

CID Attended Anti-Corruption Workshop

On July 31- August 1, 2019, Compliance Investigation Division staff attended a workshop on National Anti-corruption Strategy at Island Palm Hotel in Kolonia, Pohnpei. The workshop was hosted by the FSM Department of Justice (DOJ) and facilitated by Instructors from United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and United Nations Pacific Regional Anti-Corruption Project (UNPRAC). Many representatives from Pohnpei State and FSM National governments participated in the event.

His Excellency President Panuelo opened the workshop with his key remarks to promote a transparent, open and accountable government. Other key speakers Ihlen Joseph, Pohnpei State Public Auditor and Jose Gallen, Secretary of Justice, reiterated the need to work together against corruption within the nation.

During the 2-day workshop, with guidance from Instructors Jason Reichelt and Anika Jorensten, the participants identified priority areas and expected outcomes that are needed in the fight against corruption within the FSM. The participants, under the four pillars of Public Sector, Integrity Education and Public Awareness, Private Sector and Investigation and Prosecution of Corruption and Fraud, developed the draft strategy which outlines the priorities and outcomes. A short portion of the workshop covered monitoring and reporting of benchmarks. The workshop ended on high notes in cooperation among the agencies and offices, and informally designated DOJ as the coordinator of future actions.