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## PEOPLE

**Hon. GOV Leon Guerrero & Hon. Lt. GOV Tenorio** at the upgraded **United Airlines Lobby** flanked by UA's **Tammy Castro & Sam Shinohara**



The new and improved upgraded United Airlines Check-in Experience was officially unveiled on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. See more on p.3

## PLACES

The place to be is **CEBU** and the way to get there is via **Philippine Airlines (PAL)**



**CONGRATULATIONS** Philippine Airlines on the long-awaited, much-anticipated, CEB-GUM-CEB Service, with the Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> inaugural arrival of PR#120 and send off of PR#121. See more on p.4

## EVENTS

**United Airlines Fantasy Flight** takes off to the **North Pole**



United Airlines annual Fantasy Flight took off on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> with a bunch of excited kids and families, headed to Santa's workshop in the North Pole (South Ramp). See more on p.7

The Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) is a self-sustaining autonomous government agency, charged with the mission to ensure the safety and security of the traveling public, maintain superior and reliable level of airport services, and support the development of air services and facilities which are integral to the island's economic growth.



## PASSENGER FLIGHT NETWORK (For JANUARY 2026)



HNL - UA201/200 Daily  
 HND - UA849/848 Daily  
 NRT - UA874/828 Daily until Jan. 13  
     - UA827/873 Daily  
     - UA197/196 Daily  
     - UA865/864 Mon & Fri/Tue & Sat  
 KIX - UA150/151 Daily ops Wed/Sat  
     ETA@0720/ETD@1555  
 NGO - UA136/137 Sun, Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri  
 MNL - UA184/183 Daily Wed & Sat ETA@0625  
 ROR - UA158/157 Mon, Wed, Thur, Sun/Mon,  
     Tue, Thu, Fri  
     - UA193/192 Wed, Sat/Thu, Sun  
     (UA193 return as UA156  
     ETA@0625 on Wed/Sat & will  
     depart as UA183 ETD@1955  
     on Tue/Fri  
 SPN - UA076/174 Daily, ETA@1035 on Sun/Tue,  
     Thu & Sat  
 TPE - UA166/165 Wed & Sat  
 TKK - UA133/132 Thu & Sun/Wed & Sat;  
     ETA@1635 on Sun &  
     ETD@0930 on Sat  
     - UA154/155 Tue & Fri/Mon & Thu  
 PNI - UA 176/176 Mon/Sun  
 Yap - UA186/185 Wed & Sun/Tue & Sat



MNL - PR110/111 Daily  
 CEB - PR120/121 Wed, Fri, Sun



ICN - KE417/418 Daily  
     - KE415/416 Daily



ICN - LJ917/918 Daily  
 PUS - LJ921/922 Daily



KIX - TW509/510 Daily



ICN - RS101/102 Daily



PUS - BS614/613 Daily



NRT - JL941/942 Daily



ROP - 3401/4301 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri



## Ribbon Cutting Officially Opens United Airline's New Ticket Lobby



United Airlines (UA) officially unveiled their refreshed check-in and ticket counter lobby with a ribbon-cutting event at the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport on Monday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. The new upgrades have transformed the passenger experience with the installation of 15 new next-generation check-in kiosks that guarantee efficiency, along with bag drop lanes and upgraded customer service counters. They newly-installed flooring and lighting fixtures complement the overall look with the UA branding that is consistent with all UA counters at major UA hubs at airports around the world. The new lobby experience is an increase in expediency with United's new high-efficiency kiosks which are up to 55% faster than the previous models, designed to save customers time during check-in allowing customers to check in, change seats, print bag tags, and take care of many other travel management details. Both Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio were on hand for the ribbon-cutting event and lauded UA for their continued investment in Guam and our travel/tourism industry. Board Chairs of both GIAA and GVB, Brian Bamba and George Chiu echoed the sentiments and thanked the airlines for yet another improvement upping our traveller experience game here on Guam. Sam Shinohara, United's Managing Director of Airport Operations in Asia-Pacific, shared that passengers should be able to now enjoy a seamless check-in experience, utilizing faster technology that will shorten the wait time so travelers can quickly be on their merry way.





## PAL Launches New Air Service Between Guam & Cebu



Philippine Airlines (PAL) proudly launched its service between Cebu and Guam on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. PR120 departed Cebu at 9:40 pm and arrived on Guam on Wednesday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:25 a.m. to a warm Hafa Adai welcome, which included a water salute spray on the aircraft upon blocking in at Gate 17, and then the passengers were greeted with a gift bag by early morning enthusiastic greeters from GIAA and GVB. The passengers on PR12, the returning flight that same morning from Guam to Cebu, were treated to coffee, light refreshments and a departing gift bag. A short gate event was held before the 5:15 am departure for arrival in Cebu at 6:50 am. Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Senator Jesse A. Lujan, Mayor & GVB Director Robert Hofmann, GIAA Chairman Brian Bamba, GIAA Vice Chairman Bic Sobti, GVB President/CEO Régine Bisco Lee were all on the arriving Cebu flight and made it back to Gate 17 to send off the departing passengers at the departure gate ceremony. Many thanks were extended to the PAL delegation gathered at the gate, notably, Leonard Bryan U. Sansolis, PAL Regional



Head for Japan, Korea, & Oceania, and Jeselyn Yu, President & CEO of Goodwind Development Corp., the parent company of PAL's General Sales Agent, Goodwind Travel and Tour. Governor Leon Guerrero shared the cultural similarities of both Guam and Cebu and how this service will be a great benefit to our communities. Sen. Lujan shared some insights of the hard work over the years that led to this point and his appreciation to all those who were engaged in the process. GIAA Chairman Bamba and GVB Director Hofmann closed out the speeches with more thanks and appreciation before the official ribbon was cut. **CONGRATULATIONS and BIBA, Philippine Airlines and the new CEBU-GUAM route!**





## UA Announces New Aircraft Coming in the New Year

At the Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> unveiling of the United Airlines new check-in lobby, Sam Shinohara, United's Managing Director of Airport Operations in Asia-Pacific, also shared that the first of their Boeing 737 MAX 8 arrive by February 2026. The airline's plan is to have its Guam fleet of Boeing 737-800s replaced by the end of next year. The new aircraft will offer up to 166 seats total, 16 of which will be United First seats. Other features include United's signature interior with seatback entertainment in every seat, larger overhead bins, Wi-Fi for purchase, more extra-legroom seating, and wireless Bluetooth connectivity.



## GTTA Tourism Roadmap to Recovery Forum



Dr. Ricky Hernandez  
Deputy Executive Manager

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The Guam Travel & Tourism Association (GTTA), in collaboration with Guam Community College (GCC), Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association (GHRA), Japan Guam Travel Association (JGTA), and Korea Guam Travel Association (KGTA), along with the cooperation of other travel and tourism industry organizations and business partners, hosted the third installment of the TOURISM ROADMAP TO RECOVERY FORUM 2025. This forum held on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, focused on "Bridging Tourism with Talent" brought together key leaders from both the public and private sectors to continue the important dialogue and collaboration necessary to rebuild and strengthen Guam's visitor industry. Key features were the perspectives from the keynote presenters, market updates and the participation of over 100 Hospitality and Tourism students from the Guam Community College and the public high schools with hospitality programs. Student groups presented and showed how robust the training programs in our education sectors are, training a

workforce that can fill the labor needs of the industry with talent and passion for the work. Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez, PhD, the Deputy Executive Manager for the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam presented on airline forecasts and gave updates on the Guam airport passenger experience. He was part of the panel with Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) President & CEO Régine Bisco Lee, who shared the status of tourism recovery, market trends, and visitor experience enhancements, and Matthew Baza, the Business & Economic Development Asst. Manager at Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA), who shared what type of financial assistance and development opportunities for tourism-focused investments are available.





## Apron Rehabilitation Work Continues Through Gates 12 & 14



What may seem like just regular construction photos are actually the exciting progress being made on the Airport's Terminal Apron and Taxiway Rehabilitation Project. This project is a massive undertaking to improve the safety of aircraft parking and movement areas around the airport terminal and taxiway. Because the construction rehabilitation activity is taking place with our airport being fully operational, it's been a delicate coordination between our operations crew, airlines and airport police to ensure that

safety and sterility are fully maintained as the work moves from one gate to another. Aircraft activities are relocated to open gates while work takes place at the gates closed for reno-work. Funding for this rehabilitation work was awarded in the amount of \$31.1M to GIAA under a Competitive FAA Capital Grant. The photos show the progress being made at Gates 12 and 14 that is taking place and the great return on investment will be a safer apron and taxiways for airlines, passengers and airport workers alike!

## Airport Transitioning to SIDA Badge Applications Online Process



The GIAA has embarked on a mission to modernize the application of the Security Identification Display Area (SIDA) badge process, making it an online process. SIDA badges are required for every employee of the airport and grants the badge holder access to places related to one's specific work. They are renewed annually and the paperwork is voluminous. Airport Police along with MIS and Marketing Sections have developed a user-friendly, robust online application to make for a smoother process. Training for all employers and employees is an ongoing effort until the process is fully online!



## Fantasy Flight Takes Families to the NORTH POLE



United Airlines annual Fantasy Flight to the North Pole on Dec. 4th was a special treat for island children and parents alike! The smiles on the faces of the children was a great indicator that the trip to the airport, and taking off to the North Pole was another resounding success for what has become a holiday signature event for our "Hometown Carrier!" Frosty greeted everyone while elves directed passengers on the concourse onto the plane!



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## Airport Float at Governor's Christmas Parade is a Show-stopper

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio welcomed the entire island community to join in the 4th Annual Governor's Holiday Light Festival Parade on Dec. 17th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Skinner Plaza. This year's theme was "Håfa Adai Holidays – Christmas in Paradise," and the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam's was a showstopper showcasing the magic of the season in the heart of our capital city of Hagåtña. The central design element was a snow globe with all the whimsy associated

with Christmas – nut crackers standing guard and an assembly of lighted gift boxes with reindeer and candy cane lights to light the way. Added to those was GIAA's special HÅFA ADAI feature, incorporating Guam's traditional *Nobenan Niño belén*, with the holy family - Mother Mary, St. Joseph and the Christ child with Angel Gabriel looking over the assembled shepherds, flock and three Wise Men of the East gathered to celebrate the true joy of the Christmas Season --- the Baby Jesus... *Niño Jesus*.





## GIAA General Employee Meeting Rounds Out the Year

Management of the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam hosted a General Employee meeting and breakfast to wrap up the year on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Executive Manager John "JQ" Quinata took the opportunity to highlight all the hard work and accomplishments that took place over the past year and extended his heartfelt appreciation to his foot soldiers – the staff. He thanked them for their continued dedication and commitment to excellence which ensures the security and safety of the airport and the quality of service that is provided to the traveling public and all patrons of the airport. Deputy Executive Manager Artemio "Ricky" Hernandez, PhD also announced his departure from the agency much to the surprise of the staff. He thanked everyone for the great support and working relationships he's forged while here at the airport. **Si Yu'os Ma'åse** and **ADIOS!**





## Airport Week 2026 is Around the Corner and Prep is Underway

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### 2026 AIRPORT WEEK EVENT SCHEDULE

#### CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

December 19, 2025 6pm  
December 20, 2025 9am  
December 21, 2025 9am  
Dededo Sports Complex  
Contact Rai Santos at (671) 642-4459/4481

#### 5K TAKEOFF RUN

January 3, 2026  
Village of Donki to Capitol Kitchen  
Show Time: 5am Go Time: 6am  
Contact Dafne Mansapit-Shimizu at 671.646.0303

#### BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

START DATE: January 5, 2026  
Contact Vanessa Pangindian at 671.642.4642 /  
Austin Grant at (671) 642-4716

#### FOD WALK

January 7, 2026  
Bus Gate 11  
Safety Briefing: 8:45am Go Time: 9am  
Contact Jessica Fujikawa at 671.642.4526

#### 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EDWARD A.P. MUNA II MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

January 9, 2026  
Country Club of the Pacific, Windward Hills  
Registration: 11am Shot Gun: 12:30pm  
Contact Peter Torres at (671) 642-4434

#### 50<sup>th</sup> PROCLAMATION SIGNING AND AVIATION LEADERS & TENANT APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

January 16, 2026  
East Ticket Lobby, Main Terminal  
9:30am  
Contact the GIAA Marketing Section at  
671.642.4702/4652

#### WAVE

January 16, 2026  
Y-Intersection/Employee Parking Lot - Lower Level  
Contact Raymond Mantanona at 671.475.5163

#### GIAA FAMILY MASS

January 16, 2026  
Santa Teresita Church, Mangilao  
Contact Raymond Mantanona at 671.475.5163

#### BOWLING TOURNAMENT

January 19, 2026  
Central Lanes, Tamuning  
Go Time: 9am  
Contact Mike Cuasito at (671) 475-5151 / Janise  
Quintanilla at (671) 475-5154

#### 4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EDWARD L.G. RIOS MEMORIAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

January 21 - 23, 2026 6pm - 10pm  
January 24, 2026 Time TBD  
Guerrero Field, Hagatna  
Contact John Paul "JP" Mallari at 671.686.1617 /  
Robert Umadhay at (671) 475-5154

# BIBA GIAA



The A.B. Won Pat International Airport has been gearing up to celebrate their annual anniversary next month. January 2026 will mark 50 years since the airport was created by Public Law (P.L.) 13-57. Although enacted September 26, 1975, as an independent Government of Guam agency with the necessary powers to operate and expand the civilian airport efficiently, distinct from the general government operations and budget, it wasn't until January 1976 that the then Guam Airport Authority (GAA) officially took over operations from the Department of Commerce, hence the anniversary commemoration every month of January. Twenty years later in 1996, GAA was officially renamed the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) through the passage of P.L. 23-69. Over the years, GIAA has celebrated the month of January with a gubernatorial proclamation of Airport Week, kicking off a week of activities to highlight the Airport's accomplishments and to celebrate its partnerships with airlines, tenants, regulatory agencies and aviation/tourism stakeholders over the previous year. These camaraderie-building sporting events and social celebrations, used to last a week, hence the moniker Airport Week. These activities have now evolved into a monthlong celebration of the airport community with the sporting events becoming popular mini tournaments.

## REMINDER: Drone Activity Around Airport Needs APPROVAL

Drones or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), are aircraft controlled remotely or autonomously without a human pilot, used for diverse tasks from military surveillance and delivery to aerial photography, agriculture, and pure entertainment. Modern drones use GPS, sensors, and gyroscopes for stability, and often feature high-quality cameras and even obstacle avoidance, GPS return-to-home, and long-distance connectivity. Here's a REMINDER: Flying a drone near an airport requires prior FAA authorization. Recreational Flyers

need to: 1) get approved 2) Register & ID and 3) follow FAA-recognized Community Based Organizations (CBO) rules. Commercial Operators need to: 1) get certified with



a Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificate 2) get airspace authorization and 3) comply with all FAA FAR Part 107 rules. More information can be found at <https://www.faa.gov/uas>. Be guided accordingly.



## Volleyball Tournery Kicks Off Airport Week Sporting Events



The GIAA Volleyball Tournament officially kicked off the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Airport Week (Month) sporting events. The games took place the weekend before Christmas from Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, at the Dededo Sports Complex with lively camaraderie and healthy sportsmanship displayed by the nine teams who participated. GIAA fielded 3 teams (Airport, Police-APD & ARFF-FYR), United Airlines had 2 teams (UA1 & UA2), playing against teams from regulatory TSA, ground handlers Menzies and POI and financial service provider Bank of Guam (BOG) Chiefs! The **BOG Chiefs** served, spiked, and blocked their way the win the **1st Place** championship game against United Airlines! Big THANKS to all the teams who came and participated instead of battling the Christmas shopping mobs! Si Yu'os Ma'ase to the hardworking Airport Week 2026 VBall Committee under the leadership of Rai Santos from the Operations Division! They coordinated a great three-day tournament to kick off our Airport Week sporting events! BIBA!





## Airport Week Committee Raise Funds for Upcoming Events



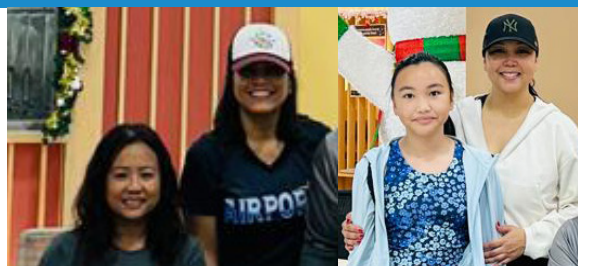
The Airport Week 2026 has been working hard! They've been planning and raising funds for the many activities next month! Early morning bakesales have been ongoing and on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, they hosted a fundraiser at Gudtaymes. It's great to get-together outside of work and use the opportunity to strengthen work relationships!



## Final Registration Push for Airport Week 2026 TAKE OFF 5k



The Airport Week 2026 TAKE OFF 5K was busy over the holiday shopping season pushing for registration for the first 5k run of the year. Airport volunteers staffed tables at the Micronesian Mall center court and at the Village of Donki food court for the Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> event.





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# HAPPY NEW YEAR

*As we welcome the New Year, we thank you for your dedication, teamwork, and commitment to excellence. Your contributions keep our airport moving forward every day.*

*Wishing you and your families a safe, successful, and fulfilling New Year.*

  
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