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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRWOMAN



**Alii! Hafa Adai! Tirow! Ran Annim!
lakwe! Len Wo! Kaselehlia! and
Mogethin!**

Let me start off by sharing our wonderful experience during our second tri-annual PATA Micronesia's Chapter meeting that was held on August 6-8, 2019 in Kosrae. Dozens of members representing national and state tourism offices of Micronesia, representatives of travel trade and other businesses, elected officials and private individuals gathered for the organization's meeting. On behalf of the Chapter, I would like to thank Kosrae Visitors Bureau, Governor Sigrah, Speaker Palik, and all those who made this a wonderful experience for the members and for their warm hospitality during our meeting and stay in Kosrae.

I'd like to Congratulate Guam Visitor Bureau for a successful Travel Talks Digital Summit that brought impressive guest speakers, panelists and influencers from across the globe. I'd also like to also congratulate Yap Visitors Bureau for their first Taste of Yap Festival!!! PATA Micronesia Chapter welcomes the membership of agencies, businesses and individuals to work in our common passion of sharing the beauty of Micronesia with the world.

PATA Micronesia Chapter will hold its third Tri-Annual meeting on Dec. 3-4, 2019 in the Republic of Palau. We look forward to seeing you!

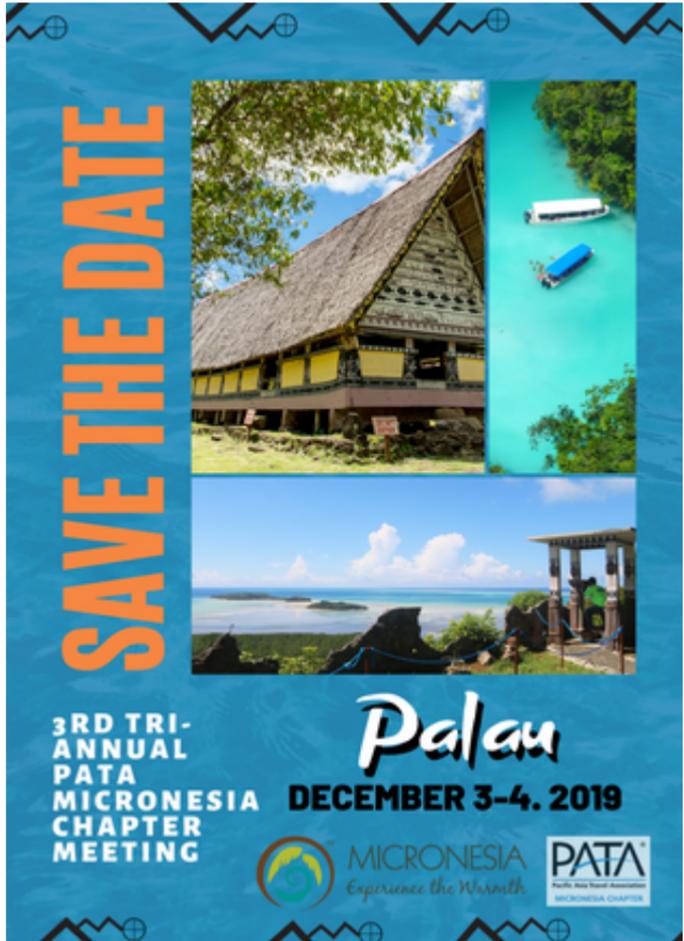
PATA-ly yours,
Stephanie Nakamura - PATA Micronesia Chapter Chairwoman



The Tri-annual Meeting of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Micronesia Chapter will be held on Dec. 3-4, 2019, in Palau.

PATA Micronesia welcomes the membership of agencies, businesses, and individuals who are interested in working with other chapter members in their common passion of sharing the beauty of Micronesia with the world.

Membership, Education; Cultural, Heritage & Environment; and Marketing Committee meetings will be held during the meeting, as well as the PATA Micronesia general membership meeting.



SAVE THE DATE

3RD TRI-ANNUAL PATA MICRONESIA CHAPTER MEETING

Palau

DECEMBER 3-4, 2019

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Pacific Asia Travel Association
MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION

PATA is a membership association acting as a catalyst for the responsible development of the Asia Pacific travel and tourism industry. Membership may be renewed or applied for online at www.patamicronesia.com. A special PATA travel rate to Palau will be extended to chapter members in good standing.

For more information on PATA, contact Chairwoman Stephanie Nakamura at sn@pristineparadisepalau.com or visit www.patamicronesia.org.

PATA Mic 2nd Tri-annual Meeting held in Kosrae on Aug. 6-8 , 2019

REGIONAL NEWS

The 2nd Tri-annual Meeting of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Micronesia Chapter was held on Aug. 6-8, 2019, in Kosrae.

Dozens of members representing national and state tourism offices of Micronesia, representatives of travel trade and other businesses, elected officials, and private individuals gathered for the organization's meeting. The meeting opened on Aug. 6, 2019, with a day of tours. Participants received a free boat tour around island. Additional available tours and activities included a tour of Lelu Ruins, the 14th century home of kings and village chiefs; Tafunsak Gorge Waterfall Tour; Utwe Biosphere Reserve; Teniwak Japanese tunnels; and green banana paper production. Hikes were also offered to Mt. Oma and Menke Ruins, an ancient temple dedicated to the breadfruit goddess. A welcoming reception that evening was hosted by Kosrae Governor's Office.

Chapter committee meetings were held the following day at Kosrae Nautilus Resort. Education Committee Chairwoman Denise Mendiola reported on upcoming trainings for Customer Service, Food Handling/Safety and Training the Trainer within the region. Cultural, Heritage & Environment Committee Chairwoman Rita Nauta reported on the integration of cultural, heritage and environment into upcoming training by the Education Committee; the Micronesian Milestones historical timeline in Guampedia.com; and development of a Micronesian brand emphasizing seafaring and storytelling. Chapter member and historian Tony Ramirez also explained the importance of historic and cultural interpretation for tour guides. Marketing Committee Vice Chairman Luciano Abraham reported on upcoming international and regional events and the chapter's social platforms and official website MicronesiaTour.com. Membership Committee Chairwoman Lou Aguon-Schulte highlighted PATA members in the region in a special video presentation and discussed renewals, new sign ups online, and the chapter's membership goals for this year.

On the following day, members got a chance to visit the world's last Ka forest (Yela Ka Forest), followed by the chapter General Membership meeting at the Tafunsak Marina Conference Room later that afternoon, where each of the national and state tourism offices reported on the status of visitor arrivals, upcoming events for tourists, upcoming marketing event, and other news. A farewell reception was hosted Kosrae Speaker's Office, and optional tours continued on the final day.

PATA Micronesia Chairwoman Stephanie Nakamura thanked Governor Sigrah, Speaker Palik, Vice Speaker Joe, Bank of Guam Kosrae Branch Manager Brandon Cruz, Bank of FSM, FSM Development Bank, Kosrae Visitors Bureau, HPO Team, PATA Micronesia Chapter Members and Nautilus Resort for their warm hospitality during the meeting.

The Pacific Asia Travel Association Micronesia chapter will hold its 3rd tri-annual meeting in the Republic of Palau on Dec. 3-4, 2019.



PATA INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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PATA Travel Mart 2019

PATA Travel Mart is Asia Pacific's international travel trade exhibition featuring unparalleled networking and contracting opportunities to help travel and tourism organisations access decision makers, meet new clients, expand their networks, establish new relationships and consolidate existing business partnerships.



PATA Executive Board & Board Meeting

All PATA Board and Committee members are invited to attend the forthcoming PATA Executive Board and PATA Board Meeting, which will be held right after PATA Travel Mart 2019. The PATA Board and Committee Meetings will be held at the Hilton Astana, from Sept. 20-21. All registered PATA Board, Committee and Life members will be offered a complimentary badge to visit the entire PTM 2019.



PATA Destination Marketing Forum 2019

PATA Destination Marketing Forum 2019 (PDMF) gathers the top minds in destination travel for inspiring and insightful discussions on some of the major issues in marketing and managing tourism growth to lesser-known destinations.

