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Saipan, Mariana Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Feb. 10 . . . Doctors from each of the six districts of the Trust Territory are attending a refresher course in clinical medicine, which began February 6 on Saipan, Mariana Islands.

The conference is jointly sponsored by the East-West Center, Honolulu, and the Trust Territory Field Training Interchange in Medical Information and Surgical Techniques.

Program Director for the East-West Center is Mr. Richard Suehiro. Trust Territory Acting Director of Public Health Luke A. Howe, M.D., and Dr. Arobati Hicking, special assistant to the director, are coordinating the program for the Trust Territory Interchange.

Drs. Ngas Kansou, Rafael Moonfell and Nobuo Swei are representing Truk District at the conference; Antonio Golbuu and Simeron Jim, Yap; Lomisan Ngirailild, Roy Yalap and Minoru Ueki, Palau; Alexander Panuelo, Burton Jano, Aminis David and Eliwel Pretrick, Ponape; Tregar Ishoda, Ezra Riklon and John Iaman, Marshalls.

The following doctors from the Marianas are attending the meetings when they are not on duty at the hospital: Jose L. Chong, Jose T. Villagomez, Benusto R. Kaipat, Jose D. Torres, Calistro C. Cabrera, Bernard You and Tom Haverbush, M.D.

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Drs. Hiroshi Ishmael (Truk), Isaac Lanwi (Marshalls), Carlos S. Camacho (Marianas) and Francisco T. Palacios (Marianas) are members of the Congress of Micronesia and are attending the meetings when time permits.

Visiting specialists from Hawaii are: Francis Terada; M.D., obstetrician -gynecologist, private practioner; Richard K. Blaisdell, M.D., chairman and professor of medicine, School of Medicine, University of Hawaii; Benjamin C.K. Tom, M.D., surgeon and private practitioner, and Stanley W. Wright, M.D., professor of pediatrics, School of Medicine, University of California, Los Angelos.

Dr. Jacob A. Brody, Chief, Epidemiology Branch of the National Institute of Neurologic Diseases and Blindness, Bethesda, Maryland, traveled to Saipan to lecture last Wednesday.

The refresher course consists of lectures and discussions on clinical medicine and is expected to last through February 17.

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