



Mogethin, Simon Hokule'a and Mathawmaram!



Senator pangelinan joined hundreds of spectators to witness the arrival of about 20 crewmembers who arrived on two canoes from Yap: the *Simon Hokule'a* and the *Mathawmaram*. The canoes arrived safely at the TASI Paseo Canoe House on April 30th after days of sailing from Yap to Guam.

“Para hamyu todù, hamyu ni' i taotao tâsi ginen hami i taotao tâno', en baba i kannai-mami, i gima'-mami, i tano'-mami para en pega i patas-miyu ni' siña manmamokat hamyu ta'lo gi hilo' i tano', i tano'-miyu. Tano'-ta, tano' i taotao Mari'ânas, tano' taotao Maikronesia.

Ladies and Gentlemen of the crew, we the people of this land welcome you, the people of our seas, as you join us and set your foot on our land. Your voyage here is something that we have not seen happen between our lands for over one hundred years. This voyage and the dangers that you face... will never be lost to us. And one day, we too, will come from our seas and set foot on *your* land in our own sacred vessels. And it is because of this voyage today that we know it is possible for us. The people of Micronesia will once again know that we will always be connected by traditions, by courage, by skill, and by our love for our land and our seas. We welcome you, Si Yu'os Ma'âse', *Saina Ma'âse'* para i finatton-miyu pãgo na ha'âni. *Saina Ma'âse'.*”

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A Message from ben

Hafa Adai,

Si Yu'os Ma'âse' for taking the time to read our newsletter. This is our 4th edition and continue to tweak it to make it better for you. Any comments and or suggestions are always welcomed.

April was an exciting month as preparations for the FY2011 budget hearings began alongside regular legislative duties . As Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, we are tasked to meet with all government agencies to examine their needs. We will share our progress with you over the next couple of months.

We had the pleasure of taking our Committee hearing to the beautiful village of Inahalan. It was an opportunity – for a change - for us go the people instead of them coming to us. Mayor Taitague and his staff were most hospitable and greeted us with good ‘ole southern “maila halom.”

I had the honor of being part of a special event when Guam welcomed a group of brave Yapese men on their historic travel from Yap to Guam on two traditional outrigger sailing canoes, last seen over 100 years ago. We say “Mogethin” to Master Navigator Ali Helayalur, captain of the *Simon Hokule'a* and Maap Master Canoe Builder, Chief Bruno Tharngan, captain of the *Mathawmaram* and their crew of 20 to Guam.

Finally, I can't close this newsletter without wishing all the mothers on Guam, a very special “Happy Mother's Day!

Bills & Resolutions Introduced for April

[Bill No. 371-30 \(COR\)](#) - v.c. pangelinan

An act to amend Section 11 of Public Law 30-101 relative to the appropriation to the Guam Veterans Affairs Office.

[Bill No. 370-30 \(COR\)](#) - v.c. pangelinan / J.P. Guthertz, DPA

An act to amend §60112 Article 1, Division 2 of Chapter 60, 21 Guam Code Annotated relative to the Land for the Landless Program.

[Bill No. 364-30 \(COR\)](#) - v.c. pangelinan

An act to amend Section 6 of Public Law 24-141 relative to event admissions assessment to the Guam Raceway Park.

[Bill No. 363-30 \(COR\)](#) - v.c. pangelinan

An act to amend §75102 (a) of Chapter 75, Title 21 Guam Code Annotated relative to the composition of members to the Chamorro Land Trust Commission.

[Resolution No. 317-30 \(COR\)](#) - v.c. pangelinan / T.R. Muna-Barnes / T.C. Ada

Relative to recognizing and commending Mr. Dallas Berringer for his efforts and accomplishments on the Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Eradication Project under the Federal Incident Command System, and for his contributions to the people of Guam in his role as the Port Director in Guam for the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Senator pangelinan's ARRA Roundtable Discussion



Senator pangelinan met with 17 government of Guam agencies to discuss how GovGuam intends to spend over \$200 million dollars of Federal grant money received from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). These discussions were crucial in planning for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. Exactly one year ago, GovGuam started receiving ARRA grant money but less than 25% of the funds have been spent or obligated. The delay of the Record of Decision from January to August for the buildup and the delay in using the ARRA funds are primarily responsible for the current revenue shortfalls. The positive news is that the agencies are ramping up to get the ARRA funds circulating in the economy.

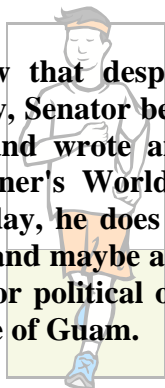
One issue that needs immediate attention is resources for the Attorney General. Several agencies expressed concern with the new law requiring the AG to review and approve all proposals, contracts and purchases over \$500,000 potentially delaying the RFP's and contract approvals. ARRA funds must either be spent or obligated within 12 to 18 months or returned to the federal government.

Senator pangelinan introduced and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* passed Bill No. 117 that would have created the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Contracting Board, chaired by the Lieutenant Governor to establish procurement guidelines and procedures as it relates to AARA Funds. It would have centralized the process in which these funds would be spent. Unfortunately, the Governor vetoed the bill and we are now struggling to spend the money.

The largest stimulus to the economy will be from projects at the Department of Education, the Department of Public Works, the University of Guam, Guam Community College and multiple agencies receiving funds from the Guam Energy Office. The total investment from these agencies is projected to exceed \$160 million dollars.

Did you know?

Did you know that despite his robust physique today, Senator ben was once an avid runner and wrote an article published in Runner's World Magazine in the 80's? Today, he does more walking than running and maybe a different kind of running - for political office to represent the People of Guam.



Senator pangelinan presents Resolution 317-30 to Mr. Dallas Berringer.

Senator pangelinan holds Public Hearing in Inalåhan



Bill 303-30 (sponsored by Senator Telo Taitague), "An act to add a New Article 10 to Chapter 51 of 10 GCA relative to recognizing the village of Inalåhan as the Host Community for accommodating the Solid Waste Disposal needs of the entire island of Guam resulting from the operation of the Leyon Landfill and the Ordot Dump in their backyards" was referred to Senator pangelinan's Committee. Realizing the importance of the bill, Senator pangelinan quickly scheduled a public hearing on March 10, 2010 at the Guam Legislature Public Hearing Room. Several testimonies were received,

including the Mayor of Inalåhan, Mr. Franklin Taitague. At the hearing, Mayor Taitague requested that the Committee hold a hearing in the village of Inalåhan for those residents, who were unable to attend the hearing so that they would have an opportunity to voice their opinions at a more convenient time and setting.

It is not often that the Guam Legislature holds hearings outside the Hagåtña Public Hearing Room, so Senator pangelinan welcomed this request and scheduled a second hearing at the Inalåhan Mayor's Office on April 22, 2010.

Residents came out and expressed their genuine consideration for the health, safety, and protection of their environment and their village. The bill proposes to set aside money to provide additional resources to the "host" community, in this case the village of Inalåhan for projects to be determined by the Municipal Planning Council. The bill will also provide money to the village of Ordot, where the current dump is located. Mayor Jesse Gogue of Ordot was present at the hearing and supported the intent of the bill.

The residents at the public hearing expressed their steadfast concern with effects of a landfill on the pristine environment. The stand firm with their request for the Legislature to come to the assistance of Mayor Taitague and support Bill No 303 and to do what is best for their village, the village where they've raised their families... where they live... the village they love.



Senator pangelinan joins unveiling of "We are Barrigada" mural

On Sunday April 11, 2010, Barrigada resident Senator pangelinan attended the unveiling of the 180-foot by 7-foot "We Are Barrigada" mural. Among those present were Barrigada Mayor Jessie Palican, GVB's Cultural Heritage Officer Sonya Lujan-Sellers, members of the Galaide' Group, Barrigada residents, and over 60 Japanese tourists. Senator pangelinan called on two of the visiting tourists to assist him with the unveiling.

The Barrigada mural was designed by Barrigada resident and artist Ariel Dimalanta who designed the village's traditions including sports, faith, and academia within the letters that spell the village name. The community of Barrigada came together to bring Dimalanta's vision to life by helping paint the mural.

The unveiling coincided with the weekend of the San Vicente fiesta in Barrigada.



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