

Pernes Resigns to Join the Pohnpei OPA

The Office of the National Public Auditor (ONPA) is proud to announce the promotion of Mr. Pernes Samuel, CFE, Investigator III, who became the next Chief Investigator at the Pohnpei State Office of Public Auditor. His last day at the National OPA was on April 9, 2021. We will miss Pernes but we celebrate his promotion.

Mr. Samuel served ONPA for nearly 10 years as an Investigator; a term during which he was able to obtain certification as a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) after studying for and passing the relevant examinations through the sponsorship of the FSM National government. Mr. Samuel was a key staff in the ONPA Compliance Investigation Division (CID) where he faithfully carried out investigations of criminal and civil misconduct.

The Public Auditor and staff held a farewell luncheon on that same day to honor Mr. Samuel and his family for his long service and valuable contribution to ONPA. The Public Auditor acknowledged Mr. Samuel's departure and expressed his appreciation and best wishes for his new journey following a number of speeches from staff who expressed their best wishes to one of our colleagues.

After everyone had their share of good food, Mr. Samuel expressed his sincere appreciation: "I'm deeply honored and privileged for this special gathering. I have to admit that the decision I made was not an easy one. But I am willing to take on the challenges it brings. I wanted to explore my potential as a fraud examiner, expand my horizons, and mostly to test and improve my leadership and management skills".

Congratulations and best wishes Mr. Pernes Samuel, CFE.



(L-R) National Public Auditor Haser Hainrick, former Investigator Pernes Samuel & National Chief Investigator Kelly Samuel