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## Advanced mediation workshop conducted

In January 2013, Mr. Chuan Ng traveled to Palau where he conducted the Beginner's Mediation Workshop held in the Supreme Court which was attended by over 50 attendees. During that visit, he co-mediated a dispute with a local attorney, Mr. Siegfried B. Nakamura.

Through a Responsive Fund from Pacific Judicial Development Program (PJDP), Mr. Ng was able to travel back to Palau last month to conduct an advanced workshop on January 14 - 16, 2014. The workshop was attended by local attorneys and members of the Palau Judiciary. Additionally, Mr. Ng co-mediated two court matters with local attorneys.

Mr. Ng is a Deputy District Registrar of the Federal Court of Australia and is based in Sydney. His position is similar to that of a Magistrate-Judge in the United States Federal Courts. As well as hearing



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bankruptcy and corporation cases in Court, he frequently conducts mediations which are referred to him by the Judges of the Federal Court of Australia, Federal Circuit Court of Australia, and Norfolk Island Supreme Court.

The 3 day Advanced Workshop was attended by 13 participants which was held at both the Koror courthouse and the Koror State Assembly Hall. Participants learned a number of advance mediation techniques including: dealing with difficult litigants, managing expectations, and bridging cultural communication barriers. Participants also engaged in intensive role-playing exercises

## Electrical engineer from Japan joins PICRC as JICA short term volunteer

Yoshihisa Goto, an electrical engineer from an audio-visual company in Japan, joins Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) as a Japan



all aquarium visitors.

Goto graduated from Kanazawa University in Japan with a Bachelor Degree in Engineering. He worked at an audio-visual company called EIZO Corporation in Japan for eight years before coming to PICRC. After volunteering at PICRC, Goto will return back to his job. This is Goto's first volunteer experience