

GGF teams up with APIC for support of water security in Sapwuafik

The Micronesian Conservation Trust received funds from the Global Greengrants Fund (GGF) (\$5,000) and the Japan Association for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC) (\$10,000) to support their El Niño and drought recovery efforts on the island of Sapwuafik, Pohnpei FSM. Sapwuafik was selected by MCT and the two donor agencies because it is one of the most populated atolls in the FSM and needs much support. (FSM's 2010 Census lists the population of Sapwuafik at 456). Also, the Mayor of Sapwuafik, the Hon. Kapino Neior, is a very progressive leader and has been actively seeking assistance from various organizations to support the people on his island, so his efforts were rewarded with the funding of these grants.

The work of Mayor Neior shows that communities that are actively seeking assistance for projects to improve the quality of life in their communities have options for fulfilling their dreams. As the old US proverb go, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease", so we encourage communities with good projects in mind to seek assistance for them and help improve the quality of life for the residents of your community.

(APIC) is engaged in various development cooperation projects for the purpose of promoting international cooperation and deepening mutual understanding between Japan and various countries.



Mayor Neior in front of tanks sponsored by the GGF and APIC

Specifically, APIC is engaged in these following activities.

1. Supporting development cooperation projects in the Pacific Island Region
2. Supporting development cooperation projects in the Caribbean Region
3. Organizing lecture meetings regarding global issues
4. Organizing social meetings regarding international cooperation
5. Training young generations interested in international cooperation

The project's aim is focused on water and food security. The municipal government has used some of the grant funds to buy 8 water tanks that will be placed in strategic areas around Sapwuafik Island to catch rainwater and ensure access by all the island's residents. The tanks have a singular capacity of 1500 gallons and a combined 12,000 gallons of water can now be stored. The municipal government will also use some of the funds to help them rehabilitate/improve some of the taro pits on Sapwuafik which were severely affected during the recent El Nino drought.

Global Greengrants Fund is a charitable foundation that makes small grants to grassroots environmental causes around the world. These funds are used to support community-based groups outside the United States and Western Europe working on issues of environmental justice, sustainability, and conservation. Since its establishment in 1993, Global Greengrants Fund has made over 5,000 grants in 129 countries, giving a total of over \$20 million.

New JICA Volunteers to the FSM

Japan International Cooperation Agency

On 7th of July 2016, FSM Department of Foreign Affairs welcomed two new JICA Volunteers to the Federated States of Micronesia who arrived on the 6th of July from Japan. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been dispatching volunteers into the FSM since 1989. JICA volunteers have been assisting in priority sectors of Education, Health, Environment, Agriculture, Fisheries, Tourism and other fields. Currently there are seventeen volunteers; 8 SV (Senior Volunteers) and 9 JOCVs

(Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteer), are serving in the FSM including the two new volunteers. Most of them will serve two years in their respective posts. This program is one of JICA's principal activities as part of its

international cooperation carried out on behalf of the Japanese government which contributes to the social and economic development of the Federated States of Micronesia.



Mr. Brendy Carl Deputy Assistant Secretary from FSM Dept. of Foreign Affairs warmly welcomes JICA's New Senior Volunteers to the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Rotary Club of Pohnpei announces scholarship recipients

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to 15 winners.

Pohnpei, FSM—The Rotary Club of Pohnpei, Inc. is pleased to announce the recipients of its 2016-2017 scholarship awards. The scholarships are awarded to FSM students attending university, and are to assist them in pursuing their dreams of a college education. With the assistance of Vital/Petrocorp, the club awarded a total of \$11,250.00 in scholarships

The winners selected are Jamilyn Lynnae Mooteb, Donna Pretrick, Dmetria Mtog, Richy Ropon, Annalyn Tareg, Shania Felix, Tyana Musrasrik, Zoya Goodwin, Armhel Pigao, Miranda Pugurwag, Mioni Samo, Marcy Kentun, Cheryl Ligo, Roxanna Lawichfeg and Ramon Saletalir

Of the 15 winners, 14 are attending off island universities and 1 is attending COM-FSM.

We received many very competitive applications. It was a difficult decision to select the winning scholars, and with so many great applications we tried to select as many winners as possible. We also had to turn down some excellent candidates and we encourage them to reapply next year.

The Rotary Club has been awarding these scholarships since the early 2000's and we are proud that it has built up to a sizeable amount being awarded each year. The money comes from some gracious support from Vital/Petrocorp, and our own fundraising. Support our Chook raffles and fun run. Plus mark on your calendar Saturday, November 5 at Cupid's Restaurant for our annual Quiz Night, known as the funnest night of the year by those who use bad grammar. The Rotary Club is also involved in many other community service projects, so your help from the public is always appreciated.

Good luck to all our scholars and we wish them every success in the coming school year.