

India-Palau Relations

India established diplomatic relations with Palau in April 1995. Since then, there have been regular consultations with the political leadership and administrative representatives of the Government of the Republic of Palau.

The Mission in Manila is concurrently accredited to the Republic of Palau. India also conducts a regular dialogue with the Pacific Islands Forum, of which Palau is a member and the current Chairman.

The relations between India and Palau has developed in the spirit of South-South Cooperation. As per DGFT figures, the total exports from India to Palau in 2013-14 was USD 30,000 while in 2014-15 (April-Oct), it was USD 50,000, with pharma products being the major export. We do not import anything from Palau. Efforts are underway to increase the two-way trade.

Development assistance from India has included a grant of USD 149,841 for purchase of kitchen equipment for Palau National Hospital; USD 100,000 in 2008 for purchase of a boat and two pick-up trucks; USD 100,000 in June 2010 for purchase of computers; USD 100,000 in August 2011 for IT and computer up-gradation in their offices and diplomatic missions; USD 182,471 in June 2014 as India's assistance to Palau in the organization of Pacific Island Forum. In addition, India also provided an assistance of USD 50,000 to Palau in March 2014 as our assistance for disaster relief in the wake of Super Typhoon Haiyan.

India is also keen to share our developmental experience with Palau and under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme, offers two slots to Palau annually for training in India.

Palau has been supportive of issues of importance to India, particularly Indian candidature to international organizations. They supported India's candidature for the non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council for the 2011-12 term. Presently, there are about 20 Indian nationals in Palau and one Indian restaurant.

India is a partner of Pacific Island Forum and participated in the 45th Pacific Island Forum / Post Forum Dialogue with Partners held in Palau in 2014. Secretary (East) who led the Indian delegation called on the President of Palau on the sidelines. Health Minister of Palau led their delegation to the first Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation held in November 2014 in Fiji.

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