

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made and entered into as of January 1, 2019, by and between the Republic of the Marshall Islands National Nuclear Commission (NNC) with an address at PO Box 2, Majuro, Marshall Islands and the College of the Marshall Islands (CMI) with an address at PO Box 1258, Majuro, Marshall Islands. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) sets forth the understanding of the parties related to collaboration in education, training, and information management relating to RMI's nuclear weapons testing history and legacy.

WHEREAS, in connection with the establishment of a partnership between the parties whereby information resources would be shared and oversight of contractors and outreach activities would be shared, the parties wish to set forth their current understanding and certain agreements made to date with respect to such partnership.

1. BACKGROUND

The NNC was established by the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) on February 28, 2017. Its creation was a result of the need to better coordinate the government's need to address ongoing, unresolved issues and challenges arising from the U.S. nuclear weapons testing program that took place in RMI from July 1946 to July 1958. The core mandate of the NNC is to develop a strategy to secure nuclear justice.

The NNC is also responsible for managing information relating to the U.S. nuclear weapons testing program in the RMI. In carrying out this function, the NNC has identified the need to promote public awareness and education amongst Marshallese living in the Marshall Islands as well as abroad. Increased understanding among Marshallese of the RMI's nuclear testing legacy will ensure that the history is never forgotten and that future generations may one day realize nuclear justice.

The Nuclear Institute was established by CMI in 1997 to promote research and public understanding on the history of nuclear weapons and their cultural and diplomatic effects, including the post-World War II U.S. nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands. Today, it serves as a key resource within CMI for students wishing to further their knowledge and understanding of the Marshall Islands' nuclear legacy. In support of this work, the Nuclear Institute maintains a collection of key resources, including one of two sets of declassified U.S. government documents relating to the U.S. nuclear testing program in the Marshall Islands.

The NNC and the CMI's Nuclear Institute have shared goals and objectives with respect to educating Marshallese about the nuclear testing legacy. The presence of a dedicated institute in CMI is a testament to the importance of educating Marshallese youth of their unique history. The Nuclear Institute provides further opportunities through a Nuclear

Club, with the primary objective of raising public awareness and understanding of the impacts of the US nuclear weapons testing program on the Marshall Islands.

The NNC's core mandate is to develop a strategy for pursuing nuclear justice. Any successful strategy must be firmly based on facts and evidence and it is imperative that the Marshall Islands has full ownership of its data and information. Moreover, the U.S. nuclear weapons testing program in the Marshall Islands left islands uninhabitable and health issues that continue to go unaddressed. If these issues are ever to be properly rectified, the world can never forget what happened and Marshallese have the primary responsibility for ensuring that the world never forgets. Education is key to this objective.

2. PURPOSE

Information Management

The purpose of this MOU is to enable collaboration between the parties on public education and awareness initiatives and management of information resources. The CMI Nuclear Institute owns a significant collection of resource materials on nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands, including a full set of declassified U.S. government documents. Many of these resources will be needed by the NNC for development of the national strategy.

Rather than the NNC establish a separate library of materials, it is logical to share the resources in the CMI Nuclear Institute. The NNC can also house its own materials in the CMI Nuclear Institute, for even greater efficiency and centralization of information.

Education and Outreach

The CMI Nuclear Club is directly affiliated with the Nuclear Institute and is active in raising public awareness of the effects of nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands. Students participate in activities involving artistic expression of nuclear testing impacts as well as participation in weekly radio shows. The NNC is also responsible for raising public awareness of the effects of nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands and is developing a Strategic Communications Plan to guide its efforts. Education and outreach will focus first on Marshallese living both in and outside the Marshall Islands with a secondary audience being the U.S. general public. Awareness and education activities by the NNC will also focus on U.S. political leadership.

A partnership between the NNC and the CMI Nuclear Institute in public awareness and education activities will ensure efficient use of resources and more importantly, that activities are student-led and contribute to enhancing and deepening a lasting understanding of RMI's nuclear history.

For this reason, the NNC wishes to secure the services of a Public Awareness and Outreach Coordinator under contract (NNC contractor), to work directly with the Nuclear Institute in carrying out parties' shared goals and objectives.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

National Nuclear Commission

- a. Information Management
 - i. Provide newly acquired resource materials to CMI Nuclear Institute for cataloging and storage;
 - ii. Refer inquiries for information and research to CMI Nuclear Institute collection;
 - iii. Follow CMI established procedures for accessing materials in the Nuclear Institute;
- b. Outreach and Awareness
 - i. Support CMI Nuclear Club public awareness activities, both in kind and financially, as appropriate;
 - ii. Work with CMI-NI Director and NNC contractor to develop and implement public outreach and awareness activities.
- c. Logistics and Financial
 - i. Work with CMI-NI Director in the recruitment and selection of a qualified NNC contractor;
 - ii. Provide funding to support contract activities;
 - iii. Assist with supervision and guidance of project implementation and be responsive to CMI-NI Director feedback on contract implementation;

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- a. Information Management
 - i. Receive, catalog, and maintain reference materials submitted by the NNC;
 - ii. Facilitate access by NNC to CMI library resources;
 - iii. Support development and maintenance of NNC website and other media platforms.
- b. Outreach and Awareness
 - i. Provide oversight over NNC contractor's public awareness and outreach activities;
 - ii. Facilitate access to CMI Nuclear Club and Nuclear Institute activities.
- c. Location and Supervision of Work
 - i. Provide a basic workstation at CMI-NI for NNC contractor;
 - ii. Provide direct supervision and support of NNC contractor in the implementation of agreed TORs;
 - iii. Keep NNC informed of contract activities and progress on program implementation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, by their signatures below, the parties have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed and effective as of the Effective Date.

RMI NATIONAL NUCLEAR COMMISSION



Rhea Moss-Christian, Chair


November 14, 2018

DATE

COLLEGE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

Mary Silk, Director, CMI Nuclear Institute

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Theresa Koroivulaono, Ph.D., President, CMI

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