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PIC Conference in Kona

KONA, Hawaii (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Vice President Hiroshi Ismael led a delegation of eight FSM government officials and private businessmen to the Pacific Islands Conference in Kona, Hawaii, from April 9-11, 1990. Pacific Island Conference is a forum of heads of states and leaders of certain island states and territories in the Pacific. The Conference meets every five years until changed by the recent conference to every three years to discuss issues and concerns regarding the general welfare of the Pacific people. The Conference was chaired and hosted by Governor John Waihee of Hawaii. President Ieremia Tabai of Kiribati chaired the Standing Committee of the Conference as its administrative arm until Prime Minister Geoffrey Henry of the Cook Islands replaced him as a result of the election for the chairmanship by the Conference. Fifteen official delegations participated, including American Samoa, Cook Islands, FSM, Fiji, French Polynesia, Hawaii, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, Northern Marianas Islands, Palau, Tonga, and Tuvalu. Eight official observer nation delegations were also recognized, namely Australia, Chile, European Community, France, Japan, New Zealand, United Kingdom, and United States. Other participants include regional and multilateral agencies, public sector organizations, universities and research organizations, private sector, and the press.

Briefing and forum for the private sector
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CHIEF EXECUTIVES CONFERENCE HELD IN YAP - President John R. Haglclgam, second from the left, poses with the rest of the Chief Executives outside the Congress Delegation Office in Yap for a group photo. From left to right are: Kosrae Gov. Yosiwo George, Haglclgam, Yap Gov. Petrus Tun, Pohnpei Gov. Resio S. Moses, and Acting Lt. Governor at the time for Truk State Iskia Sonny.

CEC adopted vocational proclamation

COLONIA, Yap (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Chief Executives in their conference held in Yap, January 18 this year, signed a proclamation in recognition of the 25th anniversary of Ponape Agriculture and Trade School (PATS) and its contribution to training of Micronesians in various trades, making May 1990 the "FSM Vocational Month," and to continue to pursue efforts in vocational education, according to the conference's minutes prepared by Special Assistant to Yap Governor on Press and Research Ben Ruan Gimnang.

During the discussions on the vocational education month proclamation, it was noted that the College of Micronesia Board had been requested and had agreed to providing a vocational program in the FSM. For the high school, the FSM Congress has provided funding for furtherance of high

school vocational education. A suggestion was offered to expand PATS to include community college-type courses to train FSM youths.

The Micronesian Maritime and Fisheries Academy (MMFA), a new school located in Yap State, is in accordance with the FSM's concerns regarding more emphasis on vocational education and acquisition of vocational skills.

Other topics discussed in the CEC included: education assessment study by Ohio State University, Federal Program fund, Foreign Aid, and Compact Distribution Formula.

Education Assessment Study by Ohio State:

Dr. Catalino Cantero briefed the conference on the status of the study being made by the
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team from Ohio State University on the assessment of education needs in the FSM.

The first draft of the study contains mostly the national portion and recommendations relating thereto. It does not include the states portions since the team wanted to visit and meet with state people before putting together the states portions of the study in draft form.

Federal Program Funds:

In fiscal year 1987 and 1988, some US Federal program funds were not spent, the bulk of which was in Chuuk. A little less than a million dollars in federal funds were not used in that state due to closure of schools for the most part of the fiscal year due to typhoon damage. Schools were closed from November to September the following year, so very little of the funds for Chuuk was spent. These funds were from Chapters I and II.

During that same time, Yap overran its

budget and ended up later with a zero balance in its account. Kosrae closed the year with some \$59k unobligated while Pohnpei's funds had \$359 unobligated at the end of the year.

A closer look at the books and at the allowable costs have reduced some of the unobligated amounts from Chuuk to much less than the close to \$1 million reported earlier.

Foreign Aid:

The two issues discussed under this subject include Japan's request that the annual rotation be waived at this time to allow it to fund Yap's harbor project which would take two years to complete; and the national government has proposed that it be included in the rotation process of receiving foreign aid from Japan on an annual basis.

Yap's harbor project has been estimated by Japan to cost some \$7 million and the scope of work cannot be completed in one year. Japan, therefor, has requested that

the annual rotation of receiving of foreign aid be waived to allow it to fund the project for two years.

Compact Distribution Formula:

The present formula was agreed upon in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which was approved by Congress and the four states' legislatures.

A motion was approved that a task force be established to work on the formula and look at all the available sources of revenue - Compact and local - in coming up with recommendations, with the understanding that the FSM National Government would coordinate a task force's activities but not necessarily pay for state participant to attend.

The President said he agreed with the idea of a task force which would include staff members from the Congress and state legislatures to work on the formula. He said he also shared the concern that the larger states would be hardest hit by the Compact funds stepdown.

PIC Conference

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and international agencies such as the role of the private sector in development, Pacific Island economies in the global context, expanding trade and investment in the Pacific Islands, and discussion sessions such as requirements and opportunities for tourism development, incentives for private sector development (financing private sector development, role of financial institutions, enhancing the contribution of development banks, opportunities for venture capital), creating business opportunities through privatization strategies, trade and investment opportunities, and support for small business development were among the many activities in the agenda.

The Standing Committee proposed four agenda documents for approval by the Conference: operating guidelines for the Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP) of the East-West Center (EWC); research and coordinating role of PIDP; membership/chairman of the Standing Committee and; reaffirm PIC country contributions. The first document concerns the relationship between PIDP and PIC/Standing Committee, EWC and PIC/Standing

Committee, PIDP and the EWC, Director of PIDP and South Pacific Organizations Coordinating Committee (SPOCC), and fund-raising. The second document relates to coordinating/research role and professional staff of PIDP, and Economic Development and the Private Sector (EDPS).

The third document has the view to keep others (nonmembers) from feeling left out, including the meeting time of PIC, the Standing Committee, Chairman of the Standing Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Standing Committee and the Conference, and the Secretary-General of the Standing Committee and the Conference. Also recommended favorably was the continuation of the Program Planning Committee, to be chaired by the Director of PIDP. PIDP shall also provide the services of a Secretariat for the PIC, Standing Committee, Program Planning Committee and Secretary General.

The fourth document fully recognizes small and limited island countries economies and resources, henceforth recommends voluntary contribution at this stage, but in the long term suggests that the Standing Committee study the country contribution in relation to the needs of PIDP and the resources of the

island countries and recommend a formula that will allow islands countries with scarce resources to contribute financially and to allow PIDP to fulfill its responsibilities to the PIC.

White visits FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - British High Commissioner to Kiribati Derek White accompanied by his wife Elizabeth, arrived Pohnpei March 24 on a four-day familiarization visit of the FSM Capital, according to FSM Department of External Affairs press release.

White's schedule included courtesy calls on President John R. Hagelgam, Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses, External Affairs Secretary Andon L. Amaraich, Australian Ambassador Kenneth Brazel, and U.S. Representative Michael G. Wygant according to the release.

The High Commissioner and his entourage also toured the Capitol Complex, Kolonia Town, and other historical sites before departing Pohnpei March 28 for Kiribati via Majuro, Marshall Islands.

High Commissioner White replaces Charles Thompson.

Meyer & Takesy signed SCS agreement

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - An agreement authorizing the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture to provide technical assistance to the citizens of the FSM was formally signed by respective representatives of the Governments of the USA and FSM at the FSM Department of External Affairs Conference Hall, April 20, 1990. Signing for the US Government was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs, US Department of State Ms. Marylin Anne Meyer, and for the FSM Government, FSM Department of External Affairs Deputy Secretary, Asterio Takesy.

Present at the signing were: US Representative to FSM Michael Wygant, U.S. Consul to FSM Edward Michal, International Affairs Chief J. Raglmar Subolmar, Director of USDA Soil Conservation Service for the Pacific Basin Area Joan Perry; Dr. Ruben S. Dayrit from the College of Micro-

nesia Land Grant Program, and other FSM officials.

Under the terms of the Agreement, the Soil Conservation Service, working in cooperation with the FSM Department of Resources and Development, and through the Soil and Water Conservation Districts which will be established in the FSM States, will provide programs on non-reimbursable basis that help private and public land owners with conservation of soil, water and other natural resources, water protection, flood prevention, forestry development, urban and rural development. These assistance programs also include resource data interpretation, resource planning, conservation engineering and technical assistance for installation of conservation measures for individual farmers and units of local governments. A Resources Conservationist from the SCS will be assigned on Pohnpei to assist the Soil and Water Conservation Districts on the program needs in the FSM States.



Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, third from the left, headed the FSM Delegation to the Pacific Island Conference (PIC). Missing from the photo are FSM Liaison Officer in Honolulu Kasio Mida, and Kosrae Governor Yoshiwo George. From left to right are: Special Assistant to President on Governmental Affairs Luey Luey, External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy, Ismael, Resources and Development Secretary Marcelino Actouka, Kosrae State Legislature Speaker Thurston Siba, and FSM Development Bank President Manny Mori.

Officials break ground for Aquaculture center

LELU, Kosrae (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The official groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the FSM National Aquaculture center was held at Lelu, Kosrae March 15 this year, according to a press release by Mike Gawel.

The center consists of a laboratory and office space for aquaculture staff and invited experts; accommodations for aquaculture technical advisors; a pumped seawater circulation system with over 18 large shallow tanks for holding a spawning marine species and a quarantine system to allow

safe importation and exportation of live organisms. Construction was funded by FSM Development Funds.

Objectives for the center are to demonstrate and teach methods for farming giant clams and to spawn giant clam seed for supplying private local clam farmers. When in full operation, the clam hatchery is designed to produce 100,000 seed clams each year. The FSM Government also plans to spawn trochus and green snail at this facility for seeding reefs with these valuable shell-

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Pre-con meets

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy of Chuuk was unanimously elected by consensus as Chairman of the FSM pre-convention committee during initial meeting of the committee held March 26, 1990, at the Central Facilities building, at the FSM Ccapital.

Other Committee officers elected by single nomination were: FSM Senator Leo A. Falcam of Pohnpei as vice chairman and FSM Administrative Management Division Administrator Reed Nena of Kosrae as secretary/treasurer.

FSM President John R. Haglegam called the pre-convention meeting to order as he welcomed the eight members of the pre-convention Committee to the Capital and offered the assistance of his staff and other staff of the Executive Branch of the National Government while asking the committee to advise him of its wishes regarding the expenditure of appropriated funds before turning the meeting over to the Committee.

The Pre-Con meeting, scheduled to run for 15 days was to make a proposed budget for the Convention which will be held July of this year, to consider Concon's staffing needs and to look into the Rules and Procedures of the Concon among other related matters.

Other members of the Pre-convention Committee include: Robert Ruecho and Alfonso Luguliof of Yap; Camillo Noket of Chuuk; Oltter Paul of Pohnpei, and Wilton Mackwelung of Kosrae.

Raglmar now Subolmar

COLONIA, Yap - The FSM International Affairs Division Chief Jesse Raglmar of Fais Island (Weiyei), Yap State, has legally changed his name on February 20, 1990, to include his island customs and traditional name Subolmar and to shorten the first name, Jesse to initial J., in the whole new name to appear as J. Raglmar Subolmar.



PHILIPPINES AND FSM SIGNS TREATY: Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs Raul S. Manglapus (right) and FSM Secretary of External Affairs Andon Amaraich (left) are signing an extradition treaty. Looking on from left to right are: FSM External Affairs Deputy Secretary Asterio Takesy, Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses, FSM President John R. Haglalgam, FSM Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, and Philippines Ambassador to the FSM Purisimo A. De Peralta.

Manglapus and Party visits FSM

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Philippine Foreign Affairs Secretary Raul Manglapus, Lady Manglapus and their party including Ambassador to the Philippines Romeo Ramos of Spain and Charge d' Affairs of Chile Jorge Mora Brugere visited the FSM capital, March 29, according to a press release from FSM External Affairs.

Secretary Manglapus, Lady Manglapus and their party were received upon arrival by FSM Secretary of External Affairs Andon L. Amaraich and Mrs. Amaraich. They were welcomed with a stick dance performed at the airport by students from the Community College of Micronesia.

Secretary Manglapus paid courtesy calls on President Haglalgam, Secretary Amaraich and Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses.

Manglapus and Amaraich signed an extradition treaty that had been negotiated between the FSM and the Philippines.

During the visit the Charge d'Affairs of Chile, Jorge Mora Brugere also signed a joint communique with Secretary Amaraich, March 31 establishing diplomatic relations between FSM and the Republic of Chile.

In another related activity, the FSM Government and Solomon Islands also established formal diplomatic relations in a ceremony held in Suva, March 31, this year. A Joint Communique was signed establishing diplomatic relations between the two coun-

tries. The Joint Communique said, in part, that "the Government of Solomon Islands and the FSM, desirous of strengthening and deepen the friendly ties that already exist between the two countries, have agreed to establish diplomatic relations effective April 5, 1990. In recognition of each country's sovereignty and independence, the two governments further agreed that the conduct of relations will be governed by the Vienna Convention of 1961 on Diplomatic Relations. The two governments further agreed that the FSM's Ambassador to Fiji and the

Solomon Islands Ambassador-High Commissioner to the Forum Island Countries will be concurrently accredited to each other's government.

The FSM Ambassador to Fiji Alik L. Alik, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade Relations of Solomon Islands, the Honorable Sir Baddley Devesi, signed that Joint Communique in Fiji formalizing the establishment of relations.

Also on April 19, this year, the governments of the FSM and the Republic of Vanuatu established formal diplomatic relations, effective from the date of the present protocol, which will be governed by the Vienna Convention of 1961 on diplomatic relations and other stipulations that could be established by exchange of notes.

The FSM has already established formal diplomatic relations with the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Nauru, United States of America, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Israel, the Republic of Kiribati, Japan, the Republic of the Philippines, Kingdom of Tonga, the People's Republic of China, Tuvalu, the Republic of Chile, and Western Samoa. The FSM is also a full member in the following Regional and International Organizations: South Pacific Forum, South Pacific Commission, Forum Fisheries Agency, Pacific Island Development Program, Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union, Asia-Pacific Coconut Community, Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Associate member and the International Civil Aviation Organization. FSM's membership in the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been approved and awaits formalization.



CHILE ESTABLISHES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH FSM: Charge d'Affairs of Chile Jorge Mora Brugere (right) and FSM External Affairs Andon Amaraich (left) are signing a joint communique establishing diplomatic relations between the FSM and the Republic of Chile. Looking on from left to right are: Philippines Foreign Affairs Secretary Raul Manglapus, Lady Manglapus, FSM President John R. Haglalgam, Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses, and FSM Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael.



CHINA RECOGNIZES FSM: Ambassador of China to the FSM Zhang Zai is presenting his credentials to FSM President John R. Hagelgam in the presence of other members of the Diplomatic Corps, Hagelgam's cabinet and other officials.

China and Japan presents credentials

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The first Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of China to the FSM, Zhang Zai presented his credentials to President John R. Hagelgam during a formal ceremony held March 29, this year at the President's Cabinet Room. China has recently opened its embassy at the Harbor View Hotel which is headed by Charge d'Affairs Lu Fengding.

Ambassador Zhang Zai said, "Today, I have the honor to present to Your Excellency the Letter of Credence by which President Yang Shangkun of the People's Republic of China appoints me Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the FSM."

Ambassador Zhang Zai said he is delighted to be the first Ambassador of China to the FSM. Adding, "During my tenure of office, I will exert all my efforts to strengthen the friendship between our two peoples and promote the friendly relations and cooperation between our two countries."

"It is my pleasure, Ambassador Zhang Zai, to accept your letter of credence as your esteemed country's first ambassador to the FSM," said Hagelgam.

Hagelgam continued, "the impetus of today's event came from the signing of the Joint Communique on August 29, 1989 in Kolonia and the subsequent establishment of our formal diplomatic relations on September 11 of the same year."

"In accepting your letter of credence we

sealed the ties of friendship between our two independent nations. I look forward to working with you and your embassy to strengthen and advance our relations in the days ahead," Hagelgam said.

Adding, "Our country has a great deal to learn from the experiences of the People's Republic of China as our people strive for economic development."

The FSM Government remembers with gratitude of the invaluable support of China of its membership in the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

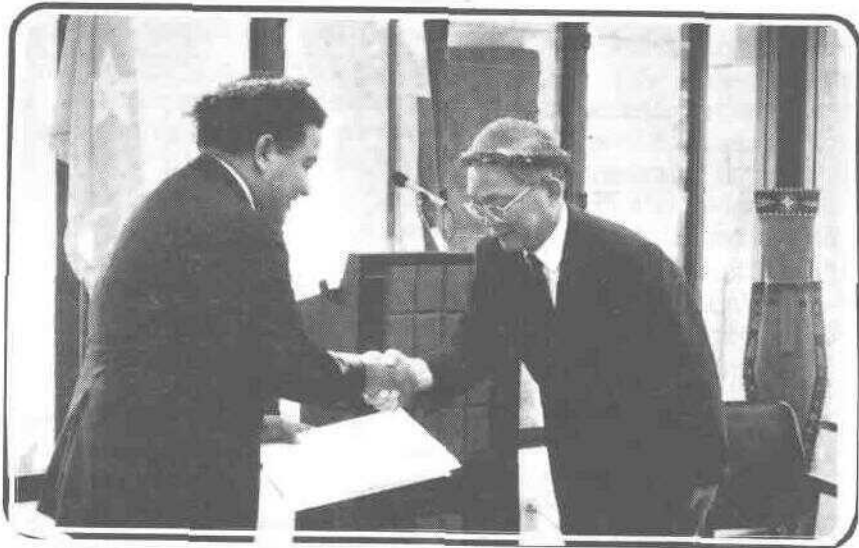
(ESCAP) and our country's membership in the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The FSM looks forward to the continued support of China for its membership in other important international organizations, he said.

In another related activity, the second Ambassador of Japan to the FSM, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ryohei Murata who is replacing Ambassador Nobuo Matsunaga, also presented his credentials to Hagelgam in a formal ceremony held February 2, this year in the President's Cabinet Room.

Ambassador Murata said, "The people of Japan have been enjoying throughout so many years, the very cordial and friendly relationship." The ambassador emphasize more on the relationship between Japan and FSM that the establishment of the diplomatic relationship in 1988 have reinforced stronger relations and cooperation in fisheries, agriculture, etc.

Hagelgam in his remarks, said that the friendship between the two countries is reinforced by Japan's generous contributions to the FSM's economic and social development which the FSM is grateful.

He said that the training opportunities in fisheries, sponsored by Japan's government and offered to FSM citizens are a major catalyst to FSM's manpower development effort, adding that the opportunities in joint ventures between the two countries should be encouraged and are welcomed by the FSM Government.



AMBASSADOR MURATA PRESENTS CREDENTIALS: Ambassador of Japan to the FSM Ryohei Murata presents his credentials to FSM President John R. Hagelgam in a ceremony held February 2, 1990 in the President's Cabinet Room. Presented at the ceremony were other members of the Diplomatic Corps, Hagelgam's cabinet and other officials.

Haglelgam vetoed section 3 of Congress Bill 6-107

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Haglelgam vetoed section three of Congress Bill 6-107, now P.L. 6-28, which appropriates \$2.5 million for construction of airports in and the purchase and operation of aircraft for the outer islands of Pohnpei and Truk States and the outer islands of the FSM as a whole.

In his letter of December 21, 1989, President Haglelgam stated that, he disapproves section three although the Act states that the \$1.0 million for the purchase and use of the aircraft be deemed to come from the Investment Development Fund (IDF), there is currently no money available in this fund to make this appropriation possible. The first \$12 million installment in this fund has already been earmarked by Section 17(1) of P.L. No. 5-122 for state and private sector subaccounts. The second \$8 million installment which was recently received is now in the General Fund, and will need to be appropriated by Congress into the IDF as required by Article II of the IDF Agreement of July 11, 1986 and Section 17(1) of P.L. No. 5-122.

Once this \$8 million is placed in the IDF, it may be loaned out only in accordance with the detailed requirements of P.L. 5-122, and only then when authorized by subsequent legislation as required by Section 17 (1) of P.L. 5-122. As the law now stands, there is no subaccount for the National Government. Moreover, Section 3(4) of P.L. 5-122 specifically provides that IDF money may only be loaned out and that grants are not permissible.

Haglelgam expressed his concern regarding policy issues as the United States law appropriating this \$20 million in IDF stated that its purpose was to "further close economic and commercial relations between the United States and the FSM." The IDF Agreement contains similar language in Article II, Section 6, as does P.L. 5-122 at Section 5(a)(a)(v).

Haglelgam said he is deeply concerned about the wisdom of the National Government establishing an airline which is heavily subsidized through the purchase of its airplane. Moreover, stated the letter, "no feasibility study has been undertaken to determine what future operating subsidies would be needed to maintain a government owned airline. Were such a study undertaken, I am

concerned that it may demonstrate that the National Government simply cannot afford to operate an airline given our limited resources. To the contrary, I am hopeful that once these outer island airports are in place, a private party or parties will be able to provide air service at no cost to the Government. If the government were to create its own subsidized airline, I believe there would be little hope of any private party undertaking this air service. As a result, the government would end up using scarce development funds to subsidize an airline, rather than using these funds for development projects that make a direct return to the economy. I urge the Congress to also give this problem its serious consideration.

Haglelgam also signed into law 31 other bills including Congress bill 6-65, now designated as P.L. 6-10, appropriating \$20,939,830 for the operations of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches, Public Auditor, Agencies of the National Government and for special programs, grants, subsidies, contributions, and refunds of the National Government during Fiscal Year 1990; to establish a budget for the Compact sections 215(a)(2), 216(a)(1), 216(a)(2), 216(3), and 221(b) and to appropriate special funds available therefore under the Compact; to establish a development budget and to appropriate special funds available therefore under the Compact; and to establish employment ceilings. Haglelgam also signed Congressional Bill 6-89, now P.L. 6-14, to further amend P.L. No. 5-52 to appropriate \$227,200 as supplemental funding for the Executive Branch; reallocating funds; and amending the lapse date with respect to funds for Medium-Term Note Program.

Other bills signed into law include:

Congress Bill 6-61, now P.L. 6-11, to further amend the FSM Code to revise the Fisheries Laws of the FSM.

Congress Bill 6-95, now P.L. 6-12, to further amend P.L. No. 5-52 for correcting the allocation of certain funds.

Congress Bill 6-100, now P.L. 6-13, to further amend P.L. No. 5-42 to delete the lapse date of funds appropriated therein.

Congress Bill 6-101, now P.L. 6-15, to further amend P.L. No. 5-67 to allocate funds appropriated therein, modifying the designation of allottees, and extending the

lapse date.

Congress Bill 6-74, now P.L. 6-16, to further amend P.L. No. 5-89 to modify the uses of funds appropriated for public projects in Truk State.

Congress Bill 6-80, now P.L. 6-17, to further amend P.L. No. 4-91 to modify the use of funds appropriated for Yap public projects.

Congress Bill 6-81, now P.L. 6-18, to amend P.L. No. 5-87 to extend the lapse date.

Congress Bill 6-98, now P.L. 6-19, to amend P.L. No. 5-114 to change the allocation of funds and to extend the lapse date.

Congress Bill 6-102, now P.L. 6-20, to further amend P.L. No. 5-89 to modify the uses of funds appropriated for public projects in Truk State.

Congress Bill 6-86, now P.L. 6-21, to amend P.L. No. 5-122, the investment development act of 1988 and exempting funds appropriated thereunder from the Financial Management Act of 1979, and to provide for alternative accounting procedures.

Congress Bill 6-10, now P.L. 6-22, to further amend the FSM Code to provide for program review by the Congress of the FSM for first year or first time federal grant applications, proposals, or preexpenditure reports and applications, proposals, or preexpenditure reports requesting \$50,000 or more.

Congress Bill 6-87, now P.L. 6-23, to appropriate \$40,658 to fund the National Fisheries Corporation's participation in the Outer Banks Survey.

Congress Bill 6-97, now P.L. 6-24, to provide for the selection of delegates and procedures for the constitutional convention approved in the referendum of March 1989.

Congress Bill 6-79, now P.L. 6-25, to appropriate \$500,000 to fund pre-convention expenses relating to the Constitutional Convention, and the Constitutional Convention itself.

Congress Bill 6-99, now P.L. 6-26, to appropriate \$55,000 to fund the preparation of land for the construction of housing for Australian Naval Advisors to the Pacific Patrol Boat Program of the Division of Marine Surveillance of the FSM.

Congress Bill 6-107, now P.L. 6-27, to amend P.L. No. 3-59 relating to public projects.
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ects in the Faichuk area of Truk State, and to change the allottee of funds appropriated therein.

Congress Bill 6-118, now P.L. 6-29, to further amend P.L. No. 5-85 to change the allottee of funds appropriated therein for certain public projects in the state of Truk.

Congress Bill 6-93, now P.L. 6-30, to amend the FSM Code to provide that the school year shall consist of not less than 180 days of school in session exclusive of holidays, or an equivalent of no fewer than 650 hours of classroom instruction for first and second graders, and no fewer than 765 hours of classroom instruction for third through twelfth-graders.

Congress Bill 6-133, now P.L. 6-31, to further amend P.L. No. 4-28, Truk State public projects, to modify the use of the funds appropriated therein.

Congress Bill 6-22, now P.L. No. 6-32, to amend the FSM Code to require indemnification between participating and nonparticipating states and the National Government, providing for limited personal liability on the part of persons participating in the issuance of bonds, and to provide conditions for the defense of such persons and the payment of costs of defense.

Congress Bill 6-163, now P.L. No. 6-33, to further amend P.L. No. 4-28, Truk State Public Projects of changing the allottee of certain funds appropriated therein.

Congress Bill 6-58, now P.L. No. 6-35, to appropriate \$400,000 for funding the construction and activities of vocational rehabilitation centers and the activities of the community Action Agencies in each of the states of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap.

Congress Bill 6-71, now P.L. No. 6-36, to further amend the FSM Code to authorize certain notaries public to act in jurisdictions outside the FSM.

Congress Bill 6-83, now P.L. No. 6-37, to further amend the FSM Code to increase the civil fines set forth therein.

Congress Bill 6-76, now P.L. No. 6-38, to establish a program to assist the states to prevent, prepare for, and recover from natural and man-made disasters, to repeal Chapter 7 of Title 41 of the FSM Code.

Congress Bill 6-82, now P.L. No. 6-39, to require the giving air passenger safety instructions in both English and the indigenous language of the state of departure aboard larger airplanes providing international air service to the FSM.

Congress Bill 6-129, now P.L. No. 6-40, to amend P.L. No. 5-118 to modify the designation of allottee of certain funds appropriated therein for Public projects in Kosrae State.

Congress Bill 6-33, now P.L. No. 6-41, to amend the FSM Code for clarifying the licensing requirement for Banks doing business in the FSM, modify the criteria to be reviewed by the Banking Board in its annual examination of such banks.

Congress Bill 6-122, now P.L. No. 6-42, to formally accept the territory ceded by the state of Pohnpei to the FSM for the national capital and to continue in effect the laws application to the area.



DSI & DMS IN TRAINING: The Divisions of Security and Investigation, and Marine Surveillance officers underwent a one-week Protective Operation Course here. The course which consists of classroom and firing range was consulted by Jack Merchant, a retired Secret Service Agent from the US Dept. of Defense. Posing for a group photo from left to right, First Row are: Josimy Fuppul, Plus Chotailug, Myron Joel, Anderson Peter, Tarios Ludwig, and Jonas Jackson; 2nd Row: Alexander Ellam, Melsor Herman, Louis Malvin, Larry Bahwin from the Department of Defense in Guam, Benjamin Bakin, Isoda Nakashima, and Nick Soswa; 3rd Row: Wainer Neth, Wainer Louis, Jack Merchant (Instructor), Panda Santos, and Chief, Division of Lidigation Steve Pixley.

Aquaculture

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fish.

The center will serve all FSM states and neighboring islands. It is the focal point for aquaculture expertise, demonstration, training, research and development in the FSM. As such, it will be responsible for transferring appropriate aquaculture technologies to the citizens of the FSM. Future plans include introduction of culture techniques for finfish, crustaceans, seaweed, sponges and additional shellfish species that are feasible to work with at the center.

The groundbreaking ceremony featured remarks by the FSM Vice President

Hirosi H. Ismael, Kosrae Sate Governor Yosiwo George, and the FSM Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development, Marcelino Actouka, whose department administers the operations of the aquaculture center.

The Vice President in his remarks said, "After this groundbreaking dedication, there will be people placed here to run the operation of this very important project. In the current fiscal year, the total operation fund for the FSM National Aquaculture Center is \$170,000."

More than 30 people attended the groundbreaking and were served giant clam meat.

CORRECTION AND APOLOGIES

It is mentioned in the January issue of the National Union that Executive Secretary Services, a firm previously located in Kolonia Pohnpei. It is still located in Kolonia Pohnpei. The error is located on page 4, first column, last paragraph of the January 1990 issue.

Vice Speaker urges FSM to engage in planning commercial fisheries

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM must engage in important discussions and planning for commercial fisheries development in order to further exploit these important natural resources for the benefit of the nation and its people, Vice Speaker Claude Phillip (Kosrae) told the participants to the second FSM Commercial Fisheries Development Conference, according to a release from Congress.

The Vice Speaker who addressed the conference, April 2nd, encouraged the participants to put more emphasis on the need of fisheries resources and the fact that these resources are the FSM's "most important and valuable natural resources."

Vice Speaker Phillip who joined President Haglegam and other FSM Government officials in delivering opening remarks said that the work of such conference is vitally important in order to create a sound commercial fisheries development plan for the FSM.

"We are to responsibly utilize our commercial fisheries resources in the coming years," he explained.

He even reminded the participants of the certain fisheries joint venture proposals which are now being funded and to be implemented by both the national and the states governments. He also added that more of these proposals will be coming in the future.

"I believe these proposals must be very carefully reviewed and evaluated with input coming in from both state and national levels," he said.

He added that "for these projects to be successful, they must be carried out with full cooperation and coordination of all involved."

He explained that there are some recent

proposals for commercial fisheries ventures in the FSM that have not yet received full and unreserved support because of the failure in either review or evaluation. Because of this, the projects have not yet been conducted, according to him.

He even pointed out the lack of cooperation and coordination between the national and state level as one of his concern.

"For example, I believe that there has not been full coordination and cooperation between the NFC (National Fisheries Corporation) and the state fisheries agencies in commercial fisheries project, and I am worried that the NFC has been seen by some as an obstacle to fisheries development," he told the meeting.

He also added that conference of this type can "provide an important forum for the exchange of information and provide for integrated planning for commercial fisheries development throughout the nation."

"In this regard the national government should be seen as a facilitator and coordinator for fisheries projects in each of the states," he suggested.

He informed the gathering of both national and state participants that "time for dreaming is over" and fisheries proposals putting forth should be scrutinized in a practical manner.

"I agree that we must take action on commercial fisheries development projects for this nation, but I also believe that we must do so in a responsible manner, which means only after our careful study, deliberation and planning for these projects, and only after we have heard directly from all the state and national agencies and leaders involved," the vice speaker said.

"Only in this way can we develop a sound plan of commercial fisheries development,

and by doing so enrich this nation and its people," Vice Speaker Phillip concluded.

The conference, April 2-5 was organized by the FSM National Fisheries Corporation and the FSM Office of Planning and Statistics and covered many subjects relating to fisheries development. This included plans submitted by both the Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA) and the FSM Marine Resources Division. Included in such plans are perhaps needed legislations to regulate such plans.

Other topic matters are the proposed commercial fisheries projects for the four FSM states or Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, and Yap. There is also a proposal in this area by the NFC.

Including on the agenda of the conference was an all day discussions on a five year integrated commercial fisheries program. Discussions focussed mostly on the area of purse seine fisheries, longline fisheries, shore based facilities, and even manpower development.

Selected from both the national and state governments were not necessarily local champion fishermen but rather by virtue of their position namely Kikuo L. Apis, James T. Movick, Christer Friberge, and advisor H. Honda, representing NFC; John A. Mangefel, Mrcelino Actouka, Peter Sitan, Bernard Thoulag, Mike Gawel, Moses Nelson, and Dr. Bill Morrison from the FSM National Government; Sebastian Anefal, Constantine Yinug, Peter Rebeuluch, and Vincent Figir from Yap; Joe Suka, Roger Mori, Mark Mailo, and member of the Chuuk State Legislature; Bermin Weilbacher, Dion Neth, Pete Harris, and a member of the Pohnpei State Legislature; Gerson Jackson, Likiak Wesley, Mike Molina, and Kasuo Isiaki from Kosrae; and FSM Secretary of Finance Al Tuuth, FSM Budget Officer Del Pangelinan, a member of the FSM Congress, and the President of the FSM Development Bank.

There certainly are new ways to catch fish for commercial purposes other than simply throw them on the firewood, or so it seems to the organizers of the conference.

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