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(TT DELEGATES TO ATTEND ECAFE)

SAIPAN, MARCH 15 (CONGRESS RELEASE) --- A TRUST TERRITORY DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE THE TT NEXT WEEK TO ATTEND THE 30TH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE FAR EAST (ECAFE) AT COLOMBO, SRI LANKA, FORMERLY KNOWN AS CEYLON. 11
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SENATOR AMATA KABUA WILL HEAD THE DELEGATION AS THE OFFICIAL TRUST TERRITORY REPRESENTATIVE AND CONGRESSMAN SASAUO HARUO AS THE ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE. ALSO INCLUDED IN THE TT DELEGATION ARE SENATE PRESIDENT TOSIWO NAKAYAMA, HOUSE SPEAKER BETHWEL HENRY, CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL KALEB UDUI AND SPECIAL CONSULTANT TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER DWIGHT HEINE WHO WILL SERVE AS ADVISERS.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL ATTEND AN ECAFE MEETING AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER. LAST YEAR, SPEAKER HENRY AND LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL UDUI ATTENDED ECAFE'S 29TH MEETING WHICH WAS HELD IN TOKYO, JAPAN. THE SPEAKER WAS ACCREDITED AS PART OF THE U.S. DELEGATION AT THE TOKYO MEETING.

IT WAS DURING THE TOKYO MEETING THAT THE TT'S APPLICATION FOR AN ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP IN ECAFE WAS SUPPORTED AND LATER APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS (ECOSOC).

THE MEETING AT COLOMBO WILL RUN FROM MARCH 27 THROUGH APRIL 8. AT THE SESSION, MEMBERS OF THE TT DELEGATION WILL ALSO MEET WITH ECAFE PEOPLE CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING AN ECAFE SHIPPING CONSULTANT TO STUDY SHIPPING IN THE TRUST TERRITORY AND WILL ALSO MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE ASIA DEVELOPMENT BANK.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ECAFE MEETING, PRESIDENT NAKAYAMA, SPEAKER HENRY AND DWIGHT HEINE WILL RETURN TO MICRONESIA.

THE REST OF THE DELEGATION CONSISTING OF SENATOR KABUA, LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL UDUI AND REPRESENTATIVE HARUO WILL THEN TRAVEL TO INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA TO STUDY FOREIGN INVESTMENT, AGRICULTURE, FUSHERIES AND SHIPPING. THEY WILL REMAIN IN MALAYSIA UNTIL APRIL 25 FOR THE BEGINNING OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE ASIA DEVELOPMENT BANK'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IT IS PLANNED THAT DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER PETER T. COLEMAN, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BANK OF MICRONESIA, WILL ALSO ATTEND. THEY WILL RETURN TO THE TRUST TERRITORY ON APRIL 30.

ECAFE IS A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS TECHNICAL RESOURCES AND ASSISTANCE IN ALL FIELDS INCLUDING MINING, TIMBER RESOURCES, SHIPPING, PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF PRODUCE, DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES INCLUDING MINERALS AND FISH. IT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASIA DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) AND TO BE A MEMBER OF ADB, ONE MUST BE A MEMBER OF ECAFE. THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA IN ITS RECENT SESSION ADOPTED HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 77 ASKING THE U.S. TO SPONSOR THE TRUST TERRITORY IN THE ASIA DEVELOPMENT BANK.

A PARTIAL LIST OF ECAFE MEMBERS INCLUDES: COOK ISLANDS, FIJI, GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS COLONY, HONG KONG, INDONESIA, JAPAN, NAURU, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, THAILAND, UNITED STATES, USSR, UK, TONGA, WESTERN SAMOA, AND THE BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS. 07514

(DEDICATION CEREMONIES FOR ROTA AIRPORT)
SAIPAN, MARCH 15 (MNS) --- DEDICATION CEREMONIES
THE COMPLETION OF WORK ON ROTA AIRPORT WERE HELD THURSDAY

(MAR. 14), ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT.

ON HAND TO WITNESS THE SPECIAL CEREMONIES WERE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING, COORDINATION AND INSPECTION ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT. ALSO DEPUTY DISTAD OF THE MARIANAS, DAN E. AKIMOTO, PARTICIPATED IN THE CEREMONIES ON BEHALF OF THE MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION. BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER, DIGNITARIES FROM COMNAV MARIANAS WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE CEREMONIES. SPEAKERS DURING THE CEREMONIES APPLAUDED THE REHABILITATION AS A "MAJOR STEP TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROTA'S GROWING AGRICULTURE PROGRAM." THEY ALL AGREED THAT WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE 5,000-FOOT RUNWAY, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM ROTA CAN READILY REACH MARKETS ON GUAM OR SAIPAN.

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, THE PROJECT WAS SLOWED BY ABOUT A 14-DAY LAYOFF DUE TO A FUEL SHORTAGE DURING DECEMBER AND JANUARY, AND MORE TIME WAS LOST WHEN FOUR WORLD WAS II BOMBS WERE DISCOVERED IN THE CONSTRUCTION AREA.

A 12-MAN SEABEE TEAM, WHICH HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROJECT, IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE THE FINAL WORK ON THE FULL LENGTH OF THE STRIP IN ABOUT A WEEK, IT WAS REPORTED. THE TEAM, HEADED BY POLC JOHN PARAMETER, HAS BEEN WORKING ON THE PROJECT SINCE DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR.

(LANDS AND SURVEYS CONFERENCE)

SAIPAN, MARCH 15 (MNS)---LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICERS FROM ALL SIX DISTRICTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY TOGETHER WITH SENIOR LAND COMMISSIONERS AND DISTRICT SURVEYORS WILL BE ON SAIPAN NEXT WEEK TO ATTEND THE SIXTH TT LANDS AND SURVEYS CONFERENCE, ACCORDING TO KOZO YAMADA, HEADQUARTERS CHIEF OF THE LANDS AND SURVEYS DIVISION.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE CONFERENCE WILL DISCUSS THE EFFECT ON THE VARIOUS LANDS AND SURVEYS OFFICES WHICH WILL BE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE PENDING TRANSFER OF PUBLIC LANDS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY TO THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS, AND THE EFFECTS THE CHANGE IN POLICY WITH RESPECT TO THE LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN INVESTMENTS IN THE TRUST TERRITORY WILL HAVE ON THE VARIOUS LAND OFFICES OF THE TERRITORY. ALSO, A TECHNICAL DISCUSSION OF THE PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED IN APPLYING THE UNIFORM RELOCATION AND REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION POLICIES ACT OF 1970 TO MICRONESIA IS SCHEDULED.

EMMETT M. RICE, LAND LAW EXAMINER FOR THE TT, EXPLAINS THAT THIS PARTICULAR LAW, PASSED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS IN 1970, PROVIDES FOR COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DISPLACED FROM THEIR LANDS OR ARE DEPRIVED OF OTHER PROPERTIES BECAUSE OF FEDERAL PROJECTS.

RICE POINTS OUT THAT THE TT IS INCLUDED IN THE ACT; THEREFORE TT CITIZENS CAN CLAIM MONEY, WHERE APPLICABLE, FOR NEW HOUSES, RENT, OR FOR THE LOSS OF BUSINESSES OR FARMS IF THE CIRCUMSTANCES FALL WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ACT.

REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF PUBLIC LANDS TO THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS, YAMADA INDICATES THAT THIS MAY TAKE SOME YEARS, BECAUSE THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA DURING THE LAST SESSION DID NOT ACT ON A BILL WHICH WOULD HAVE GIVEN THE DISTRICT LEGISLATURES THE AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE RECEIVERS OF PUBLIC LANDS AND HOLD THEM IN TRUST FOR THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE FROM THE MARSHALLS WILL BE: LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICER, LEE WAYMAN AND GILSTER DE BRUM, ACTING DISTRICT SENIOR LAND COMMISSIONER. PARTICIPANTS FROM PONAPE DISTRICT INCLUDE: FRANK LG. CASTRO, SENIOR LAND COMMISSIONER; LAND COMMISSIONER SANTIAGO SOAB; TATASI

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YAMAGUCHI, LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICER; AND IOP LOHETE, DISTRICT SURVEYOR.

FROM TRUK DISTRICT: MILLARO HOWE, LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICER; KACHUO MEFY, DISTRICT SURVEYOR; TOSIO IRONS, SURVEYOR; AND ACTING SENIOR LAND COMMISSIONER, KEIKO EZRA. YAP DISTRICT WILL SEND MICHAEL ALLEN, DISTRICT LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICER; ROBERT GREEN, SENIOR LAND COMMISSIONER; GEORGE RODRIQUEZ, ACTING DISTRICT SURVEYOR; AND HAROLD TEMME, SURVEYOR.

PARTICIPANTS FROM PALAU DISTRICT: ELLSWORTH YOUNG, LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICER; ICHIRO DINGILUIS, LAND COMMISSIONER; TARO NGIRAINAS, DISTRICT SURVEYOR; AND IDESIAR TECHUR, REALTY SPECIALIST.

MARIANAS DISTRICT PARTICIPANTS INCLUDE SENIOR LAND COMMISSIONER ROBERT HUSTON; FELIPE RUAG, LAND COMMISSIONER; ELMER GAY, ACTING LAND MANAGEMENT OFFICER; AND BEN SONGSONG, ACTING DISTRICT SURVEYOR.

IN ADDITION TO NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT EUSEBIO RECHUCHER AND YAMADA, OTHER KEY STAFF MEMBERS OF THE LANDS AND SURVEYS DIVISION AT HEADQUARTERS WILL ATTEND THE CONFERENCE. FOLLOWING OPENING REMARKS WHICH WILL BE GIVEN BY DEPUTY HICOM PETER T. COLEMAN, THE CONFERENCE WILL HEAR FROM VARIOUS GUEST SPEAKERS, INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM PUBLIC WORKS PLANNING DIVISION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

MARIANAS DISTAD FRANCISCO C. ADA OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE WILL GIVE WELCOMING REMARKS.

(DR. CAMACHO RECEIVES DEGREE)

SAIPAN, MARCH 15 (MNS)---MARIANAS DISTRICT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES DR. JOSE CHONG HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ONE OF THE DOCTORS ON HIS STAFF, DR. CARLOS S. CAMACHO, RECENTLY COMPLETED AN 18-MONTH GRADUATE COURSE OF STUDY IN PUBLIC HEALTH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, FOLLOWING WHICH HE WAS AWARDED A MASTERS DEGREE IN PUBLIC HEALTH.

DR. CAMACHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM IN THE MARIANAS, AND SINCE HIS RETURN FROM THE HAWAII SCHOOL HE HAS STRENGTHENED ALL THE PROGRAMS AND INITIATED NEW PROGRAMS IN PUBLIC HEALTH TO PROVIDE IMPROVED HEALTH CARE TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS, DR. CHONG SAID IN MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

DR. CAMACHO, 37, IS FROM SAIPAN, BUT ATTENDED PONAPE ISLANDS CENTRAL SCHOOL. HE IS A GRADUATE OF THE FUJI SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND HAS ATTENDED SEVERAL TRAINING SEMINARS SPONSORED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION IN ADDITION TO HIS RECENT TRAINING IN HAWAII. (NOTE TO EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS: HEALTH SERVICES HAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THE FACT THAT OPERATIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE DESCRIBED IN OUR MARCH 13 STORY SLUGGED "COMPLICATED SURGERY PERFORMED IN PONAPE" HAVE BEEN PERFORMED PREVIOUSLY IN THE MARIANAS, AND POSSIBLE IN OTHER DISTRICTS. THUS THESE OPERATIONS, WHILE NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHICH REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES IN HEALTH CARE FOR PONAPE DISTRICT, SHOULD NOT BE DESCRIBED AS THE FIRST IN MICRONESIA. MNS REGRETS THE ERROR.)

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Micronesia's Future

Negotiations over the future status of Micronesia, the United Nations trust islands in the Pacific, have taken a new turn.

It used to be that Micronesian leaders were pressing for an early settlement while the U.S. was holding back. Now it is the other way around.

The U.S. in the past year has shown itself ready to strike a deal, but the Micronesians now are maneuvering for more time.

SENATOR Lazarus Salii, chief negotiator, seemed to have made a deal more than a year ago, but was asked by the Congress of Micronesia to go seek another. He was close to another agreement late last year when the Micronesians broke off the talks, claiming the U.S. was offering an inadequate future subsidy.

This month, Salii suggested to the Congress of Micronesia what the real trouble may be. He said a general lack of political awareness still hampers the people of Micronesia from making a meaningful choice of a future political status.

America has indicated it is willing to help in that area, too.

Interior Secretary Rogers Morton in his Jan. 22 Message to Micronesia promised the U.S. will support both a Constitutional Convention and a greatly expanded program of education for self-government.

He spoke of the next three years as a decisive turning point in Micronesia's history, and implied a U.S. desire to see matters settled no later than that — meaning by the end of the Nixon administration.

Morton also offered to return public lands to control of the six local districts — the Marianas, Yap, Palau, Truk, Ponape and the Marshalls. And he said Micronesia can be opened to foreign business investment starting April 1, though the U.S. will still retain a case-by-case veto over the issuance of business permits.

"The right to self-determination is yours," Morton said in his message. At the moment America seems more active than Micronesia in pressing for the decision.

Sen. Salii has responded by suggesting 1981 should be the target date for complete self-government in Micronesia in a phased movement from a constitution to be effective in 1977.

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