The Hon.Speaker Simina and FSM Congress Delegation Visited Japan and Attended "The 5th Anniversaryand Memorial Ceremony of the Great East Japan Earthquake"

The Hon.Speaker of FSM 19th Congress, Mr.Simina and his fellow Congress Senators(The Hon. Vice-Speaker, Mr.Martin and The Hon.Senator Moses), Mr.Lam Dang as Legislative Counsel with an accompaniment of H.E.Ambassador Fritz made their visit to Japan from the 6th of March to the 12th of March, 2016.)

Before attending The 5th Anniversaryand Memorial Ceremony of the Great East Japan Earthquake, the FSM Congress Delegation paid much-awaited visits to many sites mostly affected by the big earthquake which broke out on the 11th of March, 2011 and hit a major parts of Japan's north and east regions. Among sites the Delegation visited in affected area were Sendai-City and Iwaki City for having direct views to learn how the affected areas have been taken care of by the administrative authorities for these 5 years, while paying their calls on Governor of Fukushima Prefecture, Vice-Governor of Miyagi Prefecture and Vice-Mayor of Iwaki-City.

After moving from affected areas to Tokyo, the Delegation had a streak of highly spirited activities to have a face-to-face communication with high profile individuals to promote and develop quite a bit of issues and topics which FSM and Japan have since long hoped to proceed step by step such as better management of exchanges of human resources on high-level, of course, including reciprocal visits between Congress of FSM and Japan's Diet, a wide range of economic and development cooporation challenges, and the not-less- important topics of how better both country may be able to build up younger generations contributing to widen and broaden our bilateral relationship.

These topics were a part of direct and intense exchanges of ideas and opinions between the Hon.Speaker Simina and high-level individuals on Japan's side as follows;

- · Mr.Oshima, Speaker of the House of Representatives
- Mr.Furuya, Chariman of Japan-the Federated States of Micronesia Parliamentary Friendship League(also Chairman of Japan-Pacific Island Countries Parliamentary Friendship League)
- Mr.Ito, State Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- · Mr.Hamachi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs

At the 5th Anniversary and Memorial Ceremony of the Great East Japan Earthquake, the Hon.Speaker Simina and his fellow members solemnly offered their prays for the lost souls.







On the occasion of courtesy call on Mr.Oshima, Speaker of the House of Representatives(from right, TheHon.

Vice-Speaker, Mr. Martin, TheHon. Senator Moses, The Hon. Speaker, Mr Simina, Mr. Lam Dang as Legislative Counsel, H.E. Ambassador Fritz)

Meeting in an earnest fashion with Mr.Furuya, Chariman of Japan-the Federated States of Micronesia Parliamentary Friendship League

Called on Mr.Hamachi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs