



PATA MICRONESIA HOLDS CONNECTIVITY MEETING IN YAP STATE



The Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Micronesia Chapter held its second 2025 membership meeting in Yap from October 7 to 11 at the IBoom Conference Room in Kolonia.

Under the theme of “Cultivating Connectivity”, presenters from crucial business and service providers in aviation, ground transportation, ocean cruise line industry, and digital communications provided vital information to help PATA Micronesia members delve deep into tourism and travel recovery regionally. Presenters included Anthony Falvo, senior manager, Pacific Network Planning at United Airlines, Mike Wight from Australia-Pacific Aviation Partnership Program, Dr. Gerald Perez, chairman Micronesia Cruise Line Association, Brad Kloppenburg from Kloppenburg Enterprises relating to ground transportation, Lubuw Falanru, President of iBoom in Yap, which is an internet service company, and finally, Grand Master Navigator Ali Haleyalur and Rita Pangelinan Nauta who spoke on “navigating our past — charting our course forward”.

The meeting took two full days consisting of an Executive Meeting during the first day. This allows the standing committee members to interact on planning and activity matters. Later in the day, members informed the big group of course of action to pursue the rest of the 2 years cycle. On the second day, presenters took used the interactive combination of in-person and hybrid presentation. Many Chapter members could not travel to Yap. The iBood connectivity system came in handy for everyone.

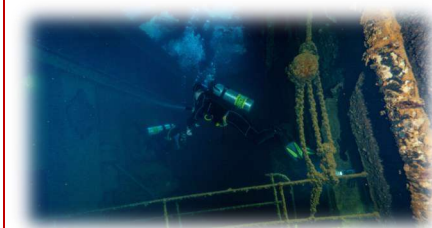
TOURISM MARKETING AND BRANDING CONSULTATION IN CHUUK

With logistical support from Chuuk Visitors Bureau, the FSM Division of Tourism returned to Chuuk with two technical consultants who facilitated the two-day consultation meetings at held at the L5 Hotel. The FSM Tourism Office is currently executing a project through a team of consultants to developed a marketing strategy and determine a branding focus for a lead tourism event in the FSM. The consultants are traveling the States to consult with stakeholders to be able to eventually develop a recommended pathway or plan that all the states and FSM tourism offices can pursue.

The project is led by Mr. Geoff Hyde who is the Managing Director and Principal Consultant of Sustainable Tourism International Ltd. (STIL), a registered tourism consultancy company in Fiji and Vanuatu. Along with Mr. Hyde is Mr. Inacio Rozeira, B. Marketing, completing an MBA, is a specialist consultant working for CHG in digital marketing, creative content development and branding strategies. He is currently the Executive Program Director for the Kilimanjaro Leadership Summit course at the Católica Porto Business School. The project is ongoing and the team will return for more interaction with tourism and business stakeholders, government leaders, as well as civil society organizations and communities.



CHUUK LAGOON NAMED #1 WRECK DIVE IN PACIFIC, INDIAN, AND MEDITERRANEAN REGIONS



Chuuk Lagoon has been named the #1 Wreck Diving in the Pacific, Indian and Mediterranean region, according to Scuba Diving Magazine’s annual Readers’ Choice Awards. This rating comes from a global survey of divers who assessed destinations they visited in the last two years. Scuba Diving Magazine is the official publication of the Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI). The magazine reaches 2.4 million readers across print and digital platforms. In other categories, Chuuk Lagoon is #1 in highly technical dive, #10 out of 20 in the overall health of Marine system. The survey looks at a number of situations including snorkeling, access to reef dives, dives in caves and grottos, and the overall diving

experience. It also includes divers’ experience on selected Liveaboard diving ships throughout the world.

LOCAL CANOE HOUSE AT CHUUK AIRPORT

There is a small display hut at the front of the Chuuk airport terminal building, closer to the departure lounge. Right now we have in the hut a fishtrap from Oneop Island (donated by Mr. Xavier Billimond); a food bowl Sepiechen in yellow, breadfruit pounding stone and board donated by Mr. Erson Emanuel, Weno Island); a paddle made in Polowot, a war club made in Fefen, and the canoe recently carved by the people of Piis Paneu, sold to CVB through their Paramount Chief Roger Robert. The hut has been a project by our part-time workers at CVB. When you travel through Chuuk, stop by the hut. Open to everyone.



KEEP OUR
ISLANDS AND
OCEAN FREE OF
TRASH...

KETE PIINGAW
NEMAN NESET.

PACIFIC BASIN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION BRINGS TOP REGIONAL MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS INTO CHUUK



The Pacific Basin Medical Association recently held its 24th annual conference in Chuuk, bringing a hoist of top medical professionals into Chuuk for peer collaboration. Following rotational hosting responsibility, the Chuuk Medical Association got to take up the hosting of the elite regionwide convention of doctors from various parts of the Pacific.

The conference was a “unique opportunity to delve into balancing the advancing medical technology with preservation of the traditional human connection, foster new connections, and explore innovative ideas with fellow professionals and thought leaders”, as explained by Dr. Anamaria Akapito Yomai, Vice President of the Chuuk Medical Association. Speakers at the meeting included Dr. Jioji Tuwali Malani from Oceania Hospital in Suva Fiji, Dr. Victor Yano from Palau who spoke on Traditional Medicine, Dr. Richard Brostrom from CDC, and Mr. Hideo Hoya, Assistant Director of the Basic Human Needs Organization in Tokyo. There were many others from Micronesia and abroad.

WATER PIPELINE INSTALLATION BEHIND SCHEDULE

According to a September 30 report on CPUC Facebook page, the pipeline installation project has been behind schedule. The Pacific Engineering Project is the contractor.

“CPUC and PEP will continue to negotiate for an extension of the contract, which must be approved by the FSM national government and the Asian Development Bank.”

From January to May, only 39 pipes were installed according to CPUC. If the extension is successfully negotiated, CPUC estimates that the pipe lining will be completed by August 2026. The project bears great health and socioeconomic impacts.



RIO DE JANEIRO OIL LEAK NEAR UMAN ISLAND

The Chuuk Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to coordinate multi-agency response to the incidence of oil leak at the western side of Uman Island. The leak from the Rio de Janeiro is “slowing down”. About two weeks ago, responders have been able to mount a container to the leakage point on the wreck to absorb oil content and prevent surface spread. At the same time, response and recovery assistance have been ongoing. Food and water supplies for Uman have been coordinated, thanks to IOM Office in Chuuk for handling delivery.



CVB MI IONI PISEK AUCHEAN FONUACH NON CHUUK



Fansoun toureton wafotun seni Piis Paneu

CVB a moni efotch wafotun meren Soupwun Roger Robert me ekkoch aramasen Piis Paneu non ewe October 16. Ei waa epwe mwo nonnom nein ekkewe pisekin fonuach minen kanges non ewe Erhart Aten International Airport, ika ewe kasoro. Mi or ew masowen angang an epwe awora pisekin kanges ngeninouch wasona me non ewe kasoro. Nge, epwe pwan tongeni anisi ekkewe chon fori ekkei sokkun pisek an epwe or ar monitonong, me ar repwe pwan pwapwaiti ne fori ar ei angang. Fansoun a or a pwapwa ne fori ekkei angangen mesen pau ne fana me fori pisekin Chuuk mi auchea, iwe epwe tongeni pwan or chon kaeo me pwapwaiti ei sokkun angang. Fansoun a or pwapwan ei sokkun angang, iwe sia nuku nge epwe tongeni achomongano ekkewe pisek mi auchea. Ei sokkun epwe annetata nge chon Chuuk, akkaewin ekkewe fonuen non Chuuk Lagoon, ir mi chok chiwen manaweni me sinei angangen fanawa me fana pisekin fonuach mi auchea, pachenong ekkewe sepien Chuuk, nif, pwo, me sokkun pisekin noom. Ei sokkun angang mi chok chiwen pochokun nein fonuach kewe fanapi pwun ir mi chok chiwen wawa me

CIA REOPENS SKIES TO ONOUN ISLAND IN NW REGION

After a long period, the Caroline Islands Air (CIA) “wings of the FSM”, appears again on the sky corridor to Onoun Island in the Northwest Region. Mr. Bryan Mori, CEO of CIA, and Hon. Dominino Always, Mayor of Onoun Island were on that flight on or around November 12, 2025.



Upon landing Onoun, they were greeted by almost everyone on island who got showered with candies thrown at the wild welcome party.

According to CIA Facebook inbox, the airline has plan to undertake services to the region as early as next week. This is a significant effort among other community outreach CIA has taken on other “outer islands” in the FSM as it holds the potential for quicker delivery of goods and services to outlying communities. It also means that travelers to the outer islands are accorded additional “get there” option. It might also become handy for visitors to fit in their travel plans, especially for those who see the value in community tourism and culture experience away from “city life”. CVB would like to improve collaboration with CIA and the outer island governments and communities.

Ach ofesin Chuuk Visitors Bureau a mochen pwarata ach kapasen chupwun me tong ngeni Mawe Atefon Speaker Innocente Oneisom fiti unusen ach kinissou ngeni me an family ren ar aninisocho ngeni ach angang seni chok fansoun I mi chiwen wiseni ewe wis Representative seni fonuach Ton-oas, tori ei fansoun. I mi pwan anisi me atama ach angangen community outreach ngeni ewe fonu Tonoas me Etten. A pwan aninis ne forata ewe NGO Kich Chon Chumani (KCC) won Etten ren faniten angangfengen ne tumunu pisekin me tufichin community pachenong pisekin peekin kangkotang. Tong fiti ach kinissou ngonuk tori omw auchean family Atefon Speaker Oneisom.

