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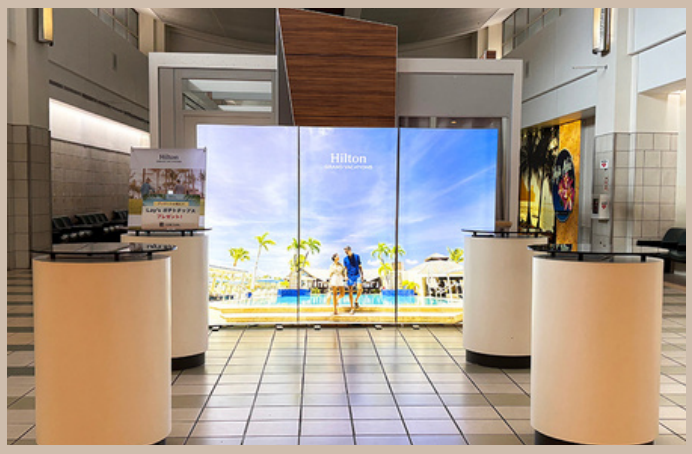


PEOPLE
Guam Youth OLYMPIANS

Guam Youth Olympians were bid farewell by family, coaches and fans at the Guam International Airport on their way to Africa! The athletes, (L-R) Erica Cassidy, Ocean Campus, and Alessandra Leon Guerrero were on their way to the 2026 Youth Olympics. See more on pg. 4

PLACES
Hilton Grand Vacations

Plan your next vacation while you're on vacation or headed out to one! Hilton Grand Vacations is located right on the Airport concourse next to the Food Court as one heads to the east departure gates (#9 thru #22) and you can book your next "grand vacation" right then and there!





EVENTS
CQA Hold Public Hearing at Airport

On October 23, 2026, the Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency held a public hearing on the proposed rules governing the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA), Guam's official customs automated system from 9:00am to 12:00noon at the Airport Conference Rooms 1 & 2. See more on pg. 8

The Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) is a self-sustaninig autonomous 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 SEPTEMBER 2026)

AIRLINE	DESINATION	FLIGHT NO. ETA/ETD	ETA/ETD	FREQUENCY
UNITED AIRLINES	HNL	UA201/UA200	1900/0745	Daily
	HND	UA848/UA849	0440/1955	Daily
	NRT	UA827/UA873	1545/1655	Daily
		UA197/UA196	2145/1225	Daily
		UA865/UA864	2225/1325	Mon & Fri/Tue & Sat
	KIX	UA150/UA151	1545/0710	Daily (ETA 1620 & ETD 0745 on Wed/Sat)
	NGO	UA136/UA137	1615/0730	Mon, Thu, Fri
	MNL	UA184/UA183	0450/1955	Daily (ETA 0630 Wed/Sat)
	ROR	UA192/UA193	0650/1955	Wed & Sat/Tue & Fri
		UA158/UA157	0510/2340	Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri/M, Wed, Thu, Sun
	SPN	UA076/UA174	1035/0755	Daily
	TPE	UA166/UA165	1710/0730	Wed & Sat
	TKK	UA132/UA133	1745/0825	Thu & Sun/Wed & Sat (ETA 1635 on Sun & ETD 0930 on Sat)
		UA154/UA155	1800/0755	Tue & Fri/Mon & Thu
	PNI	UA176/UA176	0330/2020	ETA Mon & ETD Sun
	YAP	UA186/UA185	0400/2335	Wed & Sun/Tue & Sat
JAPAN AIRLINES	NRT	JL941/JL942	1445/1640	Daily
Philippine Airlines www.philippineairlines.com	MNL	PR110/PR111	0400/0525	Daily
KOREAN AIR	ICN	KE417/KE418	0100/0240	Daily
		KE415/KE416	1505/1650	Daily
JINAIR	ICN	LJ901/LJ902	0110/0220	Daily
	ICN	LJ907/LJ908	0305/0415	Daily
	ICN	LJ903/LJ904	0430/0540	Daily
	PUS	LJ531/LJ532	0140/0250	Daily
AIR SEOUL	ICN	RS913/RS914	0100/0200	Daily
	ICN	RS905/RS906	0230/0330	Tue, Wed, Sat
	ICN	RS905/RS906	0135/0235	Nov. 12, 13, 19, & 20 only
AIR BUSAN	PUS	BX593/BX594	0200/0300	Daily (ETA 0240 on Thu/Sun & ETD 0340 on Thu/Sun)
STAR Marianas Air	ROP	**4301	1200/1230	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri

From the Desk of the Executive Manager

Airport Able to Weather Extreme Weather with Partners

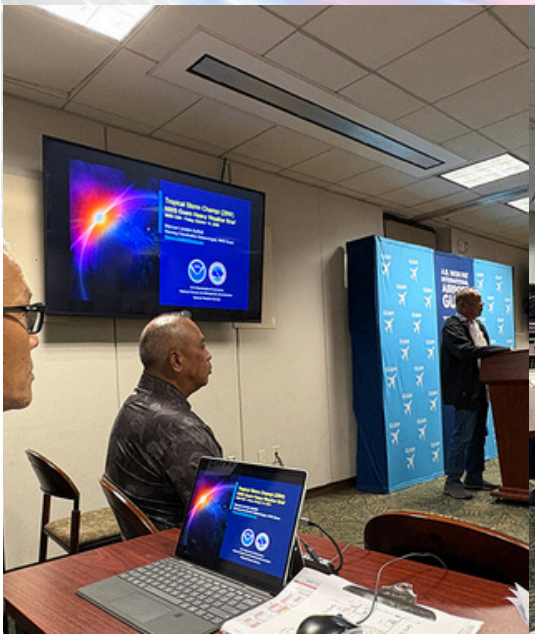
Guam's tourism industry, and our island's work to bring air service and passenger arrivals back to pre-pandemic levels, still faces real challenges. On top of that, this year the Airport has had to deal head-on with extreme weather driven by a super El Niño. Three typhoons have now affected our properties and operations: Typhoon Sinlaku in April, Bavi in July, and Champi in October. We were spared a direct hit each time, but the effects still disrupted airport operations, air service, and travelers coming to our island.

We were fortunate that Champi did not become a super typhoon until after it had moved away from Guam, so damage to our facilities and operations was minimal. The flights that were cancelled were not cancelled because the Airport was unable to receive them.

After almost two decades of relatively mild weather, these storms are now coming more often. Through each one, the Airport has relied on our partners, tenants, and stakeholders, who come together to reduce the impact of these storms on our operations and the people we serve.

We are proud that our team has grown stronger and better prepared to respond to extreme weather. We have learned a great deal since Typhoon Mawar in 2023, when major flooding overwhelmed our facilities.

We are grateful to our partners in the visitor industry for heeding the call to have travelers shelter in place, especially in our hotels. We know the only way through these events is together. In the spirit of the CHamoru value of inafa'maolek, we will continue to look out for one another for the good of our Airport community and everyone who passes through Guam's only civilian airport.





Biba Kumpleaños, Boss!



Administrative staff and GIAA Deputy Executive Manager (EM) Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu gathered to sing Happy Birthday to Airport EM John "JQ" Quinata on Oct. 2nd in celebration of his birthday and to enjoy his special açai birthday cake!

Getting to Know

Youth Olympians Who Proudly Represent Island Guåhan

Athlete **Erica Cassidy** is a senior at Harvest Christian Academy and will be representing Guam in beach volleyball. **Ocean Campus** is a swimmer and currently a senior from St. John's School. **Alessandra Leon Guerrero** the other pair of the beach volleyball team and is a senior from the Academy of Our Lady of Guam. The coaches in the back row are beach volleyball head coach **Shintaro Okada** and swimming head coach **Don San Agustin**. Following them are Track and Field representatives – hammer thrower Alonzo Acosta, a senior from Father Duenas Memorial School and his coach **Nick Espiritu** and shot putter **Lana Quinata**, a senior from Southern High School, along with her coach, Riza Tugade who left on November 2nd.

The youth are proudly representing Guam in Dakara, Senegal for the 2026 Summer Youth Olympics, officially known as the IV Summer Youth Olympic Games and commonly known as Dakar 2026. This is the fourth edition of the Summer Youth Olympics, an international sports, education and cultural festival for teenagers, the city venue designated by the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the first ever IOC event to be held in Africa. The events will take place over 14 days—from 31 October to 13 November 2026.



Airport Managers Take Cover During Annual Great Guam ShakeOut





The Great Guam ShakeOut took place on October 15th at 10:15am catching Airport Managers and Division Supervisors in a planning meeting for the upcoming Full-Scale Exercise (FSE). And we all know, the best way to be prepared in emergency, is to practice in drills and exercises, the very reason the group was convened that morning. When the alarms went off for the annual earthquake emergency preparedness exercise, we had airport leaders show by example exactly what to do in the event of an earthquake – DROP, COVER and HOLD ON! Thank you Bosses for leading by example – TOP Photo L-R: Air Terminal Manager Juan Reyes, Air Service Manager Jean Arriola, and Superintendent of Properties & Facilities Ken McDonald. BOTTOM Photo L-R: Data Processing Manager Ryan Topasna and Supply Management Administrator Kathrina Bayson! YOU ALL ROCK!

About Our Airport Community

Airport Plans for Huge Emergency Exercise on Nov. 13th

Get Ready! Airport will be conducting their triennial Full-Scale Exercise (FSE) on November 13, 2026! The live exercise will test the Airport's response readiness to a major disaster and will include multiple responding agencies from the Government of Guam and our federal partners. The FSE planning committee has been coordinating details of the exercise since the spring with monthly planning meetings and engagements with mutual aid partners and stakeholders. As the exercise date draws nearer, weekly meetings have been taking place with the Airport, fine-tuning all the details to ensure a safe and successful exercise that will meet the certification mandates of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for our airport index.



Director Garcia Reappointed



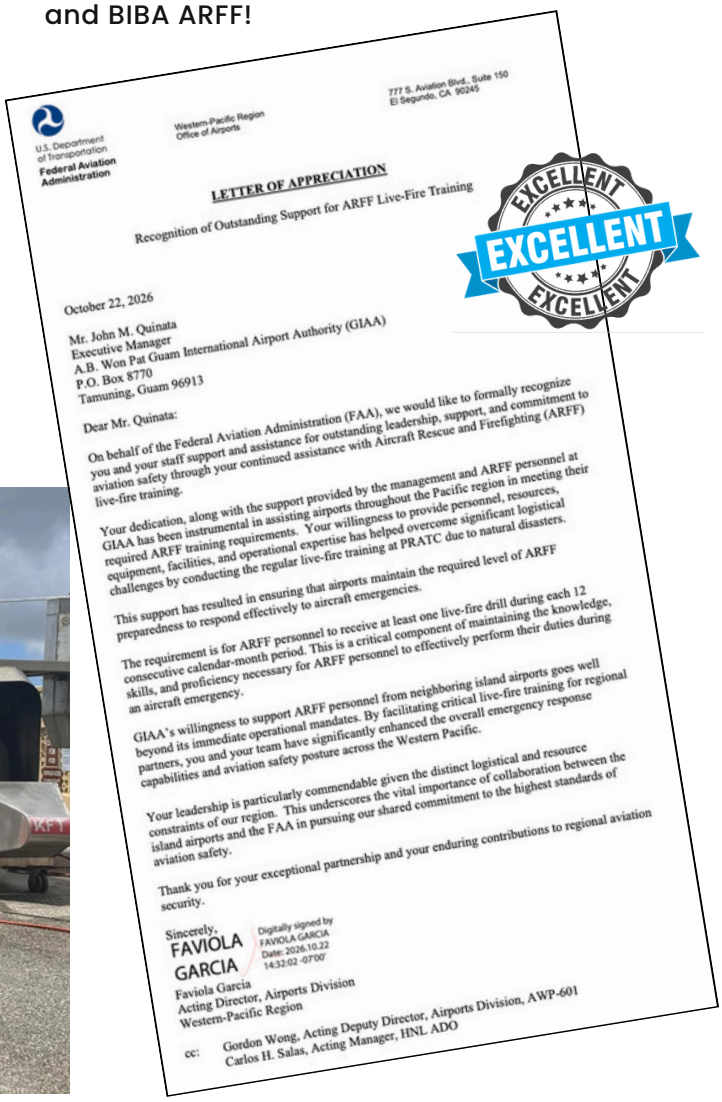
CONGRATULATIONS to **Jesse G. Garcia** who was officially sworn in by the Hon. *Maga'hågan Guåhan* **Lou Leon Guerrero**, Governor of Guam to serve again on the Board of Directors for the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam on October 29, 2026. Director Garcia went through his confirmation hearing on September 2nd before the 38th Guam Legislature's Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Customs, Utilities, and Federal and Foreign Affairs, with all senators present lending support for his reappointment. TOP: Mr. Garcia is pictured being sworn in by the Governor and BOTTOM: (L-R) fellow Board member and Vice Chairman **Gurvinder "Bic" Sobti,** Airport Executive Manager **John "JQ" Quinata**, Garcia, Governor, Mrs. **Tina Garcia** his wife and Administrator for the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA), and **Brian Bamba**, Chairman of the Airport Board.

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GIAA Lauded by FAA for Support of Regional Airports

The Executive Manager of the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) received a wonderful letter of appreciation in recognition of the Airport's Outstanding Support for Live-Fire Training for the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) crew from throughout the Micronesian region. The letter from the Acting Director of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Airport's Division for the Western-Pacific Region, Ms. Faviola Garcia commended GIAA for the "exceptional partnership and enduring contributions to regional aviation security." The FAA-funded ARFF training center in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) has suffered damages with the multiple typhoons and super typhoons that have wreaked havoc all over the Mariana islands over the last several years. Known as the Pacific Regional ARFF Training Center (PRATC), is a specialized emergency response and fire training facility that provides dedicated training and certification for ARFF structural firefighting, hazardous-materials (HazMat) response, leadership, and driver/operator courses. The facility is operated by the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) and trains fire service and airport personnel from across the Western Pacific region to include the CNMI, Guam, Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), and its four member states of Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap. Regional ARFF units from around the region have been challenged with meeting their training requirements especially the need for ARFF personnel to receive one live-fire drill every 12 consecutive calendar months. This requirement is critical for ARFF personnel to maintain knowledge, skills, and proficiency to effectively perform their duties during an aircraft emergency. For the recent certification, GIAA partnered with the ARFF from the Andersen Air Force Base (AAFB), led by Chief Stanley Torres, to provide the required training. AAFB provided the location and GIAA stepped up with the provision of personnel, resources, equipment, facilities, and operational expertise, all of which solved the resource and logistics challenges for training, with the PRATC being off-line. FAA's letter recognized GIAA's role in enhancing "the overall emergency response capabilities and aviation safety posture across" our region in the Western Pacific. **KUDOS to GIAA and AAFB and BIBA ARFF!**





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LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Recognition of Outstanding Support for ARFF Live-Fire Training

October 22, 2026

Mr. John M. Quinata
Executive Manager
A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority (GIAA)
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Dear Mr. Quinata:

On behalf of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), we would like to formally recognize you and your staff support and assistance for outstanding leadership, support, and commitment to aviation safety through your continued assistance with Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF) live-fire training.

Your dedication, along with the support provided by the management and ARFF personnel at GIAA has been instrumental in assisting airports throughout the Pacific region in meeting their required ARFF training requirements. Your willingness to provide personnel, resources, equipment, facilities, and operational expertise has helped overcome significant logistical challenges by conducting the regular live-fire training at PRATC due to natural disasters.

This support has resulted in ensuring that airports maintain the required level of ARFF preparedness to respond effectively to aircraft emergencies.

The requirement is for ARFF personnel to receive at least one live-fire drill during each 12 consecutive calendar-month period. This is a critical component of maintaining the knowledge, skills, and proficiency necessary for ARFF personnel to effectively perform their duties during an aircraft emergency.

GIAA's willingness to support ARFF personnel from neighboring island airports goes well beyond its immediate operational mandates. By facilitating critical live-fire training for regional partners, you and your team have significantly enhanced the overall emergency response capabilities and aviation safety posture across the Western Pacific.

Your leadership is particularly commendable given the distinct logistical and resource constraints of our region. This underscores the vital importance of collaboration between the island airports and the FAA in pursuing our shared commitment to the highest standards of aviation safety.

Thank you for your exceptional partnership and your enduring contributions to regional aviation security.

Sincerely,
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Acting Director, Airports Division
Western-Pacific Region

cc: Gordon Wong, Acting Deputy Director, Airports Division, AWP-601
Carlos H. Salas, Acting Manager, HNL ADO

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United Airline Keeps us Safe by Hosting October's FOD Walk

October 27th was the monthly FOD Walk through the Airport's apron area, that the Airport Operating Committee (AOC) executes on a monthly basis. The October FOD Walk was hosted by our very own "Hometown Carrier" United Airlines and the team of volunteers and crew were able to remove 56 pounds of dangerous FOD from the apron. KUDOS to all! Your commitment and hard work keep our Airport SAFE!





Guam Customs and Quarantine Public Hearing

The Guam Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA) held a public hearing on October 23, 2026 at the Airport Conference Rooms 1 & 2 on the proposed rules and regulations governing the Automated System for Customs Data (ASYCUDA), Guam's official customs automated system. The proposed rules will govern the implementation of Public Law (P.L.) 38-109 and establish requirements for the use of ASYCUDA. These include electronic customs records and submissions; user registration and access controls; authentication; cybersecurity; system and data integrity; confidentiality; audit trails; data sharing; records retention; revenue controls; risk-management information; continuity of operations and disaster recovery; incident response; system administration; training; external users; compliance; interagency integration; and the phased system implementation. The rules and regulations are available for online review on the CQA website at www.cqa.guam.gov.



Wrapping Up Our Airport Community

Airport Treats Ghouls & Goblins at Puengen Na'ma'a'ñao

On Wednesday, October 28th, the Airport recruited volunteers to support the **Governor and Lt. Governor's annual Halloween Event** at the Paseo de Susana Park in Hagåtna. This year's theme was **Puengen Na'ma'a'ñao** and the Airport Divisions rounded up a little over 40 pounds of assorted candies donated by airport employees to give out to the trick-or-treaters!

Thank you Airport Family for the generous donations and the volunteers who helped set up shop, pass out candies to the throngs of children and families that came to enjoy!



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50 YEARS

Connecting Guam to the world. Together we fly.

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!