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SAIPAN, OCT. 15 (MNS) --- TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON PRESIDED OVER THE CLOSING CEREMONIES OF THE THIRD TERRITORIAL HOUSING COMMISSION MEETING THURSDAY AFTERNOON (OCT. 17) AT THE SAIPAN CONTINENTAL HOTEL.

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IN BRIEF REMARKS TO THE ASSEMBLED HOUSING COMMISSIONERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER PRAISED THE COMMISSION FOR ITS NOTABLE PROGRESS SINCE ITS CREATION IN APRIL 1973. HE ALSO SINGLED OUT THE DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR ACTIVITIES IN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

JOHNSTON ALSO TRACED THE LENGTHY PROCESS WHICH LED TO THE INCLUSION OF THE TRUST TERRITORY IN U.S. PUBLIC LAW 93-383, "THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974." THE LEGISLATION MAKES THE TRUST TERRITORY ELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL HOUSING ASSISTANCE IN MANY CATEGORIES AND FORMS. HE ENCOURAGED THE COMMISSIONERS TO PURSUE THIS NEWLY AVAILABLE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE. HE ALSO TOLD THEM TO CONTINUE THEIR RESEARCH IN THE USE OF LATERITIC SOILS AND OTHER LOCAL MATERIALS WHICH COULD BE USED IN LOW-COST HOUSING CONSTRUCTION IN THE TERRITORY.

THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION PROVIDED HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON WITH THE OCCASION TO DISTRIBUTE \$95,000 TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT HOUSING AUTHORITIES. THE FUNDING WAS MADE AVAILABLE UNDER PUBLIC LAW 5-99 OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA.

(BONE COLLECTION MISSION)

SAIPAN, OCT. 18 (MNS) --- NINETY JAPANESE BONE COLLECTORS ARRIVED ON SAIPAN THURSDAY (OCT. 17) TO BEGIN RETRIEVING BONES OF JAPANESE WAR DEAD. THIRTY PERSONS FROM THIS GROUP HEADED BY ISAMU KINISHITA, WENT TO TINIAN FRIDAY MORNING TO COLLECT BONES THERE, ACCORDING TO KJQR RADIO NEWS.

THE 1974 GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN GRAVES MISSION BEGAN OCTOBER 15 WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE ADVANCE PARTY FROM JAPAN. HEADING THE MISSION THIS YEAR IS KAZUO MARUYAMA OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE. SUEKAZU HAMANAKA, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE HAPAN BEREAVED FAMILIES ASSOCIATION, AND THE STUDENT BONES COLLECTION MISSION FROM JAPAN ACCOMPANIED MARUYAMA ON THE 15TH.

COORDINATING THE GROUP'S VISIT TO THE TRUST TERRITORY IS MARIANAS DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR DAN AKIMOTO.

ONE OF THE MAJOR ELEMENTS IN THIS YEAR'S BONE RETRIEVAL MISSION, KJQR REPORTS, WILL BE THE EXCAVATION AND THE RECOVERY OF REMAINS FROM A MASS GRAVE OF JAPANESE SOLDIERS WHO WERE BURIED IN THE AREA BETWEEN TANAPAN VILLAGE AND LOWER BASE ON SAIPAN. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT MORE THAN 3,000 JAPANESE SOLDIERS WERE BURIED THERE.

DUE TO THE POSSIBLE DANGER OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE, MARIANAS POLICE CHIEF, ANTONIO BENAVENTE, WHO WILL DIRECT THE BONE MISSION GROUP, AND DEPUTY DISTAD AKIMOTO HAVE ADVISED THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO STAY AWAY FROM THE AREA DURING THE RECOVERY MISSION.

AKIMOTO ALSO SAID THAT MISSION CHIEF MARUYAMA AND TWO OTHERS WILL GO THE ROTA NEXT WEEK TO PARTICIPATE IN A DEDICATION CEREMONY OF THE NEW JAPANESE MEMORIAL THERE. THEY WILL ALSO REPATRIATE THE REMAINS OF TWO JAPANESE FOUND ON ROTA RECENTLY.

THE JAPANESE MEMORIAL ON ROTA WAS CONSTRUCTED THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF DISTAD REP PRUDENCIO T. MANGLONA, MAYOR ANTONIO ATALIG AND THE PEOPLE OF ROTA.

IN ADDITION TO THE COLLECTION AND REPATRIATION OF JAPANESE REMAINS IN THE MARIANAS, JAPANESE BONES HAVE BEEN LOCATED AND REPORTED FROM PELELIU AND ANGAUR IN PALAU DISTRICT, AND IN NGULU ATOLL IN YAP DISTRICT.

A GOVERNMENT MISSION FROM JAPAN WILL BE SENT TO THE TWO AREAS LATER TO COLLECT THE BONES.

THE PRESENT SCHEDULE CALLS FOR THE CREMATION OF BONES FROM NOVEMBER SEVENTH THROUGH THE NINTH NEAR THE JAPANESE PEACE

MEMORIAL IN THE MARPI AREA ON SAIPAN.

THE JAPANESE BONES MISSION WILL RETURN TO JAPAN NOVEMBER 11.

(SEN. FONG TO ARRIVE SAIPAN)

SAIPAN, OCT. 18 (MNS)---HAWAII SENATOR HIRAM FONG IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVED ON SAIPAN SUNDAY (OCT. 20) ABOARD A SPECIAL MILITARY AIRCRAFT.

SENATOR FONG WILL ATTEND A LUNCHEON AT THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL HOSTED BY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON. FOLLOWING THE LUNCHEON, THE HAWAII SENATOR WILL TOUR THE ISLAND WITH THE HICOM AND THEN DEPART THE SAME DAY FOR GUAM.

SENATOR FONG WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON HIS TRIP BY HIS WIFE, AND HIS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTAND.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS INVITED CERTAIN ELECTED LEADERS FROM THE MARIANAS AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA TO THE LUNCH.

THE SENATOR WILL ALSO VISIT PALAU, PONAPE AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS BEFORE RETURNING TO HONOLULU.

(ESO TO ATTEND CHICAGO TRAINING)

SAIPAN, OCTOBER 18 (MNS)---THE TRUST TERRITORY'S SIX EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OFFICERS (ESOS), HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED TO LEAVE NEXT WEEK TO ATTEND A ONE-MONTH COURSE AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT (OSHA) TRAINING INSTITUTE IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. THEY WILL LEAVE THE TT OCTOBER 23, ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT EUSEBIO RECHUCHER.

RECHUCHER SAID THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OFFICERS WILL ATTEND THE BASIC OSHA COMPLIANCE OFFICERS COURSE FOR THREE WEEKS. FOLLOWING THE TRAINING, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO END ON NOVEMBER 22, THE ESOS WILL VISIT THE OSHA AREA OFFICE IN HONOLULU WHERE THEY WILL MEET WITH PAUL F. HAYGOOD, AREA DIRECTOR.

THE GORUP WILL FIRST GO TO SAN FRANCISCO FOR AN INTERVIEW BY THE OSHA ADMINISTRATOR FOR FEGION 9 THERE. THEY WILL ALSO RECEIVE AN ORIENTATION TO THE OSHA PROGRAM. GABRIEL J. GILLOTI, OSHA ADMINISTRATOR IN SAN FRANCISCO WILL INTERVIEW THEM.

THE TRAINING RECEIVED IN THE COURSE WILL FURTHER THE LABOR DIVISION'S COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF TITLE 49 OF THE TRUST TERRITORY CODE WHICH STATES IN PART, UNDER FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, THAT THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WILL "OVERSEE, MONITOR, AND REVIEW THE USE OF ALIEN WORKERS AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING: HEALTH, SAFETY AND OTHERS..."

THE HONOLULU OFFICE IS WHERE MICRONESIA WILL RECEIVE ITS DIRECT ASSISTANCE AND WILL MINITOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OSHA PROGRAMS.

RECHUCHER SAID THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT MICRONESIA HAS EVER RECEIVED FUNDING OR SUPPORT UNDER THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT.

WILLIAM FLORES, OSHA CHIEF FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM, PROVIDED ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE TT LABOR DIVISION IN INAUGURATING THE OSHA PROGRAM IN THE EARLY STAGES IN THE PREPARATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

RECHUCHER NOTED THAT RICHARD BARBAR, CHIEF OF THE LABOR DIVISION, IS THE OVERALL COORDINATOR OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM.

FUNDS FOR THE ESOS TRAINING WERE OBTAINED FROM THE OSHA GRANT.

RECHUCHER NOTED THAT DURING FISCAL YEAR 1976, SIX FULL TIME SAFETY INSPECTORS, ONE FROM EACH DISTRICT, WILL BE HIRED SUBJECT TO U.S. CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING OF THE OSHA ACT.

THE SAFETY INSPECTORS WILL ALSO BE TRAINED IN CHICAGO IN THE BASIC COURSE AND A VARIETY OF OTHER COURSES THAT DEAL WITH

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SPECIFIC SAFETY AND HEALTH FACTORS IN CONSTRUCTION, MARITIME, AND MANUFACTURING.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE AT ITS NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OSHA IN CINCINNATI, OHIO.

THE DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT SERVICES OFFICERS WHO WILL ATTEND THE TRAINING ARE: WILLIAM V. HOFSENEIDER, MARIANAS; VINCENT FIGIR, YAP; FELICIANO E. UDUI, PALAU; PALAU; ZEBEDY TARKWON, MARSHALLS; RICHARD D. ESIKOL, TRUK; AND URIEL T. HADLEY, PONAPE.

REGION 9 COVERS AMERICAN SAMOA, ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, GUAM, HAWAII, NEVADA, AND THE TRUST TERRITORY.

(MAFNAS AWARDED U.N. FELLOWSHIP)

SAIPAN, OCT. 18 (MNS)---DIRECTOR OF FINANCE RONALD A. PETERSON ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK THAT JESUS P. MAFNAS, CHIEF OF THE REVENUE DIVISION, HAS BEEN AWARDED A U.N. FELLOWSHIP BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE ASIAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING IN BANGKOK, THAILAND.

MAFNAS WILL BE ATTENDING THE SEMINAR ON FISCAL, FINANCIAL AND MONETARY POLICIES FOR EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION OF THE ASIAN INSTITUTE FROM OCTOBER 28 THROUGH DECEMBER 6, 1974.

THE REGIONAL SEMINAR IS A JOINT PROJECT OF THE ASIAN INSTITUTE AND THE ASIAN REGIONAL TEAM FOR EMPLOYMENT OF ILO. THE WORLD BANK, WASHINGTON, THE BRITISH OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, LONDON AND THE UNCTAD, GENEVA, WILL ASSIST THE INSTITUTE AND ASIAN REGIONAL TEAM FOR EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION IN ORGANIZING THE SEMINAR.

MAFNAS SAID, "THE PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR IS TO DISCUSS THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, BOTH IN THEORY AND PRACTICE, IN THE FIELD OF FISCAL, FINANCIAL AND MONETARY POLICIES AIMED AT GENERATION OF EMPLOYMENT WITH GROWTH IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ONE WEEK WILL BE SPENT IN THE AREAS OF TAXATION, INCENTIVES AND EMPLOYMENT."

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(THIRD COM DIGEST ISSUE)

SAIPAN, OCT. 18 (MNS)---THE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAS COMPLETED PUBLICATION OF ITS THIRD ISSUE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DIGEST.

THE THIRD ISSUE OF THE DIGEST INCLUDES REMARKS BY SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA AND HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY ON PROGRESS IN MICRONESIA AND THE GOALS MICRONESIA SHOULD LOOK TOWARD FOR A SELF-SUFFICIENT MICRONESIA STATE. IT ALSO CONTAINS SENATE AND HOUSE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED AND ADOPTED DURING THE RECENT FIRST SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FIFTH CONGRESS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES OF THE CONGRESS IN AND OUTSIDE OF MICRONESIA ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS FUTURE STATUS, LAW OF THE SEA, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRAM AND BUDGET PLANNING.

THE DIGEST WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT MICRONESIA, THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIONS, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICES AND TO VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS.