



CABINET MEETING
Office of the President
 Ngerulmud | 9:00 am – 10:30 am
 Monday, July 17, 2017

In Attendance:

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| 1. President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. | 8. Nace Soalablai, Legislative Liaison Officer |
| 2. Vice President Raynold B. Oilouch | 9. Kaleb Udui, Jr., Senior Economic Advisor |
| 3. Minister Faustina Rehuher-Marugg | 10. Exec. Director Roxanne Blesam, EQPB |
| 4. Minister Elbuchel Sadang | 11. Press Secretary Olkeriil Kazuo |
| 5. Minister Emais Roberts | 12. PPUC PIO Isebong Rengulbai |
| 6. Minister Charles Obichang | |
| 7. Minister Umiich Sengebau | |

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AGENDA	DISCUSSION	
Update on DCOS Kesolei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Chief of Staff Reblud Kesolei is stable and doing well since his arrival to Taiwan on Friday, July 14. As of this morning, he able to stable, can talk and eat. Minister Roberts spoke he’s attending doctor who reports 4-5 days the drain in his head will be changed. Doctors are also looking into and treating other health conditions such as diabetes. Doctors are monitoring his kidney functions and the diabetes and still considering procedure to block the damaged nerve or fix it. Doctors anticipates full recovery. 	
Ministry Briefings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dengue Update: As of this morning, 31 cases. This time last month, we were approaching 100s. Cases are mostly in Koror. The Dengue Taskforce to meet today at 1:00 pm to meet and discuss the next clean up. Mosquito larvae at the pond have increased and must be immediately addressed. PPUC is responsible for controlling the number. - ENT Specialists from Tripler Medical Center are here this week on to next week. - Palau House in Hawaii: Air conditions units are being installed and minor repairs are being made at the Palau House in Hawaii. - Manila Housing: To be handed over in early September. - MOU Signed for Internship: E-Da Hospital signed an MOU with MOH on Saturday, July 15 for a one-year internship program for the two Palauan medical students who recently graduated from I-Shou University as well as three other, including one from the Marshall Islands. Through this MOU, the Taiwan medical doctors will visit Palau every 2 weeks to assist with and participate in the internship program. MOH to provide some stipends as well as living accommodations. Minister Roberts also reports doctors from I-Shou University extended - Ambulance bill: Minister Roberts report the NCD coordinating mechanism committee are scheduled to meet with representatives from the House and the Senate at 2pm today to iron out their differences. The deadline for the legislation is Friday, July 21. The President requests the Minister Roberts to ensure thorough review 	<p>ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN</p> <p><i>Clean-up of Sewer Treatment Pond</i></p> <p>a) <i>The President instructs Minister Obichang of clean-up of the Sewer Treatment Pond of increased amount of mosquito larvae.</i></p>



	<p>and to ensure implementation in the grassroots level and to provide standards to guide state governments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status of Dr. Maddison: Dr. Maddison resigned, but Minister Roberts recommended him to return whenever he is ready. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increased robbery and theft incidents. CID and NEA including Police have partnered up to investigate recent robbery/theft incidents. - Traffic Conditions Update: Vice President and Minister Obichang met with PPUC CEO and representative from the company. In agreement, Meeting again this afternoon at 2 pm to improve efforts. - The Ministry of Justice have also created a taskforce over the summer to strengthen and improve enforcement. • Ministry of Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MOF is finalizing the FY2018 budget today and will be submitted to the OEK on Tuesday, July 18. • Ministry of State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MOS received diplomatic note from the U.S Embassy of a deportee arriving on Friday, July 14th unescorted. The family was notified of the deportee's arrival. MOS expressed concerns of procedures in regards to deportees, if any. - Renouncing of Palauan Citizenship: Young Palauan male recently renounced his citizenship from Palau for his military career. Minister Rehuher-Marugg considers database of some kind to keep track and establishing procedures in regards. - Meeting Ambassador Frazier: Minister Rehuher-Marugg met the Australian Ambassador on Wednesday who extended his appreciation to Palau for their support in the UN. Australia to continue scholarship programs, but expresses concerns of lack of applicants. Australia is considering bringing the scholarship back to Australia instead of the current award to University of South Pacific. Minister Rehuher-Marugg reports he further encouraged application from NGO's for direct assistance grant. - President Trump on Passport and Border Issue: Passport office is developing a new form. The photo on the passport must have chip behind it. 	
<p>Progress Update of PPUC's Water and Sewer Projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water project is ongoing in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Malakal - Ngerbedechesau - In front the Post Office - Sireib, Ngerbeched - Meketii • The Sewer Project have purchased raw materials from Hanpa, however the project still needs to procure materials off-island and from other sources. • PPUC extends request for meeting with Ministry of Finance and Ministry of PIIC with JICA consultants this week. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The President emphasizes the urgency in addressing road conditions in order to improve traffic conditions. The President emphasizes the importance of PPUC CEO's presence at the NDC Renewable Energy Workshop meeting today at 10:30 am.
INDC Renewable Energy Inception Workshop Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nick Ngwal, Chair of Renewable Energy Committee reports invitations were sent to off-island participants last week. The President instructs Ngwal to contact Ambassador Uludong as soon as possible and prior to the 10:30 am meeting.
Update from EQPB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vessel grounded at Ngeruangel: The vessel was successfully pulled of the reef. The vessel is now docked at PITI. EQBP is assessing reef damage. EQPB reports the damage is excessive. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The President spoke to Kayangel Governor and Speaker who requested for some compensation in terms of damage. Vice President Oilouch reports Taiwan Embassy contacted the Ministry of Justice requesting for assistance for the damage vessel's release to Taiwan for repair. Kayangel Legal Counsel and Governor met with PITI and Vice President Oilouch in regards. PITI, Kayangel legal counsel and Governor to agree to terms of compensation and/or fine.
Reminders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Ministers are encouraged to attend the 30th Pacific Education Conference opening ceremony scheduled for 5:00 pm on Monday, July 17th at the Capitol. The next Cabinet Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 am, Monday, July 24, 2017 at the Office of the President in Ngerulmud.

***Meeting minutes subjected to change and approval**