

"Palikir" ends familiarization tour of FSM in Kosrae State

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSS Palikir arrived Kosrae State June 21, with Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael on board, accompanied by Special Assistant to President on Governmental Affairs Luey K. Luey, and Graphic Artist Elieser Rospel, ending her familiarization trips in FSM States after departing Pohnpei while enroute from its maiden voyage

from Perth, Australia, where it was built through Yap and Chuuk States.

The 103-foot FSM patrol boat, under Commander Matthias Mongmog of Eauripik, Yap, was met by a big crowd led by Kosrae Lt. Governor Moses Mackwelung, Speaker Thurston Siba, members of the Kosrae Legislature, Mayors Sapino Sighah, Barton Musrasrik, Noel Tulensru, and Makoto Edmond, mem-

bers of local councils, cabinet members, church leaders, master of ceremony Kun Olter, and others. The Palikir was welcomed with singings by the Lelu Congregation Church Choir directed by Reynold Tilfas upon her arrival at the dock in Kosrae State.

The ceremony ended up with the introduction of the crew of "Palikir," a

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Regional meeting on health held in FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - "Improving preventive health and health services," was the primary and focal address of the First Regional Meeting on Health, held on the 25th and 26th of June this year, at the FSM Central Building in Palikir, Pohnpei State, according to a news release from the Department of Human Resources.

Opening the meeting were President John R. Haglegam and Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses with the welcoming remarks

by Director of Public Health Services of American Samoa Dr. Iotamo Saleapaga, (representing the Governor of American Samoa), Assistant Surgeon General and Regional Health Administrator for Region IX Public Health Service Dr. Sheridan Weinstein, and Deputy Director of Technical Assistance Division of the U.S. Department of Interior Darla Knoblock keying on the health agenda for the Pacific Region.

The meeting was the first time ever of its kind which brought together in such forum

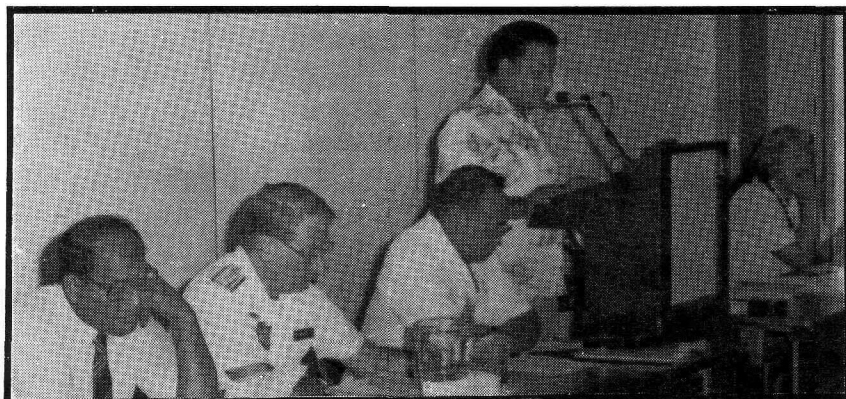
the Heads of Government and other government officials of higher positions from throughout the U.S. Pacific territories and the independent and freely associated states including key personnel from the University of Hawaii (UH) School of Public Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Regional IX Office and U.S. Department of Interior.

Missing from the meeting were representatives from Yap State, and the Republic of Palau due to Tropical Storm Percy which struck within the vicinities of the two places causing cancellations of flights.

The purpose of the meeting was to determine what should be the appropriate governments responses to the recommendations forwarded by the 1984 and 1989 comprehensive report which basically addressed the problems of health and health services systems in mentioned jurisdictions, namely the U.S. Territories of Guam and American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Republics of Palau, and the Marshall Islands, and the FSM.

The meeting focused intensively on the studies conducted by the (UH) School of

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PRESIDENT DELIVERS HIS REMARKS AT THE PACIFIC REGIONAL HEALTH MEETING - President above is delivering his remarks to the participants of the meeting here at Palikir, Pohnpei.

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Public Health which reflects several critical health areas ranging from day-to-day services modifications and manpower developments to long-term political backups and commitments.

Of the ten recommendations presented in the studies, the participants narrowed their focuses down to such key issues involving joint regional and states health services planning, both of short and long-term goals; more immediate and focalized manpower development at every levels of health services; and firm commitments and financial assistances through enabling legislations from the U.S. Federal Governments and each respective governmental entities in the Pacific, and also assistances from international Agencies.

Dean and Professor of UH School of Public Health Dr. Jerrold Michael assisted Dr. Weinstein to present the background and implications of the 1984 and 1989 Pacific Health Services Evaluations. Secretary of Health from the Marshall Islands Marie Maddison, Secretary of FSM Department of Human Resources Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick, and Guam's Chief of Public Health officer Karen Cruz presented the impacts of the 1984 report in the region.

Findings and recommendations of the 1989 re-evaluation was presented by the Principal Investigator Dr. Jonathan Raymond and UH School of Public Health Project Director Dr. Roylinne Wada.

Governor Lorenzo Querrero of CNMI, Minister of Health in the Marshalls Ruben Zachras, and Kosrae Governor Yosiwo George gave their reactions to such recommendations and had summoned each and every participants to reaffirm their commitments and take positive steps in improving the health services throughout the region.

FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz summa-

rized the event, stressing the need for more unified efforts between the health and government leaders, and the need to develop feasibly constructive realistic plans of actions toward improvements of health services and manpower development.

conclusions of the two-day meeting of government leaders and health services key persons. Secretary Dr. Pretrick closed the meeting with remarks thanking and encouraging all participants to act in the positive directions toward upgrading and improving the health statuses of



MEETING ON HEALTH HELD IN FSM - A group photo of the Pacific Region Officials who met in the FSM to discussed health and its services in the Pacific.

The American Samoa House Speaker on the first day's discussed a provision originally intended for the chairman of the committee on Health and Social Services, OEK, and the Republic of Palau.

Attempts were made to identify each area's top priorities and develop such policy statements which could eventually be used in the proposed enabling legislations by government leaders in support of health services. Discussions as forum to address specific health issues in each jurisdiction and to formulate such languages conducive to improvements of preventive health and health service delivery systems as in the Public Health Services goals for the region.

Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses and Dr. Weinstein gave the final summaries and

the Pacific Region.

The meeting was sponsored by the Department of Human and Health Services Region IX Public Health Services and Pacific Islands Health Officers Association and was hosted by the FSM President.

The general reactions of most of the government leaders who attended the meeting implicated such positive efforts for future forum in order to sustain and improve the health and life statuses of the people of the Pacific and to reaffirm that commitment on continuing basis.

A dinner reception in honor of the participants was jointly hosted by President Haglegam, Governor Moses, Speaker Fritz, and Speaker of Pohnpei State Legislature Kasiano Joseph.

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coastal cruise with Kosrae Governor Yosiwo George and First Lady Antilise, and a full deck of enthusiastic crowd, and an open house of the Palikir.

A reception in honor of the Palikir was hosted at the Lelu Town Hall.

Vice President was invited on a short notice to attend the Lelu Elementary School graduation. before returning to Pohnpei later that same day.



PALIKIR ARRIVES KOSRAE: Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael (middle) arrives Kosrae on the FSS Palikir ending the patrol boat's familiarization trip of the FSM states. From left to right are: Special Assistant to President on Governmental Affairs Luey Luey, Magrita Nena, Ismael, Katherine Weibacher, and Lt. Governor Moses Mackwelung.

Governor received Doctorate degree

AGANA, Guam - Pohnpei Governor Resio S. Moses was again pushed to limelight as he received honorary Doctor of Laws degree (LLD) from the University of Guam (UOG) during recent commencement exercises.

Moses, who delivered the Commencement Address for the 1990 UOG Commencement Exercises at the UOG Field House, said he was perplexed at the rapid development of Guam as compared to his native Pohnpei and that he was pleased to address such a select group of Pacific scholars at his Alma Mater.

Moses talked about the future of the Pacific region and cited predictions and historical records as pointing toward Pacific/Asia as the only remaining frontier for the world focal point in the 21st Century.

"Our islands are small, scattered, and isolated, and so our strength and potential are often under-estimated by the outside world," Moses said, adding, "We are often described as a vulnerable people: however, a close look at our combined human and natural resources reveals an interesting perspective.

"For instance, the economists tell us that the Pacific Basin area, including the rim countries accounts for over 50 percent of the world G.N.P., and demographers estimate that over a half of the world's population will live in countries that are in, or bordering, the Pacific Basin in the coming century.

"The size of the United States' trade and commerce in the region is said to be far beyond that with Europe and other regions, and America's defense is heavily concentrated in our midst. In addition, the position of other world superpowers, the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China, have taken a pro-Pacific posture as is evidenced by their increased economic, military, and diplomatic affairs, even with small Micro-States, as they decrease involvement in Africa, Europe, and elsewhere."

Governor Moses told the baccalaureans that "East and West will be watching us more closely in the future as we address our Pacific affairs in relationship with them. The task of making our transition into complete modernization and global predominance in the coming years will be difficult, and this is where you, the new generation of future leaders, will be challenged to take charge and make a significant difference.

"We are at the heart of the Pacific, and so it is all the more important that you are ready and prepared to assume your roles that will require responsibility and dedicated leadership to contribute during the new Pacific



Moses

century. It will be through your involvement, more than my generation's, that our people will earn recognition in the world community.

"We Pacific islanders are all rooted in varying degrees in traditional cultures. You who graduate today are probably less influenced by tradition and parochial views than were those of my generation. Consequently, you are more capable and prepared to assume a world view in the coming years.

"It is my hope, and that of my generation, that with your education, training and modern orientation, you will function more effectively in a highly technological and complex global eco-system. Your interaction and contribution to shaping the events of the new century will ensure predominance and leadership of Oceania in this Pacific/Asian community of nations," Moses charged the graduates.

Moses also said that the University of Guam and other Oceania institutions should continually assume a higher leadership role in development of the region, especially the Northern and Western Pacific.

By its own merit, the University of Guam

has asserted itself so much so that "it is virtually impossible to find an organization in Micronesia whose directors or officers have not attended UOG," Governor Moses said, adding that UOG, in concert with Guam Community College and other local institutions, should continue to contribute to training our leaders in government, business and education.

University of Guam "could articulate programs relevant to national plans and international policies aimed at preparing islanders to prevail in the coming years....The University must not be satisfied with having foreign universities fill vacancies where we lack a particular capability. We must gear our institutional programs to our needs, goals and aspirations now in preparation for 21st Century.

"The Pacific/Asian region is surely the last area to develop and to provide leadership to the world, but using Oliver Wendell Holmes' reasoning, we shouldn't be fretful about it as from whence we come is of a lesser greatness than where we are going," Moses concluded in part.

In closing, Governor Moses expressed a debt of gratitude to the people of Guam on behalf of the Federated States of Micronesia, saying, "Under the Treaty with the United States, our citizens are allowed to enter the United States, including Guam of course, to seek employment and for other purposes. This benefit, naturally, has not been without problems for Guam as it has clearly added a burden to your public services.

"I assure you, that our leadership is, and will continue to be, keen in its resolve to assist your government in any way possible to minimize the impact of this migration of workers on the people of the territory."

Moses, who received his Doctor of Laws degree in "recognition of his distinguished services to the advancement and well-being of the people of Pohnpei State as an educator, administrator and governor", joins former FSM President Tosiwo Nakayama and Reverend Francis X. Hezel of Micronesian Seminar of Chuuk among other Pacific luminaries who received Doctor of Laws from UOG, and Traditional Navigator Mau Pailuug of Satawal, Yap, who received his honorary Doctor of Humanities from the University of Hawaii.

FSM Congress concludes its Third Regular Session

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Sixth FSM Congress concluded its Third Regular Session, June 14, 1990, sine die, after passing Congress bill 6-274 CD10, appropriating \$23.9 million for the operations of the FSM national government, its agencies and programs.

The Congress also passed 38 other bills and 15 resolutions.

Others bills passed:

C.B. 6-128, to further amend the FSM Code to establish the Department of Transportation and Communication.

C.B. 6-131 CD1, to appropriate \$500,000 to fund public projects in Kosrae State.

C.B. 6-151 CD2, to appropriate \$700,000 to fund Yap State public projects.

C.B. 6-190 CD1, to appropriate \$60,000 to fund tuition, boarding and travel to allow FSM citizens to attend the Micronesian Fisheries and Maritime Academy in Yap State.

C.B. 6-192, to amend P.L. No. 6-35 to change the use of certain funds from Kosrae Vocational Rehabilitation Center to Kosrae Old Age Program.

C.B. 6-193 CD1, to provide funding for various National Fisheries Corporation purchases, projects and joint venture participation by appropriating \$3,300,000, provide an operating subsidy to the National Fisheries Corporation and providing for the initial capitalization of the National Fisheries Corporation; by authorizing the FSM National Government to participate in a borrowing under the Compact Funds Financing Act to promote fisheries development in FSM

by making a loan to a particular joint venture under certain conditions; by further amending the FSM Code to authorize the payment of expenses associated with Compact Financial Assistance Fund accounts and borrowing under the Compact Funds financing Act; by appropriating \$3,449,000 to obtain a reliable appraisal or appraisals of fishing boats to be acquired by a joint venture in which the National Fisheries Corporation is a partner.

C.B. 6-196, to appropriate \$150,000 to reimburse Chuuk State for expenses incurred in connection with joint law enforcement activities undertaken during the fiscal year ending September 30, 1989.

C.B. 6-201 CD1, to further amend the FSM Code to authorize certain officials to designate allottees in certain circumstances.

C.B. 6-202, to further amend the FSM Code to eliminate reference to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI) High Court.

C.B. 6-206, to further amend the FSM Code concerning the Study Group of Indefinite Land-Use Agreements.

C.B. 6-207, to amend P.L. No. 6-28 to remove the lapse date on construction of airports and purchase and operation

of aircraft for the outer islands of Pohnpei and Chuuk States.

C.B. 6-208, to further amend the FSM Code to eliminate the reference to the Trust Territory Government.

C.B. 6-211, to amend the FSM Code to delete obsolete references to the Trust Territory.

C.B. 6-213 CD1, to further amend P.L. No. 3-56 to reallocate funds for certain Chuuk State public projects.

C.B. 6-214 CD1, to further amend P.L. No. 5-89 to modify the uses of funds appropriated for public projects in Chuuk State.

C.B. 6-215 CD1, to amend P.L. No. 6-25 to appropriate \$131,185 as supplemental funding for the Constitutional Convention.

C.B. 6-220 CD1, to appropriate \$400,000 to fund public projects in the Mortlocks Islands of Chuuk State.

C.B. 6-221, to further amend P.L. No. 4-28, Chuuk State public projects to modify the use of the funds appropriated therein.

C.B. 6-222 CD2, to further amend P.L. No. 6-10 to appropriate \$449,390 as supplemental funding for the Executive Branch, the Public Auditor, Agencies of the National Government, the

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TUNA FISHERIES JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT SIGNED: The Chairman of the FSM National Fisheries Corporation (NFC) Kikuo Apis second from the left, Chairman of of Pohnpei State Economic Development Authority Perdus Esa, and President and Chairman of Kailis and France Pty. Ltd. of Australia, Theo Kailis signed, May 25, 1990, an agreement establishing a Tuna Fisheries Joint Venture to be called Caroline Fisheries Corporation, in Kolonia, Pohnpei. From left to right: Esa, Apis, Kailis, Executive Directors, Pohnpei Economic Development Authority (EDA) Pedro Harris, and NFC James Movick.

in passing 39 bills and adopting 15 resolutions

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Marine Surveillance Program, and other National Government programs, grants, subsidies, contributions, and refunds, modifying employment ceilings, reprogram funds, and modifying lapse dates.

C.B. 6-225 CD1, to further amend P.L. 6-10 to appropriate \$22,500 as supplemental funding for the legislative branch.

C.B. 6-226, to amend the FSM Code concerning the FSM Capital.

C.B. 6-228 CD1, to further amend P.L. No. 5-52 to reallocate previous appropriated funds for the Legislative Branch.

C.B. 6-230, to further amend P.L. No. 5-59 to remove the lapse date and to provide limited reprogramming authority to the allottee for public projects in Yap State.

C.B. 6-231 CD2, to appropriate \$150,000 to fund programs for the prevention and treatment of Leptospirosis, Dengue Fever, and Cholera in the FSM.

C.B. 6-232, to further amend P.L. No. 5-87, Yap State public projects, to modify the use of funds, to remove the lapse date, to remove references to vetoed projects.

C.B. 6-233 CD1, to appropriate \$2,020,000 to renovate, repair and upgrade school facilities throughout the FSM.

C.B. 6-234, to further amend the FSM Code to allow a Member of Congress who resigns due to physical incapacity, disability or illness to be entitled to receive the balance of any sums owing to him for the remainder of his term.

C.B. 6-235, to further amend P.L. No. 5-67, Pohnpei State public projects to modify the use of funds appropriated therein.

C.B. 6-236, to further amend the FSM Code to require the President to submit to the Congress by April 1 of each year the National Government budget for the ensuing fiscal year, and to require the Congress, the judicial branch, and

agencies of the National Government transmit their planned expenditures and budget expenditures to the President by March 1 of each year, but not before January 1 of each year, for the subsequent fiscal year.

C.B. 6-237 CD2, to further amend P.L. No. 4-95 to change the use of funds for a certain Chuuk State public projects.

C.B. 6-252, to amend P.L. No. 6-35 to remove the lapse date for funding the construction and activities of vocational rehabilitation centers or old age programs and the activities of the Community Action Agencies in each of the states of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap.

C.B. 6-256, to appropriate \$120,000 to fund the APPU General Assembly meeting in Pohnpei.

C.B. 6-260 CD1, to further amend P.L. No. 2-34 regarding Chuuk State public projects to permit the allottees to exercise limited reprogramming authority.

C.B. 6-261 CD1, to further amend P.L. No. 3-56 regarding Chuuk State public projects, to permit the allottees to exercise limited reprogramming authority.

C.B. 6-264, to appropriate \$155,000 to provide funds to the Maritime Operations Revolving Fund equal to the revenues received by the National Government from the sale of the M.V. Herkimer.

C.B. 6-270 CD2, to amend P.L. No. 6-49 to apportion the funds appropriated therein to change the amount and use of funds appropriated thereunder to change the allottee of certain funds.

C.B. 6-272, to further amend P.L. No. 5-89 to change the use of certain funds for Chuuk public projects.

C.B. 6-273 CD1, to appropriate \$1,800,000 to fund statewide and other public projects in Pohnpei State.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED:

C.R. 6-80, confirming the nomination of Lt. Governor Johnny David of Pohnpei

State to the position of member of the FSM Social Security Board.

C.R. 6-82, confirming the nomination of James Gilmar to the position of member of the Board of Advisors for the Investment Development Fund.

C.R. 6-83, confirming the nomination of Higinio Wierlangt to the position of member of the Board of Advisors for the Investment Development Fund.

C.R. 6-84, confirming the nomination of Senator Annes Leben to the position of member of the Board of Advisors for the Investment Development Fund.

C.R. 6-85, confirming the nomination of Lt. Governor Moses Mackwelung to the position of member of the Board of Advisors for the Investment Development Fund.

C.R. 6-86, to ratify the Extradition Treaty with the Republic of the Philippines signed at Palikir on March 31, 1990.

C.R. 6-87, confirming the nomination of Bernard Helgenberger to the position

of member of the Board of Directors of the Telecommunications Corporation of the FSM.

C.R. 6-88, confirming the nomination of Sebastian Anefal to the position of

member of COM Board of Regents

C.R. 6-89, respectfully inviting the President of the FSM to give the State of the Nation Message on Friday, May 25, 1990, at 10:00 a.m.

C.R. 6-90, to ratify the Convention for the Prohibition of Fishing with Long Driftnets in the South Pacific signed at Wellington on November 24, 1989.

C.R. 6-92, approving the FY 1991 Continuing Education: A Strategy for Changes in Nursing grant application.

C.R. 6-93, approving the FY 1991 Family Planning Project grant application.

C.R. 6-103 CD1, establishing the sum of the total funds estimated to be available for appropriation from the FSM General Fund for FY 1991.

MO announces entrance opening January

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Pacific Basin Medical Officer Training Program (PBMOTP) is now recruiting its fourth class which will start in January 1991, according to PBMOTP Director Dr. Gregory J. Dever's July 5th letter to President John R. Haglclgam.

Currently there are 50 students enrolled in the Program at campus sites in Pohnpei and Chuuk of which 72 percent come from the FSM. In the FSM there are no indigenous female physicians; however, 45 percent of the PBMOTP physician students are female.

PBMOTP is a five year physician training program leading to a Medical Officer Diploma. Based in Pohnpei and conducted by the John A. Burns School of Medicine of the University of Hawaii, the PBMOTP is open to qualified candidates from the Republics of Palau and the Marshall Islands, the FSM, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. Currently there are 49 Medical Officer students attending the Program.

The overall goal of the PBMOTP is to address the acute shortage of physicians in the region and produce a new generation of competent and community health physician specialists, who are educationally equipped to render chronic curative and community health care needs of their respective jurisdictions. The first three years of the training will be spent at the Pohnpei campus with fourth and fifth years at selected sites throughout the Pacific.

Tuition, room and board, books, equipment, transportation and a small living allowance are provided to the students. The Program does not provide housing for families.

The PBMOTP Advisory Board is comprised of the Ministers and Directors of

Health of the countries it serves. The Board selects students for admission who have demonstrated in their prior studies and experience the ethical conduct and ability to achieve a level of academic performance necessary to complete the Program's rigorous and intensive five year course. The Admission policy is established by the Advisory Board and implemented through local admission committees appointed by the Minister or Director of health of that jurisdiction.

To be admitted to the Program as a student, an applicant must meet the following Minimum Admission Require-

ment: be a citizen of one of the following jurisdictions; American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the FSM, and the Republics of Palau and the Marshall Islands; be recommended by his/her Republic/State's Minister or Director of Health; have completed at least two years of college or work experience as determined by the Advisory Board; and be willing to relocate to Pohnpei and other assigned jurisdictions for the duration of the five-year course.

All interested persons are advise to follow these procedures for applying for
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Tara joins Public Information

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Former Kosrae State Public Affairs Information Specialist Yukiwo Tara of Malem Municipality has recently joined the FSM Public Information Office as an Information Specialist.

Tara, who previously served as coordinator for Kosrae State Adult education programs and a classroom teacher for Malem Elementary School from 1964 until 1969, also served as legislative counsel for First Kosrae State Leadership Conference; member of the Compact of Free Association Kosrae Task Force; Chairman of Kosrae Executive Service Appeals Board; served as councilman for Malem Municipal Government, President, Kosrae Congregation Church Christian Endeavor, Trial Counselor for Kosrae State court and was ordained a lay minister and now a deacon for the Malem Congregational Church since 1985.

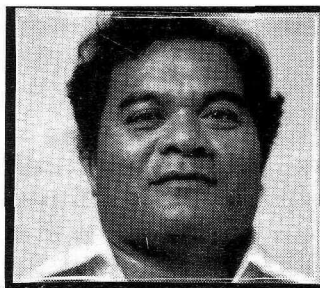
Tara graduated from Kosrae High

School in 1967. He received in 1975 an AS degree in Liberal Arts from the University of Hawaii at Hilo, and later a BA degree in Sociology, State of Hawaii Basic Teaching Certificate in 1977, and was admitted to Education Professional

Diploma Program, College of Education, University of Hawaii at Manoa. Tara also attended PONTEC in 1970, Pohnpei, East West Center, Hawaii, La Puente Valley Vocational School sponsored by the California State University in 1980, Regional Media

Center studying Photography and Mass Media Productions and Printing in Suva sponsored by South Pacific Commission, and Advance Quality Printing in 1987 at Multigraphic and Darkroom operation in 1989 at Mt. Prospect, Chicago Illinois.

Tara, 48, is married to former Niokong Charley also of Malem and they have one daughter and four sons. Hanna, 18, Palokoa, 23, Tara, 22, Surleigh, 20, and Burleigh, 16.



Tara

WHO Specialists assists in formulating AIDS plan

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A World Health Organization (WHO) team of three specialists visited the FSM June 13 -22 to assess the Short Term Plan developed last year, and to assist in the formulation of an AIDS Medium Term Plan (MTP) (3-5 years) for the FSM, according to a press release from the Department of Human Resources.

The team composed of epidemiologist Dr. Rabin Sarda of WHO in Suva, Health Educator based in Manila Dr. Davey Shrestha, and Laboratory Scientist/WHO's short term consultant in laboratory services Allison Imrie of St. Vicent Hospital in Sydney, Australia.

To take advantage of the team's visit, National AIDS Coordinator Ben Jesse invited two participants from each FSM States to participate in a two-days seminar to identify problems and needs as well as to indicate progress made since the implementation of state's AIDS activities based on the STP. All these acquired through state and national progress reports. Furthermore, partici-

pants were asked to assist in the formulation of the MTP by providing information based on what each state feels would be beneficial to sustain an ongoing AIDS program.

State participants to this working seminar are the state AIDS Coordinators and one laboratory technician from each state. Of course, there were other people invited including the chairman of HESA committee of the FSM Congress the Pohnpei State Legislature Special Assistants to the President on Governmental Affairs, and public information, and few program managers of the Department of Human Resources.

The important aspect in this working seminar was to formulate a Medium Term Plan in collaboration with the WHO's Global Programmes on AIDS (WHO/GPA). As a result, (an end-product) a MTP for three years was developed for FSM, but needs further review by the National AIDS Committee, WHO Regional Sub-regional Offices in Manila and Suva, then on to Geneva and the resource mobilization

(donor agencies) committee for their final endorsement.

This Medium Term Plan (MICGPA) called upon WHO to provide technical assistance through short term consultants; improve state laboratory capabilities in performing anti-HIV testing with supplies, equipments and training; strengthen both national and state AIDS committees with multisectoral representations to establish, review and recommend policies on issues such as counselling and testing services; confidentiality; case management; infection control; non-discrimination; integration of AIDS education into the existing school health curriculum and to be part of the continuing education for health providers (i.e nurses, doctors, etc).

In country trainings to support above specified areas are also explored to utilize FSM AIDS program staffs as resource persons at times WHO's short term consultants cannot be accommodate. Through this seminar, a National AIDS Task Force was re-established to include state personnel such as the participants. Through them, the State Task Force Committee will be formed in their own respective states to make recommendations regarding program management, issues and policies on HIV infection/AIDS to the NATF then to the National AIDS Committee.

Thus, in collaborating with WHO on this medium Term Plan, the FSM, through the Department of Human Resources and State

Department of Health Services must conform to deliberate implementation of planned activities in all areas proposed. To effectuate the implementation of program activities needs endorsement of high level decision making bodies at all societal levels (government or non government organizations).

AIDS as a public health issue cannot be overlooked for the fact that the FSM is hardly protected from viral introduction in-as-much as the HIV(AIDS virus) does not recognize any geographical, social, political and economic boundaries. As a public health issue, it is everybody's concern, not only one segment of the population or one state.



WHO TEAM VISITS FSM TO ASSIST - From Left to Right: WHO STC Laboratory Scientist Allison Imrie, Sydney, Australia; AIDS coordinator/Health Educator Arthy Nena, Kosrae; FSM Nutritionist/Health Educator Jane Elymore; Medical Laboratory Technologist Maria Marfel, Yap; AIDS/STD/Immunization Coordinator Thomas Walog, Yap; Health Educator and WHO/STC Dr. Davey. Shrestha, Manila; Medical Laboratory Technologist Paulino Rosario, Pohnpei; Medical Laboratory Technologist Kester Lakutak, Kosrae; Chief of Public Health Simao Norman (kneeling), Pohnpei; Health Services Director Kiosi Aniol, Chuuk; FSM Department of Human Resources Acting Assistant Secretary Jefferson Benjamin; Special Assistant to President on Governmental Affairs Luey K. Luey; AIDS Coordinator Peterson Edward, Pohnpei; FSM Immunization Coordinator Kidsen Ihop; FSM Information Specialist/Broadcast Esikiei Lippwe; Medical Laboratory Technologist Elmud Yleizah, Chuuk; Department of Human Resources National AIDS coordinator Ben Jesse; National vital Statistician Amato Elymore; WHO/STC Epidemiologist Dr. Rabin Sarda, Suva, Fiji.

Medical Officer

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admission: complete the application and mail to: The Director, Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program, P.O. Box 1298, Kolonia, Pohnpei, FM 96941; request that your high school and college to send official transcripts directly to the PBMOTP; obtain a social security number if you do not have one (this number is required for identification purposes); your application and transcripts should be received by September 15, 1990.

The Advisory Board will convene in October, 1990 to select candidates for the January, 1991 class. The candidates will be notified of their acceptance in October, 1990.

Students who have been accepted to the Program for the January, 1991 class must notify the Program in writing of their intention to attend the Program by November 1, 1990.

If an accepted candidate should decide not to accept the offer of acceptance by November 1, 1990, an alternate candidate from that jurisdiction may be offered the opening.

Travel arrangements for selected students will be coordinated through the Program's Office in Pohnpei and the regional Ministers or Directors of Health.

Students who have been dismissed without prejudice or who have voluntarily withdrawn from the Program may reapply for re-admission to the Program through their Minister or Director of

Health.

Applications for re-admission will be considered on an equal basis with first time applications for admission, based upon the merit for the individual application and availability of positions.

For further information regarding the

Program, contact your Minister or Director of Health Services or write to: Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program P.O. Box 1298 Kolonia, Pohnpei FM 96941. PHONE: 691-320-2328 FAX: 961-320-2305



1990 CLEO GRADUATES POSE FOR A GROUP PHOTO: Associate Professor and Coordinator of Public Law and the Paralegal Certificate Program at the California State University at Chico Teodora C. DeLorenzo, 6th from the left front row, taught an FSM Public Defender sponsored three-week Continuing Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) course here aiming to get people interested in attending law school. The program culminated with all participants writing and arguing a legal brief before a panel of local lawyers and judges. Chief Justice Edwel Santos of Pohnpei Supreme Court and Chief Justice King of the FSM Supreme Court participated as panelist. The FSM Congress is currently considering a law school scholarship fund to be awarded to the best CLEO graduates that have been accepted to law school, according to FSM Chief, Public Defender Michael Powell. Front Row, Left to Right: Director, Public Defender Administration Gene Babauta Dueton, FSM; Albert Panuelo, Pohnpei; Johnthon Tun, Yap; Martin Manwel, Chuuk; Richard Eaz, Chuuk; DeLorenzo; Bert Rodriguez, Pohnpei; Kiupu Palik, Kosrae; and Sinis Sipano, Chuuk. Back Row, Left to Right: Aloka Sigrah, Kosrae; Johnson Asher, Pohnpei; Nelson Umwech, Chuuk; Soseia Hachipan, Chuuk; Powell; Andon Mida, Chuuk; Iowas Simina, Chuuk; Christopher Engichy, Chuuk; and Fidelis Thiyer, Yap. Missing from the Photo is Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael who was unable to attend the graduation.

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