

The Sasakawa Peace Foundation and The Sasakawa Pacific Island Nations Fund presents:

**Symposium on  
Marine Pollution and Environmental Protection in the Pacific Islands  
-Recommendations for PALM 5 Summit-**

May 14, 2009 10:00-16:30

**Background:**

Conservation and sustainable use of the marine resources represented by coral reefs and mangrove forests is prerequisite to the continued well-being and culture of the Pacific Island peoples. Since its inception in 1997, the PALM Summit has continually acknowledged the importance of protection and sustainable use of the rich marine resources in the Pacific. On the occasion of the 5<sup>th</sup> PALM Summit in Tomamu, Hokkaido this May, the Sasakawa Peace Foundation will hold a symposium specifically focusing on marine pollution and the feasibility of establishing a sanctuary in the Pacific Island region. The aim of the symposium is to solicit concrete recommendations on how to take concepts and pledges formulated at previous summit meetings and put them into practice. We have invited Ambassador Hiroyuki Ishi as keynote speaker at the symposium, to be joined by NGO representatives and government officials from relevant ministries and departments, who will give presentations covering various topics.

**Program:**

- 10:00-10:10: Welcome Remarks Mr. Jiro Hanyu, Chairman, the Sasakawa Peace Foundation  
10:10-10:20: Inaugural Address, Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman, the Nippon Foundation  
10:20-10:30: Message delivered from HE Mr. Tommy Remengesau, Former President and Senator of Republic of Palau  
10:30-11:00: Chairperson's Speech, Ambassador Yoshiyuki Ishi, Professor, Tokyo University of Agriculture  
11:00-11:45 Session 1: Experience from Micronesia  
**Presentation: "The Micronesia Challenge: A regional strategy to secure island biodiversity and adaptation to climate change for the next generation",** Ms. Charlene Mersai, Regional Coordinator, Micronesian Challenge, Palau  
**Commentator:** Mr. Ricky Carl, Deputy Director for External Affairs, the Nature Conservancy, FSM  
11:45-12:00 Q&A  
12:00-13:30 Lunch break  
13:30-14:00 Session 2: Experience from Melanesia  
**Presentation 1: "Empowering local communities: a key to biodiversity conservation and environmental protection in coastal communities in Melanesia",** Dr. Jane Mogina, Executive Director, Mama Graun Conservation Trust Fund, PNG  
**Presentation 2: "Media, Critical Player in the Conservation of the Pacific's Marine World",** Ms. Ulamila Wragg, Coordinator, Pacific WAVE Network, Fiji  
14:00-14:15 Q&A  
14:15-14:45 Session 3: Experience from Polynesia  
**Presentation 1: "Marine Pollution and Marine Protected Area Approach in Samoa",** Ms. Naomi Auvae, Senior Development Officer, Ministry of Natural Resource & Environment, Samoa  
**Presentation 2: "Nature's Limited Capacity to service Unlimited Development: Changing Wastewater Policy on a Developing Island"** Ms. Ulamila Wragg, Coordinator, Pacific WAVE Network, Fiji (on behalf of Ms. Jacqueline Evans, Health Planner at the Community Health Service Directorate, Cook Islands Ministry of Health)  
14:45-15:00 Q&A  
15:00-15:20 Special Speech by Masahiro Akiyama, Chairman of Ocean Policy Research Foundation  
15:20-16:30 Session 4: Discussion

Remarks: Japanese>English simultaneous interpretation will be provided at the symposium.

A photograph exhibition will be held on the first floor of the Nippon Foundation Building.