

Pohnpei Airport runway will be closed for repairs

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The airport runway in the state of Pohnpei will be closed February 11 to the 22nd this year to complete necessary repairs, according to a memorandum by Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses.

The closing of the runway will preclude Continental Air

Micronesia planes from landing on Pohnpei, but Pacific Missionary Aviation (PMA) planes and other companies or pilots with smaller airplanes will be able to continue to use the shortened airstrip during the time of repair.

The repair is a \$1.5 Million Maintenance Project, according to Pohnpei State Sea and

Air Transportation Division Chief Shem Jimmy.

Pohnpei International Airport was constructed in 1969 with hydraulic coral fill by Trans Asia Construction Company and was up-graded in 1987 for protection of embankment deterioration and erosion.

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Tun starts 2nd term, Siba takes office

COLONIA, Yap (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The inaugurations for Yap and Kosrae States were held individually on January 14 in each of the two states.

The ceremony, inaugurating Governor Tun, Lt. Governor Anthony Tawerilmang and the third Yap State Legislature in the legislature compound, was attended by FSM President John R. Haglelgam, Speaker Jack Fritz, Patrick Mackenzie representing FSM Judicial Branch, Bailey Oltter representing Pohnpei State Governor, representatives from the four states, territory of Guam, Republics of Palau and the Philippines, and other dignitaries and

officials.

The program was opened with the introduction, welcoming, and escorting of guests to the stage with leis.

Following the raising of colors and invocation by Fr. Cuthbert Yiftheg, the actual program began.

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SWEARING-IN - Chief Justice Harry H. Skilling is administering the oath of office to the Governor Thurston Siba with Mrs. Norma Siba holding the Bible.

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The repair to begin on the 11th of February is for a 75,000 square feet depression at the North East side of the Air Strip. The seawall, north of the settlement will also be reconstruct by cutting back, sloping and stabilizing rock revetments. The project will also redo the surface cracking of the pavement at the west end of the runway, Jimmy said.

The project is expected to be completed by February 22nd of this year based on best estimates, but it will also depends on the weather and other unpredictable circumstances.

Those who will be constructing the runway including the Pohnpei Transportation Authority; Division of Construction Management of the Pohnpei State Office of Budget, Planning and Statistics; and the Civic Action Team (CAT) 90-03.

Jet services to Pohnpei International Airport is prohibited by Federal Aviation Agency (FAA) regulations at the time of repairment.

PMA will fly to Kosrae Tuesday to Friday a week during the repairs to meet the connecting flights with Air Micronesia, and PMA flights to Chuuk can be charter through Village Travel Agency. The flights to Kosrae also depends on if there are passengers and mails for Kosrae and Pohnpei.



NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY - Posing for a group photo are from left to right: FSM First Lady Paula Haglegam, U.S. Ambassador to the FSM Aurelia Brazeal, and FSM President John R. Haglegam during a party held at the Ambassador's residence New Year's Eve. Many came to celebrate, including officials and friends.

2nd time antibody to HIV found in FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - One specimen was reported November 12, 1990, as positive on both screening test (SERODIA-HIV/Particle Agglutination* Test and HIV-Check) for detecting the presence of antibody to HIV (AIDS virus) at our medical laboratory, according to a release from the FSM Department of Human Resources..

The specimen was then referred for confirmation on the Western blot at the National Retrovirus Reference Laboratory, Fairfield Hospital, Australia, on December 22nd, 1990. Not until December 28, 1990 was the FM/P-0600 confirmed positive.

This is the second time presence of antibody to HIV has been detected amongst residents in FSM. The last reporting was in November 1989.

For the fact that the screening tests were performed in the FSM,

and that assistance was sought through the Department of Human Resources for confirmatory testing with a reference laboratory abroad this case has to be reported since AIDS is both notifiable and reportable, especially to health officials. However, the public, on the other hand is entitled to know whether there is HIV infection within the community. Although we cannot confirm if there are other infected individuals in the community, is likely that there are, due to frequent travel of FSM nationals to and from Hawaii, the U.S.A, Australia and Guam which have reported many AIDS cases.

The modes of HIV transmission that have been documented include: sexual intercourse; injection or transfusion of HIV infected blood or blood products, or semen/tissue/organs; and from an HIV-infected woman to her

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fetus or infant (prenatal transmission). Socio-behavioral factors are of paramount importance in HIV transmission.

Rates of transmission of HIV from exposure to an infected source vary greatly according to the type of exposure. Transmission rates are highest (90 percent) through transfusion of HIV-contaminated blood. With respect to sexual intercourse, transmission rate per single contact may vary from 1/100 to 1/1000, but the presence of possible "co-factors" such as other sexually transmitted diseases may greatly increase the transmission rate. However, it is estimated that 75 percent of all HIV transmission is sexual. Reported rates vary from 20 to 65 percent in mother to fetus/infant transmission, although this is likely to be higher in the advanced stage of maternal infection.

The risk of sexual transmission of HIV infection is dependent on the choice of sex partners and the type(s) of sexual contact. It was emphasized that it is the activity that is "risky," and not necessarily the fact that an individual belongs to an identified group.

In Asia and the Pacific, the overall prevalence of HIV/AIDS continues to be low in most countries. In the early stages of the epidemic, as in Asia and Pacific, while few cases have been reported, there may be several hundred times as many HIV-infected individuals, most of whom are likely to develop AIDS. There has been a marked spread among

intravenous-drug users in South-East Asia, starting in early 1988. There has also been an increase in HIV infection in female prostitutes.

It has been recognized that the prevention and control of AIDS cannot be left to health personnel alone. In view of the fact that there is no cure or vaccine for AIDS at the moment, the only measure to prevent AIDS is through information and education leading to responsible and health conscious behavior.

Thus, in the prevention and control of the HIV/AIDS pandemic in the 1990's, education leading to sustained reduction in risk behaviors will continue to be very important. Along with

education for risk reduction education aiming to dispell myths from facts is also extremely important in order to prevent unnecessary fear and discrimination to HIV infected individuals and their families. Remember this, we are not fighting against people with AIDS, but AIDS as a disease in terms of further viral infection. Throughout the FSM, should anyone need further information concerning HIV/AIDS, please contact your State AIDS coordinators, at the State Department of Health Services. A reminder: AIDS should not prevent travelling to any part of the world, but do not come home with AIDS.

A letter to Ambassador Nakayama

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The following is the content of a letter dated November 18, 1990, to FSM Ambassador to Japan Masao Nakayama from a Japanese person who had visited Pohnpei.

Dear Mr. Nakayama,

I was very surprised to find you in the evening edition of the Asahi yesterday. You said in it, "I would like Japanese young people to visit Micronesia and live there for a while." You know, my friends and I did just so this September. What a wonderful experience that was!

We stayed in Pohnpei for 13 days and I was so much moved by the warmth of the people there. To give an example, the Vice-President Ismael took the trouble to invite us to his house and we could really have a good time with his family. Besides, he was kind to take us to Palikir and show the assembly hall and so on.

And what was even lucky, we could go to Kitti and stay in Nanmwarki's house! I am sure it was the most significant experience that I had ever had to live with the natives in the traditional-style village. It was only four days, but their kindness and warmth deeply impressed me. So now, I am telling my friends in Japan how nice Micronesia is. They seem more interested in it than ever.

Well, I thank you to have meet us before we went to Pohnpei. If it had not been for the meeting, we could not have enjoyed our trip, with such a relief, in advance. Thank you so much again.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely

/s/ Noriko Fujiwara

4 Tun said he will find a way to increase revenue and Siba

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MEMBERS OF KOSRAE LEGISLATURE - Posing for a group photo are the members of the 5th Kosrae Legislature. From left to right, front row: Renster P. Andrew, Hiteo Shrew, and Speaker Asher P. Asher. 2nd row: James R. Palsis, Palikkun M. Shrew, William O. Tosie, Josaiah H. Saimon, and Gaius F. Nedlic. Back row: Albert Welly, Kiyus Jackson, Alex P. Phillip, Tadasy A. Sigrah, Paterson Benjamin.

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Haglelgam in his remarks expressed his desire to promote economic development, but added that without the cooperation of both traditional and governmental leaders, less may be accomplished.

Governor Tun in his inaugural address thanked the people of Yap and expressed his greetings to them. In addition he said, "My second term in this office is an expression of support from the people," adding, that he will try every effort to develop cooperation to local governments, "our sister state governments and the national government." He said that he will also find a way to increase revenue and reduce financial dependencies on other governments.

Yap State Legislature Speaker Joseph Ayin thanked the people for their continued support and said, "we will do our best to serve the people of Yap," adding that

he believes in a joint effort by the various states in the FSM.

After the benediction, luncheon was provided for everyone who attended the inauguration, a dance was performed by dancers from Map Municipality, and a reception was held in the evening.

A trip was taken to Gachpar, Gagil Municipality as part of the inauguration ceremony, where a dance was performed by several girls from Gagil whose performance led some of the guests to participate in the dance.

TOFOL, Kosrae (FSMINFORMATION SERVICE) - The state of Kosrae also inaugurated January 14, the new Governor of Kosrae Thurston Siba, former Speaker of the Kosrae State Legislature until elected governor and new Lt. Governor Lyndon P. Abraham, and members of the 5th Kosrae State Legislature who were elected in the November 6th General Election.

The inauguration began at about 10:00 a.m. with the introduction of guests by Master of Ceremony Rensley A. Sigrah.

Guests included the Vice President Hirosi H. Ismael, Vice Speaker Claude Phillip, and Senator Jacob Nena, President of the Republic of Nauru Bernard Dowiyogo, U.S. Ambassador to the FSM Aurelia E. Brazeal, Governor Resio S. Moses, Soukisoanloang of Kitti, Nahnmwarki of Kitti Penito Peter, Nahnmwarki Ioanis Artui of Sokehs. There were also representatives from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, the Territory of Guam, and the four states of the FSM and the National Government.

Siba in his inaugural address expressed congratulations for a job well done to former Governor Yosiwo George and his administration during the past eight years in office. Siba focused mostly on economic development and the desire of the people of

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ISMAEL SPEAKING - Vice President Hirosi H. Ismael at the podium is speaking at the Inauguration Ceremonies in Kosrae, calling upon the People of Kosrae to join in hands with the new administration.

a focused on economic development



GOVERNOR SIBA - Governor Thurston Siba is delivering his inaugural speech. On his left sitting from left to right are Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, Mrs. Ismael, U.S. Ambassador to the FSM Aurella Brazeal, and CNMI Lt. Governor Benjamin Manglona.

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Kosrae as to how they can achieve the necessary infrastructure in order to make a much better Kosrae for future generations.

Speaker Asher Asher also supported the same theme but he added that the administration alone cannot proceed smoothly toward that goal without the assistance and cooperation of the Legislature and the people of Kosrae. After all, it is the people of Kosrae themselves who know what they want now and for their children, said Asher.

The FSM Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael emphasizes the goals and objectives of the new administration which are beneficial to the people and to the future generations of Kosrae are among the challenging responsibilities of the new leaders. The FSM National Government welcomes and accepts needs from the New Administration, he said, concluding that our Nation gets its strength through the cooperation and supports from the people and therefore called upon the people of Kosrae to join in hands with

the new administration.

Former Governor Yosiwo George welcomed all of the people including dignitaries, guests from FSM and from the neighboring countries and the people of Kosrae present at the Inauguration Ceremony. He called on the people of Kosrae to take seriously the memorable occasion to which inauguration of the new state leaders took place. He expressed his gratefulness for the support, cooperation among other good things that help brought his previous administration to success. He promised continuous help to the new administration.

Siba and Abraham took their oath of office from the Kosrae Chief Justice Harry H. Skilling and an Associate Justice of the Kosrae State Court in the Kosrae auditorium where the inauguration ceremonies were held.

The new Speaker of the 5th Kosrae State Legislature Asher P. Asher, and the Legislature members took their oaths in the legislative chamber shortly after the ceremonies.

Copra price down 3 cents

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Board of Directors of FSM Coconut Development Authority has approved a reduction of copra price from the present 10 cents per pound to seven cents per pound, effective February 4 this year, according to a letter from the chairman of the Board Marcelino Actouka to FSM President John R. Haglelgam.

Grade I: seven cents per pound, \$140 per short ton; grade II: 6.5 cents per pound, \$130 per short ton; and grade III: six cents per pound, \$120 per short ton.

The decision was taken after a careful evaluation of the funds available including the subsidy provided for Fiscal Year 1991. The reasons for the Board's decision in reducing the purchase price are insufficient funds available to maintain the current copra price, increased in copra production due to price incentives paid by the States and the continued unstable international prices of copra. This is a temporary measure to prolong the usage of our remaining fund and to continue our operation of copra purchase until further funding can be made available.

6 Noket joins AG office

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) The former Directing Attorney for the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) Office in Chuuk State Camillo Noket has joined the Attorney General's Division of International Law mid-November 1990 as Assistant Attorney General, a sole FSM citizen attorney in that office.

The Division of International Law provides legal advise to the President, the Department of External Affairs, Micronesian Maritime Authority



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(MMA) and other governmental agencies on matters relating to foreign countries, international organizations, and negotiations involving the FSM Government. Noket will be working closely with Harold (Hal) M. White, Jr., Esq., Chief, Division of International Law.

Noket was licensed to practice law as an attorney in the FSM Supreme Court, the Chuuk State Court and the

Trust Territory High Court. He took in August of 1986 and became the first Micronesian to pass the FSM Bar Examination without graduating from Law School.

Noket held the post of Directing Attorney for the MLSC in Chuuk State from 1986 until his appointment. From 1980 to 1986 he served as Legal Counselor in the Chuuk Office of the MLSC; Manager, Truk Ferro Cement Boat Building Program from 1976 to 1980; Manager of Truk Fishing Cooperative from 1967 to 1976.

Noket's political and professional career included serving as one of the Chuuk State's Delegate to the 1990 FSM Constitutional Convention; Delegate to the Chuuk State Constitutional Convention in 1987; one of the authors of the Chuuk State Charter; served in the Truk State Legislature from 1968 to 1970.

Traditionally, Noket is the chief of Iras Village on Weno, formerly Moen, Chuuk State.

Noket attended the University of Guam following his graduation from Xavier High School in Truk. He attended numerous legal training programs in the United States, Saipan, Guam, the Republic of Palau and the FSM, thus has acquired extensive legal experience.

Noket is married to the former Anna Nakamura, they have sever. sons and one daughter.

Pretrick & Siren attended ESCAP

BANGKOK, Thailand (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Secretary of the Department of Human Resources Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick and Manager of Environmental Health Branch, Division of Health, Nachsa Siren represented FSM to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in Bangkok.

The Conference which aimed at environmental protection in the Asia-Pacific region was attended by Government leaders of ESCAP representing more than half of the global population: Afghanistan, Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Fiji, France, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom, United States of America, Vanuatu, Veit Nam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, observers representing Brazil, Canada, Chile, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Finland, Israel, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey; specialized agencies; inter-governmental organizations and United Nation bodies, according to Dr. Pretrick.

ESCAP endorsed the Ministerial Declaration which will be presented in the summer of 1992 to the upcoming Conference of the United Nation Development Program (UNDP) in Brazil and reiterated its

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concerns on environmental protection as an integral part in the development process closely interrelated with poverty, human health, and population pressure.

The ESCAP identified sustainable development within the sound environment needed to be protected from watershed degradations, the depletions of natural resources and ozone layer, forest destruction, soil erosion, waterlogged, flooding, destruction of mangroves, corals, loss of biological diversity, pollution of air and water, the potential rise in sea level or other expected impact of climate change associated with the emission of the green house gases.

In addition, ESCAP recognized the urgent need to intensify, protect and improve the quality of the environment and the economic growth in most of the developing countries which lacking the necessary financial, other resources and technologies: diverse economic conditions, varying technologies, financial and other capabilities directed towards environmentally sound and sustainable development for effective participation in the environmental protection at national, sub-regional and global levels. The Conference placed special attention toward all government donors and agencies to strengthen the regional co-operation by putting together efforts and contribution with the adequate resources so that actions relative to the achievement of environmentally sound and sustainable development identified can be implemented in the Asia-Pacific Regions.

The Bangkok Conference believed that the policies of environmental protection must be based on the precautionary principle; all economic and social developmental activities should be compromised within developing countries to achieve sustainable development for the present and the future generations as well.

ESCAP also emphasized the need for all countries and relevant international agencies to intensify their efforts and cooperation to support and assist the developing countries.

The Ministers of the ESCAP during the Conference recalled the resolutions from the U. N. Economic and Social Commissions for Asia and the Pacific, the U. N. Development Program Governing Council decision during the 38th ESCAP Meeting and the U. N. General Assembly proposing the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992 and noted their importance accorded to the regional inputs to that Conference.

ESCAP recommended the U.N. initiatives, non-governmental organization (NGO) and community groups which seek to assist media by targeting to provide assistance to the poor to take the lead in strengthening environment related and management activities and promote public awareness toward the participations of environmental protection activities.

ESCAP further affirmed that the sustainable pattern of production and consumption particularly in the industrialized countries is the major cause to the deterioration of the global environment. The responsibility

for containing, reducing and eliminating the damage to the environment must be borne in relation to the damage, in accordance with respective capabilities and responsibilities from the countries polluting the environment.

To maintain the proper balance between economic development, population growth, the rational use of natural resources, ESCAP recommended the countries of the Asia-Pacific region to have the sovereign right to exploit their own resources pursuant to their social, economic and environmental policies, ensuring the activities within their jurisdiction and the areas beyond the limits to take part in protecting the environment, Dr. Pretrick concluded.

ANNOUNCEMENT

PALIKIR, Pohnpel (FSMINFORMATION SERVICE) - The Weather Service Office in Pohnpel is announcing to all telephone subscribers that effective as of February 1st this year at 7:00 O'clock in the morning current weather forecast and severe or storm warning automatic telephone devices can be directly dialed to these following telephone numbers; Telephone number 320-5788 for English language weather forecast, telephone number 3205789 for Pohnpelian language weather forecast, according to a memorandum from the Office In Charge at the Weather Service Office here Akira J. Suzuki.

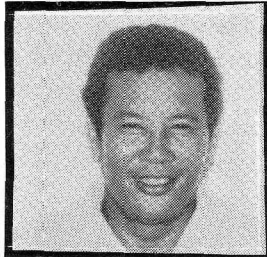
Day light daily forecast begins at 0700 morning hour and night time forecast will begin at 0700 at night. Updates will be interrupted at anytime when warning will be in effect for Pohnpel and nearby islands.

88 Kosrae and Yap States mourn for Isisaki and Kigimnang

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LELU, Kosrae (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Kosrae State Legislature in its 12th Special Session in January this year adopted a resolution expressing deep sorrow for the untimely passing of Isisaki and conveying its sincerest condolences to his family. Senator-Elect Kasuo Isisaki of Lelu, Kosrae State suffered a sudden heart failure and died January 10 this year.

The resolution also said that the passing of Senator Isisaki cut short a life of public service to not only his fellow Kosraeans, but also to the citizens of the FSM and to all Micronesians.



Isisaki

Isisaki, 49, won reelection to the 5th Kosrae State Legislature, November last year, "but was taken from us before Kosrae could receive the benefits of his valuable service as a member of the body, and the Legislature mourns the loss not only to Senator Isisaki's wisdom and judgement, but his company, his concern for Kosrae and his unflinching good nature," the resolution stated.

In the 4th Kosrae State Legislature, he served as a member of the Committee on Finance, Budget and

Development for two years and as a member of the Committee on Health.

Isisaki was a member of the Committee on Government Services and Municipalities in the Third Kosrae State Legislature.

Among his many achievements, Senator Isisaki was a representative to the Congress of Micronesia, and served at the Congress of Micronesia, Senator Isisaki became the Tourism Officer for the FSM in 1980 and served in that position for two years before coming back to Kosrae as the State Energy Planner.

Isisaki who was born June 8, 1941 attended secondary school of Pacific Islands Central Schools in Pohnpei and went to attend Guam Trade and Technical School.

Late Senator Isisaki is survived by his mother Hattie Asu and his wife Emily and their eight children.

In another related activity, Vice Speaker of the Yap State Legislature Mike Kigimnang died from Pneumonia at the Yap Memorial Hospital, December 18 last year, a day after his 61st birthday. Kigimnang felt ill on his way to what was the last day of session for the Second Yap State Legislature.

Kigimnang who was born December 18, 1930 began his government service in 1951.

During his tenure as a Senator, Beginning in 1979, Kigimnang served as a member of the Finance Committee, Chairman of the Committee on the Whole and Vice Chairman for the Government Appoint-

ment Committee.

Kigimnang did not seek re-election in the October 6 General Election.

A State formal funeral was held December 20 at the Legislature with his family members, friends, members of the Yap State Legislature, governor's cabinet members and other officials in attendance.

Following the the State funeral, the Yap State Police Force escorted the body to Tomil Municipality where the burial was held the 22nd of December.

Kigimnang is survived by his wife and five children.

Parking of FSM vehicles

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The following is the full text of a memorandum on parking of vehicles, by the Director, Administrative Services Kohne Ramon.

"This is to advise all concern that it has been the express policy of this government that all vehicles, government or private, must be parked only in the designated parking lots at the capitol facilities. This include any kind of vehicles including motor bikes.

"Some employees are seen parking on the walkways and not in the parking lots. The purpose of this memo is to request everyone's cooperations in the utilization of the designated parking lots. Compliance to this memo will assist in our efforts to avoid our employees from possible accidents and maintain the beauty and cleanliness of inside and outside of the buildings.

The Maintenance and DSI Offices will assist you if necessary."

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