

(TT STUDENTS TO PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA MED SCHOOL)

SAIPAN, MARCH 4 (MNS) --- DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, DR. AROBATI HICKING, SAID THIS WEEK THAT THE TT WILL START SENDING STUDENTS TO PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. 11
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DR. HICKING LEARNED WHILE ATTENDING THE SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF HEALTH SERVICES THAT THE MEDICAL SCHOOL IN NEW GUINEA CONFERS BACHELOR OF MEDICINE DEGREES WHEREAS THE FIJI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, WHERE MOST TT MEDICAL STUDENTS HAVE STUDIED PREVIOUSLY, DOES NOT. ACCORDING TO HICKING, THE MEDICAL SCHOOL IN NEW GUINEA, ALSO OFFERS A "PRELIMINARY YEAR OF STUDY" IN PREPARATION FOR THE REGULAR MEDICAL PROGRAM--SOMETHING THAT THE FIJI MEDICAL SCHOOL HAS RECENTLY ELIMINATED IN ITS PROGRAM. MANY MICRONESIAN STUDENTS FIND THAT THEY NEED THE EXTRA STUDY BEFORE ENTERING MEDICAL SCHOOL.

DR. HICKING SAID THE MEDICAL SCHOOL IN NEW GUINEA IS "IDEAL OF TRAIN MICRONESIAN DOCTORS IN TROPICAL MEDICINE," ADDING, THAT THE SCHOOL IS NOT CROWDED AND PROFESSORS HAVE AMPLE TIME TO HELP THE STUDENTS.

HICKING SAID THE TT WILL START SENDING STUDENTS TO NEW GUINEA BEGINNING NEXT YEAR.

(ESG STATUS REPORT)

SAIPAN, MARCH 4 (MNS) --- CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT STRIK YOMA SUBMITTED TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER LAST WEEK A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROGRAM.

IN HIS REPORT, YOMA INDICATED THAT 14 RADIO PROGRAMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT TO ALL THE DISTRICTS FOR BROADCAST FOLLOWING THE OFFICIAL LAUNCHING OF THE ESG PROGRAM BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ON JANUARY 23 AND THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S PROCLAMATION OF JANUARY 25.

ACCORDING TO YOMA, THE 14 RADIO PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO THE LOCAL LANGUAGES, AND THEY HAVE BEEN DISSEMINATED THROUGHOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY.

AS PART OF THE PROGRAM, A BOOKLET CONTAINING THE TEXT OF THE SCRIPTS FOR THE 14 RADIO PROGRAMS IS BEING PRINTED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE DISTRICTS.

YOMA SAID THE TASK FORCE IS NOW REQUESTING REPORTS ON THE "IMPACT OF THESE 14 RADIO PROGRAMS" FROM THE DISTADS, ADDING, THAT THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USEFUL IN DETERMINING CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PROGRAM.

THE REPORT ALSO SAID THAT SOME \$525 WILL BE EXPENDED FOR AWARDS FOR A TERRITORY-WIDE ESSAY CONTEST ON "EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT." THE ESSAY CONTEST IS OPEN TO ALL MICRONESIAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOLS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE TRUST TERRITORY. NON-STUDENTS BETWEEN THE AGE OF 14-19 ARE ALSO QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST.

ESSAY RULES, REGULATIONS AND ENTRY BLANKS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL DISTRICTS LAST MONTH AND ALL THE DISTADS WERE REQUESTED TO DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION ON THE ESSAY CONTEST IN THEIR DISTRICTS. THE FEBRUARY 15 ISSUE OF "HIGHLIGHTS" ALSO CONTAINED INFORMATION ON THE CONTEST.

A GRAND PRIZE OF \$75 WILL BE AWARDED TO THE BEST ESSAY SELECTED FROM TERRITORY-WIDE ENTRIES. ALSO \$50 WILL BE GIVEN TO THE BEST ESSAY FROM EACH DISTRICT, IN ADDITION TO SECOND PRIZES OF \$25. THE WINNERS OF THE ESSAY CONTEST WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN MAY WHEN ALL THE ENTRIES WILL HAVE BEEN JUDGED BY THE TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT.

ALSO IN PREPARATION IS A SURVEY PROJECT WHICH HOPEFULLY

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WILL ENABLE THE TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP REALISTIC PLANS FOR FUTURE ESG PROGRAMS.

THE SURVEY PROJECT CONSISTS OF QUESTIONNAIRES TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE DISTRICTS THIS MONTH. THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN EARLY APRIL.

THE TASK FORCE IS ALSO COMPILING A LIST OF COMMONLY USED TERMS IN EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL BE PUT TOGETHER IN A GLOSSARY FOR THE PROGRAM. THE GLOSSARY, OR LIST OF DEFINITIONS, WILL BE USED IN THE SCHOOLS AND OTHER LOCAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY.

A BOOKLET ON "BASIC ECONOMICS" ILLUSTRATING THE ECONOMIC FACTS ABOUT THE TRUST TERRITORY IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED SOON AND IT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. THE "BASIC ECONOMICS" WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY "ECONOMIC BRIEFING MATERIALS" BOOKLET WHICH IS BEING PRODUCED BY A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TASK FORCE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ESG PROGRAM, DISTRICT CIVIC AFFAIRS OFFICERS WERE BRIEFED LAST WEEK BY THE TASK FORCE ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO IMPROVE THE PROGRAM AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL WERE SOLICITED.

(SECRETARIAL COURSE IN PALAU)

PALAU, MARCH 4 (MNS)---EIGHTEEN SECRETARIES AND CLERK TYPISTS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A FOUR-MONTH COURSE IN SHORTHAND CONDUCTED BY THE MICRONESIAN OCCUPATIONAL CENTER IN PALAU, ACCORDING TO PALAU PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER DAVID NGIRNIDOL.

PALAU DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, ALFONSO OITERONG, SAID THE CLASS IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND EVER CONDUCTED IN PALAU DISTRICT. THE STUDENTS RECEIVED CERTIFICATES OF COMPLETION IN CEREMONIES HELD AT MOC IN PALAU LAST MONTH. SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONIES, ACTING DIRECTOR OF MOC MICHAEL LITTLER COMMENDED THE STUDENTS FOR SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE COURSE, SAYING THAT THEIR EMPLOYERS ARE EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THE TALENT AND THE KNOWLEDGE THEY NOW POSSESS.

IN ADDITION TO PALAU DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION OITERONG, BUSINESS MANAGER OF MOC THOMAS CHILTON ALSO WAS ALSO WAS PRESENT AT THE CEREMONIES.