

Haglegam signs Presidential Order #11

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - President John R. Haglegam signed on January 29, Presidential Order number 11 establishing the Presidential Task Force on Environmental Management and Sustainable Development (EMSD).

The order stated that the EMSD membership shall consist of Secretaries of the Departments of Human Resources, Resources and Development, External Af-

fairs, Finance, National Planner, Attorney General, and representatives of the four states: Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap (one each).

The Secretary of Human Resources shall be chairman of the task force, and vice chairman shall be selected from among its members.

The task force shall function as to oversee the development and implementation of the Asian

Development Bank (ADB) South Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP) Regional Environment Management Technical Assistance (RETA) Work Plan for the FSM.

As part of the RETA Work Plan, the task force shall oversee the preparation of a National Environment Management Strategy (NEMS) for the FSM. This will involve preparation of a state of

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New copra warehouse dedicated in Pohnpei

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A new copra warehouse was handed over to Pohnpei Federation of Cooperative Association (PFCA) by Coconut Development Authority (CDA) Board Chairman, Marcellino Actouka, in a brief ceremony held February 19, 1991.

Master of Ceremonies Adelino Lawrence who is also the Chief of Pohnpei State, and Chief of Agriculture Division, Pohnpei State Government, Agriculture opened the ceremony by a brief welcoming remarks, followed by the invocation by Rev. Shem Jimmy, President of Pohnpei United Church of Christ.

Following the invocation, Pohnpei Legislature Vice Speaker Ioanis

Edmund planted a young coconut tree in front of the building, signifying the primary use of the building.

Then Governor Resio S. Moses, with a machete cut the coconut palm

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COCONUT PLANTING - Pohnpei State Legislature Vice Speaker Ioanis Edmund is planting a young coconut tree in front of the building signifying the primary use of the building.

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the environmental report, preparation of Sector Reports on environmental issues and approaches appropriate to relevant sectors in the FSM, review of legislation and administrative structures for environmental management in the FSM, implementation of National and State seminars to review information collected above and to prepare a draft of a NEMS for the FSM, which includes priorities for environment management training, and review of the draft NEMS and preparation of final document to be adopted by the National and State Governments.

To establish priorities for in-country environmental management training; consistent with the priorities identified in the NEMS.

To oversee the implementation of environmental management training programs identified as priorities in NEMS.

And to perform such other task as the President may from time to time assign.

EMSD has the authority to make recommendations on all matters relating to Environmental Management, and sustainable development issues and other issues relating to existing FSM Laws.

The EMSD may establish sub-committees to assist in carrying out its functions and purposes.

The FSM Environmental Health Coordinator of the Division of Health shall serve as the Executive Director for the EMSD, and advisors as deemed necessary by the President or the Chairman.

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leaves substituting the usual ribbon to permit the attendants to enter the building.

The ceremony continued inside the building beginning with the Contractor's representative relinquishing the building key to Chairman of the CDA Board Marcelino Actouka signifying acceptance of the building as completed. Actouka then turned the key over to Ponape Federation of Cooperatives (PFCA) Assistant Manager Hilary Conrad.

In his remarks Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses told the small audience that the occasion is sad because coconut industry is a dying industry around the world, saying it maybe the reason why few people were in attendance. But, he continued, "for Pacific Islanders coconut is a valuable source of livelihood. Because of the numerous uses one can make of the coconut."

Moses says it is about time that those involved in the development of the coconut industry and those responsible for providing

funds for its development to search for new, and a more varied local uses of coconut, and gradually decrease its exportation of copra because of the declining prices on the world market. Instead, export biproducts from coconut or copra with higher market value.

Moses also called special attention to a new proposed coconut milk factory which he said would bring greater benefits to copra farmers in the FSM. Concluding his remarks Moses solicited the support of the officials from both the State and National Governments for the Pohnpei State's Coconut Milk Project which is being proposed.

Representing the FSM Government and concurrently the Coconut Development Authority Board, Chairman, Secretary of R&D Marcelino Actouka in his remarks said the occasion represented the cooperative efforts of the State Government, National Government, CDA, private sectors and farmers. Secretary Actouka also gave recognition to the FSM Congress, Pohnpei

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GOVERNOR CUTS THE RIBBON - Pohnpei State Governor Resio S. Moses with a machete cuts the coconut palm leaves which were tied in front of the warehouse substituting the usual ribbon, to permit the attendants to enter the building.

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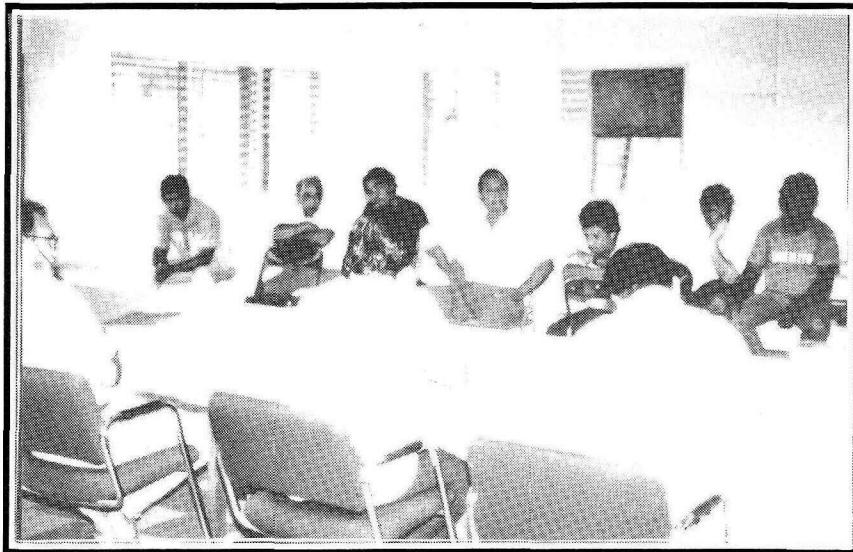
Public Land Entity and numerous others whose contribution large and small had ended in the successful completion of the project.

Chairman Actouka agreed with Governor Moses that world prices of copra has drastically decreased in the last few years affecting copra cutters, on the outer islands in particular. Saying "it's really an important responsibility for CDA to look at other ways of processing copra so that we can export the finished products which are more attractive compared with the raw copra which we have been exporting for so many years."

Actouka says although for the past several years the FSM Congress and certain State Legislatures have been subsidizing copra prices, the compact funding step-down will render them unable to continue the subsidy.

The CDA and Agriculture Division have been jointly seeking new ways of processing copra and making efforts to rehabilitate the less and less productive coconut plantations.

Actouka says the coconut industry's history is a sad one because "we've been husking, drying and selling copra just like our grandfathers and even our great grandfathers without the benefit of any new technology." Comparing it with the Telecommunications services, he said it is now possible to contact without much difficulty many countries around the world, but there has not been any improved ways of husking coconuts than that which has been in use many years ago.



BANKING BOARD - The FSM Banking Board held a public hearing in Kosrae February 25 at the Lelu Municipal Office. Members of the Board include Secretary of Resources and Development Marcelino Actouka, Elias Thomas from the Office of the President Information, and Secretary of Finance AITuuth. Mike Finn from the Attorney General's Office serves as the Board's Legal Counsel.

Police Conference held in the state of Kosrae

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSMINFORMATION SERVICE) A conference of chiefs of police from the FSM, Palau, Marshalls, CNMI, and US FBI members of the Micronesian Police Academy was held in Kosrae late February and early March to discuss issues of mutual interest including the future of the Micronesian Police Academy, the main training arm of Police in the region was successfully completed and participants headed home.

The Micronesian Policy Academy which was established in 1982 during the Trust Territory Government in cooperation with the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) initially for a period of five years, was extended another five years ending in 1992 has been conducting training programs for the police officers from the Micronesian political entities, says Jack Jack, FSM's Chief, Division of Public Safety.

Since the FBI was providing expert trainers for all the past annual trainings sessions since the inception of this program, the FBI participants reassured the entities' representatives that the prospect for continued supplying of trainers for future trainings is promising.

During its 10th years of existence, some of the MPA trainings were held in Palau at the Micronesian Occupational Center (MOC), the Alaska's Police Academy in the U.S. State of Alaska, and at the Community College of Micronesia (CCM) in Pohnpei. Future trainings are being planned for to be held Pohnpei unless invitations are received from the other potential hosting entities.

The conference's participants included the Chief of Police and high ranking Public Safety officials from participating government entities and Postal Inspectors from the FSM Postal Services.

4 *FSM contributes computer to Public Safety*

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) Pohnpei State's Department of Justice Director Daro Weital and FSM Mental Health Consultant Dr. Annette Zimmern signed, February 27, a Memorandum of Understanding which provides a new IBM Compatible Computer from FSM Mental Health Program to Pohnpei State Justice Department which would improve numerous types of records being kept by the Office of the Chief of Police.

Zimmern, in a brief remarks to Director Weital, Deputy Police Chief Robi and the officers and staff in attendance, said there was great need for cooperation between the two organizations. The FSM and Pohnpei State Mental Health Program's intention is to cooperate with the Pohnpei State Justice Department and to provide assistance whenever possible, Zimmern added.

Weital responded by expressing his appreciation for the donation. Saying during his four years as a Director, it had been difficult to receive approved budget for a needed computer like the one just received. Weital advised that people should help the Government with its needs in view of the impending step-down of the Compact Funds which will diminish the Government's ability to acquire resources to carry out its role of ensuring the safety of the lives and property.

FSM Mental Health Administrator Dr. Jim Reed explained that with the computer, numerous types of records could be maintained and retrieved whenever needed. Daily Police reports, duty officer's reports, arrests, different categories of detentions just to name a few were examples of what the computer could handle. Dr. Reed added that a wide variety of software programs, if desired, could also be obtained which will increase the computer's use. He volunteered to spend time showing the Department's secretary how to use the computer.

Deputy Police Chief Joakim Robi said he believed that the new computer would greatly improve record keeping and processing which was being kept manually, as he concluded with his appreciation for the generous assistance from the FSM's Mental Health Program.



COMPUTER CONTRIBUTED TO POHNPEI DEPT. OF JUSTICE - FSM Health Services/Mental Health in February contributed a computer to Pohnpei State Department of Justice in assistance to record keeping. From left to right are Deputy Chief of Police Joakim Robi, Dr. Annette Zimmern, Dept. of Justice secretary Kathleen Solomon, and Director Daro Weital.

ADB approves \$450,000 assistance to FSM

MANILA, Philippines (INFORMATION SERVICE) - The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide a \$450,000 technical assistance grant to the FSM for Agriculture Sector Development. This grant will be financed from the Japan Special Fund, according to a media release by ADB.

The economy of FSM depends largely on its public administration, funded from outside sources, with the salaries of its employees as the mainstay of the economy. The Government is working to diversify the economy in order to provide more employment opportunities and reduce the country's reliance on outside support.

Agriculture offers an opportunity for development. The sector, though poorly developed, already involves almost every family and even government employees on a full or part-time basis. It is estimated that local agriculture provides at least 60 percent of the food consumed and employs about 40 percent of the labor force on a season basis. In 1988 agricultural output accounted for 40 percent of FSM's exports.

The ADB technical assistance will support a comprehensive assessment of agriculture and agro-forestry development and the preparation of a medium-term agriculture sector project. The project will be based on a development strategy to be outlined for each of FSM's four States and the country as a whole.

During the initial assessment, a team of consultants will look into the resource base of cultivable land, farm size, tenure arrangements, manpower and available technical information and support. They will also consider the role of women in development, the potential involvement of non-government organizations, and the impact on the environment.

The consultants will assess the feasibility of an economically viable development project which will meet the development priorities of each State and the nation. They will cap their work with the preparation of a proposed Agriculture Sector Development Project.

The team of consultants will be selected in accordance with the Bank's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants. Collectively, the team will require about 19 man-months of expertise over a four-month period in the field, with expertise in policy formulation and planning, economics and marketing, institutional development, cash and plantation crops, livestock, agro-forestry and the sociology of Micronesian culture.

The Department of Resources and Development of the national government, through its Division of Agriculture, will be the executing agency, while the respective counterparts in each of the four States will be the implementing agencies.

Announcement from the U.S. Embassy to all Americans living in the FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The U.S. Embassy would like to inform all Americans living in the FSM of various matters that may be of interest to them.

The U.S. Government is asking Americans who are considering international travel to review all travel advisories issued by the Department of State when making their travel decisions. Americans are urged to keep in mind the possibility of sudden changes in security situations when making plans.

The Embassy in Pohnpei keeps copies of the travel advisories for public perusal. In the United States a traveler can contact the Citizens Emergency Center of the Department of State, Telephone (202) 647-5225 or 647-0900.

TAXES: Spring is approaching, and the call of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is heard around the globe. To assist you in meeting this obligation, the Embassy have supplies of tax forms and instructions at the Embassy in Pohnpei. In the other three states forms and instructions will be available at the homes or offices of the American volunteers who perform this valuable service for their fellow citizens. (See below).

WHEN: April 15, 1991 is the deadline but Americans overseas who have established their tax home and abode abroad to the satisfaction of the IRS may be given extra two months. If in doubt check the IRS regulations, specifically Publication 54-Tax Guide for U.S. Citizens and Resident Aliens Abroad — to find out if you qualify for the extension of time.

WHERE: Tax returns should be sent to the Internal Revenue Service Center, Philadelphia, PA 19255.

ADVICE: At the Embassy a copy of the J.K. Lasser Tax Guide is available for reference.

For authoritative responses address your questions to the IRS office in Guam. Their telephone number is: (671) 472-7263 or 7471 or 7404 or 7322.

POHNPEI RESIDENTS: Come to the Embassy for your tax information forms during business hours on Monday through Friday. You will find general IRS instruction booklets set out for your use in the waiting room; more specific instructions are available, plus the various forms we have on hand, upon request. Supplies are limited. The Embassy is suggesting that you consult

the instruction booklets first, then ask for the forms you will need.

CHUUK RESIDENTS: Tax information will be made available at Truk Travel, courtesy of Bill Stinnett. The telephone number there is 330-2798 or 2701.

KOSRAE RESIDENTS: Dr. Joel Smith of the Kosrae State Hospital (370-3012) will have forms and instructions available.

YAP RESIDENTS: Mrs. Cheryl Costerisan will have forms and instructions available. Her phone number in Colonia is 350-3410.

SOCIAL SECURITY: A recent notice from the Social Security Office responsible for East Asia and the Pacific reminds the Embassy that the following workers outside the U.S. are covered by U.S. Social Security and must pay into the Social Security fund: self employed U.S. citizens; U.S. citizens or legally admitted resident aliens (holding "green cards") working for an American company; U.S. citizens or legally admitted resident aliens working for a foreign affiliate of an American employer, IF the American employer has arranged for coverage by entering into an agreement with the IRS.

REGISTRATION WITH THE EMBASSY: Be sure the registration cards you filed with the Embassy are up to date. Do they have your correct occupation? number of dependents? address and telephone number? passport number? designated next-of-kin?

The information could be useful to you in a number of ways: The Embassy occasionally receives calls from friends and relatives seeking someone in Micronesia; or you could lose your passport and need to apply for a replacement in a hurry. In emergencies, we may need to reach a next-of-kin, or want to send each of you important information in newsletter forms.

DOCUMENT YOUR CHILD AS A U.S. CITIZEN: Another reminder - don't delay in obtaining a birth certificate for your child providing that he or she is an United States citizen. This will make it possible for you to obtain a passport for your child without undue delay when you wish to travel, and will ensure your child's claim to U.S. citizenship should anything happen to you.

Application forms for obtaining the Report of Birth of a U.S. Citizen Abroad are available at the Embassy. To apply you will need to bring to the Embassy original or certified copies of your child's local birth

certificate, identification for yourself, and evidence of you and your spouse's (if applicable) U.S. citizenship.

One important requirement is that at least one of the parents be a U.S. citizen who has been "physically present" in the United States for either five or ten years being after the parent's fourteenth birthday (depending on date of child's birth).

The regulations are complicated and there may be other documents requested. Check with the Embassy.

NO MORE U.S. IDENTITY CARDS WILL BE ISSUED: The small cards identifying you as a U.S. citizen will no longer be issued, except in certain cases authorized by the Department of State. To prove U.S. citizenship Americans will be asked to have full validity U.S. passport, a Certificate of Citizenship, Certificate of Naturalization, or consular Report of Birth.

Note: Identity cards issued before February 1, 1991, remain in effect and valid until they expire, i.e., five years from that date of issue.

OFCF officials visit FSM

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - A team of four officials from the Japan's Overseas Fisheries Cooperation Foundation (OFCF) visited the FSM early this year, and met with Chief of Marine Resources Moses Nelson, and JICA Expert Yoichy Suzuki.

The team composed of Mission Leader Shunichi Hozumi, Chief of Planning Division Shigeru Kuramochi, Port Engineer Noriyasu Nirai, and Expert on Fishing Equipment Yasunari Koyanagi who were accompanied by Captain Hisao Honda visited the National Government Capital February 27, 1991. Honda is the Advisor to National Fisheries Corporation (NFC) here.

The team was in the state of Yap for four days, meeting with the State Government officials and inspecting the Fisheries Projects funded under the Japanese Foreign Aid programs as well as the NMFA as possible recipient for the S&FGA.

While in Pohnpei the team met with both National and State Government officials and visited the various fisheries projects which are funded through Japanese Foreign Aid programs.

The Team will also visit Kosrae and Chuuk States before returning to Japan.

6 Population conferences held in New Caledonia

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NOUMEA, New Caledonia (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - The South Pacific Commission (SPC) convened the 4th Regional Meeting of Population Census and National Development Planners, at SPC headquarters in Noumea, New Caledonia, February 18-22, according to press releases from SPC in Noumea.

As the major gathering of officials concerned with population censuses, the meeting brought together statisticians directly involved in census activities and senior development planners. In this way, data collectors and users can co-operate in improving census data collection and its role in development planning.

During the meeting, participants reviewed national experiences and relevant developments in other countries to assist in improving data collection and use.

Since the last meeting in 1985, 18 countries in this region have conducted censuses. There has also been a significant interest in improving the use of population data to plan development in the Pacific.

In addition to country representatives sharing their recent census experiences, papers were presented on migration, economic activity, methods of estimating demographic parameters, use of census data in development/private sector, data processing and editing data.

Staff of the SPC Population Programme organized and conducted the meeting. Twenty six statistical and planning representatives from 16 Pacific Island countries participated in the meeting, as well as staff from several regional organizations

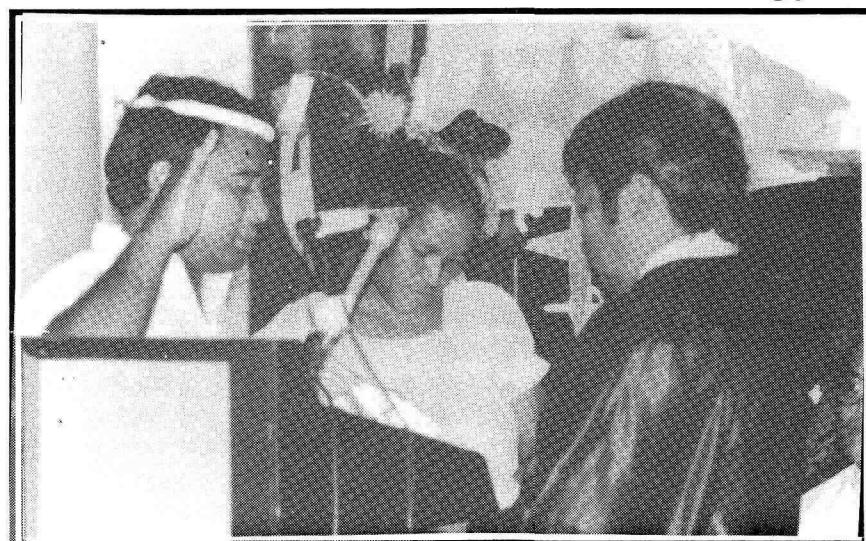
institutions.

In another related activity, SPC convened the 8th Regional Conference of Statisticians at SPC headquarters in Noumea, February 25. Seventeen member countries of the SPC were represented in the conference with 25 participants from other organizations. The conference is organized by the SPC Statistics Section.

The conference is the major regional gathering of statisticians concerned with the review of statistical developments within the Pacific. It brings together national statisticians, representatives from the international statistical community working within the region, participants from the statistical bureaux of Australia, New Zealand and France (INSEE), as well as representatives from regional and international organizations such as the Forum Secretariat, the Tourism Council of the South Pacific (TCSP), the United Nations (UN), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Bank, the Economic and

Social Commission from Asian and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SAIP), the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) and the East-West Center (EWC).

During the conference, participants reviewed statistical developments that have taken place within the region since the 7th Conference held in Rarotonga in 1987 and attended by 14 countries. The work program of the SPC Statistics Section for the years 1991-1993 and funding thereof was also reviewed. Other topics of interest discussed at this conference were the need for and the ability to supply and develop statistics in the areas of national accounts, household survey programs and overseas trade. The final report and recommendations of the conference determined the statistical activities of SPC in the coming year.



MENINKEDER LAPALAP OF MADOLENIHMW - Pohnpei State Chief Justice Edwel Santos, (right) is administering the oath of office to Timakio Ehsa (left) as the Meninkeder Lapalap of Madolenihmw, with Ehsa's wife Ioana Ehsa (center) holding the Bible during a January 18, 1991 ceremony held in the Temwen Congregational Church.

FSM, NFC and Australia established fishing joint venture

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) A fishing joint venture called the Caroline Fisheries Corporation (CFC) was established in May 1990 between Australian Tuna Development Company (TDC) the largest integrated fishing company of that country, the Federated States of Micronesia's National Fisheries Corporation (NFC), and Pohnpei State's Economic Development Authority (EDA) to promote fisheries development in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), according to NFC President James Movick.

CFC began operations on July 1, 1990 by acquiring three 500 ton fishing vessels. CFC also has obtained from Pohnpei State's Public Land Entity a piece of property in Dekehtik, adjacent to the commercial dock upon which it will construct a 2,000 tons (capacity) Cold Storage Facility.

Pohnpei State Legislature has appropriated funds which will be used to extend the present Dekehtik dock in front of the proposed Cold Storage to provide more spaces for the CFC's fishing vessels to land closer to the Cold Storage Facility making off loading of catches more convenient. CFC expects that financial arrangements for the construction of the cold storage will be completed shortly, allowing actual construction to commence in the next few

months. The joint venture's long term goal is to establish a large scale tuna processing cannery in Pohnpei.

With present high logistic costs to operate from Pohnpei or other FSM ports, an effort to minimize the costs of operating the company vessels for transshipment of catches to Bangkok, Thailand, the CFC has obtained fishing permits for its vessels to concentrate fishing activities within Papua New Guinea (PNG) Extended Economic Zone.

Preparations are however being accelerated to relocate the three vessels to Pohnpei as soon as possible. A new CFC Pohnpei office have been established at Dekehtik, managed by Kapilly Capelle, former Pohnpei Hospital Administrator, to expedite this relocation of the boats and transhipment operation.

The CFC's efforts are not without obstacles. Movick says the company presently faces fuel prices in the FSM ports which are comparatively higher than at other regional ports. However, there are a few concessions to attract commercial fishing activities and large scale investments. Changes in the tax law and positive investments treaties are being sought for the moment. Movick pointed out that similar requests are being received from prospective partners in similar venture in the other three states.

Preparation for 22nd Forum is underway

PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) - Preparation are underway for the 22nd South Pacific Forum to be held in the FSM capital at Palikir July 22 to August 2nd.

More than 200 delegates and officials plus heads of government of 15 Pacific nations will attend the Forum which will be officially opened on July 29 in the Chamber of the FSM Congress.

Officials will start their meetings one week earlier on July 22nd in preparation for the arrival of the leaders who are due about July 26th.

The leaders will hold their annual "retreat" or private get-together on July 27-28 at a venue still to be announced.

The actual Forum meeting will be held July 29-30th and this will be followed by further discussions lasting until August 2nd.

The committee organizing the Forum is meeting regularly with the overall chairman, Secretary of Finance Al Tuuth.

The committee has been told that at least 100 journalists will visit Pohnpei to cover the Forum.

In addition 15 broadcast officers from South Pacific Island nations will be undertaking a training course in Pohnpei during the Forum.

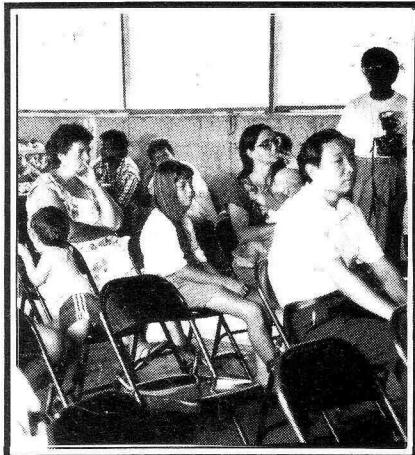
A media center will be set up and additional international telephone lines will be installed to enable journalists to file their stories.

8 New recycling facility, "Rikada," established in Pohnpei

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PALIKIR, Pohnpei (FSM INFORMATION SERVICE) A new aluminum can recycling facility called "Rikada Recycling" located in the old Headstart Building in Kolonia to be operated by the State Government's Youth Services Office was dedicated February 20 1991.

Attending the ceremony were about 30 people including Governor Resio S. Moses, Vice Speaker Ioanis Edmund, FSM President's Chief of Staff Ieske Iehsi, Australian Ambassador to the FSM Kenneth Brazel, U.S. Ambassador Aurelia Brazeal, the People's Republic of China Charge d'Affairs Lou Fending, Meninkeder Lapalap of Madolenihmw Municipality, the



RIKADA RECYCLING FACILITY - In front is Charge d'Affairs of the Embassy of China located in Pohnpei, among others who joined together in the dedication of the Rikada Recycling Facility.



AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR - Australian Ambassador to the FSM Kenneth Brazel reiterated his Government's appreciation for being able to participate in a project desired by Pohnpei State such as the Rikada Recycling Project.

staffs and operators of the recycling plant, and other officials from the state and National Government.

In his opening remarks on behalf of the FSM Government, Iehsi expressed the FSM's deep gratitude to the Australian Government for donating \$10,000 with which the crusher was purchased. He also praised the Pohnpei State Legislature for providing \$16,000 which was used to defray the equipment freight costs and initial establishment and renovation of the plant, and the State's Office of Youth and Social Affairs for implementing the project. Iehsi said that the implementation of the recycling of aluminum could help the clean-up efforts,

particularly in Kolonia, where a face-lift was desirable for the upcoming Forum meetings to be hosted by the FSM Government in Pohnpei.

Ambassador Brazel from Australia reiterated his Government's appreciation for being able to participate in a project desired by Pohnpei State such as the Rikada Recycling Project. Expressing his hope that other countries appreciate it too

Governor Resio S. Moses reminded the listeners that Pohnpei must keep up with the changes of today, keeping its environment clean and suitable for a healthy community. Moses also emphasized the importance of moral cleanliness of the people.

Vice Speaker Ioanis Edmund reiterated Pohnpei State Legislature's continued support for the project.

Joshua C. Phillip, Special Assistant to Governor for Youth and Social Affairs expressed his office's appreciation to all who contributed to the success of the project and sought continued support of all.

The ceremony ended with a demonstration of the can crushing machinery which can crush 1,000 cans per minute or 60,000 cans per hour. Master of Ceremony Bermin Weilbacher told the crowd that FSM imports approximately 7 million aluminum cans each year.

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