

# FSS Micronesia welcomed upon arrival in Pohnpei

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) A one- and-a-half hour welcoming ceremony was held January 25 under the clear sky at the Dekehtik Dock upon the

arrival of FSS Micronesia to Pohnpei, the second FSM Government's patrol boat.

In his opening remarks, FSM Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael recalled

that on November 3, last year, he accepted the vessel on behalf of the FSM Government, from the Government of Australia in a ceremony held in Fremantle, Western Australia, a ceremony which coincided with the FSM National Independence Day.

Ismael said, "The arrival of FSS Micronesia is a happy occasion for the people of our nation. The FSS Micronesia will now join her sister ship, FSS Palikir on their awesome mission to conserve and protect the fisheries of our ocean from fishing poachers within our 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). FSS Micronesia is a welcome addition to our nation's capability to police and protect our most abundant and most important economic resources that are found within our EEZ."

In addition he said, "the ship will also be involved in humanitarian

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**FSS MICRONESIA ARRIVES POHNPEI** - FSM Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael (right, at the podium) told the crowd that the arrival of the FSS Micronesia is a happy occasion for the people of the nation, as he delivered his opening remarks during the welcoming ceremony for the FSS Micronesia held at the Dekehtik Dock on the 25th of January.



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## Thirty Filed for national election in March

PALIKIR, Pohnpei, (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - As of the close of the petition filing deadline, thirty people have filed to run for the FSM Congress election in March.

For the four year seat for the State of Chuuk, incumbent Sena-

tor Redley Killion is running unopposed, Senator Joseph Urusemal and FSM President John R. Haglalgam are running for the four-year seat for the State of Yap, Senator Jacob Nena and FSM Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael are running for the four-

year seat for Kosrae, and in Pohnpei, incumbent Senator Leo A. Falcam is being challenged by Pohnpei State Director of Treasury, former FSM Vice President Bailey Olter.

For the two-year term seats in-

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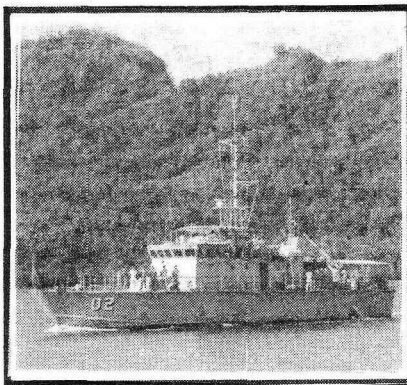
missions of search and rescue, medical evacuations and disaster reliefs for FSM citizens." Ismael expressed the FSM's gratitude in these words, "I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Ambassador Brazel and the officials of the Australian Ministry of Defence for the two ships and for their kind assistance in this defense cooperation program between our two countries."

He concluded by welcoming Commander Glenn Robinson, the Captain and the twenty-four crew members of the Australian naval ship HAMS Bunbury, for escorting FSS Micronesia from Australia to Micronesia. He also thanked the honored guests, families and friends of FSS Micronesia crew and all who attended the welcoming ceremony.

The welcoming remarks was delivered by Pohnpei Director of Public Works, Largo Edwin, speaking in Pohnpeian on behalf of Governor Resio S. Moses, welcomed the arrival of the FSS Micronesia to Pohnpei and her escort ship HAMS Bunbury, their Captains and crew. Edwin reiterated the significant role of protecting the fisheries resources in the FSMEEZ by patrolling the FSM waters, the important humanitarian missions such as search and rescue, medical evacuations from outer islands to the state centers among other emergency and urgent needs.

Brazel expressed his delight for the arrival of the FSS Micronesia and HAMS Bunbury. Saying the arrival of HAMS Bunbury and other Australian vessels tripled or quadrupled the Australian representation in the Pohnpei, promoting Australia and its people, reminded his countrymen of the celebration of Australia Day, Saturday, January 25, 1991, and extending them an invitation to attend, and said he is confident that they will do the right thing while in Pohnpei.

He said, "Australia seeks with the Federated States of Micronesia very little more than a good solid relationship between partners," as reflected in the Defense Cooperation Program between Australia and FSM. "The Micronesia is not a warship, it is a ship of



**MICRONESIA - The second patrol boat, FSS Microneisa arrives Pohnpei.**

peace, a ship to protect the economic security of your country", he added.

Office of the President's Chief of Staff Ieske Iehsi, in an introductory remarks said that the FSS Micronesia is the second of the two patrol boats requested by FSM President John R. Hagllegam to the Government of Australia to build for the FSM's Marine Surveillance Program.

The FSS Palikir was the first vessel received. Each vessel, with an overall length of 104 feet and sustained speed of 21 knots, and a range of 2,500 nautical miles, when cruising at economic speed of 12 knots, costs approximately 6 million U.S. Dollars. However, the FSM received them as donations from the Australian Government. The FSS Micronesia has on board the most modern navigational equipment. Also mounted are two machine guns for patrolling purposes. The entire crew including the

captain are citizens from the four FSM States.

The boat has two main engines (cat-erpillar 3516).

The FSS Micronesia under Commander Steve Memai of Lamotrek, Yap before arriving Pohnpei on its maiden voyage from Perth, Australia, where it was launched, stopping at Yap and Chuuk States. Welcoming ceremonies for the newly acquired patrol boat were held in both States. FSS Micronesia will also visit Kosrae after Pohnpei.

The ceremony in Pohnpei culminated with two traditional Yapese male and female spectacular dances performed by the CCM students from Yap State led by FSM National Planner John A. Mangefel.

Attending the ceremony were FSM and States officials, traditional leaders, members of the diplomatic corps, surveillance officers from the Forum member countries, families, relatives, friends, and the general public. Pohnpei State's Director of Conservation and Resource Surveillance, Bermin Weilbacher was the master of ceremonies.

An open house was held following the ceremony and a trial cruise in the afternoon.

FSS Palikir left port earlier that morning with Ismael and other officials from the National and state governments who board the FSS Micronesia in the Palikir Harbor on the other side of the Sokehs Rock before the FSS Micronesia longside at the dock.



**AMBASSADOR BRAZEL - Brazel (right, at the podium) in his remarks said, "The Micronesia is not a warship, it is a ship of peace."**



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cumbent Senator Isaac V. Figir of Yap and Speaker Jack Fritz of Chuuk are running unopposed. Meanwhile, incumbent Claude Phillip is being challenged by former Kosrae Governor Yosiwo P. George. Incumbent Senator Wagner (Moses) Lawrence who represents Madolenihmw and Kitti is being challenged by Pohnpei State Police Detective Benskin Etse. FSM Postal Inspector Herlino Makaya who also filed as a candidate challenging Lawrence, later withdrew in January. Incumbent Senator Dohsis Halbert representing Sokehs, Kolonia, and the Southern outer islands of Pohnpei is being challenged by FSM Postmaster General Bethwel Henry. Incumbent Senator Peter M. Christian who represents U, Nett, Mwoakilloa and Pingelap is being challenged by FSM Chief of Education Division Dr. Catalino Cantero.

For the state of Chuuk, incumbent Nishima Yleizah representing the Mortlocks is being challenged by Chuuk High School Teacher Ritis Heldart, Budget Analyst Daro Malon, and FSM Planning Specialist Joseph Peter. Incumbent Senator Kalisto Refalopei who represents Faichuk is challenged by Chuuk JTPA Coordinator Samuel Nethon; and incumbent Senator Tony Otto representing the Halls, Nomuenito and Western Islands is being challenged by General Manager of Manuel D. Crisostomo Inc. (MDCI) and former Speaker of Truk Legislature Simion Innocenti. Incumbent Senator Nick Bossy who represents the Northern Numoneas is not seeking re-election, and can-

didates running for that seat are Legal Aide at the Legislature Nickson Bossy, (the incumbent Senator Nick Bossy's son); Special Assistant to Governor on Special Programs Iosi Ludwig, Federal Program Coordinator Endy Mathew, and Sapuk Elementary School Teacher Sekap Eas.

In another related activity, a special election has been scheduled in Lelu, Kosrae to coincide with the FSM Congressional election on the 5th of March.

The special election is to elect a candidate to fill the seat vacated by the late Senator Kasuo Isisaki who passed away earlier this year.

Filing to run for the seat according to Dais Alokoa are; Fiscal Officer for the Kosrae State Legislature Bolden Abraham, former Kosrae State Senator Fred N. Skilling, and Kosrae Department of Public Works Administrative Officer Weston Luckymis. Both Abraham and Skilling ran in the November election last year.



**FSS MICRONESIA ARRIVES KOSRAE** - Vice President Hiroshi H. Ismael (left, at the podium), delivered his remarks during a welcoming ceremony held in Kosrae for the FSS Micronesia as she arrives Kosrae.

## Big Eye Helicopter Inc. allowed to enter FSM

**PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE)** - The following is the full text of a memorandum to the Attorney General from FSM President John R. Hagllegam.

"On February 22, 1986, President Nakayama banned entry into the FSM of aircraft owned or associated with Big Eye Helicopter, Inc. The order also banned entry into the FSM of Keith Kingsley Hunt, and Stanko Jurin. This order resulted from a concern that Big Eye Helicopter, Inc., was violating FSM fishing laws.

Since that time, the U.S. owner of Big Eye Helicopter, Inc. has become licensed to fish in the FSM pursuant to a Multilateral Treaty between the U.S. and various Pacific nations, including the FSM. The right of a licensee to use aircraft in connection with fishing activities in the FSM is governed by the terms of this Treaty.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in me under Section 107 of Title 50 of the FSM Code, I hereby rescind the Presidential Order of February 22, 1986 in its entirety."

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - In his last State of the State Message, delivered at about 10 a.m. January 22nd, Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses told the Members of the Pohnpei State Legislature, other officials and the people of Pohnpei, "we closed Fiscal Year 1990 with a surplus of nearly \$.9 million, a feat we achieved despite over appropriation of more than half a million dollars."

The following is the full text of the State of the State Message: "Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, distinguished guests and the people of Pohnpei.

Once again the pleasure is mine to appear before you and to report about the State of the State. This being my final message, today I speak with a sense of nostalgia.

In general, Pohnpei remains in good order, but we could be better.

As usual this report will be in general terms as specifics are already available in reports that are part of our public records.

To begin, let us go over budget and finance matters. Preliminarily, we closed FY 90 with a surplus of nearly \$.9 million, a feat we achieved despite over appropriation of more than half a million dollars. This brings the cumulative surplus of the state to \$4.25 million.

Local revenues collected in FY 90 stood at \$4.41 million, \$2.41 of which were derived from national taxes. This collection exceeded our estimates by approximately \$.357 million. On cash usage, over \$1 million remains available in Pohnpei banks by the end of the year with \$15.75 million remaining invested in conservative portfolios, and 10.9 percent or approximately \$1.723 million in volatile equity stocks. The FY 90 investment revenue was approximated at \$.25 million which is less than the previous years.

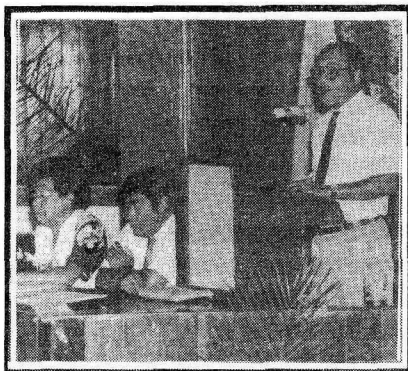
The decline in our investment earnings has been due to the down-trend of the international investment climate.

During the year our debt has increased from \$0.0 to \$14.65 million, plus interest. Adequate appropriations exist to pay our debt service under the medium term note program, except in FY 92 a problem we need to correct this Fiscal Year.

The state's fixed assets, infrastructures,

equipment, etc., have been increased by \$13 million, from \$55 million at the end of FY 86 to \$68 million as of September 30, 1990. But, due to surveys and other disposals, the figure may have been reduced.

Turning to our development programs, my general evaluation falls somewhere between good and bad. Based on the FY 90 4th quarter report, of Compact Capital account & CDBG grants, we have 39 projects remaining unimplemented, of which 30 are infrastructural, seven economic related and two in social services. Non-implementation, I am advised, has been on account of insufficient documentation.



**STATE OF THE STATE MESSAGE** - Governor Resio S. Moses (at the podium) delivers his last State of the State Message at the Pohnpei State Legislature. From left to right: Pohnpei State Legislature Speaker Kasiano Joseph, Pohnpei State Chief Justice Edwel H. Santos, and Moses.

The major economic projects have been in pepper, broiler and fisheries development and production.

Overall, a greater portion of the development funds are infrastructural, e.g., transportation, electrification, etc.

Social Services continue to receive low fund infusions, short-coming we need to address and accommodate from here on as we need to develop our single most important resource - our people, the youth.

Finally, I call the attention of the Legislature to the need for project deadline extensions in your current session.

Next, a review of activities and problems encountered during FY 90 in the public works and transportation:

I know that you and the people are already well informed about what PTA is or is not doing. Efforts were concentrated in three areas; namely; primary road pave-

ment, secondary road construction and road maintenance. Our road upgrade from Dausokele to Awak (or phase I of the circumferential road pavement) has been completed. Albeit behind schedule.

Phase II, as the southern Senators are aware, has begun. Two million dollars has been earmarked and I am happy to report that USED's share of \$1 million is soon forthcoming. By this opportunity, I reiterate the need to allot funding to phase III, from Awak into Madolenihmw, beginning with a \$1 million appropriation request this session. The justification for this phase is known to all so an elaboration will not be belabored here.

The secondary road development, although problematical, 18 miles have been completed with a budget outlay of \$.45 million. We are hoping, however, that the private sector will soon be able to assist us with the work, but we remain uncertain about their capability.

On road maintenance, \$.2 million was appropriated, but we will need a bit more this year due to the escalation of fuel costs and other inflationary factors. I reiterate the need to fund approximately \$300,000 worth of work done on Sokehs Island road, Nanpil Hydro road and toward Village Hotel before pavement. These jobs were accomplished as emergencies without appropriation.

Finally, I wish to report that we've undertaken an equipment maintenance program under the leadership of Mr. Glover of the AOESP. With this type of preventive maintenance, we hope to maximize the mileage out of our road equipment and vehicles.

A few changes have taken place in the department of Public Works. The O&M Division has been merged with Public Utilities and the Construction Management Division, by administrative directive, we transferred to OBP&S. The effect of the change is that we have two divisions remaining in the Department of Transportation (Sea & Air) and Public Utilities (power, water and sewerage and solid waste Management). Notwithstanding these changes, Public Works continues to be a busy department.

Development of electricity and maintenance of generators and transmission lines

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# f nearly \$9M," as he delivered his last state message

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continue to be major challenges. The creation of a power authority, a measure now pending before the Legislature, seems to us to be a way to move toward privatization and service reliability and I encourage the passage of the legislation in the strongest of terms during the current session.

Twenty four hour water service has been extended to 80 percent of the customers using the state system. The same level of service to the other 20 percent cannot be extended at this time until the users are able to take necessary water conservation measures or until we have been able to enhance the system with additional water sources.

Our sewerage system as reported a year ago is in a dire need of up-grading and maintenance. The on-going effort is to complete an A&E design to indicate to us how this aging system can be rehabilitated. Once this work has been completed, our effort will then be directed to identification of funding to rehabilitate and upgrade the system.

On solid waste management, the entire state needs a general clean-up and better sanitation. We have made a decision to relocate the city dump to a more suitable area and a task force is currently engaged in identifying such a site. Once the new site has been selected, we will move to improve the Dekehtik Dump so that our window to the outside world will become more pleasing to us and our visitors.

In economic development, the perception, both internally and externally, is that the FSM including Pohnpei is having a difficult time to get things moving. Our economy is seen as flagging with slow foreign investment, poor investment climate with restrictive laws, an unconducive land tenure system, lack of attraction to tourists, poor and non-existing infrastructures, lack of capital and general isolation and vulnerability. While I do not deny the elements of truth in these perceptions, I believe we are beginning to move forward as we enter the economic development phase of the Free Association relationship with the U.S., the second 5-year period.

In the past year, our pepper industry production has reached 10 metric tons as compared to 6.5 tons in FY 89. Our culti-

vated acreage increased from 50 to 87. We project in the next five years an additional 200 acres in cultivated pepper.

Under the assistance of the Legislature, the National Government and the FSM Development Bank we have given a budget outlay of approximately \$1 million to the Broiler Project. This has assisted us with a hatchery and a processing plant in Kolonia, two breeder farms and 16 broiler raisers at various locations on Pohnpei. By these efforts we have processed 77.3 tons of meat at an wholesale value of over \$.140 million. This has improved our balance of trade with respect to importation of chicken, I am advised. The Department of C&RS and pepper farmers need a feed warehouse, a cold storage and perhaps a feed mill in the years ahead. It is my hope that our financial ability will be there to enable us to further assist them.

Perhaps the brightest area in our development during the past years has been in fisheries development. Beyond routine works of C&RS and EDA with respect to fisheries development, E.G., reseeding of reefs with trochus and clams, assistance to traditional fisherman, seaweed farming, we have through EDA and CFC entered the world of commercial fisheries. As you are aware, we have purchased four vessels, along with three grant-aid boats and 21 foreign owned ships to fish for export. We have recently added co-ownership of three purse seiners under the CFC corporation and we hope to acquire new ones if business goes well. By the way of statistics for 1990 we report the following production figures: 43.3 tons of artisanal fisheries, 72.5 ton from EDA boats and 268.7 tons under the transshipment program. We expect to increase these figures when additional fishing boats are licensed.

The next phase of our effort will be the development of shore based facilities for fish processing, and canning and increased transshipment. The EDA's plant construction by Black Micro Corporation is scheduled for completion early next year, 1992; necessary equipment has been shipped to Pohnpei and will soon arrive. Upon completion, we expect to employ close to 100 people to process 1,200 tons a year, increasing to 3,600 tons by 1996. CFC has

additional set of shore facilities to be developed, the details of which will be reported to the legislature in due course.

Let me caution you, however, that while I appear optimistic, we continue to face problems of political support for these projects in the Pohnpei and the FSM National Government, unreliable air cargo linkage to the lucrative sashimi markets, power and water shortages and lack of trained personnel, among other things.

In business development, we have assisted 47 citizens, borrowing \$2.3 million to establish small businesses via the FSM Development Bank. Our IDF program has only one project funded with over \$.3 million. More are expected soon. We hope to devote our entire share of the fund to the private sector.

The picture of foreign investment in Pohnpei improved during the year. We permitted 15 foreign companies with a combined total of \$29.8 million capital investments, creating nearly 500 new jobs. This brings our cumulative total to 61 foreign investor firms, mostly in manufacturing, fisheries, tourism and construction.

In tourism, we have done very well. But our visitors statistics cannot be improved much over the previous year due to limitations on our ability to accommodate visitors. Our hotels have been taxed to their limits and in many cases forcing double or multiple room occupancies. We must think now more seriously than ever before about encouraging total development. To do this, I have been advised by tourism operators of the need to upgrade and lengthen our airstrip to allow movement of bulk tourism. Once we show a capability to move a bigger load of tourists from Japan and other points, investors will be convinced to take business risks in hotel development and related facilities. To this end, I have more dedicated our next Japan foreign aid program to airport development. Our current President and other chief executive colleagues have given their support to this project. My hope is that this Legislature and our people will also support me in this endeavor. The project is targeted for funding in 1993 and 1994.

In my first message to you as an elected Governor I declared human development

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and related services to be the most important priority of the state. Seven messages later, our evaluation indicates that we have not achieved this objective. Our combined efforts have resulted in level of service I consider less than optimal. Let me explain why.

Beginning with education, in comparison to the earlier years, we have done well, however, we have yet to resolve the following problems: 1. Our elementary school consolidation program has run into a political snag and we have not been able to implement it fully. 2. Of the 300 elementary school teachers, 63 remain to be certificated. 3. In spite of our classroom development program, our schools are deteriorating faster than we are able to maintain them. 4. In spite of improved test scores of our 8th graders, over 50 percent of our graduates have been unable to find a high school in which to enroll. 5. In spite of an ambitious scholarship program and increased opportunities to enter colleges, universities, vocational, technical and professional schools, the number of graduates seem to be declining.

In youth development, notwithstanding the diligence and interest shown by the Office of Youth and Social Affairs, the American Peace Corps Volunteers, the Micronesia Bound Inc., and others, the only visible program is the the Pohnpei Sports Council's, but it remain rather sporadic at best. We are unable to accomplish much as we lack resources with which to develop and operate programs. Our work, has been mostly routine and superficial. But, Pohnpei can ill-afford to neglect the youth as they will be the ones to improve upon and carry forth our heritage.

The one area where we have given support to our youth is the OPL&MD's Manpower Development Program, involving a network of people in Pohnpei, Guam and Hawaii. At present we have 20 young people in Pohnpei, ten at Guam Community College, and six will soon be placed at institutions in Hawaii. We expect, however, to increase the enrollees, both at home and outside, other components include on-island development in general, business, specialized and technical skills for both public

and private sectors youth.

Without a substantial restructuring of the Health Services budget and program, most aspects of our work remain at the level of the previous year. Funding in almost all categories fall under the basic need of the department, consequently we saw no new programs development in 1990.

We continue to feel the need to enhance our nursing, dental and physician capability and in medical supplies. These needs have been perennial and must be addressed soon if not now. Attention is also needed for a program to accommodate the increasing number of clients with mental health disorders.

In housing, 200 home loans were approved, 175 of which are under construction. With available funding, 80 more loans could be made. We experienced delayed progress in FY 90 due to non-availability of cement for home improvement and construction. Our hope is that the problem is not repeated this year.

In general, the Pohnpei housing authority has my congratulations for having assisted a great number of our citizens with home improvement and construction, however, its volume of work will continue to be a major undertaking until our citizens needing help are able to enjoy decent, safe and sanitary housing. A visual view of our homes throughout the state, including the outer islands indicates that we have a great deal of work yet to do and our aim should continue to upgrade our places of domicile.

Law and order: protection of people and property have been to the extent of available manpower and other resources. In other words, there is much to do, but available resources have been less than the actual need. Police and fire equipment have been insufficient and out-of-date. Our correctional facility is an embarrassment, its maintenance needs far exceed resources available from both the state and the FSM.

Funding for the department is so insufficient that we recently reprogrammed funds from other agencies to acquire four police patrol cars and for license plates. Our current Public Safety Patrol car capability was down to 2.5, in December hence reprogramming was necessary.

We continue to execute land leases,

process cadastral maps, inventory our historic sites, survey Navy and Japanese leases as we have in the past. However, in the process of administering our public lands we have discovered a major problem that needs immediate and concentrated action by the Government: the problem of illegal squatting. The problem, of course, has existed since the trust territory era, but everyone has taken it for granted, thinking that it will erase itself. Now, we have realized that corrective action is a major undertaking. Nonetheless, we will begin to challenge the problem this year and I request the support and the understanding of this legislature, the leaders of Pohnpei and squatters themselves.

Our work in intergovernmental and public affairs have been as usual, assisting us with excellent relations with the various agencies within the state, the National Government and external organizations. In connection with the outer islands, we must find a more affordable alternative to the Micro Glory. Our experience tells us that the vessel has been most expensive to operate and maintain. The view of the Legislature is solicited on this matter.

In Personnel, Labor and Manpower Development, I have earlier given a brief reference to our apprenticeship program. Let me at this point emphasize the need for the following: a new salary and classification system, a health insurance plan, retirement and pension plan and a new alien labor law.

Finally, being somewhat lame-ducked, perhaps I should refrain from proposing ambitious programs for the new year. This I think is better left to the members of the Legislature, many of whom I hope to see return next year to continue the work we have been doing together. But, I feel I should rise beyond politics to request your continuing appropriation for the road upgrading program, \$1.0 million, for the eastward construction into Madolenihmw and your consideration for the creation of our power/public utilities corporation, a step closer to privatization, is also urged. Also, may I finally reiterate the need for a government house.

Finally, I thank you for this opportunity to speak and for having worked with you serve our people in 1990 and seven prior years."



# Pohnpei Community Mental Health Center dedicated

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION CENTER) - The new Community Mental Health Center, the former police station was dedicated January 18 with Pohnpei State Department of Health Services Chief, Division of Public Health Simao Norman welcoming the guests including the U. S. Ambassador to the FSM Aurelia Erskine Brazeal, the FSM Department of Human Resources Secretary Representative Dr. Catalino Cantero, and other local and officials attending the dedication.

In opening the center, Dr. Cantero said, "All people, regardless of physical and mental abilities, have dignity, are worthy, and are a part of the community in which they live. We are all in need of help at times, and how we treat each other at those times is a test of humanity. We have passed a test."

"Modern and progressive ideas about mental health care requires that the community is the natural arena in which to provide services for people to build high quality lives. This is the beginning. We must keep in mind the cultural ramifications regarding mental health in our community in Pohnpei and in the FSM. This issue is new, its vocabulary is new to us, but the need is in existence," he said.

"We congratulate the State of Pohnpei and all those whose labors have brought forth this important program. Special thank-you is in order for Dr. Zimmern, the FSM Mental Health Consultant who is the main force behind this activity," Dr. Cantero concluded.

Brazeal on behalf of the United States Government said that she was pleased to make brief remarks because it was the first center in the FSM and the Community Mental Health Center is a result of United

States of America ingenuity, resolve and funding.

"The Public Health Service, especially Dr. Annette Zimmern, and the Civic Action Team all gave their time and talent and most especially the people and officials of the FSM and the State of Pohnpei who actively supported the first concept of a Mental Health Center and then its coming into being," she said.

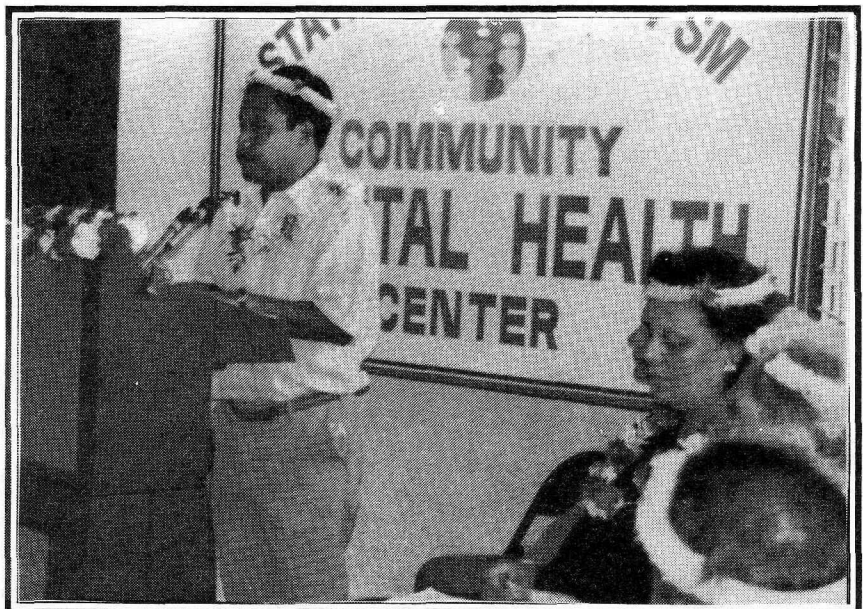
In addition she said, "Henry David Thoreau once observed that the virtue we appreciate, we, to some extent appropriate, we therefore do well to recognize the thoroughness and generosity of all the FSM-ers and Americans who devoted their time, talent and material resources to this center. Both our nations would do well to continue to nurture the power of individual initiative and volunteer service to others."

She said that, "at a time of global conflict, when all citizens of the U.S. and FSM are united in concern for our fighting forces, and our commitment to democracy and world

peace, it is appropriate to acknowledge today our joint commitment to the success of this Mental Health Center. I'm sure there were choices to make. Some may have said you were going too far; others that you were not going far enough. But despite those differences, everyone united on the goal: Mental Health Service for FSM citizens on Pohnpei."

"Everyone united on the means: a new Mental Health Clinic. It is both ambitious in its goals and innovative in its methods. It is a move away from redtape bureaucracy, from the old tradition of command and control regulations. The Clinic will be comprehensive, cost-effective and most of all, it will work," Brazeal said.

Brazeal said as she concludes her remarks, "I congratulate the American and FSM cooperation that occurred to make this happen. Thank-you all who have worked so hard for this day to become possible."



**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER - FSM Chief of Education Dr. Catalino Cantero (at the podium), in opening the center said, all people, regardless of physical and mental abilities, have dignity, are worthy, and are a part of the community in which they live. Sitting is U.S. Ambassador to the FSM Aurelia Brazeal.**

# 8 FSM received relief assistances from Australia and Japan

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) FSM President John R. Haglelgam, in a brief ceremony held at the Australian Embassy in Kolonia January 30th, accepted from the Australian Ambassador to the FSM, Kenneth Brazel, Australian Government's relief assistance to the victims of Typhoon Owen in Yap and Chuuk States and Russ in Pohnpei State.

The relief assistance received were 1,000 five-gallon, white collapsible plastic water containers, to be used for transporting and dispensing water for drinking or cooking purposes.

President Haglelgam, upon accepting the relief assistance, expressed his deep gratitudes to Australian Ambassador Brazel for his Government's concerns and assistance which would be used in supplying water to the typhoon victims, particularly on the outer islands of Yap and Chuuk States in the FSM.

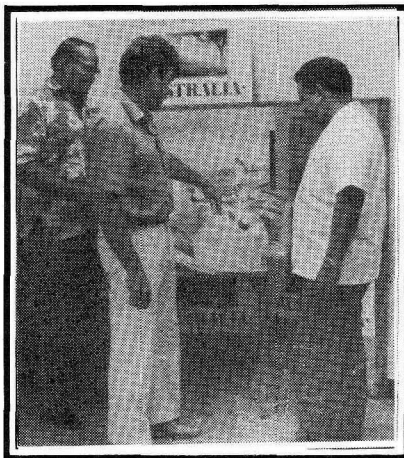
The Ambassador said the Australian Government recognized the hardship which natural disasters caused islanders throughout the Pacific. He was confident that the containers would go a long way towards meeting the need for storage of water for consumption, especially in the outer islands, until normal supplies are restored.

President Haglelgam was accompanied by his Special Assistant on Disaster Coordination Chutomu Nimwes and Pohnpei State's Chief of Fire and Disaster Dais Lorin. Also in attendance were the Australian Embassy staff.

The relief aid items are being distributed as follows: 250 water containers will be given to Pohnpei State's victims

of Typhoon Russ; 250 to Yap State's outer islands, Elato, Satawal and Lamotrek, and 500 to the outer islands of Chuuk, all victims of Typhoon Owen, according to Nimwes.

Also responding to the disaster situation which the States of Chuuk and Yap suffered severe damages by Ty-



*TYPHOON RELIEF ASSISTANCE - Australian Ambassador to the FSM Kenneth Brazel is demonstrating to President John R. Haglelgam and Special Assistant to the President on Disaster Coordinator, how to use the water containers contributed by Australian Government to the FSM for typhoon victims in the states of Chuuk, Yap, and Pohnpei who suffered damages by typhoon Owen and Russ.*

phoon Owen in October 1990, and were declared disaster areas by FSM President John R. Haglelgam and U.S. President George Bush, was Japan who sent donations which were received in the two affected states. Such donations were in goods, services and money. Other donations were from public and private

organizations and individuals within the Federated States of Micronesia.

According to a report from the FSM Embassy in Tokyo, the Government of Japan has donated an estimated amount of U.S. \$100,000 worth of items in December 1990 to Yap and Chuuk States. The following are such items including 10 pieces of generators, 5 pieces water purifiers, 10 pieces water tanks, 1000 pieces portable water containers, 500 pieces shovels, 40 sets of carpenter tools, 1000 pieces can openers and 10 pieces of chainsaws.

Private Japanese donations from the following companies and individuals include Japanese Fisheries Associations which members are Nikkatsuren, Kinkatsu, Kaimaki and Kitamaki, donated 100 cases of canned Tuna; Yanmar Diesel Company, Ltd., donated 50 boxes of Cup Noodles; Mr. Takemura of Suntory donated 30 boxes of spaghetti; and NBK Corporation, 10,000 cans of Mackerel. Cash donations, in approximate conversion to American dollars, included 5 million Japanese Yen (\$37,000) from Sasakawa Foundation; 3 million Yen (\$23,400) from Marugo Kosan (Mr. Inoue and Mr. Yamamoto); and over 250 Japanese people donated over 2 million Japanese Yen (\$15,600). Used clothings and household goods were donated by some 40 Japanese people.

The Government also donated emergency health kits which included medicine and medical equipment.

All donations have been turned over to Yap and Chuuk State Governments for distribution to the affected citizens in those states, says Nimwes.

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