

YAP ISLAND GOES WIRELESS WITH SOLECTEK SOLUTIONS

**Yap State Education
Enterprising Department
(Yap SEED) uses
Solectek WLAN
technology to
communicate.**

Yap Island, a 46 square mile Island South of Guam, can now transfer data to government, corporate service, hospital and college facilities through their Solectek Wireless Network. Plans include connections to schools on the outer islands of Micronesia, some of which are located 560 miles from the main education facility.

Jim Stevenson, Director of Yap STAR (a Yap SEED grant program), says "Motivation is a very powerful tool ... for Yap State the motivation for setting up the network came from the difficulties of communicating amongst ourselves within the state." A 'field trip' ship is used to deliver supplies, people and messages to the outer islands of Micronesia, which could literally take a month. Easy access to information is essential, whether it be medical advice, school curriculum updates or regular business communications.

"Solectek's advanced wireless networking provides us with a reliable solution to our communication needs with security and flexibility" said Jim Stevenson. Participants in the Yap WLAN can now benefit from the trouble-free communication and shared resources. Participants have access to web browsers, e-mail, secure file servers and a CD-ROM directory containing numerous resources such as world atlases, encyclopedias and other informational tools.

Yap has thirteen schools on the main island, seven on Ulithi Atoll Island (130 miles away), ten in the Woleani area (360 miles away) and three on Satawal Island (560 miles away). Yap SEED's long range plan is to have all SEED schools (including those in the Neighboring Islands) connected to their WLAN. "This will open up many new possibilities for teaching our students, teachers and other community members new technology while expanding horizons" says Stevenson.

Yap SEED is actively looking for new partners, funding and a new satellite link for the final phase of their project. "We are determined and well on our way!" says Stevenson. Yap SEED can be contacted at yapdoe@mail.fm.



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