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“I call on all leaders to work together on today’s issues for a better tomorrow.”

Kessai H. Note

RMI LEADERS IN MAJURO



President Note addressing the opening of the Leadership Conference in Majuro...August 3, 2005

National Government. “The Marshall Islands cannot move forward on its issues without you,” said President Note. “Your are the pillars, you are the foundation to our efforts in ensuring a better and brighter future for our peoples.”

President Note also added that the Conference was an opportune time for Mayors to sit with Cabinet Members and to seek solutions to the ongoing social concerns. “From here,” said President Note, “let us move forward together, to continue to work for a better tomorrow.” Note thanked the Mayors for their invitation to participate.

RMI President Kessai H. Note opened the 5th Marshall Islands Leaders Conference on Wednesday calling for all leaders to tackle “today’s issues for a better tomorrow.”

the Government needed, and always looks forward to, was for the local Mayors to bring their ideas and issues to the

The Marshall Islands Mayors’ Association (MIMA) opened its meeting on Monday with the “Leadership Conference” starting on Wednesday. The Conference brought together members of the Cabinet to discuss national and local issues with the Mayors.

In his opening statement, the President noted that that



Members of Marshall Islands Mayors Association in Majuro for the annual Leadership Conference...August 3, 2005

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Presidents Meet in Palau



President Note signs Communiqué (from l-r) Presidents Urusemal (FSM), Remengesau (Palau) and President Note while Foreign Ministry Officials looks on...July 2005

Marshall Islands President Kessai H. Note returned to Majuro last week after attending the Fifth Micronesian Presidents' Summit in Palau.

Presidents Note, along with Federates States of Micronesia Joseph Urusemal and Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. of Palau met for the two day Summit.

The Presidents discussed a wide range of issues and reported on progresses since last year's meeting in Yap State (FSM). In the agenda, the Presidents will discussed:

- College of Micronesia Treaty Extension
- Prior Service Trust Fund
- Marine Boundaries
- Trans-Pacific Fiber Optic Cable
- Extradition Treaties or Laws
- Regional Crime Lab
- Quarantine Standardization
- Marine Surveillance and the recent Operation Big Eye report
- FAA re-authorization to continue eligibility for Airport Improvement Program (AIP)
- ICAO Mandate on Airport Screening
- Border Management and Anti-Terrorism Security Issues
- Public Safety Training (update)
- Outcome of the Micronesian Shipping Commission
- Western Micronesian Chief Executive's Summit (reported by Palau)
- U.S. Network Television Programming (Palau)

- FSM & RMI Compact status report
- University of South Pacific (RMI)
- U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting (Palau)
- International Coral Initiative Meeting in Palau

President Note again asked the support of the two nations on the RMI's Changed Circumstances Petition request to the U.S. Congress seeking final resolution in regards to the U.S. Nuclear testing in the RMI.

As in the past, each Country hosted the Summit on a yearly rotation. The Three leaders agreed that the RMI will be the host of the Sixth Presidents' Summit. Following the approval of next year's venue, President Note formally invited the Presidents of FSM and Palau as "honored guests" to the RMI next year.

Officials will meet six months prior to the Summit and will again meet three to four weeks leading up to the Presidents' meeting.

(Note: Contact the Office for a copy of the Communiqué)

Ministers of R&D and Education with Top UNESCO DG



Ministers of Kendall and Silk with UNESCO's Director General...August 3, 2005

Ministers Wilfred I Kendall (Education) and Minister John M. Silk (Resources and Development) met earlier during the week with UNESCO's Director General in Majuro.

The Ministers discussed with the Director General ways in which the RMI can

benefit from UNESCO's programs, mainly on Education.

During his courtesy call on the President, the Director General informed the President that the RMI can receive technical and expert assistance, not only in Education, but through science, communications and cultural preservation programs.

UNESCO will now work with the RMI on its requests.

RMI REPRESENTED IN PALAU



Marshall Islands Team in Palau during the Opening of the Mini South Pacific games...July 24, 2005

not, will bring honor to your country and your peoples.”

The President also reiterated his support to the establishment of sporting facilities and international representation,

stating that he will continue to work with the RMI National Olympic Committee to ensure that opportunities are provided to local athletes.

Also during the dinner reception, through the RMINOC’s President Kenneth Kramer, high level members of the various international sporting committees were present, which included Rick Blas, Vice President of the Oceania National Olympic Committee and President of the Guam Olympic Committee; Dr. Robin Mitchell who is

the Secretary General of the Oceania National Olympic Committee and Vidhya Lakhan, President of the South Pacific Games Council.

“The Meeting we had with these people was very important for our quest to become an International Olympic Committee member,” said RMINOC President Kenneth Kramer. “President Note’s request to these individuals to get us in the Olympic movement and his words of support for the Marshall Islands National Olympic Committee, reaffirmed that the Marshall’s Government supports sports development in the Marshalls.”

A few months ago, with a request from the RMINOC, the Cabinet approved funding to send the RMI team to Palau. “It was important that we be present in Palau,” said President Note. “We look forward to the opportunity when our country is recognized during the IOC games.”

Kramer also added that President Note’s comments resulted in Dr. Robin Mitchell’s and Rick Blas’s support of the Marshalls becoming a member of IOC. “They basically said that they will push to get us our membership,” said Kramer

The Marshall Islands National Teams will return to Majuro on Saturday after successfully participating in the Mini South Pacific Games in Palau.

In Palau, after attending the opening ceremony, RMI President Kessai H. Note and First Lady Mary N. Note hosted a dinner reception for the athletes. “Today you are our ambassadors,” said President Note. “Your participation and your drive, whether you bring home medals or

First Lady’s Reading Program



First Lady Note’s “Learn To Read By Reading Out Loud” reading program takes place throughout the week in Majuro...July 2005

First Lady Mary N. Note, throughout the week, has held numerous sessions of her “Learn To Read By Reading Out Loud” program in Majuro. Last week outside the First Lady’s home, over 40 children gathered while Note and several volunteers read to them.

“We will be bringing children together to read,” said the First Lady. “We are hoping to have children and parents in the program throughout the summer session.”

The First Lady noted that book contributions from The Trust Company of the Marshall Islands and the Occidental College has made the program a success.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sat. Aug. 6: MSPG Athletes return to Majuro
- Mon. Aug 8: 2005 2nd Session of Nitijela Opens
- Aug. 9 & 10: Nitijela Recess (Members Consultative Forum on Accountability & Transparency Meeting—PIF)
- Thu. Aug. 11: Cabinet Meeting
- September 14-16 High Level Summit (N.Y.)
- Thu. Sept 15: President to address Summit during the afternoon session
- September 17-28: UNGA General Debate
- October 3-5: Forum Official Committee meeting in Suva
- October 25: Small Island States Meeting in Papua New Guinea
- October 26-27: Forum Leaders meeting in Papua New Guinea
- October 28-29: Post Forum Dialogue (officials) in PNG

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