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## Airai Bai Tour and Lunch graced by President Tsai Ing-wen of the Republic of China- Taiwan



President Tsai Ing-wen welcomed by Rengaralrai, Minister Faustina Rechucher, Palau Ambassador to Taiwan Dilmei Olkeriil, Airai Governor Tmewang Rengulbai, Airai Delegate Vicky Kanai and experienced the Bai Tour guided by Chief Renguul and Palau Visitors Authority Chairman Ngiraibelas Tmetuchl and lunch prepared by Ngarayaml, Ngarasesb, Bochochod, Ngarabrekork, Kerisebsub, and Ngarangmui women's association. Also present were ROC (Taiwan) Minister of Foreign Affairs Joseph Wu, National Security Council Deputy Secretary-General Tsai Ming-yen and ROC (Taiwan) Ambassador to Palau Wallace M. G. Chow.

On March 23rd, the council of chiefs granted a special exception and invited President Tsai into the Bai (men's traditional meeting house) making her the first foreign female head of state to enter the Airai Bai.

Upon her arrival, a man dressed in traditional Palauan loincloth blew on a conch to announce the arrival of her excellency President Tsai. The cultural experience began with a brief walk and talk about the history of the Bai guided by Chief Renguul and PVA Chairman Ngiraibelas Tmetuchl.

After the tour, inside the oldest bai in Palau, the chiefs shared with President Tsai their role as traditional chiefs and how they are chosen by the women of the clan. Then it continued with partaking of authentic Palauan cuisine followed by a showcase of traditional dance performance by the young women of Airai. President Tsai has already shared several photos of her experience at the Airai Bai on her social media accounts.