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FSM, U.S. exchanged notes on diplomatic relations

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The United States and the Federated States of Micronesia formally agreed that their relations will henceforth be governed by the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations during an exchange of notes in Washington, D.C., held on August 24, 1989.

First established on November 3, 1986, when the Compact of Free Association came into effect, the diplomatic relations between the two countries will now be at the level of ambassador.

On this date, the Office of the United States Representative in Kolonia, and that of the FSM Representative in Washington, D.C., become embassies. It is anticipated that U.S. in due course will appoint a resident ambassador.

Until such time as the President of the United States designates an Ambassador to the FSM, U.S. Representative Michael G. Wygant will be Charge d'Affaires of the United States Embassy in Kolonia. Mr. Wygant has been Chief of Mission of the U.S. Office in Kolonia for the past two years.

FSM, China formalize ties

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A joint communique between the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the People's Republic of China (PRC) which conveyed the two countries intention to establish full diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level went into effect on September 11, 1989, according to an External Affairs Department press release.

The joint communique was signed by PRC's Ambassador to Australia, Mr. Zhang Zai and the FSM External Affairs Department Secretary Andon L. Amaraich on behalf of their respective governments during a formal ceremony held on August 29, 1989, in Kolonia, Pohnpei, the capital

of the Federated States of Micronesia.

The text of the signed joint communique is as follows:

"The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Government of the People's Republic of China have decided, through friendly consultations, to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at ambassadorial level as from 11 September 1989.

"The Government of the Federated States of Micronesia recognizes the Government of People's Republic of China as the sole legal government of China. The two governments

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JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED - FSM External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich, seated left, and People's Republic of China's Ambassador to Australia, Mr. Zhang Zai, seated right, are signing the joint communique which conveyed their governments intention to formally establish the diplomatic ties at the ambassadorial level between FSM and People's Republic of China during a ceremony held on August 29, 1989, at the FSM Congress Chambers, in Kolonia Pohnpei. Assisting in the ceremony from left are: FSM Multilateral Affairs Deputy Administrator Jesse Raglmar, International Relations Administrator Masao Nakayama who was the Master of Ceremony, and First Secretary Liu Jiang of the Chinese Embassy in Australia.

Wygant addresses Police Academy grads

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Forty police cadets were awarded diplomas by the Micronesian Police Academy during a graduation ceremony held August 17, 1989, at the Community College of Micronesia gym following the completion of a nine-week public safety training here.

The Micronesian Fifth Public Safety Academy graduated nine from the Republic of Palau, six each from the Republic of the Marshalls, Pohnpei, Truk and Kosrae states, five from Yap state and two from the FSM national government Division of Security and Investigation (DSI).

U.S. Representative to the FSM, the Honorable Michael Wygant, in his keynote address to the Fifth Police Academy trainees, charged the trainees with a simple parting thought, to "go home and be the police officer you have trained to be."

Wygant, speaking from prepared notes, congratulated the graduates of the Fifth Micronesian Public Safety Academy adding, "This is the second year that your academy has operated on Pohnpei, and it is gratifying to see that your summer use of the CCM facilities is working out so well. May I also observe that you have not only to be congratulated for the obvious accomplishments which we honor today, we also hail your decision to choose law enforcement as your professional career."

Wygant said that, "Over a number of years in the American Foreign Service I have observed police work on three continents, as well as in Australia. Those police systems that work the best are filled with officers such as yourselves who are trained, serious about their work, and dedicated to helping people. You become an important visible symbol of your government. How well you do your job reflects strongly on the effectiveness of your local, state or national government."

"Your state and national governments have already given each of you a vote of confidence, not only by selecting you for police work but also in paying for this academy. It is well to remember that the police academy program represents a partnership between the various Micronesian governments and the U.S. Government. Costs are

split 50/50 between each Micronesian government and the Department of the Interior. This represents a worthwhile investment in people and their training, which is very much in the spirit of our Compact of Free Association," he said, adding that when he was asked to speak at the graduation he "took time to look into the academy - to see exactly what takes place during this nine-week police academy. I was impressed to learn that this is a notably professional program which tests your physical and mental abilities. A program which holds you accountable for your actions, recognizes excellence and gives awards based on merit. It is impressive that you each receive 18 college credits from the College of Micronesia for your academic performance during the course of the academy. It is equally impressive that you got up this morning around 4:00 a.m. and ran six and a half miles - to and from the capital site in Palikir. Yes, you can and should, feel a real sense of accomplishment in what you have achieved during the past nine weeks."

Wygant said that, "While I was learning about this academy program, what kept coming to my mind was commitment. The tremendous commitment that each of you have personally made to your profession - law enforcement - and specifically to this academy program. This is what I would like to speak about this afternoon - commitment."

He added that "Each of you have made a commitment and you have honored that commitment. You have made sacrifices in order to honor that commitment - being separated from your families and loved ones for nine weeks is the most obvious. But others have made commitments as well and you should recognize their commitment to you. The U.S. DOI, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Customs Service, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. State Department, U.S. Naval Investigative Service and individual people have made commitments to this program and have honored those commitments. Your national and state governments have made commitments to improving the quality of law enforcement services to their communities by supporting this academy program. Yours,

however, is the greatest commitment of all - for it is expected that you will take home what you have learned here and use it to the betterment of your communities. You made a commitment to serve your communities long ago - this academy program merely provided you with better skills to do that," he said.

"When Bill Stinnett came by a while ago to ask about my speaking at your graduation I felt deeply honored to have been chosen. He and Mike Korhonen have done a great job keeping this academy going over the past several years. And I would like to take this occasion to thank them for a job well done, and for their continuing commitment to good law enforcement in Micronesia. High praise is also due to the eight Micronesian senior staff officers who through their tremendous effort each day have made a major contribution to the success of this academy," Wygant said.

He added that, "It is a pleasure to be here today with you 40 graduates as you celebrate your achievement. I would encourage you to take a moment now and reflect back on your academy experience - the academic work, the physical fitness training, and all the practical exercises. Consider the commitment made by your governments and the U.S. federal law enforcement community which has provided you with this opportunity to improve your skill and abilities in your chosen profession."

"As with any commencement, graduation is a new beginning, the putting of what has been taught into the practical realm of day-to-day experience. Your communities and all those who have supported the academy program have high expectations of your leadership as you return to duty on your home island," said Wygant.

"May I charge you with this simple parting thought: Go home and be the police officer you have trained to be."

"Thank you for your invitation to be a part of this impressive ceremony," Wygant concluded.

Five outstanding awards were given out during the ceremony to five hard-working trainees. The valedictorian and Salutatorian awards went to Simram Simram and
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Iacopus John both of Pohnpei; firearm award to James Falamar of Yap; physical fitness award was achieved by Polycarp Ucherkemur of Palau, and the best note book award went to Nario Simion of Truk.

Another four awards were given out at the Academy's reception which was held at the Harbor View Hotel the same day: against-all-odds-award went to Ongino Ikesiil of the Republic of Palau; Best squad award went to B-squad headed by Hazime Telei also of Palau, and the department academic achievement award went to the FSM DSI, an award by the FBI office in Honolulu, Hawaii. The last award was a five-hundred miles club jacket award given to the first two officers of the Micronesian police academy and they are Pius Chotailug, FSM DSI, and Siosi Alikxa of Kosrae State.

The academy staff included Major Michael Korhonen as academy advisor from the state of Alaska; DOI law enforcement Coordinator William (Bill) Stinnett, Truk State; Commander Siosi Alikxa, Kosrae State; Deputy Commander Carson Sigrah, Kosrae State; First Sergeant Pius Chotailug, FSM DSI; Tactical Officer Aira Edmund, Pohnpei State and Squad Leaders: Hazime Telei, Republic of Palau; Charles Falmeyog, Yap State; Mike Setile, Truk State; and Raney Bolkeim, Republic of the Marshalls.

The graduates are: Isoda Nakashima and Vincent Wichep, FSM DSI; Joeharty Joel, Heupher Joseph, Yosiaru Nena, Tulemsru Sigrah, Huston Waguk and Arson Welley, Kosrae State; Salter Borong, Hermis Edmund, Iacopus John, Paulino Patrio, Ricky Rodriguez and Simram Simram, Pohnpei State; Pilas Robert, Felix Sandi-ago, Satosy Santa, Nario Simion, Sinis Sipauo and Siana Year, Truk State; Kenneth Chugrad, James Falamar, Leo Kenifmed, Tony Sulog and Raphael Wichillib, Yap State; Keslor Bohlkeim, Clarence Clanry, Bonjob Enoch, Jeffery Gold, Paul Joel and Tommy Leban, Republic of the Marshalls; and Cornelio Bruno, Felix Francisco, Ongino Ikesiil, Balkuu Kumangai, Bendix Lakobong, Lelis Madraisau, Hilario Rechesengel, Kubsak Rechellul, and Polycarp Ucherkemur, Republic of Palau.

Special Session convened

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Sixth FSM Congress has convened in a 10-day special session beginning on September 11, according to FSM Congress Speaker Jack Fritz' August 23 letter of convening call to President John R. Haglelgam.

The letter whose copies were distributed to all members of the FSM Congress, FSM Supreme Court Chief Justice, State governors and speakers of the four state legislatures, indicated that the phasing out of U.S. federal programs in education, establishment and organization of a constitutional convention, the Compact Financing Act and Medium Term Note Program are among major topics of consideration during the session.

John joins OAS as HP officer

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Former Kosrae State Historic Preservation Officer Teddy A. John of Lelu, Kosrae, was recently appointed as FSM Historic Preservation Officer replacing Kimberlee Kihleng who resigned after receiving a Fulbright Scholarship to conduct dissertation research on Pohnpei.

John, who was also the History and Culture Division Administrator in the Kosrae State Department of Conservation and Development, attended Kosrae High School, Guam Trade and Technical School and Honolulu Community College where he received a license in Airframe and Powerplan Aircraft Mechanics.

He also attended a 1979 Basic Archaeology Survey conducted by Trust Territory Staff Archaeologist Dr. Ross Cordy, and a series of workshops held yearly throughout the U.S., Honolulu, Guam, the FSM and Commonwealth of Northern Marianas between 1984 and 1989 by U.S. National Park Service to provide instruction on proper application and administration of Historic Preservation Grants.

He also attended the 1988 National Park Service Certification Workshop on reconnaissance archaeology survey held on Kosrae and a 1988-1989 once-a-year Museum Workshop on small museum development and its collections, management

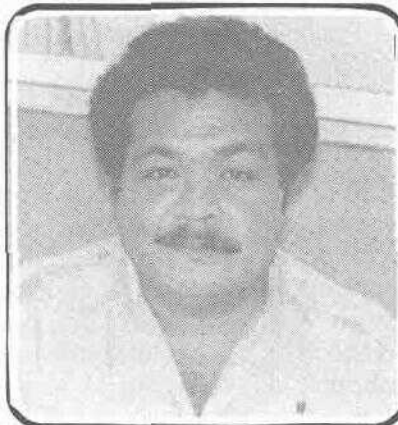
and protective care by Smithsonian Institute of Washington, D.C.

John previously served as Continental Air Micronesia Ground Maintenance Agent on Guam from 1971-1973 prior to serving as Continental Air Micronesia Ramp Operations Supervisor in Saipan for four years and as Heavy Equipment Mechanic for Kosrae State Public Works Department in 1977-1979.

When established, he coordinated and managed the Kosrae Historic Preservation Program and Kosrae Museum including a number of Archaeology Survey Projects. John also served as the President of the Micronesia Endowment for Historic Preservation, a ban Micronesia non-profit organization since its establishment in 1988;

also served as chairman of Lelu Municipal Council; as President of Kosrae Community Action Program (KCAP) Board of Directors; and member of Kosrae Coastal Resource Management Committee, Kosrae State Planning Committee for Fifth Pacific Festival of Arts, Kosrae Tourism Development Planning Committee, as member of Heritage of Asia and Pacific Island Board of Directors, and Kosrae Cultural Week Planning Committee.

John, 41, is married to former Verpha Gifford Nena of Lelu. They live with five of their 10 children in Kolonia.



Admissions to Pacific Basin Medical O

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Pacific Basin Medical Officers Training Program, based in Pohnpei State, announces its fourth admissions intake of first year students for the entering class in January, 1990, with applications for admission deadlined at September 15, 1989.

The PBMOTP is a rigorous five-year physician training program leading to a Medical Officer diploma. The Program, funded through the U.S. Public Health Service and conducted by the John A. Burns School of Medicine of the University of Hawaii, is open to suitable candidates from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republics of Belau and the Marshall Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa. The first class graduates in December, 1991.

Currently there are 53 first through third year Medical Officer students studying at the Pohnpei campus. Of these, 36 students or 70 percent of the students are from the FSM: Yap 10, Truk 12, Pohnpei 9, and Kosrae 5.

Thirty-eight percent or 20 of the PBMOTP students are women - 13 from the FSM. As most of the acute care and public health problems in Micronesia concern women and children, the Program especially encourages able women to apply to the Program.

The overall goal of the PBMOTP is to address the acute physician shortage in the region and produce a new generation of competent and caring community health physician specialists, who are educationally equipped to address the acute, chronic, and public health care needs of their respective jurisdictions. The first three years of the training will be spent at the Pohnpei campus with years four and five at select sites throughout the Pacific.

Candidates must be proficient in

reading, speaking, and writing English - the language of instruction. Tuition, room and board, books, equipment, transportation to and from the above jurisdictions, and a small living stipend are provided to students. The Program does not provide housing for families. The Program is seeking only serious and mature men and women candidates.

The PBMOTP Advisory Board is comprised of the Ministers and Directors of Health of the countries it serves. The Board selects for admission those students who have demonstrated in their prior studies and experience the competency, ethical conduct, and ability to achieve a level of academic and clinical competency necessary to complete the Program's intensive 5-year course.

The admissions policy is established by the Board and implemented through local admission committees appointed by the Minister or Director of Health of that jurisdiction.

PBMOTP faculty is comprised of medical educators from Fiji, Tonga, New Zealand, The United Kingdom, and the United States. The current eight full-time faculty have about 120 man teaching years in the Pacific. They include the former Acting and Deputy Dean of the Fiji School of Medicine, the Coordinator of Health Management from the University of the South Pacific, an Assistant Secretary of Health of Papua New Guinea, and other former and current faculty from medical schools in Auckland and the University of Hawaii.

The faculty is augmented by Micronesian, expatriate, and the National Health Service Corps physicians assigned to Pohnpei State Hospital.

Visiting faculty include consultants from the World Health Organization, Newcastle University Faculty of Medicine in Australia, and the

University of Hawaii Schools of Medicine and Public Health.

A student exchange program with Aboriginal medical students from Newcastle University is in the planning process.

Most recently the PBMOTP has been recognized by the World Health Organization as a "major medical teaching institution in the Pacific" and is currently a WHO consultant for curriculum development to the Fiji School of Medicine. Formal ties are being established with medical schools in Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji.

In reviewing the medical problems in Micronesia, it is very apparent that most of the problems fall under the subjects of Public Health and Primary Health Care. In acknowledging this, the program curriculum will produce a physician who is a primary health care specialist - one who is not only competent in curative skills but who will also have an equally sound education in community medicine, environmental health, and health planning.

Emphasis will be given to those preventive and curative skills which are critical to developing health systems of the Pacific Basin. Students will develop skills in the design, implementation, and management of primary health care systems as well as the diagnostic and treatment practices of secondary care.

The curriculum acknowledges that most of the students in the program come from educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. Initially a medical school survival skills course is mandatory for all students which emphasizes medically oriented English as a Second Language and basic study and testing skills.

This Study Skills course integrated with an Introduction to Health Sciences course which is a
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Officers Training Program now open

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problem-analysis course that introduces students to basic concepts in community medicine, health management, environmental health, and epidemiology.

The goal of the curriculum, in introducing gradually a problem-based educational format, is to produce Medical Officers who are self-directed and life-long learners. To this end the curriculum integrates the basic sciences with clinical education so that within months students, under supervision, are seeing and caring for patients.

This competency-based program is unlike the majority of metropolitan and traditional medical educational programs where students for the first two years learn only basic sciences and are rarely involved in direct patient care.

At the PBMOTP there is an immediate link between what the students are learning and their overall goal - becoming a competent and caring physician. Direct patient care in clinics and school health programs consumes 50% of a student's schedule by the second semester. This stimulates students to learn and establishes a positive feedback loop and link between what they learn in class and what they experience in the clinics.

In the first six months a Basic Medical Orientation Course introduces the students to anatomy, microbiology, history and physical taking, emergency medicine, maternal child health, and out patient medicine.

Over the next five semesters students matriculate through the Basic Health Science Course which utilizes a organ-systems approach (Cardiovascular Block, etc.) incorporating relevant basic sciences with clinical problems.

Students also will participate in community medicine projects that develop their public health, problem-solving skills in the areas of

needs assessment, maternal-child-health, public health engineering, epidemiology, health administration and resources management, and grant writing.

Beginning in the fourth and fifth years, students will fill roles as student physicians and public health officers in a variety of supervised internship and preceptorship experiences within Micronesia and the Pacific region.

Training outside Micronesia will be at sites where the level of patient care and health technology is consistent with the reality of health care that is reasonably attainable in Micronesia over the next generation.

MINIMUM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR FSM RESIDENTS:

To be admitted to the Program as a student, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia.
2. Be recommended by his/her State Director of Health.
3. Have completed successfully at least two years of college or work experience equivalent, as determined by the Advisory Board.
4. Be willing to relocate to Pohnpei and other assigned jurisdictions for the duration of the 5-year course.

PROCEDURES FOR APPLYING FOR ADMISSION FROM THE FSM:

1. Obtain an application from the State Director of Health Services of your jurisdiction.
2. Complete the application and air mail or deliver it to the Minister or Director of Health of your jurisdiction. DO NOT MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE PBMOTP. This will delay your

application process.

3. Request that all your official high school and college transcripts be sent to your Director of Health of your state. Applications without official transcripts will not be considered.

4. Obtain a social security number if you do not have one. This number is required for identification purposes.

5. DEADLINE FOR YOUR APPLICATION AND TRANSCRIPT IS SEPTEMBER 15, 1989.

SELECTION OF CANDIDATES:

The Advisory Board will convene in September, 1989 to select candidates for the January, 1990 class. The candidates will be notified of their admittance in October, 1989.

Students who have been accepted to the Program for the January, 1990 class must notify the Program in writing of their acceptance by November 15, 1989.

If an accepted candidate should decide not to accept the offer of admittance by November 15, 1989, an alternate candidate from that jurisdiction will be offered the opening.

Travel arrangements for selected students will be coordinated through the Program's Office in Pohnpei and their state's Director of Health.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For an application for the 1990 class or additional information regarding the Program, contact your Director of Health Services first or write:

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Fax: 691-320-2305

Panuelo departs for Fiji, Jack fired

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - External Affairs Secretary Andon Amaraich recently appointed Foreign Service Officer David W. Panuelo of Pohnpei as Counselor and Deputy Chief of Mission in Suva, and Marstella Jack also of Pohnpei as Foreign Service Officer.

David W. Panuelo, who left Pohnpei for Fiji on August 21, 1989, was appointed by Secretary of External Affairs Andon Amaraich as Foreign Service Officer in February of 1988.

Born April 13, 1964 in Pohnpei State, FSM, Panuelo attended Eastern Oregon State College from 1983 to the summer of 1987 where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and began his Foreign Service Career at the FSM Ministry of Foreign Affairs since February 1988.

He was a participant in the 1988 Australian Foreign Service Training course from April to July 1988. In the Summer of 1985, Panuelo served at the Pohnpei State Supreme Court as a legal researcher for three months and in the summer of 1986, he was trained at Pohnpei State Legislature as a Legislative aide for three months as part of his cooperative education studies at Eastern Oregon State college in La Grande, Oregon.

As a Foreign Service Officer, his duties include but not limited to: Does research, writes periodic reports and analyses of relevant political and economic issues and other matters affecting FSM's foreign relations; represents the FSM Government in conferences or negotiations; performs tasks necessary to carry out certain consular functions of the Department; receives, escorts, and entertains foreign guests of the government, and plans their itineraries; acts as staff to FSM delegations to national, regional, or international conferences or nego-

tiations; proposes and drafts policy recommendations, governmental/departmental briefs and news releases to the Department for consideration; and assists other divisions in the Department as needed and performs on a professional level in the area of research and analyses.

Panuelo, 25, is married to former Janet Semes of Kitti and they have one child.

Former Pohnpei State Police Officer Marstella Jack was named in July 1989 as a Foreign Service Officer in the FSM External Affairs Department.

Jack who was born September

17, 1966, is originally from Mwoakilloa and a graduate of PICS High School. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Sociology with an emphasis in Criminal Justice from Eastern New Mexico University at Portales, New Mexico, in 1988.

She previously served as a teller at the Bank of Guam, Pohnpei Branch, from February to March 1989; worked as a Clubmate at the Pacific Islands Club Hotel in Tumon Bay, Guam in April 1989, and also performed Work-Study duties on the College Campus and was a cashier at the local grocery store in Ledyard, Connecticut.



Panuelo



Jack

Mangefel completes internship

Martina Mangefel, 18, of Yap, completed her two-month internship at the FSM Public Information Office early this month. Mangefel was working in the Office of the President section on Public Information assisting in reporting, news release writing and other odd jobs.

Mangefel, daughter of FSM National Planner John Mangefel and Helen Mangefel of Yap, is a sophomore at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. She is returning to Hilo this fall to continue her studies in business administration with a hope of minoring in journalism.



Mangefel

Business workshop held in Pohnpei

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KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Methods of starting, improving and expanding a business were some of the major topics taught in a Small Business Management Training Workshop held July 24 through August 4 at Community College of Micronesia on Pohnpei.

The training workshop was conducted by Dr. Elaine Bailey, PBCP Field Representative Ray Cruz and Director Angela Williams of the Pacific Business Center Program at the University of Hawaii.

Williams said that the Pacific Business Center's mission is to assist small businesses in Pohnpei and other American Affiliated Pacific Islands, adding that Dr. Bailey, who has been conducting yearly workshops in the islands for the past 12 years, has just completed a Pacific Asia Management Institute (PAMI) which sponsored a conference on International Business in Guam and Saipan.

The Pacific Business Development Program at the University of



WORKSHOP HELD - Pacific Business Center's Director Angela Williams, standing, is addressing the participants of the workshop during the August 4 closing day. Among other officials present during the final day ceremony from left are: Pohnpei Governor Resio Moses and Pohnpei State Legislature Finance Committee Chairman Feliciano Perman.

Hawaii was formed to promote the growth of job opportunities and stimulate economic growth throughout the American Affiliated Pacific Nations. The Center uses the wealth of talent and knowledge available at the University.

The two-week workshop was jointly sponsored by the Pohnpei State Government's Office of Personnel, Labor and Manpower Development and the Conservation and Resource Surveillance (C&RS) Office.

Funds for single audit approved

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which would authorize the release of \$350,000 from OTIA for a single audit of the FSM governments during fiscal year 1989 was signed August 31, 1989, in Washington, D.C., between the Office of Territorial and International Affairs (OTIA) of the U.S. Department of the Interior and the Federated States of Micronesia, according to a news release by Pohnpei State WSZD Radio Acting Manager Paulino Pablo, who is currently touring the United States.

FSM Public Auditor, Jack E. Yakana, who was in Washington, D.C., together with the FSM embassy deputy chief of mission, Mr. Ringlen P. Ringlen, and embassy budget advisor Mr. Tom Bussanich, officially delivered the final signed MOU to OTIA director of budget Mr. Dave Heggstad for Interior's Assistant Secretary for Territorial and International Affairs Ms. Stella Guerra during a working luncheon on August 31, 1989.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Compact of Free Association and its subsidiary agreement concerning fiscal procedures, the U.S. Government shall provide for annual single audits of the uses of Compact funds by the governmental entities of the Federated States of Micronesia.

According to FSM Public Auditor, Mr. Jack E. Yakana, the \$350,000 shall be used for payment of contractual fees of an independent CPA firm which has been contracted to perform the FY-1989 single audit.

Tuna industry venture in FSM formalized

KOLONIA, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The National Fisheries Corporation (NFC) of the Federated States of Micronesia and Taiyo Fishery Company have formally signed a Letter of Intent to establish a tuna fisheries joint venture in the Federated States of Micronesia, according to a press release by NFC Executive Director James T. Movick.

Movick said that the representatives of NFC Board and Taiyo Fishery Company met in Guam recently to clarify their mutual intentions and agree upon a schedule of negotiations for the substantive Joint Venture Agreement and preparation of a detailed business plan.

The proposed joint venture will be the first major Japanese investment in fisheries in Micronesia, Movick said, adding that Taiyo Fishery Company is the largest fishing company in Japan and has a number of foreign joint venture operations around the world.

The FSM National Fisheries Corporation is a public corporation established by the FSM government to promote the commercial development of the pelagic fisheries resources of the Federated States of Micronesia, particularly through the establishment of joint ventures, Movick stated.

"In developing our nation's major natural resource we must avail ourselves of the best possible management and technical expertise. Taiyo brings that expertise and experience, apart from the capital which they will invest," NFC Board Chairman Mr. Kikuo Apis said, adding that "Taiyo's participation assures us that this venture will succeed."

Apis noted that the FSM government has accorded highest priority to the development of a

commercial tuna fishery and is considering various policies to better ensure that Micronesia benefits more fully from its tuna resources. He further noted that the proposed joint venture represents the first step toward the development of an FSM owned or based fishery which will eventually replace most of the foreign-based fleets which presently fish within the country's exclusive economic zone.

"Taiyo's willingness to join us in this joint

China

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agree to develop the diplomatic relations of friendship and cooperation between the two countries on the basis of the principle of mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence."

In his remarks made after the signing of the joint communique, Ambassador Zhang praised the fruitful efforts of both governments to reach agreement and pointed out that the People's Republic of China recognized the Federated States of Micronesia as sovereign and independent country. He went on to say that the two countries need each other's assistance and support. For his government, Ambassador Zhang said the People's Republic of China will support FSM's right to join the international community and international organizations like the Asian Development Bank.

Secretary Amaraich in his remarks recognized the presence of FSM Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael, FSM Congress Vice Speaker Claude Phillip, members of the President's cabinet, members of the FSM Congress, FSM Government employees and FSM citizens in the ceremony which he said is one of the major accomplishments of the FSM Government to date. He said that because of certain obstacles faced along the way it is hard for him to believe even at this stage that we have indeed accomplished

what we have been striving for and looking forward to and thanked Ambassador Zhang for visiting the FSM for the second time to accomplish this very important achievement. "The most significant thing that today's event demonstrates is the affirmation that irrespective of size of landmass and population of a country, all people are sovereign and that sovereignty has made it possible for our two countries to sign and exchange the documents in this ceremony."

Secretary Amaraich said that he wishes the citizens of the FSM are able to touch his heart to know how happy he is for these kinds of achievements which are the attributes of sovereignty and independence and pointed out that with sincere and dedicated effort on the part of citizens many good things can be accomplished. He pointed out that the papers signed today are only meaningful when the governments began to take action on a daily basis to strengthen cooperation and friendly relations and speaking for the Administration and the FSM Government, he said we are going to do our best to make this relationship as fruitful and productive as we can possibly do.

While details of the proposed venture are to be worked out, NFC officials said that the project will include initial tuna purse seine fishing and the future establishment of shoreside transshipment and processing facilities. Initial fishing operations are tentatively planned to begin before the end of the year, the release concluded.

The two governments in their discussions that led to the signing of the joint communique agreed that FSM's purely commercial non-governmental activities with entities in Taiwan now and in the future will be unaffected by the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Federated States of Micronesia and China.

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