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WHAT: WHIAAPI Guam Community Tour and Regional Conference
WHEN: Thursday, April 3 – Friday, April 4, 2014
WHERE: Community Tour: various sites throughout Guam | Regional Conference: Guam Community College
WHO: 75-100 philanthropic, business, community, and federal/local government leaders
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BACKGROUND:

The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (WHIAAPI), in coordination with Payu-ta and federal agencies, will host a Community Tour and Regional Conference with leaders in the U.S. Associated Pacific Island Jurisdictions from April 3-4, 2014. Payu-ta is the umbrella organization of non-profits on Guam that have initiated the gathering of non-profits in Micronesia, Hawaii and American Samoa for the last 3 years during their annual congress. The purpose of the Community Tour and Regional Conference is to strengthen the understanding and appreciation of the unique conditions that Pacific Islanders in Micronesia face in their quest for good health, quality health care, affordable housing, and employment and training opportunities, amongst other issues.

PARTICIPANTS:

Participants of the Community Tour and Regional Conference include 75-100 federal and local government officials, as well as community-based, business, and philanthropic leaders. Representatives from the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) and the Council of Micronesian Chief Executives (CMCE) will also be invited. APIL's membership is comprised of policymakers from Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), American Samoa, Hawaii, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Kiribati and Nauru. The CMCE includes the Governors of Guam and the CNMI, and the Presidents of the FSM, Palau and the Marshall Islands.

Confirmed Federal Leaders

1. Dr. Madhulika Agarwal, Deputy Under Secretary for Health for Policy and Services, VA
2. Kiran Ahuja, Executive Director, White House Initiative on AAPIs
3. Seiji Hayashi, Chief Medical Officer, Bureau of Primary Health Care, HRSA
4. Chris James, Assistant Administrator, Office of Native American Affairs, SBA
5. Mark Johnston, Acting Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD
6. Benjamin Palacios, Member, Advisory Committee on Minority Veterans, VA
7. Lillian Sparks, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, HHS
8. Jason Tengco, Advisor on Community Engagement, White House Initiative on AAPIs

Invited Federal Leaders

1. William H. Bentley, Associate Commissioner, Family and Youth Services Bureau, HHS
2. Tracey Betts, Director, Honolulu Regional Benefit Office, VA
3. William F. Dubbs, Acting Director, VA Pacific Islands Healthcare System, VA
4. Dr. Nadine Gracia, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Minority Health and Director, Office of Minority Health, HHS
5. Chris J. Kanazawa, State Director, Hawaii State Office, Rural Development, USDA
6. Lisa Loosli, Director, Office of Minority Health Resource Center, HHS
7. Mark Mitsui, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges, Department of Education
8. George Mui, Global Business Consultant, Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce

9. Kristen H.L. Oleyte, Senior Advisor, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Insular Areas, Interior
10. Barbara Poppe, Executive Director, USICH
11. Eric M. Seleznow, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Employment and Training Administration, DOL
12. Eileen Sobek, Acting Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, DOI
13. Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, EPA
14. John Walmsley, Committee Chair, Federal Regional Council Region IX Outer Pacific Committee, FRC/HHS
15. Carol Watson, Deputy Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities

Confirmed Government, Philanthropic, and Community Leaders

1. Jeffrey Caballero, Executive Director, Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
2. Kathy Ko Chin, President & CEO, Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
3. Bernadita Grajek, Chair, Payuta Board of Directors and Executive Director, Guma Mami, Inc.,
4. Jay Merrill, Vice Chair, Payuta Board of Directors and Executive Director, Center for Micronesia Empowerment
5. Sarah Thomas-Nededog, CEO/Secretariat, Payuta, Inc., and Vice President, WestCare Pacific Islands

Invited Government, Philanthropic, and Community Leaders

Lisa Hasegawa, Executive Director, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development
 Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement
 Pacific Island Philanthropy Connection

Guam:

Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, Governor of Guam
 Honorable Judith WonPat, Speaker, Guam Legislature
 Honorable BJ Cruz, Vice Speaker, Guam Legislature
 Diana Calvo, Secretary, Payuta Board of Directors and Executive Director, Catholic Social Services
 Theresa Arriola, Treasurer, Payuta Board of Directors and Project Administrator, Pa'a Taotao Tano
 Dr. Julie Ulloa Heath, President, Micronesia Youth Services Network (MYSN)
 Mildred Lujan, Executive Director, Sanctuary, Inc.
 Kathleen Benavente, President, Foster Families Association
 Kimberlee Kihleng, Executive Director, Guam Humanities Council
 Kelly Jensen, Project Coordinator, WestCare Pacific Islands
 Dr. Mary Okada, President, Guam Community College
 Dr. Robert Underwood, President, University of Guam
 James Gillan, Director, Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services
 Benito Servino, Director, Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities
 Manuel Cruz, Director, Department of Labor
 Alfredo Antolin, Director, Agency for Human Resource Development
 Rey Vega, Director, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (formerly Guam Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse)
 John Unpingco, Director, Guam State Office on Veterans Affairs

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI):

Honorable Eloy Inos, Governor of the CNMI
 Esther Muna, CEO, Commonwealth Health Center Corporation
 John O. Gonzales, President, Marianas Association of Non Governmental Organizations
 Frances Sablan, Vice President, Marianas Association of Non Governmental Organizations
 Honorable Felicidad Ogumoro, Chair, CNMI Women's Council
 Honorable Jovita Taimanao, Vice Chair, CNMI Women's Council
 Florine Hofschneider, Executive Director, CNMI Women's Council

Republic of Palau:

Honorable Tommy Remengesau, President, Republic of Palau
 Santy Asanuma, Chair, Board of Directors, American Red Cross, Palau chapter

Maura Gordon, Chair, Board of Directors, Palau Conservation Society

Federated States of Micronesia:

Honorable Manny Mori, President, Federated States of Micronesia
Cindy Mori, Chamber of Commerce, Advisor to Women's Council, Moen, Chuuk
Regina Regeital, Yap, FSM
Atty. Marstella Jack, Advisor, Pohnpei Women's Council
Maria Maddison, Republic of the Marshall Islands
Veronica Wase, Republic of the Marshall Islands

Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL):

1. American Samoa

Honorable Gaoteote Palaie Tofau, President, The Senate, *"The Fono"*
Honorable Savali Talavou Ale, Speaker, *"The Fono"*

2. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Honorable Paul A. Manglona, President, The Senate, Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature
Honorable Joseph Deleon Guerrero, Speaker, House of Representatives, Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

3. FSM State of Chuuk

Honorable Mark Mailo, President, The Senate, Fourth Chuuk State Legislature
Honorable Innocente Oneisom, Speaker, House of Representatives, Fourth Chuuk State Legislature

4. FSM State of Kosrae

Honorable Gibson Siba, Speaker, Kosrae State Legislature

5. FSM State of Pohnpei

Honorable Peter Lohn, Speaker, Pohnpei State Legislature

6. FSM State of Yap

Honorable Henry Falan, Speaker, Yap State Legislature

7. Island of Guam

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D., Speaker, Guam Legislature

8. Republic of the Marshall Islands

Honorable Donald F. Capelle, Speaker, "The Nitijela", Parliament of the Marshall Islands

9. Republic of Palau

Honorable Elias Camsek Chin, President, The Senate, 8th Olbiil Era Kelulau, Palau National Congress
Honorable Sabino Anastacio, Speaker, House of Delegates, 8th Olbiil Era Kelulau, Palau National Congress

10. State of Hawaii

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, President, The Senate, Hawaii State Legislature
Honorable Joe M. Souki, Speaker, House of Representatives, Hawaii State Legislature

11. Republic of Kiribati

Honorable Taomati Iuta, Speaker, Parliament of Kiribati

13. Republic of Nauru

Honorable Ludwig Scotty, MP, Speaker, Parliament of Nauru

PRELIMINARY AGENDA:

Monday, March 31, 2014: Departure from Washington, DC

Flight Option #1: United Airlines #1549

Depart: Washington, DC (DCA)
Monday, March 31 @ 5:45am
Arrive: Houston, TX (IAH)
Monday, March 31 @ 8:22am
Total time: 22 hours 15 min

Connecting Flight: United Airlines #0201

Depart: Houston, TX (IAH)
Monday, March 31 @ 9:45am
Arrive: Guam (GUM),
Tuesday, April 1 @ 6:00pm

Flight Option #2: American Airline #0175

Depart: Washington, DC (DCA)
Monday, March 31 @ 6:10am
Arrive: Tokyo, Japan (NRT)
Tuesday, April 1 @ 1:55pm
Total time: 25 hours 35 min

Connecting Flight: United Airlines #0197

Depart: Tokyo, Japan (NRT)
Tuesday, April 1 @ 5:00pm
Arrive: Guam (GUM)
Tuesday, April 1 @ 9:45pm

Tuesday, April 1, 2014: Arrival in Guam

Hotel Accomodations

Guests will be staying at the Westin Resort Guam:
105 Gun Beach Road, Tumon, Guam, 96913
(671) 647-1020
[Website Link](#)
Government Rate: ~\$159 per night

Wednesday, April 2, 2014: Free Day

Representatives can set up their own meetings or explore Guam.

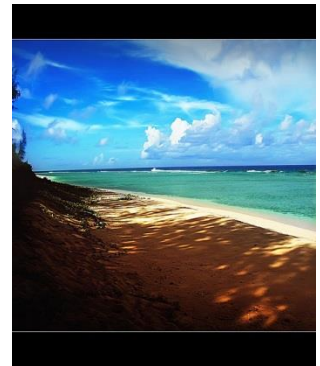
Recommended Sites for the Guam First-Timer



History/Beautiful View: **Fort Nuestra Senora de la Soledad** was one of the last Spanish Forts constructed in the 19th Century in support of the Spanish Galleon trade. Sitting on a cliff, Fort Soledad has a commanding view of the bay and all ocean approaches. The Fort was restored in 1995 and today the cannon of Fort Soledad still points out over the Pacific Ocean and Umatac Bay where Magellan landed in 1521 to make the first contact between Guam and the West.



Nature: **Ritidian Beach** is widely considered by locals to be Guam’s most beautiful beach. Ritidian Point contains the archaeological site of a pre-Magellan Chamorro village, a former barrier reef that is now a 500-foot limestone cliff and beaches where threatened green sea turtles nest. This area is the only designated critical habitat in Guam because it is home to some of the last confirmed populations of the Mariana fruit bat, Micronesian Kingfisher, Mariana Common Moorhen and Mariana Crow.



Culture: Adjacent to the Boat Basin is the **Chamorro Village** or farmer's market. The Spanish colonial-style buildings house local entrepreneurs, who participate in the economic activity of the island, and concurrently, help preserve the culture through the marketing of local talent and craftsmanship. Predominant among the market shops are restaurants with Asian-influenced cultural delicacies. Fresh fish, fruits, vegetables, plants & flowers, desserts and treats, and betelnut are also sold by farmers. Every Wednesday night from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., the Village features ancient cultural dances, reggae and live bands, demonstrations by master crafters, costumes and

exhibitions by Guam's youth under quaint settings. The Guam Museum Satellite, aquarium, and petting zoo are also located there.

Thursday, April 3, 2014: Guam Community Tour

The Community Tour will include several stops, including a HUD-funded homeless project or low income public housing area, social service and health centers, schools, sites dedicated to economic development, and specialized programs funded by federal agencies. Participants will meet with service providers and community members at various locations and dialogue on education, health, housing, labor, social, environmental, economic development, and other issues. This tour will provide participants with an understanding of Guam from the community's perspective, providing leaders of different sectors an opportunity to see how various grants and programs are benefitting the Pacific Islands.

Topics for Discussion:

1. Career and Technical Education
2. Economic Development
3. Environment
4. Health Equity
5. Housing and Homelessness
6. Migration
7. Military Buildup
8. Veterans Services

Potential Stops:*

Guam Community College

Guam Community College (GCC) is solely responsible for the administration and implementation of career and technical education activities within Guam. GCC is the state education agency and the local education agency for Career and Technical Education. GCC's president serves as the State Director for Career and Technical and Adult Education.

University of Guam

The University was founded as the Territorial College of Guam in 1952. Since then, it has maintained its accreditation by the Senior Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. In 1972, UOG became a U.S. land-grant institution. UOG offers a wide range of degree programs and professional development opportunities that meet the needs of Guam's dynamic island society and the surrounding region.

Hurão Academy

Hurão Academy is one if not the first Chamoru Immersion Schools that focus on the teaching of Chamoru language and Self-identity on Guam. Hurão was founded in June 2005 as a non-profit organization. Its mission is to promote and perpetuate the Chamoru language and culture for the past, present and future generations of children through the implementation of immersion community programs and the development of educational materials and any other related areas that support this mission.

Guam Department of Public Health and Social Services

The Guam Office of Minority Health's mission is to achieve health equity for the people of Guam by eliminating health disparities in Guam through the provision of culturally and linguistically competent services.

Catholic Social Service

Catholic Social Service is a non-profit organization that provides housing and supportive services to homeless families and homeless individuals. CSS conducts intake and assessment activities for its various shelter programs especially for elderly, persons with disabilities and persons with mental illness. CSS conducts outreach activities through fund drives and community events.

Guam Community-Based Outpatient Clinic

The purpose of the Community Based Outpatient Clinics is to provide primary health care to eligible veterans using available resources. Primary health care means nonemergent care for veterans with stable chronic health problems or minor acute illnesses.

Guma' Mami, Inc.

Guma' Mami provides supportive services in a residential and community setting to help enable individuals to live as full members of their communities. It is the mission of Guma' Mami, Inc. to facilitate the full inclusion and integration of adults with intellectual disabilities and other disabilities into their communities through individual and family supports.

Guam Economic Development Authority

The Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) is a public corporation (12GCA Chapter 50) with broad responsibility for the centralized direction, control and supervision of an integrated plan for the economic development of Guam. GEDA's mission is to develop a sound and sustainable economy through innovative programs that preserve and promote local culture, economic opportunities and quality of life.

Guam Chamber of Commerce

The Guam Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit voluntary association of business and professional individuals and firms united in their desire to improve business and build a better social and economic community on Guam. The membership of the Chamber is predominantly drawn from the business community.

Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center

It is the intent of the Guam PTAC to provide services needed to ensure that Guam Small Businesses are competitive in the local and federal marketplace. Partnerships are being developed to expand technical assistance to small businesses. The center is staffed with trained professionals in business and government and is hosted by the University of Guam School of Business and Public Administration.

Bank of Guam

2012 marked the 40th Anniversary of the Bank of Guam. Now with a network of 24 branches and over 80 ATMs throughout the Western Pacific, the Bank of Guam has consistently proven itself to be a successful, dynamic organization with the sophistication to handle the most complex of its customers' domestic and international financial needs.

Guam Visitors Bureau

As Guam's tourism agency, GVB uses its research, industry and marketing expertise to develop and implement the island's strategic tourism marketing plan. GVB is responsible for supporting programs to promote and develop Guam as a safe and satisfying destination for visitors and to derive maximum benefits for the people of Guam.

Center for Micronesian Empowerment

The Center for Micronesian Empowerment (CME) board, though based in Guam, is comprised of members of various Freely Associated State communities including the Consuls-General for the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau.

**The Tour will conclude with a reception at a local venue.*

Friday, April 4, 2014: Guam Regional Conference at Guam Community College

Participants will convene to discuss the general state of affairs and conditions related to specific focus areas. The goal of the Regional Conference is to draw more attention to the significant disparities affecting Pacific Islanders and to fulfill WHIAAPI's Executive Order mandate to increase access to federal programs for underserved AAPIs. The conference will consist of presentations by federal, community, and philanthropic leaders, and will culminate in a plan of action and policy recommendations to be considered for incorporation into [WHIAAPI's Agency Plans](#). Many of these efforts will also culminate in a report out by agencies at a WHIAAPI Administration-wide conference in May 2015.

Draft Agenda*

*A media roundtable may also be scheduled during the Regional Conference.

8:00am Registration and Breakfast

9:00am Welcome

Presenters:

Bernadita Grajek, Chairwoman, Payu-ta, and Executive Director, Guma' Mami, Inc.
Sarah Nededog, CEO/Secretariat, Payu-ta, and Vice President, WestCare Pacific Islands
Dr. Mary Okada, President and CEO, Guam Community College

9:15am Keynote Remarks

Presenters:

Kiran Ahuja, Executive Director, White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

9:45am Pacific Island Panel

This panel includes representatives from Guam, American Samoa, CNMI, Republic of Palau, FSM, and RMI. Presenters will provide an overview of their jurisdictions and also describe the needs of their respective communities.

11:15am Break

11:30am Social Services and Migration Panel

Federal representatives will present reflections from Thursday's Community Tour and will share important federal resources that are available to the territories.

Presenters:

Mark Mitsui, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Community Colleges, Department of Education
Lillian Sparks, Commissioner, Administration for Native Americans, HHS
Representatives TBD

12:30pm Lunch

1:30pm Economic Development Panel

Federal representatives will present reflections from Thursday's Community Tour and will share important federal resources that are available to the territories.

Presenters:

Chris James, Assistant Administrator, Office of Native American Affairs, SBA
George Mui, Global Business Consultant, Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce
Representative, Department of the Interior
Representatives TBD

2:30pm Community as a Resource Panel

Representatives from various community-based organizations will provide an overview of their work and share important resources and services available to the territories.

Presenters:

Jeffrey Caballero, Executive Director, Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations
Kathy Ko Chin, President & CEO, Asian & Pacific Islanders American Health Forum

Lisa Hasegawa, Executive Director, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development
Antonio Meloto, Founder, Gawad Kalinga
Representative, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement
Representative, Pacific Island Philanthropy Connection

- 3:30pm** **Break**
- 3:45pm** **Town Hall and Resolutions**
- 4:45pm** **Closing Remarks**
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CONCLUSION:

There has seldom been a gathering of diverse federal officials, policy makers, chief executives and non-profit leaders in the Pacific Island region. Additionally, WHIAAPI has not hosted a convening outside of the continental United States that focuses on a number of issues related to disparity and inequality, lack of access to services, and improvement of health, educational and social standing for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders, and this will serve as an opportunity for participants to collaborate on these issues.

Your participation and leadership acknowledges the important collective role that the federal government, community-based organizations, private sector leadership, and philanthropy can play by collaborating with Pacific Islander leaders to address significant challenges in the Pacific region.