

## EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 225

*To Establish a National Organizing Committee for Expo 2005 in Aichi Prefecture, Japan*

**WHEREAS**, economic and trade promotion programs are essential elements of the overall national development and foreign policy for the Government of the Republic of Palau; and

**WHEREAS**, cultural exchanges are also an integral part of the foreign policy of the Government of the Republic of Palau for promotion of friendly relations with foreign countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Exposition (World Expo) for 2005 will be held in Aichi Prefecture, Japan from March 25, 2005 to September 25, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme of the Expo is the “Earth’s Wisdom”, a subject that is very relevant to Palau because of the role of the natural environment in our economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Japanese Organizing Committee for the Expo 2005 has decided that there will be a special day designated by each participating country as a day to celebrate its National Day; and

**WHEREAS**, July 8, 2005 has been officially designated as a special day for Palau to celebrate its National Day (Constitution Day); and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that Palau’s participation in the Expo 2005 in Aichi Prefecture in Japan will best serve the long-term interest of Palau in promoting its manufactured products, cultural arts, handicrafts as well as its other intangible assets and tourism-related promotional activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the planning and coordination of Palau’s participation in the Expo will require the attention and effort of the key agencies of the Government and private sectors in the overall planning and coordination of Palau's participation; and

**WHEREAS**, an executive Committee will effectively provide the forum for planning and coordinating Palau’s participation in the Expo,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Republic of Palau, pursuant to the Constitution and applicable laws of the Republic, it is hereby ordered that a National Organizing Committee for Expo 2005 in Aichi Prefecture, Japan be created to formulate plans necessary for effective participation of Palau and coordinate activities with the Japanese Organizing Committee of Expo 2005, as follows:

1. **Duties and Functions.** The National Organizing Committee for Expo 2005 shall have the following duties and functions:
  - a. To act as the central body to hold discussion and develop plans and strategies for effective participation of the Republic of Palau in the Expo;
  - b. To develop plans for the celebration of the Palau National Day (Constitution Day) on July 8, 2005 at the Expo;
  - c. To coordinate effort among government agencies, associations, nongovernment organizations (NGOs), private sectors and individuals that have interests in exhibiting manufactured products, art works, handicrafts, etc. during the Expo;

- d. To ensure that Palau's participation in the Expo fulfills all the procedures and requirement set by the Japanese Organizing Committee for Expo 2005.
2. **Membership.** The National Committee for Expo 2005 shall be composed of the following members.
  - Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs (Chair)
  - Director, Bureau of International Trade & Technical Assistance
  - Representative, Team Palau to 9th Pacific Arts Festival
  - Executive Director, Palau Visitors Authority
  - Director, Palau National Museum
  - Director, Aging Program
  - Executive Director, Palau Chamber of Commerce
  - Director, Bureau of Arts & Culture
  - Executive Director, Palau Conservation Society
  - Chairman, Governors Association
3. **Reporting.** The Committee shall submit its first Report to the President outlining the specific plan or plans for the participation of the Republic in the Expo by end of January 2005, and the final Report describing the results of Palau's participation by 31 October 2005.
4. **Administrative and Financial Support.** Administrative support required by the Committee to carry out its responsibilities shall be provided by the Bureau of Arts and Culture, Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs and such other government agencies, as deemed necessary by the Committee. Financial support will be sought from relevant government agencies and the private sector.
5. **Meetings .** The Committee shall meet within seven (7) days of the issuance of this Order at a time and place set by the Minister of Community and Cultural Affairs and anytime thereafter as determined by the Minister or the Committee.

**SO ORDERED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2004.**

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/s/  
Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.  
President of the Republic of Palau