PACIFIC ISLANDS ENERGY MINISTERS CONFERENCE
10-12 AUGUST 1988
HONOULU, HAWAII

by

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During the 10th to 12th of August, 1988 we attended the Pacific Island Energy Ministers Conference in Honolulu. The Conference was held at the East-West Centre and was hosted by the Resource Systems Institute and the United Nations Pacific Energy Development Programme (UNPEDP). An agenda and a list of participants are attached.

Mr Kotobalavu addressed the Conference and outlined the role of CCOP/SOPAC Technical Secretariat in the energy area and our liaison with other regional agencies. Mr Havard presented a paper on the current status of CCOP/SOPAC energy programmes (CCOP/SOPAC Miscellaneous Report 45). A few questions requesting details on the wave power plant were asked by power company officials, but we were unable to answer most as the data are confidential.

Most of the Conference dealt with oil pricing and distribution problems, but the alternate energy discussions were of interest to CCOP/SOPAC. Dr Luis Vega, OTEC Program Manager, Pacific International Centre for High Technology Research (PICHTHR) gave an overview of the Hawaiian OTEC project. As he was seeking assistance in site investigation for potential pilot plants and as this technology is of interest to our member
countries, he has been invited to attend our annual session in October.

Mr Kotobalavu advised the countries to hasten slowly in accepting in fact, to consider very carefully - any commercial proposals they receive for wave power generation as the technology for this is still in the development stage, and there is also the need for an adequate data base on the local wave regime before proceeding with a prototype plant. They should also ensure that the costs and any commercial risks arising from proceeding with a prototype plant must be borne fully by the overseas commercial company and/or the sponsoring overseas Government concerned.

One of the main purposes of our trip was to propose that a ministerial level workshop on hydrocarbon policy be held next year. After discussion in closed session, the ministers supported the concept of such a workshop but requested that we consider holding it jointly with next year’s energy conference. This will be discussed further with UNPEDP and East-West Centre as to the content and financing of such a meeting.

Mr Havard visited Dr Loren Kroenke at the Hawaii Institute of Geophysics and collected magnetic tape and microfilm data for Western Samoa. These data should now allow us to proceed with Project CCSP/WS.6 of the CCOP/SOPAC Work Programme: Evaluation of the Hydrocarbon Potential of Western Samoa.
AGENDA

Pacific Islands Energy Ministers Conference
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WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST

2:00PM Wind Farm Tour
   Mr. Al Manning
   President, Hawaiian Electric Renewable Systems, Mr. Dan Suehiro
   Hawaiian Electric Industries and
   Ms. Nancy Yamaguchi Energy Program
   Resource Systems Institute

6:30PM Cocktail Reception
   Hosted by Pacific Resources, Inc.
   at the Oahu Country Club

THURSDAY, 11 AUGUST

8:30AM Coffee

9:00AM Official Opening
   Welcoming Remarks and Opening Address Dr. Victor Li
   President
   East-West Center
Introduction to the Conference
Mr. Peter Johnston Project Manager
United Nations Pacific Energy Development Programme
and
Dr. Fereidun Fesharaki Energy Program Leader
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9:45AM Address: "The Future Role of University of Hawaii Research in the
Economic Development of Asia and the Pacific"
Speaker: Dr. Albert Simone
President
University of Hawaii

10:15AM Photo Session
10:30AM Coffee

11:00AM Global and Pacific Energy Trends
Presenter: Dr. Fereidun Fesharaki
Energy Program Leader
Resource Systems Institute

12:00PM Lunch, Sponsored by Shell Companies
Address: "Hawaii's Role in the Pacific Economy and Economic
Links with the Pacific Islands."
Speaker: Dr. David Ramsour
Vice President and Chief Economist Bank of Hawaii

1:30PM Oil Development Activities in the South Pacific
Presenters: Mr. Jioji Kotobalavu, Director
and
Mr. Ken Havard, Petroleum Geologist
Coordinating Committee for
Offshore Prospecting in South
Pacific Waters (CCOP/SOP AC)
Technical Secretariat
Chair: Mr. Mike Lawrence, Assistant Secretary
Department of Primary Industries and Energy,
Government of Australia.
2:00PM Future Sources of Supply for Refined Products to the Pacific Islands
   Presenter: Mr. Roger Rainbow, General Manager
   Corporate Planning and Economics,
   Shell Australia
   Chair: Mr. Mike Lawrence, Assistant Secretary
   Department of Primary Industries and Energy,
   Government of Australia.

3:15PM Coffee

3:45PM Petroleum Shipping, Storage, and Local Marketing
   Discussion Leader: Mr. Rob Price, Regional Manager
   Mobil Oil Australia
   Panelists: Mr. Fred White, Islands Coordinator
   Shell Companies
   Mr. Paul Manuei, General Manager
   BP South-West Pacific
   Mr. John Harms, General Manager
   PRI South Pacific

5:15PM Buses depart Jefferson Hall for Mobil Dinner Cruise

6:00PM Reception/Dinner Cruise
   Hosted by Mobil Oil Australia
FRIDAY, 12 AUGUST

Morning free

(Private discussions arranged for delegates from the Pacific island nations.)


2:00PM Special Issues in Energy Planning
Chair: Mr. Peter Johnston
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Panel: Mr. Chip Higgins
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3:00PM Conference Closing
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