

(CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM PLANNED)

SAIPAN, JULY 10 (MNS) ~~74~~ THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE (NCI) HAS TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED A TRUST TERRITORY PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A MICRONESIAN CERVICAL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM.

ACCORDING TO THE TT HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND THE CANCER CONTROL DETECTION BRANCH OF THE NCI HELPED FORMULATE THE TRUST TERRITORY PROPOSAL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT NO DEFINITE DATE HAS BEEN SET TO INSTITUTE THE PROGRAM. FUNDING AND PERSONNEL, HE INDICATED, STILL HAVE TO BE FOUND.

NCI OFFICIALS VISITED THE TRUST TERRITORY LAST WEEK TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL WITH HEALTH SERVICES OFFICIALS. THE CANCER SCREENING PROJECT IS DESIGNED TO LAST THREE YEARS.

THE NCI REPRESENTATIVES WERE DON BROOME, CONTRACT SPECIALIST, MARY ASDELL, STAFF ASSISTANT, AND DR. SCOTT JORDON, NCI CONSULTANT.

(AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMAT TO VISIT TT)

SAIPAN, JULY 10 (MNS)---A MEMBER OF THE AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMATIC CORPS WILL SOON VISIT THE TRUST TERRITORY. JEFF HART, A THIRD SECRETARY IN THE AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN SERVICE, WILL TOUR MAJURO, PONAPE AND TRUK DURING EARLY AUGUST.

HE WILL BEGIN HIS OFFICIAL VISIT ON AUGUST 2ND IN MAJURO. ACCORDING TO DAVID SCHIELE, DEPUTY STATUS LIAISON OFFICER, HART WILL MEET WITH DISTRICT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE LOCAL ECONOMY AND PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT. HART ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH DISTRICT LEGISLATORS.

HART'S OFFICIAL VISIT WILL END ON AUGUST 14TH IN TRUK. SCHIELE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT HART WILL REMAIN IN MICRONESIA AFTER THAT FOR A PERSONAL VISIT.

THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER TO NAURU, L.G. SELLARS, WILL VISIT YAP, PALAU AND SAIPAN NEXT WEEK. HE HAD REQUESTED THAT TRUST TERRITORY OFFICIALS ARRANGE HART'S TRIP.

(CHASE TO HEAD TT LAND RESOURCES BRANCH)

SAIPAN, JULY 10 (MNS)---A NEW CHIEF OF THE TT LAND RESOURCES BRANCH JOINED THE TT GOVERNMENT THIS WEEK, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

HE IS NEIL K. CHASE FROM SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, WHERE HE WAS ENGAGED IN THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE COMING TO THE TT. HE HAS REPLACED GEORGE STATES WHO WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED TO ANOTHER POSITION IN THE LANDS AND SURVEYS DIVISION.

AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKLEY, CHASE SPENT FOUR YEARS WITH THE GENERAL AMERICA COMPANIES AS A BRANCH MANAGER. LATER ON, HE RESIGNED FROM GAC AND FORMED HIS OWN INSURANCE BUSINESS AND THEN BRANCHED OUT INTO REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS AT POCATELLO, IDAHO.

IN COMMENTING ON THE APPOINTMENT, KOZO YAMADA, TT CHIEF OF THE LANDS AND SURVEY DIVISION, SAID: "WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE A MAN LIKE CHASE WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN REAL ESTATE TO MANAGE ONE OF MICRONESIA'S VITAL RESOURCES."

(FOOD HANDLING SEMINAR)

SAIPAN, JULY 10 (MNS)---A TWO-WEEK SEMINAR ON FOOD HANDLING SPONSORED BY THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION GOT UNDERWAY THIS WEEK ON SAIPAN. FOOD HANDLERS FROM VARIOUS HOTEL ESTABLISHMENTS ON SAIPAN AND SANITARIANS FROM THE SIX DISTRICTS ARE ATTENDING THE SEMINAR.

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IN AN OPENING CEREMONY HELD AT THE SAIPAN CONTINENTAL HOTEL MONDAY (JULY 8), DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN AND JT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES DR. MASAO KUMANGAI ADDRESSED THE PARTICIPANTS.

IN HIS REMARKS, DR. KUMANGAI SAID, "FOOD IS THE MOST VITAL ELEMENT FOR HUMAN LIFE. PROPER HANDLING AND STORAGE OF FOOD SAFEGUARDS GOOD HEALTH." HE NOTED THAT THE SEMINAR IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE HELD IN MICRONESIA AND THAT THE PARTICIPANTS SHOULD "TAKE ADVANTAGE IN LEARNING NEW TECHNIQUES AND CONCEPTS FROM EACH OTHER."

"THERE ARE 800 FOOD HANDLERS ON THE ISLAND OF SAIPAN, NOT MENTION THE HOUSEWIVES IN THE HOMES, AND THEY, TOO, NEED SOME GUIDANCE IN FOOD HANDLING," REMARKED DEPUTY HICOM COLEMAN. COLEMAN EMPHASIZED THAT MICRONESIA'S RAPIDLY CHANGING ECONOMY AND CULTURE HAS CHANGED TREMENDOUSLY THE EATING HABITS AND LIFE STYLES OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE.

IN HIS REMARKS, THE DEPUTY HICOM PLACED EMPHASIS ON THE LAND IN MICRONESIA, THE IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION AND PROPER CARE AND PREPARATION OF THEM FOR A BETTER LIFE. COLEMAN STATED THAT MICRONESIA'S LAND AREA IS SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT ITS POPULATION IF THE LAND IS PROPERLY UTILIZED.

(SATAWAL SAILORS DEPART SAIPAN)

SAIPAN, JULY 10 (MNS)---TWO CANOES FROM SATAWAL IN YAP DISTRICT LEFT SAIPAN TUESDAY MORNING (JULY 9) AFTER A PROLONGED VISIT. THE GROUP ARRIVED ON SAIPAN EARLY LAST MONTH AFTER A TWO-WEEK JOURNEY IN THE OPEN SEAS USING TRADITIONAL NAVIGATION TECHNIQUES TO CHART THEIR COURSE.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP, THE CANOES WITH 12 MEN ON BOARD ARE EXPECTED TO REACH THE ISLAND OF PIKELOT IN YAP DISTRICT IN ABOUT FIVE DAYS. THE SPOKESMAN SAID A SAIPANESE MAN WENT ALONG WITH THE GROUP.

THE SATAWALESE SAILORS WERE SUPPOSED TO LEAVE SAIPAN LAST WEEK BUT THE TRIP WAS CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER. A CROWD OF CAROLINIANS GATHERED ALONG THE BEACH TO SEE THE SAILORS OFF.

WHILE ON SAIPAN THE GROUP VISITED MANAGANA ISLAND TO PAY HOMAGE TO THEIR ANCESTOR KING AGHRUB WHO WAS BURIED THERE AFTER LEADING A MASS MIGRATION FROM SATAWAL TO SAIPAN WHEN THEIR ISLAND WAS DEVASTATED BY A TYPHOON DURING THE 1800'S.

A SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT THEY WILL MAKE THE TRIP AN ANNUAL AFFAIR NOT ONLY TO PAY TRIBUTED TO THEIR ANCESTORS, BUT ALSO TO TRAIN FUTURE NAVIGATORS AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF SATAWAL. SATAWAL IS ABOUT 500 MILES FROM SAIPAN.

THEY ARE EXPECTED TO PAY ANOTHER VISIT TO SAIPAN AT ABOUT THIS TIME NEXT YEAR, A SPOKESMAN INDICATED.