

(TWO APPOINTED TO TT HEALTH COUNCIL)

SAIPAN, MARCH 20 (MNS)---HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON HAS RECENTLY APPOINTED TWO NEW MEMBERS TO THE TRUST TERRITORY HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL, ACCORDING TO TT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES, DR. MASAO KUMANGAI.

APPOINTED TO THE COUNCIL ARE DR. OLTER PAUL OF PONAPE AND PEDRO IGITOL, DEPUTY CHIEF, PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AT HEADQUARTERS. THIS BRINGS TO 21 THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS SERVING ON THE COUNCIL.

PAUL, A DENTIST BY PROFESSION, WAS FORMERLY A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA. HE WAS APPOINTED TO REPRESENT THE HEALTH SERVICES CONSUMERS FROM PONAPE ON THE COUNCIL, WHILE IGITOL WAS APPOINTED AS A MEMBER-AT-LARGE.

THE TT HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE HICOM AND THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE OF MICRONESIA.

THE COUNCIL MEETS FOUR TIMES A YEAR. IT CAN ALSO HOLD SPECIAL MEETINGS IF NECESSARY TO DISCUSS URGENT PROBLEMS. THE INCUMBENT PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL IS DR. ANTONIO GOLBUU WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES IN YAP DISTRICT.

(ADA TO HONOLULU)

SAIPAN, MARCH 20 (MNS)---~~MARIANAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR FRANCISCO C. ADA IS CURRENTLY IN HONOLULU THIS WEEK AS PART OF THE MARIANAS CONTINGENT MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR FRANKLIN HAYDN WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT NIXON'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MICRONESIAN STATUS TALKS TO SET A TIMETABLE FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION AND THE U.S. NEGOTIATORS. ADA WILL BE IN HONOLULU FOR ABOUT A WEEK, KJQR RADIO REPORTS.~~

MEMBERS OF THE MARIANAS GROUP WHO ARE MEETING WITH THE U.S. AMBASSADOR IN ADDITION TO DISTAD ADA ARE SENATOR EDWARD DLG. PANGELINAN AND LEGISLATURE PRESIDENT VICENTE N. SANTOS, CHAIRMAN AND CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE MARIANAS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION RESPECTIVELY.

MARIANAS DISTRICT PLANNING OFFICER TOM SHEEHAN AND LANDS AND SURVEYS LAW EXAMINER EMMETT RICE ARE ALSO TAKING PART IN THE DISCUSSION IN HONOLULU.

(KEJU TRANSFERRED TO HEADQUARTERS)

SAIPAN, MARCH 20 (MNS)---BOBO KEJU HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT COOPERATIVE/CREDIT UNION ADVISER AT THE HEADQUARTERS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, ACCORDING TO CHARLES M. SICARD, CO-OP/CREDIT UNION ADVISER.

KEJU IS FROM THE ISLAND OF NEJIT IN THE MARSHALLS AND HE HAD BEEN WORKING FOR MANY YEARS FOR THE KWAJALEIN EMPLOYEES' CREDIT UNION, BEFORE JOINING THE TT GOVERNMENT AS AN ASSISTANT CREDIT UNION ADVISER.

KEJU IS A GRADUATE OF MCKINLEY HIGH SCHOOL IN HAWAII AND ALSO ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII FOR A YEAR, MAJORING IN BUSINESS.

HE RECENTLY COMPLETED A SPECIAL TRAINING PROGRAM WITH THE CREDIT UNION NATIONAL ASSOCIATION WHICH INVOLVED TRAVEL THROUGH THE DISTRICTS OF THE TT, AUDITING THE BOOKS OF THE VARIOUS CREDIT UNIONS.

SICARD SAID KEJU WILL BE MORE INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM, AND HE WILL EVENTUALLY TAKE OVER ITS MANAGEMENT.

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(DR. RAO ARRIVED SAIPAN)

SAIPAN, MARCH 20 (MNS)---DR. NUTULAPATY U. RAO, CONSULTANT FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, ARRIVED SAIPAN LAST SATURDAY (MARCH 16) TO BEGIN TEACHING A SPECIAL TRAINING COURSE FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS, ACCORDING TO DR. MASAO KUMANGAI, TT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES.

THE COURSE IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD APRIL 1ST THROUGH THE 26TH, AND IT WILL BE ATTENDED BY TWO CANDIDATES FROM EACH DISTRICT OF THE TT. (THEIR NAMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.)

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN FOR HEALTH SERVICES, THE COURSE IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HEALTH SERVICES. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE TRAINING IS TO IMPROVE WATER TREATMENT OPERATORS' SKILLS IN MAINTAINING A HIGH LEVEL QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER IN MICRONESIA.

DR. RAO PLANS TO VISIT EACH DISTRICT TO ASSIST THE WATER OPERATORS AND THEIR SUPERVISORS WITH PROBLEMS PECULIAR TO THE WATER SUPPLY OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS.

DR. RAO HOLDS A PH.D DEGREE IN MICROBIOLOGY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, AND AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE HAS ORGANIZED, CONDUCTED, AND DIRECT TRAINING COURSES FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS THROUGHOUT INDIA, AS WELL AS IN VIETNAM.

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