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13th Annual Historical Preservation Symposium 2018



On July 25 & 26 2018, the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation and Ngardmau State jointly hosted the 13th Annual Historical Preservation Symposium at Ngardmau Office Hall in Ngardmau state. The first day was designated for speeches, presentations, sharing session, and group works. The second day was a site visit of Ngardmau historical sites in which all the participants went on a site visit tour to five (5) of the Ngardmau registered historical sites, (1) Orsachel el Dub, (2) Ikeam el Diong, (3) Olketokl era Udoud, (4) Edub er a Ielech, and (5) Beluu er a Ngerutoi. Participants who were able walked the entire tour while the elderly ones rode in the bus and visited only the sites that were accessible to vehicles. Iyechad Tkel, Ngardmau State government staff, was the tour guide and explained the significance of the sites visited. After the long walk and bus drive to the five historical sites, the participants returned back to the state office hall for lunch and an overview of the 2 day symposium, evaluation, and closing remarks .

The purpose of the annual symposium is to build closer working relationship with concerned partners in protecting and preserving Palau’s historical and cultural resources; to

strengthen the on-going dialogue and coordination among all partners in order to improve our efforts in carrying out our responsibilities; to learn more about each other’s roles and their responsibilities, requirements, and concepts; and to enhance the education of the targeted partners in order to improve the general understanding of the importance and value of the Historic Preservation Program and its goals.

Diong er a Dokou Site Rehabilitation Project Completed

Diong er a Dokou in Kayangel State, is a cultural site listed in the Palau National Register of Historic Places. The site was selected to be restored as FY 2016 Sites Rehabilitation and Maintenance Project from among several restoration applications through a competitive process.

The NgaraMelekial organization of Kayangel state started the work on August 24th and ended on September 15, 2018. The project entailed clearing, cleaning, and interpretation of the site.

The site rehabilitation grant is awarded annually to one state in order to enhance the protection and preservation of Palau’s registered heritage sites.



Before Photo of Diong er a Dokou After Photo of Diong er a Dokou

Archaeological Field Training and Cultural Landscape Training in Tinian, CNMI



On July 30, 2018 to August 10, 2018 Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation staff, namely Sunny O. Ngirmang, Calvin T. Emesiochel, Errolflynn T. Kloulechad, Derek T. Benjamin and McMichael Mutok traveled to Tinian of the Common Wealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to participate in a technical training for the Pacific

Island Historic Preservation Offices (HPO) in archaeological field survey and cultural landscape preservation planning and management. The training is part of an on-going collaboration between the US National Park Service and the University of Hawaii to build technical capacity and skill expertise to the Pacific Island HPO to meet the U.S. Secretary of the Interiors' Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation.



The Trainings elevates the capacity of BHP office to effectively conduct its operations to meet its mission under the PNC Title 19, Chapter 1.

APIPA 2018 HOSTED IN PALAU

The Republic of Palau Office of the Public Auditor, hosted the Association of Pacific Island Public Auditors (APIPA), for

the 5th time from August 6-10, 2018; on its 29th Annual Conference here in Koror. It is said to have had the record breaking number of 337 participants, in its history of conferences though out the Pacific. This week-long conference was very successful indeed. The theme for the year's APIPA conference is "Good Governance: Accountability, Ethics and Transparency," which reflects the objectives of the APIPA. The conference is supported by the Graduate School USA and the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs in recruiting first-class instructors to deliver both the audit and finance course tracks. Mrs. Marlene Theodore Ge participated as the representative of the Bureau of Historical and Cultural Preservation in the Administration Section.

This would be Mrs. Theodore Ge's 2nd year attending as well as participating in the APIPA Annual Conference which are significant to her role as an Administrative Assistant II. The courses that she attended were as follows, Opening Plenary Session, Lessons Learned Auditing on an Island, Opportunities and Chal-



lenges of a State Audit Office, Federal Grants Administration, How to Tune Up Your System, The Single Audit, Decoding the Process, Internal Controls and Program Management,

Keys for Successful Outcome, Measuring and Reporting Program Results, and the Closing Plenary Session, Fraud Awareness and Next Steps for Auditing and Financial Management in the Pacific.

When asked if she would like to attend the next APIPA 2019, she quoted "I have learned so much tips and techniques to apply to our financial reports to promote accountability and transparency". Mrs. Marlene Theodore Ge also met up with new friends/colleagues from the other Pacific Islands' government and other private sectors. She had fun in sharing experiences and getting advices from the other financial colleagues. She is looking forward to participate the next year 2019 APIPA conference if the Bureau assigns her to do so.

BCHP Director attends 2018 Austronesian Forum in Taipei, Taiwan



On July 30 to August 05, 2018 Director Sunny Ngirmang on behalf of the Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs along with Bilung Gloria Sallii, Rekemesik

Surangel Whipps Sr, and Nancy Wong attended the 2018 Austronesian Forum in Taipei Taiwan. The forum has a wide range of participants from the Pacific including the Marshall Islands, Guam, Hawaii, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Cook Islands, New Zealand, Tonga, Samoa, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

During the visit, the Council of Indigenous Peoples organized a visit to indigenous villages including Wulai to see the Japanese era

railroads and to Taitung and Hualien to visit traditional places and learn about traditional ways of life of the people.

The Forum focused on the discussion of the following topics including: "Inheriting and Re-creating of Indigenous Cultures", "Representing Island Perspective History", "Impartation and Development of Mother Tongues", "Policies and Mechanisms for the Negotiation and Reconciliation on Land Conflicts" and "Historical Justice and Transitional Justice". Experts and scholars of various fields are also invited to share their experience in the Forum to increase people's awareness of these issues facing the Austronesian peoples so as to strengthen the regional links and establish the platform for future agenda and actions.

Planning and preparation for the 2019 forum is eyed for in Palau.

Airai State is the Recipient of the FY'15 Site Rehabilitation Grant



Each year, the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation/Historic Preservation Office announces the availability of the Site Rehabilitation Fund

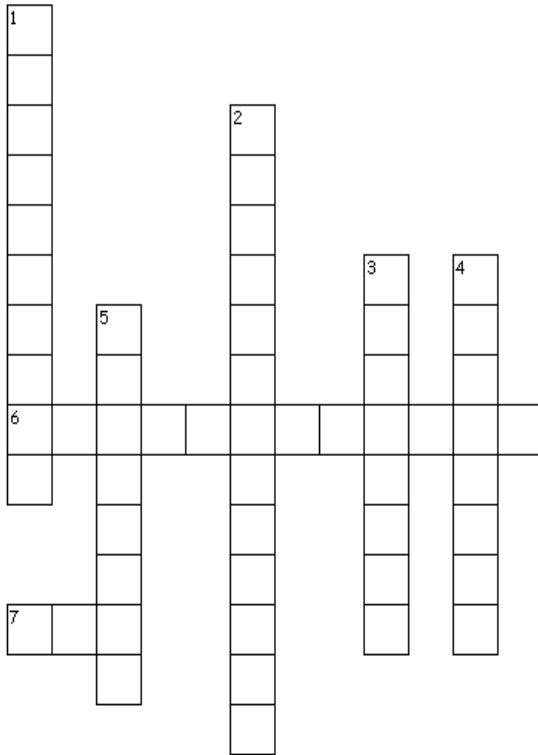
Grant provided by the US National Park Service in the amount of \$4,000.00 to all the 16 states in the Republic of Palau. Only state governments are eligible for this type of fund grant. The project will restore, develop and interpret historical and cultural sites of the state listed in the Palau Register of Historic Places.

Airai State Government was selected as the recipient of the FY'15 Site Rehabilitation Fund Grant from the U.S. National Park Service through the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation Office. The site in Airai state to be rehabilitated is *Btelulachang ra Kermerull me a Taoch er a Ngiteuai*.

Historical Board Members Meeting

On June 26 & 27, 2018, the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation Registrar, Mr. McMichael Mutok conducted a 2 day meeting with the Palau Historical and Cultural Advisory Board Members representing the sixteen states of Palau. The meeting was held to review the historical sites nomination and in addition to discuss on plans for radio talk shows, site visits, and vacant seats of board members. The five sites reviewed were: 1) Japan Radio Transmitting Station Building - Now Mechut el OEK/ Old OEK; 2) Palau Main Hospital or Palau Byouin - Now PCC Administration Building; 3) Palau Branch Bureau of the South Seas Government - Now Palau Supreme Court; 4) Japan Weather Bureau - Now Belau National Museum Research Library; and 5) Ngibtal/ Meduu Ribtal. After the Board's review and discussion, the four sites were selected and approved for inclusion in the Palau Register of Historic Places except for the old OEK building which was put on hold.

BELKUL A TEKOI



Across

- 6. delongelel a bkul ochid ma sengched el domrotecher 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
 - Klechedaol
 - Madelbai
 - Omertechelel
 - Ilasngesungel
- Mur

Historical Clearance Permitted in this Quarter

During the period of July - September 2018, the Bureau reviewed and concurred a total of sixty-nine (69) Historical Clearance. Out of the 69, sixty-four (64) were regular permits, 4 were extensions, and 1 was section 106 permit. There was zero (0) minor permit issued. 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 ensure 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.

BCHP Director Attends Leadership Training in Guam 2018

The Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation Director Ms. Sunny Ngirmang, attended the Executive Leadership Development Program, which she was fortunate enough to have been selected; with the support of MCCA Minister Baklai Temengil-Chilton and the BCHP Staff. The Executive Leadership Development Program (ELDP) was developed in response to the insular areas' growing concerns for continuity in management and technical expertise as senior leaders retire or leave government service.

REGULATION FOR HISTORICAL/CULTURAL PROPERTIES

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) 767-1126/2452 or send an email to bac_reg@palaunet.com / bac_arch@palaunet.com

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