

Chief Investigator Pretrick's Departure

The Office of the National Public Auditor announces the departure of Chief Investigator, Sophia Pretrick, on February 17, 2010. She accepts an offer at Yap Public Auditor's Office as an Investigative Consultant.



Sophia Pretrick serves ONPA for 12 years as chief investigator and a certified fraud examiner improving the skills and capacity of staff of the office in carrying out investigations of criminal and civil misconduct, and improving the working engagement between the ONPA and the Department of Justice on referral cases.

The Public Auditor and staff held a farewell picnic at Nihco Marine Beach Park on February 17, 2012 to honor Chief Pretrick's long service and contribution to ONPA. The Public Auditor acknowledged the Chief's departure and expressed his appreciation and best wishes for her new journey. The Audit Manager, Audit Supervisor, Chuuk Field Office Auditor, and the Consultant of Transnational Crime Unit (TCU) also shared their sincere appreciation.



After everyone had their share of good food, Sophia expresses her sincere appreciation: "...I did not expect something like this but I would like to say I'm deeply honored and privileged for this special gathering...I have to admit that it's not easy to leave this office, the hardest part is letting go especially working here for the past 12 years seeing people come and go...spending 8 hours 5 days a week, and I've developed a bond with some of the staff and supervisors. And, these people

have become part of my life. The journey I went through with this office is exciting and intriguing; it's almost like a roller coaster. Being the first FSM citizen Chief of a very important function in this government is a privilege, especially a female. I want to thank you all so much for your advice and encouragement to move forth...I will forever cherish this..."

In closing, ONPA group that sang during the FSM National Government Christmas party, performed and sang again their song, "Santa Claus is coming to Palikir"—as requested by Chief Pretrick.

Many thanks and best wishes Sophia Pretrick!