

# Micronesia Embassy Opening Special

## Increasing exchanges boost strong ties

**JOHN FRITZ**  
AMBASSADOR OF MICRONESIA



On the occasion of the grand opening of the new Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia in Japan, I am most pleased to convey on behalf of H.E. President David W. Panuelo, the leaders and people of the FSM, my most profound and heartfelt felicitations to their majesties the emperor and the empress, as well as the emperor emeritus and empress emerita.

To them, members of the imperial family and Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, as well as the leaders and people of Japan, I extend our best wishes for continued good health, peace and prosperity in the years to come.

It is also with great pleasure that I extend greetings to all FSM citizens and our many friends in Japan and throughout the Asian region. I extend our most sincere appreciation to the many friends and supporters of the FSM in Japan for their tremendous assistance in promoting and maintaining the good and strong friendly relationship between our peoples.

As we celebrate the opening of the new embassy, let us reflect on the 35 years after the FSM formalized diplomatic ties with Japan. The Federated States of Micronesia first opened an economic liaison office in 1985, then upgraded to a full-fledged embassy in 1988. Finally, today, the FSM leaves our permanent footprint on Japanese soil with humble respect.

Japan was the first Asian country to recognize and formalize relations with the FSM. Since then, the FSM has benefitted from, and is therefore grateful for, the many forms of assistance, especially in grant aid. The FSM has also received consistent support from the private sector and nongovernmental organizations that have positively impacted

the economic and social lives of our people. These contributions and assistance are most profoundly appreciated and valued.

Additionally, our public and private sectors continue to collaboratively explore new and innovative ways to optimize the value of the FSM's unique set of resources. The FSM welcomes and prioritizes investments in the fisheries, tourism, agriculture and the new and renewable energy sectors. Value-added investments in the first three sectors are very much encouraged. We also welcome the good people of Japan to our shores for rest, recreation and relaxation, to share with us the joy of our beautiful, safe and comfortable haven.

Over the course of the past several years, we have witnessed increased exchanges, with visits by high-ranking officials and political leaders of both countries. We are also encouraged by the increasing interactions at the grassroots and people-to-people levels, including via youth and student exchange programs between our countries, and Japan's involvement in our building of human resource capacity.

The new building is not only a physical representation of the FSM's permanent footprint in Japan, but a chance to welcome a new spirit of goodwill. More interaction between both our countries is welcomed and encouraged through various projects, such as food culture exchanges and more. We strongly believe these past and ongoing interactions demonstrate that the historic partnership of the FSM and Japan continues to be vibrant and extremely beneficial.

The people and government of the Federated States of Micronesia take pride in their historic and traditional link with the people of Japan that goes back more than a century. We sincerely welcome the opportunity to strengthen and enhance the friendly relations that our people have come to enjoy over the years. It is my belief that a relationship based on mutual understanding and true friendship will be a lasting one that our people can benefit from and be proud of.



President David Panuelo EMBASSY OF MICRONESIA

## A friendly neighbor with a major role in maritime resource security

**YOSHIRO MORI**  
HONORARY CHAIRMAN, JAPAN-PACIFIC ISLANDS ASSOCIATION



I would like to offer my congratulations on the opening of the new Embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia. On this auspicious occasion, I would also like to express my deep regards for the

strong relationship Japan and the Federated States of Micronesia have cultivated over the last few decades. Furthermore, I want to acknowledge the profound relationship between our nations that was born out of the curiosity of our ancestors

and remains to this day.

Since it has become an independent nation, the Federated States of Micronesia has been an extremely important and friendly neighbor, sharing the Pacific Ocean with our country and having a long history of hosting many Japanese nationals. In recent years, Pacific island nations have been playing increasingly important roles in the region's international relations, especially concerning maritime resources and environmental preservation and security.

The new building is a great accomplishment and I look forward to more fruitful outcomes from this area. We sincerely look forward to seeing the Federated States of Micronesia developing and prospering in this respect. Our association remains committed to further enhancing our relationship.



Jeep is a tiny uninhabited island that was once ranked No. 1 in Fuji Television's program on the 100 most beautiful views in the world. EMBASSY OF MICRONESIA

## Working to build bilateral relations

**KEIJI FURUYA**  
CHAIRMAN OF THE JAPAN-MICRONESIA PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE



Congratulations on the occasion of the opening of the new embassy of the Federated States of Micronesia. Our countries have long been linked by deep ties and trust. I visited the Federated States of Micronesia as a government representative during the inauguration of President David Panuelo, who will be attending the opening ceremony for the new embassy.

During the time of former Prime Minis-

ter Yoshiro Mori, the Pacific Island Nations Summit (PALM) was established and has now been held nine times.

PALM and Micronesia play a leading role in strengthening support and cooperation with Japan and other such island countries. As president of the Japan-Micronesia Parliamentary Friendship League and the Pacific Island Nations Parliamentary League, I will do my utmost to develop friendly relations between the Federated States of Micronesia and Japan.

Let us take advantage of the opening of the new embassy to promote further strengthening of cooperation.

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Above: Declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2016, Nan Madol is the only ancient city built on a coral reef and the largest megalithic site in the Pacific region, consisting of around 100 man-made islets linked together in a lagoon. Below: Rai stones on Yap Island



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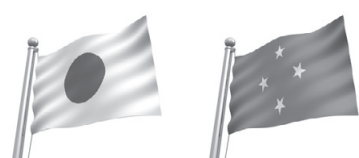


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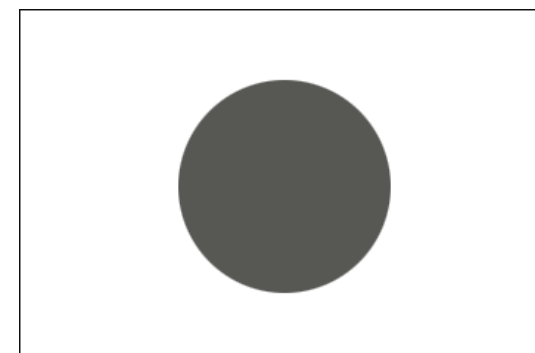
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## Congratulations to the people of the Federated States of Micronesia on the grand opening of their new embassy



## The Honorary Consulate-Generals of the Federated States of Micronesia in Japan