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# GVB Seeking Talks With JAL President

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Talks aimed at spurring a decision by the U.S. Civil Aeronautics Board (CAB) to award the long-pending Saipan-Tokyo route to an American carrier is being sought by the Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB).

Robert Jones, board chairman for the GVB, said yesterday that he and Gov. Ricky Bordallo agree on an idea to set up an appointment with Japan Airlines (JAL) President Shizuo Asada to seek the beginning of regularly scheduled flights between Tokyo and Saipan.

But JAL, although holding a confirmed approval from the United States to fly the route has not begun scheduled flights because the carrier is awaiting the designation of an American airline to fly the same run.

Three carriers, Pan American World Airways, Continental and Northwest Orient -- are vying for the route.

Jones said that "as far as the GVB is concerned, Guam and

Saipan will complement each other once JAL begins flights. The airline has made charter flights to Saipan.

"With this in mind," Jones stated, "GVB should go ahead and push JAL to begin regular runs -- maybe it'll get the CAB off their duffs."

Jones asked Taro Kanai, JAL's Guam regional manager and a GVB director, to coordinate with his airline's Tokyo office in setting up a meeting with Asada to take place during the visit to Japan of a GVB group for the opening of GVB's Tokyo office scheduled Jan. 24.

It was reported that a delegation of about six including Bordallo would be good for the meeting.

In other Japan-trip business, Promotion Manager Bert Unpingco informed the board that five Chamorro women have agreed to join the already-approved \$15,000 event.

Those to attend the opening as "Chamorro hostesses" are Consolacion Castro, 1975 mother

of the year; Veronica Perez, a retired teacher and former principal and Dolores Camacho, a "long-time dancer and entertainer," Unpingco said, adding that Camacho is 79 years old. Rosita Susuki Perez and Julia Tydingco, both retired teachers and former school principals, also attend.

Also making the trip will be Marianas district Administrator Frank Ada and another Trust Territory government official, a representative from the Guam Youth Congress, GVB directors and four staff members, six entertainers, Sens. Tommy Tanaka, Jim Underwood and possibly Speaker Joe Ada, Unpingco said.

In other agenda business, an additional \$1,895.10 was approved to have 40,000 Guam maps printed in English and 60,000 in Japanese. The maps prepared by Garrison & Associates, will be printed in Hong Kong for \$12,680.10.

Director of Commerce Dave Tuncap, a GVB board member, informed the GVB that Chamorro music now is piped through speakers at Guam International Air Terminal. He added that construction in expanding the departure section and transient lounge is nearing completion with only finishing touches left. Lights and painting soon will be applied to the new front portion of the terminal, he reported.

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