

(Anniversary special)

Palau National Day

Shared prosperity built on mutual alliance

TOMMY E. REMENGESAU JR.
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU



Birthdays, for nations as for people, should be spent with close friends. And on the 23rd birthday of the nation of the Republic of Palau, no friend feels closer than the nation of Japan. In fact, our independence as a nation and our diplomatic relationship with Japan share the same anniversary. Twenty-three years down the road, and we continue to grow closer and stronger. Palau may be a young nation, but it is also a proud one. Our uniquely beautiful natural environment has captured the imaginations

of generations, and with our creation of the world's largest marine sanctuary, we have ensured its preservation for generations to come. With our commitment to renewable energy, our dedication to marine preservation, and our policy of resource conservation, we are part of a Pacific that is leading, not following, on environmental protection. Palau is not only focusing on its environmental protection efforts, but also embraces its role among the international community, particularly with its allies to promote stability, peace, security and prosperity around the world. We will continue to stand side by side with Japan and other peace-loving countries to protect our common interests for peace and security within our Asia-Pacific region. For only 23 short years, the strides we've made and distance we have traveled are nothing short of remarkable. In our rapid

development into a modern nation and active member in the international community, there have been many struggles. But we have never been alone. And today, as we kick our economy into high gear while setting an example of environmental stewardship for countries around the world, Japan is still beside us. As we strive to develop our country with a vision to make Palau one of the unique high-end destinations attracting high-value, low-impact tourists, we will continue to seek strong partnerships with our development partners. This year, I have been proud to see the relationship between our countries deepen with the launch of exciting public-private partnerships. As Palau works to broaden its own prosperity and secure its own future, we are proud to do so side by side with some of the world's

most-respected private companies. While working with these industry leaders, we are learning important tools of the trade; some day, perhaps our own commercial expertise will be as highly respected and sought after as that of our Japanese friends. We do not forget the strong foundation that our countries built together, or the investment of money, time, and expertise the people of Japan have made in us over these years. We see public-private partnerships as an opportunity to share the prosperity our countries built together. So today we invite you, whether in Palau or in Japan, to celebrate with us the way close friends should. I know I speak for all Palauans when I say that as we look forward to the next 23 years, we hope we'll share each one with close friends from Japan.

Tourism remains important sector for growth

KOHTA FUJIKI
HONORARY CONSUL-GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU



I heartily congratulate the Republic of Palau on its 23rd Independence Anniversary.

In August, Palau signed a joint venture agreement with Sojitz Corp. and the Japan Airports Terminal Co. (JATCO) for the Palau International Airport renovation and expansion project. This public-private partnership, as noted by Vice President Raynold B. Oilouch, "is made possible because of the close and strong relationship shared between Palau and Japan. It appears to be the first public-private partnership project in the area of aviation in the Micronesian region." With JATCO's long years of experience operating Haneda Airport, acquiring know-how in airport safety, convenience

and comfort, Palau's airport will become more comfortable for all visitors. I personally look forward to the completion of this project. The tourism sector is the largest and most-important industry in Palau. With "Pristine Paradise. Palau" aiming for high-end tourism, I will support Palau to promote and establish a stable high-end tourism sector while incorporating ecotourism. Our bilateral relations are deepening year by year. As the honorary consul-general of Palau in Yokohama, I will continue to make use of my knowledge and experience in harbor transportation-related duties to assist and support matters related to promotion of trade, investment and tourism, while providing technical guidance related to harbor distribution, new port construction and improvement of the domestic transportation network to contribute to the friendship between the two nations. Thank you and I hope to help establish an everlasting relationship.

Friendly cooperation between close allies

FRANCIS MARIUR MATSUTARO
AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU



Greetings from the Embassy of Palau. Oct. 1 marks the 23rd Anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Palau and the 23rd year of diplomatic relations with Japan. On behalf of President Tommy E. Remengesau, the government and people of Palau, it is my high honor to extend our warm greetings to Their Imperial Majesties Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko, the government of Japan, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the good people of Japan. The people of Palau will forever hold dear in their hearts the thrill and privilege of welcoming and receiving Their Majesties during their historical visit to Palau in April 2015. Today on the occasion of the birth of our nation, we all join together in offering our best wishes for good health, prosperity and peace to Their Imperial Majesties. Through the 23 years of formal relations with Japan and beyond, the government of Japan has continued its usual bilateral support to our nation-building efforts. Currently a number of infrastructure improvement projects are ongoing, including airport terminal expansion, water distribution line system, patrol boat jetty extension and the building of a marine law administration facil-

ity and a maricultural demonstration facility. The Sasakawa Peace Foundation has contributed greatly to Palau's marine enforcement capability through donations of patrol boats and training of enforcement officers. A 40-meter state-of-the-art surveillance vessel is expected to be completed by December through the support of the Nippon Foundation. This September, our president was on hand to officiate the launching of the vessel in Hiroshima. These public-private partnership collaborations help to secure our waters and protect our common need for collective food security. With the coming of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, the Palau National Olympic Committee has signed a host town initiative agreement with Mayor Hideto Murakami of Zao, Miyagi Prefecture, and Mayor Shinichiro Mitsugi of Hitachiomiya, Ibaraki Prefecture, to train athletes from Palau for the Olympics. Additionally, this initiative is seen as the beginning of a great opportunity in sports diplomacy beyond 2020 for sports development not only in Palau, but also in the Pacific region. Let me take this opportunity to extend my greetings on this national day to the Honorary Consul-General of Palau to Japan Kohta Fujiki, the Chairman of the Japan-Palau Parliamentary Friendship League Nobuteru Ishihara, and Palau honorary goodwill ambassadors, business partners, colleagues and associates for your continued friendship and partnership. We invite you and all the friends of Palau and the embassy to celebrate this day with us.

Working to elevate bilateral relationship to new heights

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 23rd Anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Palau. Japan and Palau are long-standing partners bound by shared history and values, and we have always cherished our warm friendship, as well as robust cooperation in the international arena. As the international community and the Asia-Pacific regions face various challenges ranging from climate change and natural disasters to the rule of law at sea, the importance of strengthening our bilateral ties is only growing. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation for the consistent support extended by the government and people of Palau to the efforts of Japan. It is unnecessary to say that an enduring partnership between our countries is underpinned by deep mutual understanding nurtured through vibrant exchanges between the people of our two nations. In this regard, I am encouraged by the fact that the bilateral exchanges among the younger generations are making great strides thanks to various programs such as Pacific-Leads and the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for

Students and Youths. I am determined to do all I can to further promote vigorous interactions between Japan and Palau. The eighth Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting, which is scheduled for May in Iwaki, Fukushima Prefecture, is an important opportunity for both Japan and the Pacific island countries, including Palau, to create a momentum for further upgrade of the partnership. We are looking forward to welcoming our friends from Palau to Fukushima. I am ever more optimistic about the bright future of our bilateral relations, and as the chair of the Japan-Palau Parliamentary Friendship League, I will make my utmost efforts to help our partnership elevate to the next level. Sulang.



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Launching of Kedam, a new patrol vessel built with support from the Nippon Foundation EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU IN JAPAN

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We sincerely appreciate your good relationship over the last 125 years and hope for the same in the future.

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