

Pohnpei Swim Club holds 2023 Olympic Day Swim Meet

By Pohnpei Swim Club

June 25, 2023

Pohnpei—Pohnpei Swimming Club’s 2023 Olympic Day Swim Meet was a huge success as more than eighty young swimmers from around the island came together to show their skills in the water on June 23rd and 24th. The FSM National Olympic Committee provided t-shirts and goggles for all participants in the swim competition.

The two days of racing saw some amazing results from Pohnpei’s young athletes. Nearly every swimmer participating achieved at least one personal best time throughout the competition. For the Girls 12 and under age division high point scorers,



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US State Department rates FSM Anti-Human Trafficking efforts at Tier 2 meaning it is making significant efforts



By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

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FSM—The United States State Department’s annual Traffic in Persons report on international human trafficking law enforcement efforts was recently released. FSM is again rated at Tier 2 on their efforts against the human rights crime, meaning that “The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) does not fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking but is making significant efforts to do so.”

“The government demonstrated overall increasing efforts compared with the

previous reporting period,” the report said, “considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on its anti-trafficking capacity; therefore, FSM remained on Tier 2. These efforts included conducting awareness-raising activities, administering training to its law enforcement officials, constructing and beginning operation of its fourth shelter, and continuing the prosecution of a government official for alleged sex trafficking. The government, in partnership with an international organization, drafted victim identification and referral SOPs. However, the government did not meet the minimum standards in several key areas. Authorities identified and assisted fewer trafficking

victims. The government investigated fewer trafficking crimes and did not initiate any trafficking prosecutions or convict any traffickers.”

The Human Trafficking report on the FSM is lengthy and tightly worded, with every sentence in the over 2000-word report on the FSM an informative one. The entire FSM report can be viewed at [2023 FSM TIP REPORT](#).

The State Department provided 12 recommendations for improvement in the FSM’s law enforcement efforts pertaining to everything from training

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UOG deploys drones to map Typhoon Mawar devastation

University of Guam

June 27, 2023

Guam—Fallen trees, broken power lines, and debris strewn across the island — these are just a few of the devastating sights captured via drone as part of a collaboration between the University of Guam and the National Weather Service Guam Forecast Office to map the aftermath of Typhoon Mawar.

Led by a team of remote pilots from various UOG programs, including the Drone Corps, NASA Guam Space Grant, NASA Guam Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, and the Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Science Center, crew members assessed the damage from May 27 to June 8.

Disaster response through drones

With approximately 60 hours spent on drone flight, set-up, and processing, the mission amassed 11,758 photos that will be stitched together to produce high-precision orthomosaic maps, according to Jonelle Sayama, UOG environmental science graduate student and NASA Guam Space Grant fellow.

“The campaign leveraged advanced drone technology, including multiple DJI Matrice 300 drones and Zenmuse P1 sensors, that provided highly accurate survey data. With these state-of-the-art tools, researchers will be able to zoom in and see high-resolution visuals and actually pinpoint specific details, such as the species of trees that withstood typhoon-force winds and those that didn’t,” Sayama said.

Sayama was the campaign’s co-lead remote pilot alongside PI-CASC research assistant Dong Won Lee, who owns a drone service company.

According to Lee, the project required a special waiver from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to map at higher altitudes.

“The end product was an extremely high-resolution orthomosaic map that spans thousands of acres, with a ground sampling distance (GSD) of 2.64cm. Having such a high-resolution GSD, which measures the distance between two consecutive pixel centers, enables scientists to delve deep into the smallest details, such as examining small cracks on the road.”

Meteorologists will be using the data to make detailed analyses regarding the typhoon’s winds, coastal inundation, and damage to the natural and built environment.

These assessments used to occur during “on-the-ground” site visits.

“Through the detailed aerial imagery, we now have the ability to view heavily-damaged areas that would otherwise be too difficult or dangerous to access due to debris or fallen trees,” said Brandon Aydlett, NWS Guam’s Science and Operations Officer.

“This partnership showcases the power of collaboration in harnessing cutting-edge tools, providing data that will be instrumental in understanding the extent of the storm’s impact and potentially serving as a starting point for guiding future mitigation efforts.”

A new frontier for the UOG Drone Corps

The post-storm mapping campaign presents a new frontier in disaster response

capabilities for the UOG Drone Corps which has primarily established itself in training remote pilots to assist in scientific research and construction projects.

“This is new territory for our program and members, pushing the boundaries of how our pilots can use the resources we offer to aid our community during times of crisis,” said Keanno Fausto, communications coordinator for NASA Guam Space Grant and coordinator for UOG Drone Corps.

Kaya Taitano, an Agricultural and Natural Resource Science major and a member of the UOG Drone Corps’ second cohort, said the mapping was

challenging yet rewarding.

“We had a small, limited window of time to capture the data before clean-up began so we had to be as efficient as possible,” she stated. “I hope the information we gathered will give researchers an idea of where the storm surge was, and which infrastructure needs to be addressed for future decision-making processes.”

For more information about the data and study, contact Brandon Aydlett at william.aydlett@noaa.gov.



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Small group participates in China sponsored 5K Walk Run to celebrate diplomatic relations

By *Bill Jaynes*
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July 1, 2023

Pohnpei—In the early morning hours of Saturday, July 1, 2023, a small group of people gathered at the Pohnpei Island Central School Track to participate in a “5K Walk Run”. The Fun Run was sponsored by the Micronesia-China Friendship Association and the Embassy of China in the FSM to celebrate the 34th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the governments of the FSM and the People’s Republic of China.

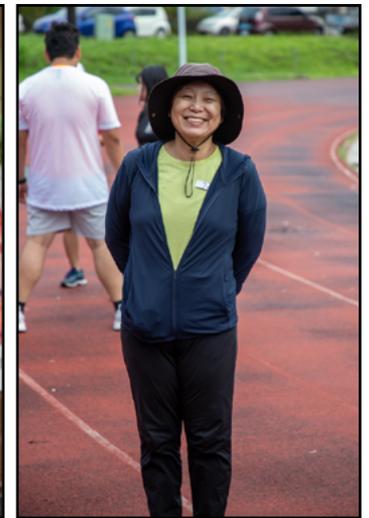
This was ostensibly the first public event for the newly appointed Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China WU Wei, whose comments centered on the longevity of the relationship between the FSM and the People’s Republic of China. He reiterated the FSM’s commitment to adherence to the “One China Policy”, without which diplomatic relations between the two countries could not exist.

Pohnpei State Legislature Vice Speaker McGarry Miguel also addressed the crowd asking the people of Pohnpei to treat all people residing in Pohnpei the same, as equal creations of God no matter their national origins, whether they are “Australian-Pohnpeian, Japanese-Pohnpeian, Australian-Pohnpeian, Chinese-Pohnpeian,

American-Pohnpeian, or Filipino-Pohnpeian... They are our brothers and sisters.”

Participants in the Fun Run began their trek, whether running or walking at the starting line at the PICS track, and continued on to the Spanish Wall before turning around and finishing the walk back where it had begun.

The small number of participants in the Fun Run likely had more to do with the large number of participants in the FSMNOC Fun Run held the weekend before than any other reason.



China’s new Ambassador to the FSM officially presents his credentials to the FSM

By *Bill Jaynes*
The Kaselehlie Press

June 26, 2023

FSM—Today, newly appointed Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the FSM, WU Wei, formally presented his Letter of Credence to FSM’s President Wesley W. Simina.

Chinese news agencies from the People’s Daily to Xinhua, each covered the fact of the presentation of the credentials with enthusiasm. Each one essentially used the same wording, which was provided by a press release from China’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

“Ambassador Wu first conveyed the cordial greetings from H.E. President Xi Jinping to H.E. President Simina. Ambassador Wu said that since the establishment of diplomatic ties between China and the FSM 34 years ago, the bilateral relations have

achieved fruitful outcomes and brought tangible benefits to our two peoples. Ambassador Wu said that it is a great honor to serve as the Chinese Ambassador to the FSM, and he will work closely with the FSM side to strengthen exchanges at all levels and deepen practical cooperation in various fields so as to achieve greater progress in the development of China-FSM Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

“President Simina asked Ambassador Wu to convey his sincere greetings and best wishes to H.E. President Xi Jinping. President Simina warmly welcomed Ambassador Wu to his new post and expressed his appreciation of China’s long-term contribution to the development of the FSM. President Simina said that the FSM attaches great importance to developing friendly ties with China and will firmly adhere to the one-China policy, enhance the practical cooperation with China and further promote the in-depth development

of FSM-China relations.

“On the same day, Ambassador Wu Presented the copy of his Letter of Credence to Hon. Brendy Carl, Acting Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the FSM.

“Ambassador Wu arrived in the FSM to assume his post on June 17, 2023.”

At press time, over a week later, the FSM Government had issued no press release or provided no information on the ceremony whatsoever.



Pohnpei auditors show an increase in operating funds for Small Business Guarantee and Finance Corporation of 166 percent

By **Bill Jaynes**
The Kaselehlie Press

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Pohnpei—The Pohnpei Office of the Public Auditor recently released its audit of the Small Business Guarantee and Finance Corporation for fiscal year 2022. The main purposes of the audit were to express an opinion on whether the financial statements of the corporation fairly represent its financial position. Auditors concluded, after a few minor adjustments, that the financial statements were sufficient.

Another goal of the audit was to report internal controls that are relevant to an audit of the financial statements. As auditors tend to do, the recently released report did have two findings of deficiency regarding “inadequate reconciliation of accounts and unresolved (in fact, ‘partially’ resolved) prior years’ audit findings.

As to the reconciliations, the audit revealed that it was not at all a matter of reconciliations of the General Ledger to related detail accounts not being performed but a matter of a few incorrectly recorded entries to the General Ledger. Auditors said that it had twice previously in prior audits, made the same recommendation that reconciliations of the corporate accounts be redone for two prior years. “This condition has been recurring due to the lack of qualified accountants to help the Corporation on its accounting matters.”

“We acknowledged that the Management and Board have worked hard to recruit a qualified accountant for the corporation,” the audit said. Mr. Pablo responded that it had recruited a CPA from off-island but that due to COVID-19 closures, that new hire was never able to travel to Pohnpei. The errors introduced in the reconciliations that were performed were human errors based on insufficient experience and education.

The Corporation’s net assets were increased by \$392,575 over the financial condition of FY 2021, partially due to a grant. Whereas in 2021, the corporation experienced a net loss in operating funds of \$29,608, in 2022 it attained \$49,091 in operating expenses, an increase of 166 percent. This was attained even though its operating expenses of \$192,925 was \$23,611 more than that of 2021. The corporation’s loan accounts increased from a net of \$1,647,699 in FY 2021 to a total net of \$1,729,975 in FY 2022. “Contributing factors is the increase of new loans approved under the Consumer Loan Program and EDA grant”, the audit said.

Total net notes receivable from loan activities with allowance for bad debts of \$548,969 was \$1,729,975. There are no booked allowances for bad debts for the Consumer Loan Program, which at the end of 2022 consisted of 518 accounts for a total of \$1,192,002. An allowance for bad debts was booked for the Micro Loan Program (51 accounts) of \$128,243 for a net amount in that program of \$349,766. All of the \$254,297 was written off as allowance for bad debts in the Pohnpei Development Loan Fund. Naturally, the two accounts the corporation guaranteed on loans that were defaulted for a total of \$166,429 were booked to allowance for bad debts.



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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 Finance & Travel Assistant will provide financial and travel services to the Regional Office’s programmes and projects, provides travel and workshop assistance, and supports the implementation of the shared services vision in the Regional Office which supports a new way of working through collaboration between Finance, technical divisions & the Regional Office.

The key responsibilities of the role include the following:

1. **Process payments.**
2. **Vendor and payment reconciliation.**
3. **Financial processing**
4. **Travel and workshops**
5. **General office activities**

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

Qualifications

- Diploma in Accounting, Finance or related discipline

Essential experience and skills

- Have at least 3 years of experience in a similar position
- Have sound knowledge of MS Word, Excel and Windows computing environment, and accounting software
- Have good working relationship with other team members
- Driver’s license
- Have good written and oral communication skills in English and Pohnpeian

Remuneration – the Finance & Travel Assistant is a Band 3 position in SPC’s 2023 salary scale, with a starting taxable salary range of USD 18,555–23,193 per year, 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: 23 July 2023 – 11:00 pm Pohnpei time

Job Reference: CR000041

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2. Please describe an example of when you were responsible for organizing travel and logistics for a conference or meeting. Please specify the steps required to prepare for the conference or meeting.
3. Please describe your experience in financial administration.

Australian Pacific Aviation team discusses aviation connectivity issues in the FSM

Australian Embassy to the FSM

same-day travel from Pohnpei to Nadi.

June 23, 2023

Pohnpei—The Australian Government’s Pacific Aviation team says “Kalahngan!” for its visit this week to Pohnpei to discuss the FSM’s aviation connectivity priorities.

The Pacific Aviation team – Charlotte Cullen and Liam Falconer - used the visit to hear more from key stakeholders about the FSM’s aviation challenges and possible responses.

The visit was part of Australia’s efforts to keep our Pacific family connected, to enable economic growth in the region.

Our thanks to all stakeholders for their time and perspectives particularly Glenn Harris, A/g Secretary of FSM TC&I; Carl Apis, Consultant for FSM TC&I; Ronald Reyes, Airport Manager; Jayson Ringlen, Chief of Airport Operations; Chris Christian, Sea Air Transportation Manager; Easter Shirai-Mathew, United General Manager; and Eden Skilling, FSM Weather Service Official-in-Charge.

Australia is already supporting more flights into the FSM through the weekly Australia-North Pacific Connector flight (Nauru Airlines) which connects Pohnpei with Majuro, Tarawa, Nauru and Brisbane. This flight also enables



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Office of Personnel Administration FSM National Government

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first place was Melinda Moya of Kitti, second place was Mardenishia Hebel of Kitti, and third place was Carxonia Eperiam of Kitti.

For the Boys 12 and under division, first place was Erwin Augustine of Kitti. Second place was AJ Hadley of U, and third place was Alfios Santos of Kittie.

For the Women's 13 and over age division, first place was Katrianne Kihleng of U. Second place was Kaylinn Kihleng of U, and third place was Annymert Moya of Kitti.

For the Men's 13 and over age division, first place was Kyler Kihleng of U. Second Place was Katerson Moya of U, and third place was a tie between Elijah Samuel of U and Elijah Eperiam of Kitti.

Despite the friendly competition and rivalry between teams, seeing good

sportsmanship and friendship develop among these athletes is what youth sports are all about. This competition was also the last opportunity for the Junior elite-level swimmers to acquire times for consideration for the FSM Junior National Team that will be going to Netanya, Israel, in September for the World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships. Team selection will be announced in the weeks to come.

Pohnpei Swimming Club would like to extend a special thank you to all our volunteers that made the competition

run smoothly. Without our timers, announcers, and organizers, this year's Olympic Day Meet would not have been the success that it was. Pohnpei Swimming would also like to thank the FSM National Olympic Committee for their donations of shirts and goggles, as well as their ongoing support of the Pohnpei Swimming Club. We also thank the Rotary Club of Pohnpei for their recent sponsorship of the club. Without sponsors such as the Rotary Club, we would not be able to keep the pool open for athlete training and the public.

...Anti-Human Trafficking

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to the protection of identified victims. It says that the laws established in the nation established punishments that are sufficiently stringent to serve as a deterrent to human trafficking and that each of the FSM's four States had established similar laws to serve as deterrents. However, neither Pohnpei nor Chuuk explicitly prohibited adult sex trafficking, with each of those States' laws instead dealing with sex trafficking of under-aged victims. Both States have also increased the age of consent for sexual relations to 18 years of age.

The report said that in 2022 the government continued one sex trafficking investigation compared with investigating seven trafficking cases in the previous reporting period, including some initiated in prior years. It said that it did not initiate prosecution of any traffickers, compared with prosecuting six alleged sex traffickers in the previous period, and that it closed one prosecution due to insufficient evidence and two due to expired statute of limitations. Two prosecutions of one sex trafficker remained ongoing, and another case remained under appeal.

Just after the closure of the reporting period, Yap convicted two defendants for the October 2019 murder of Yap's then-Attorney General, Rachel Bergeron, who had been prosecuting human trafficking cases at the time.

Under the FSM Anti-Human Trafficking Division of the FSM Department of

Justice, the FSM has provided three dedicated investigators, one in Chuuk, one in Pohnpei, and one in Kosrae. The government also provided Human Trafficking training to its judges, immigration, customs, and quarantine officials, and with help from an international organization, trained new cadets in the national and all four State governments' police academies on victim identification and assistance. The government did not report providing anti-trafficking training to any of the State level judges.

"Widespread observance of customary justice practices; social stigmatization; lack of sufficient resources and funding; and law enforcement officials' limited understanding of trafficking, including trafficking indicators and investigative techniques, hindered effective law enforcement activity," the report said. "Police did not investigate or charge those who abetted trafficking crimes, such as hotel owners, taxi drivers, and family members. Government officials reported the lack of personnel, resources, and funding impaired anti-trafficking monitoring efforts of labor or sex trafficking on vessels in Micronesian waters." It also mentioned that the isolation of outer islands and limited capacity there hindered investigations in those islands.

The TIP report said that government officials lacked an understanding of trafficking indicators and readiness to assist foreign national trafficking victims and that it may have unwittingly deported some unidentified trafficking victims. The government referred three victims to limited locally available services compared with 13 victims in the previous reporting period. Though during the reporting period,

the government had more facilities and resources to assist identified victims in 2022 than in 2021, during 2022 it only provided assistance to one victim in 2022 compared to 13 during 2021. "Observers noted shelter staff lacked training on shelter management, victim care, shelter security, and trafficking indicators," the report said. The government reported that it did not provide victims with adequate access to mental health services and victim reintegration services. Civil society reported that foreign victims faced language barriers and lacked awareness of available services to receive assistance.

The fact that some of the FSM States' judicial systems did not keep victim identities confidential due to the requirement to testify in open court rather than utilizing written or video-recorded testimonies may have contributed to the hesitance of some potential victims to report the crimes.

In the FSM, public perception of the crime of Human Trafficking continues to be largely related to sex trafficking, but that is certainly not the only type of Human Trafficking that takes place internationally, nor locally. Two FSM citizens were recently convicted of the crime in the United States after they essentially imprisoned relatives by confiscating their passports and demanding that all money those relatives earned be given to them. Some unscrupulous companies also use the FSM as a recruitment source for human trafficking schemes of indentured servitude. "The government continued to implement a policy requiring labor recruiters to register with the government before conducting recruitment; however, observers reported the government did not enforce the policy, and Kosrae State

government was wholly unaware of the policy," the report said.

The final paragraph of the TIP report on FSM summarized the lengthy document saying: "As reported over the past five years, human traffickers exploit domestic and foreign victims in FSM, and traffickers exploit victims from FSM abroad. Fifty percent of workers work in the informal economy where labor laws are not enforced, increasing vulnerability to trafficking. Traffickers, including family members, exploit Micronesian women and girls in sex trafficking through commercial sex with the crewmembers of docked Asian fishing vessels, crewmembers on vessels in FSM territorial waters, or foreign construction workers. There are reports of children exploited in commercial sex facilitated by taxi drivers. Authorities claim many sex trafficking cases are unreported due to social stigma and victims' fear of possible repercussions in their home communities. LGBTQI+ individuals are vulnerable to trafficking. Foreign and domestic employers in FSM exploit foreign migrant workers in labor trafficking, including in restaurants. Foreign migrants from Southeast Asian countries report working in conditions indicative of human trafficking on Asian fishing vessels in FSM or its territorial waters. Traffickers recruit FSM women and men with promises of well-paying jobs in the United States and its territories, but upon their arrival, they are subsequently forced into commercial sex, domestic servitude, or forced labor. Climate-induced displacement significantly increases Micronesian nationals' vulnerability — particularly those living on low-lying outer islands — to trafficking due to a loss of livelihood, shelter, or family stability."



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Plant Researcher (Kosrae)

The Plant Researcher/Plant Scientist directly reports to the Coordinator of Cooperative Research and Extension (CRE), CTEC Pohnpei, with management support from the College of Micronesia-FSM (COM-FSM) Campus Dean and the VPCRE. The position is based in and is primarily responsible for activities in the State of Kosrae.

ACE Mentor-English (CTEC/Pohnpei)

Reporting to the ACE Coordinator, the incumbent in this position will carry out these functional responsibilities. Provide or recommend relevant support to resolve questions/problems related to curriculum

Student Services Specialist III (CTEC/Pohnpei)

Under the direct supervision of the Talent Search Program Director, the incumbent will Design, implement, and manage academic, financial aid, and career counseling services (schedules and calendars) to participants.

Instructor- Public Health (Kosrae)

Teaching functional areas of public health including but not limited to Applied Epidemiology/Health Research, Environmental Health, Food and Nutrition, Health Promotion and Health Services Management. Teaching 12-15 contact hours courses above per week with one to four preparations. Teaching classes in accordance with the goals and objectives of the course as described in the course outline. Maintaining accurate records of student attendance and student learning outcomes/grades, in accordance with COM-FSM regulations.

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Teaching 12 up to 16 contact hours of English courses per week with one to four preparations specifically teaching development English courses and other courses within the specialty of instructor. Teaching classes in accordance with the goals and objectives of the course as described in the course outline. Maintaining accurate records of student attendance and student learning outcomes/grades, in accordance with COM-FSM regulations. Submitting records to Instructional Coordinator after the end of the semester/session.

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Micronesian Productions celebrates 10 years of impactful media and community engagement

Micronesian Productions

June 30, 2023

Pohnpei - Micronesian Productions, a leading media production NGO in the FSM, commemorated a decade of success and dedication as they celebrated their 10th Charter Day anniversary on Friday, June 30th, 2023. The organization's Charter Day, originally established on June 16th, signifies a decade of remarkable contributions to the community from the public education and awareness activities they have implemented over the years..

to reflect on the organization's journey and their impactful awareness projects that have touched the lives of individuals in Micronesia and beyond.

The festivities included a gathering of team members, families, and esteemed guests, united by a shared passion for the media's power to create positive change. The celebration showcased the strong relationships forged with partners, collaborators, and the community, all of whom have been instrumental in the organization's remarkable growth over the past decade.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to make meaningful contributions to community engagement through our impactful awareness projects and contribute to the growth and well-being of our community."

The 10-year Charter Day celebration not only marked a milestone in the organization's history but also symbolized their unwavering commitment to creating media content

that raises awareness, promotes cultural preservation, and addresses important social issues. Micronesian Productions is poised to continue their mission, leveraging the power of media to inspire, educate, and empower communities across Micronesia.

To learn more about Micronesian Productions, go to our website: <https://frells-mcnorst-thrautt.yolasite.com/>

"As we celebrate our 10th Charter Day, we recognize the immense support and dedication that have propelled us forward," said Nigel Jaynes, Director of the A/V Team at Micronesian Productions.



SOON TO RISE

Saladak Cell-Tower



Predicted Coverage for Saladak Tower is based on two sectorized antenna. Sector 1 (yellow) pointing NorthEast to cover Diadi to Nan U. Sector 2 (blue) pointing South-East to cover part of Nankoapwormen to part of Kinakapw and part of Areu Powe.



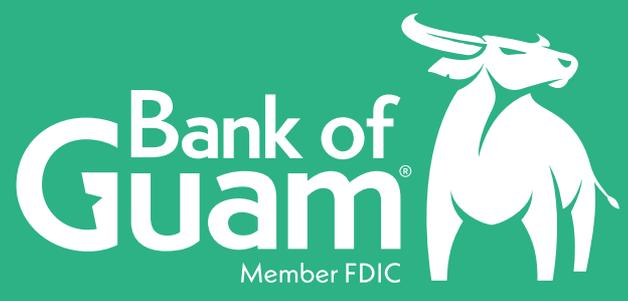
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Geoscience Australia and FSM Weather Services upgrade equipment to measure sea level change

Australian Embassy to the FSM

June 26, 2023

Pohnpei--Australia is helping the FSM to measure the impact of sea level change and support long term improvements to coastal management and planning activities across the nation.

This week, two technicians from Geoscience Australia worked with the National Weather Services, Pohnpei FSM Office to upgrade the systems that measure sea level change. That included

the white – now green - earth monitoring station that Pohnpei residents see every day as they pass the PWSO.

The information from this station is used to understand the vertical motion of the land and, when combined with tide gauge observations, enables the measurement of absolute sea level change.

Australia’s assistance is provided through the Pacific Sea Level Geodetic Monitoring program. This, in turn, is part

of the Climate and Oceans Support Program for the Pacific (COSPPac), which is funded by Australia and delivered in partnership with SPREP, SPC and the New Zealand National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research.

We thank the team at Weather Service Office Pohnpei for their work and ongoing collaboration, strengthening FSM-Australia relations.



- Pohnpei-based position
- Join the principal development organisation in the region

The Pacific Community (SPC) invites applications for the position of Finance and Procurement Assistant within its Micronesia Regional Office (MRO). This position will be located at its regional office in Pohnpei, Micronesia.

Description

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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 Finance and Procurement Assistant within the Project Management Team (PMT) will assist with the overall financial accounting, acquittals, preparation of procurement and contracting documents, and compilation of all supporting documentation.

The key responsibilities of the role include the following:

1. **Financial and procurement support services**
2. **Travel, Logistics, Administration, and Operation oversight**
3. **Capacity support and training**

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

Qualifications

- Degree in a relevant field such as accounting, financial management or business administration.

Essential experience and skills

- At least 3 years' experience in administration and accounting in a similar organization including experience with project management, information systems and financial management.
- Experience with procurement



- procedures.
- Understanding of project budgeting, financial reporting, donor reporting, audit requirements.
- Knowledge of budgetary and administrative processes in PICTs and working directly with PICTs in project environments.
- Sound coordination, administrative, networking, and collaborative skills.
- Fluency in English (written and verbal).
- Excellent oral and written communications skills and demonstrated ability to articulate and communicate complex issues.
- Strong people skills and ability to work in a multicultural and gender sensitive environment.

Remuneration – the Finance and Procurement Assistant is a Band 4 position in SPC's 2023 salary scale, with a starting taxable salary range of USD 21,164 –26,454 per year, 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: 16 July 2023 – 11:00 pm Pohnpei time

Job Reference: CR000036

Applicants must 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. Please list what you consider are the necessary attributes of a Finance and Procurement Assistant and explain how you fulfil each trait. Please list and describe at least 3-5 necessary traits.
2. Please describe your experience in financial administration and procurement.
3. What approaches would you take in your daily work to ensure you are well organised to address priorities on time?

Australia showcases two female diplomats from the FSM and Australia

June 24, 2023

June 24, 2023

FSM—On 24 June, the world celebrated International Day of Women in Diplomacy. An important day that highlights the immense benefit that women bring to diplomacy.

Women have been playing a crucial role in global governance since the drafting and signing of the United Nations Charter in 1945. Women and girls represent half of the world's population and, therefore, also half of its potential.

Their leadership styles, expertise and priorities broaden the scope of issues under consideration and the quality of outcomes.

Today we are proud to showcase two female diplomats from the Federated States of Micronesia and Australia.

Mrs. Jane Chigiyal, Chief of Staff to the FSM President, formerly the FSM's Permanent Representative to the United

Nations from 2011 to 2021, where she served under former President Manny Mori, President Peter M. Christian, and President David W. Panuelo. Mrs Chigiyal has had a distinguished career in the FSM Government as an experienced and accomplished diplomat, with previous positions in the Department of Foreign Affairs including Deputy Secretary.

We also welcome Ms Rachele Wood, the Second Secretary and Consul at the Australian Embassy. Before arriving in Pohnpei, Ms Wood served in Kiribati for almost two years managing the education portfolio. She has served Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for over 10 years across the foreign policy, development, and corporate fields. Ms Wood looks forward to meeting her counterparts and the broader FSM community.

To learn more about International Day of Women in Diplomacy visit Women in Diplomacy | United Nations



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Description

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The role – the National Officer, EU FSM SEAM will work closely with the Project Manager and the FSM Assistant Secretary, Energy Division from FSM's Department of Resources & Development (R&D) to support the project including in monitoring and evaluation work.

The key responsibilities of the role include the following:

1. **Support to Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning activities**
 2. **Technical assistance and reporting**
 3. **Communications and engagement**
- For a more detailed account of the key responsibilities, please refer to the **online job description**.

Qualifications

- Diploma in statistics, information management, communication, sustainable energy, climate change, business administration or a related field.

Essential experience and skills

- At least 3 years experience in project support, activities ideally with a monitoring and evaluation focus or similar.
- Understanding of quantitative and qualitative evaluation methods and data analysis. Experience in using databases for entering, processing, cleaning and extracting data.



- Advanced computer skills in Microsoft Word Excel and other Statistics Tools.
- Proven track record of working with teams across sectors and sites and producing high quality results with minimum supervision.
- Experience writing for different Social media platforms.
- Sound coordination, administrative, networking, and collaborative skills.
- Driving license.
- Fluency in English (written and verbal).
- Excellent oral and written communications skills and demonstrated ability to articulate and communicate complex issues.
- Strong people skills and ability to work in a multicultural and gender sensitive environment.

Remuneration – the National Officer, EU FSM SEAM is a Band 4 position in SPC's 2023 salary scale, with a starting taxable salary range of USD 21,164 –26,454 per year, 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: 23 July 2023 – 11:00 pm Pohnpei time

Job Reference: CR000038

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

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

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 - 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. List four key reasons why monitoring and evaluation is important.
2. What do you see as the most challenging in terms of monitoring and evaluation work and what skills do you bring to the role to make you a strong candidate?
3. Describe some approaches and tools that you have used to ensure the effective implementation of the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework.



UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME - JOB DESCRIPTION

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is the knowledge frontier organization for sustainable development in the UN Development System and serves as the integrator for collective action to realize the Sustainable Development Goals. UNDP is the leading United Nations organization fighting to end the injustice of poverty, inequality, and climate change. Working with our broad network of experts and partners in 170 countries, we help nations to build integrated, lasting solutions for people and planet. This position is located at the UNDP Pacific sub-office in Pohnpei State in the Federated States of Micronesia which was established in October 2021. This office is set up to serve the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The office will work to deliver the UNDP multi-country programme document (MCPD, 2023-2027) in these five countries.

UNDP in the Pacific has developed its MCPD, 2023-2027 to guide its interventions in the next five years in full alignment and directly to contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF, 2023–27). The UNSDCF and UNDP MCPD are designed in full alignment with the 2030 agenda, Samoa Pathway, and 2050 Blue Content Strategy, which is endorsed by the Pacific Island Countries (PICs) among others.

The UNDP Pacific Office next five-year plan strategic priorities are encapsulated under three outcome areas: (i) Planet, (ii) Prosperity, and (iii) Peace. The programme portfolio will include mutually reinforcing work streams crafted around two clusters (i) Resilience and Climate Change; and ii) Inclusive growth and Effective governance, supported by a policy and innovation team, Operations team, Management and Oversight team that provides strategic guidance on results Management and compliance entrusted with the corporate alignment, programme finance management and quality assurance, and strategic communications team that provides knowledge management and communication support to all programme interventions.

Job Vacancies: Deadline for all applications is 16 July. Please call 3204456 for more information

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| <p>3. Job Title: Programme Associate, Planet Department: Programme Reports to: Programme Analyst, P2 Grade Level: G6 Salary Range: \$22,331 to \$30,955 annually Direct Reports: none Position Number: 00196888 Duty Station: Pohnpei, FSM Career Stream: Programme Contract Modality: Fixed Term Appointment Link to advertisement: www.undp.org/pacific/jobs</p> | <p>4. Job Title: Procurement and Administrative Associate Department: Programme Reports to: Procurement and Contract Management Analyst, P1 Grade Level: G6 Salary Range: \$22,331 to \$30,955 annually Direct Reports: none Position Number: 00196889 Duty Station: Pohnpei, FSM Career Stream: General Service Contract Modality: Fixed Term Appointment Link to Advertisement: www.undp.org/pacific/jobs</p> |
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72nd Commencement Exercises at PICS High School attended by Governor Oliver



Pohnpei Enginkehlap News

June 27, 2023

Pohnpei--Governor Oliver and Speaker Yamaguchi attended the 72nd commencement exercises for PICS High School. Under the banner/theme "Endless educational commitments ensure and promote all learning" translated figuratively into Pohnpeian as "Tuhken wahr tupwutupw wahr seisei", 217 students transitioned to graduates of PICS High School class of 2023.

Vice President of the Parent-Teacher Association Mr. Engily Ioanis delivered welcoming remarks. Speeches were also delivered by the Salutatorian Jessa Holiday and Valedictorian Valigene Loney.

Keynote Speaker, Mr. Mason Albert, Noahs U and Vice President of the National Fisheries Corporation delivered an inspiring speech to the students. As a graduate of PICS High School class of 1990 Mr. Albert gave some valuable advice to the students. He advised the students to stay committed to their goals and at that same time understand that opportunities are all around them. Governor Oliver also delivered special remarks. He expressed appreciation and pride for the accomplishments of the 217 graduating Seniors. He echoed the charge of the keynote speaker for each student to pursue what they are passionate about, and added to the theme "tuhken wahr tupwutupw wahr seisei" saying that where there is no struggle there is no progress.

Over 75% of the graduating seniors will be furthering their education at the College of Micronesia. Congratulations to the Graduates and their families.

Early Action Rainfall (EAR) Watch Bulletin workshops prepares for advanced disaster planning to manage rainfall extremes

Weather Service Office Chuuk and the Australian Embassy to the FSM

June 20, 2023

Pohnpei—Stakeholders in Pohnpei and Kosrae in the Federated States of Micronesia have had the opportunity to review a new tailored climate bulletin.

The Early Action Rainfall (EAR) Watch Bulletin produced by the Weather Service Office Pohnpei provides disaster managers with information on prolonged periods of abnormally dry and wet conditions.

The climate advisory allows the disaster management sector to plan in advance of rainfall extremes and associated impacts.

The stakeholder sessions in Kosrae and Pohnpei have been attended by representatives from the Disaster Coordination Office, local government including Mayors, Red Cross and government agencies involved in disaster response.

Opening the session in Pohnpei this week, the Australian Ambassador for the Federated States of Micronesia, Jo Cowley, encouraged stakeholders to participate fully and learn new skills, to better support the lives and livelihoods of FSM and Pohnpei residents.

"Early and accurate multi-week to seasonal predictions will enable the community to better prepare for drought and prolonged wet periods," she said.

The Office-in-Charge of WSO Pohnpei, Eden Skilling, said the discussions helped to strengthen partnerships between the weather service and stakeholders in Pohnpei and Kosrae.

Hosted by the WSO Pohnpei, the EAR Watch stakeholder consultations

are supported by the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific (COSPPac).

The Embassy post on the event in Pohnpei said that The Australian Ambassador Jo Cowley was delighted to be invited to the EAR Watch Stakeholder session in Pohnpei where she delivered the welcome remarks.

Australia stands by FSM and our Pacific neighbours to help build their resilience, capacity and to manage the long-term impacts of climate change.

These workshops were proudly supported by the Australian and New Zealand governments through the Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific (COSPPac).

COSPPac was designed to support Pacific Island national meteorological services to understand and use climate, ocean and sea level data, allowing officials to better manage the impact of climate change and disasters.

For more information about rainfall predictions and the EAR Watch, contact the WSO Pohnpei, at Wallace.jacob@noaa.gov or call (691) 320 – 2248.



FTN Clothing Co. (Feel The Numb) Community Give-Back Award

By Tracy Ardos

July 4, 2023

Pohnpei—For several years, a small Pohnpei company, still in start up mode has provided several awards to Pohnpei Community Schools. FTN Clothing Co. also known as “Feel The Numb”, a tiny business owned by a young couple Antoinette Ardos and Calvin Samuel better known as Mr. Dompny, was founded in 2018. The birth of FTN Clothing Co. originated while Ms. Antoinette was in school, trying to attain her Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting. While it is true that college is incredibly hard at times, being pregnant twice while attending college is immensely harder when you are far away from immediate family with under average financial foundation and inadequate financial aid. The trials, the efforts, the struggle, the grind in place to anticipate child care needs while attempting to complete classes felt like a marathon with no finish line. The challenge of the financial struggle led the couple to pursue ideas to provide much needed additional sources of income. That brainstorming lead to the birth of FTN Clothing Co. better known as Feel The Numb.

With the support of FTN customers, Ms. Antoinette graduated with her BS degree in accounting and with appreciation and eternal gratitude, although FEEL THE NUMB is slightly getting by, decided to reciprocate the love, support and kindness by giving back to the community. In 2021, FTN Clothing Co. (Feel The Numb) provided masks to first graders of Seinwar Elementary School and Pehleng Elementary school, Antoinette (alumna of Seinwar Elementary School) and Mr. Dompny (alumna of Pehleng Elementary School).

To further the tiny community give-back, FTN Clothing Co. (Feel The Numb) then decided to award The Most Improved Student to the graduating Seniors of Nanpei Memorial High School (NMHS) and the eight graduating elementary schools. Community Give-Back Awards for school year 2021-2022 comprised \$100 and the newest t-shirt design to the high school and \$50.00 and the newest t-shirt design to each graduating eighth grade elementary schools.

In 2023, Feel The Numb again awarded the only high school in Kitti with \$100 and

jersey, and \$50, a jersey and rucksack bag to all the elementary schools. It is the hope of Feel The Numb (FTN Clothing Co.) that the community give back award can be of little help to the recipients and a motivation to the remaining students.

Following were the recipients of School year 2021-2022:

1. NMHS-Byron Damian
2. Pehleng Elementary School- Tristen Peter
3. Seinwar Elementary School- Ronny Ifamilik Jr.
4. Salapwuk- Soster Tom
5. NMS- Cindy August
6. Enpein Elementary School- Steven Sarapio
7. Wone Elementary School- Joannes Pablo
8. Rohi Elementary School- Kemeeva Mae Andon

Recipients of School Year 2022-2023:

1. NMHS: Ann Jane Joakim
2. Pehleng Elementary School- Laylanda Paul
3. Seinwar Elementary School- Frankie Elias
4. Salapwuk Elementary School- Jordan Tom
5. NMS- Samander Abraham
6. Enpein Elementary School- Lipohnpahnwi Santos
7. Wone Elementary School- Mayron Salvador
8. Rohi Elementary School- Leeroy Pablo

It is the ultimate dream of FTN Clothing Co. (Feel the Numb) in due time, if business progresses, to extend and perpetuate the tiny community give back to all the schools in Pohnpei. Feel The Numb (FTN Clothing Co.) thank each and every customer heartily. You are the foundation of this small community give-back.



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The role – the Project Assistant within the Project Management Team (PMT) will assist with the overall administration of the project activities in the Federated States of Micronesia and coordinates duties associated with the project including travel by project staff and compiling all data for reporting and inputting to project databases. The position will also support the project with communication work.

The key responsibilities of the role include the following:

1. **Assist with the overall administration of the project, including the overall coordination and documentation of all the project activities, as well as technical support of project activities to achieve project objectives, outputs, and outcomes**
2. **Assist with arrangements for travel by project team and all coordination and logistical arrangements for project meetings**
3. **Assist the project team with communication and advocacy efforts**

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

Qualifications

- Degree in business administration, accounting, financial management or a related field.



Essential experience and skills

- At least 3 years’ experience in administration in a large organization including experience with logistics, travel, information systems and financial management.
- Understanding of project budgeting, financial reporting, donor reporting, audit requirements.
- Sound coordination, administrative, networking, and collaborative skills.
- Good writing skills.
- Valid driver’s license (must).
- Fluency in English (written and verbal).
- Strong people skills and ability to work in a multicultural environment.

Remuneration – the Project Assistant is a Band 4 position in SPC’s 2023 salary scale, with a starting taxable salary range of USD 21,164 –26,454 per year, plus local staff benefits.

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Job Reference: CR000037

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- 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. Please list what you consider are the necessary attributes of an administration assistant and explain how you fulfil each trait. Please list and describe at least 3-5 necessary traits.
2. Please describe an example of when you were responsible for organizing travel and logistics for a conference or meeting. Please specify the steps required to prepare for the conference or meeting.
3. Briefly describe your experience in travel and logistics management/administration for fieldwork or workshops, and identify three lessons learned.

Joint Leadership meeting to support the eight proposed constitutional amendments



Pohnpei Enginkehlap News

June 30, 2023

Peilapalap, Pohnpei—A joint leadership meeting was held at the Governor’s conference room. Governor Oliver and members of his cabinet welcomed Speaker Yamaguchi, Senators of the 10th Pohnpei Legislature and local Chief executives and Speakers.

The joint leadership meeting primary topic was the upcoming plebiscite and support for the proposed eight constitutional amendments on July 4, 2023. Members of the Constitutional convention awareness team were also present.

Unanimous support for the 8 proposed constitutional amendments by the 4th constitutional convention was voiced by Speaker Yamaguchi and the Local Chief Executives.

The full video of the leadership meeting is available on Pohnpei Public Broadcasting Corporation’s YouTube channel, which can be found [HERE](#)

Governor Oliver attends World Tuna Day activities

Pohnpei Enginkehlap News

July 1, 2023

Kolonia, Pohnpei—Governor Oliver attended World Tuna Day (WTD) at the Kolonia China Friendship gym.



After welcoming remarks by the Chairman of the WTD Committee Dahker Abraham and blessings by WP Peter, Governor Oliver led the procession to the demonstration tables where healthy and tasty Tuna recipes were cooked up and shared.

The Kolonia Senior Citizens flea market was also there and Governor Oliver stopped by to support their raffle event.



Australia’s Direct Aid Program provides nearly \$20,000 for new Temwen water system

Australian Embassy to the FSM

June 20, 2023

Temwen, Pohnpei—Congratulations to the successful Direct Aid Program (DAP) recipient from the ‘Temwen Island Community Water System Project’. Thanks to Australia’s support, the community at Madolenihmw will now be able to construct a new water system complete with quality piping structure and fittings. This will allow reliable distribution and adequate water supply to household in the community including the elementary school at Temwen Island.

Her Excellency Ambassador Jo Cowley and Second Secretary Rachele Wood were honoured to present a \$19,994.91 (USD) cheque to the DAP applicant, Mr Salter Etse Jr, in the presence of Ms Kiomy Albert, Meninkeder Lapalap/ Mayor, Mr Oliver Johnny, Ninikapw en Temwen/Chief of Temwen Community, and members of the Temwen Island Community.

DAP is a flexible, small grants scheme for development activities for up to USD \$20,000. The Australian Embassy is eager to receive more applications from across FSM that support the local community. Over the next few

months, the Embassy will be delivering information sessions on our DAP program. Please follow our Facebook

page and visit our website for more information, www.fsm.embassy.gov.au.



Australian Ambassador speaks at WASH in Schools Reflection and Closing ceremony

Australian Embassy to the FSM

June 19, 2023

Pohnpei—Congratulations to the Pohnpei, Chuuk and FSM Departments of Education, UNICEF Pacific and all the teachers, interns and students who participated in the WASH in School Project proudly funded by Australia.

It was a pleasure for Ambassador Cowley and Second Secretary Rachele Wood to be a part of the Wash in Schools Reflection and Closing Ceremony. The inspirational stories and anecdotes shared by the teachers and the College of Micronesia (COM) interns greatly reflected the success of the project and

how it touched the lives of the students and wider communities in the FSM.

In her remarks, Ambassador Cowley highlighted the many events she attended, celebrating the successes and strong engagement from all the schools. The active participation of 11 Environment and Wash Clubs, online learning exchange and strong participation by teachers was truly inspiring.

Australia is proud to partner with UNICEF Pacific and the Pohnpei Pohnpei State Department of Education on improving water and sanitation in Pohnpei schools.



Australian Direct Aid Program provides Nanpei Memorial High School with nearly \$20k for sporting equipment

July 2, 2023

Kitti,

Pohnpei--Her Excellency Ambassador Jo Cowley and Second Secretary Rachele Wood were honoured to join the traditional leaders, Rosa Mr William Hawley, Village Chief of Poail and Director of Pohnpei State Health and Social Services, Mr Wincener David, and NMHS PTA President, Mr Pretrick Albert, to present a \$19,922.00 (USD) cheque to the successful Direct Aid Program (DAP) recipient, Mrs Degakwihda Peter, the Principal of NMHS, from the 'Nahnpei Memorial High School'.

Sports plays an important role in bringing people together, promoting good health and combating non-communicable diseases (NCD) in our communities.

Thanks to Australia's support, the youth in Kitti municipality will be able to procure new sports equipment to support



their sports programs all year round.

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Hundreds participate in 2023 Olympic Day 5K Walk/Run

June 24, 2023

Pohnpei—In the early morning hours of Saturday, June 24, hundreds gathered in the parking lot of Palm Terrace store for the start of the ever-popular Olympic Day 5K Walk/Run. Organized by the FSM National Olympic Committee, the annual event which, in addition to the joy of the physical activity usually features free T-shirts as part of the registration

fee. This year was no exception.

Young and old participated to run, walk, crawl if necessary, or just amble from Palm Terrace through Kolonia Town to the end of the Dekehtik causeway and back again. Before participants started they participated in an organized stretch.



Governor Chieng Welcomes Attorney General for the State of Yap Mr. Joses Gallen

Yap Media

June 28, 2023

Colonia, Yap—Governor’s Office held a ceremony to swear in Mr. Joses Gallen as the newly confirmed Attorney General for the State of Yap. “Today marks a milestone in Mr. Gallen’s service to the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), having previously served in the other 3 FSM states as well as the FSM national government as the Attorney General, Mr. Gallen’s service to Yap marks the final and fourth State of the FSM that Mr. Gallen will serve as the Attorney General,” said Governor Charles Chieng.

The swearing-in ceremony was attended by Mr. Joses Gallen’s family, friends, esteemed colleagues, directors of various departments, the chief of staff, the staff of the Attorney General’s Office, the Public Safety Security detail, the Chief of Police, and the Governor of the State, Charles Chieng.

The oath of office was administered by Associate Justice Jonathan M. Tun, along with his staff, signifying the official commencement of Mr. Gallen’s tenure as the Attorney General for the State of Yap.

Mr. Gallen’s appointment as the Attorney General marks a significant milestone in his career and reaffirms his commitment to upholding justice and serving the people of Yap State. The Governor and the entire community extend their congratulations and support to Mr. Gallen as he assumes this vital role.

Fifth ever FSM citizen assigned to US Coast Guard Academy

United States Embassy to the FSM

June 30, 2023

FSM—Kaipo Sigrah, from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) graduated from Xavier High School on June 16. Quickly following his graduation, Kaipo flew out to New London Connecticut to report to his new position as the fifth FSM student to be accepted into the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. Congratulations Kaipo and we wish you all the best on your future endeavors!



Pacific Islands Forum welcomes new Deputy Secretary General

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

June 20, 2023

Suva, Fiji--The Pacific Islands Forum is pleased to advise the appointment of Mr Esala Nayasi as the Deputy Secretary General – Strategic Policy & Programming effective from 3 July 2023.

Mr. Nayasi joins the Forum from the Government of Fiji, having served as a civil servant and diplomat for the last 18 years at the national, regional and multilateral level.

He has served at senior levels of the Fiji Government, including as Acting Permanent Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

Welcoming the appointment, Forum SG Henry Puna said incoming DSG Nayasi “has been instrumental in the development of the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent during Fiji’s chairing of the Pacific Islands Forum from August 2021 to February 2023. His considerable experience across multilateral, diplomatic and political aspects of Fiji’s regional and global interests will be a welcome addition to the Secretariat team as we continue to serve, with our regional family of Pacific organisations, the collective mandate and direction of our leaders to



secure our Pacific future.”

As the incoming DSG leading on Strategic Policy and Programming, Mr Nayasi’s responsibilities will include advising the Secretary General and working with members on strategic regional policy development and the coherent and coordinated implementation of programmes and initiatives, including oversight of the 2050 Strategy and its related implementation plan, through existing regional architecture and mechanisms.

The new position aligns with implementation of the Suva Agreement and returns the Pacific Islands Forum to a two- deputy executive supporting the Secretary General in the effective and efficient management of the Secretariat.

WCPFC enhances knowledge exchange and collaboration through Attachment Program

Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

June 21, 2023

Kolonia, Pohnpei – The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) has successfully completed an attachment program with five participants from Nauru, Papua New Guinea, and Vanuatu.

The attachment organizers and facilitators WCPFC Assistant Compliance Manager, Eidre Sharp, and WCPFC Compliance Manager, Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott said the two-week program focused on deepening participants' understanding of the Commission's day-to-day activities and annual processes. To make sure each person could achieve the most from their time at the Secretariat, the number of participants was limited.

The program covered a wide range of topics, with particular emphasis

on vessel management processes including the Vessel Monitoring System, Compliance Case File management for tracking action on potential non-compliance and the annual compliance monitoring report (CMR) process. The Secretariat was able to demonstrate the tools available for WCPFC members to identify and address compliance issues throughout the year, reducing reliance on the annual CMR process.

Participants also had time to use their newfound knowledge to make significant progress on annual reporting in preparation for the Technical Compliance Committee meeting in September 2023.

Feedback from participants was positive, with the programme meeting their expectations. They were keen to continue to build on the knowledge they gained and to share this with colleagues on their return.



Left to right: Dr. Lara Manarangi-Trott, WCPFC Compliance Manager, Jino Suaki (Vanuatu), Roylyne Charlie (Vanuatu), Kaleki Debye (Nauru), Esmond Dalle (PNG), Julian Itsimaera (Nauru), Eidre Sharp, WCPFC Assistant Compliance Manager.

The WCPFC Secretariat team also greatly enjoyed the experience and the learning opportunity it presented for their own staff.

The shared enthusiasm and

commitment to our collective work to effectively manage the Western and Central Pacific highly migratory fisheries means the attachments will be a highlight of the year.

Forum SG Commends Pacific Negotiators as Bonn Climate Conference continues COP28 Momentum

Pacific Island Forum Secretariat

June 26, 2023

Suva, Fiji--Pacific Islands Forum Secretary General Henry Puna has commended the efforts of Pacific delegations progressing the global climate agenda at this month's meeting in Bonn, Germany.

The 2023 Subsidiary Bodies meetings were attended by almost 8,000 participants including national delegations, observer organizations and media.

“Our Pacific negotiators are truly holding the line for all people of the Blue continent, and the results they achieve are often not credited back to their tireless efforts,” said SG Puna. “They wear many hats and titles in the work of technical experts, climate negotiators and activists. When the resources, time zones, and challenges facing them often feel daunting and doubtful, we must recognise and respect what they do for our benefit.”

Delegations have returned from two weeks in Bonn, Germany, where they gathered from 5 – 15th June for the Bonn

Subsidiary Bodies 58th climate meetings, convened to prepare decisions for adoption at COP28 in the United Arab Emirates in December.

A Pacific Islands Forum team led by acting Climate Resilience Team Leader Karlos Lee Moresi joined other Technical advisers from SPREP, SPC and other bodies, supporting the Pacific efforts in Bonn.

Unlike previous Bonn sessions which would see the adoption of the agenda at the Opening Plenary, Parties at the SB58 were only able to adopt an agenda a day before the final day of negotiations, raising concerns over timing for any substantial work to progress. The Mitigation Work Programme (MWP) is key to determining the scale of finance required for climate action, and the 1.5-degree temperature goal remained a contentious issue for Parties. In addition to this, Pacific-SIDS once again had to fight for the recognition of science and the IPCC 6th Assessment Report in the negotiations.

Amidst these concerns negotiations progressed on priority issues for the Pacific, Moresi said. A key priority for

the Pacific is Loss and Damage with Pacific Small Islands Developing States joining the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) in discussions to decide on hosting arrangements the Santiago Network (SNLD) Secretariat, a network established to catalyse technical assistance to deal with loss and damage associated with the impacts of climate change in vulnerable countries. The host for the SNLD is expected to be decided at COP28.

Other mandated events progressed as planned. Pacific climate finance technical experts and negotiators were part of the Sixth Technical Expert Dialogue on the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) for Climate Finance. Pacific SIDS position is that the New Collective Goal on Finance should be needs based, recognizing national circumstances and existing systems for mobilization.

The Oceans-Climate nexus dialogue, critical to the Pacific and holding special significance for the region was also convened. At the start of the Ocean and Climate Change Dialogue, delegates heard from the UN Special Envoy for the Ocean, H.E. Peter Thomson. He

stressed the need to include the Ocean in all Climate change discussions noting its vital role in regulating climate as well as its enormous potential as a carbon sink. He also emphasised the economic and social significance of the Ocean to island communities. The Ocean climate change dialogue focused on protecting coastal ecosystems and the Ocean's important role as a source of economic resources and food security.

The Work Programme on transition pathways was initiated with further discussions expected around the elements, activities, and modalities of the Work Programme.

At the close of SB58, there is more work ahead. Other mandated events are also expected to continue.

The first Global Stocktake, designed to assess the global response to the climate crisis, is set for COP28 and whilst a draft “work-in-progress” outline has been released since SB58 ended, there is an urgent need to have all technical assessments completed before Parties convene again in November in the United Arab Emirates.

Pohnpei Offices of Fisheries and Aquaculture tests its new deployment barge

Secretariat of the Pacific Community

June 28, 2023

Pohnpei—On June 28th the Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture alongside SPC and local fishermen tested its new aluminum deployment barge by carrying over 1.5 Ton of anchored weight necessary for its Community FAD (Fish Aggregating Device) program. FADs are fishing tools that act very similar to a drifting log at sea with the addition of an anchor so it will not move away, and are placed in areas where small fish could use as shelter from bigger fish. Fish such as Trevally's, rainbow runner, trigger fish, pedihdi and bait fish aggregate under these artificial floats either for shelter or hiding from its prey. These generally bring in the Tunas, Wahoo's, barracuda, mahi mahi, sharks and bill fish all waiting around the FAD for a good meal.

FADs are not new to the FSM, and they do provide our fisherman with alternate fishing grounds and support safer fishing habits.

The Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture are encouraging fisherman to fish around these FADs and report their catch and any other issues they may see on the FAD to the fisheries officers to better understand the growth, behavior and aggregation around the FAD. These are fishing tools for fisherman and needs to be cared for. These FADs are not designed to be tied on, unless in an emergency situation.

Palikir FAD was deployed on Wednesday the 28th of June at a depth of 1000m (3200 feet) and about two miles from Palikir point reef.

Kalangan Lap to all who assisted and provided their time to helping our local fisherman and our communities. The next FAD deployment is looking at the eastern side of the island. For any other information contact the Office of Fisheries and Aquaculture (OFA) at 320-2041.



Majuro workshop and summit spotlight media and democracy

June 25, 2023

Majuro — A five-day Media, Elections and Democracy workshops wrapped up Thursday June 22 in Majuro with the first-ever Summit on Democracy: Public Engagement, Communications and the Media.

Over 40 students, journalists and public information officers from government and NGOs participated in the program organized by the Pacific Media Institute in the Marshall Islands.

The workshop featured an experienced team of Pacific Island journalist trainers and resource people led by Honolulu-based writer/photographer Floyd K. Takeuchi.

Nearly 20 journalists and college students from the Marshall Islands participated in a morning track of the workshop, while close to 30 Public Information Officers from the Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Federated States of Micronesia and Palau took part in an afternoon workshop track. The workshop focused on learning to "write tight," with techniques such as haiku and the four-paragraph story employed.

Numerous special presentations were offered during the lunch hours, including:

- How media organizations support independent journalism and what they've accomplished in Tonga and the Solomon Islands, led by Kalafi Moala, President of the Media Association of Tonga, and Georgina Kekea, President of the Media Association of the Solomon Islands.
- Domestic violence and prevention initiatives, led by Kathryn Relang, Country Focal Officer, Marshall Islands, Human Rights and Social Development Division, SPC
- Teieniwa Vision for Journalists: Anti-Corruption Reporting Toolkit for Journalists, led by Rimon Rimon, investigative journalist, Kiribati.

The workshop culminated in an all-day Summit on Democracy at the government's International Conference Center. It featured speeches by Marshall Islands President David Kabua and Parliament Speaker Kenneth Kedi, both of whom said they supported the

Summit concept from the time that Pacific Media Institute sought their endorsement early this year. The Office of the Speaker co-sponsored the Summit with Pacific Media Institute.

Each day of the workshop, including the Summit, workshop participants, individually and in small groups, had writing assignments they delivered to the team of Pacific media trainers for review and editing.

Donor partners supporting the Media and Democracy Workshops and Summit on Democracy include: AusAID, Republic of China/Taiwan Embassy in Majuro, USAID PROJECT Governance that is managed by the East-West Center and SPC, UN Office on Drugs and Crime, Pacific Anti-Corruption Journalists Network, New Zealand North Pacific Development Fund, and the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.



Pacific Islands Forum Secretary General Henry Puna issues a statement on Fukushima Treated Nuclear Wastewater

Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

June 26, 2023

Pacific--The Pacific Islands Forum remains fully committed to addressing strong concerns for the significance of the potential threat of nuclear contamination to the health and security of the Blue Pacific, its people, and prospects.

Even before Japan announced its decision in April 2021, Pacific states, meeting for the first time in December 2020 as States Parties to the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Rarotonga), “recalled concerns about the environmental impact of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Reactor accident in 2011 and urged Japan to take all steps necessary to address any potential harm to the Pacific”.

They “called on States to take all appropriate measures within their territory, jurisdiction or control to prevent significant transboundary harm to the territory of another state, as required under international law”.

These important statements stem from

key international legal rules and principles, including the unique obligation placed by the Rarotonga Treaty on Pacific states to “Prevent Dumping” (Article 7), in view of our nuclear testing legacy and its permanent impacts on our peoples’ health, environment and human rights.

Pacific states therefore have a legal obligation “to prevent the dumping of radioactive wastes and other radioactive matter by anyone” and “not to take any action to assist or encourage the dumping by anyone of radioactive wastes and other radioactive matter at sea anywhere within the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone”.

Specific concerns by the Forum on nuclear contamination issues are not new; for many years, the Forum has had to deal with attempts by other states to



involve comprehensive international consultation particularly with affected states, and not only through the IAEA platform but through other relevant platforms holding the mandate on ocean and marine environmental protection such as the 1982 UNCLOS and the London Convention and Protocol on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and

Other Matter.

Just this week, we celebrated the achievement with the BBNJ instrument and reflected on the success of the 1982 UNCLOS, which safeguard the health of the Pacific Ocean for its biological resources of economic, ecological, and cultural value.

We continue to hear diverging views on this issue, scientifically, politically, and publicly; and this is a sign of the high global interest in the issue. The PIF independent panel of scientific experts have continued to dialogue intensively not only with Japan and IAEA experts, but amongst themselves as global experts in a range of related areas including nuclear power, radiation, high energy physics, marine environmental sciences, oceanography, and marine radiochemistry I too continue to dialogue with Japan, PIF Leaders, and broader stakeholders. It is clear in my mind that more work and dialogue is needed to ensure that we all come to a common understanding on this issue.

More time and an abundance of caution – the precautionary principle – are therefore highly critical for continued engagement through international consultation, international law and independent and verifiable scientific assessments, as has been highlighted by Pacific Leaders since the PALM9 Meeting with Japan in July 2021.

I remain heartened by the assurance that Japan Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has given the Forum Chair and Leaders, in that Japan will not discharge the ALPS treated nuclear wastewater until such time that all parties agree that it is verifiably safe to do so and based on a relationship built of trust and in the spirit of friendship

dump nuclear waste into the Pacific. Leaders have urged Japan and other shipping states “to store or dump their nuclear waste in their home countries rather than storing or dumping them in the Pacific”. In 1985, the Forum welcomed the Japan PM’s statement that “Japan had no intention of dumping radioactive waste in the Pacific Ocean in disregard of the concern expressed by the communities of the region”.

Against this regional context, Forum engagement on the present unprecedented issue signifies that for our Blue Pacific, this is not merely a nuclear safety issue. It is rather a nuclear legacy issue, an ocean, fisheries, environment, biodiversity, climate change, and health issue with the future of our children and future generations at stake. Our people do not have anything to gain from Japan’s plan but have much at risk for generations to come.

To this end, scientific discussions have led to consideration of the appropriate application and adequacy of current international nuclear safety standards to the Fukushima case, noting modern scientific developments and noting also the non-legally binding nature of these standards, including for all Pacific states.

Importantly, this is an issue of significant transboundary and transgenerational impacts, and has the potential to set a precedent for deliberate, unilateral dumping of high volumes of nuclear waste into our ocean. This itself poses major impacts and long-term worry for Pacific Island states who should not have to bear another “nuclear testing” activity. New approaches, including alternatives to ocean dumping, are needed and are the responsible way forward.

Indeed, the way forward should

PICRC celebrates World Oceans Day 2023

PICRC

June 21, 2023

Palau—June 8th is recognized as World Oceans Day. For the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC), it’s a chance to highlight the hard work and effort that the Center undertakes to ensure healthy reefs and ocean for the Palauan people.



PICRC’s celebration started on June 2nd, with a special mini education carnival at the Palau Aquarium. The carnival had stations focused on seagrass, coral reef restoration, and the deep ocean. PICRC’s partners—Ebiil Society, Inc., Belau Offshore Fishers, Inc., and the Division of Maritime Security and Fish & Wildlife Protection—also joined the carnival and presented on their own efforts. Over 250 students attended from seven (7) schools.

On June 8th, PICRC joined the Ocean Fest

Night Market, organized by Palau Visitors Authority, with miniature traveling aquariums and information panels to highlight the importance of the coastal ecosystems around Palau.

“We would like to extend thanks to the schools, students, and our partners who helped make these events a success, and to everyone who visited the booth at the night market,” stated Caryn Lkong Koshiha, PICRC’s Interim Chief Executive Officer.

From Hong Kong to Palau: Research to shed light on how corals tolerate different temperatures

PICRC

June 26, 2023

Palau—Dr Apple Chui, a Research Assistant Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and members from her lab were based at the Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) from April 1st to April 29th looking at the thermal performance of two species of coral. The work compares the performance of coral species in Hong Kong with related coral species in Palau to see if their environment affects their ability to handle large variations in temperature.

“Hong Kong sees huge differences in the ocean temperature annually—from 14°C in the winter to 31°C in the summer,” explained Dr. Chui.

“In comparison, Palau has a stable temperature year-round. These are two extreme scenarios and we wanted to see if the corals have different thermal sensitivity over a range of temperatures, despite being the same, or closely related, species.”

The researchers placed coral fragments collected from Palau’s reefs in two different tanks, one of which had its temperature slowly increased, while the other had its temperature slowly decreased. They measured the coral’s respiration, photosynthesis, growth, and other characteristics. The molecular response, such as the changes in gene expression, will be looked at in Hong Kong.

“There are a lot of unknowns when it comes to the response of coral



to climate change,” said Dr. Chui. “We’ve found that the corals in Hong Kong are really impressive, and continue to perform well from 18°C to 30°C. But we want to find out if the thermal performance of corals is fixed or flexible – are they living in their optimal environment already? And how broad is this range? Hopefully we will be able to assess their optimal temperature, thermal breadth, maximum performance, and the variability among corals.”

This work is being conducted in collaboration with Dr. Jamie Stevens from the University of Exeter and Dr. Peter Mumby’s group from the University of Queensland. “PICRC provides excellent facilities for researchers from anywhere in the world,” stated Dr. Chui. “This is a really nice research building and a good research environment. And the coral reefs in Palau are absolutely spectacular.”

RMI and the United Nations ink the Country Implementation Plan

United Nations Micronesia

May 21, 2023

Majuro, RMI—In a landmark development, the Government of the Republic of Marshall Islands and the United Nations signed the Country Implementation Plan (CIP), translating the aspirations of the people of RMI in line with the new Pacific UN Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) 2023 – 2027, which will guide the work of the UN System in RMI for the next five years.

The United Nations held a number of consultations with the government of RMI, development partners, civil society and private sector to ensure their inputs are included and no one is left behind in the process of finalizing a CIP that will support RMI in reaching its 2030 sustainable development goals and help build a better future for Marshallese.

Signed by the Mrs. Anjanette Kattil, Secretary of RMI, and the UN Resident Coordinator Micronesia Mr. Jaap van Hierden, the CIP will be actioned

at the country level aligning UN engagements with national development priorities, including but not limited to, biodiversity, climate change adaptation, digital transformations, disaster risk management, nuclear legacy, water resource management and food security. In ensuring that UN efforts align with national and regional development plans and aspirations, it took into account the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

Addressing the Joint Steering Committee, Secretary Anjanette thanked the UN team in Micronesia and noted the importance and timeliness of the Country’s Implementation Plans.

“[Signing of the CIP] signifies an important milestone in our shared pursuit for more effective and coordinated delivery of UN Development Assistance on the ground, and in local communities, where it is needed the most”, said Secretary Anjanette. “We envisage this CIP will ensure coherence, coordination, and accountability among all partners. I

assure you have the government’s full commitment.”

The UN Resident Coordinator Micronesia Mr. Jaap van Hierden congratulated and thanked the Government of RMI for their continued support to the UN and reaffirmed the UN’s commitment to RMI.

“I would like to thank the Government of RMI and other stakeholders for their collaboration with and support of the UN. Together we will work towards catching up on our 2030 sustainable development goals and address the impacts of climate change. In doing so, we will be guided by our imperative to “leave no one behind” in enabling a prosperous and peaceful future for the people of RMI that is harmony with nature” Mr. Van Hierden said.

The newly signed CIPs focus on strategic priorities jointly discussed between the Government of RMI and the UN System for the period January 1st, 2022-December 31, 2024. Specifically, it details the UN agency footprint which currently

comprises 23 UN agencies supporting over 160 projects or interventions with a combined investment totaling almost 24 million USD across all the SDGs. Key beneficiaries at the country level would include women and girls, migrants and persons living in remote poor and rural communities. During 2023, specific attention is given to government priorities related to disaster risk management, water resource management and climate change adaptation and resilience.



Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez to serve as 12th UOG president

The University of Guam

June 22, 2023

Guam—The University of Guam Board of Regents (BOR) on Thursday, June 22, selected Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez as the next President of the University of Guam.

Six of the nine Regents voted in favor of Dr. Enriquez and three voted in favor of Dr. Mary Okada, the president of Guam Community College.

Dr. Enriquez is the Senior Vice President and Provost at UOG.

“I’m looking forward to the future of the institution,” said the incoming 12th President of UOG.

Dr. Enriquez plans to use her expertise in strategic planning, human resources, and economic development to make sure that her leadership will empower and engage with the students, faculty, administrators and staff, as well as the rest of the UOG Community.

“The University of Guam’s purpose is to improve upon our island’s quality of life,” she said, adding that she will work toward strengthening the university so that the institution will be more responsive to the needs of the students, the rest of the UOG Community, and the broader island community.

The Regents met for two hours at the Jesus and Eugenia Leon Guerrero



Building, School of Business Administration. The board’s discussion and voting followed a selection process that began soon after President Thomas W. Krise announced his decision to retire at the end of this five-year term on Aug. 5, 2023.

The new president was selected as UOG continues toward post-Typhoon Mawar recovery, strives to meet the needs of students, works to keep enrollment up while student enrollment has dropped across the nation, and seeks legislative support for the University’s \$42 million budget request to stabilize its finances.

Students, faculty, and staff attended, raised questions, and listened during presentations by the presidential search finalists, making this a well-engaged search process.



Dr. Anita Borja Enriquez, center, and members of the UOG Student Government Association show the Triton sign following the selection of Dr. Enriquez as the next UOG president.

UOG students to study smart agriculture technology in Taiwan

University of Guam

June 29, 2023

Guam—Ten University of Guam students will be heading to Taiwan in July to explore the latest in agricultural practices and technologies. The students were selected and awarded travel scholarships for the Smart Agriculture Technology & Culture Experience Study Abroad Program through a grant received last year by the UOG College of Natural & Applied Sciences from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food & Agriculture. The grant program aims to advance agriculture and food science education in insular institutions with the use of virtual reality technology.

The students began the program this week with Chinese language lessons taught by Dr. Liang-Kuang Chen, a visiting scholar from National Taiwan Normal University, to enhance their experience in Taiwan.

“Our teacher has been very helpful

and understanding — especially at the [accelerated] pace we’re going,” said Cecilia Pangelinan, a junior in UOG’s Agriculture & Life Sciences Program.

The students will arrive in Taiwan on July 3, where they will spend two weeks getting hands-on experience both using virtual reality technology and, in the field, operating farm implements.

“Through this program, the students will gain a deep understanding of the challenges and solutions faced by farmers from around the world,” said Dr. Kuan-Ju Chen, assistant professor of agricultural economics at UOG. “They will have the opportunity to experience different philosophies concerning land use, get hands-on experience with time-honored agricultural methods, and witness the cutting-edge future of farming.”



Parties to the Nauru Agreement issue a communique on the PNA Ministerial Meeting

Parties to the Nauru Agreement Secretariat

June 20, 2023

Honiara, Solomon Islands—Ministers from Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Tuvalu, Tokelau, and Solomon Islands met in Honiara from 15-16 June 2023 for their 18th Annual Meeting, with the theme "Sustainable Tuna Fisheries for our Economic Growth & Development." The Federated States of Micronesia was represented by a Senior Official. The meeting was chaired by Hon. Nestor Giro, Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources for Solomon Islands.

The eight countries that are Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) and Tokelau control the world's largest sustainable tuna purse seine fishery.

Ministers had the opportunity to travel to Noro before their meeting to visit the centre of Solomon Islands tuna industry, including the Soltuna processing facility, on the occasion of the celebration of 50 years of the operation of the tuna industry in Solomon Islands.

In a powerful opening address, the Prime Minister of Solomon Islands Hon. Manasseh Sogavare highly commended the Parties for their tremendous leadership in ensuring the region's tuna stocks are managed and sustainably harvested and for providing economic and social benefits to its people since the Organization's inception. The Prime Minister encouraged the Ministers, as custodians of the world's largest sustainable tuna fisheries, to remain vigilant and innovative in view of threats transpiring from Climate Change and other external events. He also called on the Ministers to show that PNA know how to catch, process and market their own fish and to become self-reliant in those areas in the same way that PNA has shown how to manage tuna fisheries to generate revenue and conserve stocks.

The key outcomes from the meeting of Ministers included the following:

Ministers appreciated the continuing achievements of PNA in 2022 and 2023 to date, Ministers were thankful that the PNA Vessel Day Scheme and other management arrangements had generally proven resilient to some major impacts. The purse seine fishery and the VDS revenue from that fishery had been stable through the COVID pandemic and a very strong La Nina period. These achievements were built on close collaboration among the Parties

to ensure that PNA tuna management and development arrangements were successful.

Observers

Ministers were pleased to hear that the pay rates of the PNA Observer Agency for observers would be substantially increased from the start of the 2024 fishing year. Observers and their families had endured particular suffering during the COVID period. The increase was recognition of the importance, quality and increasing complexity of the work of observers and that the observer payrate had not been increased for some time.

PNA Headquarters Building

Ministers warmly recalled their gathering in Majuro in February to celebrate the new PNA Headquarters Building. Ministers saw the building, fully funded by the Parties, as a clear symbol of the confidence and success of the PNA. They appreciated that the Majuro Office of the PNA Observer Agency and the CEO of FIMS Inc were already located in the building along with the PNA Office. Ministers were informed that the building had been enriched with the artifacts representing PNA communities and cultures that had been provided during and after their meeting to open the building. Ministers also expressed their appreciation to the host government for the welcome they received and their continued support to the PNA Office.

PNA Office Performance

Ministers commended Officials and the Office for the quality of the PNA Office reporting and financial and business management processes. These were particularly important because of the critical role of the PNA Office in administering the VDS, managing funds held on behalf of the Parties, and supporting the efforts of Parties more broadly to maximize the individual and collective economic returns from their tuna fisheries.

Healthy Stocks

Ministers welcomed the updated scientific advice from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community that the four major tuna stocks in PNA waters continue to be reported as healthy and none are assessed as overfished or subject to overfishing. They saw the stability of catches, effort and catch rates in the purse seine fishery as a good sign of the health of the tuna fisheries in PNA waters. They noted that the Western and Central Pacific remains the only oceanic region in the world where the tropical tuna resources are being fished sustainably and expressed their appreciation to all those participating

in these fisheries for contributing to this shared outcome through the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC).

Ministers reiterated their commitment to ensuring the sustainability of the regional tuna resources and the valuable fisheries for those resources on which PNA and Tokelau communities heavily depend. Marine Stewardship Council

Ministers recognized the importance of the Marine Stewardship Council as a partner with PNA in conveying the message of the sustainability of PNA tuna fisheries to seafood consumers globally. Ministers supported the PNA Office maintaining the MSC certification in support of PNA Party based initiatives and looked forward to the recertification by the MSC of the PNA purse seine fishery.

Pacific Islands Tuna Provision

Ministers welcomed the development of the Pacific Islands Tuna Provision Initiative as an innovative and mutually beneficial approach to collaboration between Walmart and PNA tuna resource-owning Countries and thanked the Marshall Islands and The Nature Conservancy for leading this initiative.

WCPFC Approach

Ministers affirmed their strong continuing support for the WCPFC in its work on the conservation of regional tuna resources and management of regional tuna fisheries. They welcomed the adoption by the Commission of the skipjack management procedure and looked forward to similar progress for other key tuna stocks. They also encouraged the Commission to focus on continuing to strengthen the control of longline fishing in the high seas, including recognition of the PNA longline VDS.

Domestic Tuna Development

Ministers appreciated the growth in employment, onshore operations and exports from domestic tuna industries as they had seen in Noro. Ministers agreed that it was time to build on the achievements in managing PNA tuna fisheries to generate revenue and conserve stocks and show that PNA can catch, process and market their own fish to become self-reliant in these areas as well.

Review of the FSM Arrangement

Ministers confirmed the importance of the Federated States of Micronesia Arrangement to provide preferential access to each other's vessels as a central element in their strategies for domestic tuna development. They encouraged Officials to

continue their review of the Arrangement to ensure that it remains effective and fair in facilitating and supporting Parties' development aspirations.

Climate Change

Ministers expressed support for the development of a climate change strategy for the PNA to respond to the challenges posed by the effects of climate change on their shared tuna fisheries, including a focus on climate justice. Ministers affirmed the approach taken to understand the equity aspects of climate change action that recognizes the shared values and strengths of the PNA. This will provide the appropriate platform for the PNA to take action to address the challenges posed by the impacts on PNA tuna fisheries of climate change caused by the actions of others.

Tuna Treaty with the US

Ministers welcomed the enhanced commitment by the Government of the United States to the Fisheries Treaty with Pacific Island States. The large increase in the value of the United States Government contribution to the Treaty recognised the value of the tuna fisheries resources of Pacific Island States and would benefit all Pacific Island Parties to the Treaty. Ministers looked forward to further development of the arrangements in the Treaty for broader cooperation for the mutual benefit of the Pacific Island Parties and the United States.

PNA Compliance Committee

Ministers agreed to appoint Mr. Eugene Pangelinan as the Independent Chair of the PNA Compliance Committee (PCC), replacing Ms. Rhea Moss-Christian who had stepped down from the chairpersonship after being appointed as the Executive Director of the WCPFC. Ministers expressed appreciation to Rhea for her work as the inaugural PCC Chair and wished her well in her very important new role, as the Executive Director of the WCPFC.

FIMS

Ministers welcomed the presentation of the research and development plans by FIMS Inc, to ensure that it continues to be a world leading information management platform for fisheries management.

Report to Leaders

Ministers recognized the need for PNA Leaders to convene more regular meetings to keep them informed of strategic tuna fisheries issues of importance to the PNA.

Completion of the Palau Bilateral Economic Consultation Meetings

U.S. Department of The State

June 23, 2023

Representatives from the United States of America and the Republic of Palau convened in Koror, Palau, June 21-22 for bilateral economic consultations as called for under the Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Palau Following the Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review, signed by the United States and Palau in 2010.

U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant

Secretary for Insular and International Affairs Carmen G. Cantor and U.S. Department of State Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs Whitney Baird led the U.S. delegation. The President of Palau, H.E. Surangel Whipps Jr., led the Palau delegation with the Minister of Finance, Kaleb Udui, Jr., and other cabinet officials. The bilateral economic consultations included briefings and a review of recommendations from the Palau Economic Advisory Group regarding the country's economic, financial, and

management reforms. The bilateral consultations are one of the requirements under the [Agreement](#) to review Palau's progress in achieving reforms, consistent with the 2010 Compact Review Agreement, as amended. This was the first bilateral economic consultation between the two countries since the [first annual report of the Palau Economic Advisory Group](#) was released in April of this year.

In addition to consultations on matters as required in the 2010 CRA, as amended, during these meetings Palau expressed an

interest in joining the Blue Dot Network for infrastructure certification. Palau is the site of one of the Blue Dot Network's pilot projects, a sub-sea internet cable to securely connect and expand the country's telecommunications to the rest of the world. The Compact-mandated Palau Economic Advisory Group was [launched in 2022](#), with funding provided through the U.S. Department of the Interior. Additional information about the Palau Economic Advisory Group, its annual report, and other related documents can be found at the [Pacific and Virgin Islands Training Initiatives website](#).

Blinken, Chinese President Xi meet in Beijing

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PRC—U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken met Monday with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing on the second and final day of a visit aimed at stabilizing relations between the two powers.

The session held at the Great Hall of the People was the source of speculation ahead of Blinken's trip and only publicly confirmed about an hour before it took place. It lasted for about 35 minutes.

"President Biden asked me to travel to Beijing because he believes that the United States and China have an obligation and responsibility to manage our relationship," Blinken told Xi. "The

United States is committed to doing that. It's in the interest of the United States, in the interests of China, and in the interest of the world."

Blinken is the highest level U.S. official to visit China since 2018. His trip was rescheduled from February after a Chinese surveillance balloon flew through U.S. airspace.

Blinken met earlier Monday with China's top diplomat Wang Yi for a three-hour discussion that the State Department described as "candid and productive."

State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller said in a statement that the Blinken and Wang "addressed a range of bilateral and global issues" as well as "opportunities to explore cooperation on

shared transnational challenges."

"The secretary underscored the importance of responsibly managing the competition between the United States and the PRC through open channels of communication to ensure competition does not veer into conflict," Miller said. "The secretary reiterated that the United States will continue to use diplomacy to raise areas of concern and stand up for the interests and values of the American people."

China's Foreign Ministry said in a statement that Wang told Blinken the meeting came at a critical time in U.S.-China relations, and that it is necessary to "reverse the downward spiral."

Wang said the most important factor in stabilizing relations between the two

countries is mutual respect.

Regarding Taiwan, Wang said the United States must oppose Taiwanese independence and that China has no room to compromise on the issue.

On Sunday, Blinken and Chinese Foreign Minister Qin Gang held "candid" and "direct" talks in Beijing, the State Department said.

During the seven-and-a-half hour meeting, Qin accepted an invitation to come to the United States. Agreement was also reached on more flights between the two countries.

In addition, both sides will continue to work on several issues "at a working level," said a senior State Department official.

Mr. Phillip Mendiola-Long, AIFA™, RF®, MT® Joins APAFS Board of Governors

June 18, 2023

Hagatna, Guam – The Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies (APAFS) is pleased to announce that Mr. Phillip Mendiola-Long, Chairman of the Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) has joined the APAFS Board of Governors. He has assumed the position of Mr. Vianney Hocoq, MPLT Chairman, Board of Trustees upon completion of his term. Involved in trade in the Asia Pacific Region for over 20 years, Mr. Mendiola-Long lives and works in the US Pacific Islands just west of the Philippines. Quaintly known as "the only US City in Asia", the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is a US Territory north of Guam which is just 3-5 hours away from the World's fastest-growing Asia Pacific Economies.

Appointed in 2009 by the US Secretary of Commerce as a Hawaii/Pacific District Export Council representing the Western Pacific, Mr. Mendiola-Long has served 3 successive terms and has been extremely successful in promoting US Trade and Exports throughout the region. Most recently, he is credited with establishing one of the US Pacific's newest USCIS EB5 Regional Centers, the American Northern Marianas Regional Center which will fund Bridge Investment Group's 5 Star Hotel/Resort project which is forecast to invest over \$140M in foreign capital development and create over 4,000 jobs.

Mr. Mendiola-Long's career has been rich and diverse as he previously has been appointed to positions such as Chief of

Staff and Chief Financial Officer for a US City, Chairman of a \$100M State Trust Fund, Board Member for a US Free Trade Zone, Board member for a US Hospital and is a former Elected City Councilman for the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. In 2019, Mr. Mendiola-Long was appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to serve as a board member on the State Board of Education. More recently, in 2023, Mr. Mendiola-Long was appointed by CNMI Governor Arnold Palacios and confirmed by the CNMI Senate as a trustee for the Marianas Public Land Trust for a 6-year term. Mr. Mendiola-Long was subsequently elected as MPLT's Chairman this year. In addition to his government service, Mr. Mendiola-

Long served as the former CEO of Bridge Investment Group, LLC, and is currently the CEO and managing director of Sherman Consulting, LLC.

Mr. Phillip Mendiola-Long joins a distinguished group of 18 fiduciaries of institutional funds from throughout the Asia Pacific region on the APAFS Board, including Dr. Wildfred Leon Guerrero, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Government of Guam Retirement Fund, APAFS Board Chairman, Dr. Patrick Tellei, Ed.D., President of Palau Community College, APAFS Board Vice Chairman; Anna Mendiola, AIF®, President, FSM Development Bank, APAFS Board Secretary; and, Raaj Kurapati, AIFA®, CFO, University of Memphis, APAFS Board Treasurer.

Veterinary Clinic July 19-24, 2023

Dr Joseph and two nurses from Wise Owl Animal Hospital in Guam, plan to hold a veterinary clinic in Pohnpei July 19 to 24, 2023. conducting a spay and neuter clinic. The clinic will be open at the New Tokyo Medical College.



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