

Yap EPA and Partners Announce Yap Recycling Program Earth Day Raffle Winners

Colonia, Yap (Yap EPA Press Statement, June 5, 2017) – The Yap Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Recycling Operator, Island Paradise Company organized in April 2017 the Yap Recycling Program Earth Day Raffle Contest. For the month of April 2017, anyone that brought in recyclables to the Yap Recycling Program was entered into the Earth Day Raffle Contest.

Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places, and a special prize were generously donated by partner organizations i.e. Island Paradise Company, Division of Agriculture and Forestry, Marine Resources Management Division, COM-FSM Land Grant, Tamil Resources Conservation Trust, The Nature Conservancy and Beyond the Reef Dive Shop. Assorted prizes donated include T-shirts, Jump Drives, Seedlings and Seeds, Set of Snorkel Gear, FSM Telecom Phone Cards and Bags.

Place winners were as follows: 3rd Place – Mr. Migel Mangarfir of Magachyal, Maap; 2nd Place – Mr. Brandon Kenmed of Gilfith, Fanif; and 1st Place – Ms. Cindy Gidikel of Dugor, Weloy. A fourth, special prize, was awarded to Mr. Ignatius Gubung for his continual efforts collecting and turning in recyclables not only for the month of April but throughout the year. He was often times seen walking in Colonia and nearby areas collecting discarded recyclables along the roadway and turning them in to the Yap Recycling Center.

The Raffle Contest was organized in celebration of Earth Day, which falls on April 22 with this year's theme being 'Environmental and Climate Literacy.' Similarly, World and FSM Environment Day falls on June 5 every year with this year's theme as 'Connecting People with Nature.' Yap EPA and partner organizations wish to thank and congratulate all winners and awardees for their participation in the State Recycling Program, and for all their efforts helping to improve waste management in Yap. Yap EPA also wishes to thank and acknowledge all the organizations that supported and contributed towards the Yap Recycling Program Earth Day Raffle.



Youngest winner of the Yap Recycling Program Earth Day 2017 Raffle Contest Mr. Brandon Kenmed (center, holding seedlings) took 2nd Place in Raffle Contest, accompanied by his little brother to collect his prize. Also pictured from L to R are reps from Contest organizers and contributors - Island Paradise Company (Recycling Operator), Yap State EPA, and Tamil Resources Conservation Trust (TRCT)