
Closing out the MCSF Inception Award and Establishing an Online Document Archive

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Dear Designated Representatives:

As you will recall from our April meeting, the MCSF Inception Award which has been administered by the Graduate School terminates today, June 13, 2011. President Mori, as Secretary General of the MCSF, submitted an extension request to the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs, dated May 13, 2011. However, the Graduate School has not received a contract extension, and in the absence of such an extension, we will no longer be able to support the MCSF or MCES.

With this in mind, and in the interest of as smooth a transition as possible, I've created an online document archive which captures the progress the MCSF has made over the past year. The archive includes digital copies of Briefing Books, Meeting and Summit Proceedings, Decision Memos, Email Correspondence, and Project Documents, online at <http://pitiviti.org/mcsf/>.

As soon as possible, and within our contractually-specified liquidation period, the Graduate School's final report and accounting will be provided to the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs. However, I believe the status of the Inception Award in terms of activities and outcomes is fully and accurately reflected in the [Proceedings of the Second Planning Meeting of Designated Representatives](#), and the expenditures are reflected in the most recent MCSF budget, which was distributed with [MCSF Decision Memo 09](#). Please note that I've also shared this archive with the Director of Technical Assistance at the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs.

Despite a slow start and the funding of a limited number of programmatic activities, I continue to believe that the establishment of workable procedures and the provision of Secretariat support to the Chief Executives are the most important accomplishments made under the Inception Award. Obviously the [MCSF Procedures and Protocols](#) established by the Designated Representatives, and endorsed by your principals, remain in effect beyond the period of this Inception Award. It is my hope that the processes you've established will allow the MCSF to continue to grow under the guidance and good judgement of the Chief Executives, as well as yourselves, as their Designated Representatives.

On behalf of the Graduate School, it's been a pleasure working with you as Designated Representatives since our initial meeting in Palau, last October. The Graduate School stands ready to provide additional guidance or background information, as needed. Please share my best wishes with your Chief Executives and my regrets for not being able to support you and them at the upcoming 15th MCES.

Regards,
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