

APIPA PRINCIPALS MEET ON GUAM & FSM'S APIPA 2022 CHAIRMANSHIP SOON TO END

On December 5-6, 2022 the FSM National Public Auditor, Mr. Haser Hainrick as the current Chairman of APIPA 2022 led a delegation and attended the last APIPA Principals' meeting and training held at the Guam Office of Public Accountability in Hagatna, Guam. It was a great time for the APIPA leaders that made it to Guam; being the first in-person meeting since year 2019 due to the impact of travel restriction, relating to Covid-19. The Principals amended their original decision to permit those who could not join in person to attend virtually. The delegation from our office included the Audit Manager and the Administrative Officer who performed the Treasurer and Secretary roles respectively for the APIPA 2022 that will end on Dec 31, 2022.



On Day 1, the training on *Government Auditing Standards: Review and Update* was conducted by Mr. Drummond Khan from the Graduate School USA and facilitated by the Pacific & Virgin Islands Training Initiatives (PITI-VITI) as supported by the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs.



On Day 2, the APIPA Principals held their last meeting for 2022 under the chairmanship of the FSM National Public Auditor, Mr. Hainrick. Key topics of discussion included the annual audit of the APIPA accounts, peer review scheduling, quarterly and annual reporting requirements by the Government of the Republic of Palau where APIPA was incorporated, update on membership fees, posting of approved Minutes on its website, and formalized the appointment of the Auditor General for the Republic of the Marshall Islands as the next APIPA Chairman. Other matters included PASAI updates by Director for PASAI North sub-region Ms. Doris Brooks, sharing by each national offices on their single audits, ELDP updates by the PITI-VITI Director, Jason Aubuchon, and final remarks.



We are grateful for the opportunity and the support that enabled our office to successfully host and chair the APIPA 2022. We also acknowledge the Public Auditor of Guam, Mr. Benjamin J.F. Cruz and his staff for graciously providing the venue, facilities, and refreshments for this week's 2 days event. Our best wishes to the incoming Chairman, Mr. Junior Patrick, who will be leading during 2023, and his RMI Office of the Auditor General as the next host for the APIPA 2023 conference.

