

10TH MICRONESIAN PRESIDENTS' SUMMIT

July 30, 2010

Koror, Republic of Palau

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The Presidents of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), and the Republic of Palau (ROP) held their 10th Micronesian Presidents' Summit (MPS) in the Republic of Palau on July 30, 2010 to discuss matters of common interest to the three nations. The meeting reaffirms the commitment of the three nations to continue to communicate on national, regional, and international issues of mutual importance. The meeting recognized the presence and participation of the Republic of Nauru, as endorsed by the Presidents in the 9th MPS, further consolidating Micronesian Solidarity as a region and acknowledged the unsuccessful effort of the Republic of Kiribati to attend.

During the opening ceremony held at the Ngarachamayong Cultural Center in Koror, Palau, President Emanuel Mori and President Jurelang Zedkaia, as well as the Minister Kieren Keke of the Republic of Nauru, expressed their appreciation to President Johnson Toribiong for hosting the 10th Micronesian Presidents Summit. The Presidents and the Minister also extended to President Toribiong their appreciation for the warm hospitality and courtesies extended to them and to their respective delegations.

The Presidents and the Minister then reviewed and unanimously adopted the agenda for the Summit.

Joint Communique of the 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit

The Presidents acknowledged the Joint Communiqué issued by the 13th Micronesian Chief Executives Summit (MCES) held in Saipan in late June of this year and reaffirmed the recommendations for action contained therein.

PIHOA Resolution 48-01 (Declaring a Regional State of Health Emergency Due to the Epidemic of Non-communicable Diseases in the United States Affiliated Pacific Islands)

The Presidents in particular focused on the resolution of the Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA) declaring a regional state of emergency that was adopted by the participants during the 13th MCES. The Presidents reviewed and discussed the resolution and determined that each of their respective countries forthwith would undertake action to support PIHOA Resolution No. 48-01. The Presidents encouraged PIHOA to work with other organizations in the region (e.g., SPC and WHO) and to mobilize other resources in addressing this epidemic.

Shark Sanctuary

The Presidents expressed concern about the impact of fishing on vulnerable shark populations in Micronesia and the potential adverse impact on tourism, and called for measures to be taken to better protect their population.

Green Revolution

The Presidents acknowledged the efforts to combat climate change impacts by Palau's "Green Revolution", a national initiative, by effectively streamlining efforts towards conservation of biodiversity via protected areas (e.g., shark sanctuaries and Protected Areas Network) and ensuring sustainable livelihoods for present and future generations via

securing food production, solid waste management, encouraging replanting projects and using available gene banks, such as SPC- through its Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees (CePaCT) for saltwater, drought, and disease resistant crop varieties to boost food production and strengthen food security in respective jurisdictions as well as implementing renewable energy initiatives.

Micronesian Trade Committee

The Presidents reaffirmed the recommendations in the Final Communiqué by the Trade Ministers in their Third Micronesian Trade Committee (MTC) Meeting held in Palau, July 26-27, 2010.

The Presidents further noted and supported the Outcomes Document of the MTC, and directed the Committee to continue its important work and to coordinate policy positions relating to Compact trade provisions with the U.S. Government and other regional trade agreements.

Fisheries Issues

The Presidents acknowledged the establishment of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) Headquarters in Majuro, and thanked the Republic of the Marshall Islands for hosting this important sub-regional office.

The Presidents reiterated their support of the Bikenibeu Declaration adopted by PNA Fisheries Ministers in October 2009 in which it was agreed that in order to secure greater economic benefit and control of their fisheries resources, the PNA would continue to strengthen the institutional arrangements for cooperation in the management and development of their shared fisheries resources. Presidents also noted the priority of developing a vessel day scheme for the long line fisheries.

The Presidents noted the success of the 1st PNA Presidential Summit held in Palau in February 2010, and reiterated the need to establish additional arrangements to maximize the economic return from their respective tuna fisheries (e.g., Purse Seine Vessel Day Scheme). The Presidents also noted the progress on developing a trading mechanism under the Scheme to strengthen its implementation and also the imposition of hard limits to assist in the efforts to establish more sustainable levels of fishing.

The Presidents reviewed their decision to proceed with a full assessment of the free school skipjack fisheries utilizing the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) criteria and noted the progress to date. The Presidents noted that this should result in the PNA being recognized as the first skipjack purse seine fishery certified globally as meeting the strict MSC and FAO criteria and standards of conservation and management, while also noting that it potentially could bring some additional economic benefits and investment to the region.

The Presidents further recalled their decision to close off additional high seas areas throughout the region and noted the decision to implement the closure of additional high seas areas commencing January 2011.

The Presidents expressed concern about the impact of fishing on vulnerable whale shark populations in Micronesia and the potential adverse impact on tourism, and called for measures to be taken to better protect the incidental catch of the purse seine fishery.

The Presidents further welcomed the RMI's proposal for a Fisheries Ministerial Summit to be held in the last quarter of this year to further the prioritization of this sector of their economies.

The Medical Crisis for FAS Citizens

In 1996, the Government of the United States of America signed into law the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act, which disqualified FAS citizens from many public benefits, including Medicaid coverage. The Presidents noted the dire and critical nature of this medical crisis and its potential immense impacts on the well-being of their respective citizens residing in the United States of America.

The Presidents further noted and recognized the magnitude of consultative work required to effectively address this important matter with the Government of the United States of America, with the primary aim to explore the possibility for

reinstatement of eligibility of Medicaid. Towards this end, the Presidents agreed to direct their respective Missions based in Washington D.C. to work together, and research the best approach in addressing this matter with the Government of the United States of America, and for the result of the research to be provided to the Presidents for consideration at the next MPS.

Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation

The Presidents noted and agreed on the importance of combating the adverse impacts of climate change to vulnerable small island nations, and the critical need for the technical support and financial assistance of the international community and development partners to assist small islands countries to develop climate change adaptation measures.

The Presidents further agreed on the need for more adaptation projects on the ground, on the need to continue to share information and good practices, and further agree on the need to call for new, additional, and adequate funding resources from our traditional development partners.

The Green Energy Micronesia Initiative (GEM)

The Presidents reiterated their support for the Green Energy Micronesia (GEM) Initiative and fully endorsed the joint launch of the GEM Initiative scheduled to take place at the margins of the 41st Forum Leaders' and Related Meetings in Vanuatu.

Micronesia Energy Association (MEA)

The Presidents reaffirmed their commitments to the regional approach in the establishment of the Micronesia Energy Association (MEA) to strengthen coordination and address energy issues under the auspices of the Micronesia Chief Executive Summit (MCES).

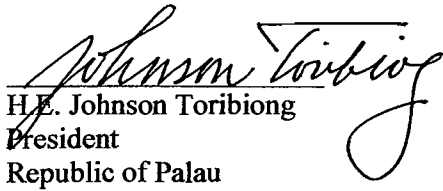
In recognizing this, the Presidents request technical support from the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) through the SPC North Pacific Regional Office based in Pohnpei, FSM to provide and present a proposed "roadmap" at the 11th Micronesian Presidents' Summit as to its appropriate model, including, but not limited to, terms of reference, capacity needed and sustainable financing plan, to support the work of the MEA and compliment the Green Energy Micronesia (GEM) Initiative.

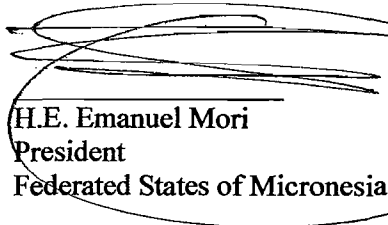
Sasakawa Peace Foundation (Enhancement of Maritime Surveillance Capacity)

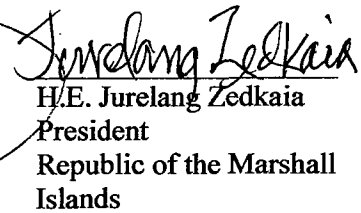
The Presidents welcomed the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF) and Nippon Foundations' effort in implementing preparatory activities based on the agreement of Meetings of Six Nations and Two Non-governmental Organization for Strengthening Marine Surveillance Capacity in Micronesia Region. The Presidents noted the progress made through the meetings held in Tokyo and Guam, and also acknowledged the invitation extended by Ms. Junko Chano, Executive Director of SPF, to attend the upcoming third meeting among the relevant ministries and agencies from the three Micronesian countries, the supporting countries (Australia, Japan and the USA), and organizations (Sasakawa Peace Foundation and Nippon Foundation).


Next Meeting:

The 11th Micronesian Presidents' Summit will be hosted by the Federated States of Micronesia at a time to be determined by the host.


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