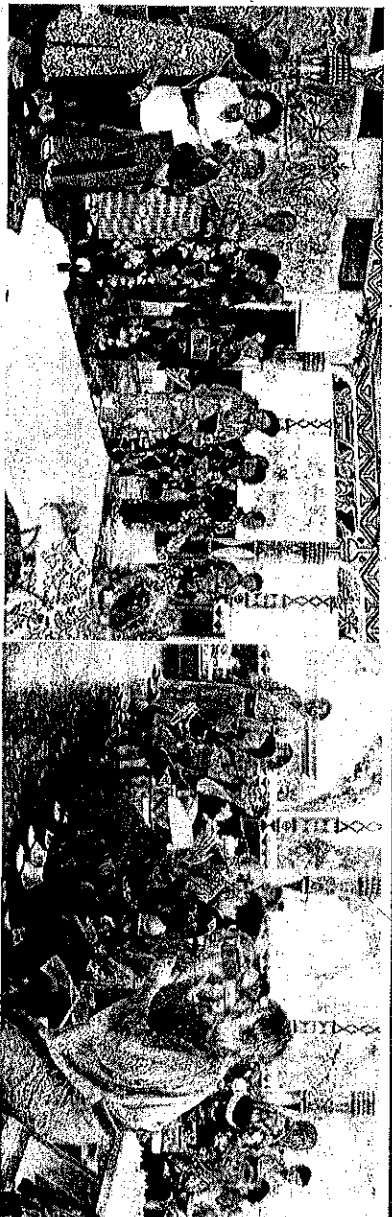


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Kobe City Silver College students visit Palau

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Reporter

With the aim of cultural exchange and to learn more about Palau first hand, students from the Kobe City Silver College visited areas in the island.

Last September 2, the students together with Kobe City Silver College International Exchange and Cooperation Course professor Koichi Inaba visited the Old Age Center and got to perform and inter act with the senior citizens.

"All of the students are first time here in Palau. Back in the College, we read books and heard information about Palau.

The group then decided to have a visit here to better understand the culture of Palau and with the long and historical friendship between Japan and Palau, this visit is truly and educational for all of the. They even named their group as the "Rock Island Group".

He said that aside from tourist spots in Koror, they will also visit the states in Babeldaob, Pelelu and the Rock Islands.

The group is composed of Takashi Oda, Koji Shiohara, Minoru Shiomitsu, Yoichi Shigenari, Yutaka Yamada, Toshikatsu Hasegawa, Ikuro Imamishi, Shizue Sato, Akemi Hara, Naomi Maeda, Eiko Yamaguchi, Shige-

mi Yamaguchi and Yuko Yatsuka.

Through internet search, the Kobe Silver College opened in 1993 under the leadership of the Kobe City Government as part of the countermeasures for an aging society, is a life-long learning facility for senior citizens.

The facility aims at providing life-long learning opportunities for active senior citizens and promoting their contribution to the community with what they learned at the college. Therefore, its main slogan is "study again and work for others."

The college is administrated and operated by KCWPA, • KOBE, 10

SPC conducts fish survey training for BMR staff, others

The Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) is holding training on fish survey for Bureau of Marine Resources (BMR) staff and others.

The two week training started on September 2 and will end on the 19th.

The nine participants include four BMR personnel and three representatives from Keyangel State and two from Ngarchelong State.

Brad Moore, SPC Fisheries Scientist who is here to conduct the training, said the training involves theoretical and practical activities.

He said the trainees are being taught on how to document fishing patterns and how to monitor and assess the number of fishes on reefs. Moore also said that the trainees learn how to conduct biological survey of fishes, which

includes knowing the gender or sex of a particular fish.

Moore said that they also go around fish ports, fish markets, and boat ramps to interview fishermen.

"We asked them how they caught the fish, the number of fish caught, and the amount of time in catching fish. From those, we can deduce if the number of fishes is increasing or decreasing," he said.

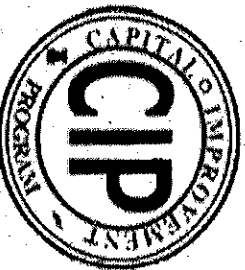
Yesterday, the trainer and trainees went to the Happy Fish Market for a survey exercise.

Moore said that SPC sponsored the training upon the request of Palau. He said that SPC previously conducted similar training in other countries, including Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), Kiriba-

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SPC trainer Brad Moore and trainees at the Happy Fish Market yesterday.



REPUBLIC OF PALAU BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS

FIFTEEN DAYS PUBLIC NOTICE AND

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS/PROPOSALS 2014-RFP-021

Notice is hereby given that the Director of the Bureau of Public Works will be soliciting sealed proposals from interested Contractors, through the Capital Improvement Program Division (CIP) in Koror for the ROP-Economic Stimulus Package (ESP) FY-2014 (*Infrastructure Sector*), Design/Build of the "NGEREMLENGUI COMPACT CONNECTING ROAD PROJECT PHASE-III." Statement of Qualifications and Project Cost Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 P.M. on October 23, 2014. At the designated time and place, all proposals shall be reviewed and evaluated by authorized government personnel. Project Proposals shall be opened and used only by government personnel authorized to participate in the evaluation process until after the conclusion of negotiations and contract award to a contractor. A **Project Information Conference** will be held at the CIP Conference Room at 09:00 A.M. on September 23, 2014. The detailed scope of the project will be handed over to prospective Offerors/Bidders at the start of the Project Information Conference.

Eligibility Criteria:

Based on grant conditions imposed by the granting agency/donor country, companies who intend to participate in the bidding process have to be:

- Wholly owned Palauan Construction Company; and/or
- Wholly owned Taiwanese Construction Company; and/or
- Joint Venture between wholly owned Palauan and Taiwanese Construction Companies; and/or
- Partnership between wholly owned Palauan and Taiwanese Construction Companies; and/or
- Wholly owned Palauan construction company subcontracting another wholly owned Palauan company or Taiwanese Company; and/or
- Wholly owned Taiwanese Construction Company subcontracting another Taiwanese company or wholly owned Palauan Company.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said bids if in its opinion would be in its best interest to do so.

Attendance to the Project Information Conference and Site Visit is mandatory for this project.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or bidder's bond made payable to the National Treasury of the Republic of Palau in the sum of ten percent (10%) of the aggregate proposal. The project will require 100% performance and payment bonds.

For more information concerning this Notice, please contact Mr. Brian Melairei, Acting Director of the Bureau of Public Works at Telephone Numbers: 488-2410/4996.

