

FSM WOMEN WEEKLONG CONFERENCE BEAUTIFIES CHUUK



From all the four States in the Federated States of Micronesia, women of varied ages, social ranks, economic status, educational background, spent an eventful and colorful week in Chuuk from September 27 to October 5 attending the tenth FSM Women Conference. The women conference provides for opportunity for broad review on status of women in the Nation as well as the review of FSM specific commitment under the UN Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). However, more locally driven interests and based on achievements of various women organizations and network throughout the FSM, the conference has evolved in ways that not only seek to align with external requirements but also based on locally attuned flavors attributes



pursued and shaped by Micronesian women. Lively activities often include both traditional on modern expressions in songs and dances, as well as the "market platforms" for showcasing of women designs, products, fashions, and creations. Night markets were pitched on October 1st and 2nd at the CFTI Dock and the Government Complex area. Their forum also became a dynamic arena for the celebration of the Chuuk Constitution Day on October 1st. A lot of events happened this week to honor the women especially the off-island guests that included many dignified women political, business, and traditional elites.



ODYSSEY DIVERS SPEND TIME AT LIGHTHOUSE IN SAPUK



Mr. Michael Gerken from Odyssey shared via his facebook group Truk Lagoons that he took some of his divers to enjoy the Japanese lighthouse in Sapuk (probably last Saturday).

He wrote "Icing on the cake. I took some of the group from this weeks Rec•Tec up to the WWII era Japanese lighthouse on Weno. Not sure if they

would enjoy the trek up there through the jungle, it turned out to be a hit. The view only highlighted the history of the place. Now on to Palau."

CHUUK CELEBRATES 25TH YEAR OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

Smacked in the middle of the FSM women conference week, the people of Chuuk held a Flag Relay event on Weno Downtown road in celebration of the Chuuk State Constitution.

The Chuuk flag was carried from the CFTI dock to the Government complex area in Nantaku. A youth group from Chukienu Church were the first bearers. Two youth from Fefen also joined before around forty women took it from the bottom of the Nantaku hill. Second Lady Marine and First Lady Aileen took turn in relaying the flag to the State police who did a honor guard inside the meeting hall. It was fun with singing from the Mechitiw/Iras youth.



First Lady Aileen Dois Naruhn carrying the flag of Chuuk

STATISTICS FOR OUR CVB WEBSITE

The Chuuk Visitors website is www.visitchuuk.com. It went public during the month of June this year with assistance from web masters from Guam WEBZ From June 1 to August 31.

Total website visits— 1615,,,,, 538+ per month.

Device used: Mobile 72%, Desktop/Laptop 28%

Top 9 Places: USA, Micronesia, Guam, India, Japan, Australia, Germany, France, Canada

How they found the site?

Google Search, 42%; Social media 7%; Other sites 2%; Directly typing in website address 49%.

ETTEN RESIDENTS FORM KICH CHON CHUMANI



On September 18: Thursday -- CVB Executive Director and Student Helper Kidson Micko had the pleasure of meeting with the Kich Chon Chumani (KCC) organization on Etten Island. KCC is interested in collaborating with CVB on supporting tourism activities on their island. Etten island was a Japanese airfield during WWII. Presently, it holds a number of important remnant structures from that era. KCC is the 3rd group this month to establish working relationship with CVB.

RIO DE JANEIRO OIL SPILL: A MASSIVE WORRY



Absorbent material used at leakage site to contain oil spread around Uman Island. Photo from Situation Report 4 provided by Chuuk EPA on September 20.

For years, many people of Chuuk have observed oil spread from shipwreck related leaks near the reefs in the Southern Namoneas region in Chuuk Lagoon. Most recently, the Chuuk EPA with partner agencies have confirmed that leakage from the Rio de Janeiro west of Uman island is a huge incident that is affecting shorelines and marine life at certain parts of Uman Island. As the oil spreads, it poses ecological threats and other worries relating to food security and community health not just on Uman Island but also nearby communities on Tonoas, Fefen, and Siis islands. Current patterns and weather conditions are key factors to movement and spread of the oil bubbles and sheen.

The Japan Marine Assistance Service (JMAS), which has been pumping oil from the wrecks the past few years reported on this RIO leak that "Black heavy oil balls (1-2 cm in diameter) intermittently emerged from within the hull through the light vent on the first deck portside aft of the port bridge".

The FSM Government has mobilized observation missions to the incident site, supporting efforts from Chuuk EPA, Disaster Coordination Center, Department of Marine Resources, Environmental Health and Sanitation, and the Municipal Government of Uman. Chuuk State and the FSM have declared a State of Emergency for the State of Chuuk. FSM President Wesley W. Simina spoke of the oil leak incident when addressing the UN General Assembly earlier this month.



Responders at leakage location doing their best to contain oil spread. Photo from Situation Report 2 provided on September 16.

NIGHT MARKET UNITES COMMUNITIES AT THE WOMEN CONFERENCE



It is not common to hold night events like night market in an all too-open area where those under-the-influence can easily mingle with the rest. Even indoor sport event is not a common sight at night. That reality was challenged during the 2024 Micronesia Expo when Chuuk hosted the rest of FSM. The night events went pretty good for the entire week at the Expo Village. Planners at the women conference this year wanted to repeat that positive experience and convince the rest of Chuuk that we can come together in a well placed night event and have a heck of a good time.

LATEST ACCOMMODATION IN CHUUK



Right by the road in Mwan Village opposite side of the Weno Municipal Government Office you will find the latest addition to hotels and apartments, adding more options to anyone in search of rooms for any length of stay in Chuuk.

According to The Honorable Raymond Ottoko, owner and member of the Chuuk State Legislature, House of Representatives, the establishment is a self-served Air Bed and Breakfast type. He wants the daily rate to be \$110.00.

The two-story building has a total of six units with their own bedrooms, kitchen, and common area. The grand opening is coming up soon. The first floor rooms were made available to off island guests who were in Chuuk attending the FSM Women Conference from September 29 to October 5, enjoy its convenient right-by-the-road access.

CVB is very pleased to welcome the newest accommodation and wishes great success to the family business operation and their partners.

ANGANG NGENI NIMENIMEN ME NINGEN FONUACH



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