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Three cheers for MIMRA

Last week's National Ocean Symposium generated a high-level of government and community participation. An important highlight of the three-day program was the inclusion of presentations from numerous government and NGO representatives who are not in fisheries, but whose programs and interests relate to ocean issues.

We hear the word "collaboration" often, but in actuality don't always see it in practice among RMI entities. The MIMRA/President's Office-sponsored National Oceans Symposium showcased collaboration by giving the floor to many partner agencies and programs to share their work related to management of our oceans and lagoons.

This is the first such effort to bring together leaders, community members, students, teachers and others who are both interested and need to play a role in developing policies to guide how we take care of and use ocean resources for the benefit of present and future generations.

MIMRA and the President's Office deserve congratulations for this significant event that we hope will lead to developing programs and policies that are beneficial to the Marshall Islands as a whole.

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Ri-jeje: Harry Ueno



Chuuk, Xavier High star in Takeuchi exhibition

"Tropical Light," a photography exhibit featuring images of Chuuk Lagoon and Xavier High School, will open in Tokyo, Japan on May 12. The exhibit by photographer-writer Floyd Takeuchi will be on display at Sophia University, the Jesuit university. The Tokyo-based Association for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC) is sponsoring the exhibit, which runs through June 9.

"APIC's mission is to nurture strong relations between Japan and the nations of the Pacific and Caribbean," said Peter Sato, APIC's president. "Floyd's photographs show in dramatic fashion the natural beauty and human potential of the Micronesia region. It's also a part of the Pacific



One of the images by Floyd Takeuchi (below) that is featured in the Tokyo exhibition.

with long historic and family ties to Japan."

"Tropical Light" features 15 large photographs, the

largest being 98-inches wide by 56-inches tall. The photos of Chuuk Lagoon were originally made for a commission from the L5 Hotel on Weno. They are among the photographs that are displayed throughout the hotel. The photographs of Xavier High School were made for Takeuchi's book, "School on the Hill."

The exhibit will open with a lecture by Takeuchi on his cross-cultural photography over the past 15 years in the Pacific, Hawaii and Japan. There will be an opening program, followed by a reception.

Takeuchi is a writer-photographer who has spent most of his 40-year career working in the Pacific. An



American based in Hawaii, Takeuchi was born and raised in the Marshall Islands. He's had 14 photography exhibits in Hawaii.

More of Takeuchi's work can be found at his website, www.floydtakeuchi.com.

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