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## **FIRST STEP FOR ONE-STOP SHOP**

Known as the Stepping Stone to Palau, Airai State in the southernmost part of Babeldaob, has recently completed improvements for the One-stop Shop Program, a tourist product designed to provide visitors insight to some of the best cultural treasures hidden on Babeldaob Island on day tours to various states, through a ticket purchased at the Palau Visitors Authority Office in Medalaih, Koror.

Airai State preserves the oldest bai (built over 180 years ago and renovated in 1984) and several sites of cultural and historic importance. In fact, 113 surveyed and identified historic sites of which 22 have been registered in the Palau Register of Historic Places. 6 of these registered sites have been restored. There is also a large reservoir which supplies Koror with water and the Ngerikiil River, which winds through mangrove and forest.

Recent improvements to the Airai Bai site include construction of restroom facilities and outdoor seating. Furthermore, two tour guides will be located at the site in order to provide informational tours to visitors.

Another purpose for the Airai Natural Course in the recent obstacle course race KONQER PALAU is to use a sports event to work in conjunction with Airai State to create another permanent tour for the State, which can also be implemented into the development of the One-Stop Shop program, which will encourage visitors to the outlying states of Palau through diversified activities and attractions.

PVA is a semi-autonomous body created by law to promote and encourage the development and marketing of tourism as one of the primary economic sectors of the Republic. For additional information, please contact 488-1930/2793 or email to [pva@pristineparadisepalau.com](mailto:pva@pristineparadisepalau.com).



*New Restroom facilities next to Airai Bai*



*New seating donated by the Palau Visitors Authority*



*"Compass" at the Terebel er a Meribang, Ordodel (Intersection at stone paths)*



*Chades er a Mechorei was a traditional causeway-boundary between chiefdoms.*



*Metuker era Bisech, Ngerusar is the site of a Yapese Stone Money Quarry. Featured is a large piece of Yapese Stone Money.*



*Natural Course built for the KONQER Palau Obstacle Course Race*