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(NEW EDITOR NAMED)

SAIPAN, APRIL 25 (MNS)---THE PUBLISHER OF THE SAIPAN WEEKLY NEWSPAPER "I GASETA," VICTOR M.C. PANGELINAN, HAS ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF OSCAR C. RASA AS EDITOR OF THE PUBLICATION. PREVIOUSLY, PANGELINAN HAS CARRIED BOTH THE PUBLISHER AND EDITOR TITLES.

RASA, 27, IS A GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM, WHERE HE RECEIVED BOTH HIS BACHELOR'S AND MASTER'S DEGREES. HE ALSO STUDIED FOR A TIME AT WASHINGTON, D.C.'S AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN A DOCTORAL CANDIDATE PROGRAM. RASA SERVED AS A SUBSTITUTE EDITOR OF "I GASETA" FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH EARLIER THIS YEAR WHILE PANGELINAN WAS ON VACATION.

RASA OFFICIALLY TOOK OVER THE PAPER ON MONDAY (APRIL 22), PANGELINAN SAID, AND THE EDITION TO BE PUBLISHED FRIDAY WILL BE HIS FIRST.

PANGELINAN ALSO REVEALED THURSDAY THAT HE HAS RECEIVED AN OFFER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE KOREAN-AMERICAN HERALD COMPANY, WHICH HAS ITS HEAD OFFICE IN LOS ANGELES, TO MERGE "I GASETA" WITH THE KOREAN PAPER. HE INDICATED HE HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO ACCEPT THE OFFER.

"I GASETA" IS ONE OF TWO WEEKLY NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED ON SAIPAN. THE OTHER IS THE "MARIANAS VARIETY."

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