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Leaders from nations around the Pacific Ocean, including Prime

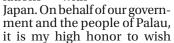
Minister Shinzo Abe, attend the Seventh Pacific Leaders Meeting (PALM 7) on May 23 in Iwaki, Fukushima Prefecture.

Palau's Rock Island Southern Lagoon is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. EMBASSY OF PALAU

Bonds of friendship and cooperation continue to grow

Francis Mariur Matsutaro AMBASSADOR OF PALAU

Today marks the 21st Anniversary of Independence for the Republic of Palau and the 21st year of Diplomatic Rewith



warm greetings to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, and to the government and people of

This year, Japan and Palau experienced a historical event that warmed and deepened our relations and that will forever hold a place in our hearts. The visit in April of Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko to Palau epitomized our diplomatic and friendly relations. I wish the Imperial Couple good health, prosperity and lasting happiness.

This year also saw the seventh Pacific Island Leaders Meeting (PALM 7) held in May in Iwaki, Fukushima Prefecture, successfully co-chaired by Japan and Palau. The bond of friendship and cooperation between Japan and the 16 Pacific island countries was once again enhanced and strengthened.

Lastly, I extend my deepest appreciation to our Honorary Consul General Kohta Fujiki and all the honorary goodwill ambassadors, the many good friends, associates, associations and businesses, supporters and sponsors for their on-going support and commitment to the Republic of Palau.

May our bond of friendship continue to flourish.



President of Palau Tommy Remengesau (second from left) and his wife host a welcome reception for Emperor Akihito and

Empress Michiko on April 8 during their visit to Palau. **EMBASSY OF PALAU**

on the 21st Anniversary of Their Independence





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National governments, people at all levels working to further elevate relationship

Nobuteru Ishihara CHAIRMAN, JAPAN-PALAU PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE

As the chairman of the Japan-Palau Parliamentary Friendship League, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations on the 21th anni-

versary of the Independence of the Republic of Palau.

Since last year, the relationship between Japan and Palau has been further deepened and strengthened through such events as the official visit to Japan by H.E. Tommy Remengesau, president of Palau, the successful holding of the 7th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM 7) in which Japan and Palau took the role of co-chairs, and the visit of Their Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko to Palau. I am delighted to witness such an impressive development of our bilateral relationship as the chairman of the Parliamentary Friendship League, and am determined to make utmost efforts to maintain this momentum for further evolution

In April, the Imperial Couple visited Palau to mourn and pay tribute to all those who lost their lives in World War II and reflect on the hardships suffered by the bereaved families. It was one of the most significant and important events in the history between our two countries, and the friendly cooperative relations that our nations have forged so far have certainly been further developed. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the warm welcome extended to Their Majesties by Remengesau, the first lady and the people of

PALM 7, which took place in Iwaki, Fukushima Prefecture, only one month after the visit of the Imperial Couple, was cochaired by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, and Remengesau, and there is no doubt that PALM7 would not have been a success without Palau's support. Having discussed various challenges and ways forward for the prosperous future of the Pacific,

the leaders have elevated the relationship between Japan and Pacific island countries to a higher level. Here again, we have realized a historically significant

event together. I had the honor to see Remengesau during his official visit to Japan last December and at the luncheon organized by the Japan-Pacific Island Countries **Parliamentary** Friendship League during PALM 7. Being convinced that high-level mutual exchanges give strong impetus to the advancement of bilateral relations, I am determined to work, together with my colleagues in the friendship league, to further promote parliamentary exchanges and peoexchanges ple-to-people between the two countries.

In this year marking the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, Japan renews its hope for peace. During World War II, fierce battles took place in Peleliu, Palau and many people lost their lives. Taking this opportunity, I would like to express our sincere appreciation for Palau's great cooperation and request its continuous support to collect the

remains of the fallen. I hope that both countries seek together peace in the world and build together a society where people live peacefully.

To conclude my message, I would like to extend my profound wish that our relationship of mutual trust will be further deepened through various exchanges and cooperation.

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