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Presentation at Mindszenty High School Awareness Week



(l-r) Floriano Felix, Ochob Rachel Bech-
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Mindszenty High School Students from
grades 9-12



(sitting) BCHP Staff and Historians
(standing) Mr. Santy Asanuma

On February 1, 2018, upon request of Mindszenty High School teacher Mr. Santy Asanuma, the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation

(BCHP) Staff Historian Ms. Lynda Tellames, and two Historians Mr. Floriano Felix and Mrs. Ochob Rachel Becheserak presented as guest speak-

ers to the Mindszenty High School students from grades 9th - 12th. Title of their presentation was *Omengull* (Respect).

Pacific Preservation Summit in Guam



Participants Group Photo

The Guam Preservation Trust (GPT) hosted the inaugural Pacific Preservation Summit with the theme "Connect, Appreciate, Preserve" from February 26-28, 2018. This summit brought together preservation agencies, professionals, students, and the general public to Guam to share best practices and challenges dealing with preservation in their counties. The summit was funded by the Department

of the Interior Office of Insular Affairs in partnership with the Guam Museum, National Museum of the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral-Basilica, Guam Council of Arts and Humanities, Guam Public Library System, the 34th Guam Legislature, the National Park Service and in tandem with preservation advocates in archaeology, architecture, culture, history, and planning to provide the venue for the summit.

During the three-day summit, the opportunity is given to develop collaborative resources to prepare our island adapt and mitigate against the threats towards tangible and intangible historic and cultural areas or properties our communities' value.

Participants from Yap State, Kosrae State, and Palau, CNMI, FSM, Hawaii, Fiji and Guam all took part in this summit to share their insights and efforts made towards preservation. Palau was represented by Director Sunny Ngirmang and Deputy HPO Calvin Emesiochel.

Cremation Ceremony of WWII Japanese Remains



On March 5, 2018, the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs and the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation staff travelled to Peleliu State to attend the WWII Japanese Remains Cremation Ceremony. This is the great efforts the Japanese Government has invested to bring their loved ones home after 73 years. The efforts between the Palau Government and Japan Government dated back to 2009 to actively search, investigate, and recover World War Two soldiers who perished in our land during armed conflict. The Japanese war dead remains were cremated and brought back to Japan for their final resting place.

Ships of Exploration and Discovery Research, Inc. heads to Palau for WWII Research

Ships of Exploration and Discovery Research, Inc. (Ships of Discovery) researcher are headed to Peleliu to undertake a Phase I remote sensing survey of the WWII invasion beaches. The project is funded through a 2017 NOAA Ocean Exploration Research grant with additional support from an NPS American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP) grant.

This project will be the first comprehensive survey for underwater cultural heritage remains of the Peleliu invasion beaches, fringing reef, and lagoon. Integral to the project is an examination of the impacts of the pre-invasion blasting of the reef by Underwater Demolition Teams (UDTs). The reef study will be the first of its kind to document the WWII impacts and to quantify the interactive role of the corals and WWII materiel on both resources. Photogrammetric documentation of underwater cultural heritage sites and the reef will result in 3D interactive models for in-depth analysis and that will be publicly viewable through SketchFab.

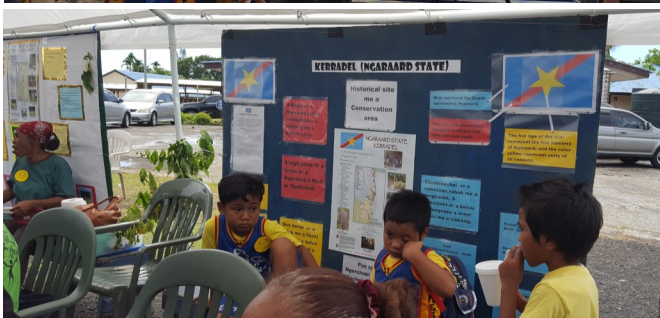
This project is a cooperative effort between Ships of Discovery, East Carolina University (ECU) Maritime Studies Program, University of Hawai'i Hilo, SEARCH Inc, the US Navy Joint Region Marianas, and the Palau Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation. Fieldwork will begin on

April 2 and run through April 12.

Previous research in the Pacific by Ships of Discovery and ECU includes several projects in Saipan and Tinian under the National Park Service American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP). Their work includes the creation of an underwater heritage maritime trail, consisting of twelve submerged and semi-submerged archaeological sites including four aircraft wrecks, two shipwrecks, three tanks, two landing craft and one Amtrak. Waterproof guides (in English and Japanese) including a site map and historical information, posters that included images of the wrecks and more in-depth information, and an 18-minute interpretive video created for the NPS are part of their Saipan work. The video is also available on Ships YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ShipsOfDiscovery>

Special thanks and gratitude is deeply owed to the Office of the President and H.E. Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., Minister Baklai Temengil-Chilton, Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs and most especially to the Honorable Governor of Peleliu State, Mr. Temmy Shmull for their support to make this research possible that will contribute to the deep understanding and preservation of the Republic of Palau's WWII underwater heritage.

MOE Education Awareness Week



On March 14, 2018 the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation (BCHP) staff, Ms. Filly Carabit, Historic Preservation Specialist attended the Koror Elementary School Cultural Learning Day as part of the Education Awareness Week. Their theme for this year cultural day was "Omesubel a Klechibelau el mei era Klebelau ." The Koror Elementary School teachers, parents, and students organized and set up booths showcasing the 16 states of Palau with information of each respective state which includes cultural and historical sites, Palauan traditions and cultures, natural resources, and Palauan foods and tasting. The BCHP staff was really impressed for the well organized event that showcased the information and items of our Palau's cultural and historical heritage including food tasting of Palau's local foods. BCHP want to thank Koror Elementary School for inviting us to come observe and see the displays of their Palauan Learning Day.

Presentation at Koror Elementary School

On January 19, 2018, the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation (BCHP) Staff, Ms. Filly Carabit, Historic Preservation Specialist presented to the 5th grade students of Koror Elementary School. Ms. Carabit gave an overview of the work of the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation and the importance of cultural and historical preservation.



The students learned about the duties and responsibilities of the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation and the importance of preserving our precious cultural and historical heritage.

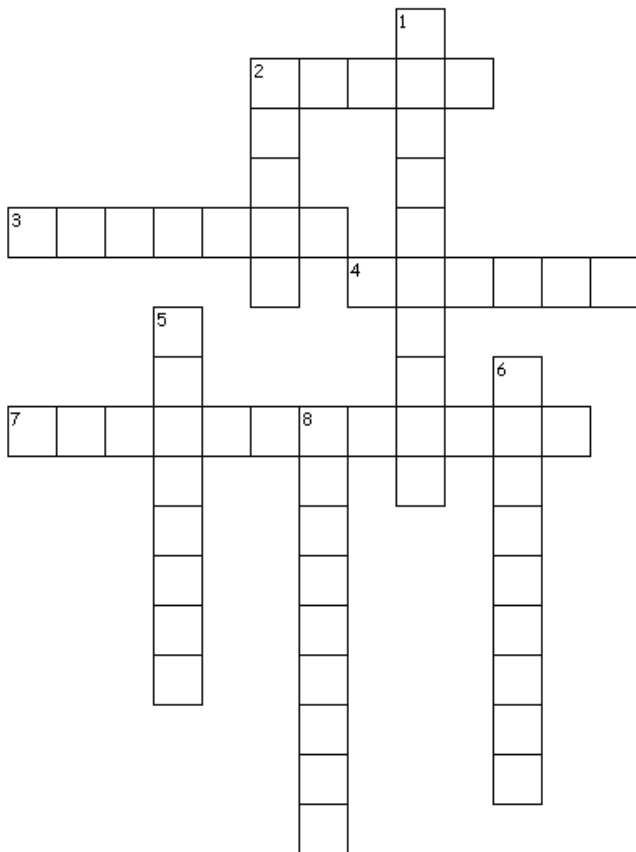
This is part of the BCHP on-going effort to strengthen awareness and to educate the public about the importance of the Palauan cultures and historical treasures.

Historical Clearance Permitted

During the period of January - March 2018, the Bureau reviewed and concurred a total of ninety-three (93) Historical Clearance. Out of the 93, forty-six (46) were residential project, 15 were new commercial project, 7 were existing commercial project, 5 were state government projects, 2 were explosive remnants of war, 11 were CIP/Republic of Palau project, 1 was church project, and 6 were repatriation/section 106 project. 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.

Tekoi ma Belkul



Across

- 2. Udoud el odengesir a rulab a dui el mechas a lemad e lak el bechiil.
- 3. Kukau el telngoech ma lechub eng derratel e chelilt ra reng e uldioll er a ditel ma llel el belkul a rengul a medei el chad.
- 4. Orekirolel a kemeldiil, mur, ma lechub eng klechedaol.
- 7. Cheldellir a re chad er a beluu el mei er a kemeldiil.

Down

- 1. Tirekei el redil el kiei el ngara kemeldiil el mo tutau.
- 2. blengur el mo er ngii er a uriul er a sis ma omengades er a mlad rubak el mle telechull er a kebekuul ma lechub el teleuechel el dui ma dirrek el rubak el dil.
- 5. Tirkei el chad el iliuekl er a medei el chad el ngii a chederir.
- 6. Chelellakl el melalem e ra uldesuel.
- 8. Chedecholl ma lechub e ng bar el mo er a bebul a chad el medei er a debull e medakl.

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| Hint: | |
| Bellemakl | Chellubes |
| Debes | Diaches |
| Diall | Kedkad |
| Kikaidchutem | Kltomelbut |

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It is illegal to take, remove, alter or damage any historical or cultural properties, including artifacts, sunken WW II vessels and parts thereof, WW II relics, historic landmarks, and cultural properties. Detailed information on Public Laws regarding historical and cultural properties can be obtained from PNC Title 19 Chapter 1 and its subsidiaries. To ensure compliance with these laws you may contact the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation/Historic Preservation Office at (680) 488-2489 or send an email to histpres@palaunet.com / bac_reg@palaunet.com / bac_arch@palaunet.com

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