～ 日本海難防止協会シンガポール連絡事務所発SRO news ～
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１　11 月 10 日、ソロモン諸島王立警察（RSIPF）と豪州連邦警察（AFP）の警察協力プログラム（RAPPP: RSIPF - AFP Policing Partnership Program）（※2021 年 7 月開始）のもと、ソロモン諸島西部州のノロに新たな警察署が設立された。
原文
（10th November 2025, SIBC）

２　パラオにおいて、日本政府の資金援助により、国際移住機関（IOM）とルクセンブルク拠点の INCERT 社がパラオ政府と連携のうえ、国際基準に適合する安全な電子パスポートシステムの開発を目指す電子パスポートプロジェクト（総額約 450 万ドル）が開始された。
原文
（14th November 2025, Island Times）

３　フランスの Roger-Lacan 太平洋大使は、ソロモン諸島の麻薬密輸、違法漁業、機雷除去対策を支援しており、既に同国の警察官 2 名がニューカレドニアでの軍事指揮官訓練を修了したと述べた。さらに、フランス艦船にソロモン諸島当局者を乗船させたパトロールの実施を提案しているという。
原文
（18th November 2025, PACNEWS）

４　12 月 1 日から 5 日まで、フィリピンのマニラにおいて WCPFC（中西部太平洋まぐろ類委員会）第 22 回年次会合が開催される。南太平洋ビンナガマグロ漁業について、今回の会合で新たな管理方式が採択される見込みであるという。
原文
（19th November 2025, Radio NZ）
参考：第 22 回年次会合（WCPFC）

５　豪州国境警備隊（ABF）は漁船を転用し、違法漁業者や密航者の送還手段として提供しているという。本政策が違法漁業や密航を助長しているのではないか、どれほどの費用を要しているのか、再び引き返して豪州沿岸に侵入してくるのではないかなど政府に説明が求められている。
原文

（19th November 2025, ABC）

６　11 月上旬から中旬にかけ、ニュージーランドは、国連安保理決議により禁止されている北朝鮮籍船舶の「瀬取り」を含む違法な海上活動に対して、海軍補給艦「アオテアロア」を派遣し、日本周辺海域において、2024 年以降 2 度目となる艦艇による警戒監視活動を実施した。
原文
（18th November 2025, 外務省）

７　EU のプリンケルト太平洋大使は、The Marshall Islands Journal への寄稿文において、EU は 2021 年のインド太平洋協力戦略の策定から 4 年を経て、同戦略がインド太平洋における EU の存在感をより強固なものとし、さらに強化していく基盤になっていると述べた。また、11 月 20 日、21 日にブリュッセルで開催される第 4 回 EU・インド太平洋閣僚会合において、安定、繁栄、持続可能性を支援するための協力に焦点を当てると述べた。
原文
（21st November 2025, The Marshall Islands Journal）

８　米国のランドー国務副長官は、パラオ国民に向けたビデオメッセージで、米国が追放した第三国の国民をパラオに移送するという米国政府の提案について受け入れを呼びかけた。パラオ国内ではウィップス大統領が説得を試みているが、議会と酋長会議は計画の曖昧さを理由に反対しており、世論も懸念を示している。
原文
（20th November 2025, Pacific Island Times）

９　豪州が太平洋島嶼国と共同開催を目指していた国連気候変動枠組条約第 31 回締約国会議（COP31）は、豪州の譲歩により、トルコが主催することとなった。豪州のボーウェン気候変動相は、COP 交渉議長として重要な役割を担うと報じられている。
原文
（21st November 2025, Radio NZ）

１０　ミクロネシア連邦（FSM）大統領府によると、ローリン・S・ロバート外務大臣は、11 月 15 日逝去した。ロバート氏は 1984 年に外務省入省後、ほぼ全ての要職を歴任し、FSM の外交政策の策定や国際社会との連携強化における中心的役割を担った。
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Protecting ocean pathways

Europe-Indo-Pacific: Partners for a resilient future

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Europe and the Indo-Pacific find their futures increasingly interlinked in a world marked by geopolitical shifts, economic uncertainty, and intensifying strategic competition. Challenges ranging from growing pressure on the multilateral system intensified by Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, to the weaponization of trade and technology, and the accelerating climate crisis, are not dividing our regions. They bring us closer together. There is a greater need than ever for collective action to effectively address these common challenges.

When the European Union launched its Strategy for Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific in September 2021, the world looked different. Four years on, the Strategy has become the backbone of a stronger, more engaged European presence in the region. The 4th EU Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum in Brussels on 20-21 November is focusing on our cooperation to support our joint stability, prosperity and sustainability, while upholding international law, open trade and shared values. Ten Pacific countries will be represented at the Forum (Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Samoa, Palau, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu).

Within the Forum, the EU High Representative/Vice-President will convene a high-level event on the protection of critical maritime infrastructure. This underscores Europe's commitment to working with Indo-Pacific partners to safeguard vital sea lanes and undersea networks that underpin global stability and connectivity.

The EU is stepping up its contribution to the security of the Indo-Pacific through new security partnerships and regular security dialogues, including on hybrid threats. Cooperation in naval activities such as Operation ASPIDES and Operation ATALANTA, as well as initiatives such as Critical Maritime Routes in the Indo-Pacific (CRIMARIO) aim to ensure freedom of navigation and promote maritime security from Europe to the Indo-Pacific through the Red Sea.

Trade agreements with Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Vietnam, New Zealand, and Kenya have already deepened economic integration, while negotiations have concluded with Indonesia and are advancing with Australia, India, Thailand, the Philippines, among others.

The EU's Global Gateway initiative is delivering sustainable development with a focus on high-quality infrastructure, working hand in hand with partners in the region and involving the private sector as well as Team Europe. In the Pacific region, projects targeting climate change resilience management, digitalization, renewable energy and sustainable economic growth are concrete examples of the EU's commitment to advancing on key priorities of the region.

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Together, we are promoting a model of growth that is environmentally sustainable, inclusive, and climate resilient. The EU also shares the Indo-Pacific's ambition for a green and blue future. From supporting the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent to advancing Green Alliances with Japan, Kenya, Philippines, Republic of Korea and 15 Pacific Island countries as well as Just Energy Transition Partnerships with Indonesia, South Africa and Vietnam, Europe stands with Indo-Pacific nations in their efforts to build climate resilience, protect biodiversity, and achieve net zero by 2050.

Europe's engagement in the Indo-Pacific is not only about policies but also about people. Over 23,000 students and professionals have already benefited from EU-funded exchanges since 2021. The EU's cultural, educational, and health partnerships and Erasmus+ mobility and research collaboration are building the foundations of lasting friendship and trust between our societies.

In an increasingly fragmented and polarized geopolitical environment, building and consolidating partnerships that reduce our common vulnerabilities and strengthen our mutual resilience are central pillars of the EU's vision and engagement in the world.

The EU and its 27 Member States have recently reaffirmed that the EU's strategic engagement in the Indo-Pacific aims to uphold the multilateral system and the rules-based international order with full respect for international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries remains the cornerstone of a future stable and peaceful world. Russia's illegal war of aggression against Ukraine is a stark reminder of the fundamental importance of standing up for international law together.

In an era of growing uncertainty, the EU and its Member States are reliable, long-term partners. The Indo-Pacific Ministerial Forum in Brussels this week will be another opportunity to deepen our cooperation and work together to turn today's challenges into opportunities for shared peace, resilience and prosperity.

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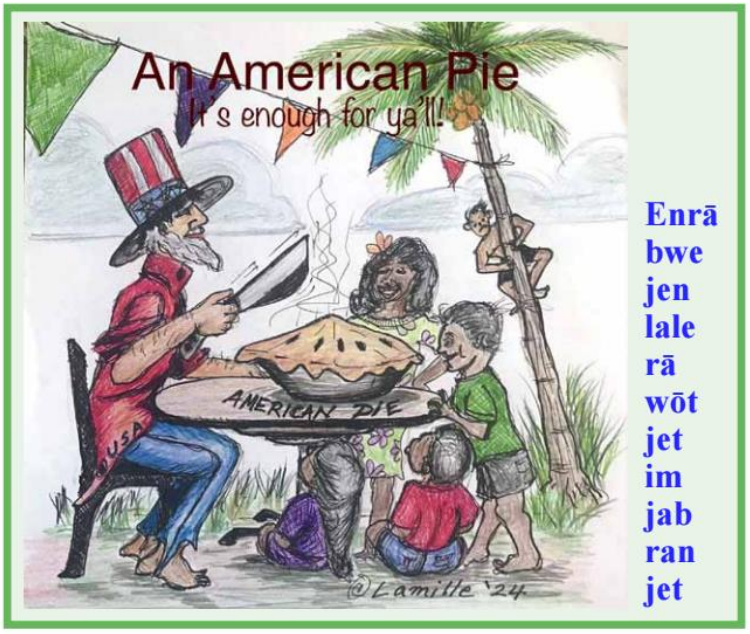

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FSM mourns the passing of Secretary of Foreign Affairs Lorin S. Robert

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FSM - The Federated States of Micronesia is mourning the passing of the Honorable Lorin S. Robert, Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, whose decades of service helped shape the nation's diplomacy and global relationships. The Office of the President confirmed his passing on November 15, 2025, noting the profound loss of one of the country's most respected public servants.

Secretary Robert began his distinguished career in 1984 as a Foreign Service Officer and went on to serve in nearly every senior role within the FSM's foreign service. His leadership included diplomatic assignments abroad and key posts in Palikir, where he played a central role in defining the FSM's foreign policy and strengthening its ties around the world. His clarity, humility, and steadfast commitment to the nation earned him deep respect at home, across the region, and throughout the international community.

A Presidential Proclamation issued by President Wesley W. Simina honors Secretary Robert's lifetime of service, recounting his decades of leadership: Deputy Chief of Mission at the FSM Embassy in Tokyo from 1985 to 1990; Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asian Affairs from 1990 to 1996; Deputy Secretary of Foreign Affairs from 2001 to 2007; and Secretary of Foreign Affairs from 2007 to 2019 and again from 2023 until his passing. He also served as Special Adviser to the President for Foreign Affairs between 2019 and 2023.

The proclamation calls Secretary Robert a statesman whose work "embodied the highest ideals of diplomacy" and whose contributions to nation-building and the preservation of FSM's sovereignty will remain part of the country's enduring legacy. It also extends the heartfelt

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condolences of the Government and the People of the FSM to his wife, Ignacia H. Robert; his children—Edmond Taro Robert, Judy Robert John, Joanna Robert, and Lorin Robert Jr.; his many grandchildren; his siblings; and his extended family, colleagues, and friends.

In honor of his memory, President Simina has proclaimed a national period of mourning and ordered the FSM flag flown at half-mast for four consecutive days. A memorial and State Funeral will be held on November 17, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Church in Sokehs.

The Office of the President invites the nation to come together in remembering Secretary Lorin S. Robert—a diplomat, mentor, and devoted public servant whose legacy of service, integrity, and dedication to the FSM will be remembered for generations.