

Taiwan-Palau Collaborative Agreement signed to promote Capacity Building and S&T of Disaster Risk Management

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Palau National Emergency Management Office (NEMO) and Taiwan National Science and Technology Center for Disaster Reduction (NCDR) signed the Collaborative Agreement on 30 August. H.E. Dr. Tsung-Tsong Wu, Minister of National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) and H.E. J. Uduch Sengebau Senior, Vice President and Minister of Justice hosted the signing ceremony and witnessed this meaningful process.

Minister Wu mentioned that this agreement will bring our two nations closer together by preventing disasters and sharing critical technology. Taiwan knows that without proper preparation, disasters can interrupt economic development and devastate the lives of people. Therefore, Taiwan is committed to integrating its world-famous high-tech innovation into creating stronger, more effective science-based disaster risk management. As island nations, Palau and Taiwan both place high importance on “resilience” and “sustainability.” Due to this, the NSTC has carried out its commitments to develop science and technology that support disaster risk management and climate change adaptation. Moreover, the NSTC encourages the research community to connect with government agencies and engage in co-design, co-work, and co-implementation projects to make the world more resilient and sustainable.

Vice President J. Uduch Sengebau Senior appreciated the NSTC for assistance in improving Palau's disaster monitoring and decision-making system, and hoped to share with Palau's experience and knowledge to jointly address climate change and extreme climate influence. Vice President Senior is very pleased to have this opportunity and dialogues between Taiwan and Palau, and looks forward to seeing Palau develop its ability to solve challenges through subsequent substantive interactions.

This Collaborative Agreement between NEMO and NCDR highlights four items:

1. Capacity Building Training Programs
2. Exchanges, Engagements and International Cooperation
3. Joint Workshop on Disaster Risk Management
4. Applied Research, Technology, and Information Sharing for Disaster Resilience

Since 2021, NEMO of Palau and NCDR of Taiwan have been working intensively to discuss how to initiate bilateral cooperation in disaster risk management through hardware installation and capacity building.



Taiwan NSTC Minister Wu (upper left) and Palau Vice President J. Uduch Sengebau Senior (upper right) witnessed the CA signing ceremony of NCDR and NEMO

The 18th APEC EPWG Meeting and 15th APEC SDMOF in Thailand

August, 2022; Chiang Mai, Thailand

In August, NCDR delegates attended the APEC 18th Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG) meeting and APEC 15th Senior Disaster Management Officials Forum (SDMOF) held in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Dr. Wei-Sen Li, as the representative to present the projects in implementation and the recent major disasters and DRR policy implementation – “Leveraging smart technology and innovation on for earthquake emergency response and climate extremes”. It is a long time that the EPWG colleagues could not meet together in person to discuss the strategy of regional disaster reduction. NCDR delegates are grateful for the local host - DDPM’ s warm hospitality to have these meaningful and important meetings.



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(Source from: Thailand DDPM)

More Events of NCDR:

- <https://ncdr.nat.gov.tw/oriNCDR/Home.aspx?WebSiteID=873f5b27-b86d-4d5c-a356-c369768bffe9>