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(JOETEN RESIGNS FROM STATUS COMMISSION)
 SAIPAN, OCT. 1, (MNS)---ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION HAS RESIGNED. IN A LETTER TO MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA WHICH WAS READ AT THE MONDAY (OCT. 1) MEETING OF THE SAIPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SAIPAN BUSINESSMAN JOSE C. TENORIO SAID HE IS RESIGNING AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY ON THE COMMISSION.
 TAKING NOTE OF THE RESIGNATION, THE CHAMBER THEN VOTED TO SUBMIT THE NAME OF PEDRO A. TENERIO OF SAIPAN TO THE DISTAD FOR CONSIDERATION AS A REPLACEMENT FOR JOSE C. TENORIO.

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PEDRO A. TENORIO IS A HYDROLOGIST AND FORMER TT GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE NOW IN PRIVATE BUSINESS IN THE MARIANAS. HE RAN UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR A SENATE SEAT IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LAST YEAR. HE HAD EARLIER BEEN SELECTED BY THE SAIPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS AN ALTERNATE TO JOSE C. TENORIO, SHOULD HE BE UNABLE TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION.

THE RESIGNATION OF JOSE C. TENORIO FROM THE STATUS NEGOTIATING TEAM IS THE SECOND IN AS MANY MONTHS. LAST MONTH HERMAN M. MANGLONA OF TINIAN SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION, TO BE REPLACED BY FORMER TINIAN MAYOR JOSE R. CRUZ.

IN HIS LETTER TO THE DISTAD, JOSE C. TENORIO SAID HIS PERSONAL BUSINESS COMMITMENTS, WHICH REQUIRE HIS FULL ATTENTION, ARE ONE REASON HE IS RESIGNING FROM THE COMMISSION. HE IS PRESIDENT OF J.C. TENORIO ENTERPRISES, ONE OF SAIPAN'S LARGEST COMPANIES.

"SECONDLY," HE SAID IN HIS LETTER, "I BELIEVE THAT THE COMMISSION CAN FUNCTION MORE EFFECTIVELY BY HAVING ITS MEMBERS COMPOSED OF PEOPLE WITHOUT 'REPUTATION' OF BEING IN CONFLICT WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE TALKS. I AM SURE YOU ARE AWARE THAT MY IDENTIFICATION WITH BUSINESS AND POLITICAL ISSUES

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ARE WELL-KNOWN. THIS HAS HAD, IN MY OPINION, A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON MY PARTICIPATION AS A MEMBER. IN AS MUCH AS I HAVE TRIED TO BE ABSOLUTELY GENUINE AND IMPARTIAL ON ISSUES BEFORE THE MEMBERS DURING THE TALKS, I FOUND THAT NO MATTER WHAT I SAY, THERE IS ALWAYS A FEELING AMONG THE COMMISSION MEMBERS THAT I WAS BAISED, OR THAT WHAT I HAD SAID WAS FOR MY PERSONAL PROTECTION OF MY BUSINESS AND POLITICAL INTEREST. I FOUND THAT MY PARTICIPATION AS A BUSINESSMAN'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COMMISSION IS DIFFICULT TO RECONCILE WITH THE MEMBERS BECAUSE OF MY OBVIOUS POSITION IN THE COMMUNITY AS A BUSINESSMAN."

TENORIO THEN TOLD DISTAD ADA: "I BELIEVE THAT FOR THE TALKS TO CONTINUE UNOBSTRUCTED BY ALLEGED HIDDEN OPINIONS OF CONFLICT ON MY PART, THAT IT IS MANDATORY THAT A PERSON WITHOUT THE AFFORMENTIONED HANDICAPS BE PLACED TO REPRESENT THE INTEREST OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AS WELL AS THE MARIANAS CITIZENS AS A WHOLE."

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