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(JOHNSTON ADDRESS THE JAPAN-HAWAII ECONOMIC COUNCIL)

SAIPAN, APR. 15 (MNS)---THE EVER-LOUDER TICKING OF CONSTANT PROGRESS AND CHANGE IN MICRONESIA IS IN RHYTHM WITH THE RELENTLESS COUNTDOWN TOWARD THE EVENTUAL DAY OF SELF-GOVERNMENT--"TIME WHEN THE MICRONESIANS WILL BE IN COMMAND OF THEIR POLITICAL DESTINY, AND OF THEIR ECONOMIC DESTINY," HIGH COMMISSIONER EDWARD E. JOHNSTON SAID IN OPENING HIS ADDRESS TO THE JAPAN-HAWAII ECONOMIC COUNCIL HELD MONDAY, (APR. 11). IN KYOTO, JAPAN. AND, HE ADDED, "MICRONESIANS ARE BEGINNING TO REALIZE, THAT THE BELL TOLLING THE DAY OF SELF-GOVERNMENT WILL RING HOLLOW UNLESS THERE IS A VIABLE ECONOMIC BASE TO ENABLE THEM TO FULLY ASSUME THEIR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES."

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HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON SAID THE EFFORTS OF THE MICRONESIAN PEOPLE, THEIR CONGRESS, AND THEIR ADMINISTRATION, ARE FOCUSED ON GROWTH AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN THE CREATION OF A SOLID FOUNDATION UPON WHICH THIS GROWTH CAN TAKE PLACE, HE SAID. JOHNSTON ADDED, "THE PLACING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE--THE ROADS, THE AIRPORTS, THE WATER SYSTEMS, THE POWER, THE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, THE DOCKS, THE WAREHOUSES, THE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM--HAS BEEN ACCELERATING AT A GEOMETRIC RATE OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS."

NOTING THE SERIES OF BUDGET HEARINGS HELD BEFORE THE U.S. CONGRESS RECENTLY BY THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT AND THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, JOHNSTON INDICATED THAT A PLAN WAS SUBMITTED TO THE U.S. CONGRESS BY PRESIDENT FORD TO PROVIDE AT LEAST \$145 MILLION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO COMPLETE A BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE BETWEEN FY-1975 AND 1980.

CONCERNING TOURISM, HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON INDICATED THAT THE NUMBER OF JAPANESE VISITORS CONTINUES TO RISE AT A RATE OF 25 PER CEN A YEAR REPRESENTING OVER 50 PER CEN OF ALL THE TOURISTS WHO COME TO MICRONESIA. "CERTAINLY THEY MUST BE FINDING THE RELATIVELY LOW-COST AIR FARE, OUR TROPICAL ISLAND ATTRACTIONS AND MICRONESIAN HOSPITALITY A PLEASANT ALTERNATIVE TO MORE EXPENSIVE DESTINATIONS MORE DISTANT FROM JAPAN," HE SAID.

HIGH COMMISSIONER JOHNSTON SPOKE ABOUT THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA-CREATED MICRONESIA DEVELOPMENT BANK (MDB) WHICH IS HEADED BY THE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER. "ITS OBJECTIVES, HE SAID, "INCLUDE THE MOBILIZING OF ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FROM ANY SOURCE; THE PROVIDING OF LOANS FOR ECONOMIC PROJECTS; PROVIDING EQUITY CAPITAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND FOSTERING ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS."

ALREADY, THE MICOM CONTINUED, A RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) WHICH MEANS MORE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER SERVICES FOR THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE FIRST TWO UNDP PROJECTS INVOLVE PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMPUTER CENTER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, HE ADDED.

JOHNSTON SAID THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS HAS APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB). "THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK'S RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT LOANS AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING GIVES US ONE MORE TOOL FOR ACHIEVING OUR LONG-RANGE OBJECTIVES," HE ADDED. HE POINTED OUT THAT A DELEGATION FROM THE TRUST TERRITORY, INCLUDING BOARD MEMBERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, WILL BE ATTENDING THE ADB BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING IN MANILA FROM APRIL 24 TO 26.

REGARDING THE AGREED UPON EX GRATIA PAYMENTS BY JAPAN FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE MICRONESIAN WAR CLAIMS, JOHNSTON SAID THAT "THESE FUNDS ARE USED IN A SYSTEM WHICH PREVENTS A DRAIN ON THE FOREIGN RESERVES OF JAPAN, PROVIDES THE TRUST TERRITORY WITH DESIRED GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS AND ALLOWS THE ACTUAL CLAIMS TO BE PAID IN DOLLARS." THE TRUST TERRITORY GOVERNMENT EARMARKED FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS FROM

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THE ACQUISITION OF TUNA BOATS AND SCHOOL BUSES, TO MARICULTURE AND RICE RESEARCH PROJECTS, ACCORDING TO JOHNSTON. HE SAID, "INSTEAD OF PURCHASING THESE ITEMS OR CONTRACTING FOR THESE SERVICES DIRECTLY, WE DEAL WITH JAPANESE FIRMS THROUGH BIDS SUBMITTED BY SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS SUMITOMO TRADING COMPANY, THE SANKYO TRADING COMPANY, AND NANYO BOEKI KAISHA, LIMITED." THE TRADING COMPANY AWARDED THE CONTRACT IS PAID IN YEN FROM THE TAIYO KOBE ACCOUNT AND THE TRUST TERRITORY DESPOSITS A DOLLAR EQUIVALENCY WITH THE MICRONESIAN WAR CLAIMS ACCOUNT," HE ADDED.

"ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE PROJECTS BY THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND OTHER HAWAII INSTITUTIONS AND INVOLVEMENT OF NUMEROUS HAWAII FIRMS IN TRUST TERRITORY PROJECTS HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN OUR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT," THE MICOM CONTINUED.

JOHNSTON NOTED THAT IN RECENTLY PASSED RESOLUTIONS, THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA ANTICIPATE THE NEED FOR \$35 TO \$40 MILLION IN DEVELOPMENTAL CAPITAL OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. ONE RESOLUTION BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA REQUESTS THE HIGH COMMISSIONER TO INVITE JAPANESE EXPERTS TO PROPOSE PROJECTS THAT JAPAN AND THE TRUST TERRITORY CAN PARTICIPATE IN, JOINTLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF MICRONESIA. "WE CERTAINLY INVITE THE BUSINESSMEN OF JAPAN AND OF HAWAII TO CONTINUE THEIR INTEREST IN MICRONESIA AND TO FEEL FREE TO VISIT US OR WRITE US OF THEIR SPECIFIC INTERESTS," JOHNSTON SAID.

WITH REGARD TO THE FOREIGN INVESTORS PERMIT ACT OF 1970, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER INDICATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT DESIGNED IMPLEMENTED POLICIES TO ENCOURAGE THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN, OR ANY OTHER NATION, TO JOIN MICRONESIAN PROJECTS ON A PARTICIPATING BASIS; TO ENCOURAGE JOINT VENTURES; TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF THE MICRONESIANS; AND TO ADHERE CLOSELY TO THE WISHES OF THE DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARDS. "I MIGHT ADD THAT THE DESIRES OF EACH DISTRICT ARE PARAMOUNT AND THEY CAN BE VERY STRICT IN APPROVING PERMITS," JOHNSTON SAID.

"AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, THEY WANT TO BE ASSURED THAT MICRONESIANS WILL BE EMPLOYED AND TRAINED; THEY WANT TO SEE OFFICE FACILITIES ESTABLISHED IN THE DISTRICT; THEY WANT A PERCENTAGE OF STOCK AVAILABLE FOR MICRONESIANS; THEY ARE INTERESTED ONLY IN LEASING LANDS NOT SELLING THEM; AND THEY ARE CONCERNED OVER THE CULTURAL IMPACT OF NEW INVESTMENTS ON THEIR COMMUNITIES," HE ADDED. "ONE IS IN THE PROCESSING OF RAW MATERIALS. ANOTHER IS IN TOURISM RELATED ENTERPRISES," HE SAID.

"THE TALK OF A SUPERPORT IN PALAU FOR TRANSHIPPING OF OIL HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE GEOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGE OF MICRONESIA IN CERTAIN SELECTED CASES. WHETHER THIS PROJECT EVER COMES TO PASS OR NOT, IT DEMONSTRATES THAT MICRONESIA'S STRATEGIC LOCATION IS NOT ONLY MILITARY BUT ECONOMIC AS WELL," JOHNSTON ASSERTED.

IN CLOSING HIS ADDRESS JOHNSTON SAID, "SO, AS THE COUNTDOWN CONTINUES TOWARDS THE MOMENT OF SELF-GOVERNMENT, THE ECONOMY OF MICRONESIA IS STEADILY TICKING TOWARDS READINESS FOR TAKE-OFF. IT HAS THE TOURIST POTENTIAL, FISHING POTENTIAL, AGRICULTURAL POTENTIAL AND THE POTENTIAL OF ITS PEOPLE. THE TIME IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING FOR THE ADDED INFUSION OF PRIVATE CAPITAL TO MAKE THAT TAKE-OFF POSSIBLE."

(TENORIO REBUTS OLOPAI'S CHARGES)

SAIPAN, APRIL 15 (MNS)---MARIANAS SENATOR PEDRO A. TENORIO HAS ACCUSED ABEL R. OLOPAI, ACTING PRESIDENT OF

THE UNITED CAROLINIAN ASSOCIATION (UCA), OF "DELIBERATELY AND UNFAIRLY MISLEADING" THE CAROLINIANS BY IMPLYING THAT THE COVENANT PROVIDES THAT CHAMORROS OR "ONLY PERSONS OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS DESCENT WILL BE ABLE TO OWN LAND, AND THIS CERTAINLY DISQUALIFIES CAROLINIANS."

TENORIO WAS REFERRING TO OLOPAI'S STATEMENTS IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PACIFIC DAILY NEWS LAST WEEK.

IN A LETTER REACTING TO OLOPAI'S CHARGES, TENORIO CONTINUED, "YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT YOUR STATEMENT IS DISTORTED AND ERRONEOUS." HE ASSURED OLOPAI THAT "NORTHERN MARIANAS DESCENT INCLUDES CAROLINIANS AS WELL AS CHAMORROS." HE SAID HE DOES NOT BELIEVE OLOPAI MADE THE STATEMENT BECAUSE HE "MISUNDERSTOOD THE PROVISION OF THE COVENANT," BUT HIS STATEMENT "IS DELIBERATE AND CALCULATED WITH THE INTENTION OF CONFUSING YOUR PEOPLE."

"YOUR RECENT EFFORTS TO PUT UP A 'BOMB SCARE' TO YOUR PEOPLE CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT YOU ARE AGAINST YOUR PEOPLE MAKING AN INTELLIGENT DECISION TO CHOOSE THEIR FUTURE AND FURTHER, THAT YOU DO NOT WANT UNDERSTAND THE PROVISIONS OF THE COVENANT..." TENORIO TOLD OLOPAI.

THE MARIANAS SENATOR MAINTAINS THAT THE UCA POLITICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM "IS DESIGNED WITH A MALICIOUS INTENT TO UNDERMINE THE PLEBISCITE," UNLESS IT CAN BE SHOWN THAT UNBIASED DISCUSSION IS CARRIED ON AMONG THE CAROLINIAN PEOPLE.

CONCERNING OLOPAI'S CHARGES THAT TENORIO "DECEIVED" THE CAROLINIAN PEOPLE BY BREAKING CAMPAIGN PROMISES AND TURNING "TRAITOR", TENORIO REMINDED OLOPAI THAT HE WAS ELECTED INTO OFFICE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND AS SUCH, "MY RESPONSIBILITY IS NOT LIMITED TO YOU AND THE CAROLINIAN PEOPLE BUT TO THE ENTIRE POPULATION INCLUDING THOSE WHO DID NOT VOTE FOR ME."

"I DO NOT BELIEVE," CONTINUED TENORIO, "THAT I OWE YOU OR ANY MINORITY OR MAJORITY GROUP ANY PARTICULAR FAVOR NOR DO I BELIEVE THAT I SHOULD BE FOREVER INDEBTED FOR ANY SUPPORT FROM ANY GROUP."

"I DID NOT MAKE ANY DEAL," HE ADDED, "THAT ONCE ELECTED, I WOULD BE TWISTED AND MANIPULATED BY ANY GROUP MAY THAT GROUP BE CHAMORRO OR CAROLINIAN."

REGARDING OLOPAI'S SUGGESTION FOR TENORIO TO APOLOGIZE TO THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP, THE FRESHMAN SENATOR SAID THAT HIS STATEMENTS TO THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP "REMAIN IN FORCE" UNTIL THE CONGRESS AGREES TO STAY OUT OF "OUR LOCAL AFFAIRS, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY."

TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT, THE 34 YEAR-OLD SENATOR REMINDED OLOPAI THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS DO NOT ENDORSE THE FREE ASSOCIATION STATUS NEGOTIATED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND DO NOT INTERFERE WITH THE WISHES OR POLITICS OF THE OTHER DISTRICTS.

"THE CONGRESS LEADERSHIP OWES THE MARIANAS PEOPLE AN EXPLANATION FOR ITS MOST IRRESPONSIBLE AUTHORIZATION OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO SABOTAGE THE PLEBISCITE," TENORIO DECLARED.

PERTAINING TO WHAT HE CALLED "IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS" MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OSCAR C. RASA AND JOSE P. MAFNAS ABOUT EMPLOYMENT PRIVILEGES THE U.S. CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE MARIANAS WOULD ENJOY IF THE COVENANT IS APPROVED, TENORIO STATED THAT "THESE TWO GENTLEMEN EITHER DID NOT READ THE COVENANT OR THEY ARE PLAYING IT DUMB TO STIR UP OUR TEACHERS."

CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANAS WILL NOT IMMEDIATELY BECOME U.S. CITIZENS AFTER THE COVENANT IS APPROVED BY BOTH SIDES, TENORIO SAID THAT THE

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TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT MAY TAKE FIVE YEARS OR LONGER AFTER THE PLEBISCITE. THIS MEANS, EXPLAINED TENORIO, THAT THE MARIANAS RESIDENTS WILL STILL BE TTPI CITIZENS AND WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY FULL PREFERENTIAL EMPLOYMENT STATUS.

(ROCKEFELLER'S REPS VISIT PALAU)

KOROR, APR. 15 (MNS)---DR. PHILIP HELFRICH OF THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION RECENTLY VISITED PALAU TO LOOK AT THE DISTRICT'S FISHERIES PROGRAMS.

HELFRICH, WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR LIVING AQUATIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT, WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS ASSISTANT, STEPHEN RITTERBUSH. THE CENTER IS FUNDED BY THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION AND IS BASED IN HAWAII. ITS MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES IN THE PACIFIC AND ASIA.

WHILE IN PALAU, DR. HELFRICH AND RITTERBUSH MET WITH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR THOMAS REMENGESAU, THE MARINE RESOURCES OFFICER, THE PALAU FISHING AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE STAFF OF THE MICRONESIAN MARICULTURE DEMONSTRATION CENTER.

IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PALAU FISHING AUTHORITY, DR. HELFRICH SAID THE CENTER IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE PACIFIC AND ASIA AND HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE LAST JANUARY. WHILE THE CENTER CAN ASSIST IN FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT IN MICRONESIA, HELFRICH SAID THAT BECAUSE THE CENTER IS STILL IN ITS ORGANIZATIONAL STAGE HE WAS NOT PROMISING IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO MICRONESIA.

HE EMPHASIZED TO THE AUTHORITY THE NEED AND USEFULNESS OF THE MICRONESIAN MARICULTURE CENTER FOR THE FUTURE OF MICRONESIA'S FISHERIES. "THE DEMONSTRATION CENTER'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT IN MICRONESIA CANNOT BE MEASURED NOW BUT WILL BE SELF-EVIDENT IN THE YEARS TO COME. IN ORDER FOR THE CENTER TO BE SUCCESSFUL, THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF MICRONESIA MUST GIVE IT SUSTAINED SUPPORT," HELFRICH SAID.

HELFRICH SAID THAT HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE CENTER'S EXPERIMENTS WITH THE RABBITFISH AND THE CENTER HAS DONE BETTER THAN HAWAII'S EXPERIMENTS WITH THE SAME FISH.

HELFRICH ADDED THAT THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION MIGHT BE ABLE TO OFFER IN THE FUTURE FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO YOUNG MICRONESIANS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN FISHERIES.

(EEL SURVEY REPORT COMPLETED)

PONAPE, APR. 11 (MNS)---A LENGTHY REPORT ON THE EEL SURVEY CONDUCTED RECENTLY ON PONAPE BY KOJI OZAKI OF THE JAPAN HAIBARA EEL COMPANY IS NOW AVAILABLE, ACCORDING TO WSZD REPORTER PAULINO PASLE.

THE "LONG FIN" EEL FOUND IN PONAPE IS CALLED "UNAGI OR KANIKUI UNAGI",--A JAPANESE TERM, PABLO REPORTED. ITS YOUNG ARE BORN IN THE NORTHERN PART OF NEW GUINEA. THE PONAPE ADULT EELS LAY THEIR EGGS IN ONE HUNDRED TO TWO HUNDRED FEET DEEP SEAWATER ABOUT TWENTY MILES OFF THE EASTERN PART OF BORNEO, PABLO INDICATED.

THE JAPANESE COOK THE EELS BY EITHER SMOKING, BROILING OR FRYING WITH LEMON. THEY CONSIDER THE LONG FIN EDIBLE, BUT BECAUSE OF ITS LOOKS, THEY PREFER NOT TO EAT IT.

THE SURVEY REPORT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE PONAPE MARINE RESOURCES OFFICE.

(DITA AIZAWA HONORED AT EAC)

THATCHER, ARIZ. APR. 15 (MNS)---DITA AIZAWA, A FRESHMAN AT EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE, THATCHER, WAS INITIATED INTO EAC'S PHI-THETA KAPPA CHAPTER AT A BANQUET ON APRIL 19.

DITA, A 1974 GRADUATE OF TRUK HIGH SCHOOL, IS THE DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS. MANUEL AIZAWA.

PHI THETA KAPPA IS THE NATIONAL JUNIOR COLLEGE HONOR SOCIETY, AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE HONORARY FRATERNITY IS BY INVITATION AND A MAINTENANCE OF AT LEAST AN A-GRADE AVERAGE WHILE CARRYING A MINIMUM OF 12 CREDIT HOURS PER SEMESTER.

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