



HÅFA ADAI PLEDGE CEREMONY



More than 200 Sodexo Food Services employees commit to serving Guam's schoolchildren with the Håfa Adai Spirit.

Sodexo's Håfa Adai Pledge becomes largest signing to date

In an unprecedented ceremony on August 10 at the Sheraton Laguna Resort, more than 200 employees of Sodexo Food Services became the newest members of the Guam Visitors Bureau's Håfa Pledge Program. The ceremony coincided with the company's new employee orientation, where employees came together as a team to prepare for the new school year. During the ceremony, Resident District Manager Michael Schnitger noted to his team that the company decided to take

the pledge at this time in the school year to embrace the culture, be able to share and teach it to the students and to foster the hospitality of the culture into their daily operations. Sodexo has been serving school lunches for the Guam Department of Education schools for the past five years and expects to serve almost 23,000 meals daily to Guam's schoolchildren for a total of about four million meals in the coming school year.



Standing L-R: Nate Denight, Guam Visitors Bureau, President and Chief Executive Officer congratulates **Sam Arce**, Applebee's Guam, General Manager; **Jen Lloyd**, IHOP Guam, Tumon General Manager; **Bree Meno**, IHOP Guam - Tamuning General Manager; **Champ Camacho**, Pieology Pizzeria, General Manager; **Kirby Gabo**, Applebee's Guam/IHOP Guam/ Pieology Pizzeria, Director of Operations; **Jason Respicio**, Applebee's Guam/IHOP Guam/ Pieology Pizzeria, Director of Marketing; with **Telo T. Taitague**, Guam Visitors Bureau, Vice President.

Guam's top and newest restaurants join the Håfa Adai Pledge program during tourism month

Three of Guam's most popular restaurants took the Håfa Adai Pledge on May 27, 2016 - Pieology Pizzeria, IHOP and Applebee's, all located in Tamuning along Chalan San Antonio. The Guam Visitors Bureau welcomed the restauranteurs to the program during a tourism month celebration at Applebee's in which all three restaurants hosted a tasting of popular menu items from their menu.

LIVING THE HÅFA ADAI PLEDGE

Life saver honored at HERO Awards

Brandon Santos is a guest service officer at the Hyatt Regency Guam Hotel and won the Life Saving Award at the recent HERO Awards held on July 29th 2016. Santos was nominated by the Director of Safety and Security, Ian Lawton, and was awarded the Håfa Adai Pledge coin. Hero stands for "Hospitality Employees aRe Outstanding" and the awards recognize excellence in tourism and honors outstanding hospitality employees.



Brandon Santos, Hyatt Regency Guam Hotel. Photo courtesy of GHRA

Brandon received an urgent call informing him to respond to an incident reported at the resort counter. It was reported that a 10-month old girl had drowned while in the water with her father. Brandon rushed over to assess the incident and took charge of the situation. He made a quick assessment of child's condition and started performing CPR. After a short time, the girl started to show signs of consciousness. Although she was breathing and seemed out of initial danger, he continued to monitor the child's condition. Paramedics were called to the scene and immediately transported the child and parents to Guam Memorial Hospital to receive further treatment. Brandon is a father himself and felt a strong attachment to this child; he continued to visit the child and her parents, while she recovered up until she departed Guam with her parents.

When Brandon isn't saving lives, he likes to help promote Guam's tourism and beauty by making short video blogs (vlogs) on his YouTube page. His vlogs usually consist of the many activities one can experience while vacationing on this beautiful island

The Håfa Adai Spirit Shines at the Rio Olympics



Guam Olympic sprinter Regine Tugade exchanges a Team Guam pin with Rio residents and 12-year-old cousins Júlia Bruder and Beatriz Giglio in the blue and pink hats, respectively.



Team Guam met with the cousins' family at a restaurant called Deck, in Copacabana, Brazil, on Aug. 15 during the 2016 Rio Olympics. The family approached team Guam asking to exchange pins.

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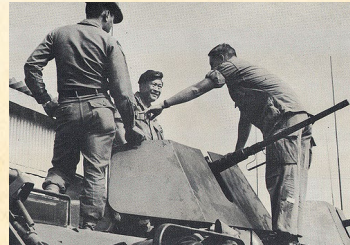
GUAMPEDIA: Carlos G. Camacho

First elected governor of Guam



From left to right: Kurt Moylan, Ricardo Bordallo, Carlos Camacho and Rudolph "Rudy" Sablan. Photo courtesy of the Bordallo Photo Collection

Governor Camacho's Visit to Vietnam, 1970. Governor Camacho, dressed in a Green Beret uniform, rides a tank during his Christmas visit to Vietnam to visit Guam military members. Photo courtesy of Guam USA Magazine, 1970.



Governor Carlos G. Camacho (1924-1979) served as not only Guam's last appointed governor, but also its first elected governor after the Guam Elected Governor Act was passed in 1968. Camacho's election in 1970 was the first time the people of Guam selected their own leader since the Spanish colonized the island beginning in 1668. Camacho's son, Felix Perez Camacho, was also elected governor of Guam in 2002 and 2006.

Camacho grew up in the Santa Cruz District in the heart of Hagåtña, helping in the family business by selling door to door their daily catches of fish. Camacho entered politics in 1964, running as a senatorial candidate for the Territorial Party of Guam and winning a seat in I Mina' Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan/the 8th Guam Legislature. Camacho, along with Territorial Party colleagues, including Joseph Flores and Kurt Moylan, founded the Republican Party of Guam. Camacho succeeded Governor Manuel F.L. Guerrero as governor of Guam, with Kurt Moylan appointed as lieutenant governor. Camacho's term as appointed governor lasted only 18 months, due to the Elective Governor Act that was signed into law by the US Congress in 1968, allowing for Guam's citizens to choose their governor. The act took effect in 1970, when Guam's first election was held. Camacho's term was best remembered for his Christmas 1969 visit to the troops from Guam who were fighting in Vietnam. Camacho was welcomed enthusiastically by the Guam troops, who held parties in his honor.

Camacho's term as elected governor was marked by one of Guam's greatest economic booms. During his entire five and a half years in office, Camacho presided over one of the largest eras of hotel construction activities on Guam, with construction finishing or starting on the Kakue Hotel, Reef Hotel, Hilton Hotel, Okura Hotel, Fujita Tumon Beach, Continental Travelodge, and Guam Dai Ichi Hotel. Camacho also initiated massive road projects that were continued by his successors, including the widening of Marine Drive (now Marine Corps Drive) from Hospital Road north to Route 16 in Harmon, and the reconstruction of other major highways in the villages of Agat, Dededo and Tamuning, among others.

In 1974 Camacho ran for re-election but lost to Democrat Ricardo J. Bordallo in a runoff election, after the general election, by just 627 votes. Following his defeat, Camacho returned to his career as a dentist, continuing in private practice until his death on December 6, 1979.



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