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TO: His Highness Herculano Kohler- Nahn Pwutak Pikeniap, Nanmwarki en Wein Sokehs

Honorable Michael Liemen, Chief Magistrate- Sokehs Honorable Albert Johnny, Speaker- Sokehs Council Honorable Ferny Perman, Congressman- ED#1

FROM: Sokehs Agriculture Fair Committee 2021

SUBJECT: Sokehs Agriculture Fair Event Report

Kaselehlie Maing,

Season's greetings and wishing you a blessed day. I am writing this letter on behalf of the Sokehs Agriculture Fair Committee. Please find attachments as per your information and action. Herein this report included activities prior to and during Sokehs Agriculture Fair 2021, and prize award costs. This report did not include committees' meeting stipends, supplies and rentals of equipment, food (lunch) and other related cost.

Additionally, on behalf of the committee, our apologies that fishing contest was omitted from the event for the following reasons: 1) the committee felt that within the composure of the committee, they did not possess the knowledge nor the qualification to properly administered a fair and quality event to show-case; 2) since there was an ongoing fishing contest that have been administrated by ED#1 for all the ED#1 eligible voters, the committee felt it would be a duplicate of efforts to have another fishing contest for Sokehs residences. The funds that were allocated to the fishing contest were then support the crop award that the committee was able to increase prize number from 3 to 5.

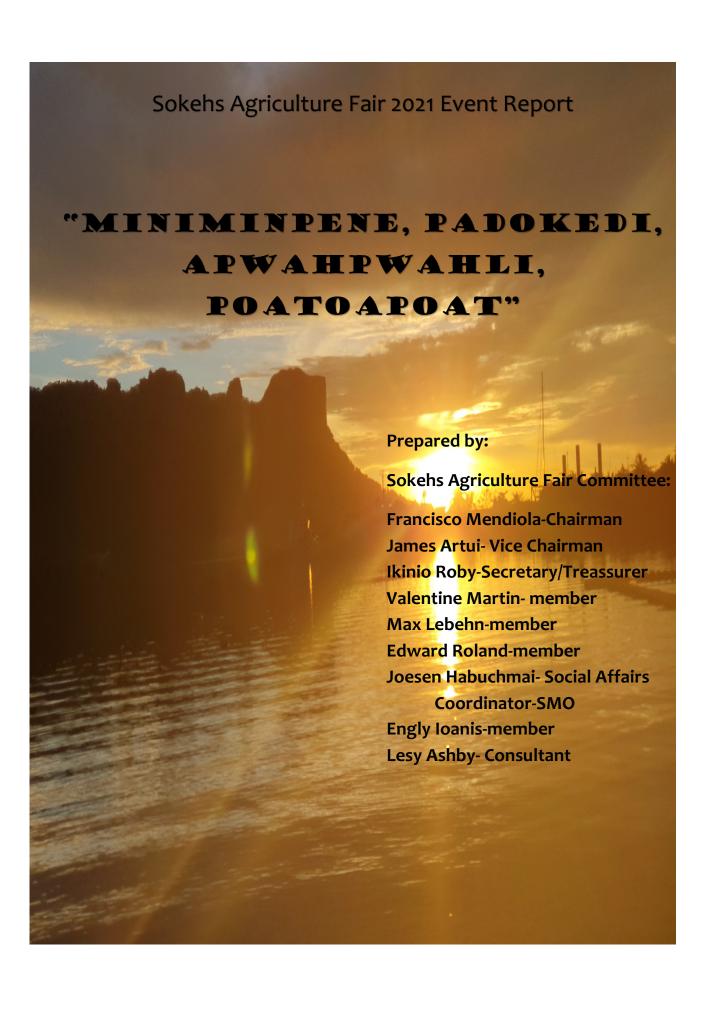
Should have further query, feel free to contact Engly at 320-2728 or any of the committee members.

Thank you very much.

/s/Ikinio Roby Director of Administration Sokehs Municipal Government

CC: Mr. Mark Kostka, Chief of Agriculture- Pohnpei State

Dr. Singeru Singeo, Executive Director- COM Land Grant



Sokehs Agriculture Fair 2021 Report

The Sokehs Agriculture Fair was created by Sokehs Municipal Councilmen to ensure that residence and people of Sokehs is food secure now and in the years to come. The SC8-09-13 law mandated that an Agriculture fair should be carried out each calendar year on the last or fourth Thursday of November in promotion and exhibitions of food crops, livestock and fishing activities.

The Agriculture Fair Committee members were appointees of the Chief Magistrate of Sokehs and approved by the Sokehs Municipal Councilmen. The duration of term for members was two years. The members responsibilities include: coordinating with Executive and Legislative in securing funds for the event; conduct community trainings; proposed and recommend crops and livestock for exhibition; work with community leaders and farmers and set criteria and guidelines for competition; and organize the Agriculture Fair for respective term.

Since early 2021, the committee has been in motioned planning, conducting trainings

with the request of respective and livestock productions, and Sokehs Administration for the handouts were distributed to each



communities on crop coordination with the event. Information section leaders, which

then disseminated to their respective communities, and radio program was aired detailing the Agriculture Fair.

The Sokehs Agriculture Fair 2021 was held at the Nahs of Sapwohn for the second time.

The venue was

Before the event,

work and the

setting up the



selected for its accessibility and convenient.
the Sokehs Municipal staff from the public
committee members work together in
venue. Benches were made from bamboos

to hang yams, bananas, and other crops that needed hanging. Tables, chairs and tents were rented to accommodate quests, vegetable crops and farmers selling produces. The two days event went well and without disruption. During the night, police officers were providing security for the exhibit crops.

The participants are all eligible Sokehs voters and their immediate family members. This year participants increased from last year about 63% (56) and crop exhibit numbers increased by also 63% (212) (see Annex F) Additionally, crops quality improved much, however, quality and sizes of yams' exhibits were much disappointing. All sections were represented and villages, except Likie, Ipwal, Roie, Soledi, Pakin, Oumoar, Sekere, Lewetik, and Sapwalap.

The funding for the event was funded through the appropriation of Sokehs Councilmen (SC10-05-20) in the amount of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and leftover funds from Congressman from Sokehs in the amount of Eleven thousand six hundred and fifty-five dollars (\$11,655) (see Annex G). The total awards cost for Agriculture Fair 2021 was Six thousand seven hundred sixty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$6,762.50) (see Annex F). The fishing contest was cancelled from the event activities due to limitations within the Agriculture Fair Committee members to properly execute and coordinate such event fairly

and appropriately. Additionally, since ED#1 has been conducting monthly fishing contest to its populace, the committee feel that Sokehs fishermen will have great challenge and motivation to participate at a wider arena than Sokehs. The fund that was allocated to fishing contest was then used for the crop awards to increase award from 3 to 5, and other needed items such as take-outs for the event.

On November 24, starting 9:00 am to 4:00 pm farmers bringing their exhibit crops (see **Annex A**), except vegetables and livestock. After 4:00 pm, appointed individuals (Judges) judged the crops based on the criteria set by the Agriculture Fair Committee, then provided a list of winners for each crop that were collated and recorded (**see Annex B**).

The final day of the 10:00 am farmers brought vegetables and livestock judges again judged the



event, November 25, starting 8:00-their vegetables and livestock. After all were registered (see Annex C), the vegetables and livestock based on the

criteria recommended by the Agriculture Fair Committee. Like manner, vegetables and livestock were assigned prizes (see Annexes E & D) respectively.

There was a short ceremony program prepared to commemorate the "rahn en

Soumwet oh Soused nan wein Sokehs"
"Miniminpene, Padokedi, Apwahpwali,
program included an opening prayer by
followed by a welcoming remark by



with a theme for 2021

Poatoapoat." The

Deacon Nennis,

Honorable Liemen,

Chief Magistrate of Sokehs. In his remark he expressed his gratitude and appreciation to

everyone that have sacrificed time and efforts to make the day activities successful. The honored guest speaker for the day speech was delivered by Honorable Speaker of Sokehs councilmen Mr. Albert Johnny. During his speech, he cited a report that was carried out in 2000 and 2009 which expenditures for importation of food stuffs were \$17 M and \$43 M respectively. Honorable Johnny concluded his speech with this "food for thought" "Ma wen mwoni wet me kitail pwain ohng souwet en Pohnpei, ia wen keirda me kitail pahn ahneki? Kitail anahne kupwkupwure oralap en rahnwet oh mehlel mourin atail kin wia Impiokai. Ia mwurimwurin kapwar wahn sapw? Kitail en kakelaka tungoale pein sakatail oh katikala momourki mwenge kohlongodo kan. Iei wiepe wet me pahn kairada sapwelimatail soumwet kan me pahn ni ansouote kairada sapwelimatail Impiokai rahnwet, lakapw oh peila."

The closing remark was supposed to be the Nanmwarki of Sokehs, his Highness Kohler, however, due to his "sounei", Soulik in Eir spoke in his stead and commended that there is a need for greater collaboration and cooperation at all level our society in order ensure the Sokehs residences are food secure. The benediction was by Senior Minister Reverend Godaro Lorrin. Lunch was provided to all that were present during the event.

After lunch have been served, the of the awards and prizes were awarded in the Additionally, the farmer of the year was named, Johnny, who received the greatest number of



announcement form of check.

Mrs. Merlain awards and the

village of the year with the most residence participated in the crop exhibits was Palikir village.

Both grand award prizes were issued in check.

Specific recommendations

Though the event went well, the committee saw several weaknesses still need improvement. 1) Appropriation of fund should be given priority from the municipal office in ahead to have smoother transition. 2) Committee members

should be screen properly and representing his/her section in order to communicate decisions and plans back to respective sections. 3) Radio program should be aired at least two before the date of event. 4) All exhibited yams should be hanged from a pole regardless of sizes.

The Agriculture Fair Committee would like to acknowledge and thank the following organizations, agencies, individual for their generous contributions and supports to the success of the Sokehs Agriculture Fair 2021:

- 1. Division of Agriculture, Pohnpei State R&D
- 2. Cooperative Research & Extension Service, COM-FSM
- 3. College of Micronesia Land Grant Program
- 4. Congressman, Honorable Peter Christian
- 5. Congressman, Honorable Ferney Perman
- 6. Public Work, Sokehs Municipal Office
- 7. Councilmen, Sokehs Municipal Office
- 8. Community of Sapwohn

ANNEX E

Sapwohn, Sokehs, November 24-25, 2021

Wahn-sahpw	1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize	4th Price	5th Price	TOTAL	Awards
Kiuhri (5)	26	27	28	23	31	7 5 7 7 1	
(6)	MATHEW MIX	SAIMON MIX	PASIL SANTOS	PERTIN FERDINAND	AKLINA FERDINAND		
	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00			\$ 5.00	\$ 80.00	5
Chinese Cabbage (3)		•	•	•			
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Bell Pepper (5)	23	31	26				
	PERTIN FERDINAND	AKLINA FERDINAND	MATHEW MIX				
	\$ 30.00					\$ 65.00	3
Bell Pepper Sele (10)	26	29	38				
	MATHEW MIX	GRACE ROBY	TRIMER ONGESEL				
	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00			\$ 65.00	3
Sihka (Reirei) (2)	1	2	49				
	MERLAIN JOHNNY	RUTHANN JOHNNY	RENSPER JOHNNY				
	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00			\$ 65.00	3
Sihka (Pwonopwon) (2)							
Pwengkin (Reirei) (2)	3						
	KIKIE PANUELO					4 0000	
Decree - Line (Decree as a constant) (2)	\$ 30.00	22				\$ 30.00	1
Pwengkin (Pwonopwon) (2)	1	23					
	MERLAIN JOHNNY \$ 30.00	PERTIN FERDINAND \$ 20.00				\$ 50.00	2
Tomato (5)	23	1				\$ 50.00	
Torriato (5)	PERTIN FERDINAND	MERLAIN JOHNNY					
	\$ 30.00					\$ 50.00	2
Egg Plant (Reirei) (5)	23	29				y 50.00	
288 1 14111 (1161161) (3)	PERTIN FERDINAND	GRACE ROBY					
	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00				\$ 50.00	2
Egg Plant (Pwonopwon) (5)	23	31				Ţ	_
	PERTIN FERDINAND	AKLINA FERDINAND					
		\$ 20.00				\$ 50.00	2
Beans (Reirei) (5)	26	27	28				
	MATHEW MIX	SAIMON MIX	PASIL SANTOS				
	\$ 30.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00			\$ 65.00	3
Beans (Mwotomwot) (5)							
Yuhngau (Reirei) (2)	1						

	MERLAIN JOHNNY					
	\$ 30.00			\$	30.00	1
Yuhngau (mwotomwot) (2)						
Corn (5)						
Snake Melon (2)						
Honey Dew (2)	1					
	MERLAIN JOHNNY					
	\$ 30.00			\$	30.00	1
Cantalope (2)	23					
	PERTIN FERDINAND					
	\$ 30.00			\$	30.00	1
Bitter Melon (5)				·		
				\$	660.00	29