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### **PARTNERS MADE KONQER SUCCESSFUL**

An original and successful obstacle course race (OCR) event, KONQER continues to lead the pack with new course designs and venues each year. For the second year in a row, the KONQER Palau took place this last weekend, October 6-7, 2018 with the support of partners in Palau and Guam.

KONQER's commitment towards health and wellness through pureness of "PLAY" was experienced in every obstacle design and location choice made, including the Kids Course and two exciting venues, namely the Natural Course in Airai State on Saturday, October 6th and the Obstacle Course Challenge at Long Island Park on Sunday, October 7th.

While the intention of the KONQER OCR is to enjoy wellness through play, and team and individual times are not as important as the fun as completing the course, several individuals were recognized for achieving the best time, including PVA Tarantula Team, Enduro Participant Orion Cruz, Sprint Participant Corey Johnson and Relay Team Blue Bay PRO.

Pre-Konqer events included the 10K/5K Run/Walk on Saturday, September 22nd, and the KONQER Training at Track & Field sponsored by the Civic Action Team's House of Pain on September 24-27. On October 4th at the Belau National Museum, a History Night was held at the Museum.

PVA would like to thank the following sponsors whose generous contributions have gone towards the preparation of this KONQER Palau event, including: Bilung Gloria Salii and Uroi Salii, Former President Johnson Toribiong, Minister of Justice/Honorable Vice President Raynold Oilouch, Acting Director of Bureau of Marine Resources Leon Remengesau, Airai State Government (Governor Tmewang Rengulbai, Tourism Representative Collins Takeo), Koror State Government (Governor Franco Gibbons, Speaker Alan T. Marbou, Director Leslie Tewid J. Oleg and Koror State Rangers Director Jennifer Olkeriil), Melekau Insurance Agency, Fortune Investment and Development Corporation, Palau Investment Bank, Bank of Guam, Bank of Hawaii, Taiwan Embassy, Midcorp, Palau Shipping, Western Caroline Trading Company, Blue Bay Petroleum, Surangel & Sons Company, IP & E Palau, Inc., Palau Royal Resort, IMPAC Tours, Palau Trading Company, CTSI Logistics/Western Union, Palau Central Hotel/Elilaih Restaurant, Belau National Museum, Fish N Fins, NECO Marine, NECO Plaza Corporation, NECO Tabecheding Water, Palasia Hotel Palau, The Cove Resort, Palau National Olympic Committee, Coors Light (Guam), Konqer Sports, Palau National Communications Corporation, US Embassy/The Civic Action Team, Island Paradise Resort Club, Palau Track & Field Association, Ngellil Nature Island Resort,

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This successful event will be continued to be promoted and carried out in Palau on an annual basis, and the dates of the 2019 KONQER Palau will be provided in the near future.

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