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## PEOPLE

GIAA Honors Aviation & Tourism Pioneer with Dedication of the David D. Tuncap Aviation Business Park



The Guam Airport Authority gathered with the family of the late David D. Tuncap on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> to dedicate the Airport's Aviation Business Park in his honor. See story and more photos on p.4.

## PLACES

New I "HEART" GUAM Sign Greets all Upon Approach to Airport Terminal



The Guam Airport received an early Christmas gift from the Guam Visitors Bureau on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. A brand new "I (Heart) Guam" was installed on the grassy knoll upon approach to the terminal. The previous sign was relocated up the hill on Route 10-A.

## EVENTS

GIAA Welcomed and Bid Farewell to Taiwan President Lai Ching-te for his 1-Day Visit to Guam



President Lai Ching-te of Taiwan, arrived at the Guam International Airport on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> for a historic one-day visit to Guam. Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero and a contingent of local officials warmly welcomed then bid him farewell. See story and more photos on p.3.

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 January 2025)



HNL - UA201/200 Daily  
HND - UA849/848 Daily  
NRT - UA874/UA828 Daily Jan 1-14  
- UA197/196 Daily  
- UA865/UA864 Mon Wed, Fri,  
Sun/Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun  
- UA827/UA873 Daily  
SPN - UA076/174 Daily  
MNL - UA184/UA183 Daily  
KIX - UA150/151 Daily  
- UA178/UA177 Wed, Fri, Sun/Tue,  
Thu, Sat  
NGO - UA136/137 Daily  
PNI - UA176/UA176 Mon/Sun  
ROR - UA158/UA157 Mon, Tue, Thu,  
Sun/Mon, Tue, Thurs, Sun  
- UA192/UA156 Tues, Fri/Wed, Sat  
TKK - UA132/UA133 Wed/Thu  
- UA154/UA155 Mon, Thu/Tue, Fri  
Yap - UA186/UA185 Tue, Sat/Wed, Sun



JAPAN  
AIRLINES

NRT - JL941/JL942 Daily



ICN - 7C3101/3102 Daily  
ICN - 7C3175 Tue, Wed, Sat, Sun



ICN - KE421/422 Daily



ICN - LJ913/914 Daily  
ICN - LJ915/916 Daily  
PUS - LJ929/930 Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat,



MNL - PR110/111 Daily



ICN - TW303/304 Daily



CHINA AIRLINES

TPE - CI026/027 Wed, Sat/Thu, Sun



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

## Guam Airport Assessed for Vulnerability



A regulatory assessment team from the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Law Enforcement/Federal Air Marshal Service (LE/FAMS), Law Enforcement Assessments Section (LEAS), performed a TSA/Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Joint Vulnerability Assessment (JVA) of the A.B. Won Pat International Airport, Guam and conducted critical vulnerability and threat assessment from a risk-based approach to determine where weaknesses exist and provide options for mitigation in critical areas. This periodic review helps keep the Guam International Airport up to par and in line with national standards for safety and security at all U.S. airports across the nation. Deputy Executive Manager, Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez, PhD, Air Terminal Manager, Juan Reyes, Airport Police's Asst. Chief Ken Quenga, and Lt. Noel Dela Cruz were on hand to meet with the team and discuss their findings on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.





## Guam International Airport Welcomes Taiwan President & Bids Farewell



The President of Taiwan, Lai Ching-te, was warmly welcomed at the Guam International Airport as his private jet touched down on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Governor Lou Leon Guerrero was on hand with officials from the Taiwan Economic & Cultural Office (TECO) on Guam and members of her cabinet to extend warm Hafa Adai greetings for this historic one-day visit to our island. President Lai's stop-over was part of his Pacific visit with allies en route to the Republic of Palau after visiting the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Tuvalu. Also on Guam was Ms. Ingrid Larson, the Managing Director of the

American Institute in Taiwan, the organization that serves as the unofficial U.S. embassy in Taiwan and Ambassador Alexander Tah-Ray Yui, Taiwan's representative to the United States.

The visit was a great opportunity for high-level security coordination between the Airport's Operations, and Police divisions with local, U.S. federal, and Taiwanese security forces and law enforcement bodies exercised for the arrival and then the departure of the President and entourage on China Airlines on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.



## Airport Dedicates David D. Tuncap Aviation Business Park



On Dec. 20th, the A.B Won Pat International Airport, Guam held a ceremony at the former Guam International Air Terminal, to officially dedicate the David D. Tuncap Aviation Business Park. His widow, Ling Tuncap and daughters, Toni and Tanya with their families were on hand for the dedication ceremony and the unveiling of the sign for the Aviation Business park, which will serve as a hub of aviation-related businesses vital to Guam's airport and tourism industries.

David Diaz Tuncap was recognized for his extensive and renowned service to Guam during his lifetime, by Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio, Congressman James Moylan, and Airport Executive Manager John "JQ" Quinata – all spoke of an astute businessman who was a pioneer and visionary son of Guam as well as a devoted family man.

David Diaz Tuncap began his career in the airline industry with Pan American World Airways, Inc. in 1959. Working his way up from Passenger Services Representative, to Manager of Operations and Ramp Services to Assistant Airport Manager for the airline. In 1975, he was tapped by the Bordallo-Sablan Administration to serve as the Director of the Department of Commerce. He then went on to become the very first Executive Manager of the Guam

Airport Authority when it was created. He simultaneously served in the growth and development of the Guam Visitors Bureau where he served for over two decades, serving as Chairman for over 15 years, where he spearheaded GVB's reorganization into a public non-profit corporation. He even briefly served as a hotelier when he was the general manager of the Pacific Islands Club from 1980 to 1981.

In addition to government experience, Mr. Tuncap held senior management positions in the private sector in businesses related to the aviation industry. The most significant position was Resident Manager of Lockheed Air Terminal, Inc. – Aviation Services Division Guam, where he managed the operations and maintenance of all fueling facilities for all commercial carriers at the Guam International Airport from 1985 to 2005, retiring after 25 years of service. David Tuncap was a true visionary and a key driver in the expansion of Guam's visitor industry, capitalizing on Guam's rapid growth and developing the tourism infrastructure of the 70's and 80's.

With over four decades of public service and leadership both in the government and the private sector, his influence in Guam's aviation and tourism industry continued throughout the rest of his life until he passed in 2013.



## Airport General Employee Meeting Year-End Wrap UP



On Monday, Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, the staff, management, and board of the A.B. Won Pat International Airport, Guam gathered for a year-end General Employee breakfast meeting. Executive Manager John "JQ" Quinata highlighted major projects and accomplishments over the past calendar year, while Deputy Executive Manager Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez, PhD, reported on our airport's financial house, which is still recovering from the pandemic and Typhoon Mawar. Board Chairman Brian Bamba extended thanks and appreciation on behalf of the GIAA Board of Directors, for all the hard work the employees put forth in 2024 and wished all the very best of the holiday season.





## GIAA Presents Ongoing Recovery Efforts at Tourism Forum



Deputy Executive Manager of the Airport. Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez, PhD, presented on behalf of the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) at the Tourism Forum on Dec. 16th. The forum, themed a Recovery Plan Update "Beyond the Horizon" was hosted by the Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association (GHRA), the Guam Travel & Tourism Association (GTTA), the Japan Guam Travel Association (JGTA) and the Korean Guam

Travel Association (KGTA), at the Dusit Beach Resort. The Airport along with the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) and the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) presented as government stakeholders in the visitor industry. In attendance also from GIAA were members of the board of directors, management, and staff. Dr. Hernandez shared the continued progress GIAA has made and the Airport's contributions to the recovery of Guam's tourism industry.

## Hyatt Thanks Airport Crew



The Hyatt Regency Resort Guam sent a lovely holiday cake as a Thank You gesture for the hardworking crew of the Airport's Properties and Facilities Division. The crew had assisted with providing stanchions for crowd and line management during the time that Taiwan's President Lai Ching-te was at their Tumon hotel.

## United Graduates IPs on Guam



United Airlines (UA) graduated a cohort of International Pursers (IP) on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at their City Ticket and Administrative Offices. The graduation of the GUM International Purser Class 2410 is quite a highlight for UA's Guam base, this being the first time an IP class has graduated outside of the airline's Chicago headquarters. International Pursers are the onboard leaders who lead the flight attendant crew and oversee the safety and service of customers on international flights.



## Airport Float Flies in Holiday Cheer at Island Christmas Parades



To celebrate the Governor's 2024 Christmas Parade featuring "The Colors of Christmas," the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam proudly put together a float to fly in holiday cheer! The central design was a modern jet plane being piloted by Santa and the plane was blinged out in festive colorful Christmas lights, with the icons of the holidays of every color – teddy bears, reindeer, snowflakes, nutcrackers, candles and gifts boxes. The nose of the Airport's plane was lit up bright red, like that of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer leading the way for Santa's plane. Sparklers were added to bring another level of "dazzle" and to symbolize the hot sizzling weather of the islands even during the winter months of the Christmas season! The plane, like the Three Wise Men were following the Christmas star, leading the way to the true joy of the Christmas Season!

The Airport's float at the Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> parade around Skinner Plaza was a complete crowd pleaser with the children wide-eyed and cheering every time the sparklers were went off! The float was such a hit that Inalahan Mayor asked for the float to be a part of their 2024 Inalahan Christmas lighting parade on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

Big shoutout to the Airport Properties & Facilities crew who volunteer every year to construct an awesome entry and the volunteers who help decorate, escort and walk the parade route, giving out candy to the island families enjoying the festive Christmas parade.



## Roland T. Lubasan Says Farewell After 36 Years



On Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, the Airport's Properties and Facilities Division gathered to bid farewell to one of their long time employees. Roland T. Lubasan's last day as a Maintenance Worker with Airport Family was two days after Christmas, having worked 36 years with the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA). Roland is considered a "lifer" having served all his government service with GIAA. His wife, children, and grandchildren were there to help celebrate his retirement and share some of the new found family role he'll be taking, laughingly sharing that he'll be the bus driver for the kids dubbed "Papa Uber"! We wish him all the best in his retirement!



## Josephine P. Dela Rosa Bids Airport ADIOS on the Last Day of 2024



Josephine P. Dela Rosa's last day with the Airport was also the last day of 2024. Her effective day of retirement and last day was on Dec 31st, but she was celebrated by Airport Management and the staff of the Accounting Division on Dec. 30th, ending her career of government service after an incredible 35 years, 10 months and 26 days! Josie was

GIAA's Budget Analyst since 2007 after she had initially come on board in 1990 as and Accounting Tech III then Accounting Tech Supervisor in 1992. She reminisced about the "old days" and that she was one of the last "classmates" left with all the other Accounting staff more recent hires in just the last decade. ENJOY your retirement Josie!



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## Airport Week(s) Coming JANUARY 2025

We are all looking forward to this new year, 2025! The A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam, will be celebrating our 49th Anniversary of its creation of the as an autonomous agency of the Government of Guam. What used to be a week-long of activities and friendly sporting events with tenants and business partners has grown to several week of camaraderie building events and celebrations for Airport Week. This year's 2025 theme is vibrant and colorful, taking off the "pop art" culture.





**2025 EVENTS SCHEDULE**

BY FALL 02-CHAMPS: PHILIP 01-0107 Vice Mayor (RT) 842-4480 & ARFF Chief & Raymond Mantecosa (RT) 475-9152



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**Jan 4** **"TAKE-OFF" 5K WALK/RUN**  
CHAMP: Isaline Managat-Stanley - Acorg, (RT) 848-0282  
Route: Donki Village towards Capitol Kitchen & Back | 5:00am SHOWTIME • 8:00am GOTIME (Shotgun Start)

**Jan 8** **BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT & KARAOKE CONTEST**  
CHAMP: Cameron Chao - Airport Police (RT) 777-3084 & 848-0282  
Buddy's Billiards, Tamuning | 6:00pm

**Jan 10-12** **3rd ANNUAL EDWARD RIOS MEMORIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**  
CHAMP: Airport Police - JP Mantecosa & JP Muller (RT) 842-9952  
Guerrero Field | 9:00am | Jan 10th 8:00pm-10pm | Jan 11th 10:00am-8:00pm | Jan 12th 10:00am-8:00pm

**Jan 15** **4th ANNUAL EDWARD A.P. MUNA II MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
CO-CHAMPS: Engineering - Trini Chelissia (RT) 482-3270 | Robert Umurhay - BPS (RT) 828-3271  
Onward Talofoto Golf Club | 8:00am SHOWTIME • 12:00pm GOTIME (Shotgun Start)

**Jan 17** **PROCLAMATION SIGNING**  
CHAMP: Rolando Tansumale - Admin, (RT) 482-0385  
Governor's Conference Room, Asolo | 9:30am

**WAVE**  
CHAMP: Ray Mantecosa - ARFF (RT) 475-9152  
Latest Employees Parking Lot, Res. 10-B Traffic Light Intersection | 4:00pm - 5:00pm

**AIRPORT FAMILY MASS**  
CHAMP: Ray Mantecosa - ARFF (RT) 475-9152  
Santa Teresita Church, Mangilao | 8:00pm

**Jan 17-18** **BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**  
CHAMP: ARFF - Brandon Alifanag (RT) 829-4712 | Jordan Savers (RT) 852-0813 | Greg Dinger (RT) 489-0813  
Bokado Sports Complex | 8:00pm-10:00pm nightly

**Jan 20** **BOWLING TOURNAMENT**  
CHAMP: April Gargan - Acorg, (RT) 842-4480 (RT) 848-0282/84  
Central Lanes, Century Plaza | 9:00am SHOWTIME • 10:00am BOWL TIME

**Jan 22** **F.O.D. WALK**  
CHAMP: Operations - Amanda O'Brien & Precy Daughack 842-4480/8482  
MOA, Bar Gate #1 | 9:00am Showtime | 9:45am Go Time • 9:00-10:00am access required

**Jan 24** **TENANT APPRECIATION & EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION BANQUET**  
CHAMP: Marketing/Tenac  
Hyatt Regency Guam Resort | 5:00pm - 12:00am

**FINAL**

**49 AIRPORT WEEK 2025**  
**TAKE-OFF 5K WALK/RUN**  
SATURDAY - January 4th  
SHOW @ 5:00am • GO @ 8:00am  
Route: Free Donki Village Parking Lot towards Capitol Kitchen & Back  
REGISTER ONLINE  
REGISTRATION FEE: \$5.00  
RACE-DAY REGISTRATION: \$5.00

**49 AIRPORT WEEK 2025**  
**BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT**  
KARAOKE CONTEST  
January 9th  
Buddy's Billiards  
Contact Cameron Chao @ (RT) 777-3084 for more info

**2025 AIRPORT WEEK 49**  
**3rd ANNUAL EDWARD RIOS JR MEMORIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**  
January 10, 11, & 12  
Guerrero Field, Hagatna  
Co-ed Tournament (Modified)  
Airport Employees & Tenants (Badge Holders)  
\$200 Entrance Fee  
For more inquiries please contact (RT) 842-9952

**49 AIRPORT WEEK 2025**  
**EDWARD A.P. MUNA II**  
FOURTH ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT  
ONWARD TALOFOTO GOLF CLUB  
11:00 am SHOW TIME | 12:00pm START TIME (Shot Gun)  
January 15th  
ENTRY FEE: \$75.00  
INCLUDES: Green Fee, Cart Bag, Drinks & Food on the Course  
PRIZE WINNERS TO BE CONTACTED POST TOURNAMENT.  
All golfers will have to sign a liability waiver before playing.

**49 AIRPORT WEEK 2025**  
**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**  
January 17th, 18th & 19th @ 8:00 PM NIGHTLY  
Bokado Sports Complex  
New Cuts Rules Apply for Cuts Play  
Airport Tenants Priority  
Limited Seats Available  
Hoop!

**49 AIRPORT WEEK 2025**  
**BOWLING TOURNAMENT**  
January 20th @ Central Lanes  
5:00pm - 5:00pm Cold Team • 3 Games • Total Pot  
Bowl



## Safety Efforts Continue with FOD Walk



GIAA maintains a robust safety culture with a monthly FOD walk every month. Employees of the Airport Authority, along with staff and management of partner airline members of the Airline Operating Committee (AOC), take time on a designated morning to do a physical sweep of the air operations area

(AOA). All loose debris that can endanger aircraft and their movement on the AOA are picked up. The December FOD Walk accumulated 22 lbs. of FOD. Big shoutout to United Airlines and Japan Airlines staff who participated with Airport's ARFF Division and Safety Section! Let's continue to be SAFE in 2025!

## Wishing You All a PROSPEROUS 2025



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