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

Re: PALAU JUDICIARY ATTENDS A SEMINAR ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE COURTS

On Tuesday, February 18, 2025, over 25 personnel from the Palau Judiciary attended a half-day seminar on the introduction of Artificial Intelligence (AI) basics, covering both traditional and generative AI and its potential impact on the Judiciary's work. The seminar was designed to inform judicial decision-making by explaining current use of this innovative technology as the Judiciary looks to adopting its policies on AI-use in its work, recognizing that AI can provide greater efficiencies in preparing legal documents and can improve access to justice. The seminar was presented by Ms. Joleen Ngoriakl, Owner and Principal Consultant at North Pacifikan Co. and Founder of Digital Citizenship Institute (seated third from the right), together with Professor Lyria Bennet Moses, Head of the University of New South Wales, Sydney School of Law, Society, and Criminology via a pre-recorded lecture. The seminar also presented case studies on AI in the courtrooms today and implementation of AI in practice, as well as a demonstration of the potential pitfalls of using AI. The seminar concluded with a question and answer session, allowing attendees to gain a meaningful understanding of the benefits and risks of AI-use in the justice system. The Palau Judiciary is committed to adopting a policy integrating the use of AI in its work, acknowledging the concerns about authenticity and accuracy and the integrity of court proceedings and decisions while maintaining the integrity of the process and ethical standards.