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Re: Mr. Techitong completes an eight-week internship with the Clerk of Courts Office at the Palau Supreme 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.)

Mr. Ethan Obak Techitong, a Xavier alumni and a junior at the University of Scranton Pennsylvania availed of the Palau National Scholarship's Fellowship Award to do an eight-week internship with the Clerk of Courts Office at the Palau Supreme Court. An English major with a minor in Criminal Justice and History, Mr. Techitong intends to pursue a law degree after his undergraduate studies.



While at the Court, Mr. Techitong gained insight into the organization and

structure of Palau's judicial system, learning about the different case types and the rules and procedures that govern them. He also was able to see the court's case flow from initial filing at the intake counter to disposition and record archiving. Mr. Techitong also had the opportunity to not only observe but participate in courtroom proceedings by announcing cases and marking and tracking exhibits. He was also assigned to observe mediation sessions and went on site visits with court personnel.

Obak gained valuable experience not only in court proceedings but also practiced his customer service skills by recording land transactions, issuing vital stat records, collecting payments, etc.

The Judiciary is grateful for the assistance Mr. Techitong provided during his internship and wishes him well in his educational pursuits.