

Ambassador Kagomiya attends Madolenihmw Women's Day

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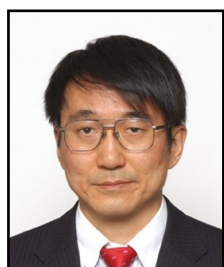
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Madolenihmw—On June 23, 2024, Ambassador Kagomiya attended the ceremony for Women's Charter Day of Madolenihmw (Pwihn en Minimin en Lien Madolenihmw). This day has been dedicated to all women of Madolenihmw. People are expected to reflect the accomplishments and challenges for advancement for the benefit of all the females and their families in Madolenihmw.



Opinion Editorial

10th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM10)



Japan is going to host the 10th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting in Tokyo, Japan, from July 16th to 18th, 2024. The meeting has been known as "PALM."

In retrospect, Japan launched the first PALM in 1997 to enhance mutual understanding between Japan and the Pacific island countries and regions (PICs) and to tackle various problems facing the PICs on the belief that Japan and PICs are important, longstanding partners, sharing the Pacific Ocean and addressing common challenges. In order to further enhance this partnership with PICs, Japan has continued hosting the summit-level meeting every three years since 1997. I think that PALM10 will be a milestone to review the history of cooperation between Japan and PICs, confirm "KIZUNA (Bond)" that Japan and PICs have long forged, and herald the advent of partnership between Japan and PICs to respond to bilateral, regional and global issues in line with the 2050 Strategy for Blue Pacific Continent announced by PIF leaders in 2022.

In February, the Ministerial-level meeting was held in Suva, Fiji in

preparation for PALM10 where participants reviewed the results of PALM9 in 2021 and exchanged views on the agenda to be discussed at PALM10 this year, in particular on the priorities deemed as important and urgent in line with the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent. H.E. Ms. KAMIKAWA Yoko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan highlighted Japan's cooperation having been implemented since PALM9 in the area of (1) COVID-19 Response and Recovery, (2) Sustainable Oceans Based on the Rule of Law, (3) Climate Change and Disaster Resilience, (4) Strengthening Foundation for Sustainable and Resilient Economic Development and (5) People to People Exchange and Human Resource Development.

President Simina has committed himself of attending PALM 10 and contributing to the success of this important engagement between Japan and PICs. At PALM10, the Leaders of Japan and PICs will make a fruitful discussion on the future cooperation between Japan and PICs with the priorities articulated in the 2050 Strategy kept in a big picture such as climate change and disaster, ocean and environment, resources and economic development, technology and connectivity, people-centered development and so on. I am

expecting to see with pleasure the discussion among and final commitments by the Leaders at the forthcoming PALM.

I am all convinced that the participation of Mr. President in PALM 10 will be conducive to a lot of great achievements to be made at PALM10 and also demonstrate "KIZUNA" between Japan and the FSM which helps further strengthen the bilateral relationship between the two countries. As you know, Japan has stridden together with the FSM in building social and economic infrastructure as well as improving the living condition of the people in the spirit of cooperation fostered through the PALM process. In this sense, as Japanese Ambassador to the FSM, I am looking forward to seeing how the FSM will benefit from PALM10 and where Japan and the FSM will stride forward together in the future. Last but not least, taking this opportunity, I would like to reiterate my commitment to work closely with Mr. President and his Government to help deliver resilient and sustainable development to the people of the FSM in ways commensurate with a reliable development partner bound by "KIZUNA" of this wonderful country.

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