

RADIO SAIPAN JOINS BROADCAST SYSTEM

SAIPAN, M.I. (MAR 24)...The fifth in a series of six radio broadcast stations in the Trust Territory will formally begin programing in Saipan at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 27, according to a District announcement.

Call letters of the new 1,000 watt station have been established as KJQR and operates on an assigned frequency of 1350 kilocycles.

Like its sister stations in Majuro, Ponape, Truk and Palau radio Saipan is a non-commercial government station operated by and for the people of the Trust Territory.

Studio facilities and antenna for station KJQR are located at Micro Beach, Saipan, Mariana Islands.

Residents of Saipan have been invited to tour the station facilities on Saturday morning from 11 to 11:30 while a live interview program is carried out on the grounds of the studio.

A traditional ribbon cutting ceremony is to be held at 11:30 which will formally mark the start of station programing. High Commissioner Goding and members of a visiting Economic Development Commission from Guam are expected to take part in the ceremony.

KJQR, with its 1,000 watts of power, is expected to carry news, entertainment and educational programs which will reach all of the islands in the Marianas.

The station management and members of the broadcast staff have pledged themselves to do all within their power to make KJQR a vital link in the future of all people in the Marianas District.

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Clarence Takeuchi, Adult Education Supervisor, has been given temporary charge of the new broadcast station pending complete takeover by the District Public Affairs Section. He said he expects to carry out limited programming for about one month with steadily increasing hours of operation until a full broadcast day is achieved.

Electronics Technicians Jimmy Gima and Vic Borja installed the new 1,000 watt Gates transmitter and associated broadcast equipment at the station. They also worked for several days in completing full testing of the equipment to ensure a high level of transmission quality throughout the Mariana Islands.

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