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Subject: Inauguration of MATAIKA HOUSE

Dear Sir,

I am very pleased to learn that the new complex named after the late Dr J.U Mataika for the National Scientific Services for Virology and Vector Borne Diseases in Fiji will be inaugurated in October 1999. I would like to send my sincere congratulations to you and your staff for your invaluable efforts and contributions in establishing this important unit.

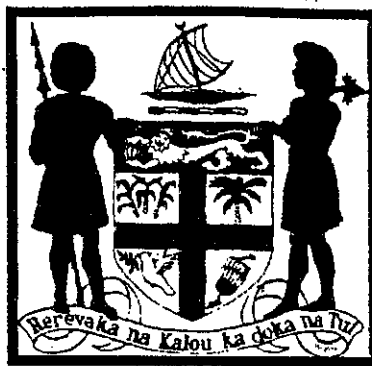
We understand that the functions of the Mataika House will be not only as HQ for the national programme but also as a centre of the Pacific regional net work for dengue fever and filariasis. Furthermore, it is proposed that the project offices of the Regional Vector Borne Diseases Project (PRVBDP) and the Pacific Programme to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (PacELF) be located in the House.

The PacELF was initiated jointly by SPC and WHO and will be executed by WHO/WPRO. We believe that this will be one of the most active programmes and will give great benefits to the people in the Pacific. It would be, therefore, very helpful and appreciated if your government could kindly offer the space for the PacELF office in MATAIKA House to conduct various aspects of the regional filariasis activities effectively.

Once again, thank you very much for your continuous collaboration with WHO and let us get a job done together to eliminate the burden of dengue and filariasis from the Pacific.

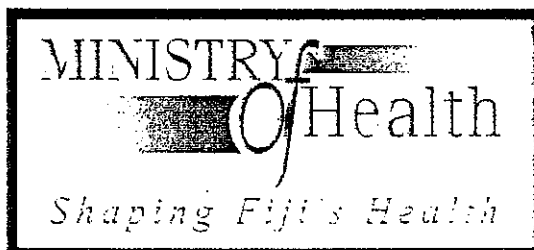
Sincerely yours,
Dr Omi, RD/WPRO

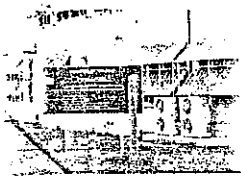
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**MATAIKA HOUSE
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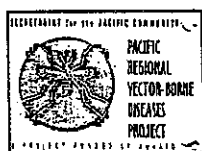




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PacELF (Pacific Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis) Centre

This will be the regional coordinating centre for the Pacific Elimination of Lymphatic Filariasis. The Unit comprises a Team Leader, Project Administrator, Data manager and the Secretariat. The initiative follows on from the WHO Commitment to elimination of filariasis in the Pacific. Dramatic recent advances, however, in treatment methods both for controlling transmission and for simple, successful approaches to morbidity (disease) control, along with remarkable improvement in techniques for diagnosing the infection, have completely altered this erstwhile gloomy outlook. So much so that following the conclusion by an independent International Task Force for Disease Eradication that lymphatic filariasis was one of only six infectious diseases considered to be "eradicable" or "potentially eradicable", the World Health Assembly in 1997 adopted Resolution WHA50.29 calling for the elimination of lymphatic filariasis as a public health problem globally.



Pacific Regional Vector-Borne Diseases Project

Funded by AusAID

Vector-borne diseases, especially those transmitted by mosquitoes, continue to be major medical, social and economic burdens in Pacific countries. The Pacific Regional Vector-Borne Disease Project (PRVBDP) was designed to assist Pacific governments and communities in the control of vector-borne diseases. PRVBDP is a five-year project funded by AusAID and implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC). The main beneficiaries are Fiji, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu.

The goal of PRVBDP is to reduce morbidity and mortality from mosquito-borne diseases, in particular, malaria, dengue, and filariasis. The project has three main objectives:

1. To strengthen the capacity of individual countries to better plan, implement, and evaluate programs for the control of vector borne diseases.
2. To strengthen laboratory and clinical capacity of countries in the region to support the development of National Vector Borne Disease control programs and enable countries to better identify, monitor and treat the diseases.
3. To encourage community participation in the control of mosquito-borne diseases through established and innovative means, using approaches that promote gender equity.

The disease-focus in Fiji is dengue and filariasis. In line with World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations (WHO 1995), PRVBD Project managers considered community-based research to be an important component of the first objective and a vital precursor for the achievement of the third objective.



Launch of Anti-Dengue Campaign on 6th October, 1999



Provision of transport to enhance health promotion and surveillance.



Focus Group interview with a womens group from Lakeba.

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Dr Kazuyo Ichimori
From: Dr Kazuyo Ichimori
Sent: Friday, December 17, 1999 12:27 PM
To: Dr Yves Renault
Subject: PacELF-FSM

To: Francis Maietta francism@spc.org.nc
From: Kazuyo Ichimori
Subject: PacELF-FSM

Dear Francis,

This is a message I tried to make for the arrangement of official collaboration with Dr Chaine and CDC, please correct it (especially TOR) and send to the coordinating members for their endorsement. Thank you very much. Kazuyo

DRAFT MESSAGE:
"Dear brothers and sisters (CB/PacELF Members),

We would like to propose a collaboration for PacELF with CDC and PIHOA for filariasis activities in some selected countries in the Pacific .

Dr Ichimori, PacELF/WHO met Dr Mark LaPointe, CDC, Atlanta, USA, who was visiting to Dr Jean Paul Chaine, Regional Epidemiologist for the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA), based in Phonpei, FSM to discuss and seek the possibility to collaborate for the filariasis elimination in some countries in Micronesia.

After several unofficial meetings, they agreed that (1) Dr Chaine has already connection with the governments in Micronesian countries including Chuuk, Yap, Phonpei and Kosrea States of FSM, Guam, Palau, Marshall Islands and the Northern Marianas, (2) Dr Chaine is willing to assist the governments for their National Filariasis Elimination Programme as a part of his duties, (3) The PacELF and Dr Ichimori will provide with provide information and technical assistance to support for his co-ordinating activities, (4) CDC will find the funds to cover Dr Chaine's travelling costs to visit the countries for the filariasis activities, (5) Dr Chaine will periodically report to help pacELF.

We are very happy with this arrangement and would appreciate your concurrence before we, as PacELF take action to make an official collaboration with Dr Chaine under the following Terms of Reference.

- Proposed Terms of Reference;
In conjunction with PacELF staff,
- 1) to assist the governments (Chuuk, Yap, Phonpei and Kosrea States of FSM, Guam, Palau, Marshall Islands and the Northern Marianas) to conduct the filariasis activities such as Blood survey and Mass Drug Administration (MDA).
 - 2) To coordinate for logistics and operational plan for each country under their policies and PacELF strategic Plan.
 - 3) To submit reports to the PacELF Home (office) in Fiji.

We should be grateful receiving your comments and approval before the end of 1999.

Thank you very much for your cooperation for PacELF and wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas !

Warm regards.
Francis (SPC) and Kazuyo (WHO)"

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Date : 9 December 1999

From : Dr Kazuyo Ichimori
WHO Scientist
Our ref. : VAN/CTD/010/P
Your ref. :

To : Dr Tony Stewart &
Dr Francis Maletta
SPC, New Caledonia
Fax: 26.38.18

Originator :

Subject :

... Please find a copy of a letter from Dr Jean Paul Chaine, Regional Epidemiologist regarding his contribution to the filariasis elimination programme in FSM and other Micronesia countries.

I met him and Dr Mark LaPointe , CDC when I visited in Chuuk, FSM in November 1999 and we agreed that (1) Dr Chaine has already connection with the governments in Micronesian countries and is willing to work with the governments for the National Filariasis Elimination as a part of his work. (2) The PacELF will provide with information and assistance to support for his co-ordination activities, (3) CDC will find the funds to cover Dr Chaine's Travelling costs to visit the Micronesia countries for the filariasis activities (4) Dr Chaine will report periodically to help PacELF.

I am very happy with this arrangement and would appreciate your concurrence and advice of the next action to make an official collaboration with him.

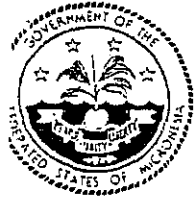
I suppose 1) we should make TOR for him, 2) we should ask the coordinating body members for their endorsement for this arrangement, 3 we should inform the governments, WHO, SPC CDC involved of this collaboration.

I await your reply.

Thank you and kind regards.

ENCL.: As stated.

cc: Dr Allan Schapira, MAL WPRO - Fax 190
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November 15, 1999

Dr. Kazuyo Ichimori
Filariasis Elimination Program
World Health Organization
Vanuatu

Dear Dr. Ichimori;

On behalf of the Secretary of Health, Education and Social Affairs, I would like to thank you for your recent visit to the Federated States of Micronesia. While your visit was relatively short, you were able to conduct an extraordinary amount of work in that short time. The work plan you proposed to the Chuuk Department of Health Services is now being conducted and the survey should be finished on time (February 2000).

As we discussed in Chuuk the other three States of the FSM, Pohnpei, Kosrae and Yap, will begin activities after WHO provides additional ICT assessment kits.

I would also like to offer my services to the Filariasis Program in those jurisdictions I cover as epidemiologist for the Pacific Islands Health Officers Association (PIHOA). These include the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, Guam, CNMI, and American Samoa.

Thank you again and I am looking forward to working with you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.P. Chaine".

Jean-Paul Chaine, DrPH

Cc: Dr. Eliuel K. Pretrick, Secretary, HESA
Dr. William Wood, PIHOA

Dr Kazuyo Ichimori

From: Dr Yves Renault
Sent: Tuesday, March 21, 2000 11:36 AM
To: Dr Kazuyo Ichimori
Subject: TR: documents

-----Message d'origine-----

De : Bruno HUBERT [mailto:bruno.hubert@services.gov.pf]
Envoyé : 21 March, 2000 9:45 AM
À : Kazuyo ICHIMORI
Objet : documents

Dear Kazuyo,

Thank you for your message.

We were very happy to have you in Papeete. I think that the newspaper and TV coverage of your PACELF presentation was important to show to the population that French Polynesia is not alone in this adventure.

I hope that the collaboration with the Malardé Institute will be profitable to Pacelf.

You will find attached the files I promised you.

Kind regards.

Bruno

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