

Honolulu Training Schedule

01 Cohort #1 – 1 to 26 Feb
FEB 09:00am

25 Cohort #2 – 25 Apr to 20 May
APR 09:00am

06 Cohort #3 – 6 Jun to 1 July
JUN 09:00am

01 Cohort #4 – 1 to 26 Aug
AUG 09:00am

03 Cohort #5 – 3 to 28 Oct
OCT 09:00am

Guam Training Schedule

25 Cohort #1 – 25 Jan to 19 Feb
JAN 09:00am

25 Cohort #2 – 7 Mar to 1 Apr
MAR 09:00am

02 Cohort #3 – 2 to 27 May
MAY 09:00am

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Nine Participants Currently in Training at PITD Hawaii and Guam

The PITD welcomed 9 participants for training in April 2016.

PITD in Hawaii Cohort #2 – 25 April to 20 May 2016

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| 1. Mr. Joe Ganqurae | Solomon Islands |
| 2. Mr. Heau Lohia | Papua New Guinea |
| 3. Mr. Solomon Manataniasi | Solomon Islands |
| 4. Mr. Ula Virobo | Papua New Guinea |

PITD in Guam Cohort #3 – 2nd to 27th May 2016

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| 1. Mr. Justin Fanechigi | Yap, FSM |
| 2. Mr. Samson Kaneko | Majuro, RMI |
| 3. Mr. Lukas Likiche | Chuuk, FSM |
| 4. Mr. Johnny Musrasrik | Pohnpei, FSM |
| 5. Mr. Godwin Sisior | Koror, Palau |

The PITD training covers Introductory Tropical Meteorology topics, including: Thermodynamics; Satellite Interpretation; Surface and Upper-Air Analysis; General Circulation; Local Circulations; Tropical Weather Features; Numerical Weather Prediction; Forecast Philosophy; Forecast Verification; Marine Forecasts; Tsunamis; Severe Weather and Tropical Cyclones; Tropical Climate Variability; and Messaging and Weather Communications.



PITD in Hawaii Cohort #2: Tom Okamura (Pacific Desk), Christina Higa (Pacific Desk), Heau Lohia (Papua New Guinea), Solomon Manataniasi (Solomon Islands), Ula Virobo (Papua New Guinea), Joe Ganqurae (Solomon Islands), Jose Aquino (Pacific Desk), and Jennifer Strahl (Pacific Desk).



PITD in Guam Cohort #3: Lukas Likiche (Chuuk, FSM), Justin Fanechigi (Yap, FSM), Samson Kaneko (Majuro, RMI), Godwin Sisor (Palau), Johhy Musrasrik (Pohnpei, FSM).



Joe Ganquarae
Solomon Islands

Joe Ganquarae is a Meteorological Observer from the Solomon Islands. He graduated with a Meteorological Technician Certificate qualifying in the WMO Mid Level Meteorological Technician course in 2009. He works for the Solomon Islands Meteorological Services (SIMS) as an observer at the aerodrome and upper air station. Currently, he is studying Foundation Science, Math and Physics at the University of the South Pacific; Honiara Campus, in the Solomon Islands.

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Heau Lohia
Papua New Guinea

Heau Lohia is a certified Meteorological Class IV Observer with the PNG National Weather Service. He completed his MET Observer's course in 1979 and worked for 4 years before he pursued another career path as a Police Officer. He later returned to the PNG NWS and worked as a Meteorological Observer Grade 1 to Grade 4, supervising junior observers from 1996 to 2004. He also attended the Pacific Island Level 1 Course in Fiji in 1998 and the recent climate outlook in Port Moresby. Lohia is currently working as a meteorological aviation briefing officer while assisting the PNG forecasters with preparing and disseminating weather forecasts to both the aviation industries and the public as a whole at Port Moresby International airport. He has over 8 years of meteorological observation experience and over 10 years of aviation briefing duties. He also assists in the PNG NWS 24/7 operation in the absence of the immediate supervisor.

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Solomon Manataniasi
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Mr. Solomon Manataniasi is a Meteorological Observer who works at Henderson International Airport, Honiara, Solomon Islands. After completing his foundation science courses with the University of the South Pacific in 2007, he was accepted to participate in the WMO Class 4 Meteorological observers course at the Solomon Islands Meteorological Service in 2009. Graduated with an Entry- Level Meteorological Technician certificate in December 2009, Solomon has been working at the Henderson Aeronautical Met-Station ever since. His scope of duties include doing routine weather observations for the aircraft operations, preparing pre-flight weather briefings for the domestic flights, transmitting 3-hourly synoptic weather observations from the Solomon Islands weather stations to various stakeholders and clients and preparing weather reports from various weather stations in the Solomon Islands for media release. Curious and passionate about his career in Meteorology, Solomon is pursuing a Bachelors of Science majoring in Physics and Mathematics at the University of the South Pacific.

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Ula Virobo
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Ula Virobo is currently working with the Papua New Guinea National Weather Service as an Assistant Forecaster (Pilot Briefing Officer – Aviation Meteorology) providing routine aviation packages to the aviation industry. Ula's duties include preparing Terminal Aerodrome Forecast dissemination using various communication modes, displaying the latest computer derived model data with satellite imagery and providing domestic and international flight documentation on a 24/7 rotation shift. Ula started his career with the organization in 1990 as an Aviation Meteorological Observer and made his way up after completing his Adult Matriculation program at the University of Papua New Guinea in 1988. He recently graduated with a Bachelor in Business and Management (2013), majoring in Public Policy Management at the University of Papua New Guinea. He is currently assisting the PNG NWS management by giving advice affecting the staff and the organization as a whole. He attended a workshop in Samoa on QMS in 2013 with the Quality Management System Team which make sure proper documents and procedures are followed and adhered to in the aviation meteorological settings.

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Justin Fanechigi
Yap, FSM

Justin Fanechigi is a Weather Service Specialist I at the Yap Weather Service Office. He has been with WSO, Yap since 2010. He is responsible for hourly data input, aviation reports and synoptic reports. He attended Oregon State University majoring in Business Administration. In 2014, he participated in the MTTC (Meteorological Technician Training Course) in the Philippines for six months.

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Samson Kaneko
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Samson Kaneko is a Weather Service Specialist/Observer and a climate focal point at the Weather Service Office in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands. He came on board at the Meteorological Services in 2007. He is certified to do Aviation/Surface, Synoptic, and Upper Air Observations. He also produces and disseminates the Local Forecast. As a climate focal point, he collects monthly climate data from the Second Order Stations and inputs them into a designated website provided by the National Weather Service. He recently attended a Young Scientists Support Program in Busan, South Korea. This was a two month long training, which involved learning their climate tool. The training was provided by the Asia Pacific Climate Center (APCC). He has always given his all to his Weather Service job and is hoping to retire as a Weather Service Specialist in the next 30 years or so.

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Lukas Likiche
Chuuk, FSM

Lukas Likiche joined the National Weather Service Office in Chuuk in February 1999 and attended the Lassen Community College in Northern California, earning an AA in general education. In 2003, he attended a two-week workshop in Basic Meteorology on Guam given by Tom Yoshida. During his time working for the Weather Service Office, he has participated in all of the workshops presented by Charles “Chip” Guard which occur every year in Micronesia. Lukas and his wife Karmen live on Weno Island in Chuuk State.

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Johnny Musrasrik
Pohnpei, FSM

Johnny Musrasrik is a Weather Service Specialist at the Weather Service Office, Pohnpei. He has worked at the WSO since 2007. Johnny is certified in the MAPSO, RAOB and Synoptic aspects of the FSM NWS program. He aspires to learn as much as possible in the new Pacific International Training Desk program in Guam in order to further his skills in tropical forecasting.

In his free time, Johnny runs an NGO which focuses on environmental challenges and social issues that young adults encounter every day in the communities of his island state.

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Godwin Sisor
Republic of Palau

Godwin Sisor is a Weather Service Specialist. He joined the Palau National Weather Service on April 10, 1995. His duties and responsibilities include observing and collecting meteorological data at the surface such as wind, sky condition, visibility, pressure, precipitation and temperature. He performs the synoptic coding for these observations. He also observes and collects meteorological data from Micro-ART or RAOBs. Godwin produces and disseminates weather forecasts, severe weather warnings and tsunami watches or warnings. He attended a training on the Fundamentals of Meteorology and a Pilot Briefing on Guam in May 1999. In May 2010, he attended Climate Change training in Australia. He also attended a training on Early Tsunami Warning in Palau.

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2. Mr. Rick Dizon	Republic of Palau	Cohort #1 – 01/25/16-02/19/16
3. Mr. Choorang Falan	Yap, FSM	Cohort #1 – 01/25/16-02/19/16
4. Mr. Nover Juria	Majuro, RMI	Cohort #1 – 01/25/16-02/19/16
5. Mr. Sosten Sos	Chuuk, FSM	Cohort #1 – 01/25/16-02/19/16
6. Ms. Ann Andrew	Chuuk, FSM	Cohort #2 – 03/07/16-04/01/16
7. Mr. Lee Jacklick	Majuro, RMI	Cohort #2 – 03/07/16-04/01/16
8. Mr. Wilfred Nanpei	Pohnpei, FSM	Cohort #2 – 03/07/16-04/01/16
9. Ms. Jane Laakthin	Yap, FSM	Cohort #2 – 03/07/16-04/01/16
10. Ms. Joyleen Tmatk-Temengil	Republic of Palau	Cohort #2 – 03/07/16-04/01/16
11. Mr. Godwin Sisior	Koror, Palau	Cohort #3 – 05/03/16-05/27/16
12. Mr. Justin Fanechigi	Yap, FSM	Cohort #3 – 05/03/16-05/27/16
13. Mr. Johnny Musrasrik	Pohnpei, FSM	Cohort #3 – 05/03/16-05/27/16
14. Mr. Lukas Likiche	Chuuk, FSM	Cohort #3 – 05/03/16-05/27/16
15. Mr. Samson Kaneko	Majuro, RMI	Cohort #3 – 05/03/16-05/27/16

PITD in Hawaii

1. Mr. Sakumai Kanawi	Papua New Guinea	Cohort #1 – 02/01/16-02/26/16
2. Mr. Polapola Keli	Tuvalu	Cohort #1 – 02/01/16-02/26/16
3. Mr. Alamoana Tofuola	Tuvalu	Cohort #1 – 02/01/16-02/26/16
4. Mr. Peter Warupi	Papua New Guinea	Cohort #1 – 02/01/16-02/26/16
5. Mr. Joe Ganqurae	Solomon Islands	Cohort #2 – 04/25/16-05/20/16
6. Mr. Heau Lohia	Papua New Guinea	Cohort #2 – 04/25/16-05/20/16
7. Mr. Solomon Manatanias	Solomon Islands	Cohort #2 – 04/25/16-05/20/16
8. Mr. Ula Virobo	Papua New Guinea	Cohort #2 – 04/25/16-05/20/16
9. Mr. Joe Mala	Vanuatu	Cohort #3 – 06/06/16-07/01/16
10. Ms. Meleka Mativa	Tokelau	Cohort #3 – 06/06/16-07/01/16
11. Ms. Solonaima Mei	Tokelau	Cohort #3 – 06/06/16-07/01/16
12. Mr. Willie Molisa	Vanuatu	Cohort #3 – 06/06/16-07/01/16

Correction

The Pacific Desk is issuing a correction to the profile of **Mr. Lee Jacklick**. Lee attended PITD Guam Cohort #2 training 7th March to 1st April 2016.



Lee Jacklick
WSO Majuro, RMI

LEE JACKLICK is the Supervisory Weather Service Specialist/Data Acquisition Program Manager for the Weather Service Office Majuro, RMI. He has been working with the Weather Service Office for almost 30 years. He started as a Meteorological Technician and later became a Weather Service Specialist. In 1992, he was promoted to Supervisory Weather Service Specialist. Lee served as the Country Exercise Coordinator during the UN-IOC Exercise Pacific Tsunami Wave (PacWave 2014 and 2015). He provides inspections and quality control over various networks within the WSO, Majuro and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. He also oversees the Quality Management Program (QMS). Lee serves as acting station manager in absence of the manager and provides adverse weather and tsunami briefings to the US Embassy. Lee has attended numerous trainings and has obtained many certifications from training programs offered by various countries during his career at the WSO, Majuro.

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The Pacific International Training Desk (PITD) was established on the campus of the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2001 by the US National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/National Weather Service (NWS) at the Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Honolulu. In 2016, the PITD established another training site at the NOAA/NWS WFO Guam. The PITD is one of the United States contribution to the Voluntary Cooperative Program of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The PITD is administered by the Telecommunications And Social Informatics Research Program (UH TASI) of the Social Science Research Institute at the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) College of Social Sciences. 2424 Maile Way Saunders Hall 713 | Honolulu, HI 96822 | Tel: +1 808 956 9557 | Fax: +1 808 956 8019 | pacificdesk@uhtasi.org | www.pacificdesk.org |