

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

FAA WestPac Region
 Director Mark McClardy and
 FAA Honolulu ADO Asst.
 Manager Carlos Salas



GIAA Welcome Committee – Air Terminal Manager Juan Reyes, Operations Administrative Asst. Precy Dauglash and Executive Manager John “JQ” Quinata welcome FAA Director for the Western-Pacific Region Mark McClardy on Mar. 24th

PLACES

Lakota Helicopters
 Switched Out
 at Airport South Ramp



On Mar. 4th, the Guam Army National Guard switched out an old Lakota helicopter with a new one at the GIAA South Ramp! See story and more photos on pg. 2.

EVENTS

Guam International Airport
 Breaks Ground on
 Terminal Apron &
 Taxiway Rehabilitation
 Project



GIAA, along with the Gov. Leon Guerrero, Lt. Gov. Tenorio, FAA officials, elected leaders and Airport partners broke ground on a \$41.7M capital improvement project to rehabilitate the terminal apron and taxiways. See story and more photos on pg. 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 April 2024)



HNL UA201/200 1815/0655 Daily
 NRT UA197/196 2145/1210 Daily
 UA827/828 1545/0700 Daily/T-Thu-Sat-Sun
 UA874/873 0105/1500 T-Th-Sat-Sun/Daily
 UA865/864 1300/0100 Daily
 SPN UA076/174 1035/0800 Daily
 MNL UA184/183 0410/1915 Daily
 KIX UA150/151 1540/0710 Daily
 UA178/177 0120+1/0710 Daily
 FUK UA166/165 1555/0655 Daily
 NGO UA136/137 1600/0725 Daily
 UA172/171 0125+1/1700 M-T-W-Th-Sun
 ROR UA158/157 0505+1/2345 M-W-Th-Sun
 UA192/193 0615+1/1855 T-F
 TTK UA132/133 1655+1/0920 W-Sun
 UA154/155 1815+1/0755 M-F
 PNI UA176/176 0340+1/2025 Sat
 YAP UA186/185 0400+1/2345 T-Sat



ICN 7C3101/3102 1605/1710 Daily
 ICN 7C3105/3106 0200/0305 Daily
 PUS 7C3132/3152 0230/0320 S M-Th-F



ICN KE421/422 1525/1650 Daily



ICN LJ913/915 1505/1650 Daily
 PUS LJ929/930 0200/0300 Daily



NRT JL941/942 1415/1650 M-W-Th-Sat-Sun



MN PR110/111 0335/0555 Daily



ICN TW303/304 1400/1500 Daily



ROP **3401/**4301 M-T-W-Th-F



Continued Suspension



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GUNG Switches out Lakota Choppers at GIAA



The Guam International Airport continues to play its critical role in support of military activities in our region. On March 4th, the Guam Army National Guard (GUNG) mobilized at the GIAA South Ramp to welcome a RCH 267 carrying an upgraded Lakota helicopter for service to our island. As they welcomed the new chopper, they also bid farewell to the old Lakota helicopter that has provided reliable

and valuable service to Guam and the Micronesian region over the years. We all welcome the new helo with the latest array of critical sensors and the ability to record and downlink data. This new asset will aid the people of Guam in our homeland security and border patrol missions, while still performing vital search and rescue missions as well as casualty evacuation services.



\$41.7M Rehabilitation of Terminal Apron & Taxiways Breaks Ground



Local government leaders and officials from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) were on hand to join GIAA in breaking ground on a \$41.7M capital improvement project to rehabilitate the terminal apron and taxiway areas. GIAA competed for this grant under the FAA's Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Discretionary Funds and were awarded the funding in fall 2023 with FAA providing the lion's share of 90% and GIAA covering the matching 10%. The apron, also known as the flight line or ramp, is where aircraft are parked, unloaded/loaded, refueled, boarded, or maintained and taxiways are the paths for aircraft at an airport connecting runways with aprons, hangars, terminals and other facilities. The rehabilitation work will include redesigning for safety and efficiency of movement, grading and drainage slopes and underground utilities. FAA Director for the Western-Pacific Region Mark McClardy, Asst. Manager for the FAA Airports District Office out of Honolulu Carlos Salas joined, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio, Vice Speaker Tina Muna Barnes and Members of the 37th Legislative Committee on Air Transportation, chaired by Sen. Amanda Shelton for the groundbreaking event with Airport Management, Board and the various project contractors.



Mississippi College Visits Guam's Airport



On March 7th GIAA welcomed a cohort of professors and students of Emergency Management from Mississippi College led by Dr. Billy Morehead. The group was on island learning about our island's various responses to emergencies and disasters. Deputy Executive Manager, Dr. Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez along with Air Terminal Manager Juan Reyes and Marketing Administrator Rolenda Faasumalie, presented them with GIAA's Typhoon Mawar, planning, response and recovery – a great example of our resiliency.

Airport Police's K9 Unit Pass TSA Certification Inspection



GIAA's Airport Police K9 Unit went under the discerning eyes of TSA K9 training evaluators during their March 11th annual evaluation for certification. The four (4) teams included: K9 Ofcr. Blue and handler APOII Randy Chaco; K9 Ofcr. Hummer and handler APOII John Flores; K9 Ofcr. Sasha and handler APOII Joseph Mantanona; and K9 Ofcr. Qqassandra and handler APOII Phillip Blas who showcased their teamwork in sniffing out and identifying explosives in the concourse, just one component of their intensive assesment. Since 9/11 our K9 teams have been required to undergo annual rigorous recertification with the prestigious TSA National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program (NEDCTP). Guam Airport's K-9 Unit is federally recognized and a valuable asset enhancing our airport's security programs, combining excellent mobility with reliable detection rates. THANK YOU APD K9 Teams for your diligence with recurrent training and your commitment to the mission of ensuring the safety of our airport facility and operations.



Another GIAA "Lifer" Bids us ADIOS



The A.B. Won Pat Int'l. Airport Authority, Guam lost another long-time employee to the relaxed and rujevenating world of retirement. On Mar. 22nd, Ivan C. Gumataotao was recognized at a retirement ceremony with a Certificates of Appreciation from the GIAA and Governor Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Tenorio, along with a legislative resolution

from the 37th Guam Legislature. Mr. Gumataotao leaves the airport family as an Electrician II after a combined service of 34 years and 10 days. Considered a "lifer," his entire government service was here at GIAA unlike many who have moved through various agencies throughout their government careers. Thank you Ivan for your service!

Airport Police Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics



The A.B. Won Pat Int'l. Airport Authority, Guam Airport Police Division came out to support the 48th Annual Track & Field Event for Special Olympics Guam (SOGU)! Our APD Police Officers teamed up with our federal regulatory partners from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) joining other local and military law enforcement and safety agencies to kick off the day at 5:00 a.m. with the

Law Enforcement Torch Run! This high-energy event sets the tone for the day filled with camaraderie, sportsmanship, and the spirit of inclusion. APD has participated in the SOGU torch run for years and are proud to kick-off the track and field event that recognizes the athletic prowess and the indomitable spirit of SOGU athletes while celebrating the unity, resilience, and the power of inclusion.

TSA Holds Town Hall Meeting



The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Guam welcomed the head of their agency, Administrator David Pekoske to the Airport on Mar. 27th. Making his way to this westernmost airport in the U.S. system of airports, Pekoske had a town hall meeting as part of a routine visit to the region to extend his personal thanks to the workforce and the leadership team for the outstanding level of security and professionalism they have provided. In discussions, he shared and highlighted his priorities to take care of employees while also improving the security technology for the agency. He stated that although, "Guam may be furthest away from the mainland, you are always

front center in my mind!"

The Guam team are part of the TSA workforce of over 60,000 employees responsible for security operations at nearly 440 airports throughout the United States. Mr. Pekoske was very impressed with the close working relationship between TSA Guam and GIAA, which are a hallmark of his leadership. Under his tenure, TSA has been able to enhance transportation security through establishing mutually beneficial partnerships and nurturing strong alliances. He has also brought a culture of innovation and has been instrumental in developing a professional and dedicated workforce.

TSA Administrator Visits with GIAA Leadership



The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Administrator David Pekoske paid a courtesy visit to the board and management of the Guam International Airport Authority right before he had his TSA town hall meeting with the TSA Guam team. The Administrator and his team were also warmly welcomed at the GIAA *Mes Chamoru* fiesta hosted by GIAA as part of the culmination activities for Chamorro Month!



Airport Tours Expose Students to Aviation Career Paths



OCEANVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL Tour 03.12



The A.B. Won Pat Int'l. Airport Authority, Guam is proud of its robust Airport tour program that is part of their community outreach. Although younger elementary students get a kick out of the K9 demo and getting on a plane, the benefits to older students are more career-focused. From their initial "checking-in" process where they are issued boarding passes by tour partner United Airlines (UA), they are introduced to the passenger service work of airlines. When they clear through security screening, they experience what passengers go through but they also see federal regulatory career opportunities in the aviation industry. As they make their way to the aircraft, they go through the airport's concessions area they are exposed to the many business opportunities in an Airport that help generate revenue for airports and the various services for travelers from food & beverage offerings, to currency exchange, and various levels of retail experiences. Throughout the tour, students are escorted by Airport Police so they also get to see the role of law enforcement in an airport setting, and the K9 explosives detection demo is always a highlight to all levels of learners. The chance to get on jet plane is a great experience with the added valuable presentations by UA flight crew – pilots and flight attendants, and even mechanics.



TIYAN HIGH SCHOOL Tour 03.26



Mirenda Offers Guests a Taste of Chamoru Hospitality



In celebration of Mes Chamoru (Chamorro month), the Guam International Airport hosted a *mirenda* (snack) on Mar. 14th offering departing tourists a small taste of *CHamoru* treats – *rosketti*, *boñelos aga*, *boñelos pakyoy*, *guyuria* and

coconut candy – and a heaping dose of island hospitality. Big shoutout to the Airport hosts and hostesses who were perfect ambassadors, serving our visitors with generous *Håfa Adai* smiles! *BIBA! Silebra Mes CHamoru!*

FIESTAN Aturidat Batkon Airen Guahan

Celebrating the culmination of Mes CHamoru with a *FIESTA* with our Airport Familia and departing tourists!
BIBA Aturidat Batkon Airen Guahan! BIBA MES CHAMORU!



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The Guam International Airport kicks off 2024 celebrating 48 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 beautiful island! *Biba, GIAA!*

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