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Hafa Adai!

It is my privilege to greet you in the 50th Anniversary Year of the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa. I have been delighted to welcome many of you back to the Hilton as our island has opened slowly and surely as the pandemic fades.

On behalf of the management and team members at our resort, it has been a pleasure to once again host your dining and special events throughout our property — or welcome you as a guest, whether for a weekend or for a business visit to Guam.

We appreciate all the relationships that have existed for decades with island families and the strength of the Hilton brand that has brought new friends to the hotel.

Our story in the pages of this special anniversary supplement is made of many parts.

It is the history of how the Hilton grew as Guam developed, the stories of our Hilton Family — whose members have worked alongside each other for years, and the property itself that has become an island landmark.

I hope you will enjoy reading our story!


Hiroki Sugie
General Manager
Hilton Guam Resort & Spa





Congratulations Hilton Guam Resort & Spa! 50 YEARS OF EXCEPTIONAL HOSPITALITY

Håfa Adai!

For 50 years, the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa has made our island a home for the light and warmth of hospitality, delivering exceptional experiences for every guest, every time.

Since its founding, Hilton Hotels & Resorts have set the benchmark for hospitality around the world, leading service innovation to meet the evolving needs of guests, who know that where they stay matters. The hotel's opening on February 17, 1972, represented a milestone not only in their history, but also in the historic development of Guam tourism. Over the decades, the local hotel has expanded to include 646 rooms, six restaurants and bars, a wellness center and other recreational facilities - all for the benefit of our visitors.

Throughout the pandemic, Hilton and its dedicated workers braved the brunt of COVID-19. Thanks to the steadfast service of management and staff, Hilton has remained a treasure of our island's tourism and travel industry, and a trusted partner in Guam's modernization and recovery. With their commitment and leadership, they are one of the many hotels that are undoubtedly welcoming a new day of opportunity, a new era of growth and new waves of visitors.

On this most momentous occasion, we are honored to congratulate all the team members of the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa on 50 years of sharing the beauty of Guam and extending passion for hospitality beyond the hotel's walls each day.

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Hafa Adai!

On behalf of Hilton Japan, Korea, Micronesia region, we extend our heartiest congratulations to the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa team members as you celebrate 50 years of hospitality on the island, having opened on Feb. 17th 1972.

Serving the island for 50 years with exceptional service, Hilton Guam Resort & Spa has greatly contributed to the island's expanding tourism industry. The Hilton Guam Resort & Spa has retained the heritage and flavor of the island while fulfilling Hilton's founding vision to fill the earth with the light and warmth of hospitality.

The resort grew over the years with the expansion of its room inventory to 646 rooms, 6 restaurants and bars, wellness center and other recreational facilities to ensure guests experience the highest level of service and outstanding accommodations.

We recognise your incredible resilience, efforts, and team spirit in these challenging times, through the ups and downs of the protracted pandemic. Guam's tourism is reliant upon foreign travelers, primarily from Japan and Korea. We are confident that the reopening of travel borders will drive many Japanese and Korean travelers (including me) to visit Guam in near future!

Congratulations again to Guam team. We wish you all the success for many more years to come!

Best Wishes

Timothy Soper

Area Vice President

Head of Japan, Korea and Micronesia, Hilton



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*A Message from Guam's
Representative in Congress*



The Honorable
Michael F. Q. San Nicolas

Håfa Adai,

I extend my sincere congratulations to the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa as they celebrate their 50th anniversary, and further commend them for their decades of outstanding service and contributions as a leader in Guam's tourism industry.

A pioneering force since 1972, the Guam Hilton has and continues to play a vital role in our island's tourism history. Beyond catalyzing the industry's evolution into one of this day's leading economic drivers, they have materially improved the quality of life for the People of Guam. From providing thousands of job opportunities to exploring new international connections, the hotel group has remained steadfast in its commitment to community and collective growth. Moreover, they tirelessly work to bring new meaning to the principle of CHamoru hospitality while promoting our Håfa Adai spirit.

Today, I humbly join the People of Guam in expressing heartfelt gratitude to the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa for the invaluable contributions they have made to our local community and region. Once again, congratulations for over five decades of excellence in service, and may the future ahead be filled with continued success for both their organization and our island as a whole.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Q. San Nicolas
Member of Congress
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The Hilton story

The Hilton story begins with a vision and its chapters contain triumphs and the challenge of overcoming disasters.

Many international hotel chains eyed Guam, but it would take the vision of a group of businessmen to see the American luxury brand in Guam turn from desire to reality.

In 1965, Kenneth T. Jones and Gov. Manuel F.L. Guerrero met to discuss building a brand hotel on Guam. Jones went on to establish Hotels of the Marianas Inc., which would build the Hilton and take ownership of it after completion. Jones was president of the corporation, with Edward M. Calvo serving as vice president, Mack H. Jones as secretary and Robert H. Jones as treasurer.

The site of the Hilton — a pristine 32-acre Ypao beachfront lot at the western end of Tumon bay was acquired from the



The groundbreaking ceremony for the Guam Hilton was held April 22, 1966.

Guam Department of Parks and Recreation through a land swap of 90 acres of Calvo-

owned land in Ipan. The Government of Guam wanted a three-year guarantee of

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completion of the hotel.

On April 2, 1966, Hilton International signed a management agreement for the proposed hotel. The groundbreaking ceremony for the property took place just weeks later on April 22.

In May 1967 Transworld Airlines was interested in establishing an air route to Guam and as Hotels of the Marianas felt the support of an airline would help complete the project, the airline became a one-third owner with one third owned by Jones & Guerrero Co. and one third by Calvo Enterprises Inc.

Financing the project in time to meet the government of Guam's deadline of three years was a problem, until Bank of Hawaii agreed to provide the loan — without any guarantee or collateral. Jones said later, "They're an island bank that knows island banking, and they had sheer faith in J&G



The roof-topping ceremony for the 477-room Governors Wing was held Jan. 26, 1984. Shown are (left) Bob Black, president Black Construction Corp.; and Christian Schueking, general manager, Hilton International Guam.

and in the concept."

A change in architects delayed the project, and its deadline was extended to Feb. 23, 1972. In August 1969 the contract was awarded to Black Construction Corp.

and construction began through the Black-Jones joint venture.

The Hilton Guam welcomed its first guests on Jan. 15, 1972 and the grand opening was held on Feb. 20, 1972, just three

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days shy of the government deadline.

Just four years after opening, the Hilton Guam and its employees faced their first major test — Super Typhoon Pamela slammed into Guam on May 21, 1976. The Hilton was flooded and its seventh floor was all but completely destroyed. Staff worked 24 hours serving sandwiches and went through the rooms with shovels and rakes cleaning them out. With utilities in disarray, laundry had to be done in seawater by the beach and dried on clotheslines hung in the hotel lobby.

While Typhoon Omar caused only minor damage to the Hilton in August 1992, the Hilton suffered major destruction to the Magahaga Tower when a massive 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck Guam on Aug. 8, 1993 — causing the hotel's closure for seven months and repairs of \$41 million.

On Dec. 8, 2002, the Magahaga Tower



A Hilton Guam postcard shows the hotel in the 1970s.

was damaged by Super Typhoon Pongsona and would remain closed for three years until a \$6 million renovation led to its emergence as the upmarket Tasi Club.

The wing would see a further \$1.7 million upgrade in 2017 and is now known

simply as the Tasi.

The Hilton has gone through a number of ownership changes in its earlier years of existence — some of which caused a name change to the Hilton in Guam. When the members of Hotel of the Marianas Inc.

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The Hilton Guam Resort & Spa sits on 32 acres at the western end of Tumon Bay.

sold their interests to Hilton International in 1978, the hotel became the Hilton International Guam. In 1987 the London-based Ladbroke Group PLC purchased Hilton International and the hotel became the Guam Hilton. A decade later when Hilton Hotels Corp. and Hilton International became one group, the alliance gave the hotel its current name of Hilton Guam Resort & Spa.

In its most important ownership change, the Hilton became part of the

P.H.R. Ken Micronesia Inc., which brought an ownership in Japan that understands the importance of brands and the need to make upgrades to a property that bears the Hilton name.

What has not changed is the Hilton's relationship with the community and its frequent guests, whether they are visiting for lunch, a party or to stay – drawn by the offerings at the hotel and a team that have continued a tradition of exemplary service.

The Hilton is not only a member of the island's multiple civic and service organizations, but also supports them and many local organizations with sponsorships and support of fundraising efforts.

The 50th Anniversary of the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa is not only an achievement for the hotel, but one for the local community as well — marking five decades of a successful tourism industry icon.



P.H.R. Ken Micronesia to continue Hilton investment and support of Guam



Sato

Mitsuo “Mike” Sato became the president for P.H.R. Ken Micronesia Inc. on

March 15, 2017.

Sato came to Guam from Ken Corp. Ltd. in Tokyo, where he served as senior managing director of real estate sales and leasing brokerage operations since 2013. Sato joined Ken Corp. Ltd. in 2012 following a 31-year career that took him to the top of the Orix group of companies in Tokyo.

Since his arrival in Guam more than five years ago, Sato has been frequently seen at community events whenever those were possible. The COVID-19 pandemic has not dimmed his or Ken Micronesia’s firm support for the island — which he believes is deserved.

“I think that Guam has a bright future.”

The attractions of the island are clear, Sato says. “Guam is safe and clean. People with kids never choose an unclean and unsafe destination.”

And the island’s leadership dealt appropriately with the pandemic, he says. “I think they have handled COVID-19 well. It’s important for Guam to give a sense of safety.” Tourists from Japan and Korea are sensitive to that, he says.

The climate in Guam offers visitors a change to enjoy nature, he says, but the attitude of residents to visitors on-island is equally important. Local people aim to

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“provide hospitality and good service. Hospitality is very important,” Sato says. “Even if there are brand new facilities, people cannot enjoy themselves if there is not good hospitality.”

Sato says Guam’s potential has not lessened. “I think Guam has a key role to provide a new tourism model.” That will inevitably include all aspects of dining. “From a Japanese perspective, many Japanese and Koreans have a discerning eye for the quality of food and the service of food.”

An additional attraction is the local CHamoru culture, he says. “I hope Guam can introduce more of its own culture,” Sato says.

He says that P.H.R. Ken will continue to show its firm commitment to Guam and support tourism.

“Our parent company — Ken Corp.

in Japan — was providing charters daily between Narita and Guam from October 2018 to March 2020.” Ken Corp. was forced to stop the charters with the onset of COVID, but has not forgotten the impact. “Ken Corp. will resume charter flights soon,” he says.

In addition, Sato says plans include marketing exposure of Guam to potential visitors. “We are planning a FAM tour to Guam,” Plus, he says the attractions of Guam will be additionally exposed to a wide audience. “Our parent company is preparing a TV show.”

As for the Hilton’s extensive property, Sato says his group intends to maintain its investment and “has long-term renovations planned for the rooms.”

The plans will impress people, he says. “We hope it will exceed their expectations.”

Sato is understandably proud of P.H.R. Ken’s properties in Guam but “especially what P.H.R. Ken has contributed to Guam’s society,” he says.

The Hilton Guam Resort & Spa is unique in that respect, Sato says.

“A lot of people have enjoyed the food in Roy’s Restaurant.” He says the Hilton’s service is also completely comprehensive as an offering in Guam and for Guam. “The strength of Hilton is we can provide service not only to tourists, but businesspeople and the local market.”

Local residents choose to celebrate their special occasions year after year with Hilton for a reason, Sato says.

“The Hilton name gives them a sense of comfort and safety.”

A large celebratory banner for Hilton Guam Resort & Spa's 50th anniversary. The banner has a black background with gold and white text. At the top, the word "Congratulations!" is written in a large, elegant white script. Below it, on the left, is "50TH" in large gold numbers, followed by "ANNIVERSARY" in smaller gold capital letters and "1972-2022" at the bottom. A vertical gold line separates this from the right side, which features the Hilton logo (a gold circle with a stylized 'H') above the word "Hilton" in large gold letters, and "GUAM RESORT & SPA" in smaller gold capital letters below it. The background of the banner is filled with faint, repeating patterns of the Hilton logo and the word "Hilton". At the bottom of the banner, there is a row of seven logos: Budweiser, Bud Light, Fiji Water, Amaro of Inc., Kimberly-Clark Professional, Diversey, and SC Johnson.



The Hilton Guam's general manager enjoys meeting guests and improving the brand



Sugie

Hiroki Sugie was appointed general manager of the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa in November 2019. Previously, Sugie had been the general manager of the Hotel Nikko Guam since 2016, which is when he moved to Guam.

Before that, he spent nearly 20 years in Saipan, where he

was the general manager of the Pacific Islands Club since 2012, as well as the general manager for the Aqua Resort Club since 2006.

The move to Guam was one that pleased him, especially since the island has five PHR facilities.

“My favorite thing about Guam is that the market is bigger, and it incorporates the government, which is good,” he says. “Even during the pandemic, there is still a market with the military and local people.”

Sugie is often seen around the hotel property — greeting guests as well as diners in the resort's restaurants, so it may be hard to believe just how wide his responsibilities are.

They include the entirety of operations and sales, as well as coordinating with management and the all-important improvement of operational finance and ensuring the continuous value of the property's assets.

But the favorite aspect of his job is interacting with those who stay in the hotel and who enjoy the variety of experiences in the dining options Hilton offers.

“While I enjoy everything that has to do with my job, I come from a lot of other front-of-house jobs, and so I prefer operations — I prefer dealing with the guests,” he says.

According to Sugie, now that both the hotel and he are in the “golden decade” of 50s, he wants to spend as much time as possible developing the brand and further expanding Hilton's reach on Guam.

The Hilton brand standard is always improving and changing, and Sugie is happy to bring freshness to the Guam Hilton.

This will now include refurbishing the property as well as uplifting and enhancing existing facilities, which will be completed by 2025. The huge undertaking will start with renovations to the 200 suites and rooms in the Premier Tower, which will be finished by 2023.

After that the restaurants, meeting rooms and fitness centers will undergo revamps as well.

“It is challenging though,” Sugie says. “Our market is still gradually recovering, but this is good timing.”

All in all, he says his passion is promoting the Hilton brand in Guam.

But Sugie is also conscious of the effort that goes into ensuring the hotel runs smoothly by all the personnel at the Hilton and the support the brand receives on-island. “I appreciate our team members, the community — their loyalty.”





The Hilton Family

Many of the Hilton family of employees have literally grown up in their positions and personify the hotel's approach to hospitality when they interact with guests, whether they are well-known on the property or first time visitors to the Hilton and the island.



Peregrino



Iriarte



Balmaceda

EDGARDO PEREGRINO, engineer, 37 years

Beginning his Hilton career as a plumber in 1985, Edgardo Peregrino was promoted to graveyard supervisor within two years of his employment. During the two years, he was also trained in room service and taking guest requests and comments, which propelled him into applying for the night supervisor position when it became available.

The graveyard supervisor oversees everything in the evening, from operations and food to guest outreach and housekeeping.

Since his role is mainly at night, sometimes emergencies arise when Peregrino and his team have to fix things right away, but may not have a part, so his team has to “MacGyver” the solution until the part comes in, and he thoroughly enjoys that.

Peregrino says his favorite aspect of

his job is the customers, even if they have a bad experience.

“I love going to the rooms when guests have comments,” he says. “I meet so many people every day, and I get to ask how their stay is and if they’re enjoying their stay. Sometimes, we become friends and then every time they see you, they say ‘Hi.’ If they’re having a bad time, I make sure to ask them if there is anything we can do to make them happy and make up for those things.”

While keeping customers happy may be first and foremost, Peregrino says his favorite memory he will take into retirement, possibly even in the next year, are all the employee parties Hilton holds. He says everyone has a good time, dancing, hanging out and earning prizes.

JOHN IRIARTE, banqueting captain, 37 years

John Iriarte has been with the

Hilton since October 1985. In his 37 years on the payroll, he has held numerous different jobs around the hotel, including banqueting, banquet captain, banquet manager, responsible for coffee shops and restaurants, kitchen and room service. He ultimately ended up back in his “old stomping grounds” in banquet when COVID hit.

His current job includes overseeing functions, whether it be a meeting, luncheon, dinner or cocktail hour — ensuring guests are taken care of.

“I wanted to be well-rounded and see what other departments are doing,” he says. “It’s the love and passion of being surrounded by the day-to-day operations and just enjoying the contact with the guests.”

In any of the jobs, he says, what makes him succeed is his attention to details, down to every little thing. Experience dictates what each job needs,



whether that be having pens on standby or including extra dinner napkins.

ANTONIO BALMACEDA, electrician, 35 years

In January 1987, Antonio Balmaceda was hired to join the Hilton Guam staff as temporary seasonal help. He continued working for the hotel after the seasonal need was finished and moved on to room service before landing his current position in 1989 as an electrician in maintenance.

In his present role, Balmaceda maintains different aspects of electrical service throughout the 32-acre property of the hotel. Since he has been with the company for 35 years, and in his current job for 33, he said he spends a lot of time teaching newer employees the ropes as well as helping other departments when the need arises. The goal, he said, for anything he does at the Hilton is “getting the projects done and getting them done right.”

Balmaceda says his favorite part about not only working in the electrical and maintenance department, but in the hotel as a whole is “the comradery. It’s a nice place to work and a beautiful property to help maintain.”

While he plans an early retirement within the next five years, bringing the grand total of time he spent working for the hotel to more than 40 years, he said he will always be grateful to the Hilton because it’s where he met his wife, who also worked at the hotel for more than 10 years.

ELDA SALANDANAN, payroll manager, 34 years

Elda Salandanan began her journey with the Hilton Guam on Dec. 8, 1988, when she joined the team as a food and beverage cashier. After only six months in that role, she moved up the ranks to food



Salandanan

and beverage cashier supervisor before transitioning to the finance department. She helped with many different sections within the department, like accounts receivable, income auditing, general accounting and general cashier before finding her current home as payroll manager.

Salandanan oversees making sure all 445 of Hilton’s employees get paid correctly, from the general manager to the part-time hourly employees.

“I love numbers, so that really made me motivated to join the finance team,” she says. “Now, my favorite part of my job is helping out the employees here; I hear a lot of things from the employees who may have a problem with their pay, and I always try to help, even when their managers can’t.”

Salandanan says throughout her time at the Hilton, all the employees really started to feel like family, from the finance department members to all the other employees at the hotel. For her though, working at the Hilton really is a family affair.

“My mom got me into it, she worked here for 29 and a half years,” she says. “She told me it was one of the best companies out there, and I can see that — it really is. I’m not just saying it because



Elayda

I work here, the Hilton really does take care of us.”

Not only has her mother worked within the company, her husband, son and daughter have all spent considerable time within the Hilton’s walls as employees as well.

PURITA ELAYDA, housekeeper, 34 years

Purita Elayda was hired as a housekeeper for guest rooms in January 1988, and a month later moved to public area housekeeping when there was an opening, where she has stayed for the last 34 years. In this role, she maintains and cleans all public areas, including the lobby, entrances and exits, restrooms, hallways, executive offices and restaurants. Guests can see her somewhere different almost every day she works.

Elayda says she was recognized for her hard work and given multiple awards, and she prides herself on those. However, the best part of her day is “greeting guests and co-workers with a smile.”

Even though she has worked at Hilton for more than three decades, she says she hopes it’s in “God’s will to give me more strength to work for a few more years.”

Elayda says Hilton is the greatest company to work for.

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Mutuc

OLYMPIA MUTUC, conference and banquet sales manager, 34 years

Olympia Mutoc began her journey with Hilton differently than some of the other Hilton Guam employees. She began in Manila, in 1980 with Hilton International, before start-

ing in Guam in 1988. In total, she has 42 years with Hilton, 34 of those being on Guam's shores.

She has held roles in the banquet department, in both selling and operation, and in the finance department dealing with revenue, both of food and beverage and rooms. She now holds the title of conference and banquets sales manager,



Flores

combining all her previous roles.

"All I want is action," she says. "I am bored with routine. In banquet, you face different challenges and that makes it interesting." Delivering what the guest wants and needs is her greatest reward, she says.

Some of the most challenging events she has handled include catering for 1,800 customers from Canada, ferrying food and staff to Cocos Island, and housing and feeding delegates from the Asia Pacific, people with the office of the President of the United States, senators and prime ministers for 16-straight days.

She says her children have been pushing her to "enjoy life"

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and retire, but she's enjoying her life and work at the Hilton, and she's not sure just when she will give that up.

REYNALDO FLORES, banquet operations manager, 34 years

Reynaldo Flores began working at the Hilton Guam in 1988, when he was fresh out of high school. He started out as an on-call busser in January 1988, while he was also in the U.S. Army Reserves

until a car accident forced him to be medically discharged. On his way to banquet operations manager, he also held the roles of banquet captain, senior banquet captain, assistant head waiter, head waiter and assistant banquet operations manager.

Flores oversees coordinating with banquet staff and other managers on setting up for events, including catering and audio-visual responsibilities. His staff

has catered both on-site and off-site, with one of his favorite's being a 1,500-person, American Red Cross Red Ball held at the University of Guam, which had a four-day span of setting up, the event and clean up.

"I like people, and I like what I'm doing, setting up new things," he says.

He enjoys the teamwork with his staff, which he describes as his "backbone," allowing him to flawlessly execute various functions.



(From left) Salandanan, Mutuc, Elayda, Balmaceda, Iriarte, Flores and Sugie

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April 2, 1966 – Hilton International signs a management contract for the Guam Hilton with locally-owned Hotels of the Marianas.



April 22, 1966 – The groundbreaking is held for a 150-room Hilton. Shortly afterwards, the decision was made to expand to 250 rooms.

July 18, 1971 – A topping off ceremony and champagne breakfast is held to celebrate the newly completed Hilton.



Jan. 15, 1972 – The Guam Hilton welcomes its first customers.

Feb. 20, 1972 – More than 500 guests attend the Guam Hilton's grand opening.

1978 – The shareholders of Hotels of the Marianas sell their Hilton shares to Hilton International and the hotel becomes the

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Hilton International Guam.

April 6, 1983 – A groundbreaking ceremony for the \$9.3 million five-story, 100-room expansion project is held.

July 18, 1984 – The grand opening of the Governor's Wing is held. Built by Black Construction Corp., the new addition increased Hilton's total rooms to 477, making it the largest property in Guam.

December 1986 – Hilton launches the first Holiday Train in its lobby.

October 1987 – The Ladbroke Group buys Hilton International Co. and the name of the Hilton reverts to the Guam Hilton.

1989 to 1991 – Several expansions and renovation projects are completed, including a new pool.

Dec. 19, 1990 – The Islander Terrace reopens after renovations.

May 1991 – Concrete Construction (Guam) Inc. is contracted to build a \$72 million extension. The building will be 13 stories, with



237 ocean-view rooms and is scheduled for completion in 1993.

May 1992 – Renovations of the sixth and seventh floor of the main building are completed.

March 21, 1993 – The topping off ceremony is held for the 13-story Magalahi Tower.

June 4, 1993 – Roy Yamaguchi, chef and owner of Roy's restaurants, attends a luncheon in his honor to celebrate the establishment of Roy's within the hotel.

July 1993 – The Magalahi Tower opens.

1994 – Guam's first competition standard tennis courts are installed at the Hilton.

Feb. 14, 1997 – The Hilton's wedding chapel

sees its first wedding.

March 14, 2000 – Maria Carey visits the Hilton during a visit to Guam.

2004 – Davinci RP Operating Lessee Inc. purchases the Hilton and invests \$15 million in renovation to the hotel. The Ysrael family sells its remaining share interest in the hotel prior to the sale.

February 2006 – Hilton International Co. and Hilton Hotels Corp merge.

April 2006 – The Tasi Club opens the Magahaga wing.

Oct. 2006 – The Island Terrace is renovated with a fresh new look.

August 2007 – P.H.R. Ken Corp. purchases the Hilton.

June 2008 – P.H.R. Ken Corp. finalizes its franchise agreement with Hilton Worldwide.

April 2009 – Hilton opens its 6,000-foot fitness center.

April 1, 2010 – The Fisherman's Cove

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Seafood Restaurant and Grill opens in the former Genji.

Nov. 28, 2012 – The PHR card is launched – offering regular patrons at the Hilton and other PHR hotels discount packages. The Hilton also offers the Hilton Honors Rewards program.

2015 – Hilton expands the Caffè Cino from a simple lobby bar to a restaurant and lounge, taking advantage of the view of Tumon Bay.

Aug. 1, 2017 – Hilton announced the \$1.5 million completed renovation, re-open-



ing and rebranding of what was formerly known as the Tasi Club. Now called “The Tasi,” the resort’s “hotel within a hotel” concept offers 95 guestrooms and suites overlooking Tumon Bay. Ilya, a Japan-based interior design company, designed the rooms and suites.

April 25, 2019 – The Guam Chapter of the American Culinary Federation presents Roy’s Restaurant the award for Outstanding Operations at the 2nd Annual Excellence in Culinary Arts and Restaurant Awards.

May 5, 2021 – Roy’s Restaurant re-opens



for lunch.

Feb. 17, 2022 – The Hilton Guam Resort & Spa celebrates 50 years of hospitality. The Hilton now offers 646 rooms, six restaurants and bars, a variety of function rooms, and recreational activities that include Spa Ayualam, a fitness center and tennis courts.

July 1, 2022 – The Fisherman’s Cove Seafood Restaurant and Grill re-opens. All Hilton venues are now open.

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Congressman Michael F.Q. San Nicholas presented on April 4 to the Hilton Management team an Extension of Remarks – an official recognition in the Congressional Record - to recognize the hotel's service and achievements and in commemoration of its 50th anniversary.



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(From left) Bryan Shintaku, assistant director of rooms; Joel Aranas, executive chef; Matthew Siegel, director of food and beverage; Christy Cruz, director of human resources; Sheila Baker, director of business development; San Nicolas; Hiroki Sugie, general manager; Linh Carlson, director of finance; Donna Wong, marketing communications manager; Glenda Villa, assistant director of rooms; and Robert San Agustin, assistant chief engineer.

The Hilton Guam Resort & Spa hosted the Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association's Tourism Social on May 11.



Photo by Colin Kirk

(From left) Glenda Villa, assistant director of rooms; Christy Cruz, director of human resources; Donna Wong, marketing communications manager; Kimi Passauer, director of sales for the Japan market; Linh Carlson, director of finance; Sheila Baker, director of business development; Bryan Shintaku, assistant director of rooms; Hiroki Sugie, general manager; and Matthew Siegel, director of food and beverage.

The Hilton Guam Resort & Spa is featured in the annual Deloitte & Touche ASC Trust list of the Top Companies in Micronesia in the November-December issue of Guam Business Magazine.



Shown in October 2021 (from left) Joe M. Arnett, senior tax advisor at Deloitte; Maureen N. Maratita, publisher of Guam Business Magazine; Hiroki Sugie, general manager of the Hilton; Sheila Baker, director of business development; and David J. John, chairman of ASC Trust.



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The Guam Chamber of Commerce hosted an in-person general membership lunch at the Tree Bar at the Hilton Guam Resort & Spa on Feb. 23. (From left) Mitsuo "Mike" Sato, president and CEO, Milton Morinaga, senior adviser, both from P.H.R. Ken Micronesia Inc., Tae S. Oh, president of Ivy Educational Services, Vantage Commercial Plaza, Vantage Advertising, and PSI Energy LLC, and Christopher L.C. Duenas, chief financial officer, Triple J Enterprises Inc.



The Hilton Guam Resort & Spa hosted its Holiday Train launch at the Hilton Main Lobby on Nov. 27, 2019.

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