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Pictured L-R: Soke Kataro, Kepuha Aguon (former GIAA intern from Jan-Mar 2026), Mansapit-Shimizu, Quinata, Ralph Ramolete, and EoJin Kim.

PEOPLE

Capstone Student from the University of Guam (UOG) paid a visit to the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) on April 7, 2026, to pick the brains of airport officials, Executive Manager John "JQ" Quinata and Deputy Executive Manager Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu. The BA-480 "Business Strategy & Policy" seniors are working on their capstone project to create a business from scratch! GIAA looks forward to an innovative project by these savvy, up-and-coming, local business entrepreneurs!

PLACES

The Airport kicked off another massive capital improvement project on April 30, 2026. The \$21.4 million project will replace the aged terminal rooftop and will also include the installation of renewable energy solar panels with their supporting battery storage system.

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EVENTS



The Airport community came together on April 10, 2026 for a heavy weather briefing to prepare for what became Super Typhoon Sinlaku. This extreme weather event tracked northward and bore down on the CNMI for over 72 hours, sparing Guam the full brunt of its destruction.

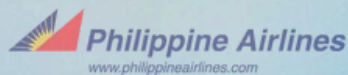
The Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) is a self-sustaining autonomous agency, charged with the mission to ensure the safety and security of the traveling public, maintain superior and reliable level of airport services, and support the development of air services and facilities which are integral to the island's economic growth.

Passenger Flight Network (For May 2026)

AIRLINE	DESTINATION	FLIGHT NUMBER	PERIOD
	HNL	UA201/UA200	Daily Eff 05/02-20 ETD@1720 Wed & Sat
	HND	UA849/UA848	Daily Eff 05/21 ETA@0420
	NRT	UA827/UA8723	Daily Eff 05/21 ETA@0420
		UA196/UA197	Daily
		UA865/UA864	Mon/Fri & Tue/Sat, Eff 05/21 ETD 1300
	KIX	UA150/UA151	Daily Eff 05/21 ETA@1550 & ETD@0715
	NGO	UA136/UA137	Mon/Thu/Fri Eff 05/21 ETA@1610 & ETD@0730
	MNL	UA184/UA183	Daily ETA on Wed/Sat@0540
	ROR	UA192/UA193	Wed/Sat & Tue/Fri
		UA158/UA157	Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri & Sun/Mon/Wed/Thu Eff 05/21 ETA@2210 & ETD@2345
SPN	UA076/UA174	Daily	
TPE	UA166/UA165	Wed/Sat Eff 05/23 ETA@1715 & ETD@0745	
TKK	UA133/UA132	Thu/Sun & Wed/Sat ETA@1640 Sun & ETD@0930 Sat	
PNI	UA154/UA155	Tue/Fri & Mon/Thu	
	UA176/UA176	ETD Sun/ETA Mon	
	YAP	UA186/UA185	Wed/Sun & Tue/Sat Eff 05/24 ETA@0405



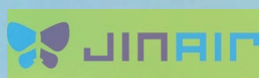
NRT	JL941/JL942	Daily
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MNL	PR110/PR111	Daily
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ICN	KE417/KE418	Daily except 05/07-21 & 05/26-31
	KE415/KE416	Daily



ICN	LJ915/LJ916	Daily
PUS	LJ921/LJ922	Daily except Thu (No OPS 05/07, 08, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24, 28, 29 & 31)



KIX	TW509/TW510	05/01-07 only
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ICN	RS101/RS102	05/01-05 & 05/06-31 will operate Tue, Wed, Sat & Sun
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PUS	BX614/BX613	Mon, Thu, Fri & Sun ETA@0230 Thu & ETD@0330 Sun
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Market Momentum: Guam Visitors Bureau



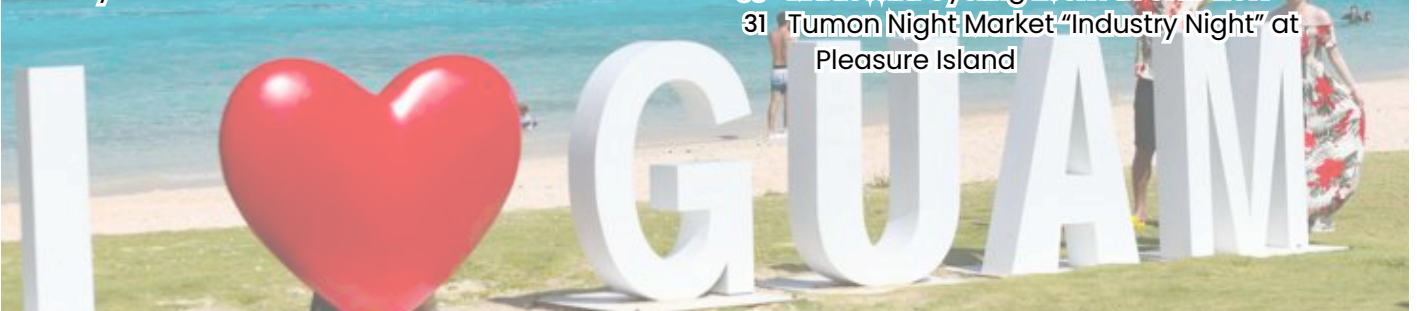
GIAA and the Guam Visitors Bureau joined forces at 2026 Routes Asia Airline Network Forum that took place April 14-16 in Xi'an, China. GIAA Marketing Administrator Rolenda Faasuumalie along with GVB President/CEO Régine Biscoe Lee and GVB Director of Global Marketing Nadine Leon Guerrero attended strategic airline meetings, and networked through B2B appointments, built relationships and secured market intelligence through data gathering. The Guam Brand was strengthened by their presence and engagement, capitalizing on the diversification opportunities through identifying potential new markets and related air service.

Here's What's Happening in May

"Håfa Adai Starts Here!" is the slogan for May as the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) kicks off Tourism Month to highlight the importance of the tourism industry on Guam as a vital economic pillar, generating \$1.4 billion in economic impact and supporting over 14,000 of the island's workforce. Although the sector continues to recover from post-pandemic lows, and Typhoon Mawar's devastation in 2023, this month is dedicated to the all those who are a part of Guam's tourism industry and whose collaborative work makes Guam a wonderful place to live and to visit! For 59 years, tourism has continued to grow and develop since the first tourist set foot on our beautiful island in 1967. Those first leisure travelers arrived on a tropical island paradise with few offerings except beach and sun. Over the years, the industry has expanded to offer a wide range of attractions and experiences to appeal to the differing interests of visitors to our shores. KUDOS to all who work and contribute to our vibrant tourism industry.

MAY TOURISM MONTH ACTIVITIES

- 01 Tourism Month Tree Planting at Ypao Beach Park Main Pavilion
- 03 KGTA Beach Clean Up at Gun Beach
- Tumon Night Market "All About Moms" at Pleasure Island
- 08 Kick-Off WAVE all along Pale San Vitores Drive in Tumon and other tourism stakeholder properties
- 10 Tumon Night Market "All About Moms" at Pleasure Island
- 15 Tourism Month Proclamation at Adelup Large Conf. Room
- 17 Free Tai Chi Community Event at Ypao Beach Park
- Tumon Night Market "MAD COLLAB" at Pleasure Island
- 20 GVB Run with Friends at GVB
- 22-24 Hågat Mango Festival at Hågat-Sagan Bisita
- 26 GVB Quarterly Membership Meeting at Dusit Thani
- 30 MadeWild Cycling Event at Club ZOH
- 31 Tumon Night Market "Industry Night" at Pleasure Island



Getting to Know - LSG Team Leaders at GIAA

Founded in December 1973, LSG is part of a global airline catering company. In Guam, the team supports airline partners with inflight catering and related services ensuring safe, consistent and high-quality meal solutions for passengers. The Guam operation plays an important role in the local aviation community, working closely with airlines and airport partners to deliver reliable service and operational excellence. Additionally, LSG operates the *Sågan Bisita* Business Class Lounge at the Guam International Airport, providing a premium experience for travelers. They also manage a retail business, Cake Kitchen, offering freshly prepared hot, and cold food items including cakes and baked goods to local customers. LSG has been known on island for their growing lines of famous specialty cakes, among which is the popular "strawberry shortcake". LSG's mission is to connect food and people by enabling moments of pleasure through high quality food service for airlines, lounges and the local community.

Wilson Lee
LSG
Managing
Director



Leading the the Guam and regional LSG team is Managing Director Wilson Lee whose responsibilities include overseeing the overall operation of Guam and other locations in the Micronesia region. He runs a tight organization, ensuring safe, efficient and high-quality service delivery to airline partners and consumers. Mr. Lee continues to strive to build up a high-performing team by bringing in talented individuals and fostering strong collaborations to create value for the company. When not at work, he enjoys fishing, badminton, traveling and most especially values spending time with family and friends.



Aileen Costelo
LSG
Customer
Service
Manager

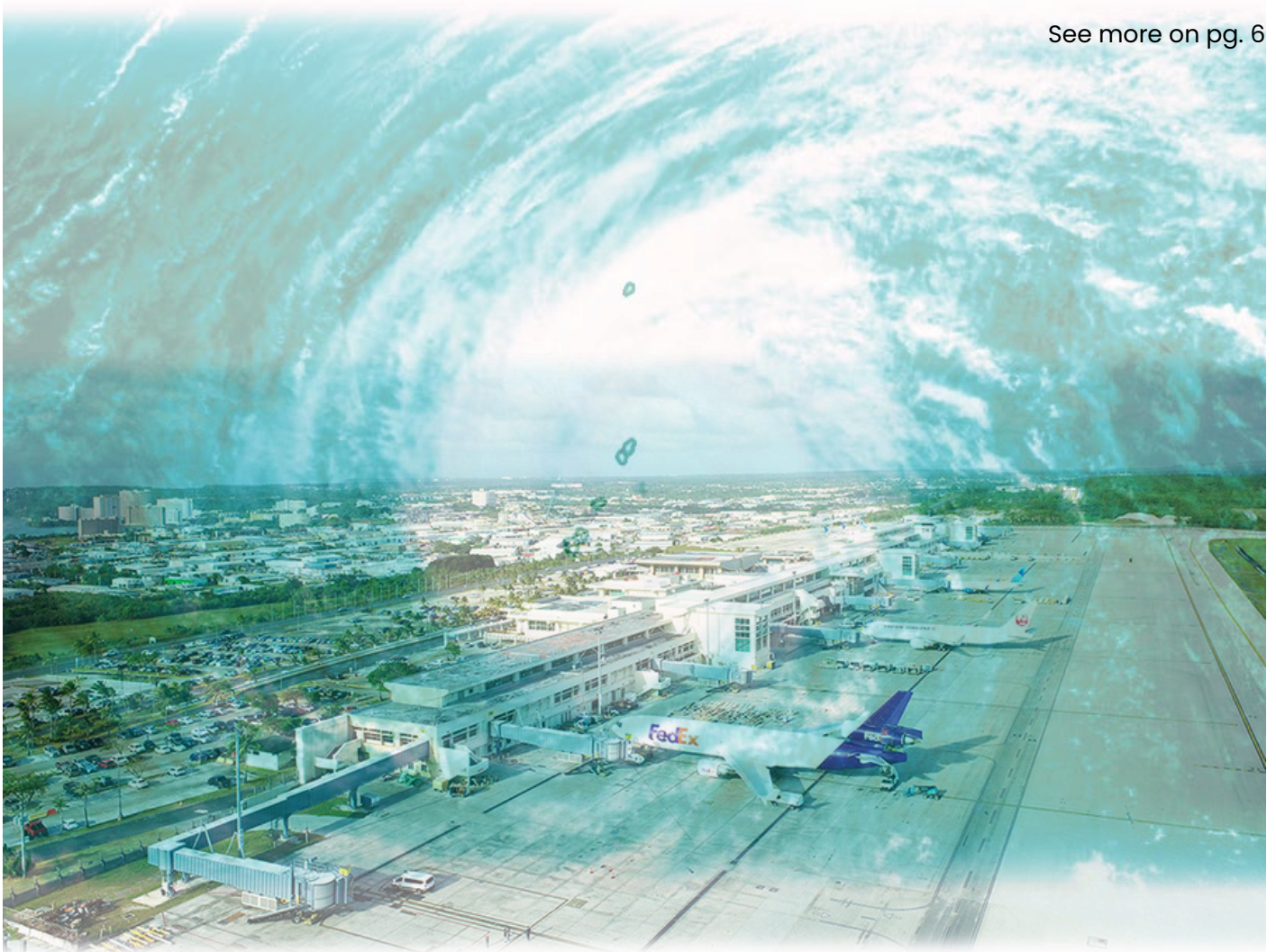
Aileen Costelo, supports the organization in the key role of Customer Service Manager. This key role is dedicated to managing the customer service function, acting as the company's primary point of contact for airline customers, airport officials, government agencies and other businesses or private entities that have business dealings with LSG. She is responsible for accepting and responding to any and all communications, and to coordinate with the Managing Director and other department managers on all instructions, directives, recommendations and requests made by airlines and other customers. Ms. Costelo is committed to strengthening her leadership in customer service, enhancing operational efficiency, and playing an active role in mentoring and developing the next generation of customer service professionals within the LSG team. When not focused on work, Aileen loves traveling for relaxation and experiencing different food, culture and history. In her spare time, she also enjoys gardening and of course spending time with family and friends.

From the Desk of the Executive Manager

The month of April brought blessings in disguise for the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA). On April 10th we began preparing for what began as a tropical storm then typhoon then over the course of several days developed into a super typhoon. Fortunately, we were spared the full destructive brunt of Super Typhoon Sinlaku as it came into force in the Carolines and barreled across the Mariana Islands from April 13–16, wreaking havoc and destruction on our neighboring islands of Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). We were blessed with the typhoon's diverted path, so what could have been utter destruction became a good exercise in how we can better prepare for extreme weather events, how to streamline information on travel impacts in such situations, how to best keep all stakeholders informed, and sharing best practices in the handling of these types of dynamic weather events that befall us. We still experienced some negative impacts in terms of flight cancellations that

occurred because of the way the typhoon just hovered over our island chain. We've been able to capitalize on our blessings by pulling our resources together to provide recovery assistance to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. On April 27, 2026 we sent our elite "A-Team" comprised of Air Terminal Manager Juan Reyes, and from our Properties and Facilities (P&F) Division, Electrician Supervisor Richard Cabrera, Building Maintenance Supervisor Ralph Cruz, and Painter Leader Franklin Finona. This crew hit the ground running, assisting in getting the necessary runway signage reinstalled and critical airfield lighting systems up and lit up to allow for much-needed unimpeded air service. Flights to Saipan for the remainder of the month of April were still limited to those assisting in relief and recovery efforts and those local travelers stranded outside trying to make their way back home. Our crew was also instrumental in getting the baggage handling belts up and running along with other support systems needed for the Saipan International Airport to fully open.

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Lending Assistance to Our Neighbors

GIAA "A-Team" in post-Sinlaku Action at Saipan International Airport



Airport Breaks “Ground” on Roof Project

\$21.4 Million Capital Improvement Project



On April 30, 2026 the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) broke ground on a new capital improvement project valued at \$21.4 million. The project will replace the original terminal roof from the 1994 expansion that has endured the extreme weather conditions over a 30 year period. The project will also realize GIAA’s commitment to investments in renewable solar energy and sustainable practices with the installation of multi-panel, photovoltaic systems for improved energy efficiency and cost savings, along with a battery energy storage system for continuous operation. The Honorable Acting Governor Joshua F. Tenorio and GIAA Board Chair Brian Bamba delivered remarks to assembled stakeholders who included, Transportation & Tourism Oversight Chairman Jesse Lujan from the 38th Guam Legislature and partners in the project: Contractor Core Tech, Designer E&A Engineers, and Construction Manager KHLG & Associates. Highlights of the project include the added resiliency for the Airport with the hardened infrastructure along with potential savings estimate of a little over \$900,000 per year with the generation of the estimated 3.91 million KWH that can be generated by the solar panels and the supporting battery storage system that will be installed on the roof. Funding for this project was secured from combined Federal Aviation Administration grants under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (BIL) for the modernization of airport and airport improvement program grants.



Our Airport Community

Airport Police Division Receives NEW Vehicles



The Airport Police Division (APD) of the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam was excited to receive three (3) brand new vehicles on April 20, 2026. Police Chief Vince Naputi and Asst. Police Chief Ken Quenga, their command staff and APD officers were on hand to receive the sport utility vehicles (SUVs). Two of the vehicles will support the Airport's Police K9 & Narcotic Detection Unit and the third SUV will support the overall APD mission. KUDOS to Airport Police for aggressively applying for federal grant funding for their vehicles acquisition. The purchase of K9 vehicles were funded by Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (EBMGP), more com-

monly known as JAG. This program is administered nationally by the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Office of Justice Programs. It provides much-needed federal criminal justice financial resources to state, local and tribal jurisdictions. The JAG grant funding is intended for a variety of areas, such as personnel, training, equipment and supplies. The third vehicle in APD's newly acquired vehicle inventory was purchased with funding from the Airport's own Asset Forfeiture Fund. This is a positive way to put to good use assets from ill gotten gains, to serve law enforcement. KUDOS to the Airport Police in their searching out relevant grant funding and securing competitive money.

Wildlife Hazard Management Programs at Airports Necessary for Safety

As the Guam International Airport (GIAA) prepares to undergo its annual certification inspection by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in July, review process of all the compliance components under FAR 139 has begun. A compliance mandate is to conduct Wildlife Hazard Assessments and to have a Wildlife Hazard Management plan in place to protect human life and property, as well as wildlife. GIAA has a Wildlife Hazard Management Working Group that works closely with USDA to safely eliminate or reduce the presence of wildlife around the airport. Our FAA-approved Wildlife Hazard Management Plan is reviewed every 12 consecutive calendar months (CCM) with personnel training by a certified qualified airport

wildlife biologist. A critical component of the plan is the reporting of aircraft strikes, that feeds into a comprehensive federal database. Aircraft collisions with wildlife, reportedly costs the United States civil aviation industry millions of dollars in structural damage and/or engine power failure compromising safety. On April 22, 2026, a US Navy C40, taking off on RW6R experienced an aircraft bird strike approximately 50-75 ft. in the air. Airport Operations (OPS) coordinated with the USDA biologist who verified the strike, evidenced by bloodied splatter, a windshield crack, and damaged windshield wiper. OPS then reported the strike up the chain to our oversight FAA Airports District Office (ADO) in Honolulu.

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Aviation Workhorse Seen at GIAA



Guam’s Airport served as staging ground for Ukraine owned Antonov AN-12 on April 21, 2026, that was contracted by FEMA in their assistance and support of the CNMI in their recovery after Super Typhoon Sinlaku. The Antonov AN-12 is a versatile cargo aircraft known for its reliability and capacity to handle bulk, heavy, and outsized loads. Its bold construction and engineering make it suitable for a wide range of logistical and transport operations. The AN-12 has earned quite a reputation for being

a workhorse in the aviation industry, serving as the backbone for missions requiring substantial payload capabilities. The amazing aircraft can operate under various challenging conditions and it has the ability to operate on unprepared runways makes it indispensable for challenging and remote assignments. It’s always a treat to see different aircraft on deck at the Guam International Airport! Thank you AN-12 for assisting in the the post-typhoon recovery of our CNMI *Familia!*

NEW Look Launched for #guamairport

It’s been a minute since the Airport launched its monthly newsletter way back in October of 2021. Since then we have published 53 electronic issues to share what is happening at the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA). And since that very first issue, we have changed the look of the newsletter with its newest and third iteration designed by Marketing Program Coordinator, Marcia Damian Taitano! Come see our People, learn about our Places, and hear about our Events every month!



#guamairport is a monthly GIAA publication!

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The Guam International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) celebrates 50 years as an autonomous agency of the Government of Guam and is committed to providing quality air services and facilities to support and develop air transportation services for the people of Guam and visitors to our island! Biba, Guam!