



Regular Monthly Meeting  
 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 7, 2018  
 Mayors' Council Conference Room  
 Hagåtña, Guam

**MINUTES**

I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *President* Mayor Paul McDonald called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

II. **ROLL CALL:**

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| ALIG, Jesse L.G.         | Mayor      | Piti                  |
| ALVAREZ, Dale E.         | Mayor      | Santa Rita            |
| BAUTISTA, Jessie P.      | Vice Mayor | Barrigada             |
| BENAVENTE, Frank A.      | Vice Mayor | Dededo                |
| BLAS, Jesse M.           | Mayor      | Yona                  |
| BLAS, June U.            | Mayor      | Barrigada             |
| * DUENAS, Thomas J.      | Vice Mayor | Mangilao              |
| FEJERAN, Christopher J.  | Vice Mayor | Agat                  |
| GOGUE, Jessy C.          | Mayor      | Chalan Pago-Ordot     |
| HOFMANN, Robert RDC      | Mayor      | Sinajana              |
| LUJAN, Doris F.          | Mayor      | Inarajan              |
| McDONALD, Paul M.        | Mayor      | Agana Heights         |
| MATANANE, Rudy M.        | Mayor      | Yigo                  |
| PACO, Rudy A.            | Mayor      | Mongmong-Toto-Maite   |
| RIVERA, Louise C.        | Mayor      | Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon |
| SALAS, Frankie A.        | Mayor      | Asan-Maina            |
| * SANTOS, Kenneth C.     | Vice Mayor | Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon |
| SAVARES, Melissa B.      | Mayor      | Dededo                |
| UNGACTA, Allan "Al" R.G. | Mayor      | Mangilao              |
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| ○ CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.  | Mayor      | Merizo                |
| ○ CRUZ, John A.          | Mayor      | Hagåtña               |
| ○ IRIARTE, Rudy D.       | Vice Mayor | Sinajana              |
| ○ QUINATA, Johnny A.     | Mayor      | Umatac                |
| ○ SANCHEZ, Anthony P.    | Vice Mayor | Yigo                  |
| ○ SUSUICO, Kevin T.      | Mayor      | Agat                  |
| ○ TAITAGUE, Vicente S.   | Mayor      | Talofoto              |

○ = ABSENT

\* = LATE

\*\* = OFF ISLAND

R = REPRESENTATIVE

**Seventeen (17) members present at time of roll call. A quorum was established at 10:37 a.m.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

Angel R. Sablan  
Elaine RA Schaaf

Executive Director  
Recording Secretary

**III. RECITATION OF *INIFRESI***

**IV. SECRETARY'S REPORT** - Minutes of January 3, 2018 – **Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Dale Alvarez. No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – **Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to approve the *Report* and seconded by Mayor Rudy Matanane. No further discussions or objections and the motion passed.**

*Treasurer*, Mayor Jesse Alig stated for the record to Mayor Louise Rivera, 2017 Liberation Queen's Committee chair that he was ready to submit Council's files for audit but had not received receipts for the \$3K check so he would be giving her an *Affidavit* to sign today regarding those receipts so he doesn't have to wait further.

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**1. Audience Request for MCOG Special Monthly Meeting February 21, 2018**

- a. Marcus Landon Aydlett, Meteorologist  
Tsunami Supporter Program
- b. Vice Speaker Therese Terlaje  
Veteran's Registry and Massacre Memorial Fund
- c. Senator Regine Biscoe Lee  
Bill 234-34 Automatic Voter Registration
- d. Melinda Mafnas, Asst. GM, Guam Power Authority  
Discuss activities, vegetation management, and painting of poles
- e. Allen Blend, Guam National Youth Football Federation VP  
Information brief
- f. Elaine Eclavea, Facilitator, CEDDERS, UOG  
Learn The Signs Act Early (LTSAE)
- g. Selena Onedera-Salas, Inetnon Gefpa'go Cultural Arts Program, Inc.  
3<sup>rd</sup> International Folkdance Festival

**Mayor Robert Hofmann made the motion to approve requests *b, a, e,* and *d* with emphasis to add the streetlights crew in that order and table request *c, f,* and *g* for March. Seconded by Mayor Dale Alvarez. No discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

**2. Communications –**

a. **TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT OF 2017** – ED reported that the Government of Guam is being affected directly by this new act from the federal government and has to reduce \$47.9M Government of Guam wide. BBMR had asked the Mayors' Council's share of the reduction of \$68,000 in the General Fund. Fortunately, the Council's share of the General Fund in the FY 2018 budget was not as much in previous years.

The \$68,350 ED reduced did not come out from any of the District's budget. The reduction came from MCOG Administration Central Operations as outlined and submitted:

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| \$22,000 | - | Travel                  |
| \$ 7,350 | - | Contractual Service     |
| \$ 9,000 | - | Equipment below \$5,000 |
| \$10,000 | - | Miscellaneous           |
| \$20,000 | - | Capital Outlay          |

ED stated in his letter that at today's meeting maybe mayors could come up with some other ideas on how to further assist as to how to reduce their budget. He asked if mayors could come up with a plan in revenue enhancement or expense reduction and suggested to *President* to appoint a committee. **Mayor Robert Hofmann volunteered to chair *Revenue Enhancement***. Mayor June Blas and Vice Mayor Jessie Bautista joined up with *Revenue Enhancement*. Mayor Hofmann called the first meeting on Monday, February 12 at 2 p.m. **Mayor Melissa Savares volunteered to chair *Reduction Expense***. Mayor Savares called the first meeting on Monday, February 12 at 11 a.m.

b. **INVITATION TO PIKA FESTIVAL FEB. 17-18, TACHOGNA BEACH, TINIAN** – ED announced that Tinian Mayor Joey San Nicolas is asking donations; rice, meat products, drinks, or paper products. ED said Mayor Kevin Susuico would probably coordinate it because Agat and Tinian would be executing a Sister-City partnership.

c. **ASSEMBLY OF PLANNERS 2018**– ED and *Vice President*, Mayor Melissa Savares met with Edwin Reyes, Bureau of Statistics and Plans on Monday. Mr. Reyes is inviting the mayors, vice mayors, and their MPC members to this symposium. Mayor Savares stated that this event is similar to what they do with the 20/20 plan, it is part of a planning development; it is to overlap your current community. You could do it at this level with your MPC members attending. ED and *Vice President* shared with Mr. Reyes that Council cannot force mayors and vice mayors to do what BSP calls for because every mayor has a different agenda for his community. If mayors go to the symposium it is important that MPC's are aware of the different planning's because they review zone requests, zone variances, etc. Everybody has a different approach and a way of absorbing all the information. The event is on March 13 from 8am to 5 pm at Holiday Inn, Tumon and is free. Lunch will be served.

d. **EPA RECYCLING FUND** – ED reported that the account is loaded at Dept. of Administration and ready to use. He is looking at giving \$75K to each District; \$15K is the max for each of the categories; Abandoned vehicles, white goods, batteries, tires, and electronics. EPA provided a list of vendors to use.

e. **GMS GRASS CUTTING** – ED reported Council is still working hard on the appropriation. MCOG is down to \$2,000. Council had been asking and asking to release that check and their response was always "next week...next week". There is a paper trail to make sure ED could show that everytime he asked it's always next week...next week.

f. **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION; POLITICAL ACTIVITIES** – ED reported that the CSC had a political activity training for different agencies. There are not many changes for political activities and the mini-hatch act. The only changes are with pickup trucks where signs could be place on them and parked at your place of employment or government property and employees can wear insignia as long as they are not influencing people while

working. Elaine Schaaf with MCOG Admin. Office would send via e-mail the 42-page PowerPoint presentation of the training.

g. **SMARTNET RADIO CHECK** – Mayor Robert Hofmann said he would rather see time better spent and suggested when GHS/OCD conducts their AHAWS Siren test, MCOG could conduct the checks, not even *police* or *fire* respond. Since everyone is paying attention to the sirens, mayors could use the sirens to relay. ED acknowledged that this is an outdated system and doesn't feel Civil Defense would replace them any time soon. Mayor said it is a good system but most District radios are inoperable and most batteries don't last more than 20 minutes. Mayor Melissa Savares said she uses it most during Liberation Day. Mayor Hofmann said the units are at least 10 years old and said to abolish it entirely and put it aside since their outdated. ED said it's up to mayors if they want to continue using them but if the Body as a whole wanted to cut out on the daily checks it can be done. Mayor Hofmann stated to cut out the daily checks. He said his radio dies out as soon as it's lifted from the cradle. Mayor Savares conveyed to Mayor Hofmann to go to Motorola and buy a new battery. ED stated to Mayor Hofmann that he would take note of that. *President* stated that mayors do need these radios.

h. **FIREWORKS** – ED reported that the Executive Officers met with Jeff Sanchez to put together a joint effort to bring fireworks for village fiestas and festivals and Liberation Day. Economically it would be a lot better to combine because it would be cheaper. Mr. Sanchez had already ordered the fireworks but he is looking at MCOG to see whether the Body could agree to package this together. Mr. Sanchez requested if Council could make a motion for a resolution to ask Matson to sponsor the freight as they do with GVB. Mayor Rudy Matanane expressed that the only problem he had is why GVB hired people from off-island and we should support local. Mayor Robert Hofmann conveyed to the *President* that he would draft the resolution. **Mayor Allan Ungacta made the motion for a Council resolution to support Jeff Sanchez request to ask Matson to sponsor the freight for fireworks. Seconded by Mayor Rudy Matanane. No further discussions or objections and the motion carried.**

ED said it is up to the villages how much they want to spend; it's going like a \$1K per minute. If mayors want it, they would have to take it out of their NAF. ED stated there is a little over \$7K from last year's Liberation if the Body could dedicate \$5K of that for an advance deposit for this year's Liberation fireworks that would help Jamzmedia at least to get it going. ED asked for a motion. Mayor Louise Rivera said there still needs to be money for tickets. *Treasurer* queried if we're okay just with that even with a Council resolution; because of the amount would quotations be needed. ED stated that we could get quotations but Mr. Sanchez is the only one on island so it would be sole source. Mayor Louise Rivera expressed that there we would need seed money to start early on the queen's committee this year.

ED reported that just before this meeting, he spoke with Senator San Agustin. The Executive Officers with him and Senator Biscoe-Lee as far as the upcoming Liberation concerns. Senator San Agustin was proposing a \$500K appropriation and Council said no. Council wanted other options like the gaming.

*President* said the Officers would come up with recommendations and report back to the Body.

## VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. **MCOG 2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY FINAL REPORT** – Chairman, Mayor Jesse Blas said he is waiting on one more check and all the reports are actually done.

b. **TRAVEL POLICY – Mayor Robert Hofmann, Mayor Melissa Savares, and Mayor Jessy Gogue** – Mayor Hofmann reported submitting the draft policy. There was an existing Council policy back in 1991; that was taken into account, added reference points from the Legislature's travel policy but the only addition and the consensus of the committee was the travel report which samples are attached in the back. It is now a matter for the Body to adopt. Mayor Melissa Savares reported that the committee just updated the existing Council travel policy and the only difference now instead of turning in just the boarding passes is to make a travel report.

Mayor Jessy Gogue gave suggestion to let the Body the opportunity to review the draft policy. Mayor Robert Hofmann just sent the draft policy via e-mail for MCOG Admin. Secretary Elaine to e-mail all mayors and vice mayors and by March meeting the policy could be adopted. *President* acknowledged.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. **LEADERSHIP ACADEMY** – ED reported Ms. Zita Pangelinan with Haya Foundation is proposing an immersion class for healers (suruhanus and suruhanas) 3 to 6 week program in Rota because of the healers are there many of the plants are there. Ms. Pangelinan would come up with a proposal. ED and *President* had met with her and gave her a verbal agreement that maybe this is something the mayors would like to look at. ED stated sending up to six (6) young adult students from Guam who are interested to learn of the cultural healing arts. Ms. Pangelinan is putting a packet together going around the different agencies to see if they are interested in putting this together and asking the Legislature for support in having this happen. This would probably happen sometime this summer.

2. **HOMELESSNESS** – Mayor Louise Rivera expressed that there are people sleeping at the park next to the Tamuning Mayor's Office and many of them applied for assistance and registered in other Districts. A lot of them are local. They continue to sleep in the park which the mayor's office doesn't allow nor authorize them to sleep there. It's a public park and it closes at 10 p.m. but in the morning they're still there with blankets all over the place. A lot of them are not able to go under the program anymore because they don't want to follow rules, committed crimes and problems to GHURA and have a bad police record. Mayor asked the Body what could be done to help these people.

Mayor Melissa Savares agreed. In her District, she posted large signs in pavilions; the police said if there are no signs, they couldn't enforce it. Their families say "we could take them but if they're not going to follow the rules under this roof, they can't stay." Mayor said we continue to feed them, we continue to enable them if we do things like that. The governor wanted to do a tent, a big building to let them go there and sleep and then they could still roam and panhandle during the day. There are homeless people in abandoned homes; her office nor the police would go in because that's trespassing on private land.

Mayor Allan Ungacta added that they are using junk cars to sleep in now. Mayor Jessy Gogue agreed and said he doesn't think there's a real solution for the homeless situation.

His office had tried to reach out to these handfuls of homeless people in his district to try to connect them with the services that provide shelter, food, etc. but they choose not to.

Mayor Rivera asked how this could be resolved with a solution. Mayor Savares stated to stop feeding them; stop having all these programs for the homeless. *President* said it's just nature.

**3. BILL NO. 223-34 CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW GUAM POWER AUTHORITY NORTHERN POWER GENERATION PLANT (Plant).** – Mayor Melissa Savares stated that there is a public hearing at 5:30 p.m., Friday, February 9 at the Legislature. A new power plant is needed with the growth in the north. The only concern is that instead of going through the Land Management process with rezoning on this part, GPA went to the Legislature. They are asking to re-zone from R2 residential multiple dwelling zone to M2 industrial zone.

Dededo MPC approved it based on an M1 light industrial. Property owners support a new plant and were willing to accept the fact it would be an M1 but their concern is the re-zoning to an M2. The author of the bill, Senator Tom Ada asked mayor if this was brought to the Mayors' Council. Mayor Savares asked the Body if they had concerns with big generations. Mayor Louise Rivera said she would submit her MPC resolution in support; her council would meet tomorrow.

Seeking endorsement of the Mayors' Council to support the Municipal Planning Councils' resolution, **Mayor Jessy Gogue made the motion to adopt a resolution that supports the MPCs' resolutions of Dededo and Tamuning with regard to this project as it pertains to Bill No. 223-34 as an M1 and seconded by Mayor Allan Ungacta. No further discussions or objections. The motion carried.**

#### VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS** – No reports.
2. **MCOG STANDING COMMITTEES** – No reports.

#### IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Fiesta in honor of Santa Lourdes, Executive Director invited all including staff and family to his residence at 1 p.m., Sunday, February 11.
- A Mayors' Council Certificate of Presentation to Dr. Kyoko Nakayama at 2 p.m., Sunday, February 11 at Executive Director's residence.
- Mayor Rudy Matanane invited all to the Yigo Mayor's Office at 12 noon Sunday, February 11 in honor of Santa Lourdes.
- Today's luncheon hosted by ***Piti Mayor's Office.***

Mayor Rudy Matanane asked ED if the clerks, JoAnn Charfauros and Dawn Perez needed somebody to assist them.

Mayor Robert Hofmann said that was something he was talking about to both clerks and said the telephone calls and filing would be a huge help. Mayor Hofmann said he is willing to send his clerk once a week to help for a period of time to help things move along. It was something he talked about with them because they only do filing on a certain because they need help. Mayor Hofmann

conveyed to the Body if all Districts could help a little bit; get the bulk of the work done so purchase orders could come out faster; they could focus on that.

Mayor Matanane asked if Council could afford hiring another clerk. ED said it's not that Council can't, it's because Council does not have the position, it's a classified position and Council would have to ask the Legislature to create the position.


ED expressed that he would work with Mary Cruz-Sablan to make a schedule and districts could fill in the blanks.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

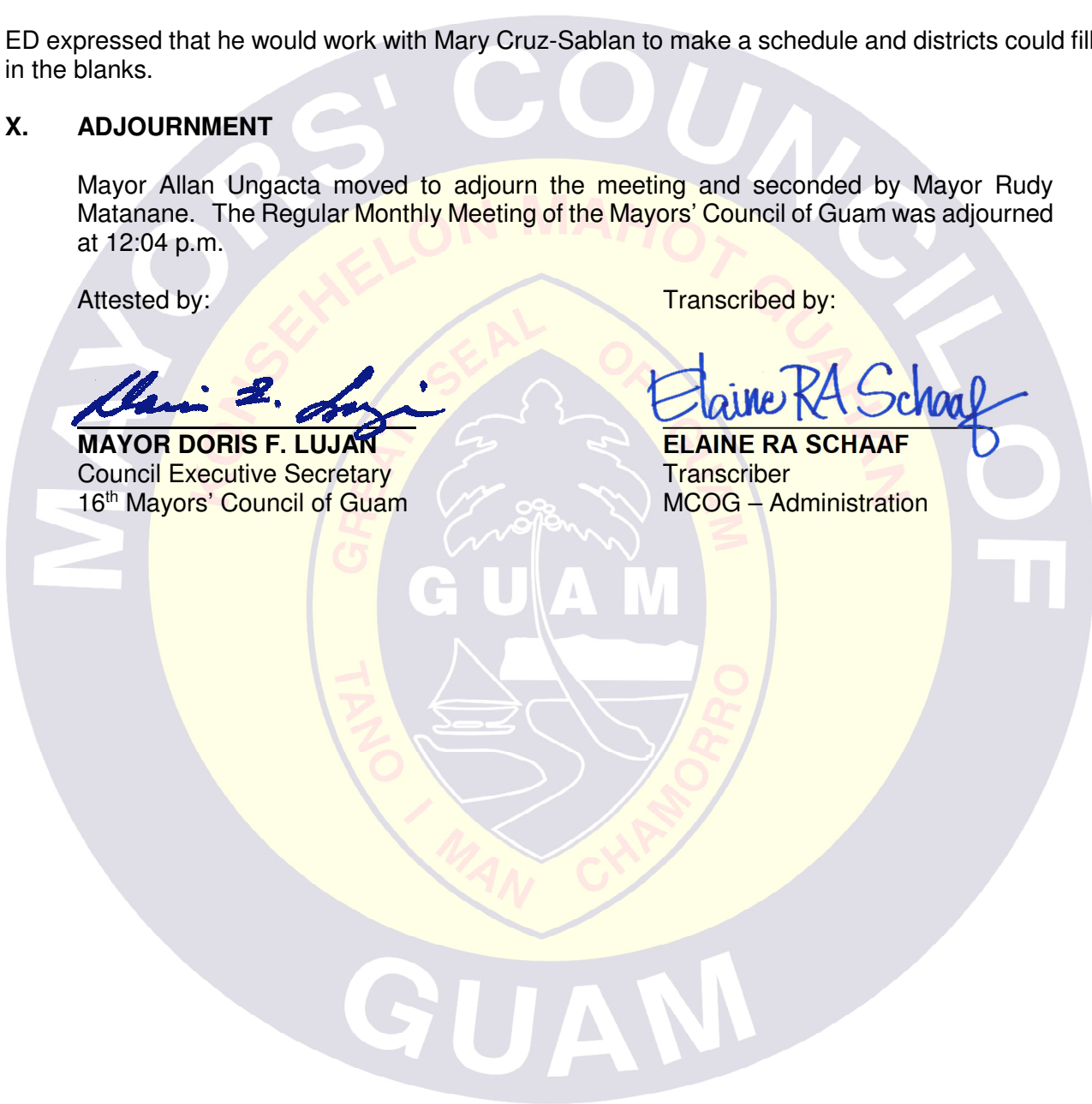
Mayor Allan Ungacta moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mayor Rudy Matanane. The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Mayors' Council of Guam was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Attested by:

Transcribed by:

  
**MAYOR DORIS F. LUJAN**  
Council Executive Secretary  
16<sup>th</sup> Mayors' Council of Guam

  
**ELAINE RA SCHAAF**  
Transcriber  
MCOG – Administration





# ATTENDANCE SHEET



Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 Time: 10:00 a.m.

CTO-10:17 a.m.  
A-12:04 p.m.

Type of Meeting:  Regular [ ] Special

PLACE OF MEETING: **MCOG Conference Room**

| MAYORS / VICE MAYORS            | DISTRICT                   | CONTACT NOS.           | SIGNATURE |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| ALIG, Jesse L.G.                | Piti                       | 472-1232/3             |           |
| ALVAREZ, Dale E.                | Santa Rita                 | 565-2514/4337          |           |
| BAUTISTA, Jessie P.             | Barrigada                  | 734-3859/25/34/36      |           |
| BENAVENTE, Frank A.             | Dededo                     | 632-5203/5019-637-9014 |           |
| BLAS, Jesse M.                  | Yona                       | 789-4798/0012/1525/6   |           |
| BLAS, June U.                   | Barrigada                  | 734-3859/25/34/36      |           |
| CHARGUALAF, Ernest T.           | Merizo                     | 828-8312/2941          |           |
| CRUZ, John A.                   | Hagatna                    | 477-8045/47            |           |
| DUENAS, Thomas J.               | Mangilao                   | 734-2163/5731          |           |
| FEJERAN, Christopher J.         | Agat                       | 565-4335/2531/2524     |           |
| GOGUE, Jessy C.                 | Chalan Pago-Ordot          | 472-8302/477-1333      |           |
| HOFMANN, Robert RDC             | Sinajana                   | 472-6707/477-3323      |           |
| IRIARTE, Rudy D.                | Sinajana                   | 472-6707/477-3323      |           |
| LUJAN, Doris F.                 | Inarajan                   | 475-2509-11            |           |
| MATANANE, Rudy M.               | Yigo                       | 653-9446/5248          |           |
| MCDONALD, Paul M.               | Agana Hts.                 | 472-6393/8285/6        |           |
| PACO, Rudy A.                   | Mongmong-Toto-Maite        | 477-6758/9090          |           |
| QUINATA, Johnny A.              | Umatac                     | 828-2940/8258          |           |
| RIVERA, Louise C.               | Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon      | 646-5211/8646          |           |
| SALAS, Frankie A.               | Asan-Maina                 | 472-6581/479-2726      |           |
| SANCHEZ, Anthony P.             | Yigo                       | 653-9446/5248          |           |
| SANTOS, Kenneth C.              | Tamuning-Tumon-Harmon      | 646-5211/8646          |           |
| SAVARES, Melissa B.             | Dededo                     | 632-5203/5019/637-9014 |           |
| SUSUICO, Kevin JT               | Agat                       | 565-4335/2531/2524     |           |
| TAITAGUE, Vicente S.            | Talofof                    | 789-1421/3262/4821     |           |
| UNGACTA, Allan R.G.             | Mangilao                   | 734-2163/5731          |           |
| SABLAN, Angel R.                | <b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>  |                        |           |
| <b>OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES</b> | <b>DISTRICT</b>            | <b>SIGNATURE</b>       |           |
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| <b>GUESTS</b>                   | <b>AGENCY/ORGANIZATION</b> | <b>CONTACT NO.</b>     |           |
| Izumi SEKI                      | Consul-General of Japan    |                        |           |
| Kevin Tans                      | Pacific Daily News         |                        |           |
| Kikue Roberto                   | Consulate-General of Japan | 046-1290               |           |
| URIAH PEREZ                     | MCAG                       | 788-8422               |           |
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