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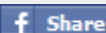
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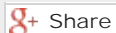
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# Palau Humanities announces June 2015 Micronesian icons

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THE Palau Humanities project through its director Christy Sakaziro has released the list of Micronesian icons for June 2015.

Sakaziro said the individuals were chosen through online voting on social media such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

The Leading Male Icon for his most viewed film on ecology is Richard Brooks of Palau.

The Leading Male Icons for their most viewed film documentary on Micronesian culture and environment preservation are Dan Ho of Guam and Dr. Takuya Nagaoka in Pohnpei.

The Leading Female Icon is Angie Tarkong.

The Best Documentary on Saipan Environment and Culture award goes to Flame Tree TV, and the Saipan Awaodori team.

The Best Female Film Documentary on Island Entertainment award goes to Sha Merirei and Trenda Lee.

The Best Photos were taken by Kambes Kesolei whose subjects included the Ngiwal male and female traditional dancers and the Palau summer games.

Best Photography Award goes to Bill Jaynes, Harry R. Fritz, April Pitch, CJ Morro and Jan Dililau Phillips.

The photos most viewed and liked on social media were taken by Mirang R. Higa. Nenita Yamanguchi, Lyvia Nagata, Livy Renguul, Ity Tell, David Atalig, Tonnei Camacho, Gloria Hunter, Kyota Bedor, Lorie Rob, Telael Kinshman, Alfonsa Koshiha, Marilyn B. Rideb, Delegate Lentcer Basilius, Cleona Tangelbad, Bradley Kumangai, Fleminda Buteldaob, Laurie

Maderkewet, Alec Swei, Della Dengir Swei, Sorch Esebei, Lora Tochi and Wills Takeo, Sing Miyozawa, Uduch Sengebau Senior and Faye Benette

The Philippine donation to Yap and Chuuk was also recognized.

For their photos on religion, peace and harmony the following are commended: Daniel Rebelkuul, Ungiang Faustino, Rosita Ngiraului and Ida Ngirchurong.

Advocate and educator Peter Billibei was recognized for helping preserve Micronesian culture.

The Entertainer of the Month is Wayway Elbelau while the Band of the Month is the Saipan Manta Ray Band for winning the gold medal in Los Angeles.

The Best Group Dance Entertainers are the Ngiwal traditional dancers.

The Best in Stand Up Comedy is Mona Conception while the Best Comedians in Print are Der David and Paul Ueki.

The award of Best Sociopolitical and Humanistic Educational Comedy goes to Merv Melatk.

The Best Actor for the "Betel Nut Survivor History," a comedy film, is Thompson.

Best Photo Documentary on Palau States summer game by Kambes Kesolei

The Female Sports Models of the Month are the members of the Belau Softball team

The Sports Beauty Icons are Rose Ngirengchui, Agnes Samil, and Nora Glasby.

The Man in Uniform of the Month is Mr. Dela Cruz.

Joleen Ngoriakl is commended for her educational report on Palau's economy.

The Education Male Icon is Merv while the Personal Growth Male Icon is Kendall Titiml.

The Education Beauty Icons are Das Sasao, Sha Merirei and Ulai Tomoichi Ikesiil.

The Culture Beauty Icon is Eunice Rafael while the Best Micronesia Documentary award goes to Pacifika Renaissance and Dr. Takuya Nagaoka.

Among the best photos of the month were taken by Kambes Kesolei who is also the Male Icon on Culture and Tradition.

The Best Advocate Icons for the natural island diet and farming are Prekei Mers and Dolly Rechucher Quimby.

Jean D'Lonsod is June Advocate for Animal Rights.

The Best Beauty Icon is Eunice Towai while Jordan Celestine is a Model Icon for advocating natural instead of processed food.

The Leading Female Travel Icons are Rose Ngirengchui and Agnes Samil.

The best nutrition photos were taken by Kambes Kesolei and Jarv Tarkong.

The Leading Male Nutritionists are Clint Wachi, Jarv Tarkong, and Brian Mikel Yada.

The Leading Female Nutritionists are Prekei Mers, Sing Miyozawa, Dolly R. Quimby, Baku Ong, Nona Glasby, Dee

Masan, Agnes Samil, Peggy Haruo, Fulk Haruo and Joylei Asanuma-Isaac.

Commended for keeping traditions alive are Harry Rubasch Fritz, Traditional High Chief Ibedul Yutaka Gibbons and State Traditional Chief Renguul, Prince Justino (Uti) Demk, wife Fleminda, and family including daughter Mairong Demk.

The award for Best Traditional Art Work/Tattoo goes to Sha Merirei while Brian Mikel Yada is commended for advocating the turtle symbol/tattoo

The Best Female Artists are Pearlyn Omlei Olyphant and Jan Dililau Phillips.

Photo artists of the month are Brian Yada, Kathy Metauii Tellei, Marino Kintaro and Telael Kinshman.

The Leading Female Icons are Marily Basilius Rideb, Joyleen Ngoriakl, Sandra Pierantozzi, Palau first lady Debbie Rengemesau, Clari Besong Hideos, Santy Asanuma, Merv Melatk, Surangel Whipps Jr and Simeon Adelbai.

Most viewed news items in June 2015 were Marianas Variety's stories on the commutation of the jail-sentence imposed on former Gov. Benigno Fitial; gay marriage; Palau burning Vietnamese fishing boats; and Keseleihe Press's story on the Pohnpei governor's impeachment

The writers and editors of the month are Tia Belau's Kambes Kesolei, Kaselehlie Press, Marianas Variety's Zaldy Dandan and Raquel Bagnol, Bently Techur and Anji Bohan for News and Views Palau, Marilyn Rideb, Chuuk News Updates with Dan Suda as well as the Palau and Micronesia online sites.



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