

(CHIEFS DISCUSS UNITY)

TRUK, NOV. 14 (MNS) ^{FILE} THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY TOLD THE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS MEETING IN TRUK THIS WEEK THAT THE CONGRESS WILL FOLLOW THE CHIEF'S RECOMMENDATION ON HOW TO OBTAIN UNITY IN MICRONESIA. 11

SPEAKER HENRY SAID THE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS SHOULD PROVIDE THE DIRECTION FOR THE REST OF MICRONESIA TO FOLLOW ON HOW THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE SET UP. THE SPEAKER MADE HIS REMARKS ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE CONFERENCE OF MICRONESIAN TRADITIONAL CHIEFS BEING HELD ON MOEN.

THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE, MICRONESIAN UNITY, TOPS ON THE CHIEF'S AGENDA.

SPEAKER HENRY AND SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA TOLD THE GROUP THAT THE CONGRESS HAD APPROPRIATED \$60,00 WHICH HAD BEEN ENTRUSTED TO THE PRESIDING OFFICERS TO BE SPENT TO ENCOURAGE MICRONESIAN UNITY. THE PRESIDING OFFICERS PROVIDED \$12,000 FOR THE CHIEFS CONFERENCE.

SENATOR NAKAYAMA FURTHER SAID THAT ANY GROUP WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO ENCOURAGE UNITY IN MICRONESIA CAN APPLY TO THE PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR FUNDS.

IN ANSWERING A QUESTION POSED BY A DELEGATION FROM PONAPE ABOUT THE ROLE OF TRADITIONAL CHIEFS IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, NAKAYAMA EXPLAINED THAT THE CONGRESS DID NOT GIVE THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS VOTING STATUS IN THE CONVENTION BECAUSE THE CONGRESS FELT THAT IF SOME DELEGATES VOTED AGAINST THEM IN THE CONVENTION, THEY MIGHT BE EMBARRASSED. HE THEN SUGGESTED THAT THE CHIEFS SHOULD ADVISE THEIR DISTRICT DELEGATES ON TRADITION SO THAT THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTION WILL REFLECT MICRONESIAN CULTURE.

SPEAKER HENRY ELABORATED ON THAT POINT, SAYING THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS OF MICRONESIA, THE TRADITIONAL AND THE PRESENT SET-UP OF GOVERNMENT, ARE WORKING WELL.

ON THE QUESTION OF SEPARATE STATUS FOR THE MARIANAS AND THE PROPOSED SEPARATE TALKS WITH THE MARSHALLS, SPEAKER HENRY SAID THAT THE CONGRESS IS DOING ITS BEST TO PROMOTE UNITY AMONG ALL SIX DISTRICTS, BUT "UNITY DEPENDS ON THE DESIRE OF THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES."

THE PALAU DELEGATION STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE AND URGED THE CONGRESS TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR SUCH DECISIONS.

CHIEF SAUMATAU OF UMAN IN THE TRUK LAGOON TOLD THE OTHER CHIEFS THE IMPORTANCE OF MICRONESIAN UNITY. "WITH UNITY, HE SAID, "ALL MICRONESIA WILL BE UNITED IN ONE FEELING, THEY WILL RESPECT ONE ANOTHER, THERE WILL BE FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE. WITH UNITY, ALL PEOPLE WILL HAVE FOOD, THEY WILL ALWAYS BE ABLE TO CONSULT WITH ONE ANOTHER, SUCH AS IN THE PRESENT MEETING. AND ALL THE ISLANDS WILL BE UNITED AS ONE."

SENATOR NAKAYAMA TOLD THE CHIEFS THAT DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO TOKYO, KOREA AND OTHER COUNTRIES, HE DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THEM. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE NO FINAL AGREEMENTS YET, BUT THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS OF OTHER COUNTRIES HELPING MICRONESIA SOLVE SOME OF ITS NEEDS.

IN BUSINESS, SEN. NAKAYAMA SAID JAPAN HAS FORMED SOME GROUPS TO HELP DEVELOP PACIFIC NATIONS. "BUT," HE SAID, "WE MUST PRESENT THEM WITH SPECIFIC PROPOSALS." HE POINTED OUT THAT REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MUST GO THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

THE TRADITIONAL CHIEFS MEETING CONTINUES WITH THE PRESENTATION OF RETURN OF PUBLIC LANDS, WAR CLAIMS AND EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK.

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(CALL USERS: PLEASE CREDIT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA)
(HARUO SPEAKS TO FISHING MANAGERS)

SAIPAN, NOV. 14 (CONGRESS RELEASE)---TRUK REPRESENTATIVE SASAUO HARUO TOLD A CONFERENCE OF MICRONESIA'S FISHING AUTHORITY MANAGERS THURSDAY THAT LIMITED FUNDS AND A GENERAL LACK OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ARE AMONG THE PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED BEFORE THE FISHING POTENTIAL OF MICRONESIA CAN BE DEVELOPED.

SPEAKING AT THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES NOW UNDERWAY ON SAIPAN, HARUO SAID THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DECIDED OVER TWO YEARS AGO THAT MICRONESIA "COULD NO LONGER AFFORD TO EXPERIMENT IN FISHERIES" AND HAD TO BEGIN PRODUCTION.

HARUO, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT WHICH CONCLUDED AN EXTENSIVE STUDY OF MICRONESIA'S FISHING POTENTIAL EARLIER THIS YEAR, TOLD THE FISHING AUTHORITY MANAGERS THEIR AGENCIES WERE CREATED AS "AUTONOMOUS BODIES, FREE FROM THE NORMAL BUREAUCRATIC ILLS THAT AFFECT MOST GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS..." IN ORDER TO "GET VIABLE PROGRAMS OFF THE GROUNDS."

"SINCE THEN," HE SAID, "THE CONGRESS HAS LOOKED WITH HIGH EXPECTATIONS TO THE FISHING AUTHORITIES TO SERVE AS A CATALYST TO DEVELOP THE FISHERIES POTENTIAL OF MICRONESIA."

THE TRUK CONGRESSMAN EXPLAINED THE PROBLEM OF LIMITED FUNDS COULD BE SOLVED THROUGH THE TRUST TERRITORY MARINE RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT FUND, PART OF THE TT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN FUND, OR THROUGH OUTRIGHT LOANS FROM PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS. LISTING POSSIBLE SOURCES OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, HARUO SAID HELP IS AVAILABLE FROM THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION, THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC, THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP), AND FROM THE U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

OTHER PROBLEMS CITED BY HARUO INCLUDED THE INTERPRETATION OF LAWS BY THE TT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WHICH HE SUGGESTED HAS PROHIBITED FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING LAWS CONCERNING THE FISHING AUTHORITIES, SUCH AS PROVISIONS CONCERNING SUPPLYING PROVISIONS TO FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS THAT CALL AT MICRONESIA PORTS.

HARUO SUGGESTED ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO CORRECT THESE PROBLEMS, AND FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH JAPAN, KOREA AND TAIWAN TO ALLOW THE FISHING AUTHORITIES TO PROVISION THEIR FISHING VESSELS ON A REGULAR BASIS AS ONE MEANS OF INCOME FOR THE AUTHORITIES.

HARUO SAID WHILE CONGRESS FUNDS ARE LIMITED, SPECIFIC PLANS FOR FISH PRODUCTION WOULD RECEIVE "VERY FAVORABLE ATTENTION" FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

HARUO SAID THE DISTRICT FISHING AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE THE "FOCAL POINTS" WHERE MICRONESIA'S FISHERIES PROGRAM REPORTS AND INFORMATION ARE "TRANSLATED... INTO ACTION."

NOTING THAT THE TT GOVERNMENT HAS SUCCEEDED IN SPAWNING RABBIT FISH IN PALAU AND HAS MADE PROGRESS IN THE FARMING OF MILKFISH, HARUO DECLARED:

"WE NOW FEEL THAT IT IS TIME TO GO INTO PRODUCTION, NOT ONLY IN INSHORE FISHERIES, BUT ALSO OFFSHORE FISHERIES SO THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO MEET THE LOCAL CONSUMPTION DEMANDS IN MICRONESIA."

THE WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE OF FISHING AUTHORITY MANAGERS IS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15. PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE: CARLOS A. SHODA, MARIANAS; TONY GAANYGAN, YAP; FRANCISCO T. ULUDONG, PALAU; PAULINO MAIPI, TRUK; BUMIO SILBANUZ, PONAPE; AND REIN MORRIS, MARSHALLS.

(PCL AGENDA)

SAIPAN, NOV. 14 (MNS) ---THE PROGRAM FOR THE SIXTH ANNUAL PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF LEGISLATORS HAS BEEN FINALIZED, ACCORDING TO THE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT, CONGRESSMAN DANIEL MUWA OF SAIPAN. THE CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 19 THROUGH 24 IN SAIPAN.

MAJOR SPEAKERS WHO WILL HIGHLIGHT THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM WILL BE SIR ALBERT HENRY, PREMIER OF THE COOK ISLANDS; PHILLIP ADAMS, A SENIOR SOCIO-ECONOMIST WITH THE STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE; AND ROBERT J. ROSTHAL, DEPUTY CHIEF COUNSEL OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION.

ADAMS WILL BE GUEST SPEAKER AT A WORKSHOP ENTITLED "COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FOREIGN INVEMENT." THE STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE RECENTLY COMPLETED A STUDY ON FOREIGN INVESTMENT FOR THE GUAM LEGISLATURE. OTHERS ON THE PANEL FOR THE WORKSHOP ARE JESUS S. LEON GUERRERO, PRESIDENT OF THE BANK OF GUAM; EUSEBIO RECHUCHER, DIRECTOR OF RESOURCE AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT; SENATOR PAUL BORDALLO OF THE TWELFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE AND CONGRESSMAN CARLOS A. SHODA OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE.

ROSTHAL IS HEADING A WORKSHOP ENTITLED, "DRUG ABUSE AND MEANINGFUL LEGISLATION.

GUEST SPEAKERS HEADING UP OTHER WORKSHOPS WILL BE DR. NORMAN MELLER, PROFESSOR OF POSITICAL SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, WHO WILL HEAD THE WORKSHOP ON "FUTURE FOLITICAL STATUS FOR DEPENDENT AREAS," AND JOHN GILLIAM, HEAD OF THE GUAM ENERGY OFFICE, HEADING THE WORKSHOP ENTITLED, "THE ENERGY CRISIS IN THE PACIFIC BASIN."

ON THE POLITICAL STATUS PANEL WILL BE SENATOR FRANK LUJAN AND JOSEPH ADA OF GUAM; EDWARD PANGELINAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION; CONGRESSMAN LAZARUS SALII, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS; SPEAKER TUPUA E. LE'IATO OF THE AMERICAN SAMOAN LEGISLATURE; AND CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH T. KURODA, OF THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE.

PARTICIPATING IN THE "ENERGY" WORKSHOP WILL BE CONGRESSMAN PETER ADUJA OF HAWAII, CONGRESSMAN N. STEFFANY OF THE AMERICAN SAMOAN LEGISLATURE, JAMES WHEELER, DIRECTOR OF THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT PUBLIC WORKS, SENATOR ANTONIO PALOMO OF GUAM, AND CONGRESSMAN JULIAN CALVO OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE.

THE FINAL WORKSHOP OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ON "FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY--LEGISLATIVE, EXECUTIVE COOPERATION." IT WILL BE MODERATED BY SENATOR RICHARD F. TAITANO OF GUAM. OTHER PANELISTS ARE CONGRESSMEN KACHUO EKO OF TRUK, SHIRO KYOTO OF PALAU, FRANCISCO DIAZ OF THE MARIANAS, AND ADDISON MARROW, PROGRAM AND BUDGET OFFICER FOR THE MARIANAS DISTRICT.