

**PALAU'S YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY  
EVENT & RESULT  
DURATION MAY 19 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2010**

#	Event	Date	Information
1.	Biodiversity Proclamation signed by the Vice President of the Republic of Palau, Kerai Mariur. This national proclamation designated Palau International Coral Reef Center as the local agency to implement all activities for the Year of Biodiveristy	May 19, 2010	PP No. 10-20 Witnessed by 5 PICRC Staff, 3 JICA staff + 1 Media person
2.	Leadership Presentation & Invitations	May 21, 2010	37 Attendees Printed 100 invitations
3.	Walkathon & T-shirt	May 22, 2010	200 + participants Printed 150 give away T-shirts
4.	Eco Bag	June 16, 2010	Printed 300 pcs (distributed to visitors, guests & public)
5.	Aquarium Sleep Over Night & T-shirt	July 23-24, 2010	32 Participants Printed 65 give away T-shirts for participants+PICRC & CEPCRM Staff
6.	Biodiversity Posters (18'x24")	July 30, 2010	20 pcs (distributed to 20 different places)

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7.	0% Trash on the ground campaign/ Stickers	August 1-10, 2010	Printed 165 for 3 different type of stickers (55 x 3 for Aluminum, PET Bottles & Trash)
8.	4R's Fair Campaign/Projects Display at Olchotel Belau Fair (OBF 2010)	September 8-10, 2010 OBF (October 1, 2010)	9 groups (10 entries/projects)
9.	Song Contest	July –August 31, 2010	5 participants (6 Entries/songs)
10.	CBD-COP10	October 19-25, 2010	Presentation

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**Trip Report for Newsletter**

CEO Fabian B. Iyar traveled to Nagoya, Japan from October 19-25, 2010 to attend the Convention on Biological Diversity Conference of the Parties 10 (CBD-COP10) meeting. He attended at the invitation of JICA Headquarters to share and showcase PICRC's current project with JICA: Capacity Enhancement Project for Coral Reef Monitoring.

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) hosted a presentation session at the venue of COP10 in Nagoya-Japan, and invited four (4) project counterparts (Palau, Malawi, Samoa, and Costa Rica) from national and regional governments to share their experiences with JICA's cooperation. This was part of JICA's "**Fair on Experiences and Best Practices in Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA)**". The fair offered a platform to showcase the work and contribution of the Parties to the implementation of the objectives of the Convention, and encouraged the demonstration of activities designed particularly to communicate the value of biodiversity for human well-being, and of celebrations in support of the International Year of Biodiversity.

CEO Iyar arrived in Nagoya on October 19<sup>th</sup> and checked in to Sakae-Washington Plaza Hotel. The next day, he registered at the Nagoya Convention Center as part of the Palau Delegation. Each day, the delegation would meet with other Pacific Island countries in the morning followed by meetings with Asia-Pacific countries to hear updates on discussions in the working groups on issues that were of interest to the respective island countries. During the course of his stay, he visited the CEPA information display area, visited the JICA tent several times, and assisted at the JICA tent on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> talking about the project and handing out brochures to the attendees.

CEO Iyar presented our project at the CEPA side-event held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The title of our presentation was, "Building Capacity for Community-based Coral Reef Monitoring in Palau and Micronesia Region." He stated that our project was very focused and concentrated on monitoring of Marine Protected Areas, as opposed to other countries such as Samoa and Costa Rica who combined several projects and presented them to the audience. The turn-out was great in that we had 40 to 50 people in attendance, most of whom were attendees of the conference. But more Japanese people visited the JICA tent outside the conference center. Malawi presented on their watershed project. During Q&A, most questions were directed at the JICA officials, inquiring how a country would go about partnering with JICA to have a JICA project in their respective countries. One question that was directed at the presenters was that of the sustainability of the projects. All presenters took turns contributing to that discussion. There is a lot of interest from countries to implement projects, and obviously they were impressed with our projects and are looking to JICA to assist them with potential projects in their countries. CEO Iyar would like to thank JICA for making possible the opportunity for the Center to showcase its work to foreigners as well as the people of Japan.