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Chuuk State

Chuuk State is one of the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia. It is a very small island. The area is about 121.5 square km (46.9 square miles). Chuuk State contains several island groups; Chuuk Atoll, Nomwisofu, Hall Islands, Nomonuito Atoll, Pattiw, and the Mortlock Islands. Weno is the capital of Chuuk State. The total population is 48,654. About 60% of Chuuk's economy comes from the Compact of Free Association (A Treaty between USA and FSM) and the rest comes from commercial fishing, tourism, and copra sales.

The people of Chuuk are known to be the most humble and kind in all the Micronesian islands. Their hospitality and generosity are a part of their culture, which they hold deeply in their hearts. An example of the hospitality and generosity is sponsoring or hosting people from other neighboring islands without pay. Chuukese welcome strangers into their homes and treat them as members of their own family. Chuuk State is the home base of Xavier High School, the lone Jesuit high school in Micronesia. Students from the different islands in Micronesia attend Xavier High School. The boys live in a school dormitory. However, the girls are sponsored by different Chuukese families throughout the villages.

Chuuk State is also known for its diving attractions. People around the world visit Chuuk to dive the blue lagoon. In the lagoon, divers can find wreckage of war ships and planes from World War II. Chuuk State was the headquarters of the Japanese Imperial Navy prior to WWII. The Japanese Imperial Navy Fleet was attacked by U.S. and the Allies forces and many ships and planes were destroyed. Divers come to Chuuk to enjoy the beautiful underwater world of ship and plane wrecks.