

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE NO. 01-99

To Establish the 2000 Olympic Torch Relay National Planning Task Force

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau has gained its provisional status member on December 12, 1998, with the International Olympic Committee (IOC), to foster the continuation development of sports and for Palauans to participate in any Olympic Games;

WHEREAS, the Sydney 2000 Olympic Torch Relay will spend 16 days travelling through Oceania on it way to the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games;

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau gained its provisional membership status and expected to receive full NOC status during the 108th Session of the IOC between 16 - 20 June 1999;

WHEREAS, the Sydney Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games (SOGOC) will undertake to progress planning for the Torch Relay in Palau under the following conditions:

- a. full NOC status is granted by the IOC at the 108th Session of the IOC in June 1999;
- b. the Government of Australia agrees to underwrite all associated costs of the visit to Palau; and
- c. both the NOC and National Government agree to meet the costs of support services already agreed by other participating countries in Oceania;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic Of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the Republic, it is hereby directed that:

1. A 2000 Olympic Torch Relay National Planning Task Force is established to ensure that the Republic of Palau receive the support and assistance to participate in the 2000 Olympic Torch Relay throughout the Oceania. The members are composed of the following individuals with officers elected at the initial organizing meeting:

- (1) Bernie Keldermans, Ministry of Education
- (2) Faustina K. Rehuher, Ministry of Community & Cultural Affairs
- (3) Mitsungi Solang, Director, Bureau of Community Affairs
- (4) Baklai Temengil, Secretary General, Palau National Olympic Committee
- (5) Laura Mangham, Secretary, Palau National Olympic Committee
- (6) Kaleb Koshiba, Airport Manager, Republic of Palau
- (7) Representative, Bureau of Foreign Affairs
- (8) Representative, Division of Customs
- (9) Representative, Division of Immigration
- (10) Representative, Senate
- (11) Representative, House of Delegates
- (12) Representative, Ministry of Justice
- (13) Representative, Ministry of Resources & Development

- (14) Representative, Division of Transportation
- (15) Representative, Division of Lands & Survey
- (16) Lazarus Ulengchong, Koror State Government
- (17) Representative, Palau Governors Association
- (18) Representative, Ministry of Health
- (19) Representative, Palau Visitors Authority
- (20) Representative, Palau National Youth Congress

2. A 2000 Olympic Torch Relay Planning Task Force Advisory Group is established to coordinate inputs in support of the National Planning Task Force workprograms from amongst the key collaborating agencies. The members are composed of the following individuals:

- (1) Alex Merep, Minister of Community & Cultural Affairs/President, Palau National Olympic Committee
- (2) Ramon Rechebei, Chief, International Affairs, Bureau of Foreign Affairs
- (3) Leilani Ngirturong, Executive Director, Palau Chamber of Commerce
- (4) Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., Chairman, Palau Sports Commission
- (5) Representative, Council of Chiefs
- (6) President, Senate, 5th OEK
- (7) Speaker, House of Delegates, 5thOEK

3. The 2000 Olympic Torch Relay National Planning Task Force Committee's Initial Chairperson, is Bernie Keldermans; and the first initial meeting of the Committee is hereby set for Tuesday, February 2, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. at the Office of the Vice President Conference Room.

4. The 2000 Olympic Torch Relay National Planning Task Force shall plan and coordinate with the Palau National Olympic Committee, the national Government and the SOCOG Torch Relay Division to collaborate efforts to ensure the Republic's participation and celebration of the 2000 Olympic Torch Relay in the Oceania.

5. The 2000 Olympic Torch Relay project is administered by the Palau National Olympic Committee with a yearly report to the President of the Republic, PNOC and the Advisory Group.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunder set my hand and affixed my official seal this
29th day of January, 1999 in Koror State, Republic of Palau.

/s/
Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau