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FSMUN Mission Hosts Independence Day Reception

November 1, 2019 (New York, FSMUN) – The Permanent Mission of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to the United Nations in New York hosted a reception Friday, November 1, 2019 in New York to celebrate the 33rd anniversary of Independence for the Federated States of Micronesia. The official National Day for the FSM this year fell on a Sunday, 3 November.

Welcoming the guests to the event, H.E. Mrs. Jane J. Chigiya, Ambassador/Permanent Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations, said that “... there were many things that we (Micronesians) are grateful for today that has been made possible by the Micronesian people, our friends, and partners at the regional level and international level in the last 33 years.”



Referring to the historical significance and ties with the United Nations during her nation's struggles to gain international recognition of its independence and her nation's emergence from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Ambassador paid tribute to the nation's forefathers for their foresights and wisdom which brought the FSM into the UN 28 years ago that eventually brought about the achievement of our goal of self-determination. That September day in 1991, when the FSM took its rightful place among sovereign states at the UN was celebrated with a sense of fulfillment.

The Ambassador went on to say that her country is democratically stable, in a peaceful region but pointed to the looming threat of climate change that Micronesians live with everyday. "With one single disaster", she said, "Hard fought years of achievements can be wiped out".

While referencing her nation's modest contributions at the UN within its years of membership in the Organization, Ambassador Chigiyal chose to use the special occasion to focus "to a single topic, and that is the topic of the United Nations multi-country office for the North Pacific." The Ambassador expressed her appreciation for the solidarity of the entire Pacific family in moving the MCO issue forward, and support of her Micronesian sub-region in having her nation, the Federated States of Micronesia, to be host of the North Pacific MCO.

The United Nations Secretary-General has identified the sub-region of the North Pacific as an area to benefit from the dedicated presence of the UN multi-country office. Currently, 10 countries are covered by the UN office in Fiji including the 5 Micronesian countries, namely: the Republic of Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Nauru, and the Republic of Palau.

The event was attended by FSM Mission staff and their family members, Permanent Representatives/Ambassadors and their staff from all the Pacific Island Forum members in New York.