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COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM

BOARD REPORT
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EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Donor stewardship, embassy engagement and pathways to support

4	$4.5M	2+
Foreign embassies engaged	Funding gap cited in discussions	Embassies signalling in-kind support

KEY OUTCOME

Embassy discussions expanded beyond direct donations to technical expertise, introductions and in-kind support.

Relationship pathways

1	**Reconnect** Use official and personal travel to maintain donor, alumni and community relationships.
2	**Explain progress** Share the Endowment Fund position, remaining gap and long-term purpose.
3	**Broaden the ask** Seek direct gifts, donor introductions, technical expertise and graduate-focused assistance.
4	**Clarify impact** Set out how investment earnings will be used once the $20 million target is reached.

Detailed report

External relations activities

1 | Overseas donors and supporters

Our office continues to take advantage of official including personal travel to strengthen relationships with overseas donors, alumni, and supporters of the College. During these encounters, we provide updates on the growth and progress of the Endowment Fund while reinforcing the importance of continued financial support toward achieving the $20 million target. For example, in June 2026, Amy utilized a personal trip to Hawaii and other parts of the United States to engage with some members of the Micronesian community by sharing the challenges and progress made toward the College Endowment Fund and convey our appreciation for their continued support. One such engagement was with a Pohnpeian church whose members supported fundraising for year 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 by purchasing raffle tickets and making additional small donations to the Endowment Fund. Similarly, I had the opportunity of meeting a few of our major donors and supporters in Guam and Hawaii. These engagements provided an opportunity to share the positive developments surrounding the Endowment Fund and plead for their continued support and commitments to help us reach the $20 million target sooner rather than later. These engagements demonstrate the value of maintaining personal relationships with our overseas supporters. Even modest contributions, when combined with sustained engagement and broad community participation, can make a meaningful difference in advancing our fundraising

2 | Foreign embassy engagement

In October (2026), we met with representatives of all four foreign embassies based in Pohnpei. These meetings provided an opportunity to discuss the challenges facing the Endowment Fund, review the progress achieved to date, and highlight the remaining funding gap of approximately $4.5 million toward the $20 million target. We appealed to them to consider supporting the Endowment Fund through direct contributions and, where possible, by facilitating introductions to potential donors and philanthropic organizations within their respective networks. The meetings also generated encouraging interests in other forms of assistance. Two of the embassies expressed their willingness to provide in-kind support aimed at helping COMFSM’s graduates who are committed to contributing to national economic development. This assistance would involve mobilizing retired professionals and experienced specialists to come to the FSM and provide practical, hands-on training and technical expertise in their respective fields. One of the embassies expressed interest in providing both in-kind assistance and a financial contribution, demonstrating a broader commitment to supporting the College's development objectives. An additional and particularly important outcome of these engagements was the shared interests among all four embassies in understanding how the College intends to utilize the investment earnings once the Endowment Fund reaches its $20 million target.