

APIC congratulates former FSM Ambassador Kasio Mida on receiving Japanese Imperial Honors



Star, by the Honorable Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister of Japan.

The honor is one of the highest awards that can be given to non-Japanese citizens for their service to promote good relations with Japan. APIC is a private foundation based in Tokyo, Japan that develops programs and initiatives to strengthen relations between Japan and the nations and people of the Caribbean and Pacific Islands.

Ambassador Mida is the first citizen of the FSM, and the other nations of the northwest Micronesia region, to be awarded The Order of the Rising Sun.

“There are few people more deserving of this high honor than Ambassador Mida. He has long been an active proponent of close ties between Japan and the FSM,” said Ambassador Peter Yoshiyasu Sato, APIC’s president and a career diplomat in Japan’s foreign service. “Everyone who knows Ambassador Mida agrees with me.”

Following the presentation of the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star

by the Prime Minister, Ambassador Mida had an audience with His Majesty Emperor Naruhito at the Imperial Palace on November 7. APIC hosted a dinner in honor of Ambassador Mida on November 8th at The Tokyo Club, the oldest social club in Japan.

Ambassador Mida served as FSM Ambassador in Tokyo from 2004-2008. He was also nonresident ambassador to the People’s Republic of China and Republic of Korea. He previously served as FSM Consul General in Honolulu from 1986 to 2004. After Tokyo, he served as Chief of Staff to FSM President Emanuel Mori.

Currently, Ambassador Mida is an Officer of the FSM-Japan Friendship Society, which promotes friendly relations between FSM and Japan and supports Japan’s initiatives in the FSM. He has also just become the representative



of the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation in the FSM, at the request of APIC President Peter Yoshiyasu Sato.

Ambassador Mida is a graduate of Xavier High School in his native Chuuk state, and of Rockhurst College in the United States. He is married to the former Ginger Porter of Pohnpei state. She currently serves as FSM Postmaster General. They have nine children.

TOKYO, Japan – The Association for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC) is pleased to extend its congratulations to Ambassador Kasio Mida, Sr., former Ambassador to Japan from the Federated States of Micronesia, upon his having been bestowed The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver

New JICA Technical Cooperation for FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs aims at elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis

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Palikir, Pohnpei- Mr. Marcus Samo, Acting Secretary of National Department of Health and Social Affairs (DHSA) and Mr. Shinji SHIBATA, Resident Representative of JICA FSM signed the Record of Discussions (hereinafter referred to as R/D) between the two parties on

August 23, 2019 setting in motion “the Project for Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis in the Pacific Region”. The implementation of the project starts on the date of signature and ends on the 28 of February 2022.

This project is one of six sister Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) elimination projects being implemented throughout the Pacific Region including other

countries such as Fiji, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa and Tuvalu. By collaborating with the World Health Organization’s (WHO) Pacific Program Elimination Lymphatic Filariasis (PacELF), the LF Elimination Project is expected to be a huge contribution to people’s health in FSM.



The FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs has collaborated with JICA and WHO in the movement to eradicate LF from the FSM since 2001. JICA has donated test kits and medical supplies with all equipment passing inspection upon arrival by FSM Immunization program. The test kits were and are still being utilized during campaigns and surveys throughout FSM. With this new project, JICA continues its support in contributing to healthy lives and wellness in FSM. JICA recognizes the health sector as a priority issue in the FSM and will continue to cooperate with FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs and provide support in this area.

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