

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

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FROM LULLABIES TO LEARNING: KUMISIÓN KIDS DEBUTS WITH LOCAL STUDENTS ON NATIONAL KIDS MUSIC DAY

Hagåtña, Guåhan - The *Kumisión 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 launch of **Kumisión Kids**, a new animated sing-along video series that brings the CHamoru language to life through music, movement, and storytelling.

The first three videos, drawn from *Tiniroron Neni*, the Kumisión's collection of traditional and modern lullabies, songs, and chants, feature the voices of local students and debut on October 3, 2025 in celebration of National Kids Music Day.

Why It Matters

Early exposure to language through music supports cognitive development, strengthens memory, and builds listening skills and early literacy. Singing in one's mother tongue also fosters cultural identity, belonging, pride, and while offering a joyful entry point into language acquisition.

“Through Kumisión Kids, we are creating more joyful experiences where CHamoru lives in the everyday lives of our families,” said Piatra Tuncap, Special Projects Coordinator and Public Information Officer of the Kumisión i Fino' CHamoru. “It is about nurturing a new generation of speakers by carrying our children from lullabies to learning.”

Community Collaboration

Kumisión Kids was developed in partnership with local schools, beginning with Maga'låhen Hurao Charter Academy. Student voices are at the heart of the recordings, giving children meaningful opportunities to use and celebrate their mother tongue. Additional collaborations, including with Faneyåkan Sinipok, are underway to expand the series and engage more of Guam's children in CHamoru language revitalization.

Looking Ahead

Future episodes will introduce new songs designed to strengthen CHamoru as a living language of the home, classroom, and community.

All Kumisión Kids episodes will be accessible to the public on the Kumisión's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@ikumisionifinochamoru7574 and through Linktree on their social media platforms.

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