

(SABLAN ON DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA)

SAIPAN, DECEMBER 17 (MNS) ~~74~~ THE ROLE OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN MICRONESIA IS TO STIMULATE SOUND GOVERNMENT AND A COMFORTABLE COMMUNITY IN WHICH TO LIVE, ACCORDING TO SAIPAN BUSINESSMAN DAVID M. SABLAN.

SABLAN MADE HIS REMARKS ON "DIALOGUE FOR MICRONESIA", A HEADQUARTERS TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT (ESG) PROGRAM.

SABLAN OUTLINED SIX "STEPPING STONES" WHICH HE FEELS SHOULD BE FOLLOWED IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THEY ARE: 1) TO ESTABLISH THE GOALS OF AN AREA, 2), TO PROVIDE TRAINING AIMED AT THE GOALS, 3), GOOD DISTRICT PLANNING, 4), ZONING, THAT IS DECIDING WHAT PART OF THE ISLANDS WOULD BE RESERVED FOR HOMES, WHAT PART FOR INDUSTRY, ETC., 5), IMPROVING OR ESTABLISHING LAWS GOVERNING CORPORATIONS, MORTGAGES AND OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITY, AND, 6), MARKETING.

THE SAIPAN BUSINESSMAN COMMENTED ON THE AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES POTENTIAL OF THE IT AND STATED THAT WITH EFFECTIVE

MARKETING, THERE COULD BE ENOUGH FISH AND FARM PRODUCE EVEN FOR EXPORT TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE PACIFIC. STUDIES TO FIND OUT WHAT EACH DISTRICT CAN PRODUCE BEST WOULD LEAD TO MORE EFFICIENT PRODUCTION AND THEN BETTER MARKETING OF THE GOODS, SABLAN POINTED OUT.

A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN HIMSELF, SABLAN NOTED THAT THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA NEED TO KNOW THE POTENTIAL PROFIT THAT CAN COME FROM FARMING AND FISHING.

ASKED ABOUT HOW THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY FEELS ABOUT A POSSIBLE MOVE OF THE T.T. HEADQUARTER FROM SAIPAN TO ONE OF THE OTHER DISTRICTS, SABLAN, A MARIANAS BORN U.S. CITIZEN, ANSWERED THAT HE PERSONALLY IS AGAINST THE MOVE. IT WOULD COST FROM \$48-50 MILLION DOLLARS. THERE IS NO REASON, HE NOTED, THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT CONTINUE TO FUNCTION IN SAIPAN FOR AS LONG AS THE TRUSTEESHIP LASTS. HE INDICATED THAT THE PEOPLE FROM THE MARIANAS WHO ARE PRESENTLY WORKING FOR THE IT GOVERNMENT COULD MOVE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OR IF THEY DIDN'T WANT TO, THEY COULD BE ABSORBED IN THE PRIVATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE MARIANAS.

GAMBLING IN THE MARIANAS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO TOURISTS, ACCORDING TO SABLAN. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE QUESTION IN WHICH HE IS A MEMBER, IS WEIGHING THE PRO'S AND CON'S AND WILL MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATIONS. THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT AS WELL AS THE POSSIBLE RELATION TO INCREASED CRIME IN THE ISLANDS WILL ALSO BE STUDIED.

IN REGARD TO THE INCREASE IN ALIEN LABOR PARTICULARLY IN THE MARIANAS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SAIPAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INDICATED THAT HE WOULD PREFER HIRING MICRONESIANS FIRST, BUT IF THE AREA IS TO JOIN THE MODERN WORLD, THEN SKILLED LABOR MUST BE FOUND FROM ANY AVAILABLE SOURCE.

SABLAN CLOSED HIS REMARKS WITH ONE QUESTION WHICH SHOULD BE OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY: AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMONWEALTH STATUS IN THE MARIANAS, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE IT-WIDE BUSINESSES AND CORPORATIONS PRESENTLY OPERATING IN THE MARIANAS?"

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(FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY)

SAIPAN, DEC. 17 (MNS)---SEVEN BUSINESS PERMITS WERE ISSUED BY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER LAST WEEK, ACCORDING TO A WEEKLY REPORT ON FOREIGN BUSINESS PERMIT ACTIVITY FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE PERMITS WERE ISSUED AUTOMATICALLY UNDER PUBLIC LAW 5-85 WHICH REQUIRES MICRONESIAN CITIZENS MARRIED TO NON-MICRONESIANS WHO ARE DOING BUSINESS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY TO COMPLY WITH THE FOREIGN BUSINESS LAW.

THEY ARE: WAAS SERVICE CENTER--IMPORT, SALES REPRESENTATIVE, INSURANCE AGENT, AND MANAGEMENT ADVISORS IN YAP DISTRICT. ITS OWNER IS WINFRED ROSE GARAKGOG;

MOBIL OIL MICRONESIA, INC.---PROVIDE SHIP FUEL TO VESSELS CALLING AT TRUST TERRITORY PORTS; SUPPLY AVIATION FUEL, BOTH JET AND AVGAS TO AIRCRAFT USING TT AIRPORTS; SET UP PRIVATE RETAIL FRANCHISES TO SELL GASOLINE, DIESEL FUEL, MOTOR OIL, KEROSENE AND RELATED PRODUCTS IN THE TRUST

TERRITORY. ITS LOCAL AGENT IS HIROSI "LUCKY" TARKONG;

MARIANAS GENERAL CORPORATION--TO ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE TOURIST FACILITIES, HOTEL, MOTEL, RENTAL UNITS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND MOTOR VEHICLE RENTALS IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS. JOE SCREEN IS THE LOCAL AGENT;

MICROL CORPORATION,---TO ENGAGE IN A GENERAL AGENCY BUSINESS, INDENT; LAND, AIR AND SEA TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED BUSINESS; INSURANCE AGENCY, CLAIMS ADJUSTING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES. DAVID M. SABLAN IS THE GENERAL MANAGER;

RCA GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS, INCORPORATED,--TO PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE TRUST TERRITORY BY IMPROVING AND EXPANDING EXISTING SERVICES AND THROUGH THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF NEW COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN THE TT. FERMIN QUITUGUA OF SAIPAN IS THE LOCAL AGENT;

AMELCO, INCORPORATED,--WHOLESALE OR RETAIL ELECTRICAL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT. ITS LOCAL AGENT IS SAMUEL AGANA;

AND VAN CAMP OF PALAU DISTRICT--PURCHASING AND STORING FROZEN TUNA FISH FOR TRANSHIPMENT TO AMERICAN SAMOA; TERMINAL ISLAND, CALIFORNIA; AND PONCE, PUERTO RICO AND OPERATION OF TUNA BOATS IN PALAU DISTRICT. ROBERT CARPENTER IS THE GENERAL MANAGER.

(UOG STUDENTS PETITIONS HICOM)

SAIPAN, DEC. 17 (MNS)---SIXTY-SIX UNIVERSITY OF GUAM (UOG) STUDENTS MOST OF THEM FROM TRUK DISTRICT, HAVE SENT A PETITION TO TRUST TERRITORY HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON URGING HIM TO APPOINT FORMER SENATOR ANDON AMARAICH AS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OF TRUK.

SENATOR AMARAICH WAS DEFEATED IN THE RECENT CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA GENERAL ELECTION BY NICK BOSSY IN HIS BID FOR RE-ELECTION.

THE LETTER POINTS OUT THAT SENATOR AMARAICH WAS WELL-KNOWN FOR HIS "GREAT WORK IN PUBLIC SERVICE." HIS CONTRIBUTION AND LEADERSHIP IN THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HAVE MADE HIM "FAMOUS" IN THE TRUST TERRITORY, ACCORDING TO THE LETTER.

"WE WOULD NOT ALLOW THIS FIN POLITICIAN TO RETIRE OR DISAPPEAR FROM THE MICRONESIAN SCENE, ESPECIALLY WHEN OUR COUNTRY IS IN ITS CLIMAX OF DETERMINING WHICH FUTURE STATUS WE MUST TAKE. THEREFORE...WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR ADMINISTRATION TO KINDLY CONSIDER APPOINTING ANDON AMARAICH TO THE POSITION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR IN TRUK DISTRICT. WE BELIEVE THAT MR. AMARAICH HOLDS ALL THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS POSITION, ASIDE FROM HIS LONG GOVERNMENT SERVICES ON BOTH THE DISTRICT AND TRUST TERRITORY LEVELS," THE LETTER STATES.

COPIES OF THE PETITION HAVE BEEN SENT TO: SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA; HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY; TRUK DISTRICT LEGISLATURE SPEAKER KOICHI SANA; TRUK DEPUTY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR MITARO DANIS, AND SENATOR AMARAICH.