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The Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation would like to thank the governor of Airai State, Tmewang Rengulbai, for his support and for allowing two of his staff, Ms. Remurang Rengulbai and Ms. Elsa Sugar of the Department of Cultural and Historical Preservation to assist BCHP in the field.

BCHP Attends Festival of Pacific Arts in Guam

Staff of the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation including Director Sunny Ngirmang; Deputy HPO, Calvin Emesiochel; Errolflynn Kloulechad, Historic Preservation Specialist; Tutii Benjamin, Historic Preservation Specialist; Meked Besebes, Ethnographer; and Sylvia Kloulubak, Assistant Ethnographer, as part of the Palau delegation attended the 12th Festival of Pacific Arts held in Guam from May 22 to June 3, 2016. The Palau delegation, which consisted of over 150 members, participated in various activities such as Performing Arts, Literary Arts, Storytelling, Fashion Show, Arts and Crafts display and sales, etc. The Festival of Pacific Arts started in 1972 and is held every four years to bring together people from around the Pacific region in the two weeks of festivity to enhance their respect and appreciation of one another's cultures and customs.

Historians Held Town Hall Meeting in Angaur State



The Palau Society of Historians of the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation held a town hall meeting in Angaur State May 5, 2016. The purpose of the town hall meeting is to create awareness of the historians traditional and customary practices series, specifically the Traditional Chiefs and other related Palauan customary practices. This is part of the Historians' outreach program to promote Palau's cultural practices. The town hall presents what the historians have published into a booklet series that are abstracted from *Rechuodel* with additional information provided. This is their 3rd state to visit and still have the rest of the states to cover as when scheduling is permitted.

MEHP and Annual Consultation Meeting at Phonpei

The BCHP Director/SHPO Ms. Sunny Ngirmang, and BCHP Deputy HPO Mr. Calvin Emesiochel attended the Annual Consultation meeting, which coincided with the Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation Meeting. The meetings were held in Phonpei-FSM on May 5 - 13, 2016.

The Annual Consultation Meeting is a meeting among the US National Park Service officials and regional Historic Preservation officers, recipients of the US Historic Preservation Fund Grant. The purpose of the meeting is for the Historic Preservation officers to present an overview of their current program followed by specific issue discussions. Individual meetings also take place to discuss particular program needs and plans for the upcoming fiscal year.

The purpose of the Annual Micronesian Endowment for Historic Preservation Meeting is to follow up on major issues concerning funding and other technical assistance for the Historic Preservation programs in Micronesia. The next meeting will be held in Yap in 2017.

Students in the WIOA Students Summer Program Join BCHP



For six weeks this summer, three students joined the Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation as part of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Summer Program. This program gives students at both the high school and college levels the opportunity to work in an office of their interest. It is meant to set goals and help them prepare for their careers.

Ms. Kazumi M. Chibana and Mr. Bronson B. Naruo, both Seventh Day Adventist Elementary School graduates were placed in the Administration Section, while Ms. Aaliyah H. Abraham, a Freshman at Palau High School, was placed in the Oral History/Ethnography Section. They worked with the BCHP staff for six hours a day, 30 hours a week, for a total of 180 hours in six weeks. They started working at the BCHP on June 6, 2016 and ending on July 15, 2016.

The BCHP goal was to teach the students office skills and increase their awareness of the importance of preserving, protecting, and promoting Palau's rich cultural heritage.

PH&CAB Holds Regular Meeting



On April 26, 2016, the Palau Historical and Cultural Advisory Board held its first regular meeting. Board members met to welcome new members and discuss ideas and measures to enhance and increase the awareness of historical sites while promoting and encouraging states to nominate their highly significant sites.

The Palau Historical and Cultural Advisory Board Members are: Hence Takawao, Kayangel State; Andrew Shiro Ngaraard State, Melinda Wasai, Ngilwal State; Chritina Kadoi, Melekeok State; Martha Iechad, Airai State; Emiwo Mad, Ngeremlengui State; Mers Arurang, Ngatpang State; Omcheroll Simer, Aimeliik State; Tutoud Ngiralmu, Koror

State; Tangerkoi Hesud, Peleliu State; Dirraitierir Theodosia Blailes, Angaur State; and Stalin Stanley, Hatohobe State. The vacant state seats are Ngarchelong State, Ngchesar State, Ngardmau State, and Sonsorol State.

Rehabilitation of Peleliu WWII Museum and Air Headquarter Building at Peleliu State



The Bureau of Cultural and Historical Preservation was awarded a grant from the National Park Service for the Peleliu WWII Museum Interior Design and Air Headquarters Stabilization Project, Phase II. The project began June 2nd and ended June 11, 2016. A team of experts worked with the BCHP staff and Peleliu local workers to rehabilitate the two structures. The project was necessary to protect the buildings from further damage and or destruction.

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