

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 141

Establishing Palau Embassy in Japan, Palau Embassy in Washington and associated Consulates

WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau became an independent nation in Free Association with the United States on October 1, 1994; and

WHEREAS, the “Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau Concerning Relations under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations” entered into force on March 2, 1995 and the United States established an Embassy in Palau on that date; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent to organize the Executive Branch of the Government of the Republic in such a fashion so as to protect the public interest and well-being; to ensure delivery of governmental services to the general public; to protect the interests of all Palauans wherever they reside; to ensure economic self-sufficiency and political stability; to focus national efforts and to utilize national resources towards building of a new nation; and to establish appropriate relations with other nations and to ensure that the opportunities created thereby are maximized; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 2 PNC Section 110, the President is empowered to establish offices and agencies within the Executive Branch of the Government of the Republic of Palau and to prescribe duties, responsibilities and functions thereto to assist the President by executive order. and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the President of the Republic of Palau, Palau Embassies to Japan and to the United States of America shall be and are hereby established in Tokyo and Washington as well as associated Consulates as follows:

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF PALAU EMBASSY IN JAPAN

There shall be an office to be known as the “Palau Embassy” to Japan to be located in Tokyo, Japan, which shall be headed by an Ambassador.

Powers, Duties and Responsibilities

1. The head of the Palau Embassy shall maintain the office headquarters in Tokyo, Japan, and shall have the power to employ professional, technical, secretarial and clerical assistants as deemed necessary and appropriate in the fulfillment of his duties and responsibilities, subject to budget allotment of his office.
2. The Office shall represent the people and the Government of the Republic of Palau on a full-time basis before the Government of Japan and other organizations, both private or public, on matters pertaining to the Republic of

Palau actively and fully advocating all programs and policies of the Government of the Republic of Palau.

3. The head of the Embassy shall be responsible to the President through the Minister of State and shall submit monthly reports of his activities to the Office of the President but shall not bind or commit the Government of the Republic of Palau unless specifically authorized to do so.
4. The Embassy shall provide staff support and administrative assistance to officials of the Government of the Republic of Palau who may be in Japan on official business.
5. The Embassy shall also provide assistance to the Palauan citizens and Palauan students in or traveling through Japan.

II. ESTABLISHMENT OF PALAU EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

There shall be an office to be known as the “Palau Embassy” to the United States of America to be located in Washington, District of Columbia, United States of America, which shall be headed by an Ambassador.

Powers, Duties and Responsibilities

1. The head of the Palau Embassy shall maintain the office headquarters in Washington, D.C., and shall have the power to employ professional, technical, secretarial and clerical assistants as deemed necessary and appropriate in the fulfillment of his duties and responsibilities, subject to budget allotment of his office.
2. The Office shall represent the people and the Government of the Republic of Palau on a full-time basis before the Congress of the United States and before the various departments and agencies of the Federal Government of the United States and other organizations, both private or public, on matters pertaining to the Republic of Palau actively and fully advocating all programs and policies of the Government of the Republic of Palau.
3. The head of the Embassy shall be responsible to the President through the Minister of State and shall submit monthly reports of his activities to the Office of the President but shall not bind or commit the Government of the Republic of Palau unless specifically authorized to do so.
4. The Embassy shall provide staff support and administrative assistance to officials of the Government of the Republic of Palau who may be in Washington, D.C. on official business.

5. The Embassy shall also provide assistance to the Palauan citizens and Palauan students on or traveling through Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii or the U.S. Mainland.

III. CONSULAR OFFICES

The “Palau/Guam Liaison Office” and the “Medical Referral Coordinator’s Office” are hereby re-designated as the “Palau Consulate” in Guam and the “Palau Consulate” in Hawaii. A “Palau Consulate” in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is hereby established. All Consulates shall be under the direct supervision of the head of the Palau Embassy in Washington, D.C. and shall be responsible to the President through the Minister of State. The Consulates shall have the following responsibilities:

Powers, Duties and Responsibilities

1. Subject to budgetary allotment of this office, the Consulate offices shall have the authority to employ professional technical, secretarial and clerical assistance as may be deemed necessary for carrying out the duties and responsibilities of the offices.
2. The Consulate offices shall submit monthly reports of the activities of the offices to the head of the Palau Embassy in Washington, D.C. and to the President through the Minister of State and shall additionally render annual activities report to the President of the Republic in March each year.
3. The Consulate offices shall provide staff, administrative and logistical assistance to officials of the Government of the Republic of Palau who may be in or traveling through Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii or the U.S. mainland on official business.
4. The Consulate offices shall also be responsible for making necessary arrangements for medical referral patients bound for Guam or Hawaii and beyond including expediting medical appointments, logistics and airline reservations. In addition, they shall provide assistance for acquisition of supplies, equipment and materials that may be locally available at the request of the Government of the Republic.
5. The Consulate offices shall also provide assistance to the Palauan citizens and Palauan students on or traveling through Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii or the U.S. Mainland.

IV. ANNUAL BUDGET ALLOTMENT

The annual budget allotment for the operations and contingent expenses of the Palau Embassies shall be such an amount provided and appropriated as part of and within the

Annual Unified Budget Act as may be enacted by the Olbiil Era Kelulau for each fiscal year.

V. **ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORT**

In addition to reports required for under Part 11, paragraph 4, of this Order, the Ambassador of each Palau Embassy shall submit to the President of the Republic of Palau a financial statement at the beginning of the second quarter of each fiscal year which shall:

1. Provide for the full disclosure of all expenditures and obligations incurred by the office and which indicates the financial status of the budget allocation; and
2. Present the fiscal support requirements and narrative justifications for the budget allotment request for the ensuing fiscal year.

VI. **REPEAL OF PREVIOUS EXECUTIVE ORDERS**

Executive Orders 6, 12 and 40 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my Official Seal this 25th day of May, 1995 in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President
Republic of Palau