

～ 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 2月23日及び24日、在パラオ米国大使館は、現地政府機関等と連携し、津波への対応と連携に焦点を当てた危機管理演習を実施した。同演習では、早期警報システム、避難手順、通信手順の確認などが行われた。

[原文](#)

(2nd March 2026, Island Times)

2 太平洋諸島フォーラム (PIF) 事務局とフォーラム・トロイカ (トンガ、ソロモン諸島、パラオ) の政府高官は東京を訪問し、奥山太平洋・島サミット (PALM) 担当大使と会談した。これは、2025年7月11日にフィジーで初開催された日・PIF 事務局「キズナ・タラノア」協議の一環で、2027年に予定されている PALM11 に向けた意見交換等が行われた。

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(10th March 2026, PACNEWS)

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(13th March 2026, PIF)

3 3月4日、台湾の林外交部長は、頼総統の特使としてツバルを訪問し、テオ首相などから歓迎を受けた。今回が3回目の訪問であり、スマートヘルスケア、スマート農業分野における両国間の協力の成果を視察するとともに、デジタル開発、医療、気候変動に関する協力について、ツバル当局者と意見交換を実施する。

[原文](#)

(5th March 2026, Islands Business)

4 米国とクック諸島は、深海鉱物資源開発に係る協力のための「米国・クック諸島ワーキンググループ」設立を主な内容とする新たな非拘束的協定「重要鉱物研究・サプライチェーン安全保障に関する戦略的枠組み」を発表した。一部のアナリストは、同ワーキンググループが、米国が国益のために重要鉱物の採掘支持を押し通す手段になり得るとの懸念を示している。

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(4th March 2026, Pacific Island Times)

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(10th March 2026, RadioNZ)

5 欧州連合（EU）は、マーシャル諸島をマグロその他の水産物輸出の適格国として認定するためのオンライン監査を昨年末に実施した。後日、EU 当局による現地監査が実施される予定である。監査においては、IUU 漁業の防止、食品の衛生的かつ安全な取り扱いに焦点が当てられる。マーシャル諸島海洋資源局（MIMRA）は過去2年に亘り、マジュロのマグロ加工会社に対する衛生ワークショップや抜き打ちの施設検査など、監査に向けた取り組みを実施している。

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(6th March 2026, Radio NZ)

6 トランプ政権による大幅な予算削減は、米国の同盟国にも影響を及ぼしている。太平洋地域に気象情報を提供するオーストラリア気象局の「ACCESS」モデルの一部は米国のデータに依存しているが、米海洋大気庁（NOAA）の予算削減により自然災害の予測等が困難になり、地域社会はより脆弱な状態に置かれることになった。

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(8th March 2026, Pacific Island Times)

7 クック諸島のブラウン首相は、ニュージーランド（NZ）との永続的な関係を強化する一連の公務のため、同国を訪問することを発表した。昨年2月にクック諸島が中国との包括的戦略的パートナーシップ協定を締結して以来、初めてのNZ訪問となる。NZは、中国との同協定締結に関する協議が欠如していたとして、クック諸島への2980万NZドルの資金提供を停止している。

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(11th March 2026, Radio NZ)

8 2月26日、籠宮駐ミクロネシア大使と日本地雷処理を支援する会（JMAS）チューク事務所の内山代表は、チュークラグーンにおける第二次世界大戦時の沈船からの油除去事業を継続する契約書に署名した。

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(11th March 2026, The Kaselehlie Press)

9 2月24日、国際移住機関（IOM）は日本政府の支援を受け、マーシャル諸島政府と連携し、食料生産の強化と栄養状態の改善を目指す2年間のプロジェクトを開始した。2021年の国連の報告書によると、マーシャル諸島の輸入品の80%以上は加工食品であり、肥満、糖尿病その他の疾患が増加している。

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(11th March 2026, The Kaselehlie Press)

10 国際刑事警察機構（INTERPOL）は、太平洋島嶼国の国際犯罪に対する能力強化を3年間に渡って支援するブルーパシフィック・プロジェクトを実施し

ている。同プロジェクトの一環で、ミクロネシア連邦において司法省及び国家警察を対象とした訓練が実施され、豪州、ニュージーランド、英国がこれを支援した。

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(11th March 2026, The Kaselehlie Press)

1 1 マーシャル諸島では違法薬物が蔓延しており、法執行機関の強化が求められている。Arno 環礁で麻薬密輸に使用された疑いのある半潜水艇が見つかったことも新たな懸念を巻き起こしている。このような中、ハイネ大統領は 3 月 9 日の議会において、伝統的酋長、政府、関係団体を集め、麻薬対策の改善などについて議論する国家安全保障サミットの計画を明らかにした。

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Japan continues contract with Japan Mine Action Service (JMAS)

Embassy of Japan to the FSM

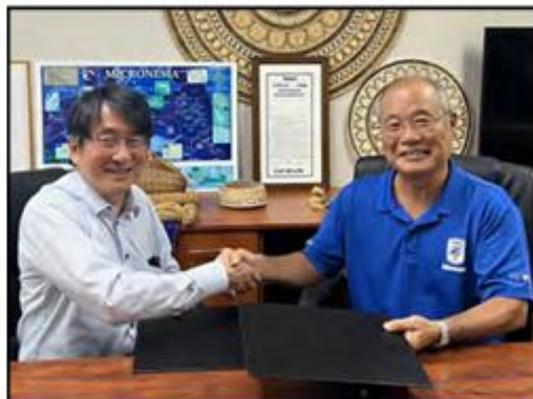
March 6, 2026

Pohnpei - On February 26, 2026, Ambassador Kagomiya and Mr. Tetsuya Uchiyama, Representative of Japan Mine Action Service (JMAS) Chuuk Office, signed the contract to continue the project to collect oil from Sunken Warships in Chuuk Lagoon. This project aims to survey the status of vessels that sank during WWII and have corroded and deteriorated, to efficiently and safely recover oil from these ships, and to reduce the risk of oil spills that could have adverse effects on the environment.

Prior to the signing, Mr. Uchiyama provided an explanation about the progress of this fiscal year's project, including that the pace of oil collection, which had been temporarily curtailed due to shortage of storage places for the collected oil.

The Ambassador expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the activities of

JMAS, which are also expected by the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, and expressed his hope that JMAS will continue to engage in this extremely difficult work safely.



IOM, Japan launch initiative to boost climate-resilient food production in the Marshall Islands

International Organization for Migration

February 24, 2026

Majuro, RMI – The International Organization for Migration (IOM), with support from the Government of Japan and in partnership with the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), on Tuesday (24 February 2026) launched a two-year project to strengthen local food production and improve nutrition outcomes in the Marshall Islands. The initiative addresses a dual challenge facing RMI: limited access to nutritious, locally grown produce and the growing impact of severe weather patterns on food production.

A 2021 United Nations Food Systems Summit report found that processed foods make up more than 80 per cent of RMI's imports, a trend linked to rising rates of obesity, diabetes, and other non-communicable diseases. The Global Nutrition Report also notes a significant increase in the prevalence of obesity among children and adolescents

over the past two decades. At the same time, frequent and prolonged drought, saltwater intrusion, and land degradation, frequently damage crops and affect the availability of locally grown produce.

In close collaboration with RMI's Ministry of Natural Resources and Commerce (MNRC), the RMI Public School System and community-led groups, including women and youth, the newly launched project will introduce climate-resilient farming techniques and technologies in target locations of Majuro and Wotje Atolls. It will directly engage youth and communities in gardening and seed saving activities and train them to ensure sustainable crop management and plant care.

IOM will support high school boarding house and community-based gardening initiatives through the provision of seedlings, gardening equipment and installations such as vertical and raised-bed gardens, and fruit and vegetable dehydrators to encourage preservation of locally grown produce,

as well as rainwater catchment systems to help sustain school and community gardens. Emphasis will be placed on planting nutritionally dense, salt- and drought-resistant crops indigenous to the Marshall Islands.

At the launch event, His Excellency Hirohisa Soma, Ambassador of Japan to the RMI, remarked, "this new project represents a significant new chapter in our partnership with IOM," and added that they are now expanding their support to ensure the long-term health and self-sufficiency of the Marshallese people by committing to providing a more affordable and healthier local food supply system.

Hilary Vanderwey, IOM Head of Sub-office in RMI, expressed gratitude for the continued support of the Japanese Government and the people and Government of RMI. "What makes this effort powerful is that it's hands-on and community-driven. By building climate-smart food production close to where students live and learn, improving nutrition in boarding houses,

and reducing spoilage through better storage, we can help communities be more resilient to climate shocks that disrupt daily life. Our collective efforts will help address the underlying drivers of migration in the Marshall Islands," she said.

Enhanced food security will strengthen the capacity of communities to withstand climate shocks, helping to safeguard livelihoods and access to food, and lowering the likelihood of forced or unplanned migration.

"The Public School System and our civil society partners are central to making this happen," Vanderwey added.

The initiative, aligned with RMI's National Strategic Plan 2020–2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals, prioritizes food security, calls for reduced import dependency and strengthened local production to enhance economic resilience and public health. SDGs 2, 3, 13

Australia supports INTERPOL training in FSM to combat transnational crime

Embassy of Australia to the FSM

March 5, 2026

FSM - Australia was pleased to partner with the FSM Department of Justice and the National Police to support the recent INTERPOL training of the National Central Bureau.

National Central Bureaus in the

Pacific are the primary point of contact for international investigations, connecting national police with INTERPOL's 196 member countries.

INTERPOL's Project Blue Pacific is a three-year capacity-building initiative aimed at enhancing Pacific capability to combat transnational organised crime.

It focuses on strengthening the Pacific Transnational Crime Network and improving the use of INTERPOL's policing resources for better information sharing.

The New Zealand and UK governments are also supporting this training.



Hilda targets drugs

GIFF JOHNSON

President Hilda Heine is not satisfied with action to stop the flow of illegal drugs into the Marshall Islands and is calling for stepped up intervention by law enforcement.

Drugs continue to be a major topic of discussion at Nitijela and at Monday's session, the President both submitted a three-page status report about the drug situation from the Office of National Security and delivered extended remarks about the problem responding to questions and concerns from Nitijela members the previous week.

In comments to the Journal after the session Monday, President Heine emphasized her call for greater action.

"It's good to have all these plans and strategies and training and capacity development, which is where we're at in trying to get the lay of the land and get ourselves organized (on the drug problem in

RMI)," she said. "But in the meantime, people are, you know, getting away with murder... People who are using the drugs are not being prosecuted now as much as I'd like to see. I don't think that we're moving fast enough to arrest and convict people who are doing this, so that people can know that we're serious about this."

She recognized steps taken to date, such as placement of a scanner at the main post office in Uliga that is used for scanning in-bound mail for drugs and other contraband and engaging law enforcement experts including the FBI to bolster anti-drug work in the country.

But, she added in comments to the Journal: "I guess I'm impatient. I'd like to see things moving faster in this area... (so) the drug users know that we're serious about catching them... especially the ones that are selling and distributing (drugs)."

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Security summit planned

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"The Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands remains deeply concerned about the growing threat of illegal drugs in our communities," states the Office of National Security report to Speaker Brenson Wase and Nitijela members that the President submitted Monday.

"In recent months, there have been increasing reports of cocaine packages washing ashore across several atolls, as well as a rise in related crimes such as burglary and theft. These developments pose serious risks to public safety, community well-being, and the future of our youth."

The Office of National Security report goes

on to list actions taken, including establishment of a Substance/Drug Task Force, which is working on a National Counter Drug Strategy. A scanner has gone into use in the Majuro Post Office, "which will strengthen our ability to detect illegal substances entering the country through the mail system," the report said.

Representatives from the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs are expected soon for a "scoping mission" to identify areas for future drug prevention aid. The report to Nitijela added that the US Federal Bureau of Investigation is already "working closely" with RMI law enforcement.

Looking at domestic threats, the report said: "Over the past few months, reports have also

indicated the presence of suspected narcosubmersible vessels near Arno Atoll, raising further concern that cocaine packages may have also washed up in these vessels."

The President in her comments to Nitijela Monday highlighted a plan for a National security summit to "bring together traditional leaders, national and local government leaders, religious organizations, community and youth representatives, and other civil society groups to discuss emerging threats and national challenges facing our nation."

It was essential, she said, to involve community leaders in this dialogue to improve the response to the drug problem and finds ways to prevent their spread in the country.