

～ 日本海難防止協会シンガポール連絡事務所発SRO news ～
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1 パプアニューギニアのマラペ首相兼外務大臣は、中国との間の査証相互免除協定について議会の承認を求め、二国間関係を強化するための共通のコミットメントを反映する形で全会一致の支持を得た。この協定は、公用及び外交旅券所持者に対し、到着時のビザ発給を可能にすることで相互の行き来を円滑にするものである。マラペ氏は、「この協定は、二国間のビジネスと観光を強化するための重要な一歩である。国家代表や公式代表の渡航手続が合理化され、彼らの重要任務が円滑に遂行される。さらに、政府関係者のみならず両国間の貿易、観光に携わる個人にも渡航準備の負担軽減という便益をもたらす。」と述べた。批准されれば、二国間関係が強化され、相互理解を大いに促進する重要な節目となる。

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2 パプアニューギニアのマル国際貿易投資大臣は、豪州との貿易が数十年に渡り、豪州側に有利なように偏っていることに不満を示し、中国との貿易を増加させることを示唆した。同大臣は、鉱物の輸出が多くを占める一方で、特に農作物の輸出が2%に満たないことを問題視している。同大臣は、「もう十分だ。今年から我々は立ち上がる。我々は支援してくれる国と付き合う。すべての国は友人であり敵などいない。地政学に興味はない。我々の最優先事項は、国民の未来を守ることである。」と述べた。豪州はパプアニューギニアの農作物の輸出増加を支援しており、アルバニー首相は今年初め、農家や生産者が国際市場に参入できるよう、バイオセキュリティの体制強化を支援すると約束している。また、豪州と中国はそれぞれ、パプアニューギニアとの自由貿易協定(FTA)の実現可能性調査を実施している。パプアニューギニアは、豪州が最大の貿易相手国で、中国も僅差で続いており、両国からはどの貿易相手国よりも大きな貿易黒字を享受している。

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3 月曜日(6月19日)、公海を保護するための世界初の国際条約が国連で採択される。15年以上に及ぶ議論の末、歴史的な環境保護協定は大きな一歩を踏み出す。この画期的な条約は、世界の海の60%以上を占める国際海域に環境保護区域を拡大するための法的枠組みを創設するものである。国連加盟国は3月

に条文案に合意し、その後国連の 6 つの公用語への翻訳作業が行われてきた。しかし、これで終わりではなく、国連での採択後、この条約が発効するためには少なくとも 60 の加盟国が批准することが必要である。

現在、公海の約 1%が何らかの保全措置により保護されているが、これは 12 月にモンテリオールで合意された 2030 年までに世界の陸と海の 30%を保護するという目標には到底及ばない。国際自然保護基金 (WWF) の海洋政策専門家であるジェシカ・バトル氏は、「この公海条約が批准されなければ「30×30」 (※2030 年までに世界の陸と海の 30%を保護するという目標) は達成されない。シンプルなことである。」と語る。

この条約は正式には「国家管轄権外区域における海洋生物多様性」 (BBNJ) に関する条約であり、国際水域において実施される活動について環境影響調査を実施させる要件も導入する。このような活動には、条文には列挙されていないものの、漁業や海上輸送といったものから、深海における採掘活動、温暖化防止のための地球工学プログラムのように、議論を呼びそうな探求活動も含まれると考えられる。

さらに、公海における科学的調査により収集された「海洋遺伝資源」 (MGR) による利益を共有する原則が規定される。

この条約は国際海域におけるガバナンスを確立する大きな一歩ではあるが、多くの疑問点が残されており、今後の BBNJ 締約国会議にて取り上げられることになるであろう。

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4 木曜日 (6 月 15 日)、ミクロネシア連邦 (FSM) で、入国管理における感染症対策強化のための新たなプロジェクトが開始された。このプロジェクトは、日本政府の出資により、国際移住機関 (IOM) が FSM 政府及び州政府の協力を得て実施するもので、海陸の入国管理技術や設備を更新するとともに、入国管理にあたる職員の感染制御能力向上を図る。日本政府から 690 万ドル以上の資金提供を受け、太平洋の 7 か国で同様のプロジェクトが予定されており、マーシャル諸島 (RMI) とサモアでは今年初めに開始されたほか、パプアニューギニア、トンガ、ツバル、キリバスでも実施が予定されている。

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5 6 月 15 日、ミクロネシア連邦 (FSM) のシミナ大統領、法務大臣、在 FSM 豪州大使は、1990 年に豪州から初めて供与された巡視船である FSS Palikir に別れを告げた。シミナ大統領は基調演説で、同船が長年に渡り FSM の海上保安勢力として重要な役割を果たしたと述べた。在 FSM 豪州大使は、同船が 33 年間忠実に FSM での業務を遂行したと述べ、シミナ大統領を含む歴代の FSM 政府によるパートナーシップの継続に謝意を表した。

FSMは新たにガーディアン級巡視船 FSS Tosiwo Nakayama を受け取っており、今年後半には2隻目を受け取る予定である。

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6 ユナイテッド航空は、マーシャル諸島行きの日曜日の便を追加し、コロナ禍以前のサービス内容に戻すことを発表した。コロナ禍以前は、アイランドホッパーを定期的に週4便、より正確に言えば、繁忙期に週4便に増やして運航していた。2019年以來初めて、マジュロは日曜日に1便及び月曜日に2便を扱うことになる。日曜日のアイランドホッパーはグアムを出発し、チュークとポンペイを経由して午後6時35分にマジュロに到着する。月曜朝のグアムに戻る便でもクワジェリンとコスラエは経由しない。その他のフライトは従来そのままである。

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7 マーシャル諸島のカブア大統領は、水曜日(6月21日)の朝、財務大臣のワセ氏を解任し、キャステン・ネムラ議員を新たに任命した。ネムラ氏は、2022年に同大統領から外務貿易大臣を解任されていた。ワセ氏によると、解任の理由は知らされていないという。

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Immigration and Border Management Project Launched by IOM and Government of Japan in the FSM

International Organization for Migration

Pohnpei – A new immigration and border management project was launched in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Thursday (June 15) aimed at strengthening control of infectious diseases at Points of Entry (POEs).

The project implemented by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in partnership with the National and State Government of the Federated States of Micronesia and funded by the Government of Japan, will upgrade technology and equipment at sea and land POEs and strengthen Infection, Prevention and Control capacities of border control officials.

During the launch ceremony, Ken Mizuuchi, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan in the FSM said “Pacific Countries have made a huge effort to contain COVID-19 including closing their borders. The Government of Japan has also contributed vaccines and medical equipment as well as vehicles for delivery to remote islands. However, it is still a big challenge to establish

effective border control measures against the threat of public health risks such as COVID-19 and we should work together to strengthen capacity of border control for the health and hygiene of the people on the islands.”

Moses Pretrick, Acting Secretary, FSM Department of Health & Social Affairs on his part said, “This project on strengthening capacity for border control will directly support implementation of our obligation under the International Health Regulations through strengthened border management, infrastructure, technology, knowledge and skills.”

“I trust this project will also assist in keeping our borders open and sustain travel and free movement of people during future disease pandemics & public health emergencies,” he added.

The launch in Pohnpei follows the kick-off of similar projects in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and Samoa earlier this year. The border management projects are part of a larger USD 6.9 million intervention funded by the Government of Japan which will be implemented in seven countries across

the Pacific including Papua New Guinea, the Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

“As this project is regional in nature, it offers us an opportunity to exchange lessons learned but it is also very important to ensure assistance is tailored to the specific needs of each country. It is my hope that starting from today we are able to work together to start identifying these needs and for this cooperation to continue throughout the project,” stated Salvatore Sortino, IOM Micronesia Chief of Mission.

During the launch event attended by National and State representatives as well as air and sea port authorities from all four States in FSM, urgent border control needs were identified including isolation and quarantine centers, screening areas and thermal equipment. Representative also stated the importance of strengthening capacity POE staff in preventing the spread of infectious

diseases through trainings. Over the next 24 months, IOM will establish multi-agency committees and implement the project in close collaboration with regional bodies such as the Pacific Immigration Development Community and the Departments of Immigration across the Pacific to ensure enhanced inter-regional coordination and border management.

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FSM says goodbye to long serving marine surveillance vessel FSS Palikir

FSM Embassy to the FSM

June 15, 2023

Pohnpei—On 15 June, Australian Ambassador Jo Cowley joined His Excellency President Wesley W. Simina and A/G Secretary of Department of Justice Leonito Bacalando Jr. to bid farewell to the FSS Palikir, the first patrol boat gifted by the Australian Government to the FSM in 1990.

President Simina delivered a keynote address in which he described the FSS Palikir as a very important sea patrol asset that had served the FSM for many

years. The President said: “We have shared many memories. I personally have shared these memories of the accomplishments of FSS Palikir. We have patrolled the seas, protected our shores, and made our Exclusive Economic Zone a safe fishing ground. Indeed, FSS Palikir is a source of pride and a symbol of our shared commitment to service.”

In her remarks, Ambassador Cowley said the FSS Palikir had served the FSM faithfully for 33 years. She thanked successive FSM administrations including President Simina for their continuing commitment to the partnership.

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“Palikir along with FSS Micronesia and FSS Independence represent decades of partnership between Australia and the Federated States of Micronesia. They have deepened the friendship and trust between our governments and peoples.”

The President and Ambassador Cowley also thanked Palikir crews and families, and the Royal Australian Navy personnel – including current Maritime Security Adviser LCDR Nigel Williams and Technical Advisor CPO Daniel Ryan - who have worked with the FSM over the last 33 years.

The FSM has already received a new Guardian Class patrol boat, the FSS Tosiwo Nakayama, and will receive a second boat later this year.

Australia is committed to working with the FSM and the region to maintain a peaceful, prosperous, and resilient #BluePacific.

(Editors Note: Australia coverage of this event was the only coverage we could find of the departure of the FSS Palikir. Unfortunately, neither the FSM nor the Australian government informed The Kaselehlie Press of the event for coverage opportunity until hours after it had concluded.)



United Airlines adds fourth, Sunday, flight

United Airlines returns to pre-Covid service to the RMI this weekend with the addition of a Sunday flight.

Prior to Covid, United frequently operated four Island Hopper flights per week on a regular basis — or increased to four per week during peak travel periods.

United released its updated Marshall Islands schedule last week that shows the addition of

the fourth flight.

For the first time since 2019, Majuro will have a Sunday flight and two Monday flights. The Sunday Island Hopper will be from Guam and stops at only Chuuk and Pohnpei on the route, arriving Majuro at 6:35pm. The return flight Monday morning back to Guam also will not touch down at Kwajalein or Kosrae.

All the other flights during the week remain the same.

Wase out, Nemra in

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“Whatever your question is, the answer is ‘it’s true,’” was Finance Minister — no, take that back — Nitijela Member Brenson Wase’s response to my phone call at 3pm Wednesday.

President David Kabua removed Wase Wednesday morning 20 months after putting him into the Finance Ministry, replacing Nitijela Member Alfred Alfred, Jr., who was Kabua’s original finance minister from January 2020.

If Wase being out of Finance just a few months before the election isn’t enough of a surprise, how about another one? Nitijela Member Casten Nemra, who the president removed as his foreign minister in 2022 in favor of current Foreign Minister Kitlang Kabua, was named as the new Finance Minister.

Cabinet was mum on the change and staff didn’t confirm the development. But both Nitijela members confirmed the changes to Journal reporters. Wase said there was no reason given for his removal by Kabua. But he said he was anticipating change

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after learning the President had named Phillip Muller as the new Compact negotiator for RMI late last month. “I don’t know the reasons,” he said. “But everything I have done has improved overall accountability at Finance.”

Wase also pointed out the challenge facing RMI as the end of the fiscal year looms without a new Compact in place, which means funding from the US starting October 1 could dive by over \$20 million. Wase said without a Compact in place, there will be a “big gap” in funding. “It will be challenging without the Compact because US federal programs expire.” He said he and Finance staff were already grappling with this as part of developing the new budget for FY2024.