

# V6J IOTApedition to Mokil Island

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This IOTA Pediton was originally planned by Mami, JP3AYQ , who belongs to a same DX club as me, Nara DX Association. Mami was planning this IOTApediton for a year. Since Mami has a good scuba diving friend in Pohnpei Island. Mami was working with this friend to get the information about the state-owned cargo ship that sails from Pohnpei to Mokil Island. This cargo ship operates just twice a year (spring and fall). Since the date of the ship operation last fall was not decided until the end of the last year, we had no choice but to give up our plan last year. However, we received the ship operation information from Mami's friend finally in this June. We hear that the cargo ship is supposed to sail out on June 23rd. So we decided to fly from Japan to Pohnpei Island on June 20th.



State owned cargo ship

We were supposed to leave Pohnpei Island on June 23rd. But the Cargo ship did not sail out until June 30th due to goods unloading and loading problem at the port. So we had to book a charter plane from Mokil Island to Pohnpei Island for our return trip.



Charter plane from Mokil Island to Pohnpei Island

We operated from Mokil Island from July 1st to July 7th and we made as many as 3300 QSOs. Since this IOTApediton from Mokil Island was the first time in ten years, we wanted to focus on EU and NA. But big

obstacle was JA. We started off our operation on 20m CW. We received many calls especially from JA. So we spent two days to work JA mainly and after coping with the pile ups from JA, we began working EU and NA. Since we used VOACAP online, we were able to grasp the band condition very well. As a result, we had a good success to work many EU this time.

The total QSO numbers are as follows.

JA	1352	41%
EU	1140	34%
NA	585	18%
Others	234	7%

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Total 3311

We are very happy to have worked many EU stations this time.



Loading the baggage to the ship at Pohnpei Island



Small zodiac to land Mokil Island

Members:  
 Team leader JA3FGJ Tosy Hirabayashi  
 QSL manager JP3AYQ Mami Sanada  
 Operator JJ3CIG Sanny Sanada  
 Pilot JJ3PRT Joe Aoki



**JJ3CIG, JP3AYQ and JA3FGJ**

**Operation site**

We used a Mokil Island City municipal building as our operation site. Since no electricity was available, we purchased a generator at Pohnpei Island and brought it to Mokil Island together with 50 gallon of gasoline.



**Mokil Island City Municipal building**



**Mami, JP3AYQ is working EU.**

**Rig:**

- FT991 + KPA 500 W amp
- FT857 ... RTTY, JT65
- IC 7000 + homemade 500 W amp
- Gasoline generator YAMAHA 2.6 KW



**Mami, JP3AYQ and Tosy, JA3FGJ**

**Antennas:**

- 2 element VDA for 17m and 20 m
- Full size GP for 30 and 40 m



**2 element VDA for 17m**



**GP for 30m and 40m**

We hereby really thank you for your kind donation to our IOTApedition this time.

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