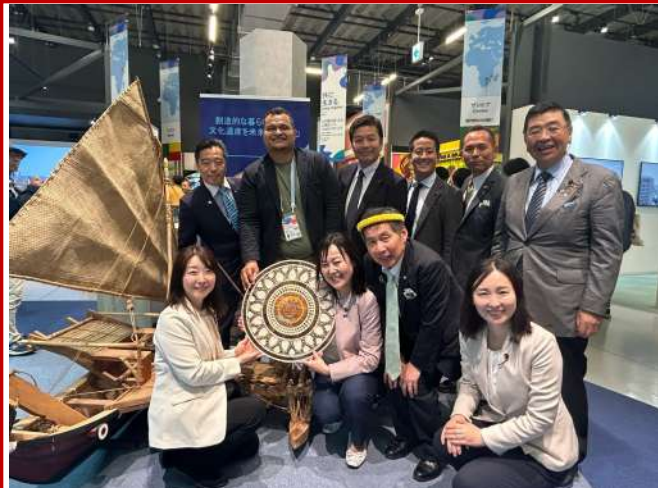




FSM VALUABLE CULTURAL ITEMS ON DISPLAY AT WORLD EXPO IN OSAKA, JAPAN



FSM R&D staff, Christopher Sigrah with visitors at the FSM Pavillion at the World Expo currently on-going in Osaka, Japan.

The Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) is taking part at the Word Expo in Osaka, Japan. The event started on April 13, 2025, and it will go on for six months. This is the second time that Osaka hosts this event, which brings together nations around the world under the theme of Unity: Creating future Society for Our Lives, amid turbulent times around the world.

FSM seizes the opportunity to show case its various beautiful expressions in cultural artifacts, paintings, carvings, weaving, music, and performing arts in chanting and traditional dance, coordinated through the National Department of Resources and Development, Division of Tourism.

For the States, each of them will have one month to take part in the Expo. Chuuk State will be at the Expo from June 14 to July 14. At this time, most of the items on display will be Chuuk items. Lisette Yamase from the Mortlocks region will display her amazing art during the first week of July. There will be another display on the shipwrecks in Chuuk.



FIRST ANNUAL CHUUK ONE-MILE CHALLENGE HELD ON FEBRUARY 13, 2025



The first annual Chuuk One-Mile Challenge, took place on February 13, 2025. A handful of young milers from Tonoas, Weno, and Fefen took part in the inaugural event. Cash prize was provided to top three winners in both categories for men and women. Thanks to all participants, officials and volunteers. Also, kinissou chapur to Chuuk Transportation Company (Transco) for sponsoring our fist event along with Chuuk Recreation Office and Chuuk Visitors Bureau. Special Kinissou Chapur to Clarice Graham and the Sports International group supporting sport administration and learning. Some of the runners were Americans who were in Chuuk for a sports development program coordinated by Mrs. Calrice Etop Graham from Peniesene, Weno. Thank you to Chuuk Airport for housing our opening and closing of the event. Here are the results:

Mwan:

First Place Rickay Ichiro
Second Place Vince Victus
Third Place DJ Ichiro

Fefin:

First Place: Courtney from USA
Second Place: Mathrin Sakate
Third Place: Merima Cornelio

CHUUK AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS AT THE 4TH FSM R&D CONFERENCE



From left: H-Ann Ruben, Krisketina Marar, Charlie Tommy, Leialoha Shirai, and Marz Akapito, during group work on FSM Food System

The FSM Government held the 4th Resources and Development Conference in the State of Kosrae from May 5 to 8, calling together representatives from all over the nation.

Leading the Delegation from Chuuk State was Mr. Roger Arnold, State Economist. The delegation included representatives from the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Marine Resources, the Chuuk Public Utility Corporation, the Department of Education, the Project Management Office, the Chuuk Chamber of Commerce, and the Chuuk Visitors Bureau.

The Honorable Aren Palik, Vice President of the FSM, opened the meeting and stayed to also take part. R&D Secretary Elina Paul Akinaga supervised the preparation and roll out of the meeting with many of her department staff who were in Kosrae to handle all logistical aspects.

Kinissou to the Leadership and People of Kosrae for their great kindness and hospitality.

In their own words....

One of the most impressive things when visiting Truk was the guide, who would sit in the front of the boat and without any gps, radio or anything else to know where to go he would give signs to the boat driver where to go, by pure landmarks he would find the buoy five meters below the surface, and then swim down to it to attach it to the boat.

(by Jakob Sandberg on April 21.)

Ron Ronchetto

When we would dive Truk in the 80's and 90's.....there weren't any buoys. The guides would line up a landmark on two islands and then throw the anchor overboard and snag the wreck. 9 times out of 10 he could tell you correctly, exactly where on the wreck the anchor was.

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Chuuk Delegation at R&D Conference 2025

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Mr. Roger Arnold a wisen tupwuni semach Atefon Kepina Alexander Naruhn non ei mwiich, o a pwan wisen emweni ewe delegation seni ach Mwun Chuuk.

Mi pwan or chon fiti ie mwiich ra feito seni peekin sopai ika business me pwan non-government association.

Ekkewe ra feino seni ofesin Tumwunu Mataw me Tumunu Neeman, pwan pachenong tupwun pekin fifi me konik, me pwan ofesin turis ra wisen afosa nonnomun fonuach Chuuk non ar kewe sekining. Ekkewe seni FSM ra pwan kapas won auchean an a wes ewe Development Plan noun FSM me ekkewe States.



1st triannual PATA Micronesia Chapter Membership Meeting
June 2 - 7, 2025

SCHEDULE

MONDAY
JUNE 2

- 9:30 AM - 12 PM: TOUR SAPUK, WENO ISLAND - CFTI DOCK.
- LUNCH AT XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL
- 3PM: COURTESY VISIT TO GOVERNOR NARRUHN & PRESIDING OFFICERS
- 5:30 PM - 10 PM: WELCOME DINNER AT RACHEL'S BEACH

TUESDAY
JUNE 3

- 9:30 AM: FAICHUK TOUR - BLUE LAGOON RESORT DOCK
- LUNCH WITH PATA LEADERS - SAPOTA VILLAGE
- 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM: NETUTU CHANEL TO PATA ISLAND
- 3 PM: RETURN TO LODGING

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 4

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- BLUE LAGOON RESORT**
- 10AM - 12PM: ONE MICRONESIA - OBSTACLES AND OPPORTUNITIES.
 - REGIONAL OVERVIEW BY PREVIOUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
 - 11AM - 11:45 PM: NURTURING GROWTH AND POSSIBILITIES
 - 1:15PM - 5PM: NTO/STO UPDATES
 - 6PM: DINNER AT SUNRISE RESTAURANT

THURSDAY
JUNE 5

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- BLUE LAGOON RESORT**
- 9:30PM - 12PM: STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS
 - 1:15 PM - 4:45 PM: PRESENTATIONS
 - 6PM: CLOSING DINNER AT STATE AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY
JUNE 6

- 9:30 AM - 1:00PM: AERIAL TOUR OF CHUUK AND KUOP LAGOONS
- 1:30 PM: DEDICATE OF LOCAL HUTS AND SIGNAGE
- 2PM - 3PM: CHECK IN TIME FOR GUM, CNMI, YAP, PW

SATURDAY
JUNE 7

- 6AM - 8AM: 1ST PATA MICRONESIA 5K FUNRUN
- 9:30PM - 10:45AM: CHECK IN FOR PNI & MAJ
- 12PM - 1PM: LUNCH FOR KOSRAE DELEGATION
- 1PM - 4:30 PM: TOUR OF MABUCHI HILL AND NEFO CAVE

The Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Micronesia Chapter will hold the first of its three meetings in 2025 in Chuuk. After its Board of Directors chose the Director of CVB to be chairman for the 2025-2027 period, consequently, Chuuk was assigned to host this meeting based on practice. This meeting got pushed back to early June from initial schedule, a one month delay.

CVB looks to working with PATA Micronesia members with the goal to improve travel and business climate in the region. As we lead this organization, we also look to increasing membership from Chuuk as well as the FSM. Welcome to beautiful Chuuk.

US MILITARY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN AUGUST

A visiting team from the US military visited Chuuk months ahead of their upcoming community engagement scheduled for August, 2025. We are aware that there seems to be more recurrent activities by the US military for social and humanitarian purposes. On January 12, CVB got visited by Pastor Zachary Zumwalt, US Navy Chaplain, Lieutenant Anna Maria Vaccaro, Liaison Officer, Coast Guard Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam, and another official. They were visiting Micronesia way ahead of the Pacific Partnership mission that will take place in August, 2025. CVB is happy to be part of the planning team from Chuuk State to ensure mutual benefits from this expected military community action. From their side, their visit was a preparation mission.



MET CHUUK EPWE FORI NON WORLD EXPO, OSAKA



Mortlockese Tepwanu and Pohnpeian Dance Paddles
2019
Charcoal and Acrylic
Paint on paper



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