



JOINT COMMUNIQUE

The Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and its States, Yap, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Chuuk, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau

Introduction

The Chief Executives of the Governments of the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and its States, Yap, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Chuuk, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau held their Twelfth Micronesian Chief Executives' Summit (MCES) in Tamuning, Guam, on December 3-4, 2009. This Summit resulted in the adoption of regional programs of action in the focal areas of solid waste management, conservation through the Micronesia Challenge and related environmental programs, renewable energy, invasive species, health, transportation, workforce investment and tourism. The Summit also resulted in actions in miscellaneous areas of concern to the sub-region, including the development of the Micronesia Center for a Sustainable Future.

The Summit reaffirmed the commitment of each of the participants, on behalf of their people and their governments, to establish closer ties, expand future discussions and agree on beneficial initiatives for the benefit of the entire Micronesian Region.

The Honorable Felix P. Camacho of Guam, as Chairman, expressed his appreciation to the five Governors, the two Presidents, and jurisdictional representatives for their attendance and active participation in the Twelfth Micronesian Chief Executives' Summit.

Following the opening ceremonies of the Summit, the Chief Executives heard reports and recommendations from sub-regional committees and presentations on a number of issues of interest in the sub-region and region and jointly directed action in their respective jurisdictions, as reflected in this 12th Communiqué.