

Council of Pilung's Message

Mogethin and Welcome:

On behalf of the state leadership, the Yap Day Committee / 2015, and all the people of the State of Yap, it is a privilege to welcome all visiting guests and dignitaries to our humble island state. I hope that your trip to our island was bearable given the distances you had to travel to get here and the infrequent arrival schedules of the lone air carrier in our area.

Having said that, I would like to express to all the friends of Yap from abroad, the on-island and off-island businesses, the government and its agencies, and the local individuals who have contributed resources, money and freely of their time and efforts to the success of the Yap Day Annual Celebration / 2015. In the same manner, I would like to personally thank the people of Tamil Municipality whom had hosted this special event for the past years and is hosting still today, you have gone beyond the call of traditions and had demonstrated in deed that when Waab is in need the doers rise to the top. I thank you dearly; you have set a new bar for hosting the Yap Day Annual Celebration that others may follow.

The Yap Day Annual Celebration / 2015 like past years will present a myriad of traditional Yapese customs and practices that still exist and others that exist only in folklores; however this much I promise, throughout the celebration you can get a glimpse of the Yapese lifestyle and feel the rhythm and hearts of the people. I recommend also that you find time to explore the islands of Waab by land or sea and hope that you find the encounters enriching and refreshing. Finally, I hope that as we part you will find another opportunity to visit us again in the future.

Kammagaer and Thank You.

Chief Bruno Tharngan
Chairman, Council of Pilung

New Items for Yap Day 2015

A. *Municipal Parade will include recognition of Chiefs and Historical billboard presentation.*

The parade will be led by the municipal chief. The billboard will be carried behind the chief, and the chief's community/school will follow. The chief will be recognized during the parade. The historical billboard will be presented and displayed after the parade. The billboard should depict a cultural legend or custom of Yap that may be specific to the municipality, which carries it in the parade. (Each municipality will be provided some materials needed for their billboard by the Tamil Yap Day Core group.) The three most organized municipalities will be awarded. The host community will not be included in the competition. The awards will be as following:

B. *Tuba cutting/tasting and demonstration.*

There will be two coconut trees designated at the site to be used for the demonstration. One will be used to show how the tuba is cut. The other will be used to give out "samples" of the tuba. Samples to be given out may include both types of tuba.

C. *Mil garup to be included in the Municipality Relay.*

The first leg will be the male participants climbing the betel-nut tree and retrieving the betelnut. The second leg will be the female participants weaving a basket. The third leg will be the second male husking the copra. The fourth leg, after the baskets have been loaded, will be a young boy/girl running to the finish line using the mil garup.

D. *Yap State Chamber of Commerce Booths.*

These booths will be located on the upper field, on the far west side of the Yap Day Site, lining the cliff and facing towards the back of both community houses. These vendors will include all the members of the Chamber of Commerce. This is a promotion for our local businesses to showcase and promote their products that are made of local materials, such as handicrafts, furniture, nursery products, grass skirts, coconut oil, any kind of products that are made locally and made of local materials. They may also sell food in their booths so long they are local food and produce only. They are allowed to sell alcohol if one of those vendors promoted alcohol that that is made locally, i.e. tuba, brewer beer made of local produce, etc. After the 2-day celebration, the top three vendors will receive awards.

E. *Additional Municipal skit.*

There will be another skit or two from any municipality reflecting something of our culture or a legend. The skit on the second day will be from the host community to showcase traditional tattoo along with all traditional attire and custom relating to the skit.

F. *Gaan e arche' and m'og machaf will be done on selected dance(s) by Municipal Chief.*

The items to be used for gaan e arche' will be only traditional local goods, such as fruits, lava lava, etc. In addition, some of the local items to be presented as gifts to the off-island Palau Delegation present there on that day. Palau delegation is more than welcome to join in the presentation or gaan e arche'.

G. *Yap Chamber of Commerce Award*

At the end of the second day, three vendors will receive awards for being best in show, well organized, having various products, and the presentation and set-up of their booth. They will be awarded the following:

2015



Yap Day

47th

Annual Celebration



March 1st, 2015

1st Day

**A. OPENING CEREMONY: ----- 9:00 am
(Introduction by Masters of Ceremony)**

- Conch Shell blowing to officially open Yap Day 2015
- Municipal Parade
 - Paramount Chief Recognition
 - Historical Billboard Presentation

- Police Presentation of colors & National Anthem
- Local Blessing
- Traditional Carriage of Stone Money, Betelnut & Coconut Presentation

- Local Currency Display
- MC's Opening Remarks
- Tiyor / Tam' (TAMIL):
- Welcoming Remark by Chief of Tamil
- Remark by Council of Pilung
- Remark by Chairman of the Yap Day Committee
- Remark by Governor of Yap State



**B. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DOE): ----- 11:30 am
(Statement of Program and Activities)**

- Raft Making
- Copra husking
- Kiniy Weaving
- Nippa weaving
- Sogom making
- Ball weaving
- Juggling
- Basket (Fanol') weaving
- Stick balancing



**C. DANCE PERFORMANCE: ----- 12:00 pm
• Tamil (Teb & Meerur) Women's Sitting Dance (Tangin ea Mael)**

D. MARINE RESOURCES/YAP FISHING AUTHORITY-----1:00 pm

- Essay Award prizes
- Drawing contest

**E. DANCE PERFORMANCE: ----- 1:30 pm
• Rumung Municipality, Women's Sitting Dance (Sirowa Samul)**

F. MUNICIPAL RELAY: ----- 2:30 pm

- Municipal teams (4 individuals, male and female)
- 1. Climbing Betelnut Tree
- 2. Weaving Basket
- 3. Husking Copra (5 pieces)
- 4. Mil Garup +



G. DANCE PERFORMANCES: ----- 3:00 pm

- Rull (Milew) Bamboo Dance

H. CULTURAL SKIT PERFORMANCE: ----- 3:30 pm

I. DANCE PERFORMANCES: ----- 4:30 pm

- Rumung Women's Sitting Dance (Gal Malal)

**J. DANCE PERFORMANCES (Night time by firelight):-----5:30 pm
(MC Statement of activities)**

- Conch Shell/Secure of Local Currency
- Tamil (Bugol) Women's Sitting Dance (Anugmang)
- Tamil (Teb) Men's Standing Dance (Night time by firelight)



On-going demonstrations of traditional techniques and activities (2 days)

First and Second Day:

Begin 10:30 am – 12:30 noon and 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Yap Historical Preservation Office (HPO):

1. Tuba cutting/tasting and demonstration
2. Rope making presentation
3. Tying technique presentation
4. Local fishing net making and repairing presentation
5. Grass Skirt Making
6. Fish Trap making
7. Nippa/Palm leaf weaving

Yap Traditional Navigation Society (TNS)

Demonstrations of canoe carving and traditional navigation

Tamil Nutrition Committee:

Presentation on varieties of local cooking (Bugol village)

Yap Women's Association (YWA)

1. Handicraft making presentation
2. Leis making presentation
3. Coconut oil making Presentation



Yap State Chamber of Commerce

This is a promotion for our local businesses to showcase and promote their products that are made of local materials. The vendors of the Chamber of Commerce will set this up.

March 2nd, 2015

2nd Day

A. OPENING CEREMONY: ----- 9:30 am

- MC's Opening Remarks
- Tiyor/Tam (TAMIL)

B. AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES: ----- 10:00 am

- Statement of Activity
- Awards of Local Crops and Produce

C. DANCE PERFORMANCE: ----- 11:00 am

- Tamil (Dechmur) Women's Sitting Dance (Sudal)

D. CULTURAL ACTIVITIES:----- 12:00 pm

- Skit Performance depicting local attire & tattoos & exchange of traditional currency

E. DANCE PERFORMANCE: ----- 1:00 pm

- Gagil Women's Sitting Dance

F. LOG PULLING DEMONSTRATION: ----- 1:30 pm

G. DANCE PERFORMANCES: ----- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

- Rull Men's Sitting Dance
- Rumung Women's Sitting Dance (Kan Tay)
- Tamil (Maaq) Bamboo Dance (Yibung)

H. DANCE AWARDS & CLOSING REMARKS of Yap Day 2015-5:00 pm

- Conch Shell/Secure of Local Currency
- Presentation by Council of Pilung
 - Four [4] stone money trophies for municipal dance
 - One [1] stone money trophy for DOE competition
 - Three [3] stone money for municipal grand prize(s)
- Superlative Dance Performance Awards (4 types)
- Municipal Grand Prize
- Municipal Parade Award

J. DANCE PERFORMANCE----- 6:30 pm

- Rumung Men's Standing Dance (Galdibung)
- Tamil Men's Standing Dance (Yawur)

END OF YAP DAY 2015: ----- 8:30 pm

