

## 8th FSM Congress convened in its 4th Regular Session

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz presided over the opening day of the Fourth Regular Session of the Eighth Congress, with eleven members present, and three were excused.

FSM President Bailey Olter, Vice President Jacob Nena and Acting Chief Justice Andon Amaraich attended the opening day and were introduced for recognition by Senator Redley Killion, from the State of Chuuk.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Dakio Syne, from the Church of Christ. The National Anthem was sung by Nanmand Youth Choir.

Speaker Fritz appointed a Committee to wait on the President consisting of Floor Leader Joseph Urusemal (Yap) as Chairman, and Roosevelt Kansou

(Chuuk), Wagner Lawrence (Pohnpei) and Moses Mackwelung (Kosrae) as members.

The Committee informed the President that Congress was in session and would entertain any issue, legislation or matters that the President might wish Congress to consider.

In his remarks during miscellaneous business, Speaker Fritz reminded his colleagues that this was the last regular session of this Eighth Congress thus it must start with a clean slate. Congress must also accept its share of FSM successes and its failures as part of the FSM leadership, said Fritz.

He said he is duty bound to focus on a matter of grave concern, the FSM economy which is not developing as expected while termination of the Compact and its financial assistance to

the FSM is fast approaching. Fisheries development was believed to be the way to achieve economic self-sufficiency and large sums were invested in this area. But, "... our investments investments are going down the drain," he lamented. Adding that he's beginning to agree with Deputy Secretary John Mangefel who told the state and National Leadership Conference participants that, "... all this talk about fish may turn out to be another fish story." He said the FSM has put all its eggs into a basket full of holes.

Regarding the external debt of the government through government borrowing, the Speaker said the FSM has also rung up a reckless rate of expenditures. In 1993, FSM borrowed more than \$10 million against future Com-

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## Fourty-Fifth Anniversary for China celebrated in Pohnpei

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Vice President Jacob Nena represented the FSM at the 45th anniversary of the Peoples Republic of China (PRC) hosted by Ambassador Chen Young-cheng at the China Restaurant in Kolonia, September 30, 1994.

Vice President Nena expressed heartfelt congratulations and best wishes from the FSM Government and the people of the FSM to the government and the people of China on the occasion of the 45th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Nena praised the diplomatic achievements of the past five years between the two countries based on shared values and common interests, and having a pr

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A TOAST FOR THE 45TH ANNIVERSARY FOR PRC - Ambassador Chen Young-cheng toasted with Vice President Jacob Nena during the 45th anniversary for the People's Republic of China celebrated at the China Restaurant in Pohnpei. Left is Ambassador Chen and Right is Vice President Nena.

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promise of closer and stronger future relationships between FSM and China. Since the FSM is less than a decade old, there is much to learn from China's more than 5,000 years of history, with its experiences in economic and social development. In this regard, the FSM looks towards a closer working relationship in vital development areas.

He reiterated FSM's desire for continued commitment and confidence between the FSM and China, and concluded by proposing a toast saying, "I raise my glass to the good health of President J. Zemin, to the friendly relations between the two Nations, and to the prosperity and success of the government and people of China."

The Ambassador of China to FSM Chen Young-cheng in his remarks welcomed the guests and thanked them for honoring his country by their presence and said that China has been engaged in economic reform for more than ten years and is building up the market economy structure, which means that China's economic reform has entered a new stage. He added that China has achieved high rate of economic growth over the recent years, and the economic expansion is gaining momentum. Experience is showing that a market economy is compatible with the Socialist System. With the economy rapidly developing, people's living standards have also been improving, China is

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pact funds in addition to the \$90 million borrowed in the years 1990 and 1991, putting the FSM current debt at \$130 million. In contrast, Fritz said in 1989 the FSM had a surplus of 11.6 percent of its Gross Domestic Product. But, in 1993, the FSM has a negative 13.8 percent. He said the JTPA News painted a more "horror-filled scenario" which has gotten the point across. What shall we do? he asked.

Speaker Fritz suggested FSM take stock, revisit priorities, reassess its course of action, and study what has gone wrong and figure out how it can be improved. The time to act is "NOW," he declared. "The days of lip service are

still a developing country due to the fact that it is a huge country.

Speaking of the end of Cold War he said that new developments indicate that China is in a transition period towards a multipolar world, pursuing an independent foreign policy, aimed at obtaining world peace and universal development. It is working for friendly and cooperative relationships with all countries in the world on the basis of the five principles of peaceful coexistence.

Ambassador Young-cheng said China stands for complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons adding, that recently China and Russia have signed an agreement by which both sides would not target their strategic weapons at one another. At the same time, China made a proposal to the other nuclear powers to conclude an international convention, under which all nuclear powers would undertake not to use nuclear weapons first. This draft proposal has been presented to nuclear countries for discussion.

On foreign assistance he said, "we maintain that all countries, the bigger and the smaller, the stronger and the weaker, should play their part in the international affairs as equal partners. Although China is not a part of the rich world, we look at the mutual assistance and cooperation with other developing countries in building up their respective national economy as our international responsi-

over," warned the Speaker.

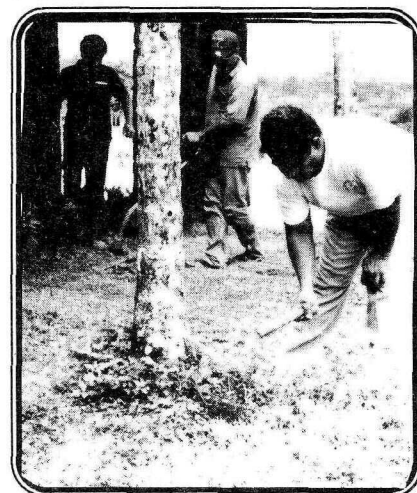
The Speaker ended his remarks, by urging the Congress, his colleagues, to work together with other leaders to solve the economic problems confronting the FSM, reminding them that they must carry out their responsibilities until May 1995, the end of their term. And then abide by the wishes of the voters. Meanwhile, Fritz said, "... we must give that last breath to this duty- our last full measure of devotion."

Among the nearly 50, people observing the session were officials of the National, State and Municipal governments, traditional leaders and the Ambassador of the Peoples Republic of China, government employees and the general public.

bility. In 1993, China signed economic and technical assistance agreements with more than 60 countries. We know that the aid we can give is limited, but we commit ourselves to it with sincerity. We attach no strings to whatever we can do for them, and we never press for payment of the debt. Our foreign trade is also dynamic and I hope our trade partners in the developing countries will also be benefitted by doing business with us. In the last couple of years, our trade volume with South Pacific Island countries is on the increase."

The Ambassador said, "I thank you for joining us this evening in celebrating our National Day. I also wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and to extend my cordial greetings to the President the Vice President, the traditional leaders, and all those who have worked together with me, for the various cooperation they've extended to me since I assumed my office here. Now, may I propose a toast to the good health of the President and the Vice President, to the prosperity of the FSM, to the well-being of the people of the FSM, and to the ever growing friendship between our two countries."

Attending the anniversary celebration were officials from both the FSM and Pohnpei State and Municipalities, traditional leaders, members of the diplomatic corps, private sectors and citizens of both countries.



**WORLD CLEANING DAY**-Above is Vice President Jacob Nena cleaning outside his office during the World Cleaning Day. In the back ground are Martin Hagilmai and Abraham Roby, both working at the President's Office.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY VICE PRESIDENT-**  
*Vice President Jacob Nena blew out the one candle on his cake during his birthday celebration held at the office of the President.*

## PRC opposes request to grant Taiwan a seat in the UN

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Embassy of the People's Republic of China (PRC) in its News Bulletin issued on September 9, 1994, said that it opposes the request by Nicaragua and eleven other countries to the United Nations Secretary-General to include on his upcoming General Assembly agenda an item to grant Taiwan, as another China, a seat in the United Nations. This move was revealed in a June 28, 1994, letter addressed to the United Nations Secretary-General Butros Butros-Ghali. The News Bulletin reiterated PRC's one China policy and raised its objection to this request.

The Bulletin said this act is an infringement on China's sovereignty and an interference in China's internal affairs. Taiwan has belonged to China since ancient times, the Bulletin stated, adding, this is an historical fact that nobody can change. The issue of Chinese representation in the United Nations was settled once and for all politically, legally and procedurally in the U.N. General Assembly. Taiwan, as a province of China, has no right to be a member of the U.N. It's membership in the regional organizations such as the Asian Development Bank, and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation was made possible under a special arrangement by PRC. The News Bulletin said the case of Taiwan bears no analogy to the cases of Germany and Korea. The proposal by Nicaragua and eleven other countries is not a simple procedural issue. Its real intention is to split China, and impede and undermine China's reunification, the News Bulletin says.

## 3rd PITC and E&CC held in Guam

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 3rd Annual Pacific Islands Training Conference followed the Earthquake and Hurricane Conference also sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The Conference adjourned September 23, 1994, according to Bermin Weilbacher, the President's Chief of Staff who headed the FSM Delegation to the two conferences.

Other members of the delegation were Nick Andon, Federal Grant Administrator, FSM Office of Budget; and Dorina Gamule, Federal Grant Accountant, FSM Department of Finance. Representing Yap State were Sebastian Anefal, Director of Planning; John Soglit, Disaster Control Officer and James Sarmog, Civil Engineer with Yap Public Works. From Chuuk were Mino Mori, Disaster Control Officer; Pohnpei, Dais Lorrin, Disaster Control Officer and from Kosrae, Ilai Abraham, Disaster Control Officer.

Other participants were from the FEMA Offices in the United States, Hawaii, Guam, CNMI, American Samoa, FSM, Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and Republic of Belau (ROB).

The participants were informed by Tom Bussanich, representative of Department of Interior's Office of Territorial and International Affairs (DOI/OTIA) at the conference that the Disaster Mitigation Program of the Office of Territorial and International Affairs (OTIA) will assist insular governments to enhance the survivability of public facilities in the event of a natural disaster.

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In this connection, DOI/OTIA has \$7 million in Hazards Mitigation Funds available which can be used to match FEMA funds in lieu of local funds.

Project applications filed by insular governments will be reviewed jointly by OTIA and FEMA.

Projects must be located within Guam, CNMI, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the FSM, the RMI, or the ROB, be approved by its chief executive or his designee and the project must provide essential emergency communication capability in the event of disaster.

## Olter approved distribution formula proposed by the Department of Education

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter approved on September 22, 1994, the distribution formula proposed by the Secretary of Education for the remaining \$300,000 of the original \$350,000 appropriated under Public Law No. 8-96. The law earmarked for Saint Mary's School in Yap \$50,000 of the original amount which is \$350,000.

Eighty percent or \$240,000 is to be distributed to the schools based on enrollment of all non-public schools while the remaining 20 percent or \$60,000 will be distributed to boarding schools only.

According to information from the FSM Department of Education there are 19 eligible non-public schools in the FSM; one in Kosrae, eight in Pohnpei, eight in Chuuk, and two in Yap.

## Anderson as Attache at the Australian Embassy

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Ms. Katherine Anderson has arrived in Pohnpei to take up her position as Attache at the Australian Embassy, according to information from the Embassy.

Anderson has spent the last three years at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Canberra. Prior to this she spent time as a Foreign Service Officer at Australian Embassies in Hanoi, Noumea, Nairobi and Warsaw.

During her two year tour of duty in Micronesia, Anderson hopes to pursue her interests in cultural exchange, play-

ing bridge, music, reading, political studies, fishing, and furthering her post-graduate studies.



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#### 4 News from the FSM Supreme Court

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The following is the news from the FSM Supreme Court.

Associate FSM Supreme Court Justice Richard Benson was recently designated by Chief Justice Soukichy Fritz of Chuuk State Supreme Court to serve as special judge in the Daniel Nakayama murder case. All other Chuuk State Justices have recused or disqualified themselves from the case for various reasons.

Daniel Nakayama, a nephew of the first FSM President and son of FSM Ambassador to Japan Masao Nakayama was stabbed to death on the evening of July 4, 1994, at the Key Club in Weno, Chuuk State.

Chuuk State has arrested four suspects in connection with this murder. A pretrial conference was held on Sept. 16, 1994, and a hearing on a pretrial motions has been set for Nov. 10, 1994.

Acting Chief Justice Andon L. Amaraich of the FSM Supreme Court and Mrs. Amaraich attended the celebrations of Palau's First Independence.

The new joint FSM-Kosrae courthouse project is getting underway with site preparation completed and the bidding on the construction is progressing. The new courthouse will be built in Tofol, the state's administrative center, near the agriculture station. Both the FSM Supreme Court and the Office of Planning

and Statistics are working closely with the State of Kosrae on this project.

The National Ombudsman of the FSM Supreme Court, Peter Lohn, has resigned from the Pohnpei Sports Council after serving for two years in the Council as an appointee of Governor Johnny David. In his letter of resignation dated August 11, 1994, Lohn told David he regretfully resigned because his current responsibilities as Ombudsman have made it difficult for him to carry out his Sports Council's responsibilities on a continuing basis.

The FSM Supreme Court announced it has available for subscriptions by any interested individuals or organizations the following publications: the FSM Supreme Court Interim Reporters, a compilation of decisions from August, 1981 to December, 1992, Volumes 1 through 5; Updater/Citator, Volumes 1 through 5; Digest, volumes 1 through 3, alphabetical summaries of laws and where to locate it in the interim reporters; and Court Rules, general court orders, rules of admission, model rules of professional conduct, rules of evidence, FSM Rules of Civil Procedure, criminal procedure, and appellate procedures. Subscription details can be obtained by writing to FSM Supreme Court, P.O. Box PS-J, Palikir, Pohnpei 96941 or by calling telephone No. 320-2357, 2763 or 2764.

#### Goods and Services from Japan

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A two member delegation comprised of Pohnpei State Conservation and Resource Surveillance Department Chief of Marine Resources Division Valentine Martin and the FSM National Government Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA) Deputy Director Eugene Pangelinan went to Japan to attend a technical meeting with the National Offshore Tuna Fisheries Association Kinakatsukyo of Japan, according to MMA Press Release.

Pangelinan headed the FSM delegation to that meeting accompanied by Martin as technical Advisor and Representative of Pohnpei State. FSM Embassy in Tokyo Charge d' Affairs James Naich also attended the meeting.

The purpose of the technical meeting was to finalize the goods and services list for 1993-1994 for Pohnpei State, who is the recipient this year. The goods and services amount that Pohnpei State has requested under the program totaled 73 million yen or about U.S. \$730,000 worth of goods including a new floating jetty, a patrol boat and other fisheries equipment such as boats, VHF and SSB Radios, vehicles, fishing gear and spare parts. Under the goods and services program, only items that will improve or develop coastal fisheries activities are permitted to be obtained.

While in Tokyo they were accompanied by Kinakatsukyo representatives to meet with the successful suppliers of the goods and services including Toa Corporation, who will supply the floating jetty. They also visited Oita Prefecture to meet with Yanmar Ship Building representatives who will provide the patrol boat for Pohnpei State. The project is expected to be completed by the end of this year.



**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** - The following students are winners of school year 1994-1995 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Awards. From Chuuk, Alvina Berry, Asinech Hellan and Sila Pwiche; Pohnpei, Eleanor Lebehn and Maxine Donre; Yap, Lillian Leyamorwa and Sylvia Wuthwan; and from Kosrae Mayleen Tulensru, Jeromy Kinere, and William William. This is the first year funding which is \$15,000 which will be divided equally, \$1,500 a year per student for four years on the condition that the student maintains satisfactory progress and carries a full-time load. For a student to be selected as recipient, he or she has to have a superior high school record, be a citizen of the FSM, and be a recent high school graduate. In a related activity, Alvina Berry of Chuuk, Mayleen Tolena and Shrew Robert of Kosrae are recipients of the Mobil Micronesia, Inc., Scholarships for academic year 1994-1995. Each award is \$1,000, \$500 for the Fall Semester and \$500 for the Spring Semester. The continuing award of the scholarship for the following three years will be based on each recipients cumulative grade point average at the end of each academic year. However, if a recipients fails, he or she will loose the scholarship. The awards are for the students to attend the COM-FSM.



## Mangefel and Uherbelau sign diplomatic note

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia and the new Republic of Palau established diplomatic relations on October 1, 1994, according to a release from the Dept. of External Affairs.



**FSM & PALAU ESTABLISH RELATIONS** - Deputy Secretary of the Dept. of External Affairs (right) with Palau Minister of State Andres Uherbelau are signing the protocols establishing relations between their two countries.

Protocols were signed by Deputy Secretary of External Affairs John Mangefel, and the Palau Minister of State, Andres Uherbelau, in a ceremony held for the historic occasion which coincided with the first Palau Independence Day.

October 1, 1994, also marks the termination the U.N. Trusteeship Agreement for Palau, the beginning of Palau's independence, and the effective date of the Compact of Free Association between the Government of the Republic of Palau and the Government of the United States of America.

A delegation representing the FSM headed by President Bailey Olter attended Palau's independence celebration.

FSM President Bailey Olter and First Lady Amalia, accompanied by three staff members attended Palau's first Independence day held October 1, 1994, culminating nearly 50 years of administrative responsibility of the United States under the UN Trusteeship System.

Palau is the last of the six districts in the former U.N. Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, administered by the United States to attain its independence. It will simultaneously enter into a Compact of Free Association with the United

States of America, an economic and defense agreement similar in concept to the existing agreements between the United States and the FSM and the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Under this arrangement the United States Government will provide Palau with certain levels of economic and financial support. Reciprocally, Palau will allow the United States to undertake certain defense responsibilities for their mutual security interests.

This year's independence will conclude nearly 50 years of foreign control of Palau through the Trusteeship System which began immediately following the end of World War II.

The other former five districts, namely, Northern Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands, Truk, Yap and Pohnpei, have all attained their rightful place in the society of nations by exercising their inalienable right of self-determination as guaranteed in the U.N. Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

President Bailey Olter, September 12 to 16, 1994, also attended the celebration of the 50th anniversary of liberation of Peleliu Island.

## World Bank offering scholarships to 25 students

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter on Sept. 23, 1994, informed the four State governors that the World Bank is offering scholarships to 25 students per school year through its Economic Development Institute at the Columbia Univ. in New York. The World Bank also provides a six-month internship to students who successfully completed the program.

The program is for one year and it offers a Master's Degree in International Affairs geared for improving skills required for effective design and implementation of economic policy in market economies, focusing on successes and failures of such policies.

Interested applicants are encouraged to obtain further information and applications from the FSM Dept. of Finance, and complete and forward it to the Columbia University's Admission Office or the FSM Dept. of Finance.



**NURSING BOARD SWORN-IN** - Members of the FSM Board of Nursing established by the Public Law No. 8-45, with one member from each state and one from the National Government, confirmed by Congress during its Third Regular Session, were sworn in by Vice President Jacob Nena in a brief ceremony, October 3, 1994, in Pohnpei. Also sworn in as alternate to the FSM member was Lerina Nena who also works in the FSM Department of Health Services. Secretary of Health Services Department, Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick thanked the members and urged them to get organized and assume their responsibilities as a functional Nursing Board. He reminded the members that the road which led to the enactment of the Nursing Act was a long and difficult one but a successful one as well. Vice President Jacob Nena, and the Board members: Kun Monkeya, Kosrae; Anna Boliy, Yap; Wincener David, Pohnpei; Sizue Yoma, FSM; Shinobu Poll, Chuuk, and FSM alternate representative Lerina Nena.

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The COM-FSM Student Services Committee consisting of a student representative, faculty members and staff, selected Rosalinda Walter from Chuuk State, a Sophomore majoring in Nursing (HCOP) to represent the COM-FSM at the "Students Voice"- The Pacific in the 90's," Conference.

The Chairperson of the University of the South Pacific Student's Association (USPSA) International Relations Committee, Ms. Nanette Woonton invited one participant from each of the South Pacific countries in the region, including the Northern Marianas, Guam, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

The University of the South Pacific Student's Association hosted the conference in Suva, Fiji from September 5 to 9, 1994, entitled "Students Voice"-The Pacific in the 90's".

The opening address was given by the Vice Chancellor of the University of the South Pacific, Mr. Esekia Solofa, and the Keynote address by the Secretary-General from the Forum Secretariat, the Honorable Iremaia Tabai.

The selection of who could participate was based on an interview and questionnaire given to a few pre-selected students to answer. Final selection was based on an interview, questionnaire results, and on the following criteria: (1) undergraduate indigenous student (2) a good command of the English language; (3) no younger than 19 or older than 35 years of age; (4) relevant experience, (ie. through studies, work, community activity etc. of the specified issues preferred, although not essential.)

The conference dealt with a variety of issues that are important to the future generations of the Pacific.

The issues included education, government and leadership, gender, population, tourism, economy, environment and multi-culturalism.

The uniqueness of this conference is that it proceeded as a model legislature's conference with, parliamentary sittings, held daily and progressed in the parliamentary mode with the selection of a

Speaker of the House, a keynote speaker and formal debates.

"The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow." With this in mind the conference enabled the students to express their ideas and determine their role in addressing the stated issues, resulting in the establishment of a regional student body through which students'

### ***Yap approved Holland America major cruise ship to visit***

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Yap has given permission to the Holland America, a major cruise ship operator, to call on Yap on February 8, 1995, as they continue their Pacific cruise.

Such a visit will bring a minimum of 950 visitors to the island in one day. The Yap State Business Forum will organize activities to keep the visitors entertained and busy.

The Business Forum has suggested a list of activities which would be of interest to the tourists. The list includes:

### ***Second energy meeting held to prepare for future meetings with MOMI***

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 2nd meeting of government officials, private sector and fisheries organizations representatives was held on Sept. 29-30, 1994, in Palikir to update, refine, and adopt negotiation strategies for the planned future meeting with officials of Mobile Micronesia, Inc., (MOMI).

In the first meeting held in August this year, it was agreed that only temporary extensions will be made on expired land leases and supply agreements until more favorable terms can be negotiated. Some

voice of action can be heard on issues that affect the region and its future.

The student ambassadors originating from the island nations in the Pacific region united in exchanging opinions and expressing ideas as viewed through their student perspectives. These evolved from the issues and status of such issues in their respective countries.

Yapese dances; tours of men's houses, stone money banks, stone paths in the villages, and historical sites; cultural events similar to those performed during Yap Day; the production and sale of handicrafts; demonstrations of crafts such as story board and canoe carving; and other activities that may be available.

"We believe this could be a very good promotion tour for Yap as well as being profitable to those who choose to participate in either the tours or the sale of handicrafts," said Carl R. Henlin, President of the Business Forum in Yap.

states are now under temporary supply contracts with MOMI awaiting the expiration of existing contracts in Sept. 1995, by which time a coordinated approach will be undertaken by the FSM parties.

In the first meeting there were discussions on the energy situation in the FSM states, and focus was on the existing supply contracts, price variations among the states and between the FSM and other political entities such as Palau, Northern Marianas Islands, and the Marshall Islands.

### ***Olter appointed new FSMDB Board members***

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter has appointed Board members of the FSM Development Bank as required by P.L. No. 8-47, which restructured the bank, removing it as an agency of the government and making it an independent banking institution.

The board members are; from Kosrae State Aren Palik, now with the Bank of the FSM Corporate Office; Pohnpei State, William Iriarte, Director of the Dept. of Commerce and Industry; Chuuk

State Marion Henry, Director of Resources and Development; and Yap State Hilary Tacheliol, Director, Administrative Services. The FSM representatives are Dion Neth, Pohnpei State Director of Treasury and Herolyn Movick, Pohnpei State Public Auditor. The 7th member is the President of FSMDB, Manny Mori, by virtue of his position.

President Olter said he has accomplished that which the law requires of him and urges the President of the Bank, to call the 1st Board meeting to get organized.



# FSM National Tuberculosis Worskshop held in Palikir, Pohnpei 7

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - An FSM National Tuberculosis Workshop was held Sept. 12-16, 1994, at Palikir, Pohnpei with three participants (TB Coordinator, TB Physician, and TB Laboratory Technician) from each FSM State in attendance. The purpose of the workshop was to: a.) educate TB staff on current TB diagnostics, treatment protocols, recording and reporting requirements, TB screening, Multi-Drug Resistant Tb, etc.; b.) assist State TB staff in developing CY 1995 TB Action Plans; c.) educate TB staff on Directly Observed-Therapy (DOT), and develop strategies for DOT implementation; d.) review/revise the FSM TB Plan adopted in 1990; and e.) educate TB staff on U.S. Federal Grant Budget and Finance matters.

Tuberculosis in the FSM is on the rise with an annual incidence rate in excess of 1.0 person per 1,000 population. In 1993, a 71 percent increase TB cases was noted as 152 new TB cases were registered. The FSM and State TB staff have been working to activate effective control and prevention protocols with the financial and technical assistance provided by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), FSM Congress and State Departments of Health. The first and most crucial step to impact on the TB services available in the FSM was to upgrade the knowledge and skills of the TB program personnel. A national workshop was scheduled to provide a common foundation of knowledge, and seek commitment from TB staff to achieve the goal toward TB Control and Prevention for the FSM.

It was funded by the 1994 TB Cooperative Agreement Grant through the Center of Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia. TB grant also provided funding for technical assistance (consultant) to the workshop. A TB consultant, Dr. James Gollop, was provided to the FSM by the State of Hawaii Dept. of Health's TB Branch. Dr. Gollop has been working with the TB program for five years, and has experience in dealing with multi-drug resistant TB, etc.

Other resource persons to the workshop were Dr. Dona Upson and Dr. May

Okihiro both from the Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program (PBMOTP) in Pohnpei. Dr. Upson presented a talk on Directly-Observed-Therapy (DOT) and its advantage. Dr. Okihiro presented the status of the DOT pilot project presently being conducted in Pohnlangas, Pohnpei. These presentations provided background information which greatly facilitated the development of DOT strategies for imple-

mentation in each FSM State.

The workshop provided participants with knowledge and available expertise which allowed for the development of TB Services Improvement Recommendations, CY 1995 State TB Action Plans, and draft DOT Strategies. These documents provide comprehensive program planning and activity tools to aggressively impact on the TB situation in the FSM.



**TB WORKSHOP HELD IN POHNPEI** - The FSM National Tuberculosis Workshop was held in Pohnpei Sept. 12-16, 1994. From Left to Right, front row: Donna Wichimai, FSM Public Health Advisor; Lucy Dibay, Yap State Lab Technician; Lerina Nena, FSM TB Program Manager; Kenye Jackson, Kosrae State TB Coordinator. Men sitting, front to back: Simao Norman, Pohnpei State Chief of Public Health; and Estephan Wichep Pohnpei State Public Health Nurse. Standing, left front to back: Morry Solomon, Pohnpei State TB Coordinator, Helden Heldart, Chuuk State TB Coordinator, Dr. Ngas Kansou, Chuuk State TB Physician, William Nena, Kosrae State Lab Technician, Nikidy Albert, Pohnpei State Lab Technician. Standing, right back to front: Thomas Walog, Yap State TB Coordinator; Dr. Victor Ngaden, Yap State TB Physician; Dr. Rivelee Alokoa, Kosrae State TB Physician; Soterius Loyola, Pohnpei State TB Program Health Educator; Dr. James Gollop, consultant, State of Hawaii, Dept. of Health TB Branch.

## Olter desigantes Dept. of External Affairs as Executing Agency for Policy Advisory Team

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter has informed all government departments that he has designated the Dept. of External Affairs as the Executing Agency for the Policy Advisory Team on technical assistance to be provided to the FSM Gov't. from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the FSM and ADB, according to President Olter's memorandum of September 19, 1994.

The main function of the Executing

Agency is to assure that coordination of the project is done properly and effectively with donors, implementing agencies, and among state and national governments. Effective Sept. 19, 1994, the date of the President's letter, all communications from the FSM Gov't. to external donors must go through the Dept. of External Affairs. All agencies must comply with the new instructions by providing the Department of External Affairs with complete documentation on Policy Advisory Team (PAT) at the earliest opportunity.

## 8 *CFSM appropriated \$595,320 for 1995 Olympics and its committee*

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Congress appropriated during FY 1994, \$572,000 for the 1995 FSM Olympic Games to be held in Pohnpei, plus \$23,320 for the Committee's preparatory activities.

The Secretary of the Department of Health Services, Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick, Chairman of the FSM National Olympic Committee transmitted for President's approval the Committee's plans for the use of the funds.

FSM President Bailey Olter, in his response also shared some thoughts with the Committee. He said that since no definite schedule for the Games has been established by the Committee, it should concentrate on some interim actions which will assist the Committee's preparations before spending the appropriations.

The President urged the FSM Olympic Committee to obtain from the States statements of their willingness, ability and readiness to participate in the games.

President Olter also urged the Committee to try to raise as much funds to run the Olympic Games as possible, rather than depending solely on Congressional appropriations. In this connection, States must be requested to support with money, material and food for the athletes. He suggested that for each participant a state sends, it should be assessed \$50, thus, a State would be assessed \$5,000 for sending hundred participants to the Games. Support should be sought from the private sector within and outside of the FSM. President Olter also suggested that the Committee work with the Department of External Affairs to seek assistance from the foreign embassies.

President Olter concluded by advising

the Committee to try to "save some money for a rainy day."

The Vice President of the FSM National Olympic Committee, Tony Otto, said that the Committee has taken steps along the lines recommended by President Olter. As to the site, it has decided that upon completion of Pohnpei State's 1994 Liberation Celebrations Activities, the Committee will work with Pohnpei State in the up-keeping of the track and field and other sports facilities until the games are held next year. A fund raising committee has been established to seek donations and contributions from the general public and private sector. Other committees have been established to organize and prepare other activities. Soon after the return to the FSM from the U.N. Population Conference in Cairo, Egypt, of FSM National Olympic Committee, Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick,

the Committee will meet and finalize its plans and begin the implementation of those preparatory plans, Otto concluded.

In another related activity, FSM President Bailey Olter in a letter to Pohnpei Governor Johnny P. David informed him that he has taken steps in the implementation of Congressional Resolution No. 7-57, C.D.1, relating to the FSM Olympic Games in September 1995. President Olter also sought Governor David's approval and comments on Pohnpei being the location for the first Olympic Games. He also said, for the games to be successful and multi-sports events must be held.

The President said that the Sports Council has held a series of meetings in preparation for the games and that the Council feels that it needs a full time sports coordinator to devote his efforts to the preparations.

## *FSM AG to be in the 12th edition of Who's Who in the World*

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Attorney General Camillo Noket was informed by Connie Harbison that his name has been selected for inclusion in the upcoming 12th Edition of Who's Who in the World, by the publication's editors. Harbison's is the Research Editor of Marquis Who's Who in America.

Noket was asked to provide authoritative and comprehensive biographical data about himself, his achievements and his position. The publisher assured him that such information he provides them will be treated with care and respect in the years ahead.

Noket distinguished himself as the

first Micronesian and FSM citizen to be appointed to the position of Attorney General for the FSM. He also is the first Micronesian and FSM citizen to be admitted with all bonafide qualifications into the FSM Bar without graduating from a law school.

Some of Marquis publications are Who's Who in America, Who was Who in America, Who's Who in the East, Who's Who in the Midwest, Who's Who in American Education, Who's Who in American Law, Who's Who in Nursing, Who's Who in Engineering, Who's Who in Religion, to name a few. Marquis also publishes an Index to Marquis Who's Who Publications.

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