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Subject : Trip Report, PIALA Conference in Guam

Submit herewith is a brief summary of my trip.

November 12th, 2012, I left Chuuk for Guam to attend the 22nd annual Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museums (PIALA) conference held at the Holiday Resort Guam Conference Center.

I was very fortunate to participate in this conference. There I met new people from all over the Pacific islands. I not only met new people, but get acquainted with old friends and familiar people attending the previous PIALA Conferences. I had sat in all the sessions which I believe were all valuable and useful to my field as a librarian. I also get the chance to meet some authors who had shared brief introductions of their books. Very inspiring stories/books which are good for our libraries. I had joined the library tour to George Washington High School (GWHS) and Guam Community College (GCC).

Aside from being fortunate to participate in this conference, there is a disadvantage of being the only representative from your home island. As the only Chuuk representative, I get to do most of the things for Chuuk, like presenting the entity report, attending the PIALA board meeting, relaying Chuuk's needs, answering questions related to Chuuk, and along with some University of North Texas (UNT) students, and Library Education for the U.S Affiliated Pacific Islands Scholarship Program (LEAP) recipients, sat in the discussion panel and answered some questions regarding taking online classes. Along with two other PIALA members, we were interviewed too by Geraldine Coutts of Radio Australia, talking about libraries in Micronesia. Here's the link to the interview:
<http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/radio/program/pacific-beat/american-pacific-territories-librarians-say-books-are-here-to-stay/1046462>

It was indeed a busy week for me. I got tired sitting in all the sessions, and answering all the questions, yet, it was worth it. I had learned a lot and had gained more knowledge and skills through the activities.

Thank you,

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