



## NELYN PHILLIP ADDS MAGNIFICENT ART AT 2ND FLOOR CHUUK AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING



Nelyn came to Chuuk at around mid-July for a brief summer vacation at Tunnuk Village and Uman Island, where she calls home. Chuuk Visitors Bureau learned of her visit through her older sister, Jes Phillip, who recently left Chuuk to live with family in Portland. Nelyn has already become a known artist/painter, having made great paintings already displayed in the United States and other places. CVB has learned that three of her sought-after pieces were recently purchased by the FSM Government and are proudly placed at the FSM Consulate Office in Portland.

A few weeks after her arrival in Chuuk, CVB staff approached her with the inquiry for a demonstration of her talent at the airport. Nelyn wanted to have the opportunity to interact with Chuukese communities and reach out to the youth through art. On that interest, she agreed to the idea of doing wall mural at the second floor of the airport terminal building where the Chuuk Airport Office and the Chuuk Visitor Bureau Office are located.

It took Nelyn around eight days to complete the painting covering 35 feet by 10 feet area with some help by her nieces Jengen and Imareen Sepedy from Tunuk/Fefen, and Kanisto Redy, CVB volunteer from Wichap Village.

In her own words: *The collective love is what took this art to come to life. From the help of my community and my family to the inspiration behind it. You all played a big part. The collective inspiration from all over Chuuk is what inspired me to create this art. The inspiring and loving culture of working together across all ages and in harmony along with nature. That's us!*

Nelyn left Chuuk on Friday, September 1. CVB hopes she returns to take part in the Chuukape Chuuk Expo next year.

Fakkun Kinissou to Nelyn, her painting helpers, her family and well-wishers from all around. Bon Voyage!

## CVB AND CWC STAFF AT DIGITAL MARKETING TRAINING

Ms. Jed Hainrick from CVB along with two staff from CWC, Ms. Christine Robert and Ms. Nepeuchen Aunua attended a Digital Marketing training conducted in Pohnpei on August 25-26, 2023. The training was organized by the FSM Department of Resources and Development with technical assistance from the South Pacific Tourism Organization (SPTO).

The delegation from Chuuk also took time to interact with representatives from the other States and visited important sites in Pohnpei, kindness of the Pohnpei Tourism Office.

The training aims to increase capacities for marketing of products and programs to boost productivity of our service sector in the FSM.

The Chuuk Visitors Office looks to having a digital marketing team comprising of our current specialist (Nelly Mori Ruben) and an Information Communication Technology specialist who will be hired in October, 2023.

At present, our digital products and materials developed digitally are done through outsourcing with foreign professionals.

## ENVIRONMENT AND DISASTER RISK CONFERENCE BRINGS STATE AND FSM AGENCIES TO CHUUK STATE



Several key officials representing agencies throughout the FSM and State Governments converged in Chuuk the last week of August for what is considered the 3rd convening for Environment and Disaster Risk planning. The conference was organized by the FSM Department of Environment Climate Change and Emergency Management, with Chuuk Environment Protection Agency as State Host and along with the Disaster Office in Chuuk.

## CVB TRAINS THREE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: DOE SUMMER TRAINING PROGRAM



Three high schoolers chose CVB office as their summer training host-office under a regular program for high school students by the Chuuk Department of Education. The students were: Jaymerine Sound, who graduated from Xavier High School last May; Replenifou Akapito, current senior at Xavier High School; and Andria Seady, current Junior at Saramen Chuuk Academy. The two girls spent six weeks while the young boy spent only two weeks. Among other tasks, the students helped with the data and statistics tasks, especially relating to arriving visitors.

### VISITORS COUNT

MAY 2023 — 168

JUNE 2023 — 301

JULY 2023 — 183

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## MASTER OF EDUCATION IN INTERDISCIPLINARY EDUCATION, CURRICULUM STUDIES



A huge congratulations to the eighteen (18) individuals who have completed their Master of Education in Curriculum Studies. Their graduation ceremony was held on the 25th of August at the Governor's Auditorium.

### GRADUATES

#### Master of Education in Interdisciplinary Education, Curriculum Studies

1. ASOR, Lisa – Chuuk High School
2. BISALEN, Elinora – Division of School Support
3. CHIWI, Raisa – Chuuk High School
4. CORNELIO, Mairinta – Neauo Elementary School
5. EDMUND, BK – Kuchu Elementary School
6. EMUCH, Allen – Chuuk High School
7. ERWIN, Mermy – Iras Elementary School
8. HERMAN, Akius – Chuuk High School
9. KIN, Karty – Sapuk Elementary School
10. LUKAS, Aprilyn – Chuuk High School
11. MEIKA, Robert – Division of School Support
12. NAMELO, Sermina – Division of Administration and Personnel
13. RAYMOND, Kuliano – National Department of Education (NDOE)
14. ROPON, Richy – Southern Namoneas High School - Tonoas
15. SANA, KS – Chuuk High School
16. TAKASHY, Dalida Dalynn – Division of School Support
17. TOMMY, Wilson – Division of Administration and Personnel
18. VICTUS, Mercedes – Neauo Elementary School

## CHUUK HIGH SCHOOL DEBATERS EXCEL: 2023 FSM ANNUAL LAW DAY DEBATE



Chuuk High School debate team successfully represented Chuuk State at the 2023 FSM Law Day Debate in Pohnpei on July 12. Having won the pre-debate faceoff in Chuuk against debaters from Xavier High School, the Chuuk High students earned their trip to Pohnpei, where they proved their debate talents among the best of the Nation. The team consisted of Morgan Anonio, left hand side in the photo above, Novendyl Sabas, center, and Jermick Namelo, right hand side. The three young men recently graduated from Chuuk High School with distinction.

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC RESOLUTION POSING TO MAKE LANDFALL IN CHUUK, OCTOBER 2023



A small cruise ship is making plans to stop by in Chuuk on or around October 20, 2023.

CVB is working with dive operators and looking for others to assist with other tours on Weno and nearby islands. The ship will arrive early morning and depart early evening on the same day.



Newest art around Weno Island, Chuuk. Pure and super talents from local young men and women. Do you know who they are? Call 330-4133, win a prize. Tumunu Fonuach