

## The youngest member called the 9th Congress First Regular Session to order

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 9th Congress temporary Speaker Wagner Lawrence of Pohnpei being the youngest member called the first regular session

at 11 o'clock on the morning of May 12, 1995. Following the adoption of the Temporary Rules of Procedures the credentials of the member-elects were reviewed by the Credentials Committee,

Chaired by Senator Peter Christian of Pohnpei. As the credentials of all members-elect were found to be in order, the members-elect took their oaths

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## *President, Vice President, Speaker, Vice Speaker and members of the Ninth FSM Congress Inaugurated June 9, 1995*

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter, Vice President Jacob Nena, Speaker, Vice Speaker and members of the Ninth FSM Congress were inaugurated in a ceremony held June 9, 1995, at the Nation's Capital in Palikir, Pohnpei State.

President Olter, in his inaugural address, thanked the citizens and leaders of FSM for the confidence they have shown by giving him and Jacob Nena a second term as President and Vice President respectively of this nation. He pledged they shall serve the people to the best of their abilities.

President Olter called the occasion a solemn and momentous time to rededicate commitment to those ideals enshrined in the FSM Constitution, of peace, harmony, unity, friendship, cooperation and love for common humanity. It also is a time to reflect upon the resolve to protect and preserve the heritage, foster and revitalize "our" democracy and safeguard the promise of the future and FSM's sustainability.

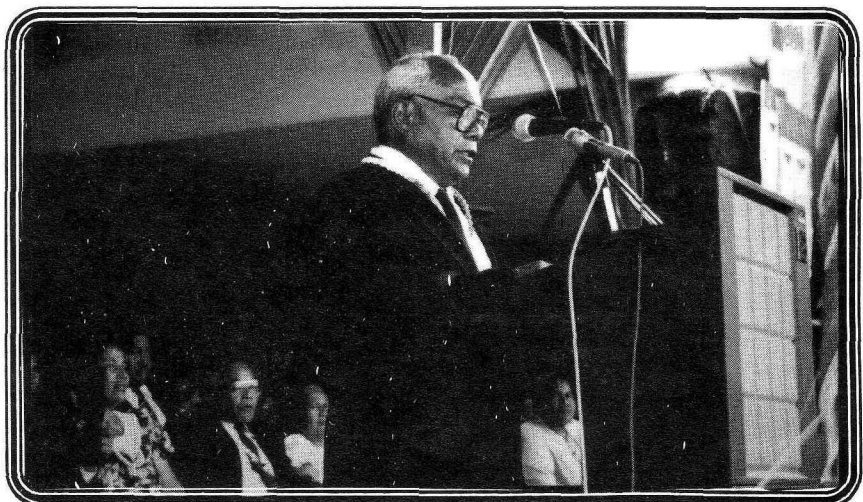
President Olter said his administration places high priority on human resource development calling it our most precious and powerful asset. Therefore, it must

be the concern of all levels of governments, of every business leader, of every educator, of every sector in society, and of all citizens of this nation. Olter called on all teachers to face up to their responsibility of being the critical links in the educational system, adding, that the curriculum must be in line with the local values and economic realities of the FSM.

Human resources development

includes formal education, training, on the job training, skill development and technology transfer and excellent work ethics. Olter stressed, "One of the indicators of a nation's viability is the extent to which it can utilize the efforts of its citizens to encourage in productive activities which will advance the nation's social and economic welfare.

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**INAUGURATION CEREMONY - President Olter re-elected to his second term delivering his inaugural address during a formal inauguration held in front of the FSM Congress Chamber in Palikir June 9, 1995. In the back are dignitaries attended the inauguration.**

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system is the bridge between the aspirations of these citizens and their engagement in the nation's economy."

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of office administered by FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice Andon Amaraich and all were seated as Senators.

Following a two hour recess, Temporary Speaker Lawrence called for election of Speaker of the Ninth Congress. Senator Jack Fritz of Chuuk was elected as the Speaker of the 9th Congress. Other election results included Claude Phillip of Kosrae as Vice Speaker; Joseph Urusemalas Floor Leader; and Henry Asugar as Chief Clerk.

Congress elected Senator Bailey Olter of Pohnpei as President and Senator Jacob Nena of Kosrae as Vice President; Senator Wagner Lawrence of Pohnpei as Chairman of Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee; Senator Nishima Yleizah of Chuuk as Chairman of Ways and Means Committee; Senator John Petewon of Chuuk as Chairman of Health, Education and Social Affairs; Senator Redley Killion of Chuuk as Chairman of Resources and Development; Senator Isaac Figir of Yap as Chairman of External Affairs Committee; and Senator Peter M. Christian as Chairman of Transportation and Communication Committee.

President elect Bailey Olter and Vice President elect took their oaths of their offices in the President's Cabinet Room after that day's session with the First Lady Amalia holding the Bible for the President's oath, and the wife of Vice President, Lerina Nena holding the Holy Bible while the Vice President, took his oath administered by Chief Justice Amaraich. The swearing-in ceremony was attended by members of cabinet and staff the FSM Government.

The organizational session's day was relayed live by satellite to the four states and was carried live by the local radio stations.

President Olter said he will consult with Congress and the FSM States on how to transform mere pronouncement to constructive commitments.

Olter stated infrastructure in the FSM remains inadequate which impedes developments in fisheries, agriculture and general commerce, endangers life and discourages domestic and foreign investment. Olter stated he will work with Congress and the States to resolve these problems, suggesting that together they urgently earmark a fixed percentage of "our collective assets" to improve infrastructure in the FSM.

President Olter stated that FSM's short term energy problem is expected to be solved this summer by an agreement with a petroleum supplier. This agreement will include the whole of the FSM. Fuel is essential to the social and economic development in the FSM. But, for long-term energy requirements, FSM will continue to explore alternate energy technologies to replace our dependence on fossil fuel.

Regarding fisheries development, Olter stated FSM has invested close to \$120 million, largest public investment to date. But he suggest a cautious approach, emphasizing fine-tuning existing programs to produce results. In this connection, he hastened to announce that a team of experts from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) is reviewing FSM's fisheries projects with intent to make necessary adjustments or redirections.

On agriculture, Olter stated that he anticipates technical help from ADB in areas of institutional strengthening to improve agricultural output.

For tourism, the third development priority, he stated that a pragmatic and practical blueprint is nearing completion. Although tourism is a competitive area, it is the fastest growing industry. FSM must seize this opportunity.

Equally important as development of fisheries, agriculture and tourism will be the long-term sustainability of this generation as well as future generations can share benefits of our resources. In conjunction with the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 which he attended, Olter

announced that he has formed a top-level council to devote time to ensure developments are sustainable.

On youth and women, Olter stated he is submitting to Congress and State Governments proposals to promote youth and women's participation in the main stream of economic and social activities as well as observing these constitutional protected rights. FSM has acceded to UN Human Rights Treaty, the Rights of the Child. The Convention against all forms of discrimination against women, Olter said, has been submitted to Congress for its approval.

In the health area, President Olter called on state and national leadership to commit resources to renovate and rehabilitate health care facilities. While we must maintain the necessary drugs at our hospitals, emphasis must be placed on preventive medicine because it is more effective and economical in the long run.

President Olter stated that private sector growth must be nurtured by state and national governments which must provide a conducive environment. The President urged the unleashing of the entrepreneurial spirit of men and women of this young nation with enhanced stimulus by the UNDP/FSM series of entrepreneurial training program at the Development Center. President Olter stated that the development of private sector is the only way to diminish the FSM's heavy dependency on external assistance, it is the surest means of self-reliance.

Olter urged his fellow citizens to manage the FSM's population 3.2 percent growth rate, exceeding the annual economic growth rate of 2.5 percent.

In Foreign Affairs, Olter stated his administration will give priority to maintaining friendly relations established in the international community, and possibly opening new relations where our interest will be best served.

FSM cannot stand in isolation of others, it must maintain its domestic and foreign

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relations with other developing and industrialized nations, he said.

"Our special relationship with the United States under the Compact of Free Association," the President stated, "provides the cornerstone of our foreign policy for the foreseeable future." True, we look to the U.S. to fuel the engine for our economic progress. But he warned, FSM must not overly dependant upon the US, because it is not the kind of government intended in the FSM's Constitution nor envisioned in the Compact of Free Association.

FSM has had its voice heard in the world community by actively contributing through discussions to the solutions to common problems. At Barbados last year, the alliance of small island countries placed priority on financial assistance in climate change and bio-diversity convention. FSM has established good relations with countries in the Pacific Region and has actively participated in the South Pacific Forum and the South Pacific Commission. It continually participates in specialized regional bodies which lightens its financial burdens, he said.

President Olter stated that FSM must not lose the opportunity extended in an invitation by President Kuniwo Nakamura of the Republic of Palau for a summit between himself, President Kabua of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and President Olter of the FSM at a mutually agreed time and place to identify important areas for sub-regional cooperation.

The Fiscal cutbacks in the United States has impacted the FSM. The step-downs in Compact funding necessitates state and national governments to minimize expenditures. The FSM's objective must be efficient utilization of its available resources. To do this the FSM needs close partnership with the United States, President Olter stated.

FSM is nearing the end of the beginning, the Compact, many achievements are evident. "But we do not yet have a sustainable momentum as a developing nation. To establish that

momentum, President Olter made a solemn pledge that his administration will remain single mindedly devoted to this task.

Olter declared "we at the national level can only serve as resource. All the funds, strategies, policies and plans and even laws produced by your national government will prove useless without equal commitment at all levels of government within our nation, including state and local.

"Each and every citizen of FSM must see at this critical stage in our history that we do not exist simply to be served, but rather, that we must find ways, however small, to make our own contribution.

"A great English statesman once said, 'no one ever made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do so little.' Every citizen and leader must accept that truth on a personal level and make a personal commitment to our ultimate success, and to the common good, putting aside doubt, self-interest, and all those human frailties that impede and defeat progress.

"My fellow citizens, for the next four years you will find me on this road beside you, leading as you have entrusted me to do, but guided by your will. My belief in this nation is even stronger today than when we first conceived of its existence in the old Congress of Micronesia around 30 years ago. I know this because I was there!

"Finally, with God's help, we can make our homeland a self-sufficient nation that turns the popular fantasy of an island paradise into reality. Together, let us go forward with our work."

## **SPEAKER FRITZ SPOKE AT THE INAUGURATION**

In his special remarks, Congress Speaker Jack Fritz congratulated President Olter and Vice President Nena for winning their second term in office. Fritz pointed out that with few exceptions, elected national leaders in both the Executive and Legislative Branches have been in government long enough to know what are the problems and challenges facing the FSM.

"We don't need to spend any of our precious time to educate ourselves and get up to speed," he said. Fritz said the two branches, Executive and Legislative, can without delay develop a cooperative relationship to work effectively together to meet problems and challenges facing the FSM. We must put high priority on working more closely and effectively with the States at every level, from the Governors and Legislatures right down to the mayors and municipal councils, Fritz said.

He acknowledges that it is the responsibility of National Government leaders to coordinate overall development and to set tone of national goals and policies. Adding that success of the policies is in the hands of the States. Without mutual respect and cooperation with all government levels, goals and policies will go nowhere, he said.

Since independence nine years ago much has been achieved. But much remain to be achieved in economic and social development areas. To cope with the declining financial resources, he added, "we must be prepared when it is necessary to make hard, unpopular and even drastic decisions in the best interest of our Nation and our people."

Responding to comments by FSM citizens abroad, Fritz reminded them that they left the FSM to acquire skills through the privilege of free access to the United States under the Compact of Free Association. Fritz also reminded FSM citizens that they are but guests in foreign countries and finally, FSM citizens who are benefiting from privileges under the Compact must always remember their beginnings, their friends, families, islands, villages, and their fellow citizens, and to return with those skills for development and nation building.

Fritz asked the President and the Vice President to actively bring the States together, "dispite their many different cultures, languages and interests." FSM must act as a nation, part of a greater Micronesian region, of the Asia-Pacific  
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community of nations, of the world and conduct business consistent with acceptable norms of national responsibility and behavior in the region and in the world.

"Mr. President, Mr. Vice President, colleagues in Congress, we are all the servants of one Nation, elected to serve the interest of our collective peoples. We the people of the Federated States of Micronesia have asked for a future. We must make the tough decisions to ensure that we have that future. As a new day dawns, that is our task, that is our duty, that is our privilege," Fritz concluded.

#### **POHNPEI GOVERNOR JOHNNY DAVID GAVE THE WELCOMING REMARKS**

Pohnpei Governor Johnny P. David in his welcoming remarks at the inauguration offered the assistance of his State to the invited distinguished guests of the inauguration during their stay in Pohnpei.

The inauguration ceremony included the raising of the FSM National and States flags while the National Anthem was sung by Miss Santos. During the ceremony the Invocation was given by Pastor Isamu Welles of the Calvery Baptist church and the Benediction by Deacon Jeronimo Victor of the Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church. Youth Groups from Nan Mahnd, Kitti, and Parau, Madolenihmw, churches sang during the ceremony.

The ceremony was attended by over 500 people including FSM national and state traditional, political, and religious leaders; and representatives of heads of states of United States, Japan, Sweden, France, Israel, Australia, Tonga, Indonesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Republic of Palau, and representatives from international and regional organizations.



**AMBASSADOR LOEIS PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS** - Ambassador of Indonesia to the FSM Wisber Loeis after presenting his credentials to the FSM President, had a group photo with the President, Vice President, Speaker and his cabinet members. Front row, left to right: Chief of Staff Bermin Wilbacher, Secretary Resources and Development Asterio Takesy, Acting Director Office of Administrative Services Kapilly Capelle, Vice President Jacob Nena, Acting Secretary of Finance Anna Mendiola, President Olter, Indonesian Ambassador Loeis, Secretary of Education Dr. Cantero, First Secretary Indonesian Embassy in Japan Mr. Arman Rivan, Attorney General Camillo Noket. Back row, left to right: Acting Public Defender Gene Babauta, Acting Secretary of External Affairs Jesse Raglmar-SUBOLMAR, Budget Officer Patrick Mackenzie, Speaker Jack Fritz, Acting Secretary of Transportation Weiner Hadley, and Secretary of Health Services Dr. Eliuel Pretrick.

### **EMPAT will work with FSM for three years**

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter informed all FSM departments and offices that the two resident advisors of the Economic Management Policy Advisory Team (EMAT) will be physically located in the Department of External Affairs.

Advisors, Chris Lightfoot and Kevin O'Keefe, will be working with the FSM Government for the next three years, while Director, Dr. Gustav Papanek, will be nonresident but will visit the FSM periodically during the same period.

Earlier during the month, the team briefly gave an overview of the status of FSM's economic condition. They advised the FSM Government to begin a concerted economic development effort during the remainder of the Compact period, strongly recommended increased tourism development as the quickest and surest means of closing the gap between the runaway government expenditures and local revenue base.

The Team was contracted by the Asian Development Bank to assist the FSM for the next three years in improving the economy of the FSM before the end of

the Compact period in 2001.

The front end loading of the Compact financing, giving the FSM more money in the first and second five years of the Compact, was so decided in order to provide the FSM with sufficient funds needed to jumpstart its economy by infusion of public funds in the local economy creating employment, increased production of exportable goods and substitution of imports and balancing the levels of imports with exports.

It was believed that by following the first and second five year development plans, sufficient progress would have been achieved to compensate for the loss of funds resulting from the Compact funding step-downs. But, this has not been the case as we can see.

The five year development plans were not funded nor implemented. The FSM government is now faced with the prospect of restructuring or reduction of its services in order to remain within the available funds.

With the arrival of the Economic Management Policy Advisory Team, President Olter urged all departments and offices of the FSM Government to assist the team in any way possible.

## Senator Figir headed the FSM delegation to Berlin, Germany

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A Delegation from the FSM attended the First Session of the Conference of the Parties (COP-1) under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held in Berlin, Germany, from March 23 through April 19, 1995. The FSM Delegation was headed by Honorable Isaac V. Figir, Chairman, External Affairs Committee of the FSM Congress. Other members included Del Pangelinan, Special Assistant for National Planning; James Stovall, III, Minister, FSM UN Mission; Carl Apis, Foreign Service Officer, Department of External Affairs; and Committee's Legal Staff, Maxim Thorne.

While in Germany, Figir and his delegation informally and formally promoted the interests of the FSM in meetings, holding press conferences and presenting of country statements.

The FSM delegation showed specific concern in the climate change issue due to its potential detrimental effect on inhabited small atolls in the FSM. The delegation was successful in establishing a basis for FSM's genuine interests and participated productively in the conference.

Climate change is influenced by the emission of gases into the atmosphere which in turn deplete the ozone layer resulting in the warming up of the globe. Even a slight warming may result in the melting of the poles' ice and the raising of the sea level.

Rich countries contributed more through industries emission of carbon dioxide (CO2) and chloroflorocarbons (CFC) from their industries. However, they are unwilling to commit themselves to any reduction level.

The FSM delegation worked diligently with the association of small island states (AOSIS) which include about 30 Pacific, Caribbean and Indian Ocean islands that have promised to reduce carbon dioxide emissions levels by at least 2 percent from the 1990 level by 2005. The U.S., Canada and the European Union (EU) admitted that based on the on current trends will not reach their

targets.

The Oil Producing Energy Countries (OPEC) feel that as the world turns away from fossil fuel toward renewable and other energies, their countries' economies and overall development will likely suffer. This group is most vehemently opposed to any action on climate change to reduce green-house emission which may reduce the demand for oil and gas.

The FSM noticed that parties to the conference were not fully committed to a fruitful result which will compromise their national interests. Others felt their commitment under similar schemes are adequate and would not offer further commitment. Nevertheless, the negotiating Committee on the Adequacy of Commitments adopted a decision by consensus which, though weak, was a step forward to strengthening future commitments.

With regard to the Forum's position, the FSM delegation, among others, felt betrayed by positions taken by Australia and New Zealand in Berlin. Australia and New Zealand reversed their stance from the position earlier adopted by the Forum members and Australia refused to call a meeting of the Forum members. The FSM Delegation realized that this is an example of putting the national interests

above the global interests of protecting the environment. A position which neither the FSM nor the island countries support.

Delegation Chairman Figir emphasized in his presentation that the rising sea-level has already affected Kosrae Island and temperature warming in the Western Pacific is killing plankton and tuna fish stock.

FSM Delegation used the opportunity to educate other delegates and general global public by participating in press conferences and radio interview programs on British Broadcasting Company (BBC).

The Delegation felt more advantage can be gained from FSM's accession to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) which offers its member training and research opportunities. In this connection, the delegation urges FSM's accession process to begin during the early Ninth Congress so that membership in WMO can be established when it meets again which is once every four years.

The Delegation also felt the need for an FSM Embassy in Europe which will promote FSM's involvement in World Conferences held in Europe. The FSM Government may consider establishment of its mission in either in Bonn, Germany, or Geneva, Switzerland, at the appropriate time.



**FRESH TUNA TRANSHIPMENT JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT SIGNED -** Chairman of Okinawa Prefecture Federation of Fisheries Cooperatives Mr. Chosin Terukins, (left sitting) and Chairman, NFC Board of Directors Mr. Reed G. Nena (right sitting) signed Joint Venture documents between NFC and Shonan company for Fresh Tuna Transshipment in a brief Ceremony held June 16, 1995 at the NFC Office in Kolonia. Witnessing the signing ceremony left to right: Standing NFC President Peter Sitan, sitting President (OTFCA) Mr. Minoru Kinjo, and standing Assistant Manager (Shonan Corporation) Mr. Takeji Kanna.

## 6 National workshop on human resource development in Micronesia

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A two-day national workshop on human resource development in Micronesia was conducted in May based on a study done by the International Resource Development (IRD) of London.

The study was sponsored by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the Government of the FSM. It focused on education in the FSM, but also dealt with the general problems of employment in the FSM.

It pointed out the shortage of qualified staff in the FSM to manage its affairs coupled with the rapid expansion of a modernized economy and a sudden growth in a modern bureaucracy that outpaced the availability of qualified staff for which the only immediate solution is recruitment of a greater number of foreigners to fill those jobs.

The IRD reported that FSM citizens who possess qualifications for the available positions tend to emigrate to other jurisdictions, and others are unwilling to relocate from home states. Thus, there is inefficient utilization of personnel. A person is hired for a job he is not trained to do, too few students complete secondary training or high school; and many scholarship students do not return to the FSM after graduation.

There is no cumulation of expertise, IRD said, no continuity in program improvement and there is little progress in attempts to realize a body of well-qualified staff members in spite of efforts exerted in staff development.

On culture and tradition, the IRD report stated that a few attempts have been made to seek accommodations between traditional customs and values and development initiatives and innovations in education and economic affairs.

In the field of education, the report cited several examples of the effects of culture on classroom behavior. There is little accommodation given to cross-cultural effects in the behavior of the students.

The FSM's richest resource is its youthful population, IRD said. But its

gravest tragedy is FSM's inability to publicly recognize the crisis in the perils of its young. Some social and community workers believe that the root of youth problems stems from the "Westernization of Micronesia." Youth are caught in the gap between modern values and aspirations and their personal economic capacity and values.

The negative consequences of poor education and social dislocation are evident in crimes, dropouts, teenage pregnancy, suicide, and substance abuse.

It is impossible to totally shield youth from negative influences. An environment of support must be created for youth to be productive and socially responsible, the IRD reported.

A systematic thrust toward overall development and productive

engagement of youths must be part of the human resource development (HRD) equation.

FSM is reportedly dependent on foreign workers because it has not adequately developed its citizens, the IRD report stated, adding, that a high proportion of foreign workers in the FSM are in construction sector and in manufacturing sectors. Foreign workers have also held a number of strategic positions in various areas of national and state governments.

The report also stated that employers prefer foreign workers because of their superior work ethics and higher productivity.

Because employment of the FSM's youth population is lacking, they tend to develop an attitude of resentment toward foreign workers, the report noted.

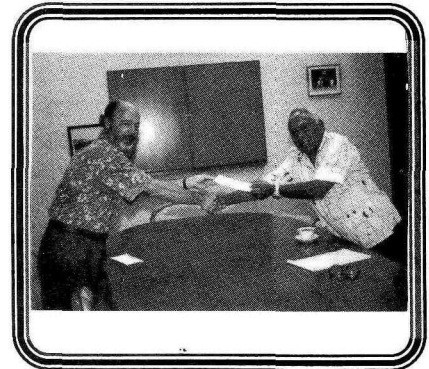
## President Olter inform State Governors of Experts Visiting the States

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter has informed all State Governors that a team of experts will be visiting the states and conducting in-depth reviews and analysis of the FSM's current policies and procedures on economic management and asked that key state officials attend briefings on the appointed dates.

In identical letters to the four governors, the President suggested the following briefing schedules: for Pohnpei State, beginning on May 19, 1995; for Kosrae State, beginning on May 23, 1995; for Chuuk State, beginning on May 29, 1995; and for Yap State, beginning on June 1, 1995. Briefing in each state was expected to take one or two days.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the FSM signed an agreement last month with Boston Institute for Development Economies to conduct a review of the FSM's economic policies and procedures and make recommendations to the FSM Government.

The costs of the review will be covered by a grant of funds from the ADB. The duration of this project is three years.



**DIVIDEND CHECK PRESENTATION** - A check in the amount of \$150,000 was presented to President Olter by Bank of the FSM President/Chief Executive Officer David Smith in a brief ceremony held May 2, 1995 in the President's Office in Palikir. The check represents the dividend payment on the \$3 million stocks the FSM Government owns prior to the stock sales which began on October 1, 1994. The \$150,000 dividend is based on a fifty-cents per share of stock. Left to right: President/Chief Executive Officer David Smith presented a dividend check to President Bailey Olter.

## *Ambassador Stanford presents checks to Pohnpei State*

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Australian Ambassador Peter Stanford, presented checks in support of programs in Pohnpei State in two separate ceremonies held on May 19, 1995, according to an Embassy Release.

The presentations mark the completion of funding for three separate funding programs namely the Head of Mission Discretionary Aid Program, the Australia-South Pacific 2000 Program, and the Australian South Pacific Cultures Fund, from the Australian 1994-1995 financial year.

A check for USD 7,238, for the purchase of a camera and a Public Address system to be used during the FSM Games was presented to Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick, as President of the FSM Amateur Sports Association; another check for USD 1,000 was presented to Seinwar Elementary School for the purchase of sporting and gardening equipment; another check for USD 1,000 was presented for completion of certain basketball facilities, and a check for USD 672.00 for the purchase of sporting uniforms for Enipein Youth.

The funds for Australia-South Pacific 2000 is to reinforce Australia's commitment to improving sports facilities and programs in the Pacific region and to maximize preparations benefits to Pacific Island countries for Sydney's Year 2000 Olympic.

The Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program also received USD 7,800 through the Australia/FSM Small Grant Scheme to assist its consultancy expenses for Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases and Safe Community's Programs. The Ohwa Women's Association received USD 651.00 to help with the irrigation of their gardening project under the Head of Mission Discretionary Aid Program, while the Parau Youth Group received USD 3,672 from the Australia South Pacific Cultures Fund to assist with the collection of traditional songs.

## *Education reforms needed in the FSM*

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter gave the keynote address to the participants of the first National Workshop on Human Resource Development in Micronesia held at the Pwohmaria Hotel in May based on an assessment report on the context and conditions of education and training by the International Resource Development of London prepared for the FSM Government sponsored by Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Commenting on the 450 page study, Olter said that time is ripe to address the education reforms needed in the FSM. FSM must renew its commitments for a progressive development of a strong economy while preserving cultures and traditions.

Human resource development in education is a integral link that influences the growth of a nation which the study has identified needing corrective steps. With improved education, FSM can play as a full partner with other countries in the world economy.

President Olter called for the preparation of FSM citizens to compete internationally during these changing times. Education must be for both the young and the adults. The welfare of the nation require a stronger commitment to Education in terms of funding priority and at the same time ensurance of effective and efficient use of those resources.

FSM has established the legal framework for education and must work together for an improved educational future. The goal of the workshop was, he said, to turn the study into an FSM reform plan. FSM has no time to duplicate or repeat efforts that went into study, but must set, as a challenge, the direction for a systematic reform for the FSM educational system. President Olter concluded by telling participants that the future of FSM's education rests on their shoulders.

The workshop was opened by Dr. Catalino Cantero, Special Consultant to the Department of Education who introduced the keynote speaker.

Dr. Clyde Maurice, the Study Team Leader, gave an overview of the study, saying that quality of education usually is measured by students' performances. The study shows that educational resources in FSM are fragmented; teachers needed training; pressure on resources.

Dr. Colin Kirkpatrick, told the participants that human resource as a factor for development must make maximum contribution to the production need of the economy. The demand and supply of manpower must be interwoven into the long term educational goal of a country. An equilibrium must be maintained between employment, wages and supply of labor, domestic and foreign. There is a need in the FSM to put in place institutional structure; labor market information; and embark on staff development. The FSM need to follow the FSM second five year development plan which has been placed on the back-burner.

Dr. Mairi MacLeod, teacher and curriculum development expert told the participants that there is apparent needs for teacher training in some 250 to 350 schools the team visited during the study period. Coupled with that was the apparent lack of learning materials. Focus must be on quality of teaching which requires effective teaching resource.

Dr. M. M. Ansari told the participants that in a free market economy, efficient utilization of human resources is critical. At the national level only 5 percent of the national expenditure goes into education. There is need for decentralization of education functions leaving policy functions to the national government. There must be greater cooperation with the private schools and FSM must begin to depend on its local resources instead of foreign resources.

More than 50 participants attended the workshop which was held at the Plumeria Restaurant, representing the four FSM states, the national governments, other educational institutions and private schools in Pohnpei.

# 8 *The Third Fisheries Symposium of Central Western Pacific Island Nations held in Tokyo, Japan*

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Third Fisheries Symposium of Central Western Pacific Island Nations including the FSM in whose fisheries zones distant-water fishing nations (DWFN) are carrying out commercial fishing operations was held in Tokyo, Japan, from June 5 to 9, 1995. The FSM was represented by former Secretary of R&D Asterio Takesy who is now a Special Consultant to President Bailey Olter and a nominee to head the Department of External Affairs and James A. Naich, Deputy Chief of FSM Mission in Tokyo.

The symposium's agenda included these questions: considering that tuna resources are limited and potentially depletable, how can fishery resources in the central Western Pacific region be profitably exploited, yet managed in such a manner that future generations will not be deprived of the benefits; in what way can Japan, a major distant-water fishing nation carrying out commercial fishing operations in the region, assist the Pacific island countries in development of their domestic fishing industries?

Participating nations in the symposium include the FSM, Kiribati, Nauru, Marshall Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu, who are Parties to Nauru Agreement (PNA); and the senior staff of Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) and the South Pacific Commission. The eight independent countries occupy the Central Western Pacific, a region that is rich in pelagic resources and is a major fishing ground for the Japanese. The costs of the participants at the symposium was paid by Japan's Overseas Fisheries Cooperation Foundation (OFCF).

At the symposium representatives of the parties in attendance, the PNA Group, and officials of the Government of Japan, including the Japanese fishing industry, exchanged ideas on the proper measures of harvesting and managing tuna resources of the central Western Pacific.

Owing to the importance of fisheries in FSM's economic development scheme, the FSM's representative was a policy level official. The FSM has long identified the fisheries sector as the most important component of its economic development and has heavily invested in it. Japan is FSM's major fishing partner. Also the FSM receives approximately \$12 million in fishing fees from Japanese fishing fleets and some \$10 million annual fisheries grant assistance from the Government of Japan.

OFCF President Unno stated in his welcoming remarks that it is important to manage resources correctly, to maintain fisheries in harmony with the environment, based on scientific knowledge and the concept of sustainable development of resources adopted by the UN Conference on Environment and Development.

The Deputy Director-General Ishikawa of the Fisheries Agency called attention to a provision of the UN Ocean Act which stipulates that management of tuna and other highly migratory fish should be carried out in an international framework that would facilitate gathering and exchange of data of catches. No such framework exist between PNA and Japan, Ishikawa said, and he feels the time is ripe for such an international framework to be established of such organization.

Speaking for the PNA Group, Takesy said the PNA Group needs Japanese technical know-how in the development of the Groups fishing infrastructure and in helping island nations meet regional and national fisheries development objectives. Simultaneously, the PNA Group also recognizes Japan's need for access to the fishing waters of the PNA member countries. Adding, "in so far as Japan remains the world's leading consumer of tuna, it is conceivable that it will continue to need our EEZ's to satisfy the demands of its own people." He added, "it is only natural that we look to Japan for collaboration in proper harvesting and conservation of our

tuna resources."

In his country statement, Takesy quoted from Title 24 of the FSM Code on fisheries which says, "The resources of the sea around the Federated States of Micronesia are a finite but renewable part of the physical heritage of our people, which must be managed, conserved, and developed for the benefit of the people living today and for generation of citizens to come."

The conference was concluded, having reached the following common views: to ensure that the pelagic resources of the region are harvested on a sustainable basis, there was consensus on the need for further cooperative efforts by all the participating countries in the collection and analysis of statistical and biological data on the tuna and other pelagic resources of the Central Western Pacific Ocean; encourage assistance from Japan and other distant-water fishing nations operating in the region to assist development of PNA domestic fisheries; there was agreement that Japan should increase the number of crews from the PNA countries on its fishing vessels operating in their EEZs which will increase employment opportunities and develop and increase skills and technologies; and, that such meeting should be held on a regular basis.

Following the meeting, Takesy paid courtesy call on President Toshio Nakayama of the Japan-FSM Parliamentarian Friendship League and Special Advisor Yoshiro Mori to the Friendship League and concurrently the Secretary-General of the Liberal Democratic Party. Both men are members of the House of Representatives of the Japanese Diet.

The PNA Group participants along with OFCF President Unno, Special Advisor Saito and some representatives of the industry and OFCF staff travelled to a small island south of Tokyo to observe small-scale fishing cooperatives, ports, aquafarms and fisheries research centers.

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