

# Japan-Palau Diplomatic Relations 30th Anniversary (1994-2024)



- Looking back at the history of people-to-people interactions and collaborative partnership over the years -



Photo: Japan Center for Asian Historical Records

**1952**  
Inception of recovery of the remains of WWII War dead



**1982**  
First Palauan student receiving Japanese scholarship



Photo: Palau Pacific Resort

**1984**  
Grand opening of Palau Pacific Resort, the oldest existing Japanese hotel investment



Photo: Belau National Museum

**1994**  
Palau's first Independence Ceremony



Photo: JICA

**1997**  
First dispatch of JICA volunteers to Palau



Photo: Palau Pacific Resort

**1999**  
Establishment of Japan Embassy in Palau



Photo: SATO Yuriaki

**1999**  
Grant aid for Construction of Japan-Palau Friendship Bridge, inaugurated in 2002



Photo: JICA

**2001**  
Grant Aid for establishment of Palau International Coral Reef Center



Photo: JICA

**2004**  
Grant aid for improvement of causeways in Meyuns, Malakal and Airai



**2011**  
Donation from Palau to help those affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake



Photo: Kambes Kesolei

**2015**  
Their Majesties the Emperor and Empress of Japan Visit Palau



Photo: The Japan Association of Marine Safety

**2018**  
Patrol Vessel PSS KEDAM donated by The Nippon Foundation for enhancing Palau's coastguard capability



**2021**  
First ever goodwill exercise in history between Palau and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force



Photo: Office of the President

**2022**  
State Call by President Whipps and First Lady to Their Majesties the Emperor and the Empress of Japan



**2023**  
Visit by President, OEK Members, and Traditional Leaders to Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station in Japan



Photo: JICA

**2024**  
The total number of JICA volunteers in Palau reaches 34, the highest per capita in the world