

1 afternoon session.

2 And here's another thing. Look on your name tag.
3 If you have a star, that means you're a vegetarian, if you
4 didn't know that. See you after lunch.

5 (Lunch recess, 12:00 noon to 1:12 p.m.)

6 EMCEE FILIBERT: Good afternoon, everyone. I guess we
7 might as well start so we can end early. And I'm sure everyone
8 had a great lunch. I saw the food downstairs. It was great,
9 and that there's some of you who were lucky to take an extra
10 one. So please share.

11 We're going to go ahead and move into the next
12 panel for this afternoon which is increasing effective
13 communication. And this will be moderated by none other than
14 Mr. Richard Salvador.

15 (Audience applause; break in proceedings.)

16 Topic 2: Increasing Effective Communication

17 Introduction

18 BY MR. RICHARD SALVADOR:

19 Thank you for coming to this panel. I think we should
20 start.

21 First of all, my name is Richard Salvador. I'm
22 originally from Republic of Palau, and I have lived in Honolulu
23 for a number of years. I first came here to do my graduate
24 studies and decided to stay for a while.

25 As Canisius Filibert was saying in the previous panel,

1 I served as the first president of the Micronesian Community
2 Network. And now I currently serve as the chairperson of the
3 Micronesian Community Network education committee. So we try to
4 find, identify opportunities for open access to education for
5 many Micronesians who are living in Hawai`i.

6 I think this is a very important panel because
7 underlying all of the programs that we are hearing about this
8 morning is the success of how people have been communicating
9 through the years and seeing and sensing and identifying some
10 need to coalesce together and put their efforts together. They
11 come through effective communication.

12 And first of all, I want to thank the UH Center for
13 Pacific Island Studies, when, approximately six months ago, we
14 got an invitation by Dr. Hanlon to engage in the planning
15 process. I (audience interruption) to him and to Tisha Hickson
16 and (indiscernible) was to say thank you for taking a chance on
17 us, to allow us to participate in this kind of historic
18 conference to articulate our voices in Hawai`i.

19 So I was very impressed with the fact that, while the
20 Compact trustors and this conference came out to a similar
21 process requests by the State of Hawai`i legislature, that
22 instead of going to the task force route, Dr. Hanlon and the
23 people at CPIS decided to hold the conference to allow more
24 inputs from the community. (Indiscernible) you know, many task
25 forces tend to leave out voices of the communities and put forth

1 voices in people of the community. So thank you very much,
2 Dr. Hanlon and Tisha and Judy.

3 I'm going to quickly introduce everyone
4 (indiscernible). Dr. Hilda Heine -- many of you know she spoke
5 in morning, doesn't need introduction. I start with -- I'll
6 quickly go this through and allow them to speak.

7 First, Aenet Rowa. Many of you know of the existence
8 of yokwe.net, very successful web site, allows for dissemination
9 of Marshallese news. And yokwe online web site was created in
10 April of 1998 and continues to serve as -- and Aenet Rowa
11 continues -- he founded the web site and continues to serve as a
12 master of a successful web site information network.

13 Aenet Rowa is Marshallese. He was born on Ebeye in
14 Kwajalein, but he was raised on Majuro. He was an American
15 foreign exchange student in 1979 and 1980; graduated from
16 Woodland High School in Washington state. He moved to the U.S.
17 with his wife in 1983 and currently resides in Lake Elsinore,
18 California, where he said to me that it's about 70 miles
19 northeast of San Diego, 70 or 80 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

20 He has three children: Jessica, (indiscernible). And
21 by the way, Lake Elsinore, as you know, is in the Riverside
22 County of California.

23 He studied photojournalism and graphic arts at
24 Riverside Community College in California. He was awarded
25 photography student of the year and attended California Baptist

1 University for a (audience interruption) years, majored in
2 computer science and business administration.

3 He has a few employment information -- business
4 services; shop owner; and manager; photojournalist for three
5 California newspapers; and IP tech support for internet service
6 providers; self-employed in graphic and photo services.

7 And his interests include: Karate, he's a black belt
8 candidate for (audience interruption) and cycling. On and off
9 cycling is one of these interests.

10 Well, I'll let him speak, and I'll continue on after
11 his speech. Okay? Aenet.

12 Yokwe.net

13 BY MR. AENET ROWA:

14 Some of you might wonder why a Marshallese living in
15 California. Please understand, in the conference, Micronesian,
16 focus of Micronesians in Hawai`i. (Indiscernible) when Dr.
17 Hanson invited me.

18 Let me read to you something that former and late
19 senator (indiscernible) posted on the web site. It was what
20 (indiscernible). He called it -- I'm sorry. I'll just go to
21 this message.

22 We Marshallese are no longer bound by the traditional
23 boundaries (indiscernible) Marshall Islands. That's
24 (indiscernible) because of wonders like the internet,
25 telecommunications and technology. This is the link, the