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**Yap Living History Museum receives donation of historical artifacts for new building**

(Colonia, Yap) --- Art Mergist, a former Peace Corps Volunteer and teacher in Yap during the 1970's, has donated his collection of historical artifacts including yearbooks from the school where he taught, paintings and a string of traditional shell money to the Yap Living History Museum in Colonia. "We are very excited that construction of the new climate-controlled building will begin the first week of February," said Don Evans, general manager, Yap Visitors Bureau. "When completed, Mr. Mergist's collection will be displayed along with historical photos and other educational materials. We are looking forward to having not just visitors to Yap and residents, but also local schoolchildren visit the new addition to the museum to learn about Yap's culture and heritage." Until then, the collection has been loaned to the FSM Council General's Office on Guam where it will be on display until the completion of the new building later this year. Visitors are welcome to stop by the FSM Consulateoffice at, 1755 Army Drive Harmon, Dededo Monday to Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm to view the artifacts.

**PHOTO CAPTIONS:**

AtilanaRambayon (Art Mergists friend who gave the collections to the FSM Consulate Office-Guam)  
Teresa Filepin, FSM Consul General, at the FSM Consulate Office-Guam.