

Yap Governor Says MOU for Major Chinese Development Not a Done Deal

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Back in January the Yap council of Pilung or tribal council signed a Memorandum of Understanding with a private Chinese development firm for the construction of a huge resort on Yap.

However Yap State Governor Sebastian Anefal says the government has yet to approve of any plans for the development which reportedly included the construction of as many as 10 hotels, casinos and a convention center. Governor Anefal explains that the Chinese Exhibition and Travel Group based out of Chengdu city in China has not given the Yap state government any formal plans and only gave an oral presentation of their development.

Governor Anefal says that he is waiting for the ETG to present a master plan that they requested months ago. *"Our thinking is that without anything in black in white we'll simply have to wait until they produce something,"* said Governor Anefal adding, *"No time lines it was just a general understanding of what the traditional leaders could do to facilitate a project if it is approved by the government."*

The MOU was signed by traditional Chief **Bruno Tharngan** and ETG chairman **Dèng Hóng**. During the signing ceremony Deng presented a \$20 thousand dollar check to Governor Anefal as a donation for medication.