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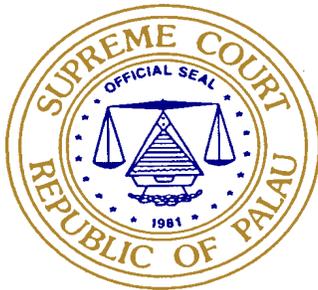
*Report of Recent Mediation Activities at the Land Court*

*(It is our duty at the Judiciary to inform the people what we do.  
This Press Release is one way to achieve that responsibility.)*

The Land Court's authority to adjudicate land claims expired on August 11, 2016. The authority was renewed about seven months later when the President signed the proper legislation on April 13, 2017. The Land Court began processing the pending land claims anew, including scheduling cases for mediation where appropriate. The mediations began in June 2017 forward. From June to August 31, 2017, the date of this report, 22 contested cases underwent mediation. Of the 22 cases, 17 were fully resolved, 2 were partially resolved, and 3 remained unresolved. In terms of percentage, 77% were resolved, 9% were partially resolved, and 14% remained unresolved.

The Senior Judge of Land Court congratulates the active mediators for their success and thanks them for their help to move cases along much quicker. He also takes this opportunity to ask the mediators to remind the claimants that even if a matter is resolved, the benefitting party should still appear at the scheduled hearing to answer questions and verify details in order to minimize any errors on the determination of ownership.

Attached is a spreadsheet and graph of the cases and numbers.



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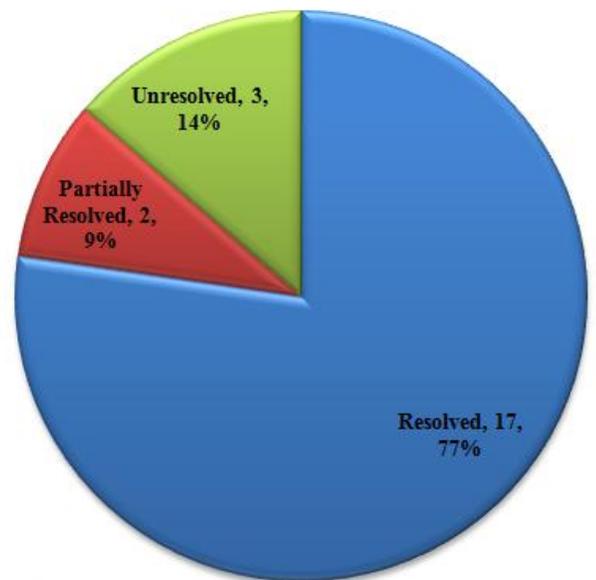
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#### Land Court Cases Mediated between June and August 2017

Case #	State	Mediator	Resolution
17-00042	Ngarchelong	Kyoko April	Partially Resolved
17-00045	Ngarchelong	Kyoko April	Partially Resolved
16-00067	Ngarchelong	Kyoko April	Resolved
16-00071	Ngarchelong	Kyoko April	Resolved
16-00075	Ngarchelong	Kyoko April	Resolved
16-00073	Ngarchelong	Kyoko April	Resolved
16-00069	Ngarchelong	Kyoko April	Resolved
16-00070	Ngarchelong	Kyoko April	Resolved
15-00226	Ngaraard	Jenevra Bechab	Resolved
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15-00213	Ngaraard	Jenevra Bechab	Resolved
15-00066	Ngaraard	Jenevra Bechab	Resolved
15-00219	Ngaraard	Serelina B. Ridep	Resolved
15-00227	Ngaraard	Serelina B. Ridep	Resolved
15-00220	Ngaraard	Romana Anastacio	Resolved
15-00222	Ngaraard	Romana Anastacio	Resolved
15-00223	Ngaraard	Romana Anastacio	Resolved
15-00225	Ngaraard	Romana Anastacio	Resolved
15-00221	Ngaraard	Romana Anastacio	Resolved
16-00062	Ngarchelong	Kyoko April	Unresolved
16-00060	Ngarchelong	Kyoko April	Unresolved
16-00061	Ngarchelong	Kyoko April	Unresolved
<b>Total cases mediated:</b>			<b>22</b>



<i>Resolution Tally</i>			
Resolved	Partially Resolved	Unresolved	TOTAL
17	2	3	22
77%	9%	14%	100%

#### Meaning of Terms

**Resolved** – all disputes were resolved and claims settled.

**Partially resolved** – some disputes were resolved and some claims were withdrawn.

**Unresolved** – no dispute was resolved and no claims were withdrawn.

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