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## **The Second Annual FSM Public Auditors Conference in Kosrae**

**On March 7-11, 2016**, Kosrae Office of Public Auditor hosted the Second Annual Public Auditors Conference in Tofol, Kosrae. Present at the Conference were State and National Public Auditors, Audit Managers, Chief Investigators, Auditors and Investigators and other administrative staff. The conference started with a welcoming remark by Kosrae State Governor, The Honorable Lyndon Jackson, followed by an appreciation response by Pohnpei State Public Auditor. The Governor expressed his support for the Public Auditors' efforts in improving the FSM Governments' operations for public benefit and wished the participants a successful conference/training.

The five-day event comprised of a two-day conference, a two-day training conducted by the representatives from the US Department of the Interior, Office of Inspector General, and a half-day panel discussion. The Principals held their executive session in the afternoon of the last day.

During the conference, the participants reviewed the decisions that were approved in the 2015 First Conference held in Chuuk, discussed their current status, and decided on the way forward for any open items. The participants also addressed new issues and challenges from each respective office. In line with the agenda, the OPAs also discussed the upcoming events such as the APIPA 2016 and the PASAI Congress 2016, both of which will be hosted by Pohnpei State Office of Public Auditor.

The two and a half-day training covered lectures on various topics which included Reporting Investigation Findings, Agreed Upon Procedures, and How to Write Effective and Interesting Reports. The participants were able to refresh their understanding on the training topics and also gained an understanding of the new audit and investigation approaches. The half-day Panel Discussion gave the participants the opportunity to discuss other issues not covered in the training session.

In closing, the participants thanked the instructors for their successful teachings and assured that lessons gained from the sessions will be used and applied in their actual work at each OPAs. We are grateful to the Kosrae Public Auditor and his staff for hosting a successful conference/training this year.

