

FSMSS Board of Trustees Participates in Social Security Week

The FSM Social Security Board of Trustees met with the people of Yap during an opening public forum as part of the FSMSSA's public education efforts.

The forum, which took place on July 1, 2008, in the Small Business Center, marks the 40th Year Anniversary of social security in the region.

The Board is chaired by the Representative of Pohnpei State, Jack E. Yakana. Nahoy G. Selifis, who is the representative of the National Government, serves as Vice-Chairman of the Board. Garrison Irons represents the State of Chuuk. Charles L. Chieng is the representative of Yap State on the Board of Trustees. The Administrator of the FSMSSA, Alexander R. Narruhn, serves as ex-officio member on the Board. In opening the forum, the FSMSS Administrator, Alexander R. Narruhn, said, "Forty years ago, on this same day, social security was born in the islands of Micronesia under the Trust Territory government. Its purpose, which remains true today, was to provide for basic survival needs to an insured worker during the sudden loss of income. This means of basic survival comes in the form of three benefit types: retirement, survivor and disability. The FSMSSA regards citizens' awareness of the system a top priority. As such, the FSMSSA and its Board of Trustees commemorates this forty-year anniversary with a week of public education and today's event is a cornerstone of that effort."



During the forum, the board was able to address many of the questions and concerns voiced by the gathered audience which included beneficiaries, working citizens and expatriate workers living in Yap.

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