

PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Since 1981, utilizing the training ships of the Faculty of Fisheries of Kagoshima University, the Kagoshima University Research Center for the South Pacific has been organizing a series of research projects called "Scientific Survey of the South Pacific", funded by the Ministry of Education, Science, Sports and Culture of Japan. After a two years' intermission, the fourth phase of the series focusing on Micronesia and its surrounding regions was begun in 1994. In the first year of this phase for the 3 years until 1996, field surveys were successfully conducted in cooperation with concerned personnel of College of Micronesia-FSM and the national and the state governments in Pohnpei, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). Previously, the surveys on Pohnpei Island were carried out in 1985 as one of the stages of the series of the projects mentioned above. This means that those in 1994 seem to be very significant in that recent changes in the state and condition of the island could be elucidated from the viewpoints of the various disciplines involved, namely, agronomy, fisheries, health sciences, and others.

The Japanese research party was composed of 14 scientists, 1 administrative officer, 2 graduate students, and 3 undergraduate students. It consisted of 5 survey teams in accordance with their fields of specialization as follows:

- 1) Appropriate agricultural development in relation to the terrestrial environment
- 2) Development of marine biological resources and conservation of the marine environment
- 3) Community health of the islanders
- 4) Development of the system of administration and its relationship to cultural autonomy
- 5) Some biological aspects of oceanography

This volume brings out respectively the first reports of field surveys and prompt analyses after our return from Pohnpei Island.

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