

# Haglelgam signs 39 bills into law

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Haglelgam signed 39 bills into laws. The following are the Public Laws:

Congress Bill 6-231 CD3, now P.L. No. 6-53, to appropriate \$150,000 to fund measures and programs for the prevention and treatment of leptospirosis, dengue fever, and cholera in the FSM.

Congress Bill 6-215 CD1, now P.L. No. 6-54, to amend P.L. No. 6-25 to

appropriate \$131,185 as supplemental funding for the Constitutional Convention.

Congress Bill 6-270, now P.L. No. 6-55, 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.

Congress Bill 6-226, now P.L. No. 6-56, to amend the FSM Code by repealing chapter 4 concerning the FSM

Capital, in its entirety.

Congress Bill 6-206, now P.L. No. 6-57, to further amend the FSM Code by repealing chapter 5 which concerns the study group on indefinite land-use agreements, in its entirety.

Congress Bill 6-196, now P.L. No. 6-58, to appropriate \$150,000 to reimburse Chuuk State for expenses incurred in connection with joint law enforcement activities undertaken during the  
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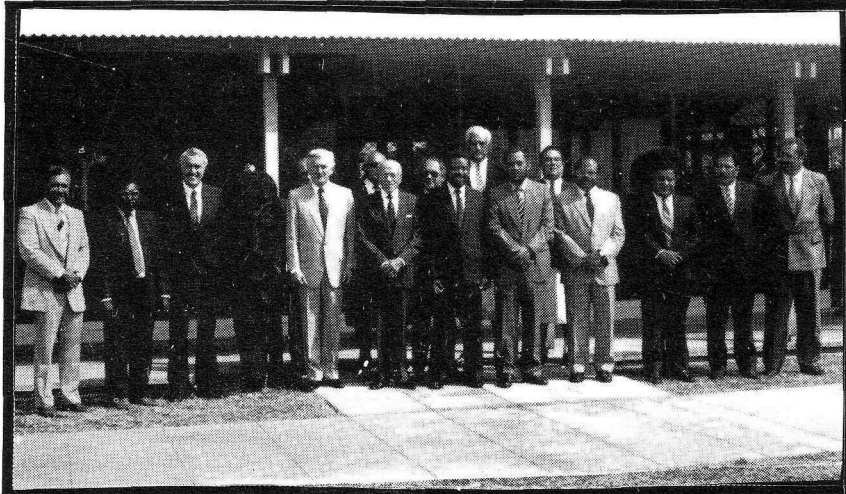
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## Haglelgam attends 21st South Pacific Forum



HEADS OF DELEGATIONS TO THE 21ST FORUM HELD AT VANUATU - The Heads of Delegations for the 21st South Pacific Forum posed for a group photo. From Left to Right are: Honorable Inatio Akaruru, Deputy Prime Minister of the Cook Islands; Honorable Danny Philip, Deputy Prime Minister of Solomon Islands; Rt. Honorable Geoffrey Palmer, MP, Prime Minister of New Zealand; His Excellency Amata Kabua (partially hidden), President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands; Honorable Bob Hawke, AC, MP, Prime Minister of Australia; Honorable Tofilau Eti Alesana (partially hidden), MP, Prime Minister of Western Samoa; Honorable Sir Robert Rex, KBE, CMG, OBE, Premier of Niue; His Excellency Bernard Dowiyogo, MP, President and Minister of External Affairs of Nauru; Honorable Father Walter Lini, CBE, MP, Prime Minister of Vanuatu and Chairman of the 21st Forum; Rt. Honorable Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, GCMG, KBE, KStJ, Prime Minister of Fiji; His Excellency Ieremia T. Tabai, GCMG, Beretitenti of Kiribati; Forum Secretary General Henry Naisali; Rt. Honorable Rabbie Namaliu, CMG, MP, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea; His Excellency John R. Haglelgam, President of the Federated States of Micronesia; Honorable Bikenibeu Paeniu, MP, Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Economic Planning of Tuvalu; and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Tupouto'a, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Defence of the Kingdom of Tonga.

PORT VILA, Vanuatu (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 21st South Pacific Forum, which was held, July 31 to the first day of August this year in Port Vila, Vanuatu was officially closed after the signing of a Communique by the heads of Forum Member Countries.

During the opening day, July 31, the President of the Republic of Vanuatu, Frederick Timakata welcomed and officially opened the Forum chaired by the Prime Minister of Vanuatu Fr. Walter H. Lini, and attended by Government Heads of Australia, FSM, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, and Western Samoa. The Cook and Solomon Islands were represented by their Deputy Prime Ministers, Vanu-

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# 2 Public Laws

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Fiscal Year ending September 1989.

Congress Bill 6-252, now P.L. No. 6-59, to amend P.L. No. 6-35 to remove the lapse date for the funds appropriated for 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.

Congress Bill 6-235, now P.L. 6-60, to further amend P.L. No. 5-67, Pohnpei State public projects, to modify the use of funds appropriated therein.

Congress Bill 6-222, now P.L. No. 6-61, to further amend P.L. No. 6-10 to appropriate \$459,590 as supplemental funding for the Executive Branch, agencies of the National Government, and the Marine Surveillance program; to modify employment ceilings; to reprogram the funding of the National Fisheries Corporation; and to modify lapse dates.

Congress Bill 6-128, now P.L. No. 6-62, to further amend the FSM Code to establish a department of transportation and communication.

Congress Bill 6-237, now P.L. No. 6-63, to further amend P.L. No. 4-95 to change the uses of funds for certain

Chuuk State public projects.

Congress Bill 6-190 CD2, now P.L. No. 6-64, to appropriate \$60,000 to fund tuition and fees to allow FSM citizens to attend Fisheries and Maritime Training programs.

Congress Bill 6-225 CD1, now P.L. No. 6-65, to further amend P.L. No. 6-10 to appropriate \$22,500 as supplemental funding for the Legislative Branch.

Congress Bill 6-207 CD2, now P.L. 6-66, to amend P.L. No. 6-28, to remove the reference to the purchase and operation of aircraft and to remove the lapse date construction of airports in the outer islands of Pohnpei and Chuuk States.

Congress Bill 6-151 CD4, now P.L. No. 6-67, to appropriate \$700,000 to fund public projects in Yap State.

Congress Bill 6-213 CD1, now P.L. 6-68, to further amend P.L. No. 3-56 to reallocate funds for certain public projects in Chuuk State.

Congress Bill 6-193 CD4, now P.L. 6-69, to provide funding for various NFC purchases, projects and joint venture participation by appropriating \$3,100,000 to be a loan from the National Government to NFC to provide the initial capitalization of the NFC participation in certain tuna industrial

joint venture projects and longline shore-based development joint ventures, and to authorize the appropriation of \$4,649,000 to be a loan from the National Government to the NFC to provide additional capitalization for NFC participation in tuna industrial fisheries joint ventures and to authorize the FSM National Government to participate in a borrowing under the Compact Fund Financial Act for promoting fisheries development in the FSM by making a loan to a particular joint venture or under certain circumstances to reimburse the state of Pohnpei; by further amending the FSM Code to authorize the payment of expenses associated with Compact Financial Assistance Fund account and borrowing under the Compact Fund Financing Act.

Congress Bill 6-236, now P.L. No. 6-70, 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 to 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.

Congress Bill 6-232, now P.L. No. 6-71, to further amend P.L. No. 5-87 Yap State public projects to modify the use of funds, to remove the lapse date, and to remove references to vetoed projects.

Congress Bill 6-33, now P.L. No. 6-72, to appropriate \$2,020,000 to fund education and health related projects and programs in the FSM.

Congress Bill 6-202, now P.L. No. 6-73, to further amend the FSM Code to eliminate reference to the high court of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Island.

Congress Bill 6-273 CD1, now P.L. No. 6-74, to appropriate \$1,800,000 to fund statewide and other public projects in Pohnpei State.

Congress Bill 6-260 CD1, now P.L. No. 6-75, to further amend P.L. No. 2-34 regarding Chuuk State public projects, to permit the allottees to exercise

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**HEALTH INSURANCE STAFF TRAINING** - Posing for a group photo are the participant of a Health Insurance Staff Training held here this year. From Left to Right: Personnel Specialist Jackie Anson, FSM National Government (FSMNG); Division of Personnel Administrator Isabel Gawel, FSMNG; Personnel Specialist Kyoko Semes, Pohnpei State; Personnel Specialist Shirly Albert, Chuuk State; Administrative Clerk Sepe Kinere, Kosrae State; Administrative Clerk Lipihner Moura, FSMNG; Clerk Typist Shue Malender, Pohnpei State, and Manage, Health Insurance Program and Trainer for the Training, FSMNG.



# Public Laws

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limited reprogramming authority.

Congress Bill 6-230, now P.L. No. 6-76, to further amend P.L. No. 5-59, to remove the lapse date to provide limited reprogramming authority to the allottee for public projects in Yap State.

Congress Bill 6-221, now P.L. 6-77, to further amend P.L. No. 4-28, Chuuk State public projects to modify the use of the funds appropriated therein.

Congress Bill 6-272, now P.L. No. 6-78, to further amend P.L. No. 5-89 to change the use of certain funds for Chuuk public projects.

Congress Bill 6-201 CD1, now P.L. No. 6-79, to further amend the FSM Code to authorize certain officials to designate allottees in certain circumstances.

Congress Bill 6-208 CD1, now P.L. No. 6-80, to further amend the FSM Code to eliminate references to the Trust Territory Government and its officers.

Congress Bill 6-256, now P.L. No. 6-81, to appropriate \$120,000 to fund the APPU General Assembly meeting in Pohnpei.

Congress Bill 6-211, now P.L. No. 6-82, to amend the FSM Code to delete obsolete references to the Trust Territory.

Congress Bill 6-192, now P.L. No. 6-83, to amend P.L. No. 6-35 to change the use of certain funds from Kosrae Vocational Rehabilitation Center to Kosrae Old Age Program.

Congress Bill 6-261 CD1, now P.L. No. 6-84, to further amend P.L. No. 3-56 regarding Chuuk State Public Projects, to permit the allottees to exercise limited reprogramming authority.

Congress Bill No. 6-264, now P.L. No. 6-85, to appropriate \$100,000 to provide funds to the maritime operations revolving fund in consideration of the revenues received by the National Government from the sale of the M.V. Herkimer.

Congress Bill 6-228 CD1, now P.L. 6-86, to further amend P.L. No. 5-52 to reallocate previously appropriated funds for the Legislative Branch.

Congress Bill 6-214 CD1, now P.L. 6-87, to further amend P.L. No. 5-89 to

modify the uses of funds appropriated for public projects in Chuuk State.

Congress Bill 6-220 CD1, now P.L. 6-88, to appropriate \$400,000 to fund public projects in the Mortlocks islands of Chuuk State.

Congress Bill 6-131 CD2, now P.L. 6-89, to appropriate \$500,000 to fund public projects in Kosrae State.

Congress Bill 6-87, now P.L. 6-90, 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 sum owing to him for the remainder of his term.

Congress Bill 6-274 CD10, now P.L. 6-91, to appropriate \$23,944,911 to operate the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches, Public Auditor, agencies of the National Government, special programs, grants, subsidies, contributions, and refunds of the National Government during Fiscal Year 1991; to establish a budget for Compact, to appropriate special funds available therefor under the Compact; to establish a development budget and to appropriate and authorize special funds available therefore under the Compact; and to establish employment ceilings.

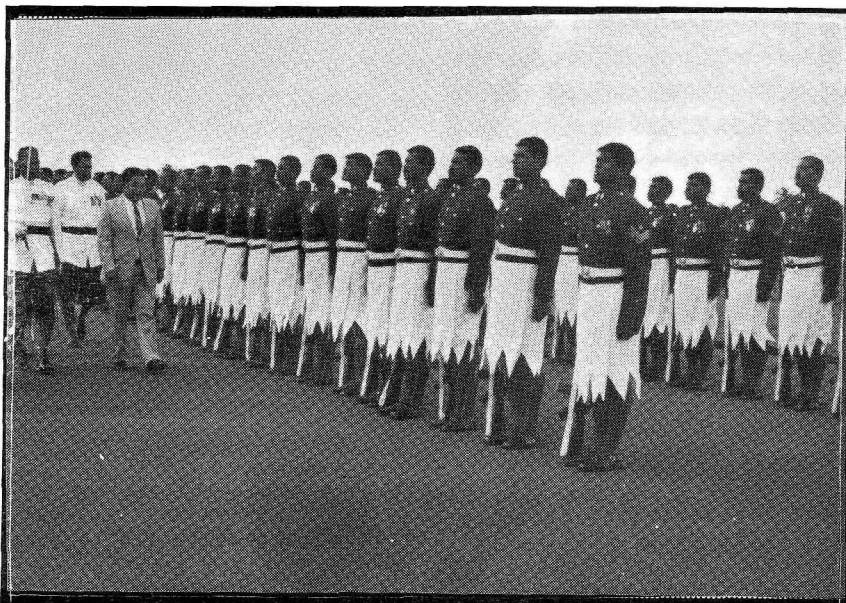
## Nakayama signs purchase contract with Japan

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Ambassador to Japan Masao Nakayama signs August 6 this year on behalf of the FSM Government, a purchase contract of Y23,000,000 (\$153,000) with Yoshimoto Pole Co., Ltd of Tokyo for the supply of equipment and instruction materials for a foreign language laboratory system at Kosrae High School, according to a release from the Embassy.

The purchase of equipment and materials is made possible by a cultural grant from the Government of Japan to the FSM in accordance with the Exchange of Notes signed by the two governments on May 25, 1990.

This is the first time for the FSM Government to receive the cultural grant from the Government of Japan. The equipment and materials will be used for Kosrae High School's Japanese language program.

The cultural grant is one of the assistance schemes provided by the government of Japan under its overseas development assistance program.



HAGLELGAM REVIEWING HONOR GUARDS - President John R. Haglelgam (during his State Visit to Fiji), escorted by the Guard Commander proceeds to inspect the Guard of Honor, accompanied by the Commander of the Fiji Military Forces Major General Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka, O.B.E. (Mil). OSFJ. MSD.

# 4 Forum accepts with appreciation FSM's offer to

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atu by its Minister of Foreign Affairs and Judicial Services, and Tonga by its Minister for Foreign Affairs and Defense.

The Forum endorsed the Convention for the Prohibition of Long Driftnets in the South Pacific, the need to control the number of purse seine vessels licensed to fish within the EEZs of FFA members in the western Pacific fishery, and candidacy of the Foreign Minister of Papua New Guinea, the Rt Hon Sir Michael Somare as the President of the 46th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. The Forum also received and adopted annual reports of Director of the Forum Fisheries Agency, Interim Director of the Pacific Islands Development Program, Director of the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission, Vice-Chancellor of the University of the South Pacific, Secretary General of the Forum Secretariat, and coordinator of the South Pacific Regional Environmental Program.

The Forum recognized particularly climate change and sea level rise as a result of carbon dioxide gases (greenhouse effect) which pollutes the atmosphere as an envi-

ronmental problem.

The Forum strongly urged the industrialized countries to consider their parts in adding greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and agreed to communicate these concerns to all relevant international bodies.

Pertaining to the Johnston Atoll Chemical Agent Disposal System (JACADS) as it was relating to waste disposal at sea, the Forum agreed with the United States to destroy the facility chemical weapons now stored on Johnston Atoll, along with others that may be found within the region and those to be shipped from Federal Republic of Germany.

The Forum further declared that JACADS was another example of the Pacific being used as an experimental area by the major weapons producing countries and concludes that the Pacific Ocean and the islands in it should not continue to be used as a convenient area for the development, storage, dumping or disposal of hazardous materials, including chemical weapons, particularly from outside the region.

The Forum noted the stringent precautions being taken by the United States and remained concern of the whole operation on the shipments of chemical weapons and stockpiles from Germany as the substantial potential risks to the environment and peoples of the Pacific, therefore called for early dis-

cussion with the United States on all aspects of the JACADS operations.

The Forum strongly felt that the facility at Johnston Atoll should not become the permanent toxic waste disposal center of the world and expressed its firm conviction that the facility should be closed down once the current operations have been completed and called on the United States to ensure that no further chemical weapons or other toxic materials would be stockpiled on or be destroyed at Johnston Atoll.

In dealing with Fisheries as one of the Economic Issues, the Forum was gratified with the momentum supports on the elimination of driftnet fishing proposed by the 1989 Tawara Declaration and with the proposals on Prohibition of Long Driftnets in the South Pacific through the adoption of the Convention.

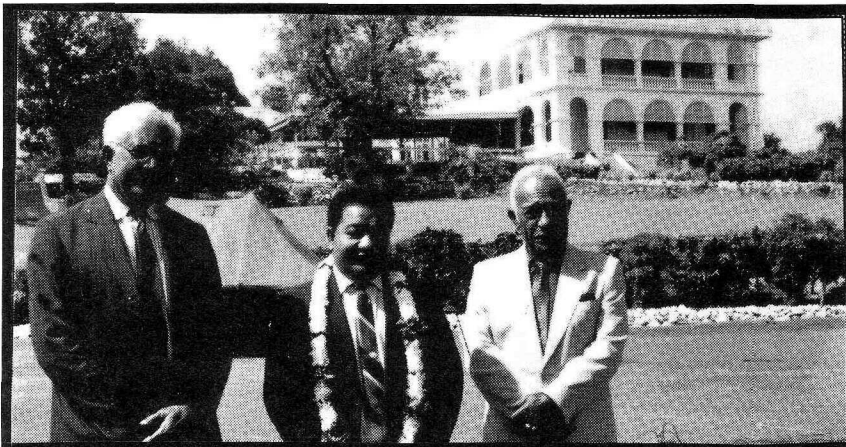
The Forum appreciated the fact that the United Nations on a Resolution stood against driftnetting and continued to give high priority to the more effective management and better utilization of marine fishery resource in the region.

There were a number of important decisions on issues of immediate concern on fisheries adopted by the Forum such as the control of long drift-nets in the South Pacific.

The Forum inviting all interested parties to attend the Convention aims at the Prohibition of Long Driftnets; welcoming Japan's decision to cease drift-netting one year in advance before convention meet and directed that every effort be made to find means to involve Taiwan in negotiations for a management regime for South Pacific Albacore Tuna.

In addition, the Forum directed the Fishing Fisheries Association (FFA) to strengthen and develop regional strategies to improve fisheries management in Multilateral Fishing Arrangements with Japan.

They have also agreed to give high priority to the implementation of the revised Minimum Terms and Conditions as the basic standard of access to the FFA members' operating in the Ex-



PRESIDENT HAGLELGAM MADE HIS STATE VISIT TO FIJI - The Fijian leaders and President John R. Haglelgam pose for a photo after the conclusion of the Fijian Traditional Welcoming Ceremony for Haglelgam and the First Lady in Suva. From Left to Right are: Prime Minister of Fiji the Right Honorable Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara G.C.M.G., K.B.E., K.St. J.; Haglelgam and Acting President of Fiji His Excellency Ratu Inoke Takiveikata, M.B.E.

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clusive Economic Zones (EEZs); and further approved the need to control the number of purse seine vessels licensed as potential threat, to fish within the authorized fishing zones in the Western Pacific.

The Forum established a Ministerial Committee consisting of Fiji, Nauru and Solomon Islands to monitor events with New Caledonia as it moves towards an Act of Self-Determination in 1998.

The other issues were relating to the Presidency of the UN General Assembly and Namibia Political Independence. The Forum members unanimously approved the candidacy of the Foreign Minister of Papua New Guinea, the Rt. Sir Michael Somare for the position of President of the 46th Session of the UN General Assembly and expressed satisfaction with Namibia's successful transition to political independence earlier this year.

The regional energy programs were reviewed and agreed upon that all energy activities be managed by the Forum Secretariat and urged United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to continue its support for those programs, considered mechanisms to link the Tourism Council of the South Pacific with the Forum.

The Forum was satisfied with the improved cooperation between regional organizations through South Pacific Organization Coordinating Committee (SPOCC); and affirmed that appropriate steps be taken in the area of disaster preparedness.

The Forum accepted with appreciation the offer by the President of the FSM to host the 22nd South Pacific Forum in 1991.

President John R. Haglelgam's Delegation included Acting Secretary of Department of External Affairs Epel K. Ilon, Office of the President Chief of Staff Ieske Iehsi, External Affairs Deputy Director of South Pacific Affairs Tadao P. Sigrah, FSM Ambassador to Fiji Alik L. Alik, and Chief of Division of Security and Investigation Jack J. Jack.

## Haglelgam visits Fiji

SUVA, Fiji (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Haglelgam made his Third State Visit to the South Pacific Countries visiting the Republic of Fiji, August 6-9 after attending the South Pacific Forum in Port Vila, Vanuatu, according to Office of the President's Chief of Staff Ieske Iehsi.

Haglelgam was invited by Prime Minister the Right Honorable Ratu Kamisese Mara to visit Fiji following the South Pacific 21st Forum in Vanuatu.

Upon arrival at Nausori Airport Haglelgam was received by Fiji's Acting President Ratu Inoke Takiveikata and Mrs. Takiveikata, and was given a full Military honor

and a welcoming ceremony performed by the Fiji Military Forces under the command of Major General Sitiveni Rabuka.

Part of the President's visiting program include an elaborate Traditional Welcoming Ceremony featuring local ritual involving offering of a cup of kava, presentation of symbolic gifts of welcome to Haglelgam and exchange of remarks by the two Presidents.

The one and a half-hour long ceremony held by the Government House was attended by Prime Minister Mara and Lady Lala Mara, Mrs. Takiveikata, Officers and Ranks of the Fiji Military Force, Traditional Chiefs, Ministers of the Fijian Government and the Diplomatic Corps in Suva.

Haglelgam calls on Acting President Takiveikata at the Government House and met with Prime Minister Mara in his office. A reception honoring Haglelgam, hosted by the Acting President and Mrs. Takiveikata was held at Isa Lei Hotel and attended by over 100 dignitaries.

Accompanying the President on the Visit were: First Lady Paula Haglelgam, FSM Ambassador to Fiji, Alik L. Alik, Acting Secretary of External Affairs Epel K. Ilon, Office of the President's Chief of Staff Ieske K. Iehsi, Deputy Chief of South Pacific Affairs Tadao P. Sigrah and Chief Division of Security and Investigation Jack Jack.

Haglelgam and his party, in Suva, paid visits to two Pacific Regional Offices where he met with Secretary General of the Forum Secretariat Mr. Henry Naisali, Director of the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) Mr. Jioji Kotobalavu, and Chairman of the Fiji and Investment Board (FTIB), Professor Asesela Ravuvu.



**PLANTING A TREE IN HONOR OF HIS VISIT -** President John R. Haglelgam (up front) is planting a tree beside the offices of the Forum Secretariat in honor of his visit to the South Pacific Forum Headquarters in Suva, August 8, this year. Standing behind witnessing the planting are from Left to Right: Secretary General of the Forum Mr. Henry Naisali, CMG, MBE; FSM Ambassador to Fiji the Honorable Alik L. Alik; and Acting Secretary of External Affairs Epel Ilon.

## 6 SPC held fisheries gathering at its headquarters in Noumea

NOUMEA, New Caledonia (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The South Pacific Commission's (SPC) annual gathering of fisheries managers, planners, scientists and operators from its 22 Pacific Island member countries was held at SPC headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia, August 6-10 this year, according to a release from SPC.

A highlight of discussions at this year's Regional Technical Meeting on Fisheries was a presentation of a progress report on major tuna tagging study undertaken by the SPC Tuna and Billfish Assessment Program.

Since commencing this study last December, operating from a chartered pole-and-line vessel, SPC scientists have successfully tagged and released more than 30,000 tunas during cruises in the waters of Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and the Republic of Palau.

The purpose of the project, which is funded by the European Community, is to gather information on the population dynamics of the commercially important yellowfin tuna in the western Pacific. Recoveries of tagged fish up to now are about 1,200 which will allow SPC scientists to make informed estimations of patterns of tuna movements, mortality and growth rates. This information will assist regional fisheries managers and planners to regulate the western Pacific tuna fishery for long-term benefit.

Another feature of this year's technical meeting is a one-day workshop session concerned with the latest advances in the technology, efficiency and productivity of fish aggregation devices, or FADs - rafts anchored offshore in depths up to 2,000 m, which have the, as yet largely mysterious, effect of attract-

ing and holding tunas and other fish and thus making them easier to capture, both for large-scale commercial fishing operators and for village fishermen. Virtually every Pacific Island nation now employs these rafts to improve local fish catches, but many have experienced great difficulty in getting the FADs to stay in place long enough for the benefits of increased catches to outweigh the costs of building and anchoring them.

Under the Commission's Deep Sea Fisheries Development Project, which works to improve the yield and efficiency of village-level fishermen in the islands, a six-month study has been undertaken to examine all aspects of FAD design technology and fisheries throughout the region and world-wide. The aim of study is to pinpoint the causes of premature loss in the islands and provide countries with the technical specifications, sources of component supply, and proper anchoring methods which will enable them to manage successful national FAD programs. As part of these efforts SPC has enlisted the aid of a U.S. Coast Guard buoy system engineer, one of the world's foremost experts on deep-water mooring technology, to design a simple and low-cost raft suited for use in the islands.

Other issues discussed at the meeting included a proposal for the establishment of a regional post-harvest facility which would improve the Island nations' ability to produce and market high value fish products both within the region and overseas through practical training in fish handling and processing and applied research; coastal zone management and its relevance to fisheries development; several new fisheries training initiatives; a report on the activities of the Pacific Islands Marine Resources Information Service (PIMRIS) and, in response to growing demand in the region for recognizing and promoting the role that Pacific Island women play in fisheries, and a proposal that would create a specific SPC program to answer this need.

## Bussanich leaves Embassy for Peace Corps

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A long time employee of the FSM Embassy to the United States and the FSM National Government Tom Bussanich has accepted a budgetary position with the U.S. Peace Corps leaving his post as Coordinator of Federal Programs and Technical Assistance with the FSM Embassy in Washington, D.C. vacated by August 10 this year, according to a release from the FSM Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Ambassador Jesse B. Marehalau said that Bussanich's decision to leave his position with the Embassy was a great loss to both the FSM National Government and himself (Marehalau) personally.

"There is no doubt that Tom will be fondly remembered in Micronesia for his unswerving dedication to helping us at a crucial time in our history and his intense interest in making certain that the Federated States had both the economic and the political tools to make our new nation a success in the future," Marehalau said.

He added, "Over the years, we have been fortunate to have many expatriate Americans who work extremely hard for the FSM. Tom is one of the most effective members of this group of Americans. He could not have served us more effectively if he were a citizen of our country."

Commenting on why he is leaving, Bussanich stated that, "There comes a time when we must look at where we have been and where we are headed in life. My new position at the Peace Corps offers exciting new challenges which come at the right time in my professional career. I want my many friends in the FSM to know that while I will be working at the Peace Corps, my heart and best wishes will always remain with the people of the Federated States and my friend Ambassador Jesse Marehalau."

Among Bussanich's achievements for the FSM include increasing the level of U.S. assistance by over \$800,000 annually through a careful monitoring of (See BUSSANICH, Page 8)



# SPC Headquarters to remain in New Caledonia

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NOUMEA, New Caledonia (FSMINFORMATION SERVICE) - South Pacific Commission (SPC) headquarters should remain in Noumea, New Caledonia, according to a Sub-Committee convened to make recommendations on rebuilding of accommodation for the oldest and largest regional organization in the Pacific Island, according to a release from SPC.

The SPC Headquarters Sub-Committee held its second meeting in Suva, Fiji, August 13-17 this year and made formal recommendations on reconstruction of SPC Headquarters, currently sited at Anse Vata in Noumea, New Caledonia.

The Sub-Committee, which was appointed by the 13th Meeting of the Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (CRGA) in May this year, was mandated to explore all possible options for reconstruction of SPC Headquarters, including rebuilding on the present site, different site in Noumea, and in another country.

The Sub-Committee was chaired by High Talking Chief I.S. Mulitauaopele of American Samoa, and consisted of representatives of American Samoa, Australia, FSM, Fiji, France, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea, together with the SPC Secretariat. French Polynesia was represented by an observer.

The first meeting of the South Pacific Commission Headquarters Sub-Committee was held at SPC headquarters in Noumea, in July this year.

For its second meeting held at the headquarters of the Forum Secretariat in Suva, Fiji, SPC was accorded a traditional welcome by the Government of Fiji. "The ceremony," said the Chairman, "was a personification of the Pacific Island Way, and made us all feel truly welcome in Fiji," adding that the occasion was historic, for this was the first SPC meeting ever to be held at the headquarters of its sister organization, the Forum Secretariat.

During its second meeting, the Sub-Committee considered and discussed the needs of the Secretariat for both

office and residential accommodation. It also agreed on an indicative budget for reconstruction.

In considering the first option (rebuilding on the existing site) the Sub-Committee noted that the existing site is the subject of an international treaty between the Republic of France and the South Pacific Commission which provides for the organization to remain on the site as long as it so wishes. The site is in a prime location fully appropriate to the status of this important regional body.

Under the second option, the Sub-Committee received offers from the Municipality of Noumea relating to two sites, known as "Ouen Toro" and "Receiving."

In relation to the third option, the Sub-Committee received additional information on an offer by the Government of French Polynesia to host SPC headquarters. This offer is contingent upon a decision being made not to rebuild in Noumea.

For comparative purposes only, the Sub-Committee also studied information on building costs in Fiji. The Government of Fiji has not made any

proposal for reconstruction of SPC headquarters, and has no intention of doing so unless it receives a request from SPC's overall membership.

During this meeting, the Sub-Committee heard a presentation by Perfect Responsible for Economic Development and Regional Co-operation in New Caledonia Mr. Jacques Iekawe on the financial package which French and the New Caledonian authorities are considering in relation to their contribution towards the costs of reconstructing SPC headquarters.

The Sub-Committee drew the attention of the SPC membership to the current high operational costs.

The Sub-Committee recommended that all members of the SPC should be in a position to indicate the extent of their financial contribution to the rebuilding project at the 13th meeting of CRGA.

The Sub-Committee's report will be submitted to the 13th meeting of CRGA which will be held in Noumea during the last week of October. A final decision of the matter is expected to be made at the 13th South Pacific Conference which will take place immediately after the CRGA meeting.



**GROUND-BREAKING FOR THE NEW CCM CAMPUS** - Breaking the ground of the new Community College of Micronesia campus in Palikir, from left to right: Chuuk State Chief Justice Soukichi Fritz; Second Secretary Mary C. Shoemaker, U.S. Embassy in Pohnpei; Nanmwarki of Sokehs Ioanis Artui; Governor Resio S. Moses; FSM Congress Senator Peter Christian; Board of Regents Anson Sigrah, FSM Congress Senator Dohsis Halbert, President John R. Haglelgam, Rector, COM Board Damian Sohl, Land Entity Board Chairman Nikondro Johnny, Vice Speaker Joanes Edmund, FSM National Planner John Mangefel, Pastor Edmund Kalau, Post Master General Bethwel Henry, and COM Chancellor Singeru Singeo.

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Compact grants, the Ambassador stated, crediting Bussanich with a vital role in persuading the U.S. Congress to increase assistance to the education systems in the islands.

Bussanich began working for the former Washington Liaison Office in 1986. Three years before that, he was the FSM Congress Budget Officer and also served as Acting Director of Administrative Services and a Financial Management Consultant for Yap State Government for a year.

He first came to Micronesia as a Peace Corps Volunteer where he served in Chuuk State on organizational matters for two years. Bussanich received several resolutions of commendations from the FSM Congress for his years of service to the nation.

## 6% more on life insurance

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - It was the decision of the Micronesian Executive Insurance Board during its July meeting in Guam to award the Group Life Insurance Policy Carriership to the Individual Assurance Company for Fiscal Year 1991," according to a memorandum from FSM Administrative Services Director Kohne Ramon dated July 30.

During the past eight years, the Individual Assurance Company has been the awardee for the FSM and CNMI Governments Group Life Insurance Policy in which the premium rate has remained at 28 cents per \$1,000 of

coverage. Two years ago the benefits were increased to two times the annual salary with no rate change. During this period of time the loss ratio experienced requires an increase of biweekly premium of 6 cents \$1,00 of coverage.

Effective October 1, 1990 the bi-weekly premium rate for group life insurance will be increased from 28 cents per \$1,000 to 34 cents per \$1,000 coverage.

The following will be the employee and employers' contribution biweekly:

At present, premium rate at 28 cents per \$1,000 of coverage will be by October 1, 1990, 34 cents per \$1,000 of coverage. Present government rate at 18 cents per \$1,000 and employee rate at 10 cents per \$1,000 will by October 1, 1990 be 22 cents rate per \$1,000 for government and employee rate will be at 12 cents per \$1,000.

If further clarification is needed, please contact Administrative Services at the National Government at Palikir, Pohnpei.

# PUBLIC NOTICE

The U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service on Guam and in the U.S., is ready to provide identity cards for Micronesian citizens wishing to work on Guam or Saipan, or in the United States (Hawaii or the mainland), according to a public notice from the U.S. Embassy here.

These cards will prove to an employer that you are legally qualified to hold a job.

If you want to work in the U.S., or on Guam or Saipan, you should contact the immigration officials when you arrive to obtain an application form for one of these employment authorization cards.

The current immigration laws and regulations permit FSM citizens to work in the United States if you are an FSM Citizen. You do not need to request that employment authorization be granted to you, but you do need to request an identity document to show that you are able to work in the United States. No fee will be required for your original card.

If you lose your first card and need a replacement the fee will be required to process your request.

Applications for the employment authorization will be accepted in Guam Beginning August 13.

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