

Mr. Shoda

Marianas

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Shoda Replaces Dela Cruz

SAIPAN - Carlos A. Shoda who was recently appointed by Saipan Mayor Vicente D. Sablan to fill a vacant seat in the Marianas District Legislature was sworn into office at the opening of the February 20 MDL session by President Vicente N. Santos and has assumed full duties as a legislative member.

Shoda was selected to replace Ignacio T. Dela Cruz who resigned his seat on February 11. Dela Cruz stated in his resignation letter to President Santos that he is now a full-time student at the University of Missouri and thus unable to fulfill his obligations as a legislative member.



*Mr. Carlos Shoda-MDL
newly appointed member*

Pedro T. Nakatsukasa who was a leading vote gatherer for the Popular Party in the last election sent a letter to Mayor Sablan asking why he was not consulted concerning the selection of a replacement for Dela Cruz. He stated that "I have no quarrel with your selection, but as a matter of principle, based on party lines, I feel that I should have been not only consulted, but given the liberty to express my desire."

Mayor Sablan indicated that Shoda was chosen because of "his past experience in public affairs and his public spirit in the welfare of all the people in our community."