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Internal investigation determines alcohol not a factor in wreck of police car

By Bill Jaynes
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January 25, 2018

Pohnpei—On January 20, the morning after the Pohnpei Department of Public Safety had a party at Flamingo, a probationary police officer flipped a police car onto its side in Nett. According to Police Chief Edmund, the car was a total loss.

alcohol had not been a factor. “The officer passed a field sobriety test after the accident,” he said.

Edmund said that the officer, who is new to the department, had spent the previous night sleeping at the police department in Kolonia until his shift started because he had not been able to find transportation to his home in Madolenihmw.

Photos of the scene that circulated on Facebook showed a can of “Red Horse” inside the vehicle.



Facebook photo from an unidentified photographer

Chief Edmund said that the department’s internal investigation determined that

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Body of man who fell from commercial fishing vessel recovered in waters off Sokehs

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January 26, 2018

Pohnpei—According to State Police detectives, on January 15, FSM flagged fishing vessels Micronesia 101 and 103 were transferring their catches onto the mother ship which was moored in Pohnpei’s lagoon. A ladder had been positioned between two of the vessels to enable crossing from one to the other. A 40 year old crew member from China fell from that ladder as he was crossing and disappeared. He could not be found.

Crewmembers immediately notified FSM National Police who in turn notified Pohnpei State police and Pohnpei Port Authority. A search was conducted but the man could not be found.

On January 19 fishermen from another commercial fishing boat discovered the body of Guohue Zhu floating inside Pohnpei’s

lagoon near the reef off of Sokehs Island. They notified the authorities who recovered the body.

Due to amount of time that he had been in the water an autopsy could not be performed.

State Police detectives conducted an investigation and after interviewing witnesses ruled that the death was accidental saying that no foul play was involved.

FSM Department of Transportation Communication and Infrastructure is responsible to conduct safety inspections on FSM flagged vessels. TC&I conducted a safety inspection and found the vessels to be in compliance.

Guohue Zhu’s body was buried in Kittu. The grieving family has asked representatives of the National Fishing Corporation to place flowers on his grave and to send photos to them.



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Caroline Islands Air announces flights to Ulithi and Fais

CIA/Civic Affairs

January 15, 2018

YAP — As of January 9, 2018, United Airlines has discontinued its flight route between Yap and Palau. In its absence is the new service by Caroline Islands Air, which began its maiden flights soon after.

In a communication dated January 12, 2018, the management of Caroline Islands Air is now announcing that it will start flying to Ulithi Atoll and Fais Island in Yap State. As of today, January 15, the Caroline Islands Air's Harbin Y-12 aircraft will fly from Yap Proper to Ulithi and Fais, and will fly Yap-Ulithi-Fais-Yap every other week Monday.

Check-in for the Ulithi & Fais flight starts at 5:30 AM and ends at 6:30 AM at the Yap International Airport. The Y-12 will then depart at 7:00 AM.

Rates for the Yap-Ulithi-Fais-Yap itinerary are as follow:

- Yap-Ulithi – adult fare \$60; child's fare \$30; cargo rate \$0.60/lb.
- Yap-Fais – adult fare \$80; child's fare \$40; cargo rate \$0.60/lb.
- Ulithi-Fais – adult fare \$40; child's fare \$20; cargo rate \$0.40/lb.

Round trip rates are doubled for the respective rates. Children are classified as 2 to 12 years of age, whereas adults are passengers 13 years of age and above; infants below 2 years of age are free.

Caroline Islands Air is also expected to fly to Woleai Atoll, pending the renovations of the airstrip there.

Flights to Palau from Yap are on Tuesday and Friday evenings with departure times set at 5:00 PM. Flights returning to Yap are on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, departing Palau at 6:00 AM and arriving in Yap around 9:00 AM.

United Airlines now have flights only between Yap to Guam on Tuesday and Saturday nights.

For more information or clarifications, contact the Yap office of Caroline Islands Air at tel: (691)350-2554, or email: cia@mail.fm

FSM Women's Council's plan for improvements in gender equality

Representatives from each of the four FSM States Women's Councils met in Pohnpei from January 15-18, 2018 for a workshop aiming to strengthen the Councils' work in promoting gender equality.

The FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs office (DH&SA) teamed up with the Pacific Community (SPC) to design the workshop, which was also supported by the nature conservancy (TNC).

The workshop provided support to the first meeting and election of directors of the FSM women's council.

To strengthen capacity, the state councils reported on their own priorities and worked together to develop a shared vision for the FSM Women's Council. Participants learnt about key commitments made by FSM to gender equality and practiced new techniques to raise the sensitive issue of gender equality in their workshops and meetings in their states.

The workshop also provided an opportunity to start planning the FSM government-hosted National Women's Conference, to be held in Palikir later in 2018.

Opening the meeting, the acting Secretary of DH&SA Mr. Marcus Samo, noted with appreciation the importance of the work



the Women's Councils undertake for the development of FSM. He stressed that it is time to attend more to the commitments FSM has made to gender equality, and committed the department to working with the FSM Women's Council and the Women's Councils in the states.

In their reports to the meeting, the Councils noted their similar challenges such as getting support within their states to introduce domestic violence legislation, raise the age of consent, get services for victims of violence, and get women elected to the state legislatures and the Congress. At the same time, they have committed themselves to home gardening and other projects which improve the livelihoods of women and their families in ways that support environmental sustainability. The Councils noted they are expected and want to do more, but limited funding and support is holding them back.

The director of SPC's Micronesia Regional Office, Lara Studzinski, said "SPC has a strong commitment to gender equality and human rights work across the Pacific, and, through the generous support of the Australian Government's Pacific Women program, we will continue to support the work of the FSM government to improve gender equality and women's rights in Micronesia."

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APPF-26: Vietnam, Micronesia promote parliamentary exchanges



NA Vice Chairman Uong Chu Luu (fourth from left) and delegates at the event
(Photo: quochoi.vn)

Nahn Dahn
The Central Organ of the Communist Party of Vietnam

01-20-18

NDO/VNA – Vice Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia Esmond B. Moses said that he hopes Vietnam and Micronesia will increase parliamentary delegation exchanges at all levels while meeting with Vice Chairman of the National Assembly of Vietnam Uong Chu Luu, in Hanoi on January 19.

He suggested that the two sides strengthen their coordination at multilateral parliamentary forums such as the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the Asia-Pacific Parliamentary Forum (APPF).

He also recommended that the two countries enhance their cooperation in all fields for the sake of their people.

Vice Chairman Uong Chu Luu welcomed the guest in order to attend the ongoing APPF-26 in Hanoi, saying that his participation will make significant contributions to the success of the event.

He hoped Vietnam and Micronesia would soon sign cooperation agreements or Memoranda of Understanding in the fields of their strengths.

The bilateral cooperation in economics, trade, investment, culture and tourism is expected to develop in line with their sound political ties, he said.

He took this occasion to thank Micronesia for providing Vietnam with US\$25,000 to address the consequences caused by typhoon Haiyan in 2013.

Mumps outbreak in Kosrae contained

From August 6, 2017 to November 4, 2017 the State of Kosrae had an outbreak of mumps that caused 21 people to get ill with swollen jaws, fever, headache, muscle ache, tiredness, and loss of appetite. While mostly 14 years old were affected, as young as 4 years old and as old as 24 year were affected.

This outbreak was linked back to a group of travelers from Kosrae who went to Seattle, Washington between July 15, 2017 to August 5, 2017 for a baseball event. All individuals who were exposed to and got sick from mumps were recovered.

Kosrae was able to contain this outbreak with assistance from partners such as the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs, WHO, CDC, and the Pacific

Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA). A response campaign was launched where the FSM and Kosrae Immunization Programs staffs vaccinated 215 individuals out of the 220 target individuals at greater risk. In addition to the catch-up vaccination campaign, Kosrae also carried out state-wide public awareness as prevention measures and environmental cleanup effort.

These activities and support from the Kosrae State leadership contributed to containing the outbreak from further spread locally and to other FSM states.

The estimated direct cost to the FSM Immunization Program to contain the outbreak was \$45,000.

Pacific Community (SPC) Oceanic Fisheries Programme completes latest tuna tagging voyage

23 January 2018

Noumea, New Caledonia –Staff from the Oceanic Fisheries Programme completed a significant tuna-tagging voyage in late 2017, releasing nearly 28,000 tags in the waters of PNG and Solomon Islands.

The Oceanic Fisheries Programme embarked on the 50 day voyage in September 2017, hoping to tag 20,000 tuna. The crew were able to blow that figure out of the water with a total of 27,780 releases including over 20,000 tags in Solomon Islands waters.

The voyage, led by Fisheries Scientist Bruno Leroy, is part of the ongoing Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme, a Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) project. Beginning in 2006, it is the largest tuna tagging project ever implemented.

Pacific tuna fisheries produce over 60% of the world's tuna, and are an important part of the gross domestic product of most countries in the region. But threats such as overfishing and climate change put this vital natural resource at risk.

The collection of data through tagging will provide valuable information to assess fish abundance, movement and the impact of fishing. This information will help the WCPFC determine sustainable management practices and conservation measures of tuna in the region.

Tagging allows fisheries scientists to monitor mortality, movement and growth of tagged fish. On this voyage, the fish

were caught using the pole-and-line fishing method. This allows the fish to be caught, measured, tagged and released in just a few seconds. Information on each tagged individual including species, length, fish condition and tagging quality is recorded using voice recorders. Some of the fish were over 60cm in length, and their powerful tails could bruise and scratch the fishers as they are caught for tagging.

The data collected from the tags over next months and years will help increase our understanding of tuna fisheries, and the impact of fishing activities on tuna fisheries throughout the Pacific. This data will help inform future sustainable management decisions that will help protect tuna stocks and the people who rely on them.

“The key highlight was obviously the number of tags Bruno and the team released, with additional highlights being the development of new tagging technicians, the amount of biological sampling conducted, without forgetting that these good results would not have been possible without the support and efforts of the vessel crew”, according to Neville Smith, SPC’s Principal Fisheries Scientist.

Fishers can receive a reward for the return of tags to SPC.

Anyone who finds a tag, or would like more information, should contact the Oceanic Fisheries Programme via email: tagging@spc.int or visit www.spc.int/tagging to assist SPC with this important ongoing research.

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Interior announces \$12.8 million for Hawaii in 2018 Compact Impact funding

*Office of the Assistant Secretary
for Insular Areas*

January 19, 2018

WASHINGTON – U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Doug Domenech has announced that \$12,762,262 will be Hawaii's share of 2018 Compact Impact funding provided under U.S. Public Law 108-188. The funding will be provided to the Department of Human Services to help defray costs associated with providing education, public health, and public safety-related services to migrants from the freely associated states of Micronesia, Marshalls, and Palau who have migrated to Hawaii.

"I met with Governor Ige last December and am pleased that we can provide some assistance to Hawaii on behalf of the federal government," said Assistant Secretary Domenech. "During the meeting, I was pleased to hear that other assistance provided to Hawaii by Interior's Office of Insular Affairs in standing up the 'We Are Oceania' One Stop Center has been helpful to the Governor and his administration in minimizing the impacts on Hawaii from migration from the freely associated states as well as in serving Micronesian community needs."

Under the Compacts of Free Association first approved in Public Law 99-239 (1986) and Public Law 99-658 (1994), and later amended in Public Law 108-188 (2003), citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau are legal nonimmigrants allowed, for indefinite periods of time, to live, work, and study in the United States without a visa. In 1996, under the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act ("Welfare Reform Act"), nonimmigrants living and working legally in the United States under the Compacts were deemed ineligible for federal public benefits. Thus began what has been a rising concern for the Governments of Guam and Hawaii, as U.S. ports of entry in the Pacific, which have directly borne the cost of public services related to migration under the Compacts, often referred to as "Compact

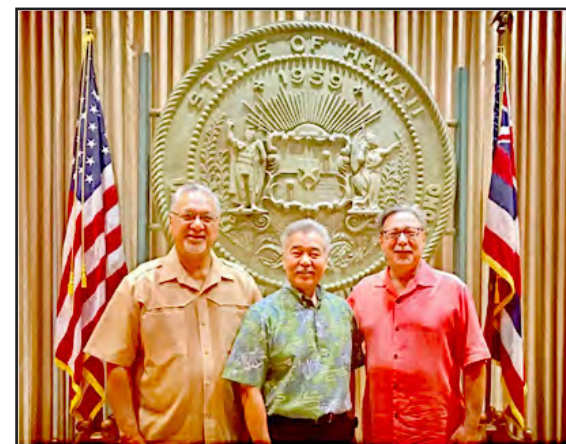
Impact."

In 2003, the U.S. Congress allocated \$30 million annually to Hawaii, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa to assist in defraying costs due to increased demands placed on health, educational, social, or public sector services, or infrastructure related to such services due to Compact Impact. Compact Impact funds and the apportionment to each affected jurisdiction are calculated using a ratio allocation based on a 2013 U.S. Census Bureau enumeration that put the number of Compact migrants in Hawaii at 14,700 and the allocation for the state at \$12.8 million. The U.S. Census Bureau will be conducting a new enumeration, to update the numbers used in the allocation of Compact Impact funding, expected to be completed at the end of this year.

Under current law, Compact Impact funding expires in 2023.

The Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas carries out the administrative responsibilities of the Secretary of the Interior in coordinating federal policy for the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and

administers and oversees U.S. federal assistance to the Freely Associated States of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau under the Compacts of Free Association. The Assistant Secretary executes these responsibilities through the Office of Insular Affairs.



**OIA Director Nik Pula, Hawaii
Governor David Ige, and
Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas
Doug Domenech December 14, 2017**

Embassy of the United States of America, and the Peace Corps FSM and Palau offer used furniture, supplies, and vehicles

Sealed Bid Sale open to the public for viewing and bidding on Thursday and Friday, February 8 and 9, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Peace Corps building (near the Tuna Commission, Kolonia).

Furniture and Supplies sold in lots; and Vehicles sold separately.

The Sealed Bid Sale will be conducted under the following conditions:

- Property sold on an as-is, where-is basis for cash payment without refund or warranty;
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- All fully paid items must be removed from the Peace Corps premises immediately following payment;
- U.S. Embassy and/or Peace Corps reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Pohnpei Catholic Schools to celebrate Catholic Schools Week

By Elee Shepherd and Claire Burkemper

January 24, 2018

Pohnpei - Next week, January 28th–February 3rd, is Catholic Schools Week, which will be celebrated at our only local Catholic Schools, Pohnpei Catholic School and Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School.

Our schools will be joining Catholic schools all over the world to celebrate what makes Catholic Education distinctive and formational. Catholic Schools have been celebrating this week since 1974 as a way to honor and highlight particular aspects of Catholic education that are a critical part of developing the whole person, both academically and spiritually.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." Each day focuses on an individual aspect as it is related to the theme. The week will begin on Sunday with the theme of, "Celebrating Our Parishes," in which students from both Pohnpei Catholic School and Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School will participate in their respective parishes. The school week will begin with the theme of, "Celebrating our Community" and both

Catholic Schools will gather for Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Parish at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome to join the Mass.

Throughout the rest of the week, the schools will spend time inside and outside of the classroom learning about the gift of their Catholic education, serving the local community, honoring Church and Local Leaders, and thanking their families and teachers for their dedication to both education and faith. The schools anticipate their week being a blessed and fruitful time that will continue to enhance the educational and spiritual well-being of their students.



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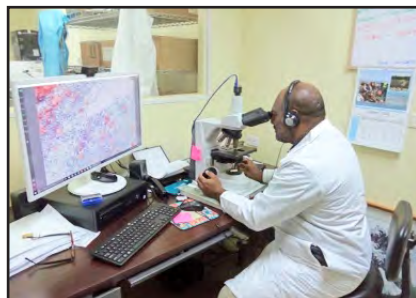
Improving diagnostic capability in the FSM through tele-pathology application

Pohnpei, FSM - From December 2-8, 2017, Dr Katsushige Yamashiro, the chief pathologist from the Hokkaido Cancer Institute (HCI) in Sapporo, Japan, visited Pohnpei to provide hands-on training in cytology and histology to the technical staff of the labs in all FSM state hospitals. The training took place at Pohnpei State hospital where the FSM tele-pathology lab is currently housed.

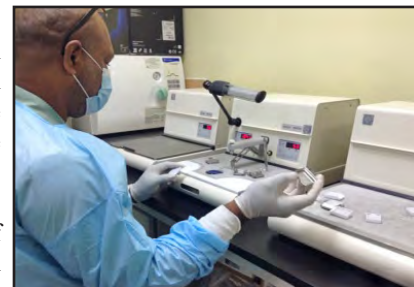
Tele-pathology application involves sending digitized image of specimen from Pohnpei to Dr. Yamashiro in HCI for consultation and diagnosis. The receiving pathologist evaluates the virtual image with the local histotech, and provides diagnosis back to medical doctors in Pohnpei for patient management. Because of the increase in Internet bandwidth at Pohnpei State Hospital, this application is possible and also allows technician at Pohnpei State Hospital and the pathologist at HCI to simultaneously perform and evaluate digitized pathological image of specimen in real time. Whereas the routine sending of histopath specimen off-island would normally take 2 weeks to 3 months for a turn-around result, this technology can provide a spot diagnosis within minutes of consultation.

The Lab technicians from the four States were able to get first-hand experience of tissue biopsy and Pap smear processing. They received basic training in the procedures of histo/cyto-pathology in this few days of the training. Together with Dr Katsushige Yamashiro, the technicians we were able to process the backlog of specimen and tissue biopsy. During the training, Dr. Yamashiro was not only able to provide the training but was also able to read and provide diagnosis to the doctors.

A few weeks after the training, the lab technician at Pohnpei State Hospital was able to process the backlog of 235 Pap smear specimens from Chuuk at the Pohnpei State Hospital. Given the vast geography of the FSM and limited resource, pursuing a tele-pathology is necessary. Funding for this project is provided by the FSM Government though the Department of Health and Social Affairs as a national capital improvement project.



Pohnpei Histopath technician Mr. Saimone Vameau viewing slide with Dr Yamashiro in HCI (not shown) with real time tele-pathology.



Mr. Saimone Vameau embedding tissue biopsy at work.



Saimone Vameau, Dr Katsushige Yamashiro and Kasian Otoka Back: Jacob Nena, Silverster Ruethin, Erat Salle and Herbert Johnny.

Chinese firm showcases tuna catch after deal with Micronesia

By Gao Fu Mao
Seafood Source

January 22, 2018

Shenzhen Lian Cheng Yuan Yang Fishing Co., a major Chinese fishery firm, recently showcased its Pacific Islands-sourced tuna at a glitzy event in Guangzhou.

Earlier this year, Lian Cheng signed a deal with the government of Micronesia to build a fishing port on the island of Yap. A sovereign nation made up of four states – one of them Yap – the Federated States of Micronesia is located in the Western Pacific Ocean.

At the Guangzhou event, which was attended by media and trade officials, representatives of the company cut up a 1.4-meter tuna in order to promote this year's Guangzhou Fisheries Fair. Guests at the event were also served green mussels from the Guangzhou-based Xin Huo Fisheries Products Co. and salmon from the Foshan Han Tong Food Co.

The Japanese-style tradition of ceremonial slicing of large red-



fleshed tuna has become an increasingly common event at seafood industry events in China, where locals are heavily influenced by dining and other lifestyle trends from Japan.

Guangzhou, which borders Hong Kong, is the capital of China's wealthiest region, and is home to the seafood-rich Cantonese style of cuisine.

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New chairman appointed for Nauru Air Corporation

The Government of Nauru has today announced that Mr Trevor Jensen has been appointed as Chairman of Nauru Air Corporation effective 1st February, 2018.

The current Chairman, Mr Kevin Power is retiring after 17 years of service with the airline.

In releasing this announcement the Government expressed their sincere appreciation for the many years of excellent and valued guidance that Mr Power has provided to the airline which maintains a vital link to Nauru and its people to places, near and far.

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Dr. Holden Nena
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Alumni Success

Dr. Holden Nena is from Lelu on the island of Kosrae. He graduated from the College of Micronesia-FSM in Spring 1998 with an AA degree in the Health Career Opportunity Program (HCOP).

After leaving the college, Dr. Nena attended the University of Hawaii at Hilo where he earned a bachelors degree in Biology with a minor in Political Science in December of 2000. He then attended the Fiji School of Medicine where he earned a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) in 2006. He went on to earn his Post-Graduate Diploma in Mental Health from the Fiji National University 2015.

Dr. Nena worked as a Psychiatric Training Registrar at St. Giles Hospital in Fiji. He also was a licensed medical practitioner at the Kosrae State Hospital. He now serves as the Clinical Director of Human Services for the Ministry of Health of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Dr. Nena was a sciences tutor for the Upward Bound Program (UB) in Kosrae, and taught part-time as a Health Sciences instructor at the college's Kosrae Campus. He was also involved in several community-based organizations in Kosrae like the Christian Youth Organization.

He is the 5th of 10 children to proud parents, Jacob and Lerina Nena. He is married to the former Ronda Sigrah, and they have two children Dale'ha and Homa Jarens.

The college congratulates Dr. Holden Nena for his personal achievements and his dedication to continuous learning. As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the college, we recognize Dr. Nena as a testament to student success in our commitment to students and the community we serve.

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US House panel approves Bordallo's Compact Impact amendments

Office of the Guam Congressional Delegate

January 19, 2018

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo of Guam offered three amendments relating to Compact impact and national service programs during a mark-up hearing of the House Natural Resources Committee.

Her amendments were adopted unanimously during the committee's consideration of the 21st Century Conservation Service Corps Act of 2017 or H.R.2987, which would expand national service programs for volunteering in federal public lands, including Guam's War in the Pacific National Historical Park, Marianas Trench Marine National Monument, and Guam National Wildlife Refuge (Ritidian Unit). The bill now goes to the full U.S. House of Representatives for consideration.

Congresswoman Bordallo's amendments would make Compact migrants residing on Guam, Hawaii, and other states/territories eligible to participate in federally funded national and community service programs, including AmeriCorps and the Youth Conservation Corps.

These national service programs provide opportunities for youth and volunteers of all ages to engage in community service while also learning valuable job skills. Congresswoman Bordallo's amendments were from her Compact Impact Relief Act or H.R.4761, which she reintroduced last week in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Promoting community service and volunteerism has long been a priority for Congresswoman Bordallo. She has worked with other members of Congress from the Pacific Islands and Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz of 34th Guam Legislature, to extend federal national and community service programs to Guam. In 2015, the congresswoman sponsored the National Community Service Improvement Act, which was included in the congresswoman's amendments adopted by the Natural Resources Committee.

Congresswoman Bordallo is a senior Democratic member of the House Natural Resources Committee.

"Compact migrants have made valuable contributions to our community. My amendments ensure that they have the same opportunity to roll up their sleeves

and volunteer in our community, just like other Guam residents. Specifically these amendments make Compact migrants eligible for national community service programs and open another avenue for them to give back to our community while learning valuable skills that could lead to a full-time job. I thank Speaker Cruz for working closely with me over the years and for his consistent support on this important issue for our island," said Congresswoman Bordallo.

Said Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz, "Every person willing to work for it deserves the opportunity to better their lives while improving the lives of others. I thank the Congresswoman for her continued work on matters relating to the Compact of Free Association and I am certain that passage of these amendments will

demonstrate that a hand-up is always better than a hand-out."

According to the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency, some 110 Guam residents participated in federally funded service programs between 2016 and 2017. Since 1994, more than 1,300 Guam residents completed an estimated 1.7 million hours total of community service under these federal programs, qualifying those residents for \$4.12 million in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards, in recognition of their exemplary volunteerism. The Serve Guam Commission coordinates the federal AmeriCorps program and grant funding to support local nonprofits and provide volunteers. If enacted into law, Congresswoman Bordallo's amendments will make Compact migrant eligible to participate in these programs.

FSM to host WCPFC 15

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At the 14th Annual Meeting of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission meeting held in Manila, Philippines last December, the Commission agreed that the 15th Annual Session will be held in Pohnpei, FSM from December 3-7, 2018. The FSM Head of Delegation to the 14th Annual Meeting, NORMA Executive Director Eugene Pangelinan tabled FSM's proposal to host the meeting following Nauru's withdrawal to host due to difficulties in meeting the basic requirements for hosting such a big event.



Hosting such a meeting is a significant challenge and can be very time consuming and requires a lot of logistics and planning. The FSM has hosted big meetings in the past but this meeting is much bigger and requires more preparation and resources. "While accommodating up to 550 people can be a challenging task for FSM, especially with sufficient accommodations for meeting participants in Pohnpei for up to two weeks, I am confident with good preparation, planning and support of the public and business community, FSM can host such a big event" say Feleti Teo, Executive Director of the Pohnpei based WCPFC Headquarters. The last time such a meeting was held in Pohnpei was in 2005, the 2nd meeting of the Commission. "While FSM has grown accustomed to hosting Technical meetings of the Commission once or twice a year since its establishment, hosting the annual session is almost twice the workload and therefore we are taking early steps to ensure that we prepare well and plan accordingly" said Eugene Pangelinan. Pangelinan further stated that "Hosting this meeting will infuse into the FSM economy more than \$600,000 and this is why FSM must prove it can host these meetings successfully, if we do it well, it can potentially lead to more annual meetings of the Commission in Pohnpei in the future". President Christian had authorized the FSM delegation to the WCPFC meeting in Manila to accept hosting the meeting if there was a need for FSM as host of the WCPFC Secretariat to step in and assist. The opportunity arose and we did what we were tasked to do said Mathew Chigiyal, Deputy Director of NORMA. Now we need to work with the business community, civil society, Pohnpei State Government, and the national government to organize ourselves and make sure Pohnpei is ready in time.

The Annual Session is held annually and rotates among the members. Up to 550 participants normally attend this meeting including delegates from 40 countries and governments, international and regional organizations, non government organizations, Secretariat staff, and the media.

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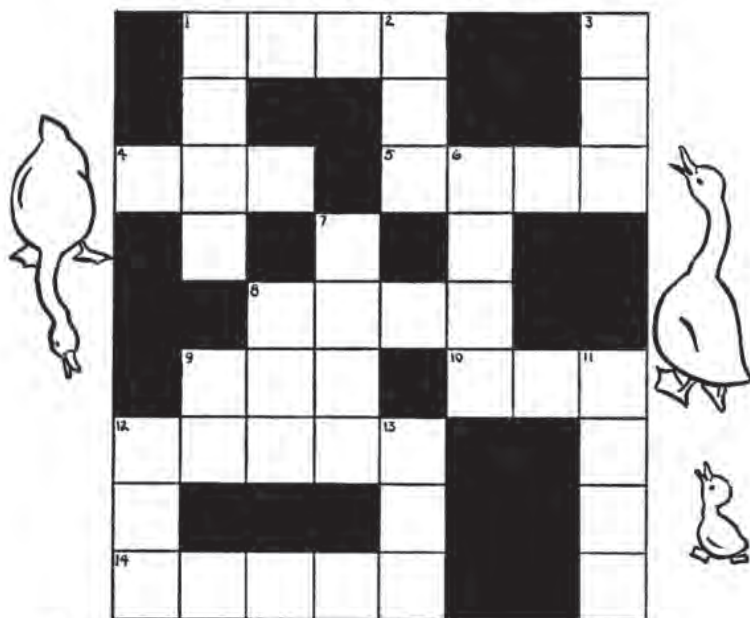
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Across:

1. Yield of a planted field
4. A kind of tree, like oak
5. This machine digs up fields
8. A place where animals and crops are raised
9. Opposite of stand
10. Sack to carry feed in
12. An animal to ride on
14. A long-necked bird which honks

Down:

1. A baby horse
2. A baby dog
3. An animal that gives milk
6. A baby sheep
7. Animals that chase mice
8. A kind of evergreen tree
9. Word that rhymes with go
11. Animal with horns
12. Another word for pig
13. What we see with

Across: 1. crop, 4. elm, 5. plow, 8. farm, 9. sit, 10. bag, 12. horse, 14. goose
Down: 1. colt, 2. pup, 3. cow, 6. lamb, 7. cats, 8. fir, 9. so, 11. goat, 12. hog, 13. eye

baby
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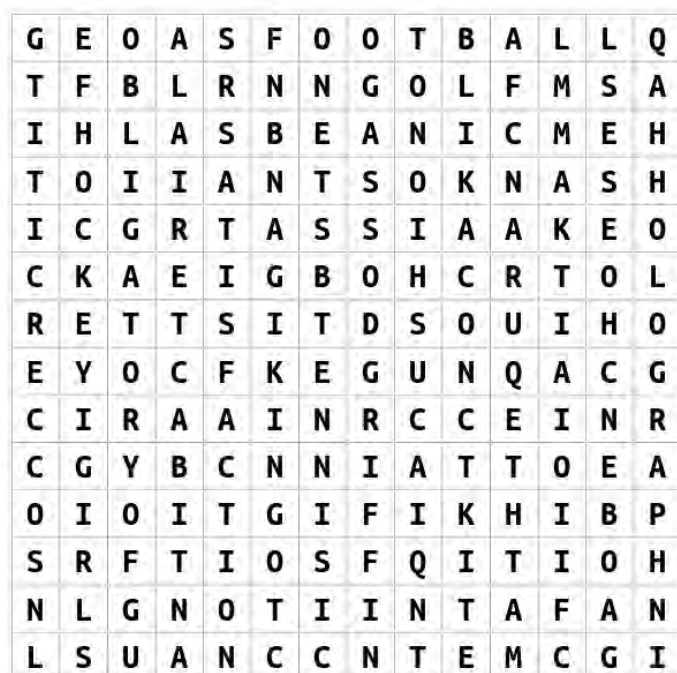
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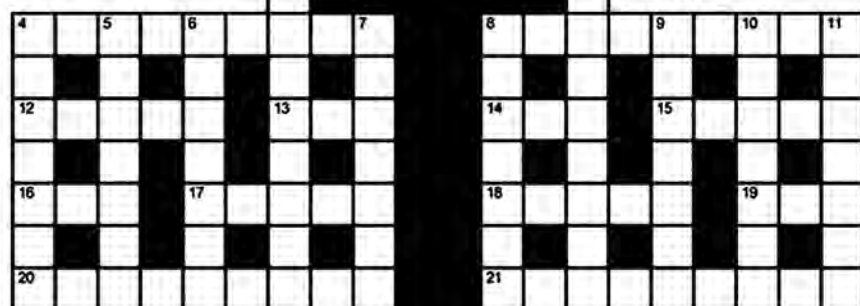
Bible Crossword

Across

- 1 Donkey (3)
- 2 Jesus' Father (3)
- 4 One of the twelve (9)

Down

- 1 One of God's messengers (5,2,3,4)
- 3 1940s archaeological find (4,3,7)



- 8 Didn't believe in resurrection (9)
- 12 One of David's warriors (5)
- 13 First word of the Lord's Prayer (3)
- 14 New Testament name for Noah (3)
- 15 Wish harm upon (5)
- 16 Hole in the ground (3)
- 17 Adversary (5)
- 18 Saviour (5)
- 19 First woman (3)
- 20 Mother of John the Baptist (9)
- 21 Family of priests (9)
- 22 Third son of Jacob (4)
- 23 Hates (8)
- 26 Assurances (8)
- 30 Endured pain (8)
- 31 Return from the dead (4)
- 32 Intercessor (8)
- 35 Decorating (8)
- 39 Old Testament book of the Bible (4)
- 40 The prince of Rosh, Mesech and Tubal (3)
- 42 A wise insect (3)
- 44 Dwelling place of kings (6)
- 45 Make bigger (8)

- 4 Tread down (7)
- 5 Father of Jonah (7)
- 6 Very salty water bordering Israel (4,3)
- 7 Defensive structures (11)
- 8 Refuges (11)
- 9 Dirty (7)
- 10 Devout (7)
- 11 Pieces of money (7)
- 24 Used to listen (3)
- 25 Used to see (3)
- 26 Positions (5)
- 27 Made available (7)
- 28 Snake (7)
- 29 Destroyed along with Gomorrah (5)
- 33 Finish (3)
- 34 Possess (3)
- 35 King of the Amalekites (4)
- 36 Last letter of the Greek alphabet (5)
- 37 Almost sacrificed by Abraham (5)
- 38 Present (4)
- 41 Unfasten (4)
- 43 Fish traps (4)



The Pacific Community (SPC) invites applications for the position of Pacific Women Business Counsellor in the Pacific Women Growing Businesses Project, located in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, under its Social Development Program.

Description

The Pacific Community (SPC) is the principal scientific and technical organisation in the Pacific region, supporting development since 1947. We are an international development organisation owned and governed by our 26 country and territory members. In pursuit of sustainable development to benefit Pacific people, our organisation works across more than 20 sectors. We are known for our knowledge and innovation in such areas as gender and human rights, fisheries science, public health surveillance, geoscience, and conservation of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture.

The Social Development Program (SDP) focuses on the promotion of gender equality, youth development and cultural diversity. It recognises the centrality of people in development programming, and that some groups need a specific focus in order to achieve equitable development.

Pacific Women Growing Businesses is a new program established as part of the FSM Pacific Women country plan 2016-2019, to meet the goal of increasing economic opportunities for women.

The role – The Pacific Women business counsellor will lead and coordinate the Pacific Women Growing Businesses project and report to the Social Development Program's Gender Equality Adviser in Pohnpei.

The key responsibilities of the role include:

1. Client support and client assessment
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For a detailed account of the position and its purpose, please refer to the online job description

1. Qualifications

- Diploma or tertiary qualifications in business studies or equivalent

2. Essential experience and skills

- At least two years experience in business support or mentoring
- A demonstrated understanding of the barriers facing women in business in FSM
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, both written and verbal
- Ability to work under pressure with a team-oriented approach to meet deadlines and achieve team goals
- A demonstrated understanding of basic program management skills, including project implementation, monitoring, evaluation and reporting

Closing Date – 18th February 2018

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Japan supports recycling of cans and autos with boom truck and scale donation

By Bill Jaynes
The Kaselehlle Press

January 24, 2018

Kolonia—In March of last year, Japan's Ambassador Ryoichi Horie presented a \$76,616 check to Pohnpei's Environmental Protection Agency to support the recycling program with a three ton boom truck and a scale. Today, Ambassador Horie turned the newly arrived equipment over to the State in care of the Kolonia Town Government during a ceremony at the Kolonia Town Hall.



The truck and scale will be used for a variety of recycling purposes including the reclamation of abandoned vehicles on Pohnpei's main island. Though the lift truck looked a bit small for the task of picking up and transporting abandoned vehicles, Governor Marcelo Peterson said after the ceremony that it is perfectly capable. Even smaller ones had been previously used.



During the ceremony, Kolonia Town Mayor Jose San Nicolas profusely thanked the people of Japan for their support. Kolonia Town has been handling the can recycling plant. The truck and scale will make it easier for them to transport recycled cans and to properly document the weight of the cans they load into containers for sale to aluminum products buyers.

Governor Peterson started a small can recycling program when he was the Mayor of Kolonia Town. He later turned it over to Pohnpei State which passed a law establishing the program across the State, including a can import fee. It also provided \$100,000 for the startup of the program. Peterson said during the March handover ceremony of the funds for the new lift truck and scale that since then the program has recycled over seven million cans.

During today's ceremony he said that since he was instrumental in getting a can recycling program started in Pohnpei, the donation of the people of Japan was near to his heart.

Ambassador Horie said that during the Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM 8) in Fukushima prefecture in Japan on May 18 and 19, one of the focused topics

of the summit will be about environmental issues in the Pacific Islands. "I believe this project will definitely contribute to solve such problems by enhancing recycling programs," he said.

"Also, as Japan Embassy we have focused on implementing environmental projects because it is one of the most serious problems in the FSM. So I am happy to hear that EPA applied for this project and is eager to clean up the beautiful islands," he said.

"This project will clean not only Kolonia town but also will allow Pohnpei state to have a cleaner and more convenient place," he concluded.

After all of the remarks were concluded, Ambassador Horie handed over the keys to the equipment the people of Japan purchased for Pohnpei to Pohnpei officials.



Police wreck

Continued from front page

Chief Edmund said the officer had earlier confiscated the can from someone who had been drinking on the road. The officer confiscated the beer and poured it out.

Chief Edmund said that the internal investigation had been completed and that the department was in the process of considering the proper disciplinary action.

He said that he didn't feel it would be appropriate to provide the officer's name.

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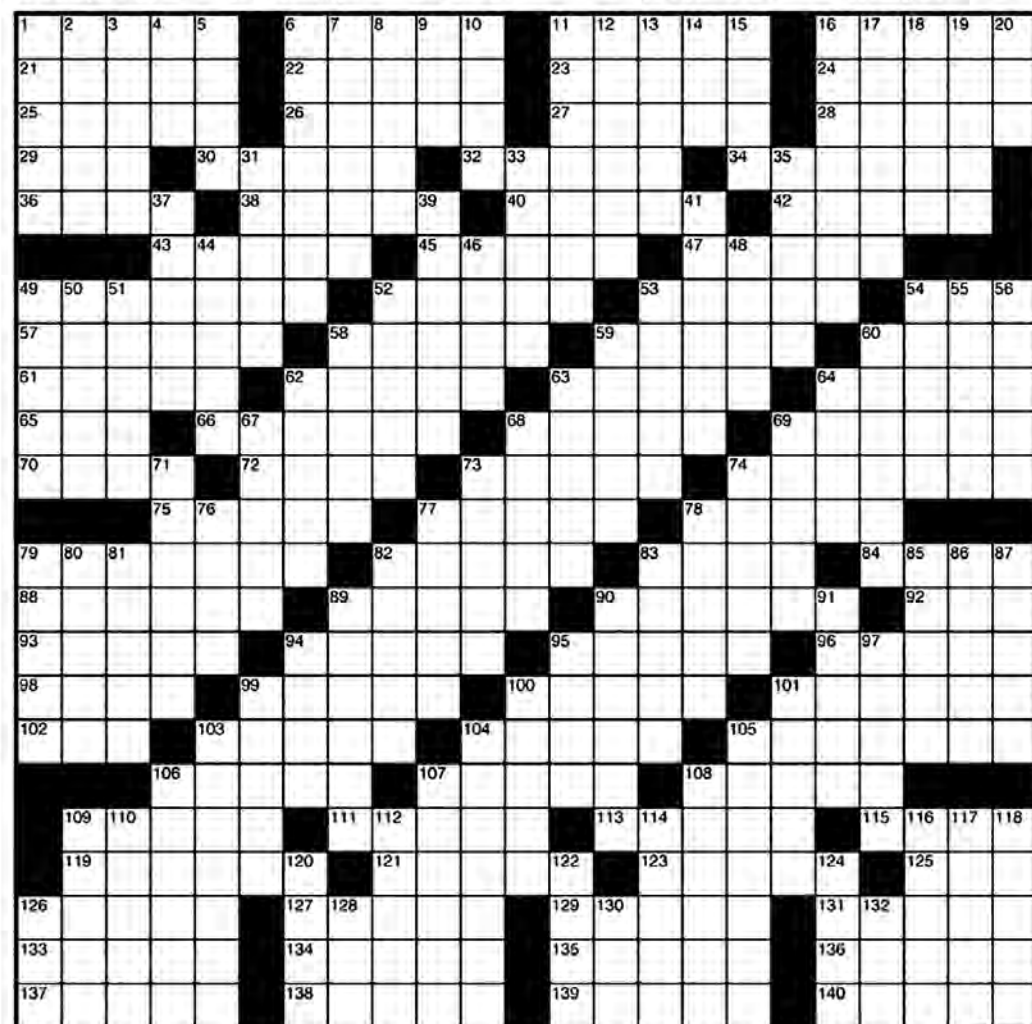
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| | 99 Discussion group |
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| | 101 More sensible |
| | 103 Water lilies |
| | 104 Like a knight |
| | 105 Went biking |
| | 106 Bathhouse |
| | 107 Soup server |
| | 108 Deepen, as a canal |
| | 109 Ignited |
| | 110 Chomps down |
| | 112 Starbucks order |
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| | 116 Placed the same ad |
| | 117 Dishwasher phase |
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| | 122 Failing that |
| | 124 Bit of soot |
| | 126 Crater edge |
| | 128 Deadly snake |
| | 130 Drei minus zwei |
| | 132 Before, to Blake |

DOWN

- 1 Cancel, as a project
- 2 This and that
- 3 Hockey venues
- 4 Dilapidated
- 5 Leaning Tower town
- 6 Unlaces
- 7 Mounts gems
- 8 Ekberg or Loos
- 9 "... upon this quiet life!"
- 10 Back talk
- 11 Do surgery
- 12 Parking attendants
- 13 Stage whisper
- 14 Inc. cousin
- 15 Leak slowly
- 16 Common fertilizer
- 17 Remain loyal
- 18 Fishtailed
- 19 Singer Pendergrass
- 20 Birthday no.
- 31 False alarm
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- 39 "Gorillas in the Mist" setting
- 41 Share
- 44 Crowbar
- 46 Jean Auel heroine
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- 50 On the blink
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TIMETABLE

FOR MARCH 5, 2019 Congressional Election

This Timetable is based on the Revised National Election Act of 2005

| Sections | Dates | Definitions |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| Appropriation (9FSMC) Sec. 107 | March 5, 2018 | Within one year prior to a general election, Congress shall appropriate a sum adequate to defray the administrative and contingent expenses of conducting National Election. |
| Open and close of absentee request by mail (9FSMC) Sec. 602 (2) a | October 2, 2018 January 22, 2019 | Request to vote absentee ballot by mail must be received by NEC not more than 150 days but not less than 40 days before Election Day. |
| Closing for filing Nomination Petition (9FSMC) Sec. 202 (4) | November 1, 2018 | The name of any candidate shall be printed on an official ballot only if, at least 120 days prior to a general election the nomination paper is filed in the office of the NEC of the state concerned. |
| Last day to appoint various boards and Counting and Tabulating Committee members (9FSMC) Sec. 302 (3)a | January 2nd, 2019 | The NEC of each state with the approval of the National Election Director shall appoint election board and tabulating committee members on or before January 2nd of each election year. |
| Designation of Special Polling Places (9FSMC) Sec. 605 (2) | January 1, 2019 | Not less than 60 days prior to a general election, the NED shall designate the locations of the special polling places, (one in Guam and one in Honolulu) |
| Printing of official ballots (9FSMC) Sec. 503 (1) | December 21, 2018 | The NED shall complete the printing of the official ballots no later than 70 days before a general election. |
| Request to vote at the special polling places (9FSMC) Sec. 605 (3) | February 2, 2018 | Request to vote at a special polling place must be received by the NEC of the state of registration not less than 30 days prior to a general election. |
| Last day to send absentee ballots by mail (9FSMC) Sec. 602 (2)a | January 22, 2019 | The NEC, shall, at least 40 days before a National Election, mail an absentee ballot to any absentee voter who has requested an absentee ballot in accordance with this section. |
| Absentee for Traveler (9FSMC) Sec. 606(1)b | February 1, 2019 March 4, 2019 | Not more than 30 days and not less than 1 day before the National Election, a voter must submit in person a written request to cast ballot prior to traveling. |
| Registration as New Voter (9FSMC) Sec.402(1) | February 1, 2019 | No person shall be entitled to vote if he/she fails to register 30 days prior to election day. |
| Preparation of signature lists (9FSMC) Sec. 303(7) | February 12, 2019 | NED shall prepare signature lists from National Voter Register for each of the polling places not later than 20 days prior to each election. |
| VAAPP Requests (9FSMC) Sec. 604(1)d | February 25, 2019 | NEC of the state of registration receives the written VAAPP requests at least 7 days before the National Election. |
| Posting of Signature Lists of SPP (9FSMC) Sec. 605(4) | February 26, 2019 | No later than 6 days before a National Election, NEC shall post at the National Election Offices in their states signature lists of each special polling place in their state. |
| Posting of Signature Lists for Guam and Honolulu (9FSMC) Sec. 605(5) | February 27, 2019 | No later than 6 days before a National Election, the National Election Director, or his designee, shall post the Special Polling Place Signature lists for Guam and Honolulu in a publicly accessible place in each location to be set out in the regulations promulgated pursuant to this title. |
| Election Day (9FSMC) Sec. 105(1) | March 5, 2019 | All general elections for members shall be biennially in each odd-numbered year on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in March. |

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Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat begins in-country policy consultations in the FSM

17th January 2017

The Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat begins in-country policy consultations in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) this week, marking the start of a region wide series of policy consultations over the next two months.

The Pacific Islands Forum is committed to developing and delivering regional-level policies that address the common challenges faced by Pacific communities. In support of that goal, the Secretariat seeks to take in a broad range of views from the people of the FSM.

The key themes that emerge from the consultations will be used to shape future regional policy, including a regional security declaration or Biketawa Plus, and a proposed collective Forum foreign policy.

The consultations will also explore innovative development finance options for Pacific Islands Forum countries, with a report going back to the 2018 Forum Economic Ministers' Meeting in April in Palau.

The team comprises the Forum Secretariat's Policy Director Mr. Paki Ormsby, Pacific Regionalism Adviser Mr. Joel Nilon, & Economic Adviser Dr. Raymond Prasad.

"In 2014 Pacific Islands Forum Leaders adopted the Framework for Pacific Regionalism to guide coordinated, collective action as one Pacific Islands Forum region as a pathway towards a "region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion, and prosperity, so that all Pacific people can lead free, healthy, and productive lives," said Mr Ormsby.

"We are excited about being here and we look forward to hearing more about the issues that impact people's lives. Our goal is to ensure that Pacific people have a say in the development of regional policies, because we know that policy – whether at national or regional level – will only succeed when it responds directly to the concerns of community".

The team will begin in Pohnpei where they will meet with representatives from the Government, private sector, and civil society. They will then travel to Chuuk to

undertake further consultations.

More information on the regional policy consultations including online surveys for those who cannot attend in person can be found on the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat website: www.forumsec.org.

Interested participants based in the Federated States of Micronesia can contact SIS Officer Richard Moufa based in the Department of Foreign Affairs: Email: Richrd.Moufa@dfa.gov.fm Tel: (691) 923-6474.

World Cancer Day Awareness Walk Planned for Yap

COLONIA, YAP- On Sunday, February 4, Yap's Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) and Cancer Programs will sponsor an awareness walk to highlight World Cancer Day. Registration, raffle sign-up and distribution of free t-shirts will begin at 3:30 at the hospital. Everyone is invited to join in the walk that will start at the hospital, circle around the lagoon, enter Milroo behind the Bahai Center, continue through Nimar and exit at Domathing by Guang Mao, finishing back at the hospital with the raffle of prizes beginning at 4:45pm. "World Cancer Day aims to save millions of preventable deaths each year by raising awareness and education about cancer," said Jennifer Palemar of Yap Cancer Program. "This awareness walk is one way we are encouraging everyone in Yap to take action against the disease, so come out and help us put cancer on the list of preventable diseases that have been eradicated forever." For more information contact Jennifer Palemar at jenny.palemar@gmail.com.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The FSM Department of Finance & Administration (DOFA), Investment and International Finance Division is soliciting proposals from interested individuals to provide professional services to the Central Implementation Unit which primarily deals with World Bank IDA 18 funded projects. The following are the list of professional services being solicited: Public Financial Management Program Manager, Central Implementation Unit-International Finance and Investment Program Manager, and Procurement Specialist. The Terms of Reference including specific skill sets of the individual consultants will be provided by request to the email address and telephone number provided below.

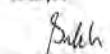
Proposals or CVs from interested parties will be received by DOFA no later than 9 February 2018 at 3:00 p.m. All proposals shall be clearly marked:
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Proposals may be received in hard copy or soft copy via email and must be received no later than above designated time and through the designated address.

Further information is available at the DOFA Office, Palikir, Pohnpei or please call Ms. Senny Phillip at Telephone number (691)320-2640.

Thank you.


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