

New Auditor Evangeline Eko Completes Her 1-Month Orientation at the Main Office in Palikir

Ms. Evangeline Eko (known as Eva) is the newest auditor hired to work at the National OPA field office in Chuuk, where she started her initial orientation as a new employee for the office. Following this, Eva came to the main office in Palikir for one month to continue her job orientation which ended on May 17, 2013. As part of her orientation program, Eva got acquainted with the staff in Palikir and with the other FSM Government Offices as well.

It was a worthwhile orientation for Eva since she not only got to meet the staff and to learn about the office policies, procedures and operational systems but also got a treat to work on an actual audit (inspection).

First, she participated in a Post-Survey Conference that was presented by Aisi Mori, auditor-in-charge, and her team for the new audit on Congressional Appropriations for Public Projects in the FSM States.

Secondly, Eva also had the opportunity to work as the assisting auditor, working under the direction of Mr. Keller Philip as the auditor-in-charge for the Inspection on the Department of Justice. Through her involvement on the Inspection of DOJ, she performed various audit procedures during the fieldwork stage, assigned to participate in various meetings and interviews, prepared numerous Records of Discussions, and took part in the Fieldwork Verification Conference through which the team presented its preliminary findings to the entire audit staff for their review and to provide feedback. "I found the wealth of information sharing and feedbacks from the participating staff and the Public Auditor himself to be very valuable and enlightening to me, and I got to appreciate how the entire audit staff work together to ensure that the final audit report will offer useful findings and recommendations to assist the department in its operations," said Eva.

Eva commented that overall the orientation at the Main Office in Palikir was a successful one. It helps her to gain a better understanding of the office operational framework and to meet all the staff before she finally gets settled down to start performing her normal day-to-day duties and responsibilities as an auditor.

For the time being, Eva will be working with Evelyn Paul and Charlene Joker while efforts are continuing in order to recruit a new Investigator and a new Audit Supervisor. When all positions are filled, we will see a total of five full time employees at the field office on Weno in Chuuk.