

Meeting with Chairman of Okinawa Prefectural Assembly and Chairman of Associate to inherit the former South Sea Islands Returnees Association

On September 18th, the “Journey to the South Sea Islands for Memorial Pilgrimage and Exchange” consisted by the war bereaved family members from Okinawa, visited Saipan.

As representative of the group, Chairman of Okinawa Prefectural Assembly Honorable Kyoki Nakagawa and “Association to inherit the former South Sea Islands Returnees Association”, Chairman Tsugio Kaneshiro visited the Consular Office of Japan in Saipan and met with Head of the Office, Consul Tomi.

During the Japanese mandated period, there were close to 30,000 Japanese living in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and over half of the Japanese nationals were from Okinawa.

Based on these history, opinions were exchanged on future international exchanges between Okinawa and CNMI, along with method and approach for upcoming memorial pilgrimages.

