



PACIFIC ASIA TRAVEL ASSOCIATION MICRONESIA CHAPTER SEASON'S GREETINGS

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



Participants at the PATA Micronesia Chapter triannual meeting at the Guam Community College Auditorium, December 10-13, 2024.

Best wishes and Greetings to You and your family this Christmas. As the new Chair of our PATA Micronesia Chapter Executive Board, I take this time to connect with you my fellow chapter members with gratitude to the Lord for his many blessings upon us all.

As I look ahead to the next two years, I am hopeful and confident knowing the great talent and experience each of the Members possess as "movers and shakers" of society at our respective home islands.

I politely ask all PATA Micronesia to renew strength and commit more to improving lives and communities through hard work and collaboration in our Micronesia sphere and beyond. Together, we shall thrive in 2025.

Kinissou Chapur,
Marcellus "marz" J. Akapito

NEW AND RETURNING DIVERS LAUD "TRUK LAGOON" DIVE



Photo to the left was posted by Atsushi Hori in the Truk Lagoon facebook group. It is a photo of the San Francisco Maru from the front. Notice the diver over the top. One comment from [Susan Jamerson](#) "The 2nd time I dove the San Francisco it was only me and my dive master. Truly magical."

The one on the right was posted by Madison H. Booth in the same group, showing a group of visitors with staff from Blue Lagoon Dive Shop.

There is active exchange of views in this group regarding the "best" way to get into Chuuk. Japan-to-Guam-to Chuuk is the better option according to previous divers.



CVB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AKAPITO A KEFINITA PWE PATA MICRONESIA CHAIRMAN 2025 - 2027

Fansoun ar mwiih Guam non ewe December 11, monun ewe Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Micronesia Chapter ra fini nour nowis non ekkei ru ier. Chochon ei association ra feito seni ekkoch ofes, business, me NGO non unusen Micronesia, minne e or ar angang mi weneiti pekin tourism. Iwe ikkeir ra kefinita pwe chon emweni ewe Executive Board:

Chairman — Marcellus J. Akapito, Chuuk

Vice Chairman—David Tydingco, Guam

Secretary—Kimber Rilometo, Marshall Islands

Treasurer—Judy Torres, Northern Mariana Islands

Mi pwan or ekkewe working committee mi pwan kefin masowan. Nely Mori Ruben seni CVB a kefinita pwe epwe Co-Chair ewe Public Relations Committee.

TOP 7 ON CVB WISH LIST IN 2025

1. Epwe nimoch aropen aan me aroset
2. Soufonu repwe tipemecheres
3. Epwe chomong cruise ship epwe torikich
4. Epwe pwonuta ewe pekin wa-seres
5. Epwe napeno mwonien efefetai Chuuk
6. Epwe ochuno anen Weno
7. Aramas repwe tong me pwapwa

CVB HOLDS FIRST PLANNING MEETING FOR WORLD EXPO 2025 IN OSAKA, JAPAN



Left to Right: Rancher Walter, Iromy Bruton, Jedidiah Hainrick, Renato Kyoshi, Marcellus Akapito, Peter Aten, and Nely Mori Ruben

At a meeting held at the Truk Stop Hotel Hardwreck on December 5, 2024, the executive director of Chuuk visitors Bureau shared with office representatives details regarding FSM participation at the upcoming World Expo in Osaka, Japan. In general, the World Expo will open in April 2025 and will be on going over six months.

This event will serve as a platform for countries to interact through commerce and culture exhibitions and displays as well as other related undertakings. The FSM Department of Resources and Development is the focal point office for the big event with the task to lead participation plan for the FSM.

The Chuuk meeting allowed pertinent public sector agencies and representatives of the private sector to review the FSM plan and offer recommendation on what Chuuk delegation should emphasize at the Expo. Each FSM State is given one-month duration to represent FSM in Osaka. According to the tentative schedule, Chuuk State turn will be from June to July.

Attending the planning meeting were representatives of the following offices: Historic Preservation Office, Economic Status Planning and Development Office, Chuuk State Planning Office, Division of Commerce and Industry, and the Chuuk Visitors Bureau.

Members of the Private Sector and Chamber of Commerce were invited to the meeting but could not attend due to other pressing commitment. However, they will continue to assist to ensure the business community's point of view is integrated

WENO WATER PROJECT GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

CPUC held a groundbreaking ceremony for the ADB funded (\$35M) water and sanitation project for Weno, particularly to mark the beginning of the new construction of the Weno water pipes--to begin this week.

The project will install over 8 miles of new water lines from Iras to Sapuk, Tunuk backroad, Pou backroad in Mechitiw, Motolong, Mwan to Neauo, Neauo to Epinuup. All customers will receive new smart, prepaid water meters. CPUC currently has 500 water customers but that will be increased to nearly 2,000 customers when the project is completed. Also, a fiber optic cable will also be installed underground with the new water line to create a more resilient cable for the future of Weno. CPUC and OAE recently signed an agreement for the cable installation.

CPUC Board and Management would like to thank Bishop Julio Angkel, Vice President Mr. Wisney Nakayama, Governor's Representative Mr. Oncher Walter, Weno Municipal Chief of Staff Mr. John Haruo, Mr. GR Mori of FSMTCC/OAE, PEP Construction, and Latitude 7 for their presents. (Taken from CPUC Facebook)



FSM TOURISM OFFICE ANTICIPATES GREAT TOURISM EVENTS FOR ALL FSM STATES



On December 19 to 21, Mr. Bermance Aldis, Assistant Secretary of the FSM Department of Resources and Development, Division of Tourism, headed a delegation on a visiting assignment to interact with tourism offices throughout the FSM regarding upcoming tourism events in 2025 as well as other pertinent matters. As part of his visiting agenda, Assistant Secretary Aldis held a meeting with the executive director and staff of the Chuuk Visitors Bureau to jointly look ahead to the upcoming World Expo in Osaka from April to September 2025 as well as the 4th Micronesia Expo in Yap slated for July 2025.

This meeting allowed CVB to directly update FSM Tourism Office on planning progress they have made especially relating to the Osaka Expo. FSM and Chuuk tourism planning partners will continue working with event organizers in Japan to make sure Chuuk and the other states can take advantage of the opportunity to strengthen marketing strategies aiming certain global tourism zones.

GOVERNOR NARRUHN A MOCHEN AWORA MONIEN SAFEI NGENI ARAMAS ESE WOR NOUR HEALTH INSURANCE

On ewe December 23, Governor Alexander R. Narruhn a efisi ew Christmas Party ngeni chon angang meinisin me non ewe Chuuk State Auditorium. Fansoun an afanafan, Atefon Kepina a pwarata an kinisou ngeni chon angang ren ekkewe ruanu ier a fis angangfengen non ar iei fansoun emweni Chuuk me Lt. Governor Mekioshy William. Atefon Kepina a pwan apasa pwe fansoun epwe niwinsefan me mwirin ei ruanu ier, epwe achochongeni ekkei ru mettoch repwe pwonuta: 1. Epwe awora monien housing faniten chon angang repwe tongeni borrow ren home repair; 2. Epwe awora monien safei faniten aninisin ekkwe aramas ewe or nour health insurance an epwe anisi ar repwe tongeni no safei nukun Chuuk me atawei ar samwau. Ewe party a fakkun apwapwa ren ewe lucky number me watten niffang.

WATTEN APWAPWA NON CATHEDRAL PARISH

Pwapwa wachimuk ren chon ewe faan Cathedral Parish faniten tawenon ew ar gymnasium, minne a fis efinuun non ewe December 4 me non ewe soop Tunuk.

Ew repot a affata pwe ukukun engon ier ar angangeni an epwe pwonuta ei ekiek faniten ei gym. A pwan affata pwe mawe Chief Justice Camilo Noket a poputani fundraising fansoun an emweni ewe parish council. Iwe Rep. Jesse William a sopweno ne emweni ei council me mwokutun ei angang.

Fansoun an Speaker non FSM Congress, President Wesley Simina mi pwan aninis won \$150,000 ngorou monien matching.

