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2005 Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES)

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Palikir, Pohnpei – FSM Statistics Division to conduct Household Income and Expenditure Survey to collect socio-economic data.

Early this year the website for the FSM Statistics Division was published to the worldwide web.

Being the official Statistical information agency of the nation, the Division aims to find ways to disseminate its statistics to the public on a timely basis, and to a wider audience.

Previously, statistics compiled by the Division were only disseminated to the public in a 'booklet' format. The website has a number of advantages compared with printed booklets. Data can be published to web more quickly and at a lower cost to the Government and free to data users. A wider audience can access the data and there is never a problem of Statistics booklet running out of print. Also users can download data direct to their computer for analysis.

"As a statistics compiler or provider, this website is very useful," says Stacia Nanpei, "when people call me for information I just refer them to the site, and I have more time to do my other tasks." She adds, "Any official statistics we have available can now be accessed and downloaded by users, both locally and internationally, with just a click of the mouse."

The website was the result of a 2-part series workshop on Internet Website Design, as part of the [Pacific Regional Information System \(PRISM\)](#) project at the [Secretariat of the Pacific Communities \(SPC\)](#). The PRISM project was funded by the [United Kingdom Department for International Development \(DFID\)](#).

The staff at the FSM Division of Statistics understands the importance of facts for informed decision-making, whatever the area, whether it's an investment scheme, research paper, policy formulation, etc.

"There are many websites on the FSM out there, but most of them focus on marketing/advertising the FSM to the tourists—especially its culture, location, attractions—and few provide facts for investment, research, policy assessment and formulation, etc," says Brihmer Johnson, the webmaster, "this website is the perfect place to obtain such information."

The website has a wide range of economic and social statistical indicators, including the gross domestic product, imports, unemployment rate, government revenue and expenditure, population, school enrollment, births, electricity production, and internet subscribers, to name a few.

The website also include a publications page containing the latest available statistical reports—Consumer Price Index, International Visitor Arrival Report, Census Reports, etc—in Acrobat pdf or Word document format that can be downloaded by any user, free of charge.

The FSM Statistics Division website can be found on the World Wide Web at <http://www.spc.int/prism/country/fm/stats>

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