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## PEOPLE

Residents Attend Noise Study  
Public Information Workshop



Island residents attended a Public Information Workshop hosted by GIAA, which presented the 14 CFR Part 150 Noise Study Update, on November 14, 2024. See more inside.

## PLACES

Tropical Storm Man-Yi  
Preparations at Guam Airport



The Guam Airport braced for Tropical Storm Man-Yi which passed south of Guam in the early morning hours of November 13, 2024. GIAA thanks its hardworking and dedicated employees and its tenants who prepared the airport facilities for the storm.

## EVENTS

United Airlines  
Announces Direct Flights  
Between Guam and Taipei



The Guam Visitors Bureau hosted a "Guam Night" event in Taipei, Taiwan with government officials, travel agents, and media partners, where LT Governor Joshua Tenorio announced that United Airlines will launch direct flights between Guam and Taipei starting April 2025.

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 2024)



HNL - UA201/200  
HND - UA0425/1905 Daily  
NRT - UA874/UA828 Daily from  
Dec. 10 - 31  
- UA197/196 Daily  
- UA865/UA864 Mon Wed, Fri, Sun/  
Tues, Thurs, Sat, Sun  
- UA827/UA873 Daily  
SPN - UA076/174 Daily  
MNL - UA184/UA183 Daily  
KIX - UA150/151 Daily  
- UA178/UA177 Wed, Fri, Sun/Tues,  
Thurs, Sat  
NGO - UA136/137 Daily  
PNI - UA176/UA176 Mon/Sun  
ROR - UA158/UA157 Mon, Tues, Thurs,  
Fri/Mon, Wed, Thurs, Sun  
- UA192/UA156 Wed, Sat/Tues, Fri  
TKK - UA132/UA133 Sun/Sat  
- UA154/UA155 Tues & Fri/Mon &  
Thurs  
Yap - UA186/UA185 Wed & Sun/Tues &  
Sat



NRT - JL941/JL942 Daily



ICN - 7C3101/3102 Daily  
- 7C3175 Tues, Wed, Sat, Sun, Effective  
Dec. 1



ICN - KE421/KE422 Daily



ICN - LJ913/LJ914 Daily  
PUS - LJ929/LJ930 Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat  
ICN - LJ915/916 Daily beginning Dec. 19



MNL - PR110/PR111 Daily



ICN - TW303/TW304 Daily



TPE - CI026/CI027 Wed, Sat/Thurs, Sun  
Effective Nov. 27



ROP - 3401/4301 Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs,  
Fri

## GIAA Takes Part in Airline Mission in Asia



**GUAM ON A MISSION.** A delegation led by Governor Lourdes "Lou" Leon Guerrero, GVB Board and management, and GIAA traveled to South Korea, Japan, and

Taiwan on a high-level airline mission to meet with airlines to discuss opportunities for expanded air services.





## GIAA Hosts Noise Study Planning Advisory Committee Meeting



GIAA, along with Noise Study contractor, AECOM, held its third Planning Advisory Committee Meeting for the Part 150 Noise Study Update on November 14, 2024. The committee, consisting of GIAA management, its Engineering Division, and airlines reviewed



the proposed noise abatement measures, discussed the effectiveness of each measure, and solicited guidance from the committee members on proceeding with specific measures. The Study is now transitioning into the next phase - the Noise Compatibility Planning Phase.

## GIAA Hosts Noise Study Public Information Workshop



In an effort to present the Airport's Draft Noise Exposure Map, which includes Draft Noise Exposure Maps for the 2024 existing condition and 2029 forecast condition, and to gather public input, GIAA and contracted Noise Study Team, AECOM, held a Public Informa-



tion Workshop and Open House on November 14, 2024 in the GIAA Conference Rooms. The AECOM Study Team explained the basics of noise and the Part 150 process and were on hand to answer inquiries from residents in attendance.





## GIAA Meets with FAA Environmental Protection Specialist



**HAFA ADAI, FAA!** GIAA extended warm “Hafa Adai” greetings to Mr. Kevin Nishimura, Environmental Protection Specialist of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Honolulu Airports District Office, upon his arrival on November 12, 2024. Mr. Nishimura was on island to participate in the ongoing FAA Part 150 Noise Study and environmental discussions related to current and future GIAA projects. **Pictured L-R:** Trini Cotelesse - Program Coordinator III of the Engineering Division, Nishimura,



and Frank Santos - Transportation Management Group (TMG).

GIAA representatives gather for a group photo after a meeting with Mr. Nishimura on November 14, 2024.

**Pictured, L-R:** Raymond Quintanilla - Superintendent of Operations, Audie Artero - Engineering Supervisor, Frank Santos - TMG, Nishimura, Juan Reyes - Air Terminal Manager, Tony Laniog - Engineer III, and Fernando Santos - TMG.

## GIAA Deputy Executive Manager Hernandez Presents at Industry Forum



GIAA Deputy Executive Manager, Artemio “Ricky” Hernandez, Ph.D., attended the Guam Industry Forum/Society of American Military Engineers Guam Post as a presenter and a panelist on “Ports of Entry and Logistics” at the Dusit Thani Guam Resort on November 15, 2024. Dr. Hernandez provided an overview on the Guam Airport’s cargo capacity and future development plans, highlighting its role as a logistics hub for Micronesia and its critical function in supporting regional trade and connectivity.

## GIAA Hosts Cybersecurity Tabletop Exercise



GIAA hosted a Cybersecurity/Airport Police Tabletop Exercise, designed to assess the airport’s response to cybersecurity threats, particularly focusing on potential attacks targeting critical infrastructure. The exercise, which took place on November 15, 2024, brought together key stakeholders, including GIAA management, law enforcement, federal agencies, and airline operators, to discuss and evaluate protocols for responding to a cyberattack.





## GIAA Attends ACI-NA Marketing & Communications Conference



GIAA Marketing Administrator, Rolenda L. Faasumalie (above, left), speaks with Eleanor Campbell of Flightpath 3D on new technology for stakeholder engagement at the Airports Council International - North America (ACI-NA) Marketing & Communications Conference 2024 hosted by SFO in late October.

## Guam-CNMI Electronic Travel Authorization Goes Live



### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Passengers traveling to Guam or the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) will experience a smoother and more efficient arrival process.

The Department of Homeland Security and the United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) launched the G-CNMI ETA in September this year. This automated system, which became mandatory on November 29, 2024, is used to determine visitor eligibility to travel to Guam or the CNMI under the G-CNMI Visa Waiver Program (VWP) and whether such travel poses any law enforcement or security risk. This system provides eligible travelers with a faster, more streamlined arrival process and requires less paperwork.

For more information about this new system and to apply for an electronic travel authorization, please visit [G-CNMI-eTA.cbp.dhs.gov](https://G-CNMI-eTA.cbp.dhs.gov).

## JAL Hosts Japanese School of Guam at Airline Seminar



Japan Airlines hosted students and teachers of the Japanese School of Guam at their Airline Seminar on November 16, 2024. The participants greeted an arrival, attended an airline industry class, and observed a departing flight.

## Airport Police Officers Complete Traffic Crash Investigation Course



GIAA Airport Police Officer (APO) I Joseph Crisostomo and APO I Tommy Naputi successfully completed Vehicular Homicide Traffic Crash Investigation Course Level 1. The course, provided by the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety from November 11 - 22, 2024.





## Legislative Confirmation Hearing Held for GIAA Board Members



**BOARD RE-CONFIRMATION HEARING.** GIAA Board members Brian J. Bamba, Lucy M. Alcorn, and Rosie R. Tainatongo appeared before the Legislative Committee on Maritime & Air Transportation, Parks, Tourism, Higher Education, and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens, at a public hearing on their re-confirma-

tion to the GIAA Board of Directors on November 25, 2024 at the Guam Congress Building. GIAA looks forward to their continued valuable contributions to the Board, along with their combined knowledge and wealth of experience and expertise that help to keep the airport moving ahead.

## United Airlines Captain Rhode Celebrates Retirement



**CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF FLIGHT.** After an incredible 35-year career and to celebrate her retirement, United Airlines Captain Vicki Rhode flew her final flight into the Guam Airport on November 19, 2024. The GIAA

Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) team greeted the flight with a celebratory water salute upon its arrival. GIAA wishes Captain Rhode all the best in this new chapter in her life, and we thank her for 35 years of flight.





## Guam Homeschoolers, Angels, Dragons and Kokos Tour Guam Airport



**GUAM HOMESCHOOLERS.** Students and parents/guardians of the Guam Homeschool Association stop for a group photo with their tour guide, Airport Police Officer Michael Winn, center, after clearing the Transportation Security Administration Passenger Screening Checkpoint on November 5, 2024.



**ASTUMBO DRAGONS.** The "Dragons" of Astumbo Middle School listen to fire fighters of the GIAA Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Division as they explain the uses and importance of their equipment during their tour of the ARFF Facility on November 19, 2024.



**ANGELS READY FOR TAKEOFF.** The "Angels" of L.B. Johnston Elementary School gather for a group photo with a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officer while they proudly display their boarding passes, after clearing the TSA Passenger Checkpoint on November 12, 2024.



**ANGELS ONBOARD.** LBJ "Angels" and their teachers are all smiles as they take a group photo with a pilot while on a tour of a United Airlines aircraft on November 12, 2024. The students were treated to a visit to the cockpit and ended their tour with a visit to the Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Facility in Tiyan.





## ARFF Fire Fighters Talk Careers with the OCPES Ants



Fire Fighters from the GIAA Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Division were invited to share their career experiences with the students of Ordot-Chalan Pago Elementary School, Home of the Ants, at their Career Day



Event on November 15, 2024. ARFF Fire Fighter Alex Tenorio, seen in the photo above, guides a hose for two students of Ordot-Chalan Pago Elementary School during Career Day on November 15, 2024.

## Carbullido Elementary School Kokos Visit ARFF Facility



The "Kokos" of Carbullido Elementary School were treated to an outing on November 27, 2024, at the GIAA Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Facility, a popular and highly-requested tour among students and teachers. The head start students had a fun-filled and engaging experience touring facility, but the highlight of the tour was a close-up look at the fire fighting equipment, fire trucks, and emergency vehicles.

## United Airlines Unite 4 Veterans



In honor of U.S. veterans, United Airlines hosted "United 4 Veterans" on November 11, 2024 which raised awareness surrounding veteran suicide and consisted of a crossfit workout event written in honor of Navy SEAL Chad Wilkinson who died by suicide in 2018 as a result of traumatic brain injuries and post traumatic stress.





## Team GIAA Walks in Relay for Life to Help Fight Cancer



**GIAA RELAYS FOR LIFE.** In an effort to unite with the island community to celebrate cancer survivors and their caregivers, honor and remember loved ones lost to cancer, and raise funds to improve lives of people with cancer, the GIAA Family participated in this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life on November 9, 2024, at the University of Guam Calvo Field House.

GIAA Executive Manager, John M. Quinata (above, center), is surrounded by members of Team GIAA at this year's Relay for Life on November 9, 2024. GIAA continues to be a proud supporter of the efforts of the American Cancer Society and those who bravely fight the battle against cancer in our community.

## FOD Walk



**FINDING FOD.** Many thanks to the volunteers, pictured above, who participated in the Foreign Object Debris, or FOD, Walk, hosted by United Airlines on November 19, 2024. Their efforts resulted in the collection of 23 pounds of debris on the airfield and surrounding areas.

## Lions Club Road Cleanup



**LIONS CLEAN UP.** As part of their display of community support, the Guam Lions organized a trash pickup event along Route 10-A in the early morning hours of November 9, 2024. GIAA thanks the volunteers for devoting their time and efforts to keep Guam clean. *Biba, Lions!*





## GIAA Family Gives Thanks

**WE GIVE THANKS.** The GIAA Family gathered together to give thanks for another year of blessings and for the many people who go beyond everyday to provide quality service, safety, and security for our traveling public. Here are some photo highlights from the annual GIAA Thanksgiving luncheon held on November 26, 2024. This traditional GIAA event officially kicked off the holiday season and featured a delicious feast of all the fixings of Thanksgiving and popular local dishes.







## GIAA & GVB Welcome China Airlines Back to Guam

### WELCOME BACK CHINA AIRLINES.

GIAA and GVB marketing staff were up early on Thanksgiving morning to welcome China Airlines back to Guam. The airline resumed twice weekly direct Taipei-Guam flights after service was disrupted by the pandemic. The Airport's ARFF team was on hand to welcome the aircraft with a warm water salute while the marketing teams welcomed passengers with Hafa Adai greetings and GVB gift bags. GVB mascot Kiku the Ko'Ko' Bird was a huge hit with passengers eager to take selfies with him despite the early 2:30am arrival. China Airlines served cake and also gave gift bags to the passengers on the outbound back to Taipei.





## GIAA Family Bids Farewell to Former Colleague



**ADIOS.** The GIAA Family bid farewell to friend and former colleague of the Operations Division, Dennis A. Calvo, who passed away on October 28, 2024. Dennis retired from GIAA in September 2022 after serving decades in the Government of Guam. An Airport Operations Officer I, Dennis was an exceptional employee and devoted member of his team.

John M. Quinata, GIAA Executive Manager (above, right), presents a custom-made shadow box to Derrick Calvo and Denielle C. Reel, the children of the late Dennis Calvo, at a farewell driveby in front of the Guam Airport Terminal on November 7, 2024. The GIAA Family extends its deepest condolences and immense gratitude for his service to GIAA and to the people of Guam.

## Happy Thanksgiving Wishes from GIAA



*Happy Thanksgiving*

This Thanksgiving, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your hard work, dedication, and the difference you make every day. Your efforts ensure that Guam's gateway to the world continues to thrive and serve our community with excellence.

May your holiday be filled with joy, love, and cherished moments with family and friends.

*With gratitude,*  
The GIAA Executive Management



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