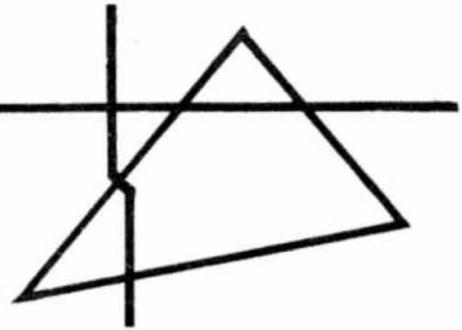


NEWSLETTER



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WHO'S GOING INTO THE PACIFIC

Dr. Katashi Nose (Terminal Development Manager, PEACESAT Project) Guam, Saipan, Truk, Ponape.
April 14 - 24, 1973.

South Pacific Commission: Financial Aid to Territories

The South Pacific Commission makes provision for direct financial assistance to the Pacific territories in the following categories: assistance to applied research projects; inter-territorial study visits; travel by students to training institutions within the region; and provision of specialist services.

Its fund for applied research assists research projects which have a practical application within the territory concerned, or within the region as a whole. This year moneys have so far been allocated for the study of medicinal plants in Fiji and New Caledonia; for research into economic aspects of rural-urban relationships in Papua New Guinea; for forestry research in Guam; and for study of the insects associated with agricultural crops in Tonga.

Grants for study visits normally take the form of funds for fares within the South Pacific Commission region, with priority given to Pacific Islanders. Recipients of grants in 1973 will be studying agricultural and fishing techniques; property management procedures; obstetrics; quarantine requirements and techniques; and the use of rural broadcasting in agricultural extension work. Recipients profit from experience gained by other territories in their particular field, and thus avoid unnecessary duplication of effort with the region.

Funds for travel are available to Pacific Islands students who are obliged to attend tertiary-level and vocational training institutions within the Commission's zone of action outside their home country. So far this year, funds have been awarded to four students from Fiji who will be attending courses at the Honiara Technical Institute in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate; and to students from American Samoa who will be undertaking medical, dental or agricultural studies in Fiji.

Where countries and territories of the region encounter problems which can be solved by the provision of appropriate short-term specialist assistance and advice, the Commission may have suitable specialists on its staff, who can visit the territories on request. In other cases, the Commission will make enquires elsewhere on the availability of suitable experts, and provide financial assistance to enable them to visit the territory needing advice.

During 1973, the Commission has approved assistance to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands for a visit by a hydroponics expert; provision has been made for a visit to Niue by a Veterinary Officer from Fiji, who will assist with problems of livestock production; an otolaryngologist from Canada will be visiting American Samoa to advise on hearing aids for deaf children, and on the provision of clinical services for patients suffering from ear, nose and throat complaints. Additionally, a grant has been approved to the Centre d'Etudes et de Perfectionnement of New Caledonia, to assist with specialist training in organisational and business methods.

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