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(HOTEL GROUND BREAKING)

SAIPAN, JAN. 14 (MNS)---A GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY WAS HELD MONDAY AFTERNOON (JAN. 14) ON SAIPAN FOR THE NEW INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL INN TO BE LOCATED SOUTH OF THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL AT MICRO BEACH IN GARAPAN.

THE OCCASSION INCLUDED SHORT REMARKS BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON, MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA, BOB BLACK--OWNER OF BLACK-MICRO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WHICH WON THE BID FOR THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOTEL, AND DAVE M. SABLAN, PRESIDENT OF PACIFIC MICRONESIA CORPORATION, WHO ACTED AS MASTER OF CEREMONIES.

THE FOLLOWING DIGNITARIES PARTICIPATED IN THE ACTUAL GROUND BREAKING OF INTERCONTINENTAL INN SITE: HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIMO NAKAYAMA, MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS DELEGATION TO THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, DEPUTY HICOM PETER T. COLEMAN, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR ADA, MARIANAS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE PRESIDENT VICENTE N. SANCOS, SAIPAN MUNICIPAL MAYOR VICENTE D. SABLAN AND SPEAKER VICENTE CAMACHO OF OF THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

VARIOUS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, PEOPLE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, MEMBERS OF VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE BODIES AND OTHER GUESTS WERE PRESENT TO WITNESS THE OCCASSION. DURING THE CEREMONY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE CORPORATION NOTED THAT THE TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF THE 200-ROOM HOTEL IS MAY OF 1975. THE ADJACENT CONTINENTAL HOTEL IS SET FOR AN OPENING LATER THIS YEAR. TOGETHER, THE TWO HOTELS WILL MORE THAN TRIPLE SAIPAN'S PRESENT HOTEL CAPACITY.

(PLANE CRASH VICTIM OKAY)

SAIPAN, JAN. 15 (MNS)---THE MAN WHO WAS INJURED IN A PLANE CRASH SUNDAY (JAN. 13) ON GOAT ISLAND NOW IDENTIFIED AS ALFONSO REYES OF TINIAN, IS REPORTEDLY IN SATISFACTORY CONDITION AT DR. TORRES HOSPITAL ON SAIPAN, REYES, ALONG WITH THE PILOT AND OWNER OF THE SMALL CESSNA C-150, SERAFIN DELA CRUZ, WERE RESCUED MONDAY AFTERNOON BY A GUAM-BASED HELICOPTER BELONGING TO SENATOR RICARDO BORDALLO AND FLOWN TO SAIPAN FOR TREATMENT.

REYES, WHO WAS INCORRECTLY LISTED IN MONDAY'S MNS NEWS RELEASE AS PEDRO CRUZ, WAS ADMITTED AT DR. TORRES HOSPITAL FOR A BROKEN JAW AND FRACTURED RIBS WHILE THE PILOT OF THE PLANE, DELA CRUZ, WAS TREATED FOR A LACERATION ON THE FORE-HEAD AND RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL.

THEIR SMALL PLANE CRASHED SUNDAY AFTERNOON WHILE ATTEMPTING TO TAKE-OFF FROM UNINHABITED GOAT ISLAND, (AGUIJAN) SOME THREE MILES SOUTH OF TINIAN IN THE MARIANAS. SIX OTHER PERSONS WERE STRANDED ON GOAT ISLAND FOLLOWING THE PLANE CRASH, WHICH WAS PROBABLY CAUSED BY HIGH WINDS OF TROPICAL STORM, WANDA, THAT PASSED NEAR GOAT ISLAND AND TINIAN SUNDAY. PERSONS STRANDED ON GOAT ISLAND INCLUDED: LINO LIZAMA; PETE CRUZ; FRANK CABRERA; JOSE SAN NICOLAS; JOAQUIN BORJA AND JOSE A. VILLAGOMEZ, ALL FROM TINIAN. THEY WERE ALSO TAKEN OFF THE ISLAND BY THE HELICOPTER.

OBSERVERS DESCRIBED THE WRECKED AIRPLANE OWNED BY DELA CRUZ AS A TOTAL LOSS.

(HOME ECONOMIC TRAINEES RETURN TO TT)

SAIPAN, JAN. 15 (MNS)---THREE MICRONESIAN LADIES RECENTLY RETURNED TO THE TRUST TERRITORY FROM SUVA, FIJI, WHERE THEY SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A TEN-MONTH COURSE AT THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION'S COMMUNITY EDUCATION TRAINING CENTER IN HOME ECONOMICS FOR COMMUNITY WORK, ACCORDING TO MRS. HATTIE M. BAKER, TT CO-ORDINATOR OF WOMEN'S PROGRAMS AND FAMILY FOOD DISTRIBUTION. THE PROGRAM WAS HELD FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

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THE RETURNING TRAINEES ARE: JOANNA HACHIGODAL OF YAP, ELSYNER HELLAN OF PONAPE AND NANCY SAKIOS OF TRUK. THEY WERE AMONG THIRTY-TWO OTHER YOUNG LADIES FROM SOUTH PACIFIC NATIONS WHO GRADUATED FROM THE COURSE IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR. WILLIAM ALLEN, CHIEF OF THE TT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, ATTENDED THE COLORFUL GRADUATION CEREMONIES WHERE THE THREE TT GRADUTES RECEIVED CERTIFICATES FROM MRS. MASIOFO FETAUI MATA' AFA, WIFE OF THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE INDEPENDENT NATION OF WESTERN SAMOA.

THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM IS OFFERED ANNUALLY FOR TRAINING STUDENTS IN PRACTICAL WAYS OF USING FAMILY RESOURCES TO REACH SATISFACTORY LEVELS OF HEALTH, SANITATION, FOOD AND NUTRITION, CLOTHING, AND CONSUMER EDUCATION, AS WELL AS DEVELOPING SKILLS WHICH MAY BE USED TO INCREASE INCOME, ACCORDING TO ALLEN.

HE SAID THAT THE MICRONESIAN WOMEN RECEIVED TRAINING IN THE VARIOUS AREAS OF HOME ECONOMICS SUCH AS: HOME FURNISHING, HOME MANAGEMENT, CONSUMER EDUCATION, MATERNAL CARE, CHILD CARE AND FEEDING. ALSO THEY WERE TRAINED IN FAMILY NUTRITION, MEAL PLANNING, FOOD PREPARATION, FIRST AID, COMMUNITY WORK, REMEDIAL ENGLISH, GARDENING, FIELD EXPERIENCES AND EXTENSION METHODS.

ALLEN SAID THE TRAINEES ARE EXPECTED TO WORK FOR THEIR SPONSORING AGENCIES, DISTRICT EDUCATION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OR THEIR COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY, UTILIZING THEIR SKILLS IN TRAINING OTHER LOCAL GIRLS AND WOMEN FOR IMPROVING THEIR HOME AND COMMUNITY.

ACCORDING TO THE TT CHIEF OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, A SIMILAR GROUP FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE JANUARY 26 TO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM AT SUVA, FIJI. THE SPC COURSE BEGINNING THIS MONTH WILL BE ATTENDED BY KINA CHARLES, TRUK; GRADEL FELIX, MARSHALLS; TARO LOMAE, MARSHALLS; JOHANNA LESTAGE AND BERY GUCROL, YAP; AND INES SANTOS OF PALAU. THE TEN-MONTH COURSE WILL RUN THROUGH DECEMBER.