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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's Deputy Regional
Administrator overseeing
WestPac Region
Faviola "Favi" Garcia



The Deputy Regional Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA), Western—Pacific Region met with GIAA representatives at the 2025 SWAAAE winter event. See more on p.3

## **PLACES**

The New and Improved
Airport
TenTekoMai



Come see who got a whole new facelift at the Airport Food Court and what new and exciting changes are in store! See more on p.4

## **EVENTS**

Get Ready for Upcoming **Mes CHamoru** (CHamoru Month) The A. B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam invites you to celebrate

Wes Hamoru

"CHamoru Kada Diha" ("CHamoru Everday")

Mirenda

Thursday • March 6th • 1:00 PM

Fiesta

Thursday

March 20th

1:00 PM

East Ticket Lobby

March is Mes CHamoru or CHamoru Month; a month-long celebration of Guam's history and culture. Also known as Guam History and CHamoru Heritage Month, it is a time for island residents to learn about the rich history of Guam and her people.

The Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) is a self-sustaining autonomous government agency, charged with the mission to ensure the safey 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 March 2025)



HNL - UA201/200 Daily

HND - UA849/848 Daily

NRT - UA874/UA873 Daily

- UA197/196 Daily

- UA865/UA864Mon Wed, Fri, Sun/Tue, Thu/Sat, Sun

- UA827/UA878 Daily

SPN - UA076/174 Daily

MNL - UA184/UA183 Daily, Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, Sun

KIX - UA150/151 Daily

> - UA178/UA177 Wed/Fri/Sun/Tue, Thu, Sat

NGO - UA136/137

PNI - UA176/UA176 Sun

ROR - UA158/UA157 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri Mon, Wed, Thu, Sun

- UA193/UA156 Tues, Fri/Wed, Sat

TKK - UA132/UA133 Thu/Sun Wed/Sat

- UA154/UA155 Mon/Thu, Tue/Fri

Yap - UA186/UA185 Wed/Sun, Tue/Sat

IAPAN

NRT - JL941/JL942 Daily

*lEJUair* 

ICN - 7C3101/3102 Daily

KOREAN AIR

ICN - KE421/422 Daily

ICN - LJ913/914 Daily

ICN - LJ915/916 Daily thru March 29

PUS - LJ929/930 Daily

Philippine Airlines

MNL - PR110/111 Daily



ICN - TW303/304 Daily



- \*\*3401/4301

Mon, Tue, Wed,

Thu, Fri



TPE - no scheduled service for March

### Airport Management Testify Before 38th Guam Legislature



A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam management testified at two public hearings before the 38th Guam Legislature's Committees on Land, Environment, Housing, Agriculture, Parks and Infrastructure (on Bill 8-38) and Public Safety, Emergency Management, and Guam National Guard (on Bill 10-38). The GIAA testified in support of Bill 8-38 relative to the extension of government of Guam

leasing of property from five (5) to thirty (30) years held on February 13, 2025 which was authored by Senator Joe S. San Agustin. They further testified on February 21, 2025 in support of Bill 10-38 authored by Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao relative to life insurance benefits for public safety and law enforcement officers of the government of Guam who are killed in the line of duty.

#### Guam Airport Senior Managers Attend SWAAAE with FAA Leadership



In consideration of the changing landscape in the federal government, Deputy Executive Manager Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez, Ph.D. and Airport Services Manager Jean Arriola of the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam met with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials at the Southwest Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives (SWAAAE) 65th Airport Management Short Course that was held February 2-5, 2025 in Monterey, CA. They met with Deputy Regional Administrator of the Western-Pacific Region Faviola "Favi" Garcia and FAA Honolulu Airports District Office (ADO) Manager Gordon Wong to discuss impacts of the most recent U.S. Presidential Executive Orders on Guam-related grant

funding and near-term planned grant opportunities. Additionally, they met the Managers of the Los Angeles, Phoenix, and San Francisco ADOs as well as management personnel and exhibitors from the western region. GIAA is a member of the SWAAAE and the group represents a region that includes Arizona, Nevada, California, Hawaii, American Trust Islands in the Pacific (American Samoa, Guam & the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands), the Baja Norte/Sur - Sonora regions of Mexico, and the countries of Australia and New Zealand. Since its founding, the purpose of the organization has been to bring together all persons representing public use airports as well as persons interested in and working for the benefit of aviation.

#### Getting to Know Our FAA WestPac Deputy Regional Administrator



The Western-Pacific Region of the Federal Aviation Administration encompasses the four states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada and the three U.S. territories in the Pacific, which include Guam, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Western-Pacific Region includes six of the nation's core airports which consist of Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Phoenix, San Diego, and San Francisco. The Deputy Regional Administrator overseeing this area is Faviola "Favi" Garcia with 36 years of federal experience working in various organizations of the FAA. Among her most notable work related to our part of the world in the Pacific, Deputy Regional Administrator Garcia managed the Micronesia Technical Assistance program for nearly eight years before an agency realignment. Ove the years she has built alliances with team members and established a robust communications plan that included FAA subject matter experts from various disciplines, as well as high-ranking international officials, consultants and contractors, airlines and industry partners, and established frequent and open lines of communications with team members of the three remote island nations that operated six international airports across numerous times zones.

#### The New & Improved TenTekoMai



One of the Airport's core food and beverage (F&B) tenants, in the Food Court, recently underwent an extensive facelift and upgrade worth \$150,000 in investments. "TenTekoMai - Freshly Cooked Japanese Cuisine" was closed on Jan. 13th for the month-long renovation project and after a full day of thorough disinfecting and cleaning, they reopened to passengers and airport workers on Feb. 15th. The new look was not just cosmetics, they tweaked their menu offerings and now offer a variety of meal sets or "bento", including spam, egg, rice or onigiri, etc. Additionally, they now offer delicious appetizers like Chicken Karaage and Shrimp Tempura, which are conveniently packaged to be carried onboard the plane. TenTekoMai also expanded their beverage selection to include a range of beers. So now, bento or appetizer can be paired with a refreshing beer, which they offer on discount! The TenTekoMai management team of General Manager Akihiro Tani, Senior Manager Renny Loren, Restaurant Manager Renato Sy, and Restaurant Supervisor Albert Tindugan shared their appreciation for their great working relationship with GIAA and noted that they look forward to maintaining a strong and mutually beneficial partnership with GIAA for many years to come.

## FAA Air Traffic Control Tower Guam Under New Contract

Under the FAA Contract Tower (FCT) Program, the Guam Air Traffic Control (ATC) operations was awarded to Robinson Aviation and went into effect on Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, replacing the previous contracted operator, Midwest Air Traffic Control Service, Inc. which had operated the ATC since July 2015. Contract towers are air traffic control towers that are staffed by employees of private companies rather than by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) employees. The FCT Program was established in 1982 to allow the agency to contract out the operation of certain towers. Congress has directed the FAA to assess current and prospective program applicants and award limited grants to plan and develop additional contract towers. Guam's ATC is one of 264 contracted FAA towers throughout the U.S. system.





#### ARFF Firefighters at PRATC for Live Fire Training



Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 139.319(i) requires that all Operators of Part 139 certificated airports be properly trained to provide aircraft rescue and firefighting services during air carrier operations. Our ARFF firefighters are required to undergo live fire recertification training on an recurrent annual basis. GIAA ARFF Fire Fighters Asst. Fire Chief Daniel Stone, Fire Captain Lewis Santos, LT. Randy Sablan, FFII Francis Toves, FFIs, Dean Mueller, and Raymond Santos traveled to the CNMI to complete their live fire recertification on Feb. 13th at the Pacific Region ARFF Training Center (PRATC) located on Saipan. The PRATC which was funded by the FAA was created to train all airport firefighters throughout Micronesia and has provided training to fire service personnel from the islands in the Western Pacific Region including Guam, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshal Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia consisting of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae. The courses meet all training requirements in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), FAA Regulation Part 139, and ICAO regulations. PRATC offers basic firefighting and basic aircraft rescue courses, along with fire leadership, emergency medical services, hazardous materials and weapons of mass



destruction response courses. They also offer practical hands-on training at their EPA and FAA approved state-of-the-art Live-Fire Training Facility. It features a large frame (Index E) aircraft mock-up in a 17,980 sq. ft. bin area, allowing instructors to simulate any aircraft firefighting scenario, utilizing hydrocarbon fuel, creating the most realistic training conditions possible for firefighters who train there. PRATC offers an ongoing program and curricula

using the most up-to-date methods meeting NFPA and FAA national standards, and those required by the National Professional Qualifications System (NPQS), the National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications Accreditation (NFPA), the National Fire Academy (NFA), standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) for Aerodromes, ARFF accreditation criteria, as well as OSHA regulations.

## **FRESH New Look at Airport Terminal**





After just a mere a month and a half, the progress and light can be seen at the end of the "painting" tunnel. On Jan. 21st, GIAA advised all their tenants and placed an ad in the Guam Daily Post on Jan. 23rd that they had begun the gargantuan task of surface preparation and painting of the entire exterior of the Airport terminal. Visible progress can be seen on the retaining wall as one exits the departure level heading to Route 10-A. and the parking lot canopy on the arrivals and basement lobby. The prepping and painting of the terminal continues to progress through the entire public exterior spaces to include departure, arrival, and parking areas. We all are all looking forward to a new and improved look for our Guam International Airport!

# Airport Maintenance Ongoing



Staff from the Airport's Properties and Facilities Division have been busy cleaning and sprucing up the inside of the terminal and now the inside matches the new freshly painted look on the outside. Thank you P&F!

## Airport Undergoes FAR Part 139 Reviews & Training



The A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam undertook a whole day of initial and recurring training on Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 139 to include a review of Wildlife Hazard Management Plan on Feb. 26th. Staff from different divisions mainly, the Operations, the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting and the Properties and Facilities Divisions and the other divisions participated in the training. FAA certificated airport such as GIAA, must provide sufficient and qualified personnel to comply with the requirements of its Airport Certification Manual (ACM) and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 14 FAR Part 139 Certification of Airports. These personnel must be trained prior to their initial performance of such duties and and have recurring training at least once every 12 consecutive calendar months (CCM). As part of the Self-Inspection program managed by GIAA's Operations Division and Self-Inspectors, attendees include other GIAA Divisions who have assigned duties in the Movement and Safety Areas as outlined in the ACM. The reviews and training go over the following:

- Part 139 Airport Certification Manual and scenarios that include the closure o the Air Traffic Control (ATC) Tower or "ATC Zero";
- Part 139.325 Airport Emergency Plan (AEP) Training to include Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Threats;
- Part 139.327 Self-Inspection Program; Airport Familiarization including Airport Signs, Marking & Lighting, Discrepancy Reporting Procedures, Prompt Correction of Unsafe Airport Conditions Noted During Inspections to include Wildlife Strikes, Incidents, and Accidents, Procedures and Recordkeeping;
- Part 139.329 Procedures for Pedestrians and Ground Vehicles in Movement Areas and Safety Areas to include Airport Radio



Communications between the ATC Tower and Personnel, and Operational Safety for Airports During Construction.

- Part 139.339 Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) Procedures and Recordkeeping;
- Part 139-337 Wildlife Hazard Management Training
- Part 139-337 Wildlife Hazard Management Plan Review GIAA's Wildlife Hazard Management Plan (WHMP) must be reviewed once every 12 CCM and was facilitated by a qualified airport wildlife biologist from US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These recurrent training and review ensure that GIAA is in full compliance with meeting the requirements and maintaining its Airport Operating Certificate.

## Island Schoolchildren Benefit from Airport Tours

The Guam International Airport Authority continues to provide valuable community outreach in the form of school tours to the Airport terminal and the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting Facility in Tiyan. Our hometown carrier partner United Airlines, generously provides an aircraft every Tuesday of the week, for kids to tour and they also provide uniformed flight crew to give short presentations to children of all ages. Students go through the entire departure process from ticketing and receiving boarding

passes, to security screening, boarding a plane and then the arrivals process through US Customs & Border Protection and Customs & Quarantine Agency. Extra components include GIAA Police K-9 team demonstrations, when they are not undergoing training. Our tours are quite popular and fill up quickly during the current school year and some teachers submit their requests in advance for the upcoming school year, as the program schedules ar on a "first-come, first-served" request basis.



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