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### **Senator Glenn Wakai Appointed as Palau's Honorary Consul**

Honolulu – A local lawmaker is now a diplomat. State Senator Glenn Wakai was recently appointed as Palau's honorary consul to Hawaii by Palau President Tommy Remengesau Jr.

In appointing the State Senator, Remengesau expressed his appreciation for Wakai's contribution and support to Palau and its citizens in Hawaii. As Palau's honorary consul, Wakai will be working with the Republic of Palau to seek ways to strengthen Palau's emergency relief capacity and bolster the nation's relationship with the U.S.

"This appointment is truly an honor, which I accept with happiness and determination. I don't plan to simply attend events and smile at cameras. I recognize our neighbors in the Pacific sometimes have difficulty adjusting to life in Hawaii. I aim to empower the Palauan community in Hawaii," says Senator Glenn Wakai (Kalihi, Salt Lake, Aliamanu, Foster Village). "I have already organized meetings with their local leaders to map out a game plan for more community involvement and creation of individual success stories. This new relationship between Palau and Hawaii will lead to Better Days in the Pacific."

Wakai is serving his second term as a Hawaii State Senator, following eight years in the State House of Representatives. He is the current chair of the Senate's Committee on Technology and the Arts. He has created a non-profit, Reach out Pacific ([www.reachoutpacific.org](http://www.reachoutpacific.org)), which takes containers of medical and educational supplies to impoverished islands throughout the Pacific.

Prior to his political career, Wakai spent more than a decade as a television newscaster, first in Guam and Saipan, before returning to Hawaii to work at KHON2 and KHNL.

Wakai is a graduate of Mid-Pacific Institute and the University of Southern California.

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