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#### U.S. Partnership with the Republic of Palau

The United States and Palau reaffirm their close partnership and shared resolve to address regional and global challenges together. Our relationship continues to evolve and grow in response to new opportunities and challenges. Our partnership is unique, enduring, and built on mutual respect, shared values, and a joint commitment to advancing a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Today, the United States and Palau celebrate several new milestones in our longstanding partnership under the Compact of Free Association. These initiatives advance tangible outcomes for our peoples, including security initiatives, economic development, coping with disasters, retirement security, and immigration.

- The United States committed to ensuring that a new hospital is successfully built in Palau, consistent with the feasibility study currently being conducted by the United States through the U.S. Trade and Development Agency on the relocation of the Belau National Hospital.
- The United States unveiled a series of new initiatives designed to help Palau protect its borders, grow its economy, and build resilience against transnational crime and malign regional influences. These initiatives include assistance of \$2 million to provide advisors who will assist with combatting drug trafficking, assisting with local law enforcement, providing maritime security to secure Palau's exclusive economic zone, and promoting cybersecurity.
- The United States also committed an additional \$6 million in assistance, in partnership with the U.S. Department of the Interior, to support Palau's completion of essential reforms to prevent collapse of its civil service pension plan system, building on the \$20 million granted in September.

- The United States reiterated our commitment to improving Palau's capacity to respond to natural disasters and exploring several new initiatives.
- The United States and Palau also signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the transfer of third-country nationals with no known criminal histories who will have various employment opportunities to help meet Palau's need for workers in a variety of occupations. The United States deeply appreciates Palau's cooperation in enforcing U.S. immigration laws, which remains a top priority for the Trump Administration. In this regard, the United States granted \$7.5 million to address the needs of relevant Palau public services.

Through this partnership, the United States and Palau are taking concrete steps to strengthen our security and protect our communities, while also fostering a safe, more secure, and more prosperous Indo-Pacific region. Both countries reaffirm their shared commitment to addressing immigration and security challenges and to further deepening bonds of trust and friendship. Continued collaboration between the United States and Palau stands as a symbol of the progress that can be achieved when we work together.



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