summit held in Washington, D.C., and highlighting that the FSM-U.S. Enduring Partnership under the Compact had just reached its 36th anniversary.

Palikir water well provides for government & community

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—Recently, the Honorable Aren B. Palik—Vice President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)—joined the Honorable Reed B. Oliver, Governor of the FSM State of Pohnpei, and the Honorable Marvin T. Yamaguchi, Speaker of the Pohnpei State Legislature, and Mr. Nixon Anson, General Manager of the Pohnpei Utilities Corporation (PUC), as well as numerous additional representatives and officials of the FSM National Government, Pohnpei State Government, and the Iso Nahnken of Sokehs, in a ceremony to celebrate the delivery of a new water well in Palikir. Funded by the FSM Congress, the water

well was drilled and designed for both government and community use.

In his remarks, Vice President Palik emphasized his appreciation for the cooperation between multiple agencies and layers of government that resulted in the completion of the water well. "This Project provides an excellent example of collaboration between our different levels of Government," Vice President Palik said. "The funds were provided by the FSM Congress, with technical oversight and contracts administered by the FSM Executive Branch, and the implementation at the state level."

Other projects demonstrative of cooperation between the FSM National Government and Pohnpei State

Government in areas falling under PUC's mandate include the Omnibus Infrastructure Project, which improved PUC's wastewater treatment system; the Iron Removal Plant; the extension of the PUC water system to Diadi; and the further extension of the water system to Kinakapw, which the FSM Government expects will be starting soon.

In their remarks, Speaker Yamaguchi described his gratitude and appreciation for the project, describing that all of Pohnpei is a well, and should be harvested to support all of the communities of Pohnpei; Governor Oliver emphasized that teamwork and



unity across local, State, and National Government has shown that anything can be accomplished; and PUC Manager Anson expressed his gratitude and appreciation to PUC's employees for their hands-on efforts in contributing to the project's success.



**OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL PUBLIC AUDITOR
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**Qualified Auditors to Perform Annual Single Audits of the Federated States of Micronesia
Fiscal Years Ending September 30, 2022 & 2023**

The Office of the National Public Auditor for the Federated States of Micronesia invites interested professional accounting firms to submit written proposals to conduct the annual audits of the National and four State Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia for fiscal years ending September 30, 2022 and 2023.

The single audits will include financial and compliance audits of the Federated States of Micronesia pursuant to the Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended, OMB Circular A-133, OMB Super Circular, and the Amended Compact of Free Association between the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States of America for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.

The audits will cover each reporting entity of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia as defined by the amended U.S. Public Law 108-188 TITLE FOUR, Article VI, Section 461(g). The audits will be performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, provisions of the Amended Compact of Free Association between the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States of America and its related agreement for Implementation of Economic Assistance Programs and Services, and Federal auditing standards in the United States; including the Government Auditing Standards, issued by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO); the Single Audit Act of 1984 (P.L. 98-502), as amended; Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations; and Super Circular, OMB Uniform Guidance: Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements

for Federal Awards, issued by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

In addition, the auditor will be expected to follow the recommendations of the AICPA State and Local Government Committee as set forth in the accounting guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units, Revised Edition.

Proposals must be post-marked or hand-delivered to the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor and received no later than November 25, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Proposals received after November 25, 2022 will not be considered even if post-marked by November 25, 2022. Postal delivery/mail must be received by the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor at the address below.

A full version of the RFP document can be accessed at www.fsmopa.fm , or by contacting:

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Aviators bring joy to Sokehs

By Flight Lieutenant Dee Irwin

A deployed Chaplain from No. 23 Squadron and aviators from No. 35 Squadron deployed on Operation Solania took part in a community engagement program within Pohnpei, in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Over the 17-28 October, RAAF aviators visited local schools, churches and participated in community activities including the Diplomatic Friendship Games organized by the Australian Embassy and the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs. Visiting local schools during the deployment, aviators took part in numerous activities including ball games, building model planes that were bought over to be gifted to the schools and taking plenty of selfies.

At SOKEHS Roie Soledi Peidie Elementary School, it was clear all the students were genuinely excited for the visit and were fascinated

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in both the Air Force uniforms and the Aussie accent.

Randy Lambert, the Principal at SOKEHS Roie Soledi Peidie Elementary School said the students had seen the C-27J Spartan flying in the skies over the Island and that they were intrigued about who was flying the aircraft.

"I am so grateful that you could visit our school. Your visit means so much to our school and particularly to all the students. "You can see in their faces how much joy this visit has bought them and I know that they will remember this day for a long time to come." said Randy.

Chaplain Timothy Mannix, an Air Force Chaplain joined the Air Force in 2019 and who was on his first overseas deployment said that the hospitality shown by Islanders was heartwarming.

"The locals have welcomed me into their community and their churches and I have been overwhelmed with the hospitality and kindness shown towards not only me but the whole ADF contingent deployed on Op Solania." Chaplain Mannix said.

Visiting a number of churches on the Island and with a shared interest in religion, Chaplain Mannix was invited by the Minister of the United Churches of Christ Pohnpei to attend a Sunday service and address parishioners, which he jumped at the opportunity to be involved.

"I have been out and about engaging with local Ministers and Priests and although we may have different religions, our roles remain the same: to counsel, support and provide pastoral care to all.

"Being my first deployment since enlisting in to the ADF, I feel grateful to be able to provide that support to not only our deployed aviators, but our Pacific Island family." Chaplain Mannix said.

Operation SOLANIA is the ADF's contribution to maritime surveillance within the Pacific region and supports the Pacific Island Forum Fisheries Agency's (FFA) Operations Rai Balang, Tui Moana, Island Chief, and Kuru Kuru.



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ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Opportunity – Projects Administrative Assistant Application submissions starting September 15, 2022 until filled

The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) seeks well qualified individuals to fill the position of FSM NORMA Projects Administrative Assistant (PAA) in the office of NORMA, FSM National Government, Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941.

The Position:

Assist Project Coordinators and designated accountants in monitoring accounts of the projects by maintaining records, reconciling and reviewing of reports on funds and financial transactions under the Project; Assist with raising, processing of all payments for NORMA Projects and filing required supporting documents in accordance with FSM Regulations and NORMA SOPs. Assist to monitor Projects designated accounts and ensuring draw-downs, reimbursements, and disbursements are timely and within budget. Assist with monitoring and updating of project budgets to align with financing agreements and project work plans. Stay informed about relevant government regulations including, tax regulations, customs regulations and any related regulations that may apply to projects; Maintain a list of vendors supplying general items for project implementation; Check invoices to ensure correct price, follow through to ensure that materials ordered have been received and comply with specifications, examine the conditions of material received, and approve invoices for payment; Interact with the finance staff and project coordinator to ensure

correct and timely payment to contractors and consultants and proper administration of contracts according to contract provisions and procurement regulations. Maintain a list of contracts with monitoring of contract dates and payments; Assist in monitoring and reporting of fund status and procurement implementation status and progress to NORMA and donors as required including preparation of related reports; Assist with the preparation of quarterly financial status reports; Maintaining safe, complete, updated, organized and easily retrievable filing system; Filing of all project related documents; Assist with project reporting requirements; Arrange project related travel; Maintain a calendar of all events, meetings, deadlines and Scheduling meetings/programs for trainings or missions; Arrange workshops, conferences, meetings and keeping minutes of project committee meetings as needed; perform other related duties as required by the Authority.

The Incumbent:

Bachelors Degree in Bachelors Degree from a recognized institution in Accounting, Business Administration or other relevant degree. Associate Degree may be considered with proven extensive experience; Minimum of one (1) year recent relevant experience;

Experience with working in a team environment; Fluency in written and spoken English; Competency in the use of computer applications, especially MS Office and Excel; Demonstrated ability to work under pressure and pay attention to detail; Organized and detail-oriented person

Benefits:

The Annual Salary is based on market rates but negotiable depending on the qualifications of the applicant and the number of work experience years. This will be a full-time position under contract with FSM NORMA with likelihood of extension based on performance and funding availability.

To Apply:

Full Terms of Reference or Job Description can be obtained by contacting NORMA as below. Submit resume by mail or in person, but preferably by email to the following address with subject line "Projects Administrative Assistant":

NORMA Office
Ambros Building, 2nd floor
P.O. Box PS-122
Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941
Phone: (691) 320-2700
Email: info@norma.fm
Copy to moria.joseph@norma.fm

Australian Air Force completes mission in FSM

Marine Surveillance Advisors

An Australian Air Force C27J Spartan aircraft has completed a two mission to the Federated States of Micronesia to support aerial maritime surveillance activities as a participant in the recent Forum Fisheries Agency OP Kuru Kuru.

The C27J Spartan completed a total of

nine surveillance missions during its time in FSM and mainly operated out of Pohnpei International Airport, two missions were also undertaken to Chuuk with the aircraft landing twice in Weno.

During the deployment to FSM the aircraft also provided support to a Search and Rescue operation for a missing fisherman off a Taiwanese vessel, FSS

Tosiwo Nakayama was the surface search asset and the USCG also sent a C130 from Barbers Point in Hawaii to assist in the search.

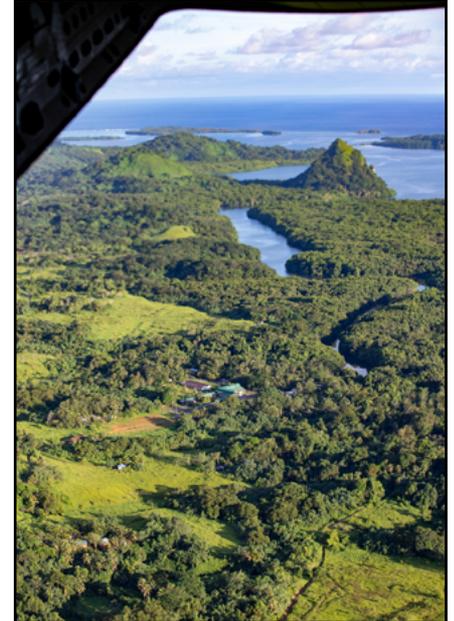
When not conducting surveillance activities the C27J undertook a number of VIP flights for members of the FSM Government and community in order to demonstrate the unique capabilities of

the aircraft. These VIP flights allowed the invited guests an opportunity to see the magnificent scenery of both Pohnpei and Chuuk lagoon from up close, a view not seen by many passengers on commercial airline flight.



Photos by Bill Jaynes

On the afternoon of October 28, the Australian Air Force invited the United Airlines staff members who supported them during their visit to the FSM to take a flight above Pohnpei aboard the C27J Spartan aircraft. I was privileged to also be invited and was allowed to sit in front of the open gate as the aircraft circled the beautiful island of Pohnpei.



Guam Industry Forum attendees to learn about bid opportunities for \$11 Billion in military projects

Guam Industry Forum

Nov. 1, 2022

Guam – The Guam Industry Forum 2022, scheduled for November 14-16 at the Dusit Thani Guam Resort, is fast approaching, and the Guam Post

of the Society of American Engineers (S.A.M.E.) announced today that registration remains open for the event. The Guam Industry Forum 2022 is being held to provide networking and business opportunities for contractors and service providers from throughout Asia, the

U.S., Guam, and Micronesia to network, collaborate, and avail of opportunities to support the historic increase in America’s strategic presence in the Indo-Pacific region. Hundreds of government and industry representatives are expected to attend the forum.

S.A.M.E. Guam Post has recently announced key speakers from Guam, the U.S. Military, and Japan’s Ministry of Defense, who will open the forum’s agenda

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**WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION
SEEKS QUALIFIED APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF
NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TEAM (EMT) COORDINATOR
FOR THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (FSM)
as Special Service Agreement (SSA)**

APPOINTMENT: 12 months based in Palikir, Pohnpei, FSM

Background

The WHO/Country Liaison Office for Northern Micronesia provides technical assistance in the area of public health to the national and state governments of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and seeks qualified applicant to support national Emergency Medical Team (EMT) development in the FSM.

The WHO EMT Initiative assists countries and NGOs to build capacity and strengthen health systems by facilitating and coordinating the development and deployment of quality-assured, self-sufficient medical teams in emergencies. The EMT Initiative aims to improve rapid response to the health consequences of sudden-onset emergencies, including outbreaks and disasters, by providing guidance, standards, training and EMT coordination mechanisms.

Pacific EMTs are mobile groups of health professionals (doctors, nurses, logisticians, etc.) that deploy to treat patients affected by an emergency, outbreak or disaster. Some national EMTs also provide primary health care and public health services. EMTs have now been established or are in the process of being established in 12 Pacific Island Countries and Areas, including the FSM.

The EMT Initiative places a strong focus on supporting countries to develop their own national EMTs that can arrive where they are needed in the shortest time possible to care for those most in need, and ensure that governments have a coordination system in place to request, accept and use international EMTs when local capacity is exceeded.

In FSM, development of EMTs in each of the four states is at its preparatory stage but it is expected that EMTs will be established in 2022-23 with support from the national Department of Health and Social Affairs (DHSA).

Objectives

The WHO national EMT Coordinator in FSM will work with the national and state government EMT focal points to facilitate the development of EMT rosters in the four states in FSM; to support development of policies and standard operating procedures (SOPs); to facilitate training and capacity building of EMT members; to support management of logistics and supplies of EMTs (also known as "cache"); and support financial tracking and reporting related to EMT support. Technical backstopping will be provided from WHO's Regional Office, Division of Pacific Technical Support, and from international experts coordinated by the WHO's EMT secretariat.

Description of Duties

In close coordination with FSM government national and state EMT focal point(s), the national EMT coordinator will:

- Support the DHSA/State Departments of Health to develop national/state emergency response plans, establish EMT standard operating procedures (SOPs), develop and maintain rosters of trained EMT team members, and to integrate coordination of international EMTs into national and State emergency plans.
- Support the DHSA/State Departments of Health to develop and refine plans and SOPs for international EMT reception, tasking, coordination and onsite monitoring as specified in the WHO guidance on EMT Classification and Minimum Standards ("The Blue Book").
- Develop training content materials and provide on-site support to national and state EMT workshops and simulation exercises.
- Support strengthening of communication and coordination between the national and state government EMT focal points, other relevant departments and other stakeholders within the FSM.
- Provide project management and external relations support to all EMT-related funding, including possible coordination with donors and relevant departments of WHO on programme management.

- Provide support for logistics and EMT supply/cache management.
- Participate in national and regional EMT workshops and exercises to increase personal knowledge and skills relevant to the EMT coordinator's role in developing and testing SOPs and policies for DHSA.
- Provide monthly written status reports to the DHSA and WHO regarding progress and status of national/state EMT capacity strengthening and development.

Skills/Knowledge

- Understanding of national and State emergency response procedures at strategic and operational level, with a focus on health care delivery in difficult and austere environments.
- Excellent communicator with strong negotiation and advocacy skills.
- Ability to coordinate teams and meetings, demonstrate leadership and initiative.
- Proactivity and enthusiasm.
- Able to work independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team.

Education/Training

- Bachelor's degree in project management, medicine, nursing, health sciences, disaster risk management or a similar/relevant field; or at least two years' experience in management in a similar role.
- Desirable: Specialized training in emergency management, international aid, humanitarian principles, health system recovery, and health cluster coordination desirable.

Experience

- Demonstrated knowledge of health emergency operations highly desirable.

Language

- Written and spoken fluency in English is essential.

Other skills

- Working knowledge of standard MS Office software applications. Presentation skills.

Competencies

- Communicating in a credible and effective way;
- Producing results;
- Moving forward in a changing environment; and
- Fostering integration and teamwork

Salary range

- The salary package will be based on academic qualifications and experience in line with the revised job evaluation for civil servants in FSM.

Medical clearance

The selected candidate will be expected to provide a medical certificate of fitness for work

Travel

The selected SSA will be based in Pohnpei and expected to travel to other states outside Pohnpei (Chuuk, Yap and Kosrae). S/he may also travel overseas to attend necessary training or meeting if approved by WHO.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and resume/CV via email by **18 November 2022** to:

Dr Momoe Takeuchi, Country Liaison Officer, World Health Organization Office for Northern Micronesia takeuchim@who.int

Opinion Editorial

Grand event of China, great opportunity for the world

From October 16th to 22nd, 2022, the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) has been successfully convened in Beijing. This Congress, drawing extensive attention, is of major significance for both China and the wider world, which also provides a golden key for the world to learn about China. I would like to take this opportunity to brief our friends of the FSM on this grand event.

As a meeting of great importance, the Congress takes place at a critical time as China embarks on a new journey to build a modern socialist country in all respects and advance toward the Second Centenary Goal. The most important achievement of the Congress is that it has elected a new central leadership with General Secretary Xi Jinping at its core, and it has carried forward and practiced democracy throughout its process, and built consensus of the whole Party and of the people across the country.

The Congress has reviewed the works done in past five years since the 19th Congress and the great changes taking place over the decade, and elaborated on the Chinese features and essential requirements of Chinese modernization, and other major issues. It has laid out strategic planning for building China into a modern socialist country in all respects and drawn up a grand blueprint for China's development in the future.

The past decade since the 18th Congress marked three major events of great immediate importance and profound historical significance for the cause of the CPC and the Chinese people. China embraced the centenary of the CPC; China ushered in a new era of socialism with Chinese characteristics; and China eradicated absolute poverty and finished building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, thus completing the First Centenary Goal.

Let me use a few sets of data and demonstrate visually the breakthroughs and landmark achievements China has made over the past decade.

Over the past decade, China has put forward and applied a new development philosophy, worked hard to promote high-quality development, and brought about a historic rise in China's economic strength. China's GDP has grown from 8.5 trillion US dollars to 17.7 trillion US dollars to account for 18.5 percent (from 11.3%) of the world economy. China has remained the world's second largest economy. China's average annual growth rate for the decade was 6.6 percent, contributing 38.6 percent to world economic growth. That is more than the combined contribution of the G7 countries

and it makes China the number one engine for world growth. Also, the scale of China's manufacturing sector and foreign exchange reserves remain the largest in the world.

Over the past decade, China has acted on the idea that lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets. China's ecological and environmental protection efforts have seen sweeping, historic, and transformative changes. With the highest growth in forest coverage and the largest area of man-made forests, China leads the world in greening the planet. China's use of renewable energy and total installed power generation capacity have reached record highs, with the installed scale of hydropower, wind power, photovoltaic and biomass power generation staying at the top of the world. China's production and sales of new energy vehicles have ranked first in the world for seven consecutive years. China has invested about 1.2 billion RMB in South-South cooperation on climate change, signed 40 cooperation documents with 35 countries and trained about 2,000 officials and professionals in the field of climate change for 120 developing countries.

Over the past decade, China has steadily advanced high-level opening up and shared its development opportunities with the rest of the world. China has become a major trading partner for more than 140 countries and regions, it leads the world in total volume of trade in goods, and it is a major destination for global investment and a leading country in outbound investment. As a collaborative endeavor, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has been welcomed by the international community both as a public good and a cooperation platform. China had signed more than 200 BRI cooperation agreements with 149 countries and 32 international organizations. From 2013 to 2021, the total volume of trade of goods between China and the Belt and Road countries was nearly 11 trillion US dollars, while two-way investment exceeded 230 billion US dollars.

The great achievements of the past decade have come from the collective dedication and hard work of the CPC and the Chinese people. The Chinese people have come to realize that for the CPC to write these grand chapters in the development of the CPC and the country in the new era, there is a fundamental reason. The fundamental reason is that China have General Secretary Xi Jinping's superb leadership as the core of the Central Committee and the whole Party, as well as the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for

a New Era.

General Secretary Xi Jinping has stated in the report to the 20th National Congress of the CPC that from this day forward, the central task of the CPC will be to lead the Chinese people of all ethnic groups in a concerted effort to realize the Second Centenary Goal of building China into a great modern socialist country in all respects and to advance the rejuvenation of the Chinese nation on all fronts through a Chinese path to modernization.

General Secretary Xi Jinping has stressed that the Chinese path to modernization is socialist modernization pursued under the leadership of the CPC. It contains elements that are common to the modernization processes of all countries, but it is more characterized by features that are unique to the Chinese context. It is the modernization of a huge population, of common prosperity for all, of material and cultural-ethical advancement, of harmony between humanity and nature, and of peaceful development. The Chinese path to modernization has created a new form of human advancement, expanded the ways for developing countries to move toward modernization, and provided a development path for all countries, especially developing countries, to explore a better social system.

The 20th National Congress of the CPC not only draws a blueprint for China's future development, adds more stability and certainty into the turbulent and changing world, but also brings new opportunities to the world development and to the enhancement of China-FSM relations.

Today, our world, our times, and history are changing in ways like never before. The world has once again reached a crossroads in history and its future course will be decided by all the world's peoples.

For its part, China has maintained consistency and stability of its foreign policy, and stays committed to safeguarding world peace and promoting common development, and it is dedicated to advancing the building of a human community with a shared future.

China remains firm in pursuing an independent foreign policy of peace. It has always decided its position and policy on issues based on their own merits, and it has strived to uphold the basic norms governing international relations and safeguard international fairness and justice.

China respects the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries. It stays true to the principle of equality of all countries big or small, strong or weak and rich or poor and it respects the development paths and social systems independently chosen by all the world's peoples.

China stands firmly against all forms of hegemonism and power politics, the Cold War mentality, interference in

other countries' internal affairs, and double standards.

China pursues a defensive national defense policy and its development strengthens the world's forces for peace. No matter what stage of development it reaches, China will never seek hegemony or engage in expansionism.

China will respond to uncertainties of the external environment with its own certainties, counteract instability of the international situation with the stability of its domestic and foreign policies; it will strive to provide sustainable impetus for global recovery through its high-quality development and high-standard opening up, and work relentlessly for world peace and development in a responsible way.

Guided by the principles of sincerity, real results, affinity, and good faith and with a commitment to the greater good and shared interests, China endeavors to strengthen solidarity and cooperation with other developing countries including the Pacific Island Countries and safeguard the common interests of the developing world. We sincerely call upon all countries including the FSM to hold dear humanity's shared values of peace, development, fairness, justice, democracy and freedom to promote mutual understanding and forge closer bonds with other peoples; and to respect the diversity of civilizations. Let us allow cultural exchanges to transcend estrangement, mutual learning to transcend clashes, and coexistence to transcend feelings of superiority. Let us all join forces to meet all types of global challenges.

China and The FSM are good friends and partners. H.E. President David W. Panuelo, T.H. Speaker Wesley W. Simina and other dignitaries and friendly people in the FSM have sent their congratulatory messages to General Secretary Xi Jinping on his re-election and to the CPC Central Committee on the success of the Congress. Their support fully reflects the friendship between our two leaders, as well as the China-FSM Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and "Great Friendship".

China is willing to take the 20th National Congress of the CPC as an opportunity to strengthen exchanges with the FSM on governance, share beneficial experience in exploring the path of modernization, accelerate development and revitalization, achieve common prosperity and promote the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

We firmly believe that under the guidance of our two leaders, the China-FSM relations will continue to maintain sound and steady development and constantly benefit our two countries and two peoples.

Huang Zheng
Ambassador of the People's Republic of China

Secretary Samo contributes to World Health Organization's Regional Committee Meeting for the Western Pacific

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—From October 24th to 28th, 2022, the Honorable Marcus H. Samo, Secretary of the Department of Health & Social Affairs, attended the 73rd session of the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee Meeting for the Western Pacific in Manila, Philippines. The Committee meets every year to formulate policies, provide oversight for regional programs, hear and respond to progress reports, and consider, revise, and endorse new initiatives.

The Regional Committee Meeting of the WHO for the Western Pacific includes the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) amongst its 37 Member States (including Associate Members). The meeting's products included strategic health plans and resolutions that guide the work of the WHO's Regional and Country offices for the coming year.

When contributing to the development of resolutions pertaining to mental healthcare; cervical cancer; non-communicable disease prevention and control; primary healthcare; and reaching the unreached, the FSM made a number of key interventions, among these noting the importance of taking an approach to health solutions that recognize "existing cultural strengths"

found within the Blue Pacific Continent and each country within it, as well as considering the way in which health intersects with disability, gender, and Climate Change-related natural disasters.

In his statement to the Committee, Secretary Samo said that "Impacts of gender inequality are included as a risk factor adversely affecting the mental health of women and men within our communities.... A significant and preventable cause of death, and disability, in the Pacific is violence and injury caused by gender-based violence. It is therefore recommended that non-communicable disease interventions incorporate and support ending violence against women and girls."

The FSM has also advocated for the importance of promoting equity in health programming and decision-making. In this regard, Secretary Samo said "We believe that communication strategies be developed with equity in mind, considering particular needs and accessibility considerations as they relate to, for example, the intersection between health, gender, disability and the experiences of children."

Secretary Samo concluded his remarks by describing that, with dedication and cooperation amongst local health workers, political leadership, non-government organizations, and youth groups, among others, that the FSM "successfully contained the community spread of COVID-19 when it reached our shores."

The FSM was represented at the 73rd session of the WHO Regional Committee Meeting for the Western Pacific by Secretary Samo, Acting Assistant Secretary Stuard Penias, and Chief Operating Officer Scott Mori.



Assistant Secretary Cantor meets with the Presidents of the Marshall Islands and the FSM Chairs Joint Economic Management Committee Meetings for Compacts

Office of Insular Affairs (OIA)

WASHINGTON – U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular and International Affairs Carmen G. Cantor has now completed courtesy visits to all three of the freely associated states since being sworn into office. While on travel to the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and to the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) this week, she met with RMI President David Kabua and FSM President David Panuelo. Assistant Secretary Cantor took the opportunity to affirm for the respective leaders the United States' ongoing commitment under the Compact of Free Association and the

strong bilateral relationships.

"Nothing can replace engaging face to face with the people in the Marshall Islands. I was pleased to have made my first visit and meet their leadership," said Assistant Secretary Cantor.

Following the visit to Majuro in the RMI, Assistant Secretary Cantor traveled to the FSM.

"Going to Pohnpei was like going home for me," said Assistant Secretary Cantor. "I look forward to working with both the FSM and RMI Governments in my new capacity as Assistant Secretary and as Chair of the Joint Economic Committees

to support the effective use of Compact funding."

Assistant Secretary Cantor chaired a meeting of the Joint Economic Financial and Accountability Committee Meeting while in Majuro in the RMI and chaired a meeting of the Joint Economic Management Committee while in Pohnpei in the FSM. With this trip, the Assistant Secretary has now completed travel to each of the three freely associated states each of which have an important relationship with the United States under their respective Compact of Free Association.

The Assistant Secretary for Insular

and International Affairs and the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) carry out the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities for the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Additionally, OIA administers and oversees federal assistance under the Compacts of Free Association to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. OIA also administers a discretionary Technical Assistance Program for all the insular areas. Find information about OIA and its work on www.doi.gov/oia, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

Clark County advocates work to connect with homeless in Chuukese community

Language, cultural differences can be barriers for finding housing, employment

By Kelsey Turner
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Vancouver, Washington--In Carol Jack's home state of Chuuk in the western Pacific Ocean, community is central to islander culture. Family members across generations take care of one another and often live together in houses they own, Jack said.



Carol Jack, left, and her husband, Anderson Jack, stand outside Living for Christ Church, which they started together in Vancouver in 2017. Through their church, they help Chuukese immigrants with housing, employment and insurance. This is one of many ways Carol Jack, a community health worker at Share, helps Chuukese residents navigate life in Clark County. (Amanda Cowan/The Columbian)

The concept of paying rent to a landlord — or potentially becoming homeless if you don't — doesn't exist in Chuuk, said Jack, a community health worker at the nonprofit organization [Share](#).

As a result, finding a home in Clark County can be a culture shock for Chuukese immigrants.

"Back home, we don't pay rent. Everything is free," Jack said. "You own your land, you own your house, you own everything." Even food is mainly free, she added, as people farm, pick fruits from trees and fish in the ocean.

An increase in Chuukese immigrants to Clark County over the past 10 years have put these cultural differences into sharp focus for local service providers like Share.

Nearly half of the 56 residents at the Share Homestead family shelter identify as Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, a broad ethnic category that Share

Jack moved to Portland as a teenager in the late 1990s for educational opportunities. Other Chuukese immigrants come in search of better health care or jobs to support family members back home. Over time, a growing Chuukese community has formed in Clark County as newcomers join relatives who are already here.

"When a member of a family moves to one place, it seems like all the family follows," said Jack's husband, Anderson, a Chuukese man who moved to Portland in 1987. "It's like a stepping stone."

Though the Census does not count Chuukese people specifically, Anderson estimates Vancouver's population to be in the thousands. Many of these immigrants face cultural barriers that make it difficult to find housing and jobs.

Juanita Yasu, a Chuukese woman who works with Council for the Homeless as a liaison, translator and advocate, thinks language is the largest challenge for Chuukese people. Yasu and Jack both learned English while growing up in Chuuk, but many recent immigrants do not speak it.

Chuukese is largely a verbal language, meaning some who speak it don't write it, according to Lighthead.

"How do you put a rental application

into Chuukese?" Lighthead said. "Even if you could get somebody to translate it, could the person seeking housing be able to read it?"

Moreover, because the concept of renting is foreign to many Chuukese people, direct translations are often not enough. Chuukese clients may need native speakers like Yasu and Jack to explain what renting means.

Yasu has found that Chuukese immigrants often assume they can stay with family when they arrive in Clark County. But if too many family members move into an apartment without adding their names to the lease, it can cause problems.

"We can't have a lot of families living in an apartment like we used to at home," Yasu said. "If we have multiple families living here together, it's too many people in the house. And sometimes, they get evicted."

This is how some families end up sleeping in cars or on the streets, Jack said.

Lighthead thinks these types of cultural disconnects demonstrate a need for landlords and housing providers to reevaluate how they serve certain communities.

"Whether it's fully systemic racism, whether it's just poor rental housing practices, you're not recognizing that this is how a community is used to living and taking care of themselves," she said. "And the system won't change to accommodate it."

FSS Tosiwo Nakayama is christened in Weno

Marine Surveillance Advisors

The Guardian Class patrol boat FSS Tosiwo Nakayama visited Weno port on 28 October for her first visit to Chuuk State and to receive a blessing in honour of her esteemed namesake, the late President and Founding Father of the FSM. HE Jo Cowley, Australian Ambassador to FSM, and Australian Maritime Surveillance Adviser, LCDR David Perry, travelled with the Hon.

Joses Gallen, FSM Attorney-General, to Weno with the Royal Australian Air Force to participate.

In Chuuk, the boat and party were welcomed by the Hon. Wesley Simina, Speaker of the FSM Congress, the Hon. Alexander Narruhn, Governor of Chuuk State, the Hon. Mekioshy William, Lieutenant Governor and members of National and State legislatures. The Hon. Tosiwo Nakayama Jr also spoke at the patrol boat christening, in honour of his late father.

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Japan's Ministry of Defense to speak at the Guam Industry Forum 2022

S.A.M.E. announces government and military leaders to kickoff event's agenda

Guam Industry Forum

Oct. 26, 2022

Guam – The Guam Post of the Society of American Engineers (S.A.M.E.) announced today that it has confirmed key speakers from Guam, the U.S. Military, and Japan's Ministry of Defense to participate in the Guam Industry Forum 2022 scheduled from November 14-16, 2022 at the Dusit Thani Guam Resort.

Ms. Ayumi Sakaguchi, Technical and Estimate Team Leader for the Guam Relocation Project Office, USFJ Cooperation Division, Bureau of Local Cooperation from the Japan Ministry of Defense (MOD) will be speaking on Day 1 of the Forum, which is Nov. 14. Ms. Sakaguchi will provide a project overview of the Guam Relocation Project along with the status of Japanese funding for the relocation of military assets from Japan to Guam. The presentation will focus on the nature of the Japan-U.S. collaboration and the public-private collaboration required to complete the required construction activity.

The Honorable Lou Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam, will welcome all attendees to the Forum and express what

the expansion of military and commercial development will mean for Guam.

Rear Admiral Benjamin Nicholson, U.S. Navy, Commander for the Joint Region Marianas will also make special remarks that will provide insight into the Navy's role in the development of military and strategic facilities in the Western Pacific and the scope and duration of the program. Rear Admiral Nicholson is the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Representative, Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau; Commander of U.S. Naval Forces in the Marianas; and Commander of Joint Region Marianas. Charles B. Hazzard III, President of the Guam Post of the Society of American Military Engineers, sponsors for the Guam Industry Forum said, "SAME Guam Post welcomes Japan's Ministry of Defense back to the Guam Industry Forum. This year, Ms. Sakaguchi will provide valuable and real-time insight into the Guam Relocation Project and how it is being funded. We are also pleased to welcome back key leaders from the U.S. military to share knowledge about plans for projects throughout the region and how the private sector can support their efforts.

About the Guam Industry Forum
The Guam Industry Forum 2022 will bring together professionals from the construction industry and the U.S. military to meet and network about the master plan for anticipated military development projects in Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia. Attendees can expect to hear about the timing, size, and opportunities to bid for \$11 billion in projects planned for the next five years, which have extended beyond the relocation of the U.S. Marine Corps forces to Guam from Japan.

Speakers and Agenda

SAME Guam Post has secured an impressive lineup of government and private sector speakers. The Forum's agenda is available for download at guamindustryforum.com.

S.A.M.E. President Hazzard invites all businesses that have an interest in learning firsthand how their companies can be a part of military projects in the region should attend this forum. He said, "Businesses throughout Asia, the U.S., Guam, the Marianas, and Micronesia will be coming to the Dusit Thani Guam

Resort to learn more about being a part of this historic increase in America's strategic presence in the Indo-Pacific region."

The event, organized with the support of the Guam Contractors Association and the Guam Chamber of Commerce, will bring together construction contractors, architects, engineers, suppliers, and service providers from the U.S. and the region to collaborate on planned projects and meet with high-level officials from the U.S. military and Government of Guam. Hundreds of government and industry representatives are expected to attend the forum.

Registration is ongoing and can be completed online at guamindustryforum.com/register.

Interested companies that would like to learn more about ideal sponsorship opportunities or how to have a worthwhile presence at the event can visit guamindustryforum.com to download a sponsorship packet. For personalized assistance, businesses can email SAME.gif22@gmail.com to secure their sponsorship immediately.

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on Day 1 of the three-day event. On Days 1 and 2, organizers have gathered subject-matter experts and decision-makers who will give forum attendees insight into the anticipated projects for the next five years and beyond and opportunities to bid for \$11 billion in new military and commercial construction projects, maintenance, and service contracts already planned by the U.S. Military.

Additionally, attendees will learn how commercial construction and public infrastructure projects created by the American Rescue Plan have created unprecedented opportunities for designers, engineers, constructors, suppliers, and service companies.

Charles B. Hazzard III, President of the Guam Post of the Society of American Military Engineers, organizers of the Guam Industry Forum said, "This year's event places an even bigger focus on networking with decision-makers in

the U.S. Military and the Government of Guam who will manage the design, construction, and service contracts. We've expanded GIF22 to include information about development and construction opportunities in the region – Guam, the CNMI, Palau, and the Federated States of Micronesia. Professionals from Asia, the U.S., Guam, and Micronesia will converge in Guam to learn how they can be part of this historic Indo-Pacific expansion."

GIF22 EVENT APP LAUNCHED TODAY

S.A.M.E. Guam Post announced today its new event management app, WHOVA, launched today. Attendees can download the WHOVA app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and begin establishing their profile, planning their sessions, and engaging with fellow attendees. The app provides excellent networking opportunities for attendees, speakers, and exhibitors well before the event begins. Throughout the forum, sponsored networking breaks, luncheons, and cocktail events are included. The event's page on the WHOVA app provides detailed information about the three-day event, which includes the following

itinerary:
Sun., Nov. 13: Pre-Registration and Hafa Adai Welcome Reception

Mon., Nov. 14: Day 1 – Forum and exhibition begin at 8:30 a.m.; remarks from Guam, the U.S. Military, and Japan's Ministry of Defense; and sessions/plenary discussions.

Tues., Nov. 15: Day 2 – Forum and exhibition begin at 8:00 a.m.; key remarks; and sessions/plenary discussions.

Wed., Nov. 16: Day 3 – Window Tour of key military project sites in the morning; The 43rd Annual Charlie Corn Scholarship Golf Tournament at STARTS Guam Golf Resort, Dededo hosted by S.A.M.E. Guam Post

S.A.M.E. Guam Post President Hazzard added, "Each session will provide great value and insight for our attendees and shouldn't be missed. Some of the highlights include the Military Construction Outlook for Guam, the CNMI and Micronesia session and the Installation Commander/Commanding Officer panel discussion on Day 1. On Day 2, attendees can look

forward to the Plenary Presentation by Neal J. Orringer, one of our keynote speakers, and the Commercial and Public Works Construction Projects session."

The forum will also address practical topics about how companies can do business in Guam, the current state of the island's labor force, and how companies can effectively bid on projects. Anyone interested in learning more can do so through the event's webpage and the WHOVA app.

The Guam Industry Forum is organized with the support of the Guam Contractors Association and the Guam Chamber of Commerce. Registration is ongoing and can be completed online at guamindustryforum.com/register. Interested companies that would like to learn more about ideal sponsorship opportunities or how to have a worthwhile presence at the event can visit guamindustryforum.com to download a sponsorship packet. For personalized assistance, businesses can email SAME.gif22@gmail.com to secure their sponsorship immediately.

Chuuk welcomes new LDS missionaries

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

The borders of Micronesia have been closed for over two years until this August 1st. Closure of the borders turned into the missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day saints serving in Micronesia being transferred to other areas.



October 26th, the first set of Missionaries since the border closure, have arrived in Chuuk. From day one on the island of Weno they have hit the ground running.

Elder Tafisi, who speaks Chuukees, and Elder Kaneko, from the Marshal Islands, arrived around 11am and were picked up at the airport by Elder and Sister Green, missionaries living in Chuuk since the first of August. Mwan's Branch President Tarsi Wainis and District President Gacayan also came to the airport to meet the new arrivals. After a brief meal at the Laufer Café in the L-5 hotel they were given a short tour of the town, then dropped at their Midland apartment.

One would have thought they would get settled in and do some shopping for food and other needed items, but no, their first instinct was to get out and meet people. They headed to the Mwan church which has a full basketball court. Upon seeing some young men getting ready to play basketball, they saw an opportunity to make friends and set the stage for teaching the gospel. They played a short while and showed some of their skills at the sport, then struck up some conversations about playing again but on the condition of a missionary lesson the next time.

These two young missionaries have their eye on the goal of teaching the gospel to all that will listen to the Lord's word, being here at the right place and time. As Zone Leaders, they will teach and lead the rest of the missionaries that will come to Chuuk.

Another set of missionaries arrive on October 31st and will be assigned to Mechitiw. This is just the beginning of the missionaries coming back to Chuuk after the pandemic. Coming on assignment for the Lord Jesus Christ, they find there is a lot of work in furthering His gospel. They come with the power and influence of the Lord, anxious to bring the Church of Jesus Christ back to its full strength.



Donation given to the Pohnpei Women with Disability Organization (PWWD)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

The Pohnpei Women with Disability Organization (PWWD) is a non-profit organization specifically advocating for individuals with disabilities run by and for women with disability, operating under the Pohnpei Consumer Organization.

Monique Panaligan, president of PWWD, saw a need for the women in the organization to help them grow in their abilities and find more independence and self-esteem by learning to sew and make clothes. They can also provide some income for themselves by selling these clothes to others.

Monique sought assistance in acquiring sewing machines from the Guam Humanitarian Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In support of this request, the Church donated five sewing machines, cases, and sewing kits to the PWWD

organization. The vision of the PWWD is to improve the situation and life of women and girls with disabilities in Pohnpei and all its outer islands with an aim to pass down vast and sacred traditional and cultural traits to the rising generation.

Elder William H.K. Davis states, "The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is actively involved in humanitarian relief and development activities in Micronesia and throughout the world. Programs such as this are funded from faithful members of the Church and others. These programs help children and families of all nationalities and religions by relieving suffering, helping people help themselves, and providing opportunities for service."

It is the Church's hope that this donation will help to preserve and ensure the groups knowledge and unique skills which each individual possesses.



...Patrol boat

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The Bishop of The Caroline Islands, Bishop Julio Angkel, formally blessed the FSS Tosiwo Nakayama and her crew. Commanding Officer of FSS Tosiwo Nakayama, LCDR Paulino Yangitesmal said "it is very important for the ship and my crew that we receive this traditional blessing from Bishop Angkell during our first visit to Chuuk. Importantly we are also able to show this fine new ship to the family of the late President Tosiwo Nakayama"



The FSM endorses Australia's bid to host COP 31



FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On November 7th, 2022, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) announced its endorsement of Australia's bid to host the 31st Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in partnership with the Pacific Islands.

"The FSM wholeheartedly endorses, with exceptional enthusiasm, the Government of Australia's bid to host the 31st Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in partnership with the Pacific Islands," His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of

the FSM, said in a statement.

"For so long, the FSM has asked for Australia to treat Climate Change seriously again—and now they genuinely, truly are. The Albanese Government has taken urgent Climate action as one of their first acts, enshrined in Australia's commitment to reach net zero emissions into their

law. Thus, as one of Australia's allies and partners, and as a witness to Australia's sincere intention to profile the impact of Climate Change, to accelerate global action in tackling it, and in harnessing the economic opportunities stemming from the transition to clean energy, the FSM proudly endorses and supports Australia's efforts."

FSM to host Subregional Trade Adviser

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) has signed a Hosting Agreement with the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat to facilitate the hosting of a sub-regional Trade Adviser under the Strengthen Pacific Intra-Regional and International Trade (SPIRIT) Project. Funded by the European Union with a budget of 5.75 million Euro (approximately 5.6 million US Dollars at the time of this release), the SPIRIT Project intends to strengthen trade and investment-related institutions with the provision of three Trade Advisers across the subregions of Micronesia, Polynesia, and Melanesia; to coordinate, implement, and update the Pacific's Aid-for-Trade Strategy 2020-2025 in each of the Pacific countries who are members of the African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States (ACP) in cooperation with the European Union; and the development of a statistical monitoring framework for Regional Economic Integration, including the establishment of a Regional Trade Statistics Database at the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat.

The Trade Adviser to be hosted by the FSM, Mr. Philip Mercado, serves the whole of the Micronesian subregion. His counterparts include Ms. Jillateno Juma, based in Vanuatu and serving the Melanesian subregion, and Mr. Stephen Musubire, based in Tonga and serving the Polynesian subregion.

The SPIRIT Project itself is one of three active projects under the European Union's Pacific Regional Integration Support (PRISE) initiative, which intends to increase intra-regional trade (i.e. across-the-Pacific trade), and international trade, and increase private sector participation to promote regional economic integration. It is the FSM Government's view that integrating the FSM's economy with other Pacific Island Countries will ultimately be of direct benefit to the Nation's citizens, while also having the effect of strengthening the Pacific Islands Forum in its engagements as a peer to the European Union.

In her remarks, Secretary Akinaga welcomed the specific mandates of the SPIRIT Project in targeting trade-related capacity needs across the Micronesian sub-region. "One of the many challenges that we face out here in Micronesia is having the capacity to develop effective trade and investment legislative frameworks that align with international best practices to provide greater legal certainty for our exporters and investors, establishing or strengthening government institutions in implementing these legal instruments, and building our human capacities to mainstream these into national development strategies, outputs, and outcomes," Secretary Akinaga said. "The new Trade Adviser to be hosted by the FSM, with service across the

2022 Diplomatic Friendship Games celebrates FSM's partnerships with the United Nations, the United States, Japan, Australia, China, & more

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—From October 24th to 29th, 2022, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) co-hosted the 2nd annual Diplomatic Friendship Games with the Embassy of Australia.

The Diplomatic Friendship Games, which purposefully begin on United Nations Day (an FSM holiday), seek to create new relationships, and strengthen existing partnerships, between the FSM Government and the diplomatic missions, and regional and international organizations, based in the FSM. The premise is that Government-endorsed sports competitions, where public servants play softball with each other, and the representatives of other countries and organizations, strengthen personal relationships and, by extension, make it more likely for representatives of other governments and organizations to feel favorably towards the FSM Government and the People of the FSM.

In his remarks, His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the FSM, said: "On this occasion of the 2022 Diplomatic Friendship Games, we gather together as a family to celebrate and honor our friendships and our partnerships. A simple friendly competition of sports, in this case softball, can certainly serve as the source of creating new relationships or strengthening existing ones. As a former diplomat, I consider strongly that forging and improving relations through



Salvatore Sortino presents his remarks

sports is universal, and is fundamental to diplomacy. Often times through our global history, sports usually find ways to counter differences, and reminds us of our collective humanity. Because of this, I think it is very fitting that we celebrate the opening of our 2022 diplomatic games on the date of the birth of our United Nations, October 24th."

Among those in attendance at the 2022 Diplomatic Friendship Games included the Charge d' Affaires of the Australian Embassy, Matthew Holloway, as co-host of the event; Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the FSM, H.E. Huang Zheng.; Charge d' Affaires of the US Embassy, Alissa Bibb; Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan, Kentaro Mizuuchi; Executive Director of the Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, Feleti Teo; and Chief of Mission for the International Organization for Migration, Salvatore Sortino.

The FSM extends to all peoples and nations that which it seeks: peace, friendship, cooperation, and love in our common humanity.

Secretary Elieisar represents the FSM at 5th Korea-Pacific Islands Foreign Ministers' Meeting

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—During the week of October 24th to October 28th, 2022, the Honorable Kandhi A. Elieisar—Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)—attended the 5th Korea-Pacific Islands Foreign Ministers' Meeting, alongside representatives from the Republic of Korea, Cook Islands, the Republic of Fiji, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Nauru, Niue, the Republic of Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, the Republic of Vanuatu, and the Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum.

Operating under the theme “Vision for the Resilient Blue Pacific: Freedom, Peace, and Prosperity,” Secretary Elieisar and other attending representatives engaged in broad discussions on ways to further strengthen collaboration between the Pacific and Korea in areas such as economic development, Climate Change and disaster risk and resilience, ocean governance, maritime affairs and fisheries, and people-to-people exchanges.

From the FSM Government's perspective, an essential outcome of the meeting included the Republic of Korea's willingness to align regional development cooperation with the vision and priorities of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent. Other key outcomes included the effective implementation of projects funded by the Korea-Pacific Island Forum Cooperation Fund, such as the “Republic of Korea-Pacific Islands Trade and Tourism Promotion Project” and the “Enhancing E-commerce Opportunities for Pacific Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises” Project.

Citizens of the FSM may appreciate Korea's commitment to reduce its own greenhouse gas emissions by 40% by 2030, which is occurring at the same time that Korea has committed to increase contributions to Climate Financing. “We welcome Korea's Climate Change action, including its commitments to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050,” Secretary Elieisar said in his intervention statement on Climate Change, Disasters, & Environment. “We call on Korea, and all World Leaders, to recognize Climate Change as the single greatest threat to

the Planet, and to take necessary action in line with this.”

It may be of further interest to citizens of the FSM that the Korean and Pacific Ministers agreed to work together to achieve a comprehensive agreement on fisheries subsidies, recognizing that appropriate and effective Special and Differential Treatment for developing and least-developed countries should be an integral part of those negotiations.

Consistent with the FSM's and, debatably, the Blue Pacific Continent's, view that we are a friend to all and enemy to none, and particularly sensitive to the importance of peace and stability, the Ministers shared the view that the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (i.e. North Korea) and its nuclear and missile programs represent a threat to not only the Korean Peninsula but also the entire Indo-Pacific region and World. In this regard, the Pacific Islands' Ministers, including Secretary Elieisar, expressed strong support for the Republic of Korea's “Audacious Initiative” for a denuclearized, peaceful, and prosperous Korean Peninsula.



Ministers agreed that the 1st Korea-Pacific Islands Summit, which intends to convene at the Head of Government/Head of State level, will occur in 2023, although the FSM Government is not aware of a concrete (or even tentative) date for this meeting at the time of this release. It is the view of the FSM Government that it will be a demonstration of respect if Korea, like the United States of America before it at the US-Pacific Islands Summit,

were to ensure an expanded scope of participation at the 1st Korea-Pacific Islands Summit to be inclusive of all members of the Pacific Islands Forum. Citizens and residents of the FSM with a particular interest in the 5th Korea-Pacific Islands' Foreign Ministers' Meeting are encouraged to review the consensus-approved Joint Statement, which can be found here: https://gov.fm/files/Joint%20Communiqués/final_Joint_Statement_5th_ROK-PICs_FM_Meeting_26_October_clean.pdf

FSM Seeking Executive Director for the National Oceanic Resources Management Authority

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—The Board of Directors of the National Oceanic Resources Management Authority (NORMA) has recently met with His Excellency David W. Panuelo, President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and the Honorable Aren B. Palik, Vice President of the FSM, so as to provide updates on NORMA's programs and activities.

Over the course of the meeting, the Board of Directors described to the President and Vice President how NORMA ensures that the Nation's marine resources are used in a sustainable way; how NORMA obtains the maximum sustainable economic benefits from these resources; and how NORMA promotes economic security for the Nation through their use. So far, revenue from fisheries is stable and secure with no cause for concern. Additionally, the Board discussed NORMA's role in facilitating and providing advice to the Department of Resources & Development (as the development of the fisheries sector is within that Department's portfolio). During the meeting, the Board of Directors informed the

President that the term of the current Executive Director concludes at the end of the calendar year. The Board advised that on the basis of its legal authority and in the exercise of its discretion, it has decided to advertise the position of Executive Director given that the Board is not inclined to renew the existing contract.



President Panuelo and Vice President Palik pose with NORMA's Board of Directors

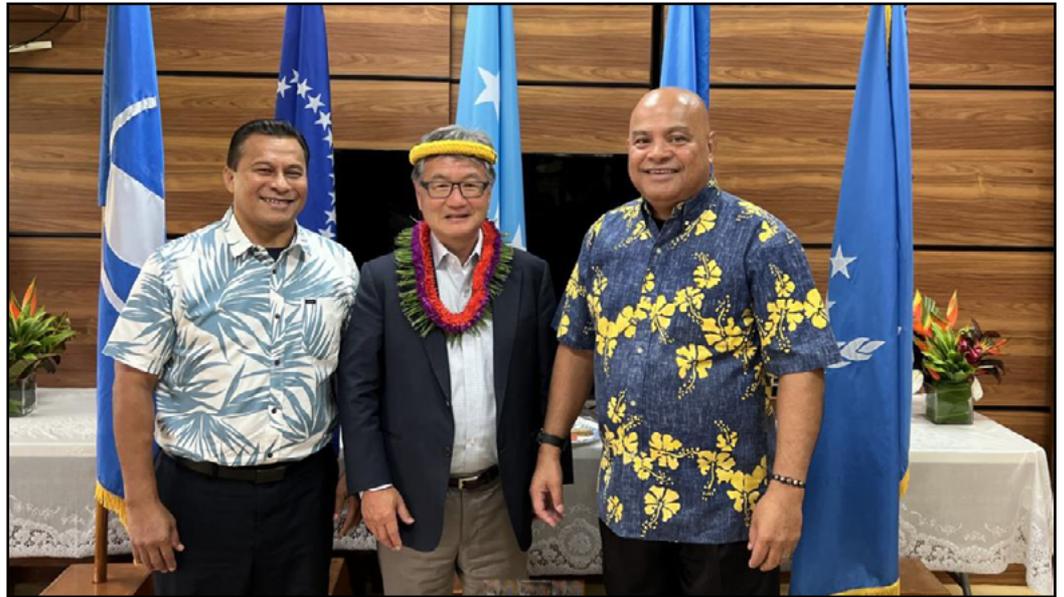
President Panuelo & Vice President Palik receive Special Envoy Yun

FSM Information Services

PALIKIR, Pohnpei—On November 5th, 2022, His Excellency David W. Panuelo—President of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)—and the Honorable Aren B. Palik, Vice President of the FSM, received the Honorable Joseph Y. Yun, U.S. Presidential Special Envoy for Compact Negotiations, for a courtesy call. The Special Envoy had recently concluded a round of formal negotiations with the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and stopped in the FSM for a day whilst otherwise en route to the Republic of Palau for a round of formal negotiations there.

During the meeting, President Panuelo and Special Envoy Yun discussed the current status of the negotiations on the Compact of Free Association, as Amended. Although the meeting itself was not a formal negotiation between the FSM and the U.S., President Panuelo reiterated the FSM's core positions—such as the need for additional funding in the Education, Health, and Infrastructure Sectors, and the importance of the Environment Sector in addressing the Nation's attempts to mitigate and adapt to the existential security threat of Climate Change. In turn, Special Envoy Yun reiterated the U.S.' core position that its intent is to ensure that the FSM ultimately walks away from the negotiations feeling happy and satisfied.

As the negotiations remain ongoing, this release is unable to decisively describe the particular details that may be of most interest to the FSM's citizens. However, at the conclusion of the meeting with Special Envoy Yun, President Panuelo convened a discussion with the senior officials at the Office of the President wherein he shared his view that private talks between the President and the Special Envoy were particularly robust and constructive. It is the opinion of the President that the negotiations between the FSM and the U.S. are progressing positively and rapidly, and the President projected that a formal package for approval will appear sometime in the month of January, 2023.



President Panuelo & Vice President Palik pose with Special Envoy Yun and the U.S. delegation

1.5 degrees call a fight for humanity as Pacific rallies to COP27: Forum SG Puna

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

November 6, 2022

Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt —The Pacific Islands Forum Secretary General Henry Puna says the pressure is on major emitters and all other G20 nations to ensure COP27 keeps the Paris promise alive.

“More than any other COP since the 1.5, net zero carbon call was achieved in Paris at the 21st session, this year has to be the year we give our planet and all humanity, a fighting chance,” says Secretary General Puna.

“Our world is in the grips of a climate crisis. Our COP27 host has declared this the implementation COP. Our Pacific leaders have declared a climate crisis and will continue their urgent call for urgent ambition and action across mitigation, adaptation, and loss and damage- and climate finance is

key. It is the glue that holds implementation together. It is an outcome we cannot leave dangling for another minute, let alone another year,” said SG Puna.

SG Puna and the Forum delegation are amongst the One CROP regional Pacific support teams joining an estimated three hundred Pacific negotiators, activists, and officials in Sharm-El-Sheik for today's opening formalities of the 2022 global climate negotiations.

He welcomed the high-level commitment of key Pacific leaders championing specific thematic areas at COP27: Cook Islands Prime Minister Mark Brown will be Climate Finance Champion and champion the Ocean-Climate Nexus, in support of the current champion, Fiji's Minister Khaiyum, who had similarly supported PM Brown last year.

Palau Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment Steven Victor will champion Environmental Integrity, Marshall Islands Minister for Natural Resources and Commerce, John Silk, will champion Climate Ambition, and Tuvalu Minister of Finance Seve Paeniu will champion Loss and Damage.

And Niue's Minister for Natural Resources, Mona AINU'u, will be attending COP27 as the Gender, Social Inclusion and Adaptation Champion—a Pacific first and milestone for the UNFCCC.

“These champions are bringing their voice, joining all those who are here playing an integral role in keeping the spotlight on the critical pathway promised by the Paris Agreement, and the call of our Pacific that the solution rests in a 1.5, zero carbon world before 2050,” said SG Puna.

He thanked the champions and heads of all Pacific delegations for the side events and other scheduled visibility actions on top of their presence in plenary and the negotiations, noting the efforts of the diplomatic corps lending strength to regional efforts. Amongst those attending from New York, Fiji's PRUN HE Dr Satyendra Prasad will be representing Forum Chair, Fiji PM Bainimarama to the CO27.

SG Puna also commended the leadership and strength of Climate Envoys, Pacific youth, climate negotiators, civil society networks, oceans and gender alliances, and specific campaigns for amplifying the urgency and messages of the Pacific in the world's largest annual meeting. “Everyone has a role to play, everyone has a voice when it comes to our 1.5 call.”