

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 278

To establish Palau National Organizing Committee beginning with the Expo 2010 Shanghai World Expo, People's Republic of China, and for subsequent World Expo wherever hosted.

WHEREAS, the World Exposition is organized by an inter-governmental body of Commissioner Generals of countries that have joined the World Expo organization including Palau, and

WHEREAS, the World Exposition Inter-governmental body selected Shanghai, China as the venue for the World Expo this year, 2010, and

WHEREAS, the 2010 Shanghai World Exposition National Organizing Committee has selected the theme "Better City, Better Life" as this year's theme, and

WHEREAS, Palau has agreed to join and participate in the 2010 Shanghai World Expo scheduled for May 1, 2010 to October 31, 2010, though it has no diplomatic relations with the host country, and

WHEREAS, Palau as a member of the World Expo Committee must have a Commissioner General and a Committee to organize Palau's participation in the 2010 Shanghai World Expo as well as other world expositions, and

WHEREAS, the Forum Island Countries (FIC) Chief Executives agreed to join efforts of all participating Pacific Island Countries to have one Pacific Pavilion within which all FIC countries will each have a country booth/pod, and

WHEREAS, Palau as a member of the FIC was included in the Pacific Pavilion with a private booth/pod within the Pacific Pavilion, and

WHEREAS, the FIC Secretariat with consent from the FIC countries, contracted the South Pacific Tourism Organization (SPTO) to coordinate all efforts of all FIC countries in the

development of the Pacific Pavilion and the individual booths/pods therein, and

WHEREAS, the SPTO also will contract a company in the Pacific to serve as the Pacific Retailer to combine all items for sale for all the Pacific countries including souvenirs, artifacts and items brought forth by the FTC countries, and an Engineering Company to design and construct the Pacific Pavilion and the booths/pods therein, and

WHEREAS, the People's Republic of China agreed to support the FTC countries by contributing a US \$600,000 in kind assistance towards the efforts of each participating country from FIC in the 2010 Shanghai World Expo, and

WHEREAS, the in-kind contribution by China is not adequate to cover all costs by Palau and Palau will need additional funds to carry out its duties and responsibilities related to its participation in the 2010 Shanghai World Expo to cover all costs outside of the in-kind contribution by China, and

WHEREAS, Palau has selected October 23 as its National Day for the Republic of Palau, and

WHEREAS, Palau plans to provide uniforms for all booth attendants in the Pacific Pavilion including all the staff from all FIC countries to promote Palau, bring in entertainers and performers to promote Palau on this day, and hold lectures and presentations and exhibitions on Palau, and

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 the World Expo be created to plan, organize and administer all preparation work for the 2010 Shanghai World Expo in China and coordinate activities with the FIC Secretariat, the South Pacific Tourism Organization, the Architects Pacific and the 2010 Shanghai World Expo Organizing Committee, hereinafter known as the National Committee, as follows:

1. The National Committee for Palau's participation in the World Expo, beginning with the 2010 Shanghai World Expo in Shanghai, China, and wherever hosted in future, shall have the following duties, functions, authorities and powers:
2. Duties & Functions:
 - a. To act as the central body to hold discussions and develop plans and strategies for effective participation of the Republic of Palau in the 2010 Shanghai World Expo;
 - b. To develop plans for the celebration of the Palau National Day on October 23, 2010 at the Shanghai World Expo;
 - c. To coordinate effort among government agencies, associations, non-governmental organizations (NGO's) private sectors and individuals that have interest in exhibiting dances, performances, products, manufactured products, artwork, handicraft, souvenirs and all other items at the 2010 Shanghai World Expo in Shanghai, China.
3. Authorities and powers:
 - a. The National Committee is hereby authorized and is given power to enter into agreements with local and foreign agencies to raise funds to meet the costs of organizing Palau's participation in 2010 Shanghai World Expo;
 - b. The National Committee is further authorized to enter into agreements with foreign or local companies for development of the Pacific Pavilion, the Palau booth/pod, and all items and exhibitions related to the Pavilion or the Pod,
 - c. The National Committee is further authorized to solicit companies, local or foreign to produce souvenirs and other products related to the World Expo that could be produced for giveaways as well as be sold in the Pacific Retailer on behalf of Palau, and that funds therein shall be distributed as agreed to

by the subject company, the 2010 Shanghai World Expo Organizing Committee, the Pacific Retailer and the National Committee;

- d. The National Committee is further authorized to open an account in the name of the Palau World Expo and is further authorized to raise funds for such account and expend funds in line with the work of the National Committee for costs related to the World Expo receiving approval from the Commissioner General or his/her designee; The Commissioner General shall promulgate rules for the approval by the Committee on how to expend funds.
 - e. Any unexpended funds will be used by the National Committee for the preparation of Palau's participation in future World Expo's.
4. Membership. The Palau World Expo Organizing Committee shall be composed of the following members.
- a. Minister of Community & Cultural Affairs, Commissioner General (Chair)
 - b. Director, Bureau of International Trade & Technical Assistance
 - c. Director, Belau National Museum,
 - d. Director, Bureau of Arts & Culture
 - e. Representative of the Palau Visitors Authority,
 - f. Representative of the Belau Tourism Association,
 - g. Representative of United Artists of Belau (UAB)
 - h. Other members the Commissioner General feels would contribute to the success of Palau's participation in the 2010 Shanghai World Expo and future World Expo wherever hosted.
5. Administrative Support. The Minister, based upon approval and consent of high appropriate officials, may designate a Bureau or lower to provide the administrative support needed by the Committee for delivery of its duties and responsibilities.
6. Reporting. The National Committee shall provide a comprehensive report of all activities including

financial reports to the President within 6 months after the closure of the work of the National Committee for a particular World Expo.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the National Committee shall remain together and shall carry the same duties and functions, authorities and powers, for any subsequent World Exposition unless repealed or replaced by the President.

SO ORDERED THIS 11th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.

/s/
Johnson Toribiong
President
Republic of Palau