



# IBETEL A KLEBELAU

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## Site Rehabilitation Project for FY 2015 Awarded to Kayangel

This year the Diong er a Dokou site (B:NH-1:2 f9) in Ngerdilong, Kayangel State was selected for the FY 2015 Site Rehabilitation and Maintenance Project.

The actual rehabilitation of the Diong er a Dokou site commence on the first week of July and will complete on or before August 2018.

Every year, the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation (BCHP) office awards \$4,000 to a selected state that applied for the grant. Kayangel State was chosen as recipient for the FY 2015 award and was awarded \$4,000 USD. Congratulations to Kayangel state for their great interest in participating to rehabilitate and maintain its historical site.

Each year each state has an opportunity to apply for this award. The principal objective of the Site Rehabilitation and Development Project is the protection and enhancement of historical and cultural sites listed on the Palau Register of Historical Places. This goal is in accordance with the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation responsibility to

maintain and develop significant historic properties for the interest and education of the public. Additionally this project is intended to bolster state level preservation activities via direct involvement of traditional leaders and villagers.



*Photo of Diong er a Dokou (Bathing Pool) to be rehabilitated*

## MCCA Begin its Year Round Radio Talk Shows



The Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs began its year round radio talk shows at Eco-Paradise FM Radio. The radio talk shows is held every Friday at 9:15 am to 10:00 am throughout the whole year with each of the four Bureaus of

the Ministry alternately participating as guests.

The four Bureaus consist of Bureau of Aging , Disability, and Gender, Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation, Bureau of Archives and Research, and Bureau of Youth, Applied Arts and Career. The MCCA also included trivia questions on Palau history and culture for the listeners to answer correctly and receive prizes.

The MCCA talk shows aims to inform and explain to the public on its respective Bureaus duties and responsibilities for public education and awareness.

This also gives an opportunity for the respective Bureaus to hear and collect public concern, comments, and suggestion for their respective programs and activities.

## Employee of the 2nd Quarter



The Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation awarded Marlene Theodore Ge, Administrative Assistant II, as Employee of the 2nd Quarter which covers the months of January - March 2018. Mrs. Ge received a certificate and a monetary gift of \$100. This is an incentive program that is designed to recognize and give commendation to employees for their great dedication to hard work and outstanding performances. Congratulations Mrs. Ge and continue delivering positive results.

## U.S. Interior Assistance Secretary Visits Some of Palau's Historical and Cultural Sites



At Bai er a Rengarairrai

As partner of the U.S. National Park Service Historic Preservation Program and as a courtesy the Palau Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation organized a historical and cultural tour for the U.S. Assistance Secretary of the Interior for Insular and International Affairs Mr. Doug Domenech on his first official visit to Palau where he conferred with President Tommy Remengesau, Jr. on the Compact of Free Association.

While on island the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation made arrangements and accompanied the U.S. Interior Assistant Secretary and his staff to visit some of Palau's historical and cultural sites

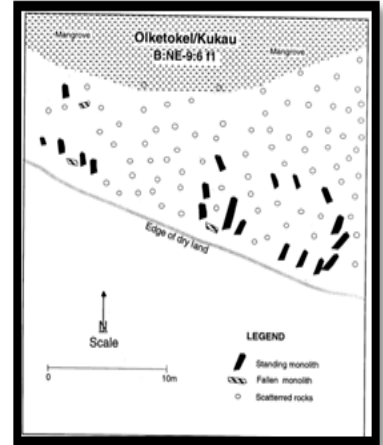
such as *Bai er a Rengarairrai*, a traditional Palauan chief's meeting house in Airai, listed on the Palau National Register of Historic Places.

On the final day of his visit, Domenech toured the U.S. National Historical Landmark on Peleliu where some of the deadliest World War II battles were waged in the Pacific. While on Peleliu, Domenech met with Peleliu Governor Temmy Shmull and took a ride through Palau's Rock Islands that were inscribed into the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2012. The cultural and historical tours were made available courtesy of the Governors of Koror, Airai, and Peleliu .

## Hike to Ngarchelong and Clean-up



On May 18, 2018 the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation was joined by Minister Baklai Temengil-Chilton of Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs and some Directors and Staff of the Bureaus under



the MCCA and visited a site at Ngarchelong State as part of BChP and MCCA monthly site visits and in addition to jump start the Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Week They visited *Kukau El Bad* Site (B:NE-9:6) monolith in Itoi, lungel, in the state of Ngarchelong and then cleaned around the area so that the site can be seen more clearly.

The site visit and clean up is an activity for the whole MCCA which is spearhead by the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation to plan and select site to visit once a month to which all the MCCA staff comes together spend time and learn about the different historical sites in each respective states. This is part of the BChP on-going effort to educate and for awareness of Palau's cultural and historical heritage. This activity hopes to educate and make awareness to the whole MCCA staff to be able for the staff to know these historical sites so that they can appreciate and help to spread the knowledge and awareness to other people.

# Palau Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Week 2018



Site Cleaning at Japanese Water Pump, Koror



Radio Talk Show at Eco-Paradise FM



Participants of the walk/run with their prize

The Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation (BCHP) celebrated its 3rd Annual Palau Archaeology and Heritage Awareness Week on May 18-22, 2018 as per President Declaration No. 15-154.

The BCHP held series of activities and programs devoted for awareness of Palau Archaeology and Heritage. BCHP held talk shows, hiked to *Kukau el Bad* (monolith) in Ngarchelong state and cleaned the site. In addition, the BCHP held walk/run event with free promotional t-shirts and towels, sites visit to Ngaraard state, and helped Koror State government cleaned the Japanese Water Pump Station

(registered historical site) in Ngerkesoal, Koror.

BCHP would like to thank all participants of the walk/run event, the Ngaraard State Governor, Legislators, and staff for their assistance and hospitality, the Ngarchelong State Governor and staff for permission to visit and clean the site, the Koror State Governor, Legislators, and staff for the site cleaning. the Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs, Minister Baklai Temengil-Chilton and the MCCA Bureaus Directors and all the staff for their assistance and participation, the Palau Track and Field for their assistance in the walk/run, and the Palau Eco-Paradise FM T8AA staff for their assistance in the radio talk shows.

## Eat Local Campaign Sponsored by MCCA



The Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation under the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs helped fund the Palau Mission Academy Honor Society Club with printing of stickers for their “Eat Local Movement” project. The purpose is to promote eating locally grown foods so that we could live healthier lives and reduce the risk of non-communicable diseases, which have been on the rise here in Palau.

## BCHP JOINS PALAU YOUTH CORPS



Palau Youth Corps is a new Program that started this year 2018. It is spear headed by MOE with the support of the Palau Marine Sanctuary, and the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs. The purpose of the program was to help motivate students ranging from 8th to 9th graders to stay in school. This was a week long program which runs from June 18-22, 2018.

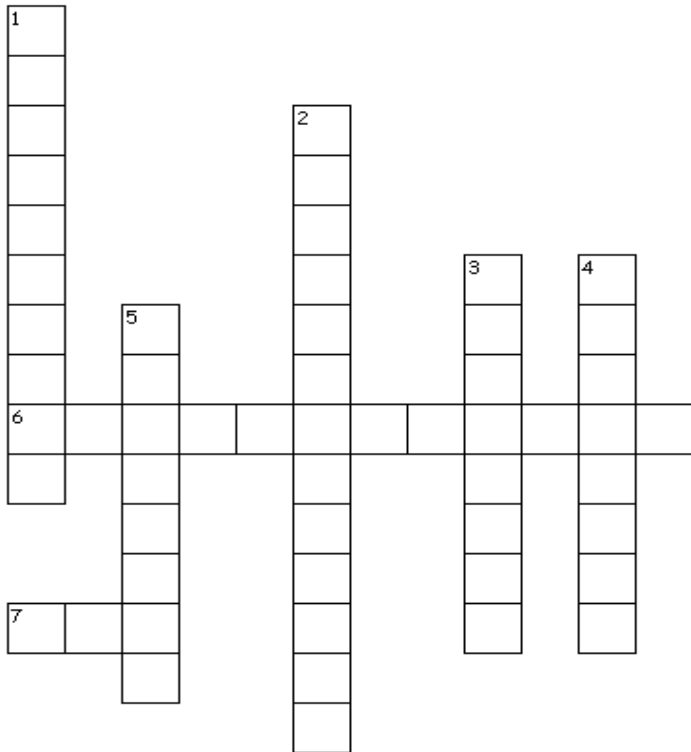
On June 20, 2018 the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation under the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs brought the students to Aimeliik state to visit three of their historical sites; Oublalang ra Ngebedech, Ngerderar- which is also a PAN site, and Bai ra Ngerkeai as part of the program.

The first two sites they visited, they learned its history and significances. The last site which was Bai ra Ngerkeai, they learned how to map it as an hands on activity.

The activity was a success for the students got to see and learn the importance of the sites and how to do some archaeological survey which hopes to trigger the students interest to have the enthusiasm to stay in school.

# Historical Clearance Permitted for this Quarter

During the period of April - June 2018, the Bureau reviewed and concurred a total of eighty-five (85) Historical Clearance. Out of the 85, seventy-nine (79) were regular permit, four (4) was extension, and two (2) minor permit issued. There was no section 106 permit with MOA. 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.



**Across**

- 6. delongelel a bkul ochid ma sengched el domrotech er ngii
- 7. meklou el blengur

**Down**

- 1. cheldebechelir a rechad ra tara beluu el mekedong el mora ungil klebesei ra tara beluu
- 2. ulebengelel a chado ra medal a blai malechub eng bai
- 3. btil a bai
- 4. medal a bai
- 5. meriou e mengibechib

**Hint:**

- Butelbai
- Chesmark
- Madelbai
- Ilasngesungel
- Mur
- Klechedaol
- Omertechelel

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