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Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Session in Jeju, Korea



The Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation staff Mr. Calvin Emesiochel, Deputy HPO,

attended a session on the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Jeju, Korea from December 3-9, 2017. The session examined the periodic reports submitted by 11 States Parties to

the Convention regarding legal, regulatory or other measures taken to safeguard intangible cultural heritage in their countries. Other topics discussed include intangible cultural heritage in situations of emergency, the impact of the Convention and the allocation of resources from the Intangible Cultural Heritage Fund.

Intangible cultural heritage encompasses practices and living expressions handed down from one generation to another. It includes oral traditions, performing arts, social practices, rituals, festive events, knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe as well as the knowledge and skills of traditional crafts.

The Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage numbers 24 representatives of States Parties to the Convention, elected for a four-year term. It meets once a year.

Palau Historical and Cultural Advisory Board Holds Regular Meeting

The Palau Historical and Cultural Advisory Board of the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation Office (BCHP) held their regular meeting on Monday December 4, 2017 at Penthouse Conference Room which includes a meet and greet session and open discussion among the board members and recognizing the newest BCHP Registrar, Mr. Mac-Michael Mutok a recent graduate from the University of Guam with a BA degree in Anthropology.

Mr. Mutok reported to the board the

five highly significant sites proposed for nomination for inclusion into the Palau Register of Cultural and Historic Sites. The proposed five significant sites includes (1) Old Olbiil Era Kelulau (Palau National Congress) Building; (2) Palau Community College Administration Building; (3) Palau Supreme Court; (4) Belau National Museum Research Library; and (5) Ngibtal/Meduu Ribtal. The proposed five significant sites are

still in an on-going research and interview process and once completed will be submitted to the board for review and approval into the Palau Register of Cultural and Historic Sites.

Next meeting will be decided later when the nominations are completed and ready for the board review.

Workshop on Heritage/Environmental Impact Assessments for the Pacific Island States

The Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation (BCHP) staff, Ms. Sylvia Kloulubak, Assistant Ethnographer, attended the workshop on heritage/environmental impact assessments for the Pacific Island States in Fiji from 20-28 November 2017.

The workshop was organized by UNESCO World Heritage Center and World Heritage Institute of Training and Research for the Asia and the Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (WHITRAP Shanghai), hosted by the Ministry of Education, Department of Heritage and Arts of Fiji Government Pacific Heritage (IUCN), International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) and International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM).

The workshop's objectives was to provide knowledge and skills of management planning and using impact assessment as a tool for evaluating impacts from various factors. The workshop's focal point was assessing impacts on cultural and natural sites relevant to Pacific Island States.

To sum up the workshop, impact assessment however it happens need to be a tool for decision making as a leverage to aptly deal with cultural and natural risks before they overwhelm the reasoning of safeguarding heritage for humanity.

39th Session of UNESCO General Conference Opens in Paris



The 39th session of the UNESCO's General Conference held in Paris from 30 October to 14 November, 2017 with the participation of the Organization's 195 Member States.

The Pacific nations present during this meeting included Palau, Cook Islands, Tonga, PNG, Solomon Islands, Fiji, and Nauru. The Cook Island was seeking a seat on the organization's Executive Board but did not render enough votes to secure the spot. Ms. Sunny O. Ngirmang, Director of the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation attended the General Conference on behalf of Palau NATCOM Chairperson and Minister Baklai Temengil-Chilton.

The meeting was held to determine the Organization's budget and the direction of its programmes and activities for the next two years.

The heads of State and Government attended UNESCO's Leaders Forum on the theme of Sustainable Development and UNESCO's Role in the Multilateral System. Some 200 government ministers, notably education and culture ministers attended the General Conference, which was expected to endorse the nomination of Audrey Azoulay to the post of Director-General of UNESCO.

The Organization's Executive Board, a 58-member body that prepares the General Conference and oversees the work of the Secretariat, elected Ms Azoulay as its nominee for the post on October 13.

Also during the General Conference, Member States unanimously decided to include New Caledonia as Associate Member of UNESCO.

A rich programme of side-events was planned for the General Conference, with presentations and debates on key issues in each of UNESCO's fields of competence: education, science, and culture, as well as information and communication.

27th Annual PIALA Conference



Participants Group Photo

The 27th Annual PIALA Conference was held in Kolonia, Pohnpei from November 13-17, 2017 with a theme: Innovating together, enabling libraries, archives and museums for sustainable development.

Three staff from the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation attended this conference which includes Calvin Emesiochel, Deputy HPO, Rhett Msaichi, Grant and Budget Manager, and Moline Smaserui, Historic Preservation Specialist.

The whole week was filled with presentations of challenges and accomplishments including shared experiences and even programs reaching out to help libraries throughout the pacific. It is through this conference the various libraries are able to share, learn, and connect what is most important in their collections and how they approach in preserving their information as well as network with communities.

The conference was an amazing event not only did libraries connect and learn so much but this variety of cultures so different from one another were together learning to paddle one boat to travel the horizon in search of ways to thrive and be successful.



Palau Participants Group Photo

MCCA Employee of the Year



The Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs (MCCA) awarded Mr. Errolflynn T. Kloulechad, Historic Preservation Specialist from the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation as employee of the year 2017 for the MCCA.

Mr. Kloulechad received a certificate and a monetary gif of \$500. This is incentive program of the Executive Branch for all Ministries to recognize and give commendation to employees for their outstanding performances. Congratulations Mr. Kloulechad and continue delivering positive results.

Welcome Back Ms. Marlene Theodore

The Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation welcomes back Ms. Marlene Theodore, to work again in the Administration Section as a Budget and Grant Assistance to assist the Budget and Grant Manager in the financial tasks.



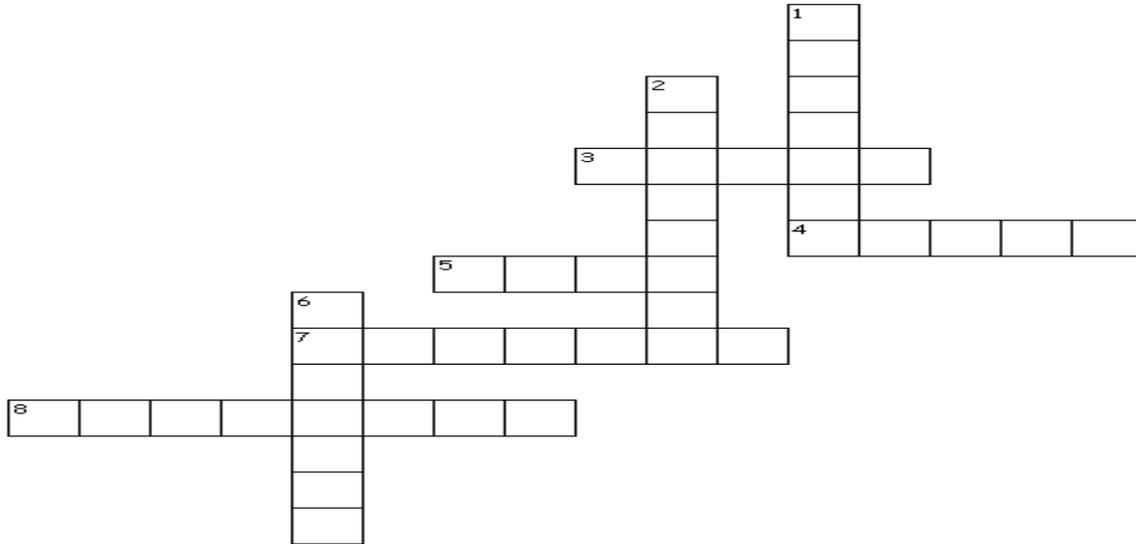
Ms. Theodore will work under a contract of the Work Investment Program (WIA) for four months term starting from November 20, 2017 to February 16, 2018. Welcome on board again Ms. Theodore!

Historical Clearance Permitted

During the period of October 1– December 31, 2017, the Bureau reviewed and concurred a total of sixty-one (61) Historical Clearance. Out of the 61, fifty-five (55) were regular permit, 1 was extension, zero minor permit, and five with section 106 permit. These development projects included constructions of new access roads, improvement of existing access roads, building new residences, commercial projects, clearing projects, renovation of existing buildings, home extensions, earthmoving project, dredging projects, grading and leveling projects.

As mandated by law, the Bureau must review and determine the effects of any public and/or private development projects to insure historical and cultural resources are protected and preserved. Before any development project begins, a Historic Clearance Permit must be obtained from the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation.

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- 4. Ududir a redil el ruul er a chelibel a meklou el Ngasech el uel.
- 5. Chelaus el such el orreked ra delel a redil.
- 7. Chelaus el such el orreked ra cheriut meng diak el rebet.
- 8. Chelaus el meolt el blil a uoud.

Down

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- 2. Chelaus el such el di ua teletelel a chedecholl. Tiang el klalo a lousbech er ngii el blil aike el meringel el chad el chedecholl bar ma chiull el di kltnokl.
- 6. Mekekerei el chelaus el such el blil a uoud. Tiang a llechet ra chelechedal a redil e ngara chelsel a cheritir el kmal di ngara bebul a cherrou ra redil.

Hint:

- 1) Terir
- 2) Toluk
- 3) Omsangel
- 4) Cheriut
- 5) Omedokel
- 6) Otungel
- 7) Btek
- 8) Techull

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