

A new chapter in the bilateral relations between the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States.

Portland, Oregon – On November 18, 2017, Federated States of Micronesia President Peter M. Christian, FSM Congress Speaker Wesley Simina, FSM Senator Isaac Figir, Chuuk State Governor Johnson Elimo, FSM Ambassador Akillino Susaia, and other officials of the Portland City Government and the FSM, joined more than fifty FSM citizens, friends, and advocates to jointly announce and participate in the opening of a new FSM Consulate in the city of Portland.

The historic occasion ushered in a new chapter in the special bilateral relations enshrined in the instruments of the Compact of Free Association, as amended, between the FSM and the U.S governments. For the first time in the FSM-US relations, the FSM Government will now be operating the first Consulate in the United States mainland with consular jurisdiction over the States of Oregon, California, Washington, Arizona, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, and New Mexico. It is the third FSM Consulate in the United States.

The opening of the new Consulate is a testament to the commitment and determination of the FSM Leadership to bring national government representation and services closer to its people living abroad.

The unveiling of the plaque, which was to officially announce the opening of the Consulate, was special as President Christian gave the opportunity to the young generation of FSM children present at the occasion, the honor of unveiling the plaque. The President said that it is his hope that these young people will take pride in the fact that they have ownership and responsibility for their Consulate.

As part of his official Program of Visit, President Christian met with numerous groups of FSM citizens in Portland and Salem; to thank them for their hard work, and to encourage them to continue their very successful efforts in community support, and excellent representation of the FSM to their local Oregon communities.

The President also took the opportunity to meet with the Mayor of the City of Portland, the Honorable Mr. Ted Wheeler. During their brief meeting, the President thanked the Mayor for his government's support of our FSM communities, and for his strong and active support of the establishment of the new Consulate in his city. The Mayor expressed his deepest appreciation for the choice of Portland for a new consulate, indicated his continuing strong support for the

FSM, and acknowledged the positive presence and contributions of our FSM communities. He confirmed to the President that the FSM joins the countries of Japan and Mexico, who have also established consulate offices in the city of Portland.

In appreciation of the historic accomplishment, the Embassy of the FSM hosted a dinner reception for President Christian, Speaker Simina, members of their delegations and members of the FSM communities, friends and supporters of the FSM. The official opening of the Consulate in Portland, Oregon was a success, and the Consulate will commence full operation as soon as the required staffing is in place.



(Photo: President Peter M. Christian delivering his remarks and announcing the official opening of the FSM Consulate in Portland, Oregon. November 18, 2017)



(Photo: Young FSM children unveiled the plaque during the official announcement of the opening of a new FSM Consulate in Portland, Oregon, as President Peter M. Christian, other government officials, and members of the FSM community looked on.
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Please contact the FSM Embassy in Washington D.C if you have any questions regarding the new Consulate in Portland, Oregon. Tel: 202-223-4383 or by email(fsmc1@gmail.com)

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