

Moses presents his letter of credentials to Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali

FSM MISSION TO THE UN, New York (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The FSM Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Resio S. Moses, on July 23, 1996, presented his credentials to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Dr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, in a brief ceremony at the UN Headquarters in New York and also formally presented President Bailey Olter's letter of recall

of former Ambassador Yosiwo P. George, according to a release from the FSM Permanent Mission to the UN.

In a brief meeting following the ceremony, Ambassador Moses conveyed, through the Secretary-General, the greetings and best wishes of the President and the people of the FSM to all Member States and Observer Missions to the UN and pledged his government's support on issues relating

to the maintenance of world peace and security and the sustainable development of all humankind.

Ambassador Moses departed the FSM (Pohnpei), July 6, 1996. After undergoing a week of physical examination at Straub Medical Clinic in Honolulu, Hawaii, he arrived in New York on July 15, 1996. Ambassador Moses is presently domiciled at a hotel

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President Olter receives Honorary Doctor of Education



PRESIDENT OLTER RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTORATE - FSM
President Bailey Olter (left), receives a honorary doctorate degree in education from Armstrong University. Presenting the honorary degree to the President is Dr. Edward K. Chook, (right) representative from Armstrong University.

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The board of Directors of Armstrong University on recommendation of the Administration of the University has conferred upon FSM President Bailey Olter for superior distinguished achievement in education and modernization of Micronesia the Degree of Doctor of Education, Honors, Cause with all of the rights, privileges, and honors thereunto appertaining.

The Degree was presented to the President, on the 28th of June this year in Los Angeles, California.

Representative from the University, Dr. Edward K. Chook, presented to President Olter the highest honor of any university, the Honorary Doctor of Education.

An Honorary Doctor Degree is a degree conferred upon individuals

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2 *Pacific Educational Conference: "Navigating to Excellence"*

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 13th Annual Pacific Educational Conference, met successfully on Pohnpei from August 6 to 8, 1996, on the topic, The Pacific Family: Navigating to Excellence!

The Conference was co-sponsored by the Pacific Regional Educational Laboratory (PREL) whose board of directors held one of their three annual board meetings simultaneously with the Pacific Education Conference.

The Opening Ceremony on August 6, 1996, began with an Invocation by Rev. Rensper Jack, welcoming remarks from Secretary of the FSM Department of Education and from Pohnpei Governor Del Pangelinan, followed by conference remarks from Dr. John Kofel, Executive Director of PREL. The Keynote address was given by Father Francis Hezel S.J., Director, Micronesian Seminar. Hezel spoke on the question: Whether Micronesian Culture should be taught in the classrooms. A Teacher of the Year Recognition award was presented Dr. Rita Hocog-Inos, Deputy Director, PREL, culminating the opening ceremony.

Hosting the Conference was Pohnpei State Department of Education with the assistance of the FSM Education Department. More than 1,000 participants from American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, Hawai'i, Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia's states of Yap, Chuuk, Kosrae and Pohnpei attended the Conference. Educators from US mainland, Australia, Vanuatu and Cook Islands also attended.

During the Conference more than 100 workshops were held and presentations made by invited guests on a wide range of topics including classroom techniques, parent involvement in the educational process, politics,

economy, family planning, and culture, to name a few. Cultural nights provided opportunities for sharing of dances and songs, gift giving, and broadening one's cultural understanding, friendship and professional relationships.

The Conference provided participants and their hosts an excellent opportunity to sample the various aspects of local custom and culture, the way of life in Pohnpei State, which the participants will long remember.

This year's program offered something of interest for everyone. With more than 150 workshops scheduled, topics covered will range from culturally relevant curriculum design to parents as partners and

school-to-work programs. Since its inception in Guam in 1984, the conference, in addition to the growing professionalism of Pacific educators, has developed a unique flavor that sets it apart from other conferences: The Pacific Way. Among traditions at this conference are sharing in songs and dances, gift giving, and speaking that expand learning into the realm of understanding.

Pre-Conference Institutes were held on August 5. Among the offerings were "Parent Forum," and "Education and Technology Institute," a "School-to-Work Transition Institute," a "Breaking the Cycle of Gender Violence" (See PEC, Page 6)

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in Manhattan near the UN Headquarters, but will soon move into a temporary residence. It is expected that a permanent residence will be established prior to his family's arrival in New York later this



Moses

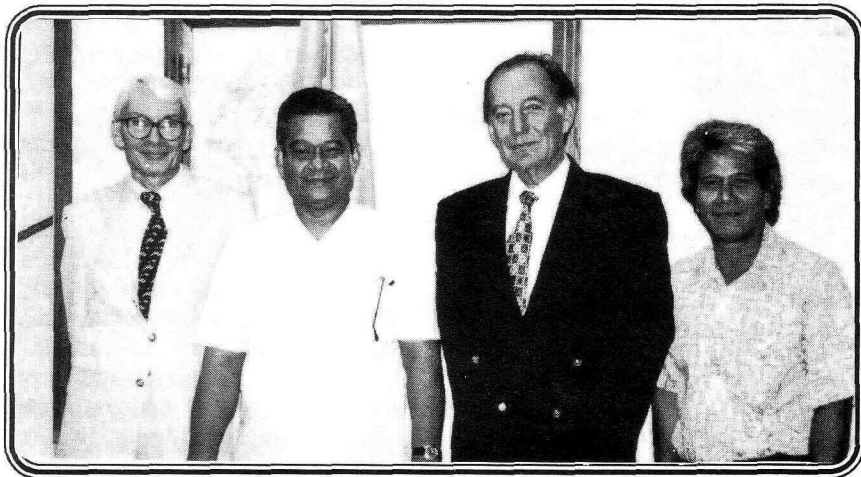
year or early next year.

Ambassador Moses who was born Aug. 31, 1944, in U municipality, Pohnpei, began his service as a laborer for the then Ponape District in 1963. He served as Student Services Coordinator at the Trust Territory Department of Education from 1968-69, and became a high school teacher at PICS in 1970. He also served as Instructor at the Community College of Micronesia (CCM) in 1971, and from 1973-76 he was a Representative in the Congress of Micronesia. After serving in the Congress, he was District Administrator

for Ponape District from 1976-77. He was the Executive Officer for the former Trust Territory Government from 1977-78 and later was Administrator of the Department of Community Services, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. Prior to becoming the second elected Governor of the State of Pohnpei, a post he held for eight years (two terms), Moses was President of the College of Micronesia from 1978-81. Before Moses was appointed and confirmed as FSM Permanent Representative to the United Nations, he was Secretary of the Department of External Affairs and later President Olter's consultant.

The Ambassador pursued his undergraduate studies at the University of Guam 1965-69, and did graduate studies at the University of Akron, Ohio from 1969-70, and at the University of Hawaii, 1971-72.

He served as President of the FSM Constitutional Convention in 1990 and is a member of numerous prestigious boards in the FSM. He has attended many conferences outside of the FSM, and has traveled to Europe, North and South America, China, Southeast Asia, Australia, and the Pacific Islands. During his years of study, he was awarded fellowships and scholarships to pursue his studies.



AMBASSADORS VISITS VICE PRESIDENT - Ambassador of France to the FSM Antoine Frasseto and Ambassador Jean Bressot of France to the South Pacific Commission, in July, called on Vice President Jacob Nena while in Pohnpei. Ambassador Frasseto presented to Acting Secretary of External Affairs Lorin Robert and Yap State Governor Vincent Figir the bathymetric maps of Yap State. Left to right: Frasseto, Nena, Bressot, and Kodaro Gallen, Protocol Officer at the Department of External Affairs.

President Olter's message to PREL

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter issued a welcoming message to participants of the 13th Pacific Regional Education Laboratory (Annual Pacific Education) Conference which convened in Pohnpei, FSM, from August 6 to 8, 1996.

In his message President Olter stated the annual gathering of educators from the Pacific is a major medium for the exchange of ideas on educational improvement across the region as it provides opportunities to exchange ideas, strategies and cooperative working relationships which is vital at this time.

The conference's theme, "The Pacific Family: Navigating to Excellence," is timely, the President stated, as the extended family and lineage systems of these islands are the key to "our" individual cultures and education of "our children." In the broader context of islands and Nations of the Pacific, Olter further stated, "as a family gives the guidance and direction in our need to pool our human and financial resources in improving our educational systems." The President concluded with his hope for the participants to have a productive stay in Pohnpei and gain new friends and return home with ideas and resources fitting for developing world class

educational systems. Participants from the United States, Australia, Vanuatu, Marshalls, Palau, Hawaii, Guam, the Northern Marianas and the four FSM States and the National Government attended this year's PREL Conference.

Takerei visits the FSM seeking ways to promote investment between New Zealand and FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Marketing Officer Ngaire Takerei from the South Pacific Trade Commission, was in Pohnpei, June 15, and Kosrae, June 19 to assist existing exporters and to encourage potential exporters in the private sector, government agencies and chambers of commerce to export their products to New Zealand.

She was looking for ways to promote investments and joint tourism ventures between New Zealand and FSM, two areas in which the South Pacific Trade Commission is encouraging development.

The FSM Department of Resources and Development coordinated her visit and inquiries.

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Bathymetric Maps of Yap State were presented by Ambassador Frasseto of France to Acting Secretary of External Affairs Lorin Robert and Governor Vincent Figir of the State of Yap in a turn-over ceremony held July 18, 1996, in the Department of External Affairs Conference Room at the FSM Capital in Palikir.

A briefing on the Bathymetric Maps Project by Nicolas Baudry, Director, Seafloor Imaging, Inc., was presented to Governor Figir and other FSM Government officials following the ceremony.

The maps shows the sea floor topography of the FSM's Exclusive Economic Zone in the State of Yap. It revealed the presence of a number of seamounts which were previously unknown and an interesting discovery that the deepest spot on earth in the world reknowned Marianas Trench, is indeed within the EEZ of the FSM, says Acting Secretary of External Affairs Lorin Robert. The project was funded by the Government of France at the request of the FSM Government.

A luncheon was hosted by the Acting Secretary at PCR restaurant in honor of Ambassador Frasseto and the company officials who undertook the project.

In a related development, Ambassador Jean Bressot of France to the South Pacific Commission (SPC) was here at the same time. He and Ambassador Frasseto called on Vice President Jacob Nena on the 19th of July.

Meet a New Friend

Here is the name and address of a young man from Japan, interested in pen-pals from the FSM. If you are interested, please drop him a line. His name is Atsushi Ishikawa, born on May 9, 1978. His address is as follows: Strok-Hachioji 7F 702, 1-2 Myojincho 4-come, Hachioji-shi, Tokyo, 192 Japan. He speaks both English and Japanese and would like to correspond with a male ages 14-25. He asked that he be sent station or country badge, information-guide and picture-postcard.

4 Pohnpei team wins Law Day Debate held in the State of Chuuk

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The 1996 Law Day Championship High School debate was held at the FSM Supreme Court in Chuuk on July 12, (FSM National Law Day), on the topic: Resolved that testing for Human immuno-deficiency virus (AIDS) should be required of all persons over the age of 16 years seeking entry or re-entry into the FSM.

The topic was selected to reiterate the potential danger of contacting AIDS and the need to prevent it from spreading into the FSM.

Four FSM high school debating teams represented their respective States at the initial Semi-finals.

The Kosrae team composed of Marmine S. Robert and Rigsby Robert, both from Kosrae High School, proponent of the topic was subdued by the Chuuk team of Susan Lowe from Xavier High School and Arrol Suda from Chuuk High School, opponent of the topic, 338 points for Kosrae and 390 points Chuuk debaters.

In the second semi-final, Pohnpei's team composed of Dahlia Johnson and Kenye Sigrah, both from Calvery Baptist Academy, proponent of the topic, won with 388 points over the Yap's team composed of Vera Layan and Tony Terag, Jr., both from Yap High School with 284 points. In the final match between Pohnpei's team who retained their position as a proponent of the topic won over the Chuuk's team who retained their position as opponent of the topic. Pohnpei's team won with 379 points over the Chuuk's team with a close of 368 points. The debating teams from Kosrae and Yap States were tied for the third place.

The FSM Law Day program began with the Flag Raising while the National Anthem was sung by the Pentecostal Lighthouse Youth Choir, followed by an Invocation by Fr. Julio Angkel. FSM's Supreme Court Acting Chief Justice, Richard H. Benson, presented the opening remarks while Chuuk State Chief Justice Souckichi Fritz gave the welcoming remarks and the Keynote Address was given by Congress Speaker Jack Fritz. Benediction was given by Rev. Harvey Daides and the Master of Ceremonies was Public Defender's Representative based on Kosrae Jose R. Gallen, who is a member of the 1996

FSM Law Day Committee.

This year's debate judges included the FSM Attorney General, Camillo Noket, Esquire; Professor Alvios J. William, University of Guam; Captain Douglas Hammer, US Air Force's Civic Action Team in Chuuk; Chuuk Peace Corps Volunteer Harry Goon; Dr. Steven Winter, Chuuk State Hospital and Rev. Edgar Isaac, Assistant Administrative Officer, FSM Congress.

Coaching the 1996 debating teams were Skipper Ittu, coach for Kosrae's Team; Paul and Andrea Milner, for the Pohnpei Team; Phil Chavez, Yap's Team Coach; and Retis Heldart for Chuuk's Team.

It was estimated that nearly a thousand spectators attended the opening ceremony outside the Supreme Court Room and inside the Court Room where the debate was held. Those who

surrounded the Court Room watched the debates on a television monitor set-up by the FSM PIO TV-Cameraman, Elieser Rospel, who was on hand to record on video tape the debates. His trip was made possible by FSM Health Services and FSM Supreme Court.

The ceremony and the championship debate were broadcast live via satellite connection from FSM Telecom to the FSM States and relayed by radio stations in Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap and Kosrae.

This year's Law Day celebration was a success due to the favorable response by the people of Chuuk in the preparations and attendance in the planned Law Day activities. It is expected that 1997 Law Day Debate will be held in Kosrae to coincide with the completion of the Court House now under construction, according to FSM Clerk of Court, Kohsak Keller.

Proclamation on Law Day issued

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Office of the FSM President issued on June 25, 1996, a proclamation, designating July 12, 1996 as Micronesian Law Day, and urged all citizens, residents and governments of the Federated States of Micronesia to celebrate July 12, 1996, in ways that promote respect for the law.

The date, July 12, has special historical and political significance and meanings to Micronesians. It was on July 12, 1965 that the Congress of Micronesia first convened on Saipan, headquarters of the Government of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

On July 12, 1975, the first Micronesian Constitutional Convention convened in Saipan, at the then called White Sand Hotel; and on July 12, 1978, the

FSM Constitution was ratified by Yap, Chuuk (Truk), Pohnpei (Ponape) and Kosrae (Kusaie) in a referendum held throughout Micronesia. Marshalls, Palau and the Northern Mariana Islands did not ratify the constitution.

This year, 1996, marks the 15th Anniversary of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia. In this regard, the rule of law is fundamental to the protection of our democratic system of government, and that respect for the law and our legal and democratic institutions is fundamental to the maintenance of our freedom.

Because the democratic, constitutional and legal institutions of the FSM provide lasting benefits to the citizens and residents of the FSM, it should be suitably commemorated, the proclamation stated.



WINNERS - Above holding the winners' trophy is FSM Attorney General Camillo Noket, Pohnpei Law Day Debate Team coach Paul Milner and the two girls who won the 1996 debate. Left to right: Noket, Milner, Kenye Sigrah, and Dahlia Johnson. Sigrah and Johnson are both students at the Calvary Christian Academy.

COM-FSM trying to raise \$250 grand by March 1997 for endowment fund

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The College of Micronesia - Federated States of Micronesia (COM-FSM) is trying to raise \$250,000 by March 1997, and has asked the National Women's Council to help raise that amount in a July 8, 1996 letter addressed to Chairperson, Mercedes Santos, from COM-FSM President, Susan Moses.

The funds raised will match the \$500,000, grant reservation for which COM-FSM has applied successfully under a Endowment Challenge Grant Program authorized by Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, from U.S. Department of Education.

For every dollar raised by COM-FSM, U.S. Department of Education will match it with two dollars.

This is part of COM-FSM's long range mission to build the principle of this fund to somewhere between \$10-\$20 million at which point the College would use the annual interest earned on this fund to support programs for its students. Moses stated that the College has pledged not to use the principle from the fund for at least 10 years to allow growth.

COM-FSM's immediate mission is to

provide an equal opportunity for a quality higher education; assist with the job training needs of the nation; promote economic development; foster a sense of national unity; preserve and enhance the artistic and cultural heritage of the community; encourage growth of the individual as a person, as a citizen of his/her community, nation and the world, and as an enthusiastic and competent participant in his or her civilization and culture, Moses further stated.

Moses stated that COM-FSM will give permanent recognition to contributors by showing on the wall of the new administration building in Palikir campus as follows: Bronze Circle for \$100 to \$999; Silver Circle for \$1000 to \$9,999; Gold Circle for \$10,000 to \$24,000; Platinum Circle for \$25,000 to \$99,999; and Platinum Elite Circle for \$100,000 and over contributions.

COM-FSM has raised \$37,000 with the help of numerous fund raisers since the drive kick-off dinner and is continuing the drive with food sales by students and staff, formation of an Alumni Association, car washes, a math-a-thon and "supersale."

Moses concluded by soliciting everyone to support COM-FSM through their contributions.

Vice President issues Proclamation on Clean Up the World Week

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM Vice President Jacob Nena issued on August 13, 1996, on behalf of President Bailey Olter, a proclamation designating September 16 to 22, 1996, as Clean Up The World Week, throughout the Federated States of Micronesia.

Over one hundred countries throughout the world will participate in the 1996 Clean up the World Week, an event that the FSM has participated in the past, acknowledging the fragility of the FSM's ecosystem needing protection and preservation for future generations.

By this proclamation, all citizens, residents, businesses, states and FSM government and agencies are urged to take part in this event to ensure its success throughout the FSM.

Copies of the proclamation were forwarded to the governor of each of the four FSM States.

Fellowships and trainings programs available

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The four FSM State Governors, in July were informed of the availability of certain fellowships and training opportunities in the teaching, study, dissemination and wider appreciation of international law, under the United Nation's Program of Assistance to developing countries, including the FSM.

They are intended to provide opportunities for young scholars and government officials, primarily from developing countries, to study and increase their knowledge in the field of international law and become familiar with the work of the international organizations.

These include a three week seminar at the Geneva International Law Seminar for postgraduate students and young professors or government officials in conjunction with meetings of the International Law Commission (ILC).

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SWEARING-IN - Above are the 1996 U.S. Armed Forces enlistees being sworn-in during a ceremony held at the U.S. Embassy in Konlonia, Pohnpei, June 18, this year.

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whose achievements are exemplary and can serve as a motivational example to new students, an honor conferred without the usual prerequisites.

In Dr. Ronald R. Hook's, invitation letter, he told President Olter that he and a colleague, Dr. Ritz Carlton and an alumnus Endy Chen will host a reception for President Olter and his party.

In the past, few of the leaders of FSM have received Honorary Doctorate Degrees from various Institutions of higher learning. The most recent one was Resio Moses, FSM Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and former Governor of Pohnpei State, as well as Secretary of the Department of External Affairs who received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the University of Guam.

The President was accompanied to the ceremony by First Lady Amalia and Elieser Rospel from Information Office. Also accompanied the President was Andy Chen of the Chen & Associates of Guam, a alumni of the University and did arrangements of the occasion.

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Forum," and a "Student Forum."

PREL, with Pacific service centers in Honolulu, Saipan, and Yap, is an independent, nonprofit corporation for educational research and improvement, serving Pacific children and educators in American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia—Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap, Guam, Hawaii, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

PREL's mission is to assist education, government, community agencies, businesses, and labor groups to maintain cultural literacy and improve the quality of life by helping to strengthen educational programs and processes for children, youth, and adults



US DONATES HOSPITAL SUPPLIES TO FSM STATES - FSM Vice President Jacob Nena requested the State Governments to pay for transportation costs of hospital supplies from Pohnpei to each state. The supplies were donated to the FSM by the U.S. Government under the Humanitarian Assistance Program. The hospital supplies are divided among the four FSM States and it will cost \$1,800 each, to ship to Kosrae and Yap their shares, and \$5,000 to ship to Chuuk its share. Kosrae and Yap States are each receiving a 20-foot container, while Chuuk and Pohnpei States each get three 20-foot containers. These hospital supplies include beds, sheets, steel tables, desks, doctor's and nurses' gowns, and numerous others, except pharmaceuticals or medicine. Above are U.S. Ambassador to the FSM March Fong Eu and Secretary of the Department of Health Services Dr. Eliuel Pretrick signing documents during the turn-over ceremony held June 5, 1996 at the dock in Pohnpei.

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Available also at the International Law Fellowship Program for mid-level government legal officers and young teachers of international law are training programs to deepen knowledge of international law; provide opportunity for frank and informal exchanges of views and increase practical experience of legal work at the United Nations and its agencies.

Fellowships are also available at the Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe Memorial Fellowship on the Law of the Sea, dealing with post-graduate level research, study and training in law of the sea and related marine affairs. Candidates must demonstrate advanced study capacity. Offers are available at various institutions in Geneva, Canada, United Kingdom, Netherlands and the United States.

Finally, a fellowship for young lawyers, government officials, judges and arbitrators in International Trade Law, focuses on uniform commercial law. Interested individuals should contact their State Governor's Office.

Olter suggests Pohnpei State pay its credit to be able to get needed medication

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President Bailey Olter on June 21, 1996 informed Governor Del Pangelinan that Pohnpei State Government needs to allocate \$330,000, in order for the Director of Health and Human Services Supply Service Center in Perry Point, Maryland, to restore her credibility and purchasing power or reputation to be restore.

Pohnpei must also recognize its debt of nearly a quarter of a million dollars, and enter into a binding agreement on retiring the balance of the debt. Consequently, Pohnpei will be able to resume cash on delivery (C.O.D.) purchase basis.

Olter stated that review by the FSM Department of Health Services revealed that there is \$230,000 worth of un-honored requisitions for medical supplies with the company in Perry Point which cannot be filled because of Pohnpei's debt.

Olter said that he is optimistic about restoring Pohnpei's ability to resume purchase of medical supplies from the company if Pohnpei will agree with his suggested way of retiring previous debts and getting new medicine Pohnpei hospital now badly need.

Conference on Special Education and Children with special needs held in Pohnpei

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A joint-leadership conference on Special Education and children with special needs was held in Pohnpei, May 14 to 15, 1996, participants of which included the Secretaries of Education and Health Services Departments from the FSM National Government and their counterparts from the states and their staffs.

The purpose of the conference was to increase the opportunities for collaboration between service providers to special needs children and their families in the FSM, pursuant to FSM Public Law No. 8-21 and US Public Law No. 104-134. Funding in the amount of \$4 million is readily available for 1996 and 1997 operations and has been divided among the four States according to a FSM's formula which the U.S. Department of Education follows in allocation of states' shares. The formula calls for an equal distribution of 50 percent of the money among the four states; 30 percent is to be distributed based on the number of handicapped children reported in each state; and 20 percent is based on the total school enrollment in each state. Because each state is responsible for supplying these data, a Joint Inter-agency Agreement designed to promote collaboration and cooperation between the departments of Education and Health Services at the national and the state levels will enhance implementation of Special Education and related programs in the FSM.

The conference was jointly sponsored by the FSM Departments of Education and Health Services with consultants from the Universities of Guam and Hawaii, the University Affiliated Programs and the Western Regional Resource Center.

All participants from the states and the national government, agreed that there is a need for collaboration and cooperation between departments and agencies including Special Education, Maternal and Child Health (MCH), Headstart, and the College of

Micronesia-FSM, who deal with special needs children and their families.

As a result, the Secretaries of Education and Health Services of the National Government and State representatives signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the end of the conference which enumerates the responsibilities of the respective departments at the national and state levels. The MOU also reiterated their commitments for improved services through team work.

Secretary Catalino Cantero of the Department of Education and Secretary Eliuel Pretrick of the Department of Health Services stated cooperation between all of the education and health departments will maximize services to children with special needs and their families and that at this critical time all must work together.

The conference documents showed that funding in 1996 available for Special Education Program in FSM increased to more than \$3 million, proposed distribution among the states in dollar amount are as follow: \$620,000 for Kosrae; \$590,000 for Yap; \$1.2 million for Pohnpei; and \$1.3 million for Chuuk, according to FSM Special Education Coordinator Makir Keller.



1ST MICRONESIAN TOURNAMENT - Tip off of the championship games between Kosrae and Guam in the first Micronesian Basketball Confederation Tournament held on Kosrae in July this year. Nine Micronesian islands participated in the tournament. Guam won the championship over Kosrae with 02-62. Kosrae came in second and Pohnpei, third.

CPAFFC invites FSM to China

Vice President Jacob Nena informed the State Governors in July of an invitation the FSM received through the Chinese Embassy in Kolonia from the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) for a State Leadership Delegation from the FSM to make a friendly visit to China at the beginning of September of this year.

Nena says that information about the trip is being gathered. Meanwhile, he asked the Governors to confirm if their states will participate in the proposed visit which will be composed of a six to eight member delegation including governors and Legislature speakers.

The CPAFFC will bear all expenses for board, lodging, and transportation in China.

Public Auditor informed Olter he is auditing National Government travels

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The new National Public Auditor Rensly Sigrah, told President Bailey Olter that his office is conducting an audit of the National Government travel activities to determine whether applicable policies and guidelines are followed. Sigrah's letter dated June 20, 1996, stated that the purpose of the audit is to determine whether or not the Travel Authorizations (TAs) are consistent with the Financial Management Regulations.

One of the requirements is that a traveler must submit a report on the purpose of the trip, what was accomplished, and recommendations to the Government for future action. In this connection, the Office of National Public Auditor requested copies of randomly selected trip reports taken by staff in the President's office before July 5, 1995, to be forwarded to his office for review.

8 *Descendant of Captain O'Keefe attend opening of O'keefe Kanteen*

COLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A big crowd including local dignitaries gathered at the Yap International Airport on August 7 to welcome the arrival of a descendant of Captain David Dean O'Keefe to Yap, according to Youth and Civic Affairs Information Officer Willy Gorongfel.

Charles O'Keefe Butler and his wife Janet were accompanied by Bruce L. Campbell of the Pacific Daily News, a member of the Gannett group of newspapers, and the stringer for the New York Times. Charles O'keefe Butler is the great grandson of Captain O'keefe.

The Butler's family visit to Yap was organized by Donald Evans, operator of the Ethnic Art Institute and the Eco-Tours in Yap to coincide with the opening of the O'Keefe Kanteen in Colonia. The O'Keefe Kanteen is built

at the same place where Captain O'Keefe has his Kanteen in the 1800's.

The O'Keefe's family traveled from Savannah, Georgia to Yap to participate in the historic re-opening of Captain David Dean O'Keefe's Kanteen, August 9 which include the leadership of the State of Yap.

A presentation of a proclamation by Mayor Floyd Adams, Jr. of Savannah as "Yap Week" in honor of the historic relationship between the city and Yap.

Governor Figir on August 5 issued a similar proclamation establishing that August 9 of each year shall be observed as Captain David Dean O'Keefe Day in Yap State in commemoration of Captain O'Keefe and his contribution to the culture and history of the people of Yap.

The opening ceremony of the O'Keefe Kanteen on August 9 include remarks by Governor Figir, Speaker Robert Ruecho' and Chief Andrew Ruepong.

The village of Maa,' Tomil presented a traditional dance during the opening. Charles Butler presented an oil painting portrait of Captain O'Keefe for instalation in the Kanteen.

Donald Evans, organizer of the event, presented a statement of gratitude and Father Fran Hezel, an authority on Micronesian history, also delivered at the closing remarks. Captain O'Keefe's flag was unfurled and his Kanteen was officially opened.

Captain O'Keefe married Catherine Masters of Savannah and started a family there before he left the city aboard the Belvedere. He became the sole survivor of a ship wreck on the Belvedere and washed up on the reef on Southern Yap in 1871. He was nursed back to health by a magician from Dulkan village.

O'Keefe, known to the Yapese only as "His Majesty" established his home on Tarang Island in the Tomil Harbor. The island is known today as O'Keefe Island.

The secret of O'Keefe success in dealing with the Yapese was his recognition that the key to trade with them was a traditional, not modern commodity. He helped the Yapese in quarrying and transporting the highly valued stone money from Palau to Yap in exchange for copra. He skillfully built alliances with Yapese chiefs, respected customs, and developed a reputation as one who always dealt fairly and above-board with the local people.

Because of this relationship, he built an empire which dominated the copra market in the region.

Captain O'Keefe disappeared at sea in 1901 - probably the victim of a typhoon.

Olter appoints Governor and alternate Governor to ADB

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - FSM President Bailey Olter in June informed the Asian Development Bank President Mitsuo Saito, of the appointment of John Ehsa, Finance Secretary as Governor, and Assistant Secretary of External Affairs Lorin Robert, as Alternate Governor of the ADB, pursuant to Article 27 of the Articles of Agreement.

In a related activity, President Olter in a diplomatic communication to the President of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development appointed also Ehsa and Resources and Development Secretary Sebastian Anefal, as Governor and Alternate

Governor, respectively. All appointments took effect June 12, 1996.

Ehsa was appointed by virtue of his position, ADB Alternate Governor Lorin Robert has held this capacity for which he was reappointed and appointment of Anefal was by virtue of his position.

The FSM became a member of the ADB mid 1990. To date, the benefits to the FSM from its membership include various annual technical and economic policy advisory missions fielded by ADB to the FSM and the potential for long-term, low interest soft loan including the already approved \$6.5 million fisheries development loan and the proposed \$12 million water resource development project for the FSM.

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