

FSM selects HMSA to administer services for patients requiring medical treatment in Hawaii

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) was selected by the Federated States of Micronesia to administer services for Micronesian citizens requiring medical treatment in Hawaii, according to the Office of Administrative Services (OAS).

The one-year contract took effect on August 15, 1994. It was signed by

Kohne Ramon, Director of the Office of Administrative Services for the FSM and Don Keliinoi, Vice President for Marketing of HMSA.

The contract allows patients from Micronesia to receive medical services, upon referral, to Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu Medical Group and Straub Clinic and Hospital, while HMSA pays these providers directly and obtains

reimbursement from the FSM, which collects payments and any deductibles from the patient.

The FSM representatives praised HMSA's experience and success with keeping the costs of services low and it's well managed the care program as a major factor in selecting it as referral administrator.

Participants in the program include Pohnpei, Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap.



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Ambassador of Germany presents credentials to President Olter

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The diplomatic relations between the Gov't. of the FSM and the Federal Republic of Germany were solidified when FSM President, on Aug. 12, 1994, accepted the credentials of Germany's Ambassador to the FSM

In presenting his credentials, Dr. Karl-Friedrich Gansauer, in his statement, expressed his appreciations for his acceptance as his country's first Ambassador to the FSM, adding that the two countries have had long relations dating back to the 19th. century when German administrators, businessman and missionaries came to Micronesia, settled, worked and married and had children of German descent. Gansauer noted that a German church and cemetery in Kolonia attest to the historic ties between the two countries.

The changes taking place in the world today have contributed to the establishment of diplomatic relations between the FSM and the Federal Republic of

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GERMAN ENVOY PRESENTS CREDENTIALS - Federal Republic of Germany Ambassador to the FSM Dr. Karl-Friedrich Gansauer presents his letter of credentials to President Baily Olter in a brief ceremony held in the Cabinet Room, August 12, 1994, in the presence of the cabinet members and officials from the National and State Governments. From left to right, sitting: Acting Chief Justice Andon Amariach, and Vice President Jacob Nena. Standing: President Olter, Ambassador Dr. Gansauer, and Epel Ilon in the back partially hidden.



MENTAL HEALTH COUNCIL MET - The FSM Mental Health and Substance Abuse Council met, August 25-27, 1994, in Palikir, Pohnpei. Over 30 delegates discussed programs and future plans for the states' Mental Health and Substance Abuse program in 1995. A seminar was given by Mercy International Health Services presenters, Dennis Berling and Jennifer Ratliff, from the State of Michigan, U.S.A. Various disciplines were represented at the meeting. A physician, several nurses, social workers, five ministers, one mayor, policemen, substance abuse counselors and administrators attended the very active and productive meeting. The next meeting of the Council is planned for April 1995. Left to Right, front row: Melsiher Artui, Anna Hall, Morehna Kettin, Akiko Nena, Sizue Yoma, Moris Buchun, and Robert Yangerluo. 2nd row: Inda Maidy, Bernard Billimon, Dolpe Jack, Rina Alex, and Jacob Esah. 3rd row: Joshua Phillip, Robert George, and Rosa Tacheliol, President. Last row: Rev. Kun Caleb, Johnson Asher, Dr. Annette Zimmern, Jennifer Ratliff, Elter John, Sigfried Rain, John Ernest, Dennis Berling, Sinchy Phillip and Gregory Gatmer.

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Germany, including the United Nations role in peace and security. "Germany is grateful for the FSM's support for its candidature for a non-permanent Security Council seat for the period 1995 to 1996," he stated.

The Ambassador said that Germany is aware of problems facing the world today including environmental protection and climate change. In this connection, Germany is promoting environmental protection all over the world, including specifically problems of small island states, as evidenced by German Federal Minister of Environment, Professor Toepfer's participation in the Barbados Conference on Sustainable Development of Small Island States. Professor Toepfer's has just been elected chairman of the UN-Commission for Sustainable Development. A close working relationship between the two countries is expected.

Ambassador Gansauer closed his statement by conveying greetings from the President of the Federal Republic of Germany to President Olter and the people of the FSM.

In response, FSM President Bailey Olter welcomed the Ambassador and reassured him that the FSM desires a close working relationship between the

two countries in order to advance mutual interests, adding that the relationship will thrive not only because of shared values, but from historical background as well which dated back to the 19th century. "Tangible imprints of the German legacy can be found in our people and on our landscape," President Olter said.

Turning to the diplomatic relations which were established over two years ago, President Olter drew attention to worldwide issues shared by the two countries such as the environment degradation, climate change and sustainable development. In this connection, the FSM supported the election of Minister of Environment, Dr. Klaus Toepfer, to Chair the UN Commission on Sustainable Development. The President expressed gratitude of the FSM and its people for the establishment of relation between FSM and the Federal Republic of Germany and at the same time requested Ambassador Gansauer to convey his greetings and greetings from the people of the FSM to Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the people of the Federal Republic.

As Ambassador of his country to the FSM, he will be FSM's contact person on issues affecting the two countries. He resides in Manila.

Olter addresses Convention on 2nd Pacific Basin Association of Conservation District

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter in welcoming the participants of the 2nd Annual Convention of the Pacific Basin Association of Conservation District, August 12, this year, told the participants that the theme "Sustainable Island Resource Management," selected for the convention is appropriate and fitting, "... as we try to develop our small islands in a sustainable way. It is similar in tone with 'Managing our Resources,' a theme of the recently concluded 25th Forum."

The President said, "The future of our islands depend on our ability to manage our God-given resources, limited as they may be, to sustain current and future demands of our growing populations." He added, "... the idea of conservation has been part of the cultures, deeply embedded in our traditional practices."

"But the changing world of ours," he stated, "requires new concepts and practices with emphasis on stewardship of the environment and partnerships in implementation of new methods. He emphasized the need for sharing of ideas, improving practices and pooling of resources. "This," he said, "is evident in the representations of various groups at the convention."

The conference focused on Sustainable Island Resource Management in order to ensure health, productivity, and prosperity in the future. Emphasis was placed on conservation of resources due to the fragile and limited resources available today to island states. Discussions addressed a wide range of sustainable resource management related topics aimed at laying the foundation of potential long term policy in this area.

The three-day conference brought together environmentalists, developers, conservationists, politicians and government officials from the FSM, the U.S. and its territories of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.

Resolutions were adopted by the Conference at its conclusion for further review and actions by participants' respective government entities.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Yap

Beginning Oct. 1, 1994, the FSM Government is offering

47,000 shares of
Bank of the FSM stock
\$10.-per share

to the people of Yap. After Sept. 30, 1995, all unsold shares will be commingled with those reserved for other States and made available to all FSM citizens. For information and purchase, please contact your local Finance Representative Office at 350-3409.

Rofen ni Oct. 1, 1994, ma Am nu FSM e tababi og nag 47,00 yange ser ko salpiy ko

Bank nu FSM
ni \$10.- bange ser.

Pi ser ney e yibe og nag ngak e girdii nu Waab. Marani tomurene Sept. 30, 1995, ma gubine ser nira aw ni da'an ni chuwi'iy ma' arame ngan puthuy ko tin ba'aramer ser nikan tay nifen boche States nu FSM nge yog nipi' ni chuway' ngak e girdii nu FSM. Tin kabay ni gomange gaba'adag ni ngam nangu marnaga'agen ara rogoni chuwi'ye pi ser ney, ma wenig ngom muguy owchene FSM Finance Representative Office u royu Waab ara mu telephone nage 350-3409.

Pohnpei

Beginning Oct. 1, 1994, the FSM Government is offering

91,000 shares of
Bank of the FSM stock
\$10.-per share

to the people of Pohnpei. After Sept. 30, 1995, all unsold shares will be commingled with those reserved for other States and made available to all FSM citizens. For information and purchase, please contact your local Finance Representative Office at 320-2639.

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Kosrae

Beginning Oct. 1, 1994, the FSM Government is offering

41,000 shares of
Bank of the FSM stock
\$10.-per share

to the people of Kosrae. After Sept. 30, 1995, all unsold shares will be commingled with those reserved for other States and made available to all FSM citizens. For information and purchase, please contact your local Finance Representative Office at 370-3347.

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Chuuk

Beginning Oct. 1, 1994, the FSM Government is offering

121,000 shares of
Bank of the FSM stock
\$10.-per share

to the people of Chuuk. After Sept. 30, 1995, all unsold shares will be commingled with those reserved for other States and made available to all FSM citizens. For information and purchase, please contact your local Finance Representative Office at 330-4544.

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4 ***A video tape and books donated to College of Micronesia-FSM***

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - U.S. Ambassador to the FSM March Fong Eu, accompanied by Political and Economic Officer Stuart Brown, visited COM-FSM Aug. 3, 1994. They were met by COM-FSM President Susan Moses and were given a tour of the facility and an overview of the college's future plans. She presented Moses with a video tape on teaching basics in journalism.

The U.S. Embassy in the FSM on May 4, this year, presented to the College of Micronesia-FSM a collection of books on American Studies, according to a release from the U.S. Embassy.

The presentation was made on behalf of the USIA which earlier donated the 70 books to the Embassy. Receiving the books on behalf of the COM-FSM were Dakio Syne, Director of the COM-FSM Learning Resource Center, and Iris Falcam, COM-FSM and Micronesia Pacific-Research Center Librarian.

Also donated was a multi-media set entitled, "An American Portfolio," The 8-part set of modules was designed for use by secondary school teachers teaching American Studies and English language. The portfolio was also given by USIA.

Charge d' Affaires Donald E. Ahern said he hopes that those involved with teaching and training will find the portfolio materials of use in their classroom preparation.

Israeli Ambassador Shmuel Moyal also donated several books about his country to the COM-FSM Library. The books were presented to COM-FSM President Susan Moses, last June. The Ambassador donated the books while in the FSM to present his credentials as Ambassador of Israel to the FSM to President Bailey Olter.

In other related activity, 56 boxes of donated text books, weighing a total of 3,188 lbs., were turned over to the Director of the Pohnpei Dept. of Educa-

tion Daro Weital, by the President of Pohnpei Human Resources Development Corporation (PHRDC), Peter Lohn, in a ceremony held at the cargo area of the Pohnpei International Airport in early July this year.

The text books were made available to PHRDC by the Kamehameha Schools in Hawaii. The shipment of the books was made possible by Continental Micronesia. The Pohnpeians in Hawaii assisted in the collection and boxing of the books for shipment, said Lohn.

In accepting the books, Director Weital said that the books will be given to the schools on the basis of need. He further thanked the PHRDC for their efforts in making the donation. The Master of Ceremonies was the Secretary of PHRDC Simon Kihleng. Board member Damian Primo also attended the presentation.

PHRDC is a non-profit corporation organized to promote and provide services in the area of human resources.

Two people develop Botulism after eating Mallard's clam chowder

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Dept. of External Affairs has received word from Health Officials in Sacramento, California, that all Lot Code of Mallard's Kettle Fresh California Clam Chowder are being voluntarily recalled by the manufacturer because two people in Placer County developed Botulism poisoning after eating Mallard's Clam Chowder, which they reported had an unusual odor and flavor. The product, which is sold under refrigeration, was improperly stored in a cupboard at room temperature for several weeks prior to heating. The manufacturer said consumers who have purchased the product should not consume it and should return it to the place of purchase.

The recalled product is manufactured by Mallard's Food Products of Modesto, a division of Davis Lay, Inc. It is packaged in plastic bags contained in a paper carton and marketed in the refrigerated section of Grocery Stores. The product is labeled "keep refrigerated," but the product labeling does not warn consumers and retailers that the product is perishable. Refrigeration is necessary to keep the product from spoiling and to prevent illness.

Botulism is a rare but extremely dangerous type of food poisoning that attacks the nerve endings that link the body's nervous system to various

muscles. The poison may have no taste or odor and may not be destroyed by the methods commonly used to heat food at home. Botulism is characterized by blurred vision, speech and breathing difficulty, and progressive paralysis. Without prompt medical treatment, people with Botulism may die. Early symptoms are often mistaken for less serious illness, it is important that anyone experiencing symptoms seek immediate medical treatment.

Clostridium Botulinum Bacteria live within the soil and elsewhere in the

natural environment. Its seed-like spores are normally present in the food we eat. These spores lie dormant and become active only under certain environmental conditions that favor growth and poison production include a relatively high-moisture, low-acid food that lacks oxygen and is stored without refrigeration, above 38 degrees Fahrenheit.

Consumers should be aware that any product labeled, "keep refrigerated," could cause illness if not refrigerated. Any such product not kept refrigerated should be discarded.

Ambassador Chen honors FSM students and athletes

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A dinner reception was hosted by Ambassador and Mrs. Chen Youngcheng in honor of two students from the FSM who are to study in China starting this school year, and for three athletes from FSM who were selected to participate in the Far East and South Pacific Games for the Disabled in Beijing (FESPIC '94) which took place from Sept. 4 to 10, 1994.

The FSM Secretary of Health Services Dr. Eliuel Pretrick, and about thirty people including parents, friends and officials from education and sports attended the reception which was held at the China Restaurant in Kolonia on August 18, 1994.

In a toast, Ambassador Chen extended cordial congratulations to the students and their parents, and a warm welcome to the athletes, their coaches and their relatives who would accompany them to Beijing.

Ambassador Chen thanked the FSM Government, and Secretary Eliuel Pretrick, Secretary Catalino Cantero and other officials concerned in particular, for their close cooperation.

In responding to the toast, Secretary Eliuel Pretrick stated that he appreciated the Chinese Government's generosity to sponsor two students' study in China and to host the FESPIC BEIJING '94. He encouraged the students and the athletes with a lot of fine words.

Official candidates for the Yap State Election this year

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The official candidates for the Yap State Election in November 1994 include Former Yap State Senators Vincent Figir and Mathias Y. Kuor running for Governor and Lt. Governor respectively.

Figir and Kuor are from Maa, Tomil, Yap proper, and Satawal, respectively. Yap's Constitution provides that if the Governor is from Yap proper the Lt. Governor must be from the outer islands. The reverse is also true.

For the Yap Legislature, all 10 seats are up for grab. Six seats will be filled by Yap proper, and four seats filled by the outer islands of Yap. Vying for the six seats in Election District No. 1, on Yap proper are 14 candidates running at-large. The 14 candidates include incumbents Stan D. Kensof, Clement Mulalap, Robert A. Ruecho', Joseph Ayin, and Tony Ganngiyan. The new candidates are John Kadannged, Social

Security Manager, Yap Branch; Samuel C. Giltamag former Manager, Telecom, Yap; John Tharangan, former Yap State Judge; James Mangefel, Health Assistant at FSM Consulate in Guam; Ted Rutun, FSM Ombudsman at Supreme Court in Yap; Alfonso Fanechigi, Yap State Director of Education; Charles S. Chieng, Administrator, FSM Finance Division of Data Processing, National Government; Jesse Choay, Elementary School Teacher; and Luke Tman, former Floor Leader of FSM Congress who held the same position in the House of Representatives of the Congress of Micronesia during the Trust Territory Government period. The six highest vote-getters among the candidates will be the election's winners.

For Election District No. 2, which includes the islands of Ulithi, Fais, Ngulu and Sorol, the candidate is incumbent

Senator Aloysius P. Fong. For Election District No. 3, Woleai Atoll, the candidate is incumbent Senator Mathew J. Haleyaluw. For Election District No. 4, Euripik, Ifalik and Faraulep the candidate is incumbent Senator Santus J. Wichimai. And Election District No. 5, which includes Elato, Lemotrek and Satawal, the candidate is Sabino Sauchomal. Candidate Sauchomal is at present, the FSM Congress Information Officer.

The election in Yap is scheduled for Nov. 8, 1994. The new Governor, Lt. Governor, and State Senators will take office on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of January 1995.

For local elections, no petitions were filed for any of the offices of the Mayor of Rull Municipality or the 10 seats in the three council precincts of North Rull, Milew, and Lik'aychag.

FSM & PNG sign fishing agreement

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A draft agreement for Bilateral Co-operation in the Field of Fisheries was finalized and initialled by FSM Ambassador Alik L. Alik and PNG Secretary of Foreign Affairs Gabriel Dusava, culminating negotiations which were held in Brisbane, Australia, from July 29-30, 1994.

The agreement will give the two parties mutually preferential access to each others Exclusive Fisheries Zones in addition to other sub-regional and regional cooperative arrangements on conservation and development of highly migratory fish stock within, beyond and adjacent to such zones.

The draft agreement also addresses development of the parties' domestic fishing industries including access to shore based facilities for off-loading and transshipment of catch at either party's ports on enhancing employment opportunities for nationals; promotion of technical cooperation, scientific research and training; exchange of information, experts, and observers; and co-operation on fisheries surveillance and law enforcement.

Fishing by fishing vessels of one party in the other's fisheries zone will be conducted in accordance with this agreement and subsidiary agreements between the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Government of Papua New Guinea.



FSM & PNG SIGN FISHING AGREEMENT - FSM and PNG signed a draft Agreement for Bilateral Co-operation in the Field of Fisheries. The Agreement was signed by FSM Ambassador Alik L. Alik and PNG Secretary of Foreign Affairs Gabriel Dusava in Brisbane, Australia, during the South Pacific Forum. Counterclockwise: PNG Secretary of Foreign Affairs Gabriel Dusava, Director-General, Bilateral Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Veali Vagi, MMA Executive Director Bernard Thoulag, and FSM Ambassador Alik L. Alik, based in Suva, Fiji.

Appropriate fishing permits to engage in fishing activities must be acquired.

The two governments will hold annual consultation meetings regarding implementation of the agreement. Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of the agreement or subsidiary agreements shall be solved through peaceful negotiations.

Upon implementation of the agreement, it will remain in effect unless terminated by either party. If one party wishes to terminate the agreement, that party will give six months written notice to terminate the agreement.

For the two rounds of negotiations, the

first round of which was first held from June 11 to 15, 1994, culminating in the Brisbane, Australia, the FSM was represented by Micronesian Maritime Authority's Executive Director, Bernard Thoulag, and the Chief of the Division of International Law, Office of the Attorney General Marilyn P. Lee. Representing the PNG Government were Veali Vagi, Director General, Bilateral Affairs, Henry Foeike, Director International Trade and Economic Affairs, and Magdalene Toroansi, Assistant Director, Pacific Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Olter disapproves WPA Inc. request for foreign investment permit

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter has concurred with the recommendation of the FSM Department of Resources and Development to disapprove the application for a foreign investment permit submitted by Western Pacific Apparel, Inc., to conduct business activities in Yap State. Although, Yap State supports foreign investment, it has recommended that the FSM Government reject the Foreign Investment Application by Western Pacific Apparel Inc., because the State is not capable of meeting the demands of the company, say the official comments from Yap.

Two FSM students to study in China

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Two girls from the FSM are studying at Fudan University in Shanghai. Wina Cholymay and Madelene Rayel, both from Chuuk State, begin their tour of study at the Fudan University, Shanghai, Peoples Republic of China (PRC), on a two-year scholarship. They left FSM in August this year for registration in September.

Cholymay and Rayel were recommended by the FSM Department of Education to the Chinese Ambassador through whom their acceptance by Fudan University was received.

Two scholarships are offered to the FSM each year by the Government of PRC. The first two recipients were from Pohnpei, and the second two were Kosraeans. This years recipients were from Chuuk, and the next year's awards will go to Yap, unless rejected, Secretary Catalino said.

In making the announcement, People's Republic of China Ambassador Chen Youngchen said Fudan University is one of the best institutions of high learning in China. He added that this is a new accomplishment in educational exchanges between FSM and People's Republic of China.

4 FSM students at Park College earn Bachelors degrees

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Four FSM students at Park College in Kansas, Missouri, recently earned their bachelor's degrees from the college according to a release from the college.

The graduates included Selphehihter Hadley, Sophia Henry, and Moses Pretrick from Pohnpei, and Jolson Livaie from Kosrae.

Hadley, Henry and Livaie majored in Criminal Justice in their course of stud-

Kosrae convention scheduled for January 1995

TOFOL, Kosrae (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Second Kosrae State Constitutional Convention has been scheduled to convene on January 12, 1995, to review and propose amendments to the existing Constitution if there is need for them.

The State Constitution's Article 15, Section 3, provides that the Legislature shall submit to the Kosrae voters the question on whether or not there should be a constitutional convention to amend the constitution. An affirmative vote on the question was the result of the Referendum held on January 10, 1994.

The FSM Gov't. approves foreign investment permit for Trade Winds to conduct business in Yap

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Government has granted Trade Winds a Foreign Investment Permit to conduct a business creating a consulting agency to refine local skills in arts and crafts and to promote marketing and sales of such products. The permit granted will be valid for five years and will operate only in Yap.

The permit conditions which must be followed at all times include establishing an office in Yap; employing FSM citizens; ensuring FSM citizen participation of not less than 25 percent at all times; annual reporting to the Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development of the business' financial conditions; and faithfully following all applicable local, state and national laws.

The permit may be revoked if false information is contained in the application; if the permittee uses illegal influence in getting favors or if it engages in illegal activities or refuses to comply with the requirements of the permit.

The permit became effective on August 8, 1994.

ies, while Pretrick was a Biology major.

Park College had an enrollment of 25 Micronesian students during the spring semester of 1994.

The school was founded in 1875. It currently enrolls approximately 17,000 students, including 1,000 on the home campus. The balance of the students are pursuing degree completion classes at more than 60 sites around the U.S., chiefly on military bases and at corporate locations.

Subsequently, on July 12, 1994, a State-wide election was held in which 14 delegates were elected, distributed among the Municipalities as follows: five from Lelu, four from Tafunsak, three from Malem, and two from Utwe.

A Pre-Convention Committee was selected and organized to commence preparatory work for the convention. Elected Chairman is Moses Mackwelung, FSM Senator, and Nena S. Nena as Vice Chairman. The Committee is charged with logistics preparations, budget preparations and drafting proposed rules of procedure.

Grant application submitted for approval and transmittal to CFSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A Grant application for a State Injury Intervention Program to be administered by the Dept. of Health Services has been submitted to the Office of the FSM President for its approval and transmittal to Congress.

The Program will assist in the identification and prevention of violence against women and girl children which has become a major problem. The FSM Director of Budget, Patrick Mackenzie, said the total project funds of \$90,605, will be used to hire a Program Manager, an Information Specialist and four Case Managers, one for each State. The balance of the money will be used for travel, equipment and maintenance, and supplies for the program.

Dr. Cantero represents President Olter at PREL

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Secretary of Education Dr. Catalino Cantero represented President Bailey Olter at the 11th Annual Conference of the Pacific Regional Educational Laboratory (PREL) held from August 10 to 12, on Saipan, CNMI. Joining the Secretary were Yoshiro Suta and Burnis Dannis also from the Dept. of Education.

President Olter, in a letter to PREL's Executive Director John Kofel, said that prior commitments prevented his attendance.

PREL is a nonprofit corporation for educational research and improvement, serving Pacific children and educators in American Samoa, CNMI, FSM, Guam, Marshall Islands and Palau.

Pohnpei delegation was headed by the Director of the Pohnpei Dept. of Education, Daro Weital, and included elementary school and Headstart teachers, education office staff and State Senators.

FSM & Japan exchange notes in Chuuk

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM and Japan, in a ceremony held in the State of Chuuk, August 5, 1994, signed and exchange notes on the second phase of the Weno Dock Project.

As designated by Vice President Jacob Nena, John Mangefel, Deputy Secretary, Department of External Affairs, signed the document on behalf of the FSM Government. Mr. Renzo Izawa, Counsellor at the Embassy of Japan, signed on behalf of his Government.

The Government of Japan has approved 990 million Japanese Yen for the second phase of the Project. The Government of Japan earlier approved 1.054 billion Yen for the first phase construction. The total project cost is 2.053 billion Yen or an equivalent of USD\$20.5 million. This is a part of the Japanese Government's ongoing foreign aid program to the FSM.

A consultancy contract was signed between the FSM Government, Nippon Tetrapod, Company, and Chuuk State representatives immediately following the Exchange of Notes Ceremony.

Funding from Australia

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Australian Embassy has recently informed the FSM Govt. of the approval of several requests which were submitted under various Australia/FSM Small Grants Schemes which will complete the aid program to the FSM for FY 1993 and 1994, totaling US \$165,943.

The grant recipients include the MMA, \$26,854; Chuuk Health Services, \$10,000; Pohnpei Health Services, \$35,632; Kosrae Broadcast Station, \$1,542; Yap High School, \$6,205; Pohnpei Public Library, \$22,187; COM, \$15,757; Kosrae Health Services Diabetes Screening, \$5,070; Senpehn Youth Center, \$4,109, and Peitie Community, \$14,635.

From the Head of Mission's Discretionary Aid Program, the recipients include the Madolenihmw Academy of Principles for Success, \$1,000, and the Yap Historic Preservation Office, \$500.

From the Australia South Pacific Cultures Fund, recipients include the Pohnpei State Ed. Literacy Project, \$5,516; the Nampo Mural Project of U Municipal Govt., \$2,206; the Kuttu Dancing Warriors, \$1,103; and Kosrae Dept. of Ed. Oral History of Malem, \$1,471. The Senpehn Christian Women's Organization was awarded \$12,165 from the Women in Development Small Grants Scheme.



FINANCE STAFF RECEIVE AWARDS- Above are staff from the Dept. of Finance who received awards from the President for their good work. Left to right, sitting: Clanry S. Likiaksa, Administrative Officer; Sihna Lawrence, Administrator, Accounting Division; and Mary Materne, Manager, General Ledger Branch. Standing: Perdus Ehsa, Administrator, Division of Personnel & Administration; Catherine M. Gilson, Advisor, Accounting Division; Dorina Gamule, Manager, Federal Grants Branch; Jenny Ernest, Accountant; President Bailey Olter, Delihda Lebehn, Manager, Payable & Travel Branch; Marilyn Albert, Accountant; Evelyn Neth, Manager, Payroll & Fiscal Branch; and Vice President Jacob Nena.

15 graduated from MEDC entrepreneurship course

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Fifteen enrollees were honored at a graduation ceremony, July 13, 1994, in Pohnpei after completing the 3rd Entrepreneurship Training Course in at the Micronesian Entrepreneurship Development Center (MEDC), a joint project of the UN, and the National and Pohnpei Governments.

In his keynote address, President Bailey Olter said, "What MDEC is doing, is central to the development of private sector. This is precisely what my administration is placing a great deal of importance in, the key to become self-sufficiency for our nation. He called on each FSM State to step up their efforts to develop the private sector.

The President told Dr. Chico, "...with your help, the graduates have transformed MDEC into a phenomenal success." He added that the skills acquired by the graduates are powerful tools. "Do not put them away to rust in your tool boxes. Put them to good use and share them with your fellow Micronesians," the President stated.

He encouraged the graduates to venture forward and put to practical test what they have learned at MEDC and

as they do so, to be assured that his administration is behind them. He told the graduates to collaborate together to build a stronger private sector so that one day soon it will be the largest employer in the Nation rather than the Government sector. He called on the graduates to apply themselves to the task of building an economy that is truly sound, one that is founded on the private sector.

Graduates included Partick Abraham, Penelope Barnabas, Rawhide Edward, Shella Edwin, Henry Norman, Martha Mudong, Johnson Palik, Elsin Phillip, Jackey Solomon, Nancy Solomon, Salome Salvador, Dersihda Samson, Maryartha Santiago, Tara Y. Tara and Dickson Weichep.

The project proposals developed during the course of the training included projects for a furniture store, tailor shop, laundromat, day care/learning center, gas station, interior car repair, sports equipment, arts & crafts, medical center, bakery, fish/farmers market, apartelle, gas station, and video shop. The project proposals are prepared and recommended for financing if the proponents wish to pursue them.

218th U.S. Independence Day celebrated in the FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Ambassador of the United States of America to the Federated States of Micronesia invited FSM Government officials and other dignitaries including the members of the diplomatic corps to join with Embassy staff and other United States citizens residing in Pohnpei to celebrate the 218th year of U.S. independence, July 4th, this year.

The ceremony was held, July 4th, at the Misko Beach Restaurant at Dekehtik. Secretary of Health Services, Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick, who spoke on behalf of the President reiterated the significant "special relationship" between the U.S. and the FSM, and added "... we have stood together for the same democratic principles and ideals upon which your country was founded." In this connection, the celebration of the birth of the United States of America bears a special meaning to the FSM and the rest of the democratic world community. Dr. Pretrick concluded his brief remarks by proposing a toast to U.S. President Clinton, and the great people of the United States of America, for good health and prosperity.

Ambassador March Fong Eu in her independence day celebration speech welcomed the guests and her fellow Americans, thanked Dr. Pretrick for his remarks on behalf of President Bailey Olter, and other Americans for their support for the U.S. policies toward the FSM.

"I have been very impressed by the beauty of land and seascapes which surrounds us," she said, adding that

living in California, she is not used to seeing such green and verdant hillsides, "...nor such clear aqua and deep blue water as those which surround your islands."

Ambassador Eu said that people of FSM, as well as all people of the world, are important to the United States of America. She said that the heritage and culture in the United States has been enriched by distant and diverse travelers who landed and continued to land on U.S. shores over the course of history. President Abraham Lincoln, she said, called attention to the unique Government as being a Government "...of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Quoting from President Clinton's July 4th message, "As we celebrate July 4, a momentous and magnificent day in our nation's history, we give thanks for the liberties that our courageous founders struggled to secure. Declaring the American Colonies independent and free, these brave patriots risked everything they held dear to ensure a better future for their children and grandchildren.

"Today we fiercely defend the once radical notion that each individual possesses rights that our Government is obliged to respect and to guarantee. The powerful ideals for which the founders fought have become standards of citizenship around the world." Ambassador Eu said President Clinton called on all Americans to rededicate themselves to using their precious freedoms with renewed responsibility. She joined President Clinton in urging all to look

"... with hopeful eye toward the future."

She concluded by saying that she looks forward to her personal future in the FSM, making new friends and furthering the friendships already made. She proposed a toast saying, "To the hopes of all of us for a future filled with 'peace, unity, and friendship and for a future in which all of us may enjoy, secure in friendship, our inalienable rights guaranteed to us by our founding fathers, the rights of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. From the President and the people of the United States of America, to the President and the people of the Federated States of Micronesia."

About 100 people attended the celebration.

CORRECTIONS

The National Union regrets the following errors in the last issue of the National Union, Volum 15 Number 4: Page 5, 2nd column, story on Peace Corps Volunteer in Kosrae, the headline should be "New Peace Corps Volunteers in Kosrae." Third column, story on a congressional act vetoed by President, the headline should be "Olter veto CFSM Act 8-97." And on Page 8, first and second columns, the headline should be "Pohnpei created task force to develop strategies to obtain compensation for war damages.

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