GVB Celebrates First Háfa Adai Pledge Kids (HAP Kids) Ceremony

The Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) welcomed on Wednesday, September 20, local pre-school and elementary-aged students, along with kid-focused businesses and organizations, for the first ever Háfa Adai Pledge Kids (HAP Kids) Ceremony at the Hagåtña Library in Hagåtña.

LIVING THE HÁFA ADAI PLEDGE
Cali Fejeran: Guinaiynam Måna‘Tínas

Cali Fejeran

All nine-year-old Cali Fejeran is the youngest Háfa Adai Pledge (HAP) signer to date. Cali took the HAP at the first of its kind signing ceremony at the Hagåtña Library in September and several of her pledges focus on the Chamorro language. Some of her pledges include: learning, practicing and using her native language of Chamorro every chance she gets and to inspire other kids at their families’ to learn Chamorro when they watch her show.

Cali attributes her knowledge of the Chamorro language to the Huros Academy, where she and her family would go after school to learn as a family. Her mother, Pia Fejeran, proudly shares that her two daughters, Cali and Isis, are naturals when it comes to picking up their native tongue.

Cali’s YouTube cooking show “Guinaiynam Måna‘Tínas” or “For the Love of Cooking,” spoken all in Chamorro reflects her passion for both cooking and speaking her native language. When asked how the idea of “Guinaiynam Måna‘Tínas” came about, she immediately responded that it was her dad, Lenney Fejeran, cooking show that made her want a show of her own. Cali’s favorite part of having her own cooking show is eating her finished product. Even at a young age, she never fails to remember her roots. Her most memorable show experience was mixing banana bread batter with her hands, because it made her feel closer to her Chamorro heritage. Cali’s advice to those learning Chamorro: “Stick to the basics and keep practicing. Everyone should learn Chamorro because it’s the native language of Guam. For non-natives, try to learn Chamorro because it’s the language of Guam, and people should show love to our island.”

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