

FSM National Public Auditor's Compliance Investigation Division Conducts the first Fraud Awareness Briefing in the State of Pohnpei

On March 28 to April 8, 2011, the Compliance Investigation Division (CID) of the FSM Office of the National Public Auditor completed 18 briefings in the State of Pohnpei by educating state government employees, students at the schools (public and private), and employees of the local governments on what fraud is and how it impacts government operations. The ONPA hopes to encourage the public to be more vigilant in recognizing and reporting fraud. There were 645 participants during the FAB briefings. Some of the participants included Lt. Governor Churchill Edward, cabinet members and chiefs of the municipal governments.

The FAB involved the dissemination of fraud detection and prevention information throughout the FSM by the use of banners, flyers, hotline cards, t-shirts, key chains and the fraud awareness briefings. The briefings are provided as an opportunity for the public to meet the CID Investigators and learn about the investigative processes and how they handle the fraud tips and complaints received from concerned citizens. Based on the evaluations, the participants wanted the FAB to be conducted periodically.



Chief Investigator Sophia Pretrick with the CID Investigators at the U Municipal (left), SDA School (right) and Department of Education employees at the Pohnpei State Government (bottom)



