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PEOPLE

Philippine Airlines'
Mark Okuhira



In this month's edition of "Getting to Know," we meet Mark Okuhira, Officer in Charge of the Station of Philippine Airlines GUM. See Page 3 to learn more about how his career took off in the aviation industry.

PLACES

"Making Our Mark"
Art Piece
in East Ticket Lobby



The East Ticket Lobby of the main terminal building now features a unique art piece, designed and painted by GIAA's creative and talented team of interns of this year's Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program. See Page 8 for photos.

EVENTS

81st Guam
Liberation Day Parade



GIAA and its tourism industry partner, Guam Visitors Bureau, teamed up this year to showcase its 81st Guam Liberation Day Parade float entry. See Page 6 for photos of all the creativity and teamwork it took to build this year's stunning float.

The Antonio 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 August 2025)



HNL - UA201/200	Daily
HND - UA849/848	Daily
NRT - UA827/828	Daily
- UA197/196	Daily
- UA874/873	Daily
- UA865/864	Sun, Tue, Thu, Sat/ Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat
SPN - UA076/174	Daily
MNL - UA184/UA183	Daily
- UA193/192	Tue, Fri
KIX - UA150/151	Daily
TPE - UA166/165	Wed, Sat
NGO - UA136/137	Tue, Fri
PNI - UA176/UA176	Mon/Sun
ROR - UA158/UA157	Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat/ Mon, Tue, Thu & Fri
- UA192/193	Wed, Sat/Thu, Sun
TKK - UA132/UA133	Thu & Sun/Wed & Sat
- UA154/UA155	Tue & Fri/Mon & Thu
YAP - UA186/UA185	Wed & Sun/Tue &



NRT - 1440/1645 Daily



ICN - 7C3101/3102 Daily
ICN - 7C3107/7C3108 Daily



ICN - KE421/KE422 Daily
- KE423/424 Daily
- KE8425/8426 Daily, eff Aug. 1
PUS - KE2259/2260 Daily, eff Aug. 1



ICN - LJ913/L914 Daily
- LJ917/LJ918 Daily
PUS - LJ921/LJ922 Daily



MNL - PR110/PR111 Daily



KIX - 1520/1620 Daily
ICN - 1430/1530 Daily



ROP - 3401/4301 Mon, Tue, Wed,
Thu, Fri

United Airlines Hosts July FOD Walk



Over 25 pounds of Foreign Object Debris, or FOD, were collected by GIAA, United Airlines, tenant, and airline partner volunteers at the July United Airlines-hosted FOD Walk on July 15, 2025. FOD Walks are crucial safety practices that involve searching for and removing any objects that could damage aircraft or aviation equipment or injure personnel. GIAA thanks this month's volunteers for their efforts in keeping our runways safe and encourages its employees and tenant and airport partners to participate in these monthly events to promote a safe runway and work environment and to ensure a safe travel experience for all our passengers.

GIAA Holds Signatory Airline Meeting



GIAA management held a meeting with its signatory airline partners on July 15, 2025. GIAA regularly meets with its signatory airlines to discuss various matters, including the airport's budget and other operational issues. **Pictured above:** GIAA Deputy Executive Manager Dr. Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez (third from left), GIAA Executive Manager John "JQ" M. Quinata (ninth from left) and signatory airline representatives gather for a photo at their July 2025 Signatory Airline Meeting in the Board Conference Room of the main terminal building.

Getting to Know PAL's Mark Okuhira

Before joining Philippine Airlines (PAL), Mark Okuhira, Officer in Charge of the Station, had always been in the Customer Service Industry. Right out of school he worked in the hospitality industry for many years before his former General Manager and Director David Tuncap of Lockheed/AGI recruited him as a passenger service agent. It was then that his career in the aviation industry took off. As a passenger service agent he worked his way up the ladder, managing the passenger service department and, at one point, oversaw 125 diverse employees who had worked various passenger handling contracts for the company. He worked for DGS as an Administrative Assistant where he learned the different disciplines of the company, took on leadership roles and was appointed to opening several new stations in the Hawaiian Islands. He was then offered a position as a contractor servicing the military both on Andersen Air Force and Navy bases on Guam. He accepted a recruitment offer by the former PAL Station Manager in 2019, where he joined PAL in December as its Duty Manager, was eventually promoted to Station Officer in Charge, and is now the airline's Station Manager.

The responsibilities of his current role include, but are not limited to, all administrative and operational duties of the Guam and Saipan stations. Alongside PAL's groundhandlers and Duty Manager Justin Pendon, PAL's two-man team works tirelessly to uphold the company's reputation, brand, and trust of our public delivering the airline's specifically-tailored "Heart of the Filipino" service.

Okuhira wishes to continue to grow PAL and promote and provide the best of the PAL brand for the people of Guam.



"I'd like to leave a lasting impression as the hometown connection to the Philippines and Southeast Asia, through the support of our local and international sales teams in hopes that one day PAL GUM becomes a wide body station."

Okuhira enjoys travel, discovering the diverse cultures around the world and "loves to learn how we all relate living on earth." He is very proud of one specific achievement: "With joint efforts with the Guam Airport Authority, PAL hosted an event specifically for GUM in recognition and support of women around the world. In recognition of International Women's Day in March 2023, where I asked our corporate team to dispatch a flight to GUM with an "All Female Crew" which was a success."

Pictured above: Mark Okuhira, seventh from left, stands with GIAA Board and management and members of the all-female PAL crew in March 2023.

GIAA Refreshes Runway Surface Markings



RUNWAY REFRESH. GIAA's Properties & Facilities airfield team worked tirelessly to refresh runway surface markings, a crucial task for maintaining safe and efficient air traffic operations. The team refreshed faded or damaged markings that can reduce visibility and potentially lead to accidents,

incorrect takeoff or landing procedures, and collisions. Maintenance of these markings are required by the Federal Aviation Administration and contribute to smooth and efficient traffic flow, quicker and safe taxiing and reduced delays.

T'way Air Resumes Kansai Services

Arriving passengers onboard T'way Air were welcomed with a celebratory water salute from the GIAA Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Team, lively local music, warm "Hafa Adai" greetings and smiling faces from GIAA, T'way Air, and Guam Visitor Bureau leadership and staff, and a surprise appearance by the Koko Bird on July 18, 2025. The airline announced its resumption of services to and from Kansai, Japan which will take place through October 25, 2025.

These services bring another option for Japanese passengers to travel to Guam at a competitive rate on a low-cost carrier. This daily Kansai service is a welcomed one, bringing a total of 77 much-needed flights with a 189-seat capacity for this time period.

GIAA congratulates T'way on its resumption of these services.

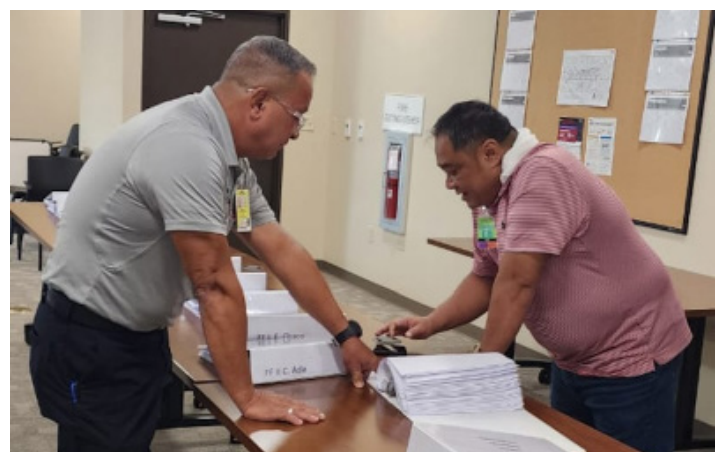


GIAA Passes FAA Certification Inspections

The A. B. Won Pat International Airport successfully passed its annual certification inspection conducted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). William J. Brown, certification inspector from the FAA Honolulu district office, assessed the Guam airport over a four-day period, from July 22 - 25, 2025, where runway and taxiway pavement markings and airfield lighting were also inspected. Brown conducted extensive review of the Airport Certification Manual,

firefighting training, self-inspections, and aircraft fueling operations.

GIAA especially commends and thanks its hardworking team from the Operations Division, Properties & Facilities Division, and the Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Division for their professionalism and diligence and for ensuring that Guam's airport is top notch in terms of safety and security and a continued leader in aviation in our region.



Guam Airport Supports Resolute Pacific Forces Exercise

As part of the 2025 Resolute Force Pacific 25 (REFORPAC) Military Exercise, the Guam Airport housed U.S. Air Force aircraft and support deployment and redeployment of cargo from July 12 through July 29, 2025.

REFORPAC is a Department of the U.S. Air Force Level Exercise which took place this summer at locations across the Pacific, including the A.B. Won Pat International Airport, Guam.



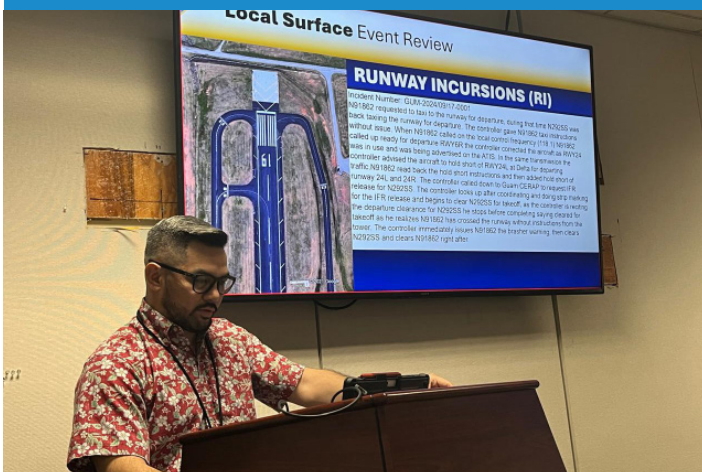
Fire Fighters Unite for REFORPAC Military Exercise

Fire fighters from Andersen Air Force Base and the GIAA Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Division gather for a group photo along with F-35 flight crew members on the South Ramp of the Guam Airport, as part of the U.S. Air

Force's Resolute Force Pacific (REFORPAC) military exercise familiarization training. The F-35s' presence in this year's REFORPAC exercise is the first of its kind for the Guam Airport.



FAA Runway Safety Action Team Discusses Surface Safety



In an effort to improve surface safety at the Guam Airport, the Runway Safety Action Team (RSAT) held a meeting on July 30, 2025 for GIAA, tenants, fixed base operators, and airport operations and maintenance personnel who help develop recommendations and solutions to enhance surface safety. Christian Cepeda, Manager Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) Robinson Aviation, seen above, provides information regarding runway incursions.



RSAT meetings serve to unite individuals and organizations actively involved in air traffic operations and movement of aircraft, vehicles and equipment on the Airport Operations Area (AOA). **Pictured above:** GIAA personnel from the Properties & Facilities Division, Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Division, Engineering Division and Operations Division and airline, fixed base operators, and tenant representatives discuss issues at the July RSAT meeting.

ARFF Fire Fighters Earn Annual Recertification

Five GIAA Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) personnel completed annual live fire recertification requirements in accordance with Advisory Circular 150/5210-17C at the Pacific Region ARFF Training Center (PRATC) at the Saipan International Airport on July 17, 2025.

PRATC training meets all training requirements in accordance with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Federal Aviation Administration Regulation Part 139 and International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) regulations.



ARFF Supports REFORPAC

As the A.B. Won Pat International Airport is a key player in this year's Resolute Force Pacific (REFORPAC) military exercise, GIAA Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) fire fighters received aircraft familiarization and fire response in the event ARFF units were called to respond to an aircraft emergency involving military aircraft. The training took place on July 17, 2025 at the ARFF Facility in Tiyan. **Pictured below:** ARFF fire fighters and military personnel listen to a presentation during REFORPAC familiarization at the ARFF Facility Training Room in Tiyan.



GIAA Attends Procurement Conference

Kathrina Bayson, GIAA Supply Management Administrator, second from left, poses for a photo with procurement officials from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Department of Finance at the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) Reach Conference in Denver, Colorado. NASPO funded Bayson's attendance at the three-day conference which leveraged the collective experience of various state procurement officials. Participants learned through various educational sessions on procurement challenges, trends and solutions.



Summer Interns Make Their Mark



MAKING THEIR MARK. After working hard, learning new things, and creating lifelong experiences, 37 of Guam's island youth left their mark at the Guam International Airport. This year's Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program (GSYEP) was a special one as GIAA's high school-aged interns from schools all over the island proudly unveiled an impressive, creative, and original art piece on July 17, 2025, in the presence of GIAA management and staff and leadership from the Department of Youth Affairs (DYA) - this year's GSYEP sponsor.

"Making Our Mark Together" was the name of the first-ever group project of the GSYEP summer interns of GIAA. This art project emphasized outstanding teamwork and commitment to public service. Led by Marketing intern Mia Iglesias, the interns designed, sketched, and painted a

unique, original floral-theme and tribal design that emphasized aviation and local flora on an eight-foot-tall latte stone prop that now serves as a photo backdrop in the main terminal for passengers and well-wishers alike to enjoy. The iconic latte, proudly displayed in the East Ticket Lobby which is located on the Departures Level, features the handprint of each intern, symbolizing the memorable mark they have made on GIAA and on all who travel through our terminal.

GIAA extends its thanks to DYA Director Melanie Brennan, DYA Deputy Director Michael Weakley, the GIAA Employee Organization, and the teams from the GIAA Marketing Section and the GIAA Properties & Facilities Division for their contributions to the success of this project.



Summer Interns Give Back to the Island's Youth



INTERNS GIVE BACK. Part of the work experience of GIAA's 37 summer interns of the Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program (GSYEP) included giving back to our island community. The GSYEP, sponsored by the Department of Youth Affairs, challenged summer interns to sponsor a donation drive for the youth clients of DYA, in the form of



clothing, bedding, hygiene products, school supplies, and personal protective equipment, such as First Aid products and sanitizers. The donation drive, held from July 16 - 18, 2025, fostered teamwork, compassion, and leadership. GIAA thanks its summer interns and all those who donated to this heartwarming and memorable cause.

GIAA Airport Police Division Summer Interns Earn Bragging Rights

Kudos to the Airport Police Division summer interns of the Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program (GSYEP) who earned first place bragging rights at this year's GIAA exit presentations on July 17, 2025. The Administration Division and Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Divisions garnered second and third place bragging rights, respectively. The four-member panel of judges which included Department

of Youth Affairs (DYA) Deputy Director Michael Weakley, DYA Director Melanie Brennan, GIAA Executive Manager John "JQ" M. Quinata, and GIAA Air Terminal Manager Juan Reyes, **pictured below, L-R**, judged the exit presentations for content, creativity, impact, delivery, grammar and spelling, slide transitions, and use of clipart and photos.



1st Place - Airport Police



2nd Place - Administration



3rd Place - ARFF



GIAA and GVB Showcase Liberation Day Parade Float

FANOHGE CHAMORU! Two of the most important agencies supporting Guam's tourism, the A. B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) and the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB), partnered together in the 81st Guam Liberation Day Parade with a float depicting Guam's tourism and aviation industry and acknowledging the Guamanians' role in its development as the major contributor to Guam's economy over the past 75 years. The creative elements of the float included a tribute to the 75th anniversary of the signing of the Organic Act in 1950. The iconic Guam latte - a powerful symbol of CHamoru culture and identity in Guam - represented strength, resilience, and a connection to the island's past. CHamoru cultural dancers who play a vital role in preserving and promoting the unique heritage of Guam's indigenous people - the CHamorus - were represented on the float. An "Aire'n CHamoru" airplane, which symbolized the use of airplanes for transportation for both domestic and international journeys that facilitate our tourism arrivals from

our source markets in Asia and connect Guam residents to the rest of the world, proudly sat at the rear of the float and boasted the colors of the Guam flag. Lastly, source market flags that depict our source markets and direct air connections, lined both sides of the float.

GIAA thanks its and GVB's employee volunteers and this year's co-chair committees from the Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Division and the Operations Division for the success of this project. GIAA acknowledges the following divisions for their tremendous contributions: the Accounting Division, the Administration Division, the Airport Police Division, the Engineering Division, Properties & Facilities Division, and the Property Management Office. Special thanks go out to the Marketing Section for their creative insight and coordination. GIAA also thanks GVB for its partnership in this project as we celebrate another anniversary of the liberation of our island. Biba, Guam!



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