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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

Japan Airlines (JAL) Vice President CAPT. Nakano Pays Courtesy Visit to GIAA



Japan Airlines Vice President & Deputy General Manager, Flight Operations Div., CAPT. Kazuhito Nakano pictured left with GIAA Deputy Executive Manager Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez, PhD, & JAL Station Manager, Robert Navarro, visited GIAA as JAL resumed flights in March. CAPT. Nakano was instrumental in establishing JAL's flight training program here at GIAA in 2012.

## PLACES

Cell Phone Lot Provides Alternative Parking While Waiting for Arrivals



The GIAA Cell Phone Lot is a great alternative for airport patrons to use to pick up arriving passengers. The lot, with 25 parking stalls, allows for patrons to park while waiting for arriving family, friends and/or visitors with whom they are in contact via cell phone.

## **EVENTS**

Tourists Enjoy Delectables at Mes CHamoru Mirenda



Our tourists and the Airport Family were able to enjoy an array of delicious *CHamoru* treats at a *mirenda* hosted by the Airport on March 17. The *mirenda* was part of *Mes CHamoru* activities for the month of March, celebrating the *CHamoru* culture.

The A. 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.

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#### PASSENGER FLIGHT NETWORK (For February 2023)

UNITED AIRLINES <b>S</b> .	HNL NRT	UA200 UA196 UA873 UA824 UA828	Daily Daily Daily Daily Tue/Thu/Sat/Sun	JEJUaír	ICN ICN NRT PUS		Daily
	SPN MNL	UA174 UA183	Daily Daily	<b>AIR SEOUL</b>	ICN	RS104	Suspended thru Apr. 2023
	KIX	UA151 UA177	Daily Tue/Thu/Sat	AIR BUSAN	PUS	BX613	Suspended thru Apr. 2023
	FUK NGO	UA165 UA137	Daily Daily	🥵 ліпніг	ICN	LJ642	Daily
	ROR	UA157	Mon/Thu/Sun		51.16	LJ644	Daily
	ТКК	UA193 UA133 UA155	Tue/Fri Wed Mon/Fri	Philippine Airlines	PUS MNL	LJ648 PR111	Daily Daily
	PNI YAP	UA176 UA185	Sat Apr. 4, 11 & 18 only	t'way	ICN	TW302	Daily
JAPAN AIRLINES	NRT	JL942	Apr. 1, 2, 4, 27, 29 & 30	SOUTHERN ADDRESS	SPN	9X295 9X299	Daily Daily
K§REAN AIR 🛞	ICN	KE422 KE424	Daily Daily	STAR	ROP		2x Daily
🎊 CHINA AIRLINES	TPE		Suspended thru Apr. 2023	Marianas Air	ROP	PA-32-300	Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu/Fri

#### K9 Unit Popular with Students

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The GIAA Airport Police K9 Unit is a popular feature of the Airport school tours offered free of charge to all schools on a "first-come, first-served" basis. Two classes from Price Elementary school came on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and marvelled at the "working officer canines". The Airport's K9 Unit teams are trained, and certified annually by the prestigious TSA National Explosives Detection Team Program out of Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio Texas. Recently, GIAA expanded their K9 Unit to include teams who've received specialized training in narcotics detection and tracking.

#### **Airport Team at AAAE**

The American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE), founded in 1928 is the world's largest professional organization for airport executives, representing airport management personnel at public-use commercial and general aviation airports. GIAA is one of nearly 875 airports and authorities, in addition to hundreds of companies and organizations that support airports that comprise its membership. March 1-3, AAAE partnered with Airport Consultant Council (ACC) to host the "Planning, Design and Construction Symposium" in Anaheim, CA. GIAA Board Director Jesse Garcia, Executive Manager John "JQ" Quinata, Superintendent of Properties & Facilities Ken McDonald, Engineering Supervisor Audie Artero, and Expansion Consultant Frank Santos attended the 3-day forum. AAAE provides critical resources to Airports: representation in Washington, D.C., certificated training programs, myriad meetings and conferences for airport and related services, and highly recognized accreditation programs for airport executives and employees.





#### PAL's "All-Female Flight Crew" Honors Women's History Month

The A.B. Won Pat International tenants. The crew included: Airport Authority, (GIAA) was Capt. Eucheuma B. Inciongproud to partner with Philippine Ragasa, Capt. Hidelina R. Airlines (PAL) to commemorate Patrimonio, First Officer & Women's History Month with Assistant Vice President for FEMALE FLIGHT CREW"! On Department Lilybeth Tan Ng, March 23rd PAL's regularly Purser Edrose Mae A. Tang, scheduled daily flight PR110 Flight Attendants Gladys M. servicing Guam and Manila, PI Lim, Frances Anne C. Alindogan, was crewed with an all-female Verona Rae T. Salangsang, crew of nine (9). The crew was Pamela Jaine S. Sta Ana, and welcomed at a Meet & Greet Cabin Attendant Trainee Ma. event attended by Guam's Ana Beatrice P. Alvarez. The first female Governor, the event was the brainchild of Honorable Lou Leon Guerrero PAL Station Manager Shinjiro along with Senators from "Mark" Okuhira and the the 37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature, speakers touched on the issues members from the Guam of women's progress in the Chapter of Women in Aviation aviation sector and the need to International, Guam Women's support women to continually Chamber of Commerce, the shatter glass ceilings that Governor's Bureau of Women's hinder their full participation Affairs, the island's media, in all industries. The crew was partner airlines, and airport indeed an inspiration to all!

the arrival of and PAL's "ALL- Pilot Affairs, Flight Operations





### **GIAA Familia Bids Adios to Airport OPS Officer Bamba**



The GIAA family bid adieu to another member when Paul E. Bamba, Operations Officer II of the Operations Division decided to join the ranks those "Retired & Rested". Paul was commended for the 18 years of service that that he gave to the government of Guam and Airport at his retirement ceremony. He took the opportunity to regale his bosses and peers one last time with his elaborate story-telling, for which he is known. ADIOS, Paul...You will be missed!





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#### GIAA Investment Grade Rating Affirmed & Outlook Revised to "Stable" by Moody's

On March 15th, the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) received an affirmation of its investment-grade rating of 'Baa2' and achieved a revised outlook to "Stable" from a "Negative" rating by Moody's Investors Services (Moody's) on the Airport's senior general revenue bonds. Moody's stated that, "the revision of the outlook to stable from negative reflects our expectation that enplanement levels will continue to improve as both South Korea and Japan have effectively lifted all coronavirusrelated travel restriction." The release further stated that, "Airport management has taken key actions to ensure that debt service coverage remains satisfactory, including debt restructuring and operating cost reductions."

The Airport's Executive Manager John "JQ" Quinata thanked Governor Lourdes Leon Guerrero and Lieutenant

Governor Joshua Tenorio for their continued support for GIAA during the pandemic and also for their financial assistance, which helped the airport in achieving the positive update from the rating agency. He further extended his appreciation to airline partners and stakeholders for their efforts and commitment to GIAA's progressive recovery.

Deputy Executive Manager Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez, Ph.D. stated the the "improved outlook for the GIAA is a testament to the dedicated staff and management of the Airport for their commitment to work cost effectively while maintaining a safe and secure travel environment throughout the pandemic. He also thanked the Guam Economic Development Authority and the Bureau of Budget and Management Research for their support throughout this credit review process."

### Airport Receives "Certificate of Excellence" in Citizen-Centric Reporting



The Airport Authority was proud to are succinct and easy to read". She receive a letter of praise from AGA further stated that GIAA "does a on March 28th, lauding the agency's great job in showing compliance "commitment to good government with safety regulations and efficiency and responsible fiscal action reflected standards." Also, Ms. Ebberts shared in the Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) that "sources of revenue and costs/ produced" for fiscal year 2021 (Oct. expenses are explained and pie 1, 2020 - Sep. 30, 2021). AGA Chief charts are provided as visual aids" Executive Officer Ann M. Ebberts, and "link to audited financials" were MS, PMP also presented GIAA of good use and indicator of financial with the "Certificate of Excellence records audited by Ernst & Young. in Citizen-Centric Reporting". She Of course there is always room for further went through each page improvement and AGA helped the 4-page document and outline areas where the Airport of highlighted the strength in each Authority's CCR could improve to be category of informaton and noted more effective in sharing valuable and that "details about the airport and easily understood finacial information. the authority are clearly presented", Current and past CCRs of the Guam and that the "information about International Airport can be found at the GIAA leadership and staffing www.guamairport.com.

#### AERODROME 2023 – April 18-21

Visit **www.guamairport.com** and register at the AERODROME link!



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### **BIBA CHamoru! Silebra Mes CHamoru**

GIAA hosted a fiesta to commemorate Mes CHamoru on March 29th. All Airlines, regulatory partners and tenants were invited to partake of an extensive fiesta menu, reminiscent of the village fiestas of old. Airport employees, board and manangement donated the scrumptious feast enjoyed by everyone and of course, in the true spirit of CHamoru hospitality, generous Airport partners also stepped up and supplied additional bounty for our table. Un Dangkulo' na Si Yu'os Må'ase to Burger King, Dominos, EComm, Hertz Rent-a-Car, Oasis, Secure Safe, and TSA!



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Guam International The Airport celebrates 47 years as an autonomous agency of the Government of Guam and continues its committment to providing quality services and facilities to support and develop air transportation services for the people of Guam and visitors to our island! Biba, GIAA!