

[Yapese Citizens Gather Signatures for Petition](#)

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A group of Yapese citizens have been gathering signatures for a petition to be submitted to Yap State Government regarding the MOU with the Chinese Exhibition & Travel Group.

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We, the undersigned:

- As residents of the State of Yap, are aware of the many economic problems facing this State and the country; and
- Are also aware that there are potential economic development and investments being proposed by the Chinese Exhibition and Travel Group (ETG) for the state of Yap; and
- Are also aware as to the full impact of such proposals on our people, traditions, culture, land, ocean and identity; and
- Are concerned and committed to the welfare of our people, communities and islands and we recognize the importance of all our people being fully informed and provided an opportunity to participate and submit their views in any and all discussions on the investment issue;

Therefore, we the undersigned:

- Are hereby requesting the Government and the Leadership of the State of Yap, to fully inform, educate and disseminate to the general populace relevant information regarding the components, impact, and status of the proposed ETG investment in various mediums and forums;
- That such mediums and forums be conducted thoroughly both in town and in all outlying villages and islands in a regular and frequent manner;
- And that no further agreements and promises, both written and oral, be made by the Government and the Leadership of Yap, on said proposal by ETG until such time that the people of Yap have duly expressed their free will on the said proposal in a plebiscite to be funded by the Government of Yap.