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## Press Release

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### **PICRC launches its school program during PNMS Anniversary week**

Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC) began its school program on October 26-30, 2020, as part of the celebrations for the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Palau National Marine Sanctuary (PNMS).

This inaugural school program focuses on high school students with the lesson titled, “*A sustainable wild blue ocean*”. The main objective of this lesson is to teach students to understand the importance of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), and how conservation practices bring about benefits to both humans and marine organisms. Visual learning, such as documentary viewing and hands-on activities, are being offered as part of this lesson, to enhance students’ understanding.

The lesson will deepen the students’ understanding of marine species, adaptations, food webs, and the impact of humans in our world’s oceans. The students will gain understanding of the intricate balance that must exist between humans and nature.