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Micronesia Area Research Center (MARC) and The Pacific Center for Island Security (PCIS) announce partnership.

February 6, 2023 (Guam) --The University of Guam's Richard Flores Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center (MARC) and Guam-based foundation The Pacific Center for Island Security (PCIS) today announced their partnership to promote independent research on geopolitical developments in the Pacific region, with a focus on Micronesia. Specifically, the MARC-PCIS partnership is focused on advancing a research agenda of geopolitical and political issues in Micronesia while promoting the University of Guam as a preferred choice for advancing geopolitical knowledge in the region.

Geopolitical issues, particularly aspects related to political status, are among the research priorities for the Micronesia Area Research Center. This partnership with PCIS covers a gap in that field. (*MARC Director of Research, Carlos Madrid*)

This collaboration has the potential of expanding knowledge about geopolitical issues in Guahan and the region beyond the press releases of officials. Questions need to be asked and research conducted from a regional point of view. This cooperation will make that possible. (*PCIS Chair, Robert A. Underwood*)

About MARC

The University of Guam's Richard Flores Taitano Micronesia Area Research Center (MARC) is the primary repository of Micronesia history, knowledge, and cultural preservation in the region. Its full-time research faculty covers different fields ranging from Anthropology, History, and Archaeology. MARC has a research library that contains over 40,000 volumes of resource materials on Guam and Micronesia, and 800 unpublished theses and dissertations.

<https://www.uog.edu/marc/#Welcome>

About PCIS

PCIS is a Guam-based foundation (501c3), whose mission is to provide independent analysis of the foreign policy and military-strategic activities between and among the actors in the emerging Great Power Competition in the Asia-Pacific region. For more information see

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