

*The Airport is a diverse community with special people, places and events that make the Guam International Airport an exciting and unique place to work and travel. See our top three picks of what you need to know, and get the latest news about GUAM's only commercial airport!*

## PEOPLE

All the  
 Volunteers & Partners  
 who participated in the  
 GIAA's successful triennial  
 Full Scale Exercise



The Guam Int'l. Airport executed a highly successful Full Scale Exercise (FSE) on the morning of Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. This triennial exercise is required as part of an Airport Operator's certification to test response to an airport emergency under Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 139. An army of volunteers participated as victims meeting GIAA's required mass casualty index. More on page 4.

## PLACES

Lotte Duty Free  
 Introduces  
 Island Creations Collective



Lotte Duty Free introduced "Island Creations Collective" on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> in the Guam Cultural Center section of their Airport store. They currently feature beverages, confections, condiments, local cosmetics, and clothing. Lotte's merchandising team is also looking to expand local jewelry and souvenir brands as well.

## EVENTS

Women in Aviation Int'l.  
 (WAI) Guam Chapter  
 Hosts  
 "Wings in Paradise"  
 Aviation Open House



WAI Guam Chapter hosted a successful Aviation Open House on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> after months of delay due to Typhoon Mawar. Pictured L-R: AAFB Tower Chief Air Traffic Controller John Tisue, GIAA Executive Manager John "JQ" Quinata, WAI President Pearl Cordero, GIAA Air Terminal Manager Juan Reyes. More photos on page 3.

The A. B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) is a self-sustaining autonomous government agency, charged with the mission to ensure the safety and security of the traveling public, maintain superior and reliable level of airport services, and support the development of air services and facilities which are integral to the island's economic growth.

## PASSENGER FLIGHT NETWORK (For December 2023)



HNL	UA200	Daily
NRT	UA196	Daily
	UA864	Daily
	UA873	Daily
	UA828	Tue/Thu/Sat/Sun
SPN	UA174	Daily
MNL	UA183	Daily
KIX	UA151	Daily
	UA177	Tue/Thu/Sat
FUK	UA165	Daily
NGO	UA137	Daily
	UA171	Dec 3-24 Mon/Tue/Thu/Sun Dec 25-Jan 3 Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun
ROR	UA157	Mon/Wed/Thu/Sun
	UA193	Tue/Fri
TKK	UA133	Wed/Sun
	UA155	Mon/Fri
PNI	UA176	Sat
YAP	UA185	Tue/Sat



JAPAN AIRLINES

NRT	JL942	Tue/Thu/Sat/Sun Dec 28 - Jan 9 Daily
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ICN	KE422	Daily
	KE424	Daily



ICN	7C3101	Daily
ICN	7C3105	Daily
NRT	7C1181	Daily
PUS	7C3153	Mon/Thu/Fri/Sun



ICN	LJ916	Daily
PUS	LJ929	Daily Eff. Nov 17



MN	PR111	Daily
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ICN	TW304	Daily
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ROP	3401	Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri
	3402	Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri



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## Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee Tours Airport



Members of the 37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature and the Committee on Maritime Transportation, Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens were given an extensive tour of the terminal and footprint of the A.B. Won Pat International Airport, Guam. On Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, GIAA Executive Manager John "JQ" Quinata and Deputy Executive Manager Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez, PhD, led their Management Team on the tour for Senators and legislative staff. Committee Vice Chair Jesse Lujan and member, Sen. Roy A.B. Quinata, were joined by Sen. Joanne Brown and lead staff from the offices of Sens. Telo T. Taitague and Christopher M. Duenas. The group toured the terminal through the expanded TSA security screening lanes into the core retail concessions area of Lotte Duty Free and up to the new International Arrivals Corridor. They then jumped on a bus and toured the new state-of-the-art Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) facility and all the ongoing capital improvement projects within the airport's extensive property footprint.



## Director Sobti Appears Before Legislative Air Transport Committee

The A.B. Won Pat Int'l. Airport Authority, Guam is governed by a 7-member board that develops policy to meet the airport's mission "to ensure the safety and security of the traveling public, dedicated to maintaining a superior and reliable level of airport services for our island residents and tourists, and committed to supporting the development of air linkages and facilities integral to the economic growth of Guam." Gurvinder "Bic" Sobti was reappointed by Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio to serve another 3-year term as a member of the Board. On Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, Sobti appeared before the 37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislative Committee on Air Transportation to answer any inquiries on his reappointment to serve on the Airport Board.



## GIAA ARFF & GFD Familiarization Partnership



The fraternity of firefighters share a bond that transcends jurisdictional lines. Firefighters live, work and breathe their jobs, and although there are distinct differences in certification and training requirements by those in ARFF field and that of their fire service partners, the shared mission of saving lives, protecting property and the environment is foundational for all fire services. On Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, firefighters from the Guam Fire Department paid a visit to the new ARFF facility for a familiarization tour of the facility and the firefighting apparatus that are part of the ARFF's resource inventory. Cross training comes in handy when circumstances require that ARFF and GFD work together to provide mutual aid assistance in training and/or in the event of a real-world emergency.

## Wings in Paradise



## Airport Executes FULL SCALE EXERCISE (FSE)

The FSE serves to test GIAA's Airport Emergency Plan (AEP), the dynamic plan that serves as the Airport's response blueprint to emergency situations. This year's FSE incorporated multiple overlaying scenarios to test our ability to respond firstly to an aircraft accident with multiple injuries and casualties. Another layer was added with a hostage situation simulation and the involvement of a military helicopter engaged in the the response scenario. Emergency responders from the Airport's ARFF and Police divisions, along with Guam Fire Department

(GFD), Guam Police Department (GPD) and various mutual aid partners from the Government of Guam and our military partners were activated to showcase how they'd all respond in aid and with resources. The collaborative exercise was successfully executed without any real-world incidences/ mishaps or safety incidences. An after-action debriefing session or "hotwash" allowed all participants to flesh out the scenario, the various responses and recommendations on how to do things better as there is ALWAYS... room for improvement!



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## Airport Accountants Attend AAAE Training

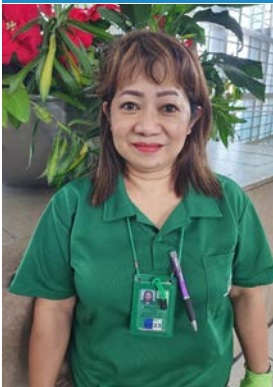
GIAA Deputy Executive Manager (DEM) Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez, PhD, along with accountants Albert Jose and Bennet Rupley attended the Passenger Facility Charges & Rates and Charges Workshop held in Austin, Texas last Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. The workshop was presented by the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). AAAE is the largest organization representing airport employees spanning more than 900 airports of all sizes, from general aviation to large hub airports. The organization offers quality certificated training programs in all career fields of aviation and airport operators, bringing training with widely acclaimed professionals and subject matter experts to its membership.

### Tips for a Successful Applications

- Submit application early to avoid
- Confirm project is eligible and justify
- Have a detailed and complete financial plan
- Write to applicable areas of consistency to achieve the criteria
- Make sure narratives are clear and concise
- Digitally sign the application
- Be ready to take a grant based on NOFO
- Work with your ADO throughout the year on planned projects
- Plan to receive bids as early as possible. Getting bids near the NOFO deadline may result in losing selected funding and missing the deadline for the following years application.



## KUDOS Mary Grace Sabila Sula



Last Sep. 3<sup>rd</sup>, a departing visitor Ms. Jiyoung Noh sent an email to GIAA sharing that she had lost her ring in the Airport restroom as she was leaving that day. Frantic as her departure time quickly approached, she hurriedly told a cleaning staff that she had lost her ring. Fortunately, the cleaner happened to be Ms. Mary Grace Sabila Sula, a Janitorial Supervisor with K Cleaning Services and she had just found a ring while she was cleaning. It was the lost ring! Ring and owner were reunited and an appreciative Ms. Noh penned her email that same day "to sincerely commend her (Grace) for her kindness, not only in cleaning the restrooms with great care, but also in helping find lost items." She further shared that the experience gave her a greater appreciation and a better representation of the "hospitality of Guam". The A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam wants to extend an *Un Dangkulo' Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase* to Mary Grace Sabila Sula for her hard work, diligence and her honesty. A true ambassador for our island, her integrity are a great testament to the excellent level of service that we aim to provide here at the Guam Int'l. Airport!

## The HOLIDAYS are Officially Upon US!



2023 GOVERNOR'S  
**The magic of Christmas**  
 FRIDAY  
 DECEMBER 22, 2023  
 7:00 PM  
 GUAM MUSEUM

REGISTRATION




Join our Airport *Familia* to celebrate the Holiday Season by dressing up for Christmas Spirit Week(s)! You can choose a day or join us for all ten (10) days of spirit dressing!



Mark your calendars and join us at the Guam Museum for the Governor's 2023 Magic of Christmas Parade. Come! Bring the family and cheer on the Airport's float entry.



AIRPORT GUAM  
 2023  
*Christmas Spirit Week*

- Monday, December 18**  
Red and/or Green Day
- Tuesday, December 19**  
Christmas Sweater Day
- Wednesday, December 20**  
Candy Stripe Day
- Thursday, December 21**  
Mad About Plaid Day
- Friday, December 22**  
Holiday Headwear Day
- Tuesday, December 26**  
Black and Gold Day
- Wednesday, December 27**  
White Winter Wonderland Day
- Thursday, December 28**  
Black and Silver Day
- Friday, December 29**  
New Year's Sparkle Day





## Island Youth at DYA Recipients of GIAA ThanksGIVING

Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) Director Melanie Brennan and Deputy Director Michael Weakley brought their staff to the Airport on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> to receive generous donations from the GIAA Family. Airport Deputy Executive Manager, Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez, PhD, was on hand to present the donations with his senior management team and staff, thanking those that spearheaded the effort and the staff of the eight airport divisions for showcasing the true spirit of generosity during the thanksgiving season. The donation drive that began in October assembled a myriad toiletries and personal care items for the DYA children. Director Brennan shared her heartfelt appreciation on behalf of her staff and the clients they serve, sharing that the children at DYA



are the most in need of support and are not normally on the receiving end of the community's generous spirit of giving as they are easily forgotten. Part of the DYA team attending the Airport donation presentation were Corrine Buendicho, Youth Dev. Administrator, Robinette Balajadia, Youth Services Supervisor, PIO Danielle Camacho and Social Workers Yvonne Paulino, Stacie Ayala, and Ashley Bato.



## ARFF Teams Wow Kids at Astumbo



The Airport's ARFF Division received a great Certificate of Appreciation from students of Astumbo Elementary School after their presentation on Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at their school. ARFF brought their fire truck and showcased all the cool tools that they use in their exciting careers as Airport Rescue Fire Fighters.

## FOD Bustin' Work



United Airlines and Japan Airlines staff participated in monthly FOD walk this month on Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>. This monthly activity is crucial to the safety of aircraft and personnel who work on the air operations area (AOA) side of the airport. FOD, which is an acronym for Foreign Object Debris which is a term used for loose debris that can cause damage to aircraft and people who work in the airport environment. The Airport and their airline partners get together on a volunteer basis every month to pick up debris on the AOA ensuring a safe environment for all.

## A Grateful Spirit of Thanksgiving

The Airport Family came together to break bread and give thanks as a grateful agency and family. Every year committees are formed to spearhead pulling the family thanksgiving feast off for everyone and this year the Operations and Airport Police divisions took the lead. The creative geniuses of our talented staff created a wonderful harvest scene to reflect the bounty of blessings that we all enjoy as an organization and work family. The Acting

Executive Manager Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez opened the luncheon with a message of appreciation from the Board of Directors and Management, and also extended his personal thanks to the assembled staff for the hard work getting back on our feet after after many challenges and staying the course providing notable customer services to those who fly in and out and through our Airport. A bountiful Thanksgiving feast was enjoyed by all!



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Celebrating Forty-Seven Years



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**AIRPORT GUAM**

The Guam International Airport continues to celebrate 47 years as an autonomous agency of the Government of Guam and is ever committed to providing quality services and facilities to support and develop air transportation services for the people of Guam and visitors to our island! *Biba, GIAA!*