

FOREWORD

About ten years have passed since we visited the Federated States of Micronesia for the first time on the *Kagoshima-maru*. I have clear and vivid memories about how we passed through the barrier reef, voyaged through the blue lagoon at the northern part of Pohnpei Island and anchored at Kolonia harbor at that time where we found Dr. C. L. CANTERO's smile and his warm welcome. Whatever he may think of me, I have been one of his best friends since then. He was the president of the Community College of Micronesia at that time and kindly took care of our research team. It is no exaggeration to say that it was he who enabled the success of our cooperative survey with many scientists and Government officers in FSM. The fruitful results appeared in "The Prompt Report of the Fourth Scientific Survey of the South Pacific" which was published in a cooperative edition by Kagoshima University Research Center for the South Pacific and the Community College of Micronesia.

On the second visit, however, I did not have any strong impression of the arrival of our ship, the *Keiten-maru*, at Kolonia harbor. This is because, I suppose, we arrived there about a week later than the scheduled time owing to our having taken refuge near Tokyo for seven days to avoid meeting several typhoons occurring in tropical regions, and I was worrying about how we could work effectively within the shortened period of stay. My worry was dissipated when I saw Dr. S. J. MOSES, the president of the College of Micronesia, and discussed with her and Dr. C. BURGOYNE about cooperative research. The president kindly organized the cooperative scientists of COM and gave us many useful suggestions. It was very impressive that she always kept smiling whenever we visited her even in the busiest moments. On the occasion of the publication of this monograph I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to her first. Our success is also due to Dr. C. L. CANTERO, the secretary of the Department of Education of FSM, who made arrangements that furthered carrying out the survey. I remember happy occurrences when he received us again in one of the Government buildings, so modern and yet traditional, at Palikir, and when he kindly presented a speech to us at a small party held on the *Keiten-maru*.

Until we could get a research permit in Pohnpei State, we were forced to wait for about six months. During this long period Mr. J. FRITZ, the First Secretary of the Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia in Japan, kindly assisted our effort to obtain the permit. Without him we could not have gone to FSM. Here, at the last, not least I would like express our sincere acknowledgement to him. Our success also owes much to many other persons concerned, but I do not mention them here individually, partly because some of them are described in the Preface of Professor K. NAKANO, the party leader in this expedition, and partly because they are too many to refer in this short text.

I hope we will be able to contribute to the development and welfare of the Federated States of Micronesia through the results of this cooperative research and to maintain the friendly and cooperative terms between two countries forever.

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From November 10-16, 1994, the College of Micronesia-FSM and the Kagoshima University Research Center for the South Pacific collaborated on a multi-faceted research endeavor which included collection of data in the areas of agriculture, marine biology, oceanography, administration, and community health. To accomplish these tasks, scientists aboard the Kagoshima University's research vessel worked with College of Micronesia-FSM faculty and students as well as Pohnpei State and Federated States of Micronesia National Government personnel.

Marine science students from the College were afforded the opportunity to tour the research vessel and accompany the scientists to the barrier reef for collection of specimens for analysis. We are pleased to note that marine science faculty involvement in the research activities has resulted in co-authorship of two scientific papers.

The College is grateful to the FSM Division of Marine Resources and Kagoshima University for involving the College students and staff in these research activities for the betterment of our science program. We look forward to further cooperative efforts in the future.

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