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Executive Seminar for Career Diplomats from Caribbean and Pacific Island States

From May 31 to July 2, 2010 Germany played host to a group of diplomats from the Caribbean and Pacific. The Federal Foreign Office had invited young career diplomats from the Caribbean and Pacific region to Berlin for a training course. **Climate change and measures to tackle it were a particular focus of the program.** A further main aim of the course was to give the young diplomats a better knowledge of Germany in all its facets.

The wide-ranging program also covered many other topics, such as the financial crisis and its consequences, disarmament and global security, as well as practical exercises like training in negotiating skills and public speaking.

German culture and lifestyle were not neglected. Whether enjoying German food (the sausages went down especially well) or watching World Cup football together (with everyone crossing their fingers for Germany, of course), the young diplomats got a good insight into everything.



Group of young diplomats from the Pacific (Fiji, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu); second from left: Mr. Ngerikl Baules from Palau

Demining Project

Members of "Cleared Ground Demining" with the German Honorary Consul Thomas Schubert (seated, second from left) during a school campaign.

By financing a project run by the non-governmental organization "Cleared Ground Demining" with an amount of roughly US\$ 100,000, Germany has contributed to the disposal of explosive remnants of war (ERW) and to raising awareness of this risk in Palauan society. Between December 2010 and April 2011 a total of 1,030 ERW weighing some 1,253 kg were removed in the states of Peleliu and Angaur. The project was accompanied by a media campaign and educational programs in schools.



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Health Care Campaign

The non-governmental Palauan organization "Ulkerreuil A Klengar" (Community Health Support Group), focuses on the growing problem of modern lifestyle diseases like diabetes, obesity and hypertension. Germany has made available some US\$ 9,000 for its media campaign on Palau TV and radio.



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