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(RAMARUI CLARIFIES WEITAL ASSIGNMENT)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 19 (MNS) --- TRUST TERRITORY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION DAVID RAMARUI HAS FURTHER CLARIFIED THE SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT GIVEN LAST WEEK TO DARO WEITAL, DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA, RELATING TO THE UPCOMING MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

WEITAL, AN ELECTED DELEGATE TO THE CONVENTION FROM PONAPE, HAS BEEN ASSIGNED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON TO PREPARE A DRAFT OR ALTERNATE DRAFTS "... OF PROPOSED EDUCATIONAL COMPONENTS THAT MAY BE PRESENTED TO THE DELEGATES OF THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEW MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTION."

RAMARUI SAID MONDAY (AUG. 19) THAT THE SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE MICRONESIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION AND BY HIS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WEITAL, AN EXPERIENCED EDUCATOR, WILL BE IN A UNIQUE POSITION TO OFFER A TRAINED EDUCATIONAL VIEWPOINT IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION. HE SAID THE ASSIGNMENT WAS IN NO WAY AN ATTEMPT BY THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OR THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO INTERFERE WITH THE CONVENTION, AND POINTED OUT THAT WHATEVER DRAFTS WEITAL PREPARES WILL FIRST BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND WILL THEN BE PRESENTED TO THE CONVENTION ITSELF.

"OF COURSE, THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATES WILL HAVE THE FINAL SAY IN WHETHER ANY OF THESE EDUCATIONAL COMPONENTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE CONSTITUTION," RAMARUI STATED.

HIS CLARIFICATION WAS PROMPTED BY AN INQUIRY FROM SENATOR LAZARUS SALII, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA LIAISON TO THE CONVENTION AND ITS PRE-CONVENTION COMMITTEE. AFTER SEEING THE STORY OF THE WEITAL ASSIGNMENT IN THE WEEKEND NEWSPAPER, SENATOR SALII HAD QUESTIONED THE ADVISABILITY OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH INJECTING ITSELF INTO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IN THIS WAY.

"I DO NOT THINK YOU CAN COMPLETELY SEPARATE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FROM THE CONSTITUTION DRAFTING PROCESS," RAMARUI SAID. HE ADDED THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN CHARTERED, THROUGH RESOLUTIONS FROM THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR FORMULATING NEW POLICIES FOR EDUCATION IN MICRONESIA, AND WEITAL'S WORK PRIOR TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE IN LINE WITH THIS.

SENATOR SALII MET WITH RAMARUI MONDAY TO DISCUSS THE WEITAL ASSIGNMENT, INDICATING AFTERWARD THAT HE IS SATISFIED THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS NOT TRYING TO INTERFERE WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL DRAFTING PROCESS.

THE MICRONESIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD NEXT YEAR ON SAIPAN. THE 60 DELEGATES WILL MEET FOR 90 DAYS TO DRAFT THE CONSTITUTION AND FRAMEWORK FOR MICRONESIA'S FUTURE GOVERNMENT.

(NEW AIRLINE FORMING)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 19 (MNS) --- A SAIPAN BUSINESSMAN HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO FORM A NEW AIRLINE TO SERVE THE NORTHERN MARIANAS AND GUAM.

THE AIRLINE, TO BE CALLED "MARIANAS AIRLINES", IS BEING FORMED AS A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP BY RAY GUERRERO, WHO WAS FORMERLY NORTHERN MARIANAS MANAGER FOR GUAM-BASED AIR PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL.

GUERRERO SAID MONDAY (AUG. 19) THAT HE HOPES TO HAVE HIS AIRLINE OFF THE GROUND IN NOVEMBER, AND THAT IT WILL BE BASED ON SAIPAN. INITIALLY THE COMPANY WILL OPERATE A 20

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PASSENGER TWIN OTTER 300, A CANADIAN MANUFACTURED PLANE THAT IS DESIGNED TO OPERATE IN AND OUT OF SHORT, UNIMPROVED AIRFIELDS. GUERRERO SAID THE COMPANY WILL SERVE SAIPAN, TINIAN, ROTA, GUAM AND PAGAN.

FULL DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED AIRLINE WERE NOT MADE AVAILABLE, BUT GUERRERO TOLD MNS THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE AIRPLANE ON SAIPAN HAVE BEEN MADE, AND ADVERTISEMENT FOR POSITIONS WITH THE COMPANY, INCLUDING PILOTS, WILL BEGIN SOON. HE ADDED THAT IF ALL GOES WELL, MARIANAS AIRLINES HOPES TO ACQUIRE A SECOND TWIN OTTER WITHIN SIX MONTHS OR SO.

GUERRERO ADDED THAT THE AIRPLANE WILL BE FULLY CERTIFIED BY THE U.S. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION FOR OPERATION IN AND OUT OF GUAM, A U.S. TERRITORY.

THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ARE ALREADY SERVED BY TWO AIRLINES, THE CAB CERTIFIED CARRIER, AIR MICRONESIA, AND THE AIR PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL. ENTRY OF A THIRD AIRLINE INTO THIS FIELD WILL MAKE THE ROUTES BETWEEN THE ISLANDS OF THE MARIANAS THE MOST COMPETITIVE IN THE TRUST TERRITORY.

THE TWIN OTTER WHICH MARIANAS AIRLINES WILL OPERATE HAS A RANGE OF ABOUT 800 MILES, AND IS USED BY A NUMBER OF U.S. AIRLINES FOR SHORT-HAUL ROUTES, INCLUDING FRONTIER AIRLINES AND ALASKA AIRLINES.

(JUDGE FRITZ COMPLETES TRAINING)

SAIPAN, AUGUST 19 (MNS)---TRUK PRESIDING JUDGE SOUKICHI FRITZ HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED AN INTENSIVE TWO-WEEK JUDICIAL EDUCATION COURSE AT THE NATIONAL COLLEGE OF THE STATE JUDICIARY.

LOCATED ON THE UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA RENO CAMPUS, THE NATIONAL COLLEGE ACTS AS THE EDUCATIONAL BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION.

ENTERING ITS ELEVENTH YEAR, THE NATIONAL COLLEGE HAS PIONEERED THE FIELD OF JUDICIAL EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO A COLLEGE PRESS RELEASE.

THE IN-DEPTH COURSE OF STUDY IN WHICH JUDGE FRITZ PARTICIPATED INCLUDED LECTURES, WORKSHOPS AND ORGANIZED DISCUSSION GROUPS. AN EXPERIENCED JUDICIAL FACULTY GATHERED FROM THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, AND AUGMENTED BY PROFESSIONAL SPECIALISTS, SYSTEMATICALLY COVERED SUBJECTS INCLUDING CRIMINAL LAW, SENTENCING, CIVIL LAW, COMMUNITY RELATIONS, JURY AND EVIDENCE.

LAST YEAR, MARIANAS ASSOCIATE JUDGE JESUS SONODA AND JUDAH C. JOHNNY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ADMINISTRATION OFFICER FOR THE TT HIGH COURT ATTENDED THE SAME COURSE.

(NURSING TEACHERS WORKSHOP)

MANILA, AUGUST 18 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY NURSING SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MS. MARIE L. BOLOGA LEFT SAIPAN

SATURDAY (AUG. 17) FOR MANILA, PHILIPPINES TO ATTEND A TWO-WEEK WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) WORKSHOP ON TRAINING OF NURSING TEACHERS.

THE INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE WHO CONFERENCE HALL BEGINNING MONDAY (AUG. 19), ACCORDING TO A PRESS RELEASE FROM THE WHO REGIONAL OFFICE IN MANILA.

THE WORKSHOP HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY WHO TO ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO (1) EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT PREPARATION OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY TEACHERS AND DISCUSS ADVANCES IN NURSE TEACHER PREPARATION; AND (2) IDENTIFY WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPROVING THE PREPARATION OF TEACHERS. FOR73

SCHOOLS OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY IN THE PACIFIC REGION.
PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED FROM NINETEEN PACIFIC ISLANDS
AND NATIONS IN THE WORKSHOP.

CONSULTANTS FOR THE WORKSHOP INCLUDE: MS. MARGARET
STEED, ADVISER IN NURSING EDUCATION FOR SCHOOLS OF NURSING,
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, CANADA; SISTER
PAULINA PILKINGTON, DIRECTOR OF NURSING EDUCATION, ST.
VICENT'S HOSPITAL, DARLINGHURST, AUSTRALIA; AND DR. JOSE B.
SOCRATES, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
DIVISION, FUND FOR ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE EDUCATION, MAKATI,
RIZAL, THE PHILLIPPINES.