



KUMISIÓN I FINO' CHAMORU YAN I FINA'NÀ'GUEN I HISTORIA YAN I LINA'LA' I TAOTAO TÀNO'

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KUMISIÓN I FINO' CHAMORU LAUNCHES FIRST-EVER VIRTUAL REALITY EXHIBIT ON CHAMORU SELF-DETERMINATION

Hagåtña, Guåhan - The *Kumisióñ i Fino' CHamoru yan Fina'nå'guen i Historia yan Lina'la' i Taotao Tåno'* (Commission on CHamoru Language and the Teaching of the History & Culture of the Indigenous People of Guam) proudly announces the debut of its **Virtual Reality Exhibit: I Kinalamten para i Direchon i Taotao Tåno' — The Quest for CHamoru Self-Determination**, in honor of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Day, September 13, 2025.

The exhibit transforms the Kumisióñ's panel series into an immersive 180-degree digital experience that brings Guam's history to life. Audiences can step inside the story of CHamoru self-determination and hear directly from the leaders who have helped shape the movement for CHamoru rights, including Maga'håga Lourdes Leon Guerrero, former Congressman Robert A. Underwood, former Senator Hope A. Cristobal, and others whose voices and efforts have defined generations of advocacy.

Accessible with or without a VR headset, the exhibit ensures that both the local community and audiences worldwide can engage with the CHamoru people's story. As an educational resource and consciousness-building experience, it underscores the resilience and aspirations of Guåhan's indigenous people.

"The Quest for CHamoru Self-Determination is more than just an exhibit. It is a call to remember where we've been and to imagine where we are going as a people," said Piatra Tuncap, Special Projects Coordinator and Public Information Officer of the Kumisióñ. "My hope is that this VR experience, along with all the other products from the Kumisióñ, will encourage dialogue, expand our collective consciousness, and motivate our youth to take part in shaping our future."

The Virtual Reality Exhibit: I Kinalamten para i Direchon i Taotao Tåno' will be available to the public beginning **September 12, 2025**, through the Kumisióñ's official website at kumisionchamoru.guam.gov and their linktree on their social media platforms.

This exhibit is designed as a living project, one that will continue to grow as more stories, voices, and historical moments are added. While this iteration offers a broad view of the CHamoru people's Quest for CHamoru Self-Determination, the Kumisióñ welcomes community contributions, including photographs and historical accounts, to preserve and enrich the full narrative.

For more information on this exhibit or to schedule an interview with Kumisióñ Gé'helo', Dr. Laura M. Torres Souder, call 671-922-0600.