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## Courtesy Call on President from INS Satpura Captains



On Saturday, 13 August 2016, President Heine conveyed a warm welcome to Captain AN Pramod, the Commanding Officer of INS Satpura, Defence Attache' Captain Himadri Bose, and the Officers and crew of the INS Satpura to the Marshall Islands, during a courtesy call held at the President's Office.

This is the first visit by an Indian Naval vessel to the Marshall Islands. The visit was from 13-15 August.

"The visit is a symbol of the strong bond of friendship that exists between the Republic of the Marshall

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Photo L-R: Capt. Pramod, President Heine, MIAP Zackhras, Capt. Bose after the courtesy call held at the President's Office

Islands and the Republic of India," stated President Heine.

Discussed during the courtesy call were on exploring possible areas of cooperation and partnership between the Governments of the Marshall Islands and India.

President Heine expressed appreciation for the medical clinics the crew will be conducting during their visit. The crew also provided tours of the ship, jazz concert, and painted the facilities at Assumption School.

"This generous gesture of goodwill and friendship is greatly appreciated," said President Heine.

President Heine reiterated the Marshall Islands Government's commitment in strengthening the relationship between the two countries.

## Call on Minister-in-Assistance Zackhras, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs

Minister-in-Assistance Mattlan Zackhras, the Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, received a courtesy call from Captain AN Pramod, Defence Attache' Captain Himadri Bose and Officers of the INS Satpura. The courtesy call was held at the Cabinet conference room prior to the courtesy call on President Heine.

"The Government of India continues to be a staunch supporter and valuable partner especially towards the development aspirations of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. We remain grateful for the Government of India for their continued support," stated Minister-in-Assistance Zackhras.

Minister Zackhras reiterated the RMI's unwavering support and commitment to India especially in terms of its aspirations in the international arena. He reassured the RMI's commitment in further enhancing the relationship between the two countries.

"We look forward to welcoming you back to our humble shores in the not too distant future," said Minister Zackhras.

The Government of India has provided the following assistance to the RMI:

- contributed \$100,000 grant towards efforts to develop the first National Export Strategy for the RMI
- contributed \$100,000 towards RMI's hosting of the 2nd Annual Traditional Leaders' Summit last year in September
- was one of first partners who pledged assistance towards RMI's typhoon Nangka relief efforts.
- provided \$100,000 grant to the RMI to set up solar street lights on Majuro by MALGOV. Project is complete.
- provided \$100,000 towards women's group from Jaluit Atoll (Atoll Community Coral and Clam Farm Project)

Following the courtesy call, Minister Zackhras hosted a luncheon in honor of Captain AN Pramod, Defence Attache' Captain Himadri Bose and Officers of the INS Satpura, at the Marshall Islands Resort.



Top photo- Courtesy call at the Cabinet Conference room. Pictured on left side: Chief of Staff de Brum, MIAP Zackhras, Foreign Affairs Secretary Kijiner, FSO Kendall. Right side: Officer, Captain Pramod, Captain Bose, Protocol Chief Enos

Bottom photo- MIAP Zackhras presents Marshallese handicraft as gift, during a gift exchange, to Captain Pramod at the luncheon hosted by MIAP and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Foreign Affairs Secretary Kijiner looks on.



## Strengthening Resiliency of Water Supply for Outer Island High Schools

The Government of the RMI has received an initial approval of a project concept note, from EU-GIZ Adapting to Climate Change and Sustainable Energy (ACSE) Program that aims to strengthen water resilience of three major outer island high schools with the adoption of long-term solution to improve water storage and harvesting systems. The high schools to benefit from this project are Kwajalein High School, Northern Islands High School at Wotje Atoll, and Jaluit High School.

"The project will contribute to sufficiently collect and store rainwater through installing new storage system and/or rehabilitating current facilities in order to provide a reliable, consistent source of safe drinking water for the target groups," states the proposal.

The project was recommended by the National Disaster Committee (NDC) that serves as the lead agency to coordinate and monitor all of the drought responses and activities at the national level.

The project is identified by the NDC members in alignment with the Immediate and Near Drought Response Plan for the RMI and the Joint National Action Plan for Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risks Management (JNAP).

Representatives of the Government and EU-GIZ Advisor Mr. Clinton Chapman will be conducting scoping assessment to Kwajalein, Wotje, and Jaluit Atolls, starting this week. The ND MO is leading the team to start assessing the current structural conditions of the existing water catchment on Gugeegu, on Kwajalein Atoll, and the ones on Jaluit and Wotje, built during the 2nd World war.

"Rather than starting from scratch, we will look at the existing structures and build on that," said Chief Secretary Justina Langidrik. This scoping mission aims to better understand the local school needs and facility situations in the WASH sector for detailed project design.



Photo of Ebeye looking South by Mr. Anjojo Kabua

The selection of Kwajalein, Jaluit, and Wotje is based on population of high school age students who come from nearby Atolls in order to attend schools on these Atolls. Not only does this address water needs for students but for the communities in times of prolonged drought events.

## Ebeye/Kwajalein Atoll Development Project Summaries and Status (list & photos provided by KADA Executive Director Carl Hacker)

The following list captures most of the completed, ongoing and planned projects for Kwajalein Atoll that is known to Kwajalein Atoll Development Authority (KADA):

### JICA – Japan International Cooperation Agency

4. **Solid Waste Strategy** – Part of a Pacific Wide development program focused on development of the RMI National Solid Waste Strategy to include Majuro, Ebeye, Wotje, Jabor and Ennibur. Final agreement is to be signed during 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August. Project will also look at awareness and education campaigns in local schools and where possible some equipment for landfills and waste reduction.

1. **KAJUR 600kW Solar Project** – Design and approval process underway. If all goes well should expect project approval by May/June 2017, with work on the ground commencing later in 2017. JICA team will be on Ebeye in January of 2017 to finalize design.
2. **Ebadon Elementary School** – Japan Grassroots Grant – Proposal, approximately \$100,000 prepared by MOE, pending submission.
3. **Emergency Preparedness Equipment** – A significant amount of emergency equipment has been donated by JICA for Ebeye/Kwajalein, valued at approximately – Y108,984,150 or \$1,076,912. Equipment to be provided,

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delivery date unknown, for Ebeye includes: 2 forklifts, 1 mini excavator, 1 water tanker, 1 roller compactor, 2 plate compactors, 2 portable safety lighting systems, 1 boom truck, 1 low boy trailer, 1 tractor trailer, 2 rescue boats/engines, 1 Gen set large, 2 Gen Sets portable, 2 portable desalination water purifiers.

### World Bank

1. **Solar Project** will involve the following system 3.8MW for Ebeye, 450kW Wotje, 300kW Jabor, if approved by the World Bank Board in 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2017, work could start by early 2018. Feasibility and project estimates are yet to be finalized and reviewed. World Bank team has made two missions to Ebeye in support of this project.
2. **Shore Line Protection** – 2<sup>nd</sup> World Bank mission to Ebeye is scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August, hopefully more information and details will be made available.

### Compact and Compact Related – RMI/US

9. **Ebeye Solid Waste Heavy Equipment Shed** – FY16 \$223,000 Work will commence end of August
10. **Ebeye Solid Waste Reduction/Recycling Shed** – FY17 \$308,000
11. **Ebeye Emergency Dock Repairs** – FY 16 \$430,900 Work will commence end of August
12. **Ebeye Elementary School Reconstruction** project is approximately FY16 \$15,000,000. BECA will be completing final design drawings by the end of August. Bids for construction will follow shortly after this task is completed



Iroij & Kwajalein Senator Michael Kabua, Ebeye-based Deputy Chief Secretary Abacca Anjain-Maddison, & JICA Solar Project Staff

1. **Mid Corridor Housing** – Planning and Feasibility Report FY 16 \$173,360 Project team arrives on Ebeye August 4 – 11. Plan for new housing for approximately 750 people from the Mid Corridor islands of Kwajalein Atoll
2. **Ebeye /Kwajalein Infrastructure and Development Plan(IDMP) FY 17 \$500,000**
3. **Ebeye Parks and Recreation PDP (Project Development Plan) FY17 \$200,000**
4. **Ebeye Hospital Comprehensive Structural & Maintenance Inspection FY 17 \$300,000**
5. **Kwajalein Atoll High School PDP FY17 \$200,000**
6. **Ebeye Causeway Repairs – FY17 \$695,000**
7. **College of the Marshall Islands Ebeye Campus PDP FY17 \$200,000**
8. **Ebeye Hospital Repairs, FY16** – Repairs to ducting and ceilings, repair water condensation damage; Installation of new incinerator

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13. **Seabees/USAKA – US Naval Construction Battalions** – Seabee detachment is working on a wide range of projects throughout Kwajalein Atoll, including:

- Kindergarten school building reconstruction, looking at September to commence
- Eniburr dock shelter construction completed end of July
- Ebeye Basketball/Tennis court reconstruction, pending
- Underwater Ebeye dock inspection, scheduled for September/October
- Kwajalein atoll outer island water catchments, pending
- The Seabees are also investigation projects to assist Ebeye hospital at the hospital and with other public health activities.

### ADB – Asian Development Bank

1. **KAJUR Ebeye Water & Sanitation Project** (Compact & AusAid) This is a \$19.1 million project, with \$4.1million from AusAid, \$5million from ADB and \$10million from RMI/US Compact – with ADB providing the project and finance management alongside KAJUR. Work is progressing with purchase and installation of two new RO units, taking production for approximately 35,000 gallons per day to over 350,000 gallons per day. Currently public awareness and education training for hygiene programs in the schools is underway.
2. **KAJUR AusAid Quick Win** – This is a separate grant of \$400,000 to assist with new ground wells for provision of water for the new reverse osmosis



Senator David Paul (third from right) with members of the Ebeye Community



KAJUR Ebeye Water and Sanitation Project Summer Camp

water reduction units and resources to assist with work on drainage and localized flooding. Work is progressing in both project areas.

3. **KalGov Finance System upgrade** – This is worth approximately \$67,000 for the purchase of MIP accounting software, server & computer hardware and initial system training. KalGov staff have already been attending several MIP system training workshops since 2016 and are working to improve budget/finance audits, capacity and accountability.

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4. **TA request for solid waste** – Request was recently submitted for future technical assistance, focusing on waste reduction, public awareness & education, and landfill management.

### ROC – Republic of China (Taiwan)

1. **Ebeye Boat Ramp** FY16 \$100,000; FY 17 \$300,000 has been granted for repair and rehabilitation of the old seaplane/boat ramp. KADA has approved and will also provide for some limited funding if project exceeds the budgeted ROC amount.
2. **Enniburr Boat** FY16 – \$100,000 for the purchase of a boat that can help in the transports of goods and provisions between Enniburr, Ebeye and other islands.

In addition there are several other projects that are being considered and developed for evaluation, consideration and funding:

1. KalGov Government Building
2. Kalgov Staff Housing
3. Police Station and Sub Stations
4. Ennibur Community Hall
5. Water Storage and Desalination Plant for Guegegue –

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KAJUR Water & Sanitation Project Clearing Storm & Sewer Drains

### UN – United Nations

1. **IOM** – Have made several visits to Ebeye to discuss various issues concerning the recent El Nino and disaster preparedness in general.
2. **Resilient Cities Program** – <http://www.unisdr.org/campaign/resilientcities/home/index>

KalGov application was submitted and was approved to join the UN Resilient Cities Program.



Mid Corridor Housing Project Exit meeting with KalGov, BECA, KADA and Senator Paul