

EXHIBITION

Discover the Tropical Islands of Palau

—Toward a Sustainable Future

International Research Center for Japanese Studies (Nichibunken), NIHU Interactive Museums

Rock Islands, photo by MITA Takashi

The Republic of Palau is a small island country in the Pacific Ocean, with a population of about 17,000. It is made up of roughly 400 islands near the equator and surrounded by crystal-clear waters. This exhibition explores the culture of Palau, along with its pioneering efforts toward a sustainable future. Held in Hyogo Prefecture — a long-time partner of Palau — it carries on some of the photo panels from the Palau Booth at EXPO 2025 Osaka, Kansai. Please come take a look!

Related Event 1

Opening Ceremony

Free Entry

No Registration Required

The Charm of Palauan Culture: Building a Sustainable Future Together

September 19 (Sat), 2026, 13:30– Hyogo-no-Tsu Museum, 1F Hall

Host: YASUI Manami (Professor, Nichibunken)

Related Event 2

Workshop

Free Entry

No Registration Required

Sharing the Charm of the Republic of Palau

September 23 (National Holiday), 2026, 13:30– Hyogo-no-Tsu Museum, 3F Lecture Room

"The Cultures of Oceania"

— TANABE Makoto (Honorary Director, Hyogo-no-Tsu Museum)

"The Wonders of Micronesia"

— YASUI Manami (Professor, Nichibunken)

"A Message from Palau to the People of Japan"

— Sharon O. Sakuma (Panel Exhibition Coordinator, Republic of Palau)



TANABE Makoto



YASUI Manami



Sharon O. Sakuma

Admission free

Date: **Saturday, September 19 – Sunday, October 4, 2026**

Venue: **Hyogo Prefectural Hyogo-no-Tsu Museum**

2-2-1 Nakanoshima, Hyogo-ku, Kobe, Hyogo 652-0844

Exhibition: **2F Special Exhibition Room 2**

Separate fee applies for the permanent exhibition.

Opening Hours: [September] 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. [October] 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Last Admission: 30 minutes before closing Closed: September 24 (Thu) and 28 (Mon)

Organizer: International Research Center for Japanese Studies [Contact] E-mail: kouhou@nichibun.ac.jp (Public Relations Unit)

With the cooperation of: Hyogo Prefectural Hyogo-no-Tsu Museum, Sonoda Gakuen Corporation, Embassy of the Republic of Palau in Japan, and Ministry of Human Resources, Culture, Tourism, and Development Palau National Government



Event Details



Directions