

India - Federated States of Micronesia Relations

The Mission in Manila is concurrently accredited to two island countries in the Pacific region: Republic of Palau and Federated States of Micronesia. India also conducts a regular dialogue with the Pacific Islands Forum, of which these two countries are members.

The relations between India and the two countries have developed in the spirit of South–South Cooperation and also through the SIDS forum of the UN. India continues to assist these countries in capacity building and human resource development through the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC), offering 3 slots for Micronesia and 2 for Palau annually. India gives annual grants of US \$ 200,000 to each of the countries, same as it does to all FIPIC countries.

Federated States of Micronesia



The geographical area of Micronesia is 702 sq. kms with a population of 107,434 (2009 figures).

India established diplomatic relations with the Federated States of Micronesia in 1996 and since then there has been regular interaction with the government and diplomatic officials. This has seen significant intensification since the initiation of the Forum of India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC). Vice-President of the Federated States of Micronesia visited India in August 2015 for the second FIPIC held in Jaipur. FIPIC as also strengthened the developmental partnership between India and FSM.

India provided as assistance of USD 200,000 for FSM Integrated Agriculture Census in 2015. Development assistance from India has included a grant of US \$ 48,796 in 2005 for purchase of machinery for extraction of virgin coconut oil; US \$ 73,145 in 2009 for purchase of machinery for the coconut industry; grant-in-aid of US\$ 100,000 was given in 2011 for a project on upgrading and increasing production of coconut crude oil. India also offers 3 ITEC scholarships annually to FSM.

Trade between Micronesia and India is minimal. India exported goods, mainly pharmaceuticals, worth US \$ 0.23 Million in 2014-15 (as against US \$ 0.57 Million in 2013-14). India imported goods worth US \$ 0.01 Million in 2013-14.

Micronesia has been supportive of issues of importance to India, particularly Indian candidatures to international organizations and supported India's candidature for the UNSC non-permanent seat in 2011-12. There are 37 Indians in Micronesia.

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