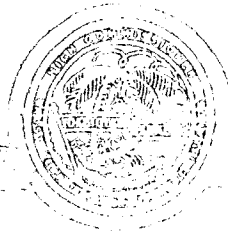


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PRE-SESSION CONFERENCE OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CONVENES

SAIPAN, M.I. (June 28)...The pre-session conference of the Congress of Micronesia opened today in Saipan.

This conference has been arranged by the Trust Territory with the Institute of Technical Interchange, East-West Center, University of Hawaii, to provide advisory services to Micronesian legislators in various techniques and procedures of legislation.

Following welcoming remarks by High Commissioner Goding, Dr. Y. Baron Goto, Vice Chancellor of the Institute of Technical Interchange, explained the nature and purposes of this pre-Congress meeting. In order to help the new legislators acquaint themselves with legislative procedures and to provide them with tools to attack their new problems, the Institute of Technical Interchange is conducting field training for the officers of the new Congress and supporting legislative staff as well as district legislative bodies and the supporting staff for these bodies.

According to Dr. Goto, the intent of the Institute of Technical Interchange is merely to advise on techniques of holding a congress. It is up to the members of the Congress of Micronesia to decide in what way to take advantage of the Institute's experience and technical knowledge, Dr. Goto explained.

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Members of the Institute of Technical Interchange who are working with the Congressmen include: Dr. Norman Meller, Professor of Political Science at the University of Hawaii, Project Director; Mr. Tom Dinell, Director/Researcher, Legislative Reference Bureau, University of Hawaii; and Thomas P. Gill, former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, now Director of the Hawaii State Office of Economic Opportunity.

The Congress of Micronesia will convene in Saipan on July 12.

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