Palikir, FSM — Haser H. Hainrick was sworn into office as the Public Auditor for the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) along with a few of the nominees who have been confirmed by Congress at 9AM this morning of October 7, 2011.

The brief ceremony was held in the cabinet meeting room at the President’s Office. President Manny Mori administered the oath of office for Hainrick and other cabinet members. The President then congratulated and welcomed the cabinet members to their new posts and concluded the ceremony with a toast by thanking Congress for the opportunity given to each cabinet members to continue serving the nation.

The FSM Public Auditor Office is an independent office of the national government, charged to assess the financial transactions, program performance and effectiveness, and compliance of all entities receiving public funds from the National Government. The Public Auditor is the authority in charge of this office. It is a four year post and to continue to serve until a successor has been confirmed, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of Congress and eligible for reappointment through the same process.

Hainrick has held the post since 2002 and this is his first reappointment to serve for another term starting this new fiscal year 2012.

Hainrick’s educational background includes a Bachelor of Business Administration with double majors in Accounting and Management from Chaminade University of Honolulu. Given an extensive trainings in the intricacies of the institution of auditing, Hainrick’s skills range from investigative to performance auditing and fraud detection and prevention.

Hainrick’s employment background is equally rich with experiences in financial management, banking and human resource management. In the State of Chuuk, Hainrick’s career path began in 1984 as fiscal officer for the State’s Job Training Partnership Act. Within the same year, he was posted to Chuuk Government Department of Finance as a Supervisor. Two years later, he was hired by the National Government as an auditor for its Public Auditor Office. He worked with the Office of Public Auditor until 1992, when was hired as the Internal Auditor for the FSM Development Bank.

His tenure at the Development Bank was a series of promotional transitions that went from Internal Auditor to Chief Financial Officer to serving in the capacity of Senior Vice President before becoming the FSM Public Auditor.

In the presence of some of their family members, friends and office staff, the morning ceremony was brief and momentous.