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Dear President Daisy,

On behalf of the FSM Government, I wish to acknowledge the College of Micronesia - FSM and the Fisheries and Maritime Institute in Yap, and your essential role as educators, preparing our youth for future employment. Your success in this endeavor is fundamental to the continuing prosperity of our Nation.

I would like to build on this success and propose that the excellent facilities and staff at the Fisheries and Maritime Institute be incorporated into a planned training activity involving the National Police Maritime Wing, the Australian Defence Cooperation Program and the Palauan Division of Marine Law Enforcement.

A joint training activity, with these three parties, has been planned for the week of 28 October – 01 November 2019, in Yap. The focus will be training in navigation and communications, firefighting and shipborne emergency response.

In June 2019, the National Police Maritime Wing Commander, CMDR Steward Peter and the Australian Navy Maritime Surveillance Adviser to FSM, LCDR Lauren Milburn, met with Dean Roboman and her staff, and conducted a tour of the facilities. They identified the potential for partnership with the Fisheries and Maritime Institute, to conduct professional training for Patrol Boat Crews.

I view this as a wonderful opportunity to showcase your facilities and assist the National Police Maritime Wing in assessing how it may be able to further utilize the Fisheries and Maritime Institute for crew training in the future.

I seek your earliest advice regarding this proposal and the Fisheries and Maritime Institute's ability to support this training activity. The training is likely to include approximately three days use of the Bridge Simulator, Navigation classrooms, Fire Training Ground, and catering of lunches for approximately 30 crew members. A sea training day will also be conducted during the period to consolidate training. Members of the Australian Navy Sea Training Unit will work alongside Fisheries and Maritime Institute instructional staff to conduct the training.

activity. Could you please advise what the fixery charges will be to assist with budgeting and planning?

My primary point of contact, to provide additional details on this training period, is LCDR Lauren Milburn, Maritime Surveillance Adviser to the FSM. She can be contacted via email msamicronesia@gmail.com or cell phone 920 2057. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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