

**FSM SUPREME COURT PRESENTED ACCESS TO JUSTICE AWARENESS
RAISING AT POHNPEI INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ON MARCH 02, 2023**

ACCESS TO JUSTICE - Over a hundred of women on Pohnpei gathered on March 02, 2023 in the general conference room of the Administration building in Peilapalap, Kolonia to start the celebration of Pohnpei International Women's Day on March 8, 2023. The Pohnpei Women Advisory Council had enabled for presentation from different groups, NGO's, government agencies in which FSM Supreme court took part with a presentation on Access to Justice.

The Division of the Justice Ombudsman represented the FSM Supreme Court in presenting the topic on Access to Justice. The presentation centered around the discussion of Access to Justice, which is an ongoing project that the FSM Supreme Court has been conducting, in partnership with the FSM, State and Local Government, Courts, civil society, non-government organizations, women organizations, people with disabilities, and youth, for the past five years.

The presentation discussed with the various representatives of the women's groups the main goal of the initiative which is to educate the people on the FSM Supreme Court's roles and responsibilities to society, its relationship with the other branches of the government, and its general jurisdictions. The presentation tried to touch base on the objective of the project being geared toward identifying common barriers that often impede or disable the general public in accessing justice and understanding people's fundamental rights as itemized in the FSM Constitution.