

2024 INDEPENDENCE DAY & OLECHOTEL BELAU FAIR

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Palau Leadership Softball Tournament: September 25, 2024 (5pm), Nippon Baseball Field

The Palau Leadership Softball Tournament, celebrating the 30th Independence Day of the Republic of Palau, is set to ignite community spirit on September 25, 2024. Held at Nippon Baseball Field (Asahi) in Ngerbeched, Koror, this spirited event will begin at 5 pm. Designed to offer our leaders a chance to showcase their athletic skills and foster camaraderie, the tournament will also support a noble cause by raising funds for a local Non-Profit Organization. Join us for an evening of thrilling softball action, community engagement, and celebration of Palau's rich heritage.

Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner Opening Ceremony: September 28, 2024 (6pm), Palau Royal Resort-Malakal

The Opening of the Office of Pacific Ocean Commissioner will take place on September 28, 2024, at the Palau Royal Resort, beginning at 6 pm. This prestigious event marks the official inauguration of the new headquarters for the Pacific Ocean Commissioner in the Republic of Palau. Join us for an evening of celebration as we welcome this pivotal institution dedicated to the stewardship and preservation of the Pacific Ocean, highlighting Palau's commitment to regional and global environmental leadership.

1st Annual Independence Day Cycling Race: September 29, 2024 (5:30am), Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge (Airai-side)

In celebration of the 30th Independence Day of the Republic of Palau, the Belau Triathlon Federation is proud to host the 1st Annual Cycling Event on September 29, 2024. Kicking off at 5:30 am from the Japan Palau Friendship Bridge (Airai Side), participants will embark on a scenic route through Babeldaob before returning to the starting point. This inaugural race aims to promote sports tourism and enhance the cycling sport in Palau. Join us for a thrilling ride through stunning landscapes and be a part of this historic sporting event.

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1st Palau Cup (Sailing Association): September 29, 2024 (8:30am), Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge (Airai-side)

In honor of the 30th Independence Day of the Republic of Palau, the Palau Sailing Association is excited to present the inaugural Palau Cup. On September 30, 2024, starting at 8:30 am at the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge (Airai-side), young sailors from across Palau will display their sailing talents in this premier event. The Palau Cup promises to highlight the skill and enthusiasm of Palau's next generation of sailors, celebrating both their achievements and the rich maritime heritage of the nation. Join us for a day of thrilling races and vibrant maritime spirit.

World Food Day: September 29, 2024 (10am), Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge

In celebration of the 30th Independence Day of the Republic of Palau and World Food Day, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Environment (MAFE) will host a special event on September 29, 2024, at the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge, starting at 10 am. This event will spotlight traditional Palauan crops and culinary delights, offering a rich display of local agriculture and food heritage. Join us to explore and savor the flavors of Palau, while honoring both our independence and global food sustainability.

Boat Race Day-Market: September 29, 2024 (8am), Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge (Airai-side)

In celebration of the 30th Independence Day of the Republic of Palau, the Palau Visitors Authority is hosting the Boat Race Day-Market on September 29, 2024. Starting at 8 am at the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge (Airai-side), this vibrant market will feature a diverse array of products from local private vendors. Join us for a day of shopping, community engagement, and festive atmosphere as we celebrate Palau's milestone anniversary with a lively market experience.

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Annual Independence Day Boat Race: September 29, 2024 (12pm), Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge (Koror-side)

As part of the 30th Anniversary of the Republic of Palau's Independence Day celebrations, the Annual Independence Day Boat Race returns with thrilling excitement. Hosted by the Boat Race Association, this beloved event will take place on September 29, 2024, starting at 12 pm at the Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge (Koror-Side). Watch as boaters compete in an exhilarating race that showcases their boating skills, continuing a cherished tradition of maritime heritage and community spirit. Join us for an afternoon of vibrant competition and festive atmosphere on the water.

31st Mechesil Belau Conference: September 30, 2024 (8am), Ngarachemayong Cultural Center, Medalaii -Koror

The 31st Mechesil Belau Conference, dedicated to the women of the Republic of Palau, held annually to address key issues and opportunities for women in the nation. This year, the conference will be part of the 30th Independence Day celebrations. The Mechesil Belau organization will also host a special "desiil" reception for foreign dignitaries and guests, providing an opportunity to celebrate Palau's milestone anniversary while fostering meaningful dialogue and collaboration. Join us for an inspiring event focused on advancing women's roles and contributions in Palau.

Independence Day and Olechotel Belau Fair Music Jam Festival: September 30, 2024 (10am), Ernguul Park, Koror

Join us for the Music Jam Festival on Independence Day and the Olechotel Belau Fair, a vibrant celebration of Palauan musical heritage! This special event honors the legacy of Palau's musical pioneers while uniting youth and music enthusiasts in a joyful tribute. Experience live performances and storytelling that bring to life the rich histories of beloved Palauan musicians from the past. It's an unforgettable day of music, memories, and community spirit, dedicated to keeping the rhythms of Palau's history alive.

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24th Olechotel Belau Fair: October 1, 2024 (8am), Ngerulmud, Palau

In celebration of the 30th Independence Day of the Republic of Palau, the 24th Olechotel Belau Fair will take place on September 30, 2024, starting at 8 am at the Republic of Palau Capitol grounds in Ngerulmud. This vibrant fair will showcase the rich cultural heritage of Palau, featuring traditional performances, dance, arts, and crafts from all 16 states. Join us for a day of cultural celebration and community pride as we honor Palau's traditions and achievements.

Olechotel Belau Fair Traditional Games: October 1, 2024 (10am), Ngerulmud, Palau

Come join us on October 1st, 2024, at the Capitol Grounds in Ngerulmud, Koror for the Olechotel Belau Fair Traditional Games! This exciting side event highlights Palauan cultural heritage through a variety of traditional games including tug-of-war, coconut grinding, and basket weaving. With categories for all age groups, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Experience the thrill of competition, the joy of community, and a celebration of Palauan traditions in a fun-filled, family-friendly atmosphere. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to engage with and celebrate Palauan culture!

Unveiling Cultural Stamp and 30th Independence Day Stamp: October 1, 2024 (10am), Ngerulmud, Palau

Join us on October 1st, 2024, inside the Rotunda of the Olbiil Era Kelulau in Ngerulmud, Palau, for a special unveiling ceremony of a commemorative postage stamp collection. In honor of Palau's 30th Independence Day and 24th Olechotel Belau Fair, the Palau Postal Service will reveal a two-part stamp series: one showcasing Elizabeth Kraemer-Bannow's artistic portrayal of life in Palau during the German Colonial Period (1899–1914), and another celebrating the strong bilateral relationships with Palau's key allies—the U.S.A., Australia, Japan, and Republic of China-Taiwan. Be part of this historic moment as we celebrate Palau's past and its international friendships through the art of philately.

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D.A.V.E Create Palau Event: October 1, 2024 (8am), Ngerulmud, Palau

The D.A.V.E Create Palau event, hosted by the Create Palau organization, will highlight the artistic talents of Palauan artists. On October 1, 2024, join us at the Olbiil Era Kelulau Building (Rotunda) in Ngerulmud, Palau, to experience a diverse showcase of local art forms. This event celebrates and promotes the creative skills of Palauan artists, offering a platform for their work and fostering appreciation for the rich cultural artistry of Palau.

Youth Dialogue Event by Reng Collective: October 1, 2024 (9am), Ngerulmud, Palau

In celebration of the 30th Independence Day of the Republic of Palau, the Reng Collective will host a Youth Dialogue event on October 1, 2024, starting at 9 am in Ngerulmud, Palau. This engaging event will provide a platform for the youth of Palau to discuss and debate key issues, share their perspectives, and offer insights on the nation's governance over the past three decades. Join us for a dynamic exchange of ideas as the next generation voices their opinions and contributes to the future of Palau.

30th Independence Day Official Ceremony: October 1, 2024 (5pm), Ngerulmud, Palau

The Official Ceremony for the 30th Independence Day of the Republic of Palau will commence at 5 pm on the grounds of the Capitol in Ngerulmud. This dignified event will provide a platform for national leaders to address the nation and deliver congratulatory messages from neighboring countries and global friends. Join us as we celebrate three decades of independence with heartfelt speeches and reflections on Palau's journey and achievements.

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30th Independence Day Fireworks: October 1, 2024 (7pm), Ngerulmud, Palau

To mark the 30th Independence Day of the Republic of Palau, join us for a spectacular fireworks show hosted by Giant Show Company. This traditional event, a highlight of the Independence Day celebrations, will dazzle spectators with a 20-minute display of vibrant colors and dazzling lights. The show will take place in Ngerulmud, Palau, starting at 7 pm. Don't miss this grand finale as we celebrate three decades of Palauan independence with a breathtaking display of pyrotechnic artistry.

** **Disclaimer:** All events related to the 2024 Independence Day celebrations and the 24th Olechotel Belau Fair are subject to change. The organizing committee will provide updates if there are any alterations to the event schedule or details. For the latest information or inquiries, please contact Director Raymond August at 775-4046.*