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Presidents hail special MPS a success

COVID-free Micronesia holds largest in-person meeting since the start of the pandemic

The special meeting of the Micronesian Presidents' Summit is hailed a success by the five presidents of the regional group.

The meeting held in the Republic of Palau from 1 to 3 October is in conjunction with Palau's 26th Independence Day celebrations, in which President Lionel Aingimea and the Presidents of Kiribati, Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia were extended an invitation to attend.

Nauru and the Marshall Islands led high level delegations to attend both events, while the Presidents of Kiribati and FSM attended virtually.

The meeting is the largest in-person meeting of Pacific leaders to be held since the global COVID-19 pandemic was declared by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in March.

All five member countries of the MPS are currently COVID-19-free, making Micronesia one of the only regions in the world which can still claim that distinction.



Presidents of the Micronesian countries at the opening of the special MPS meeting in Palau, 30Sep

President Aingimea says the in-person meeting demonstrates to the world the region's effective strategies in maintaining their COVID-free status and the respect and trust in each other's health systems.

The trip had a dual purpose: to attend Palau's independence celebrations and the convening of the special leaders meeting that was requested by President Aingimea, essentially to utilise the opportunity of having all five leaders in the same country.

President Aingimea says the outcomes are positive as the meeting strengthens the bond of the Micronesian region in coming together and underscores the progressive systems and strategies in place to keep their countries safe from COVID.

The meeting also solidifies the strong stance behind the groups' preferred candidate for the position of secretary-general of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF); a selection that is now contested by four other candidates.

As a result, the Micronesian leaders issued a strong statement where they will withdraw from the PIF if the 'gentleman's agreement' and the Pacific Way of rotating the position among the sub-regions is not honoured and Micronesia is not allowed its turn for the SG post.

The Micronesian leaders have since discussed the move of setting up a Micronesian secretariat in Nauru. This regional office will open up job opportunities as well as further solidify Micronesia as a bloc in the region and internationally.

President Aingimea assumes MPS chair

President Lionel Aingimea assumed chairmanship of the Micronesian Presidents' Summit at the close of the special MPS in Palau, 2 October, accepting the role "with a humble heart" and sincere thanks to fellow presidents for the trust to "take the helm."

"I will endeavour to undertake my role as chair of our Micronesian Presidents' Summit with the utmost diligence and continue the hard work that previous leaders have done before me."

The coming together of this special MPS meeting is a demonstration of trust amongst the Micronesia countries, further strengthening the vision of a Micronesia travel bubble.

The Micronesian group is made up of the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru and Palau.

"In this pandemic when no-one dared to cross borders and maximise opportunities as a COVID-free Micronesia – we have

made a reality the first ever Micronesia-safe zone travel bubble," the President said.

"To the world we have demonstrated the trust we have in each other's health system and the trust we have in each other."

President Aingimea thanked Palau President Tommy Remengesau for his foresight and determination of bringing the leaders together in a short time and "in the midst of a pandemic is testament to your hopes and aspiration for a united and strong Micronesia" adding the summit "underpins the solidarity of our region."

A Micronesia transport working group has been established to plan out a Micronesia safe travel bubble with the "safety and welfare of our people remain our utmost priority."

Nauru was due to host the 20th MPS this year but was postponed due to travel restrictions amidst the coronavirus pandemic. It will maintain its turn to host the 20th summit in 2021, subject to travel availability •

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President Aingimea says the group might be called Micronesia but “we are macro-nesia, we are big in nature and how we do things,” referring to their strategies around COVID-19 and the determination to protect their people while pursuing avenues to advance their region through a travel bubble and other initiatives.

On a national level, members of the delegation – Ministers and the Police Commissioner also used the opportunity to meet with counterparts from Palau and the Marshall Islands while in Palau to progress and gauge prospects of development and other opportunities for Nauru.

Some of those areas include ports, shipping, airline, postal, infrastructure development, telecommunications and foreign affairs related.

President Aingimea’s formal engagements included bi-lateral meetings with Palau President Tommy Remengesau and RMI President David Kabua on matters of mutual interest and benefit aimed at fostering prosperity and opportunities for the region as a whole.

The President says although the countries are small and remotely positioned, they are strategically placed being gateways to Asia, the US, Australia and New Zealand, noting that the countries depend on access to reliable and well-functioning transportation systems for essential food and critical services.

Nauru Airlines and Nauru Port both made presentations at the leaders’ retreat promoting the services that could be offered to the Micronesian region.

Nauru currently is the only one of the five that has aircrafts that services other countries and with the added services of the newly established Nauru Shipping Line (NSL), the opportunities are great.

At the meeting, members of the Micronesia Shipping Commission - Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), unanimously agreed to invite Nauru to become a member of the commission.

Flights and shipping within Micronesia will assist economies and provide additional and alternative product options for Micronesian consumers.

“They can now access the south; we can now access the north,” President Aingimea said while keeping the safety of Nauruans and the rest of Micronesia a top priority as plans unfold.

“Those are accessible points to build our trade, build our shipping line... that opens a world of trade, a world of opportunities.”

The President also thanks Nauru’s development partners Australia, Taiwan, Japan, the United States, New Zealand and India for their support especially towards Nauru’s response efforts for COVID-19 preparedness.

On arrival in Nauru, the Palau delegation, including President Aingimea were transported straight from the Nauru airport to five days quarantine. The group was tested and cleared of COVID-19 at the end of the quarantine period.

The Palauans are beautiful hosts and the program was a blend of formal and casual community events with the official ceremony of speeches and the singing of the national anthem. This preceded a dinner on the invitation of the Taiwan Ambassador to Palau followed by a spectacular 20-minute fireworks display •

Micronesia will disengage from PIF

The special meeting of the Micronesian Presidents’ Summit in Palau this month, 1-3 October, concluded with a strong-worded communique threatening to leave the Pacific Islands Forum if the “Pacific Way” and the “gentleman’s agreement” to appoint Micronesia’s candidate for secretary-general is not honoured stating they “would see no benefit in remaining in the PIF”.



President Aingimea and the presidents of the Marshall Islands and Palau sign the communique at the closing reception, 2 Oct

Speaking after the meeting, His Excellency President Lionel Aingimea says, “this is not an idle threat. Micronesia will not bend,” and if the Forum continues to ignore Micronesia, “then maybe Micronesian countries need to really relook at how we engage with PIFS.”

“It is not an idle or empty threat. We will disengage from the Forum. This is not just one country disengaging, and this is not one country that is being sanctioned by Forum. These are five countries voluntarily saying we will disengage from the Forum because what you’ve done is slapped us in the face,” President Aingimea said.

“It’s more than just a gentleman’s agreement, it is customary and it is culture, and if we do not follow tradition, we lose who we are as a region.”

The decades-long gentleman’s agreement of rotating the leadership meant this time it was Micronesia’s turn but others disagree, and instead an extension of the closing of nominations allowed four other candidates from Melanesia and Polynesia to be nominated.

In the 49 year history of the Pacific Islands Forum, Micronesia has only ever served once in the secretary-general position.

Micronesia’s candidate is Gerald Zackios, ambassador of the Marshall Islands to the United States, and former minister of state of the Marshall Islands.

President Aingimea stands with fellow Micronesian leaders that Mr Zackios is a suitable and qualified candidate, disparaging comments suggesting otherwise.

“He’s an ambassador. Former minister of state, foreign affairs no less, of the Marshall Islands. What kind of qualification do you need?”

“What kind of leadership do you need in that area when Micronesia is COVID-free. They say we need a leadership for the general environment now in the world?”

“The strong point of the PIFS is the unity that it gives the Pacific countries. Because divided, we will fall, united we will stand. People need to understand that a divided PIFS is sending the wrong message to the rest of the world.”

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Current SG Dame Meg Taylor has been in communications with the high commissioners and ambassadors of the respective five countries on the matter.

Nauru, as a founding member of the PIF, President Aingimea says the turn of events is disappointing.

“As a founding member of PIFS, of course it’s disappointing, [because] you expect the Pacific to be united.

“And to show that we’re even fragmented just on the secretary general-ship, what’s the message we’re sending to the world? That the Pacific countries are not unified?”

“We’re unified on climate change. We’re unified on global warming. We’re unified on nuclear disarmament, and nuclear arms coming through the Pacific. But why can’t we be unified on issues like the secretary general-ship?”

The leaders’ communiqué states: “Presidents agreed that the solidarity and integrity of the PIF is strengthened by the Gentleman’s Agreement, that this issue is one of respect and Pacific Unity, and that it is non-negotiable for Member States.”

At the leaders’ retreat, the presidents also deliberated on COVID pandemic issues including testing capacity, access to a coronavirus vaccine, expanded shipping and air services, the importance of a hybrid meeting format of the Our Ocean 2020 conference which is expected to be hosted in Palau later in the year, as well as strong and unified support for the establishment of the UN multi-country office in FSM, a SPREP sub-regional office in Majuro, and a Micronesian safe travel bubble •



Practice good hygiene, follow these steps

- * Wash you hands with soap and water
- * Don't touch your face
- * Use hand sanitiser
- * Cough and sneeze into your elbow or tissue
- * Thoroughly cook meat and eggs
- * If you have recently returned from international travel and experience flu-like symptoms including fever, call the health Hotline 191
- * Meanwhile, stay at home, self-isolate

MPS special Mekreos communique

The special meeting of the Micronesian Presidents’ Summit (MPS) in Palau this month covered issues of import with the undercurrent dispute over Micronesia taking up the secretary-general position of the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF).

The five leaders of the Micronesian countries – Nauru, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia and Palau say it is Micronesia’s turn to lead the PIF and if it’s not respected, they will withdraw from the Forum.

Micronesia’s candidate is Ambassador of the Marshall Islands to the United States, Gerald Zackios.

The leaders say “it is in line with the ‘gentleman’s agreement for sub-regional rotation.



At the MPS retreat at Emerald Lagoon, the leaders address and agree on issues of importance and mutual benefit to the region

[Photo: Palau press secretariat]

The communiqué states, “Presidents agreed that the solidarity and integrity of the PIF is strengthened by the ‘gentleman’s agreement’, that this issue is one of respect and Pacific unity, and that it is non-negotiable for member states.

“Presidents agreed that in the ‘Pacific way’, a ‘gentleman’s agreement’ is an agreement, and if this agreement is not honoured, then the presidents would see no benefit to remaining in the PIF.”

The presidents also discussed confidence in the forthcoming support of other Forum members.

COVID-19 related issues were also deliberated in regards to pandemic testing capacity and vaccine access, safe air travel and quarantine requirements, as well as discussing a quarantine-free safe travel bubble between the five member states as they remain COVID-free.

A travel bubble working group will be established to work on the details of such an initiative.

The presidents also discussed regional shipping and the possible impacts of COVID-19 on shipping rates.

Nauru also proposed to provide additional shipping and airline services to the Micronesian region through their expanding shipping and airline industries. Nauru recently established the Nauru Shipping Line to offer additional and cheaper sea service for the Nauruan people.

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Sir Hammer DeRoburt day

Sir Hammer DeRoburt Day on 25 September is the latest addition of public holidays in Nauru's national calendar, acknowledging the birthdate of one of Nauru's founding fathers and first president, Hammer DeRoburt, GCMG, OBE.

The date is commonly recognised and celebrated as national youth day commemorating the birthdate of the late president but this year the government approved to officially recognise and honour the date annually as Sir Hammer DeRoburt day.



Activities for the youth will continue to be organised each year as part of the annual celebration.

Owing to Nauru's early turbulent political years, DeRoburt was elected 11 times as president, serving his last term from January 1987 to August 1989.

Among staff that had the opportunity to serve under president DeRoburt say they were fortunate and privileged.

They describe him as a man of principle, was hardworking and had a clear vision for Nauru and his people, and regarded as a perfectionist in work, is well dressed, very dedicated and always appreciative of the work done for him by others •

It's the law:

Drive safely
Speed limit 50 km/h
Wear a helmet
Consider your fellow motorists and
pedestrians

Keep Nauru Safe

MPS special *Mekreos* communique

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The communiqué states, "The presidents agreed that it would benefit member states to expand the Nauru shipping and airline capacity in the region and expressed their collective support to work with Nauru to initiate this expansion."

The members also welcomed Nauru's interest to join the Micronesians Shipping Commission (MSC) which is only possible by invitation of the member states – Palau, RMI and FSM.

Presidents deliberated on the burdensome financing requirements they are facing due to the extreme economic downturn caused by COVID-19 and agreed to jointly work with banks, donor partners and international financing institutions to seek flexibility, understanding in regards to grants and loans, as well as debt forgiveness, recognising the unique and vulnerable status of smaller island states in Micronesia and the Pacific.

The presidents recognise that COVID-19 does not discriminate based on gross domestic product (GDP) classifications and that it has little bearing on the hardships faced by member states during COVID-19.

The sea dragon maritime surveillance program which is currently non-operational and facing difficulties with crew, vehicles and other components will be revisited before scheduled surveillance can resume.

Discussions also focused on the importance of a 'hybrid' in-person/remote format meeting of the Our Ocean 2020 conference which is expected to be hosted in Palau later in the year.

There was also strong and unified support for the establishment of the UN multi-country office in FSM, a SPREP sub-regional office in Majuro, and a Micronesian safe travel bubble.

Presidents also acknowledge and express support for ongoing efforts in the 2050 Blue Pacific Strategy, the Pacific Humanitarian Pathway to COVID-19 and to draw on regional mechanisms to address and support the principles and commitments in the Teieniwa Vision – Pacific Unity Against Corruption.

Presidents also offered their support to the RMI's proposal to seek a special rapporteur on climate change in the human rights council.

The presidents commended Palau's efforts for creating the world's first nuclear-free constitution, banning the use, storage and disposal of nuclear weaponry in Palau; and reaffirmed support for the PIFs' 50th communiqué that acknowledges the importance of addressing the long-standing issues of the nuclear testing legacy in the Pacific and the formation of the regional CROP agency taskforce on the issue, and calls on the United States to acknowledge the full-scale of damages left behind in the RMI.

Presidents also called for "responsible nations to continue to remove unexploded ordinances which continue to plague Pacific and other communities throughout the world."

Nauru will host the 20th MPS meeting in 2021, subject to travel capability •

AHC donate constitution documents

The Australian High Commissioner to Nauru Angela Tierney, presented His Excellency President Lionel Aingimea with rare documents obtained from the Australian National Archives documenting the drafting of Nauru's Constitution including the process of Nauru's independence dating back to 1967. The presentation was made on 3 September.

President Aingimea expressed deep appreciation to HC Tierney and to the Australian government for providing the valuable documents on Nauru's history.

High Commissioner Tierney explains these documents are a Constitution Day gift to Nauru and its people however, their delayed arrival was due to resource constraints at the Archives caused by COVID-19 measures.

The documents join previously presented documents as part of Nauru's 50th anniversary of Independence in January 2018 on the chapter of the history when Nauruans were exiled to Chuuk (then Truk) during the Japanese occupation of World War II •



Australian high commissioner Angela Tierney presents reports and documents detailing the journey of drafting Nauru's constitution

NPF is department of the year

The twenty-six government departments celebrated public service day this year at a new venue and a twist to the usual novelty events being replaced by a Tik Tok challenge.

This is the first public service day under the administration of President Lionel Aingimea and some innovative changes were added to further promote the departments and career pathways for school leavers, as well as changes in the criteria for department of the year and employee of the year awards.

The two-day event, 23-24 September commenced with the department display booths, followed by synchronised marching and the Tik Tok challenge at the sports complex.

Prizes were awarded to winners, department of Commerce, Industry and Environment, presidency and ministerial, and Nauru Police (NPF), respectively.

Twenty one departments and groups took part in the march past in front of the government offices on day two.

At the president's dinner function on day two, President Aingimea congratulated the public service employees for a successful and enjoyable two days but importantly the significance of public service day and the employees that serve the Republic and people of Nauru.

The NPF seized the prized department of the year award and best annual report unseating the department of justice and border control who had won the title five times over the years.

The employee of the year award is an exception this year as three winners, instead of the traditional sole recipient, are recognised for their outstanding work performance and contribution to the public service.

Kiara Cain from the presidency and ministerial department, NPF's Czarist Daniel, and health's Mariancy Diema, all received the best employee of the year award.

The grand prize for this category is a fully-funded government scholarship to study at the University of the South Pacific.



Nauru police force claims the best department of the year award and best annual report

All three winners will receive the scholarship grant; however equally shared the \$1000 cash prize. In this regard Ambassador for the Republic of China (Taiwan) to Nauru Dean Wang offered \$500 cash to each winning employee.

The cleanliness category was awarded to the department of health, and the tug-of-war taken out by NPF.

Many thanks also go to Digicel and Nauru Post for their financial donations that went towards the prizes

Two long-serving public servants were recognised for their services to the republic. Joy Heine who is the director for women's affairs was awarded the female category for having worked for the administration well before independence in 1968. Surveyor Julian Capelle took the male category for his nearly half century years of service.

UN Public Service Day was adopted by the General Assembly in December 2020. It celebrates the value and virtue of public service to the community; highlights the contribution of public service in the development process; recognizes the work of public servants, and encourages young people to pursue careers in the public sector •

NZ presents credentials

His Excellency President Lionel Aingimea virtually received the credentials of the High Commissioner of New Zealand to Nauru, Richard Frederick Griffith, 16 September.

“The history between Nauru and New Zealand are rich and deep in the relationship that we have shared,” President Aingimea said.

The President highlighted that while New Zealand itself is battling the COVID-19 pandemic, it continues to assist in progressing Nauru’s future through education, fisheries, and shared interests at the regional level, as well as efforts to prevent COVID-19 reaching Nauru.

“This depicts the true meaning of regionalism and what it means to be a Pacific Islander.

“I also acknowledge the commitment of New Zealand towards the Nauru Intergenerational Trust Fund, a fund that is important for the future generations of Nauru. This is a meaningful and durable partnership at its core,” President Aingimea said.



NZs presentation of credentials for high commissioner Richard Griffiths is the first since the start of the COVID pandemic

This is the first presentation of credentials to be received by Nauru’s president since the outbreak of COVID-19 and the first to be done by virtual applications.

High Commissioner Griffiths acknowledged the difficulties created by COVID-19 but says, “has not undermined the strong foundation of partnership and connection that has existed between Nauru and New Zealand for generations.”

He also acknowledged the help Nauruans are providing in sustaining New Zealand’s economy through their employment in the Recognised Seasonal Employer scheme which supports the horticulture industry.

“NZ is proud to partner with Nauru in a number of important sectors which are dear to the hearts of New Zealanders.”

High Commissioner Griffiths also commended President Aingimea on the strong focus for the wellbeing of Nauruans amid COVID-19, and for his leadership on issues relating to the University of the South Pacific (USP) and the “drive to deliver better educational outcomes for our region.”

President Aingimea accepted Mr Griffith’s nomination to serve as high commissioner to Nauru in March 2020, after Nicola Simmons •

President receives UK credentials

The High Commissioner of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Nauru, Brian James Jones, virtually presented his credentials to His Excellency President Lionel Aingimea, 16 September.

President Aingimea congratulated Mr Jones on his appointment and looks forward to working together for the betterment of Nauru and the UK.

The President said while Nauru remains free of coronavirus, the UK and its people “remain in our prayers and we hope that through our collective efforts a cure for this virus will soon be on the market.”

His Excellency adds that he was heartened to hear of the assistance that the UK will offer Nauru in regards to vaccination, “and for that, thank you.”

“Climate change as you [HC Jones] have mentioned remains the single biggest threat to our development aspirations and our efforts in meeting our obligations under the Parties to the Paris Agreement must remain firm.



UKs high commissioner Brian Jones presented his credentials on 16Sep

“We look forward to engaging with you on this front as we welcome any support that will complement our climate change initiatives in-country.”

Mr Jones highlighted the importance of maintaining dialogue and not let distance and COVID-19 be a hindrance to furthering progress, share views and support for each other.

“In supporting the production of a vaccine to protect against coronavirus and leading the international efforts to transmit and support small island states in acquiring that vaccine, the United Kingdom will keep Nauru at the very top of our minds as we drive forward in our efforts in the international community,” High Commissioner Jones said.

As hosts of the climate conference (COP26) in 2021, the High Commissioner says the UK “will make sure that Nauru’s voice is heard and will support your resilience and protection against climate change and the rising sea levels.”

Mr Jones’ nomination as high commissioner to Nauru was accepted in March 2020 •

NORI presents polymetallic nodule

Nauru Ocean Resources Inc., (NORI) country manager-designate Peter Jacob, presented President Lionel Aingimea a polymetallic nodule on behalf of the company, 18 September.

The nodules, containing rich concentrations of four metals required for electric vehicle (EV) batteries in a single ore, are extracted from the deep ocean floor at depths of four to six kilometres, from an area of sea called the Clarion Clipperton Zone (CCZ), in the north-east Pacific.

Mr Jacob says Nauru has a “claim to mining the mineral in this zone which litter the ocean floor.”

In the next few years, NORI- a partnership of the Nauru government and mining company DeepGreen will be harvesting these nodules, which Mr Jacobs says “will bring tremendous benefits to Nauru.”



The benefits include sources to clean energy, community development, training, contribute to clean water production and sanitation, and land restoration, to name a few. The benefits also extend to other developing countries in general.

Ambassador to the International Seabed Authority (ISA) Margo Debye says the ISA who controls and manages mineral-resources-related activities in the area and beyond national jurisdictions is developing a mining code to manage the resource.

Ms Debye says the mineral “is envisioned to provide renewable resources, metals for the future in a more climate-friendly world.”

These rock-like polymetallic nodules contain essential battery metals such as cobalt, nickel, copper and manganese, and according to DeepGreen, are made of almost 100 per cent useable minerals compared to ores mined from the land which have increasingly low yields, often below one per cent; whereas nodule collection has 99 per cent less solid waste compared to land-based mining, and generates no toxic tailings.

The materials harnessed from these nodules can build over 250 million electric vehicle batteries and essential to the global green energy transition away from fossil fuel dependence.

A new study by DeepGreen finds making electric vehicle batteries from deep-sea rocks can dramatically reduce climate change impacts compared to land-based ores.

DeepGreen’s purpose is to source the metals needed for a sustainable future - with less environmental and social impact.

Polymetallic nodules, also called manganese nodules, sit on top of the seabed can be collected without drilling or having to move rocks or dirt.

The ISA is mandated to ensure the effective protection of the marine environment from harmful effects that may arise from deep-seabed related activities •

TVET, USP conclude school visits

President Lionel Aingimea added two tertiary institutions to the list of school visits wrapping up the program in what is the first all-round school visit by Nauru’s head of state.

At the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) centre and the University of the South Pacific (USP) Nauru campus, the President was impressed by the standard of work and craftsmanship of the students evident in the furniture and woodwork products on display.

Like other school visits, after listening to the challenges and problems of the centre, mainly budget issues, shared by director Floria Detabene and the trainers, President Aingimea was encouraged to upgrade the standards of the facility and resources so that students’ skills reach the standards they want to achieve. Moreover, the president recognises the underlying fact that skilled students will be a great benefit to Nauru.

Some of the trainers at TVET work on a casual basis from their normal work and has proven very beneficial to the centre and student’s technical and vocational training and upskilling.

President Aingimea was accompanied by Deputy Minister for Education Richard-Hyde Menke and RONPhos Minister Reagan Aliklik.



President Aingimea receives some advice on mechanical engineering at the TVET centre

Later that afternoon, the delegation was welcomed to the USP by centre director Alamanda Lauti and members of the student body.

On the guided tour, the delegation took an interest in old poster-sized photographs of Nauru and Nauruans around the community library.

The visit is a special one as President Aingimea is also the new chancellor of the regional institution and an alumni.

Following the tour, staff, students and alumni welcomed the delegation to the larger lecture room where the President delivered his address and took questions from the very shy audience.

The recent leadership unrest at the USP main campus in Fiji prompted some concerned questions from students as to the possible resolutions and end to what has been dubbed ‘the saga’; as well as some tips for new and returning students.

President Aingimea reassured staff and students that during his chancellorship, and with the assistance of like-minded leaders and professionals around the region, they are doing as much as possible to correct the wrong that has been done to the university •

Cadet training pass out parade

As Minister for the Nauru Police Force, President Lionel Aingimea witnessed the first police cadet training pass out parade, led by commander Romika Ika, 18 September.

Fifty cadets and four commanders from Nauru Secondary School successfully completed the seven week training that is a joint initiative of the Department of Education and the NPF, and carried out under the professional guidance and command of police inspector Sakiusa Tikotani and his team of police officers.

President Aingimea inspected the parade before delivering his address expressing pride and words of encouragement and discipline.

“It is very important that discipline and learning discipline is something that you carry with you. For without discipline many things cannot be achieved. It is through discipline that you learn to do your studies... listen to your parents... and to the good commands from those who are superior above you,” President Aingimea said.

The program was endorsed and introduced into the school on 3 August 2020 as an extra-curricular activity.



President Aingimea inspects the NPF cadet parade

“This program is designed to help develop and instil in the cadets discipline, respect, teamwork and a basic knowledge and appreciation of the law and a head start to a police career,” NSS principal Monalisa Bagadouwe said.

President Aingimea echoed the importance of discipline and knowing the law adding that each cadet “deserves all the accolades that come with completing this course.”

Each cadet receives a cadet certificate for successfully completing the program •

Snapshots of Palau



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