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Dear Colleagues in Education:

Tuwoh ac paing kowos nuhkewewa! This year Kosrae is hosting the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual International Pacific Islands Bilingual Bicultural Association (PIBBA) Conference. Founded in 1980, PIBBA is the only regional organization that promotes bilingualism and biculturalism in the Pacific. This year's theme is *Kahs ac Facsin Lasr: Orekmakihn Ohiyen Luti Ma Wo Emet in Sang Ahkwoye Kapkapwack Ke Etwacack ~ Promoting Language and Culture: Effective Practices for Teaching, Learning, Assessment, and Research*. The conference will be held June 23-25, 2015 in Kosrae, FSM.

On behalf of the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual International PIBBA Conference Steering Committee, PIBBA International, and PIBBA local chapter officers and members, it is my pleasure to invite you to join us, share knowledge, and gain meaningful insight on our languages, our cultures, and effective practices for teaching, learning, and assessment in our region.

View our website at <http://pibbainternational.blogspot.com> to download the conference forms. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the numbers listed above. You may also e-mail the 2015 Organizing Committee Chairman, Quartus Esau at [kdoecni@yahoo.com](mailto:kdoecni@yahoo.com), [pibba.international@gmail.com](mailto:pibba.international@gmail.com).

I humbly request that you share this letter of invitation with your colleagues, administrators, teachers, parents and community members who work with children of diversity. Most importantly, please encourage them to conduct a presentation or workshop.

Kuloh ma luhlahp, and I look forward to hearing from you and your active participation in this year's PIBBA International Conference in Kosrae!

Sincerely,

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