THE PERFECT Destination FOR AN INSTANT Vacation
tourism has consistently grown and continues to thrive year after year.

This wouldn’t be possible without the hard work of the Guam Visitors Bureau and its partners, who have helped strengthen and sustain the lifeline of our island’s economy for decades.

Despite challenges this past year of global events and changes in different visitor markets, Guam was still able to achieve its best fiscal year yet reaching 1.56 million visitors. This says a lot about our island’s hospitality, and we commend the men and women in tourism for working hard to welcome new people and showcase our culture to the rest of the world.

We congratulate the Guam Visitors Bureau on another great year of breaking records in visitor arrivals! On behalf of the people of Guam and our entire Administration, we extend a warm Un dangkulu na si Yu’os Ma’åse’ to the hardworking members of the Guam Visitors Bureau for all your dedication, hard work, and commitment to our island’s thriving tourism industry.

Si Yu’os Ma’åse’

EDDIE BAZA CALVO
Governor of Guam

RAY TENORIO
Lt. Governor of Guam

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

For 55 years, from the Guam Tourist Commission to the Guam Visitors Bureau, Guam’s visitor industry has flourished into over 1.5 million visitor arrivals annually. It is the determination of the Guam Visitors Bureau and many individuals, organizations and industry partners here at home and abroad, who have contributed to this success.

Again with record-setting arrivals in 2017, the Guam Visitors Bureau has relentlessly displayed their astuteness in promoting Guam and her beauty for all the world to see producing these records as a tangible means for our partners to continue their support of building and promoting Guam.

The work that every member of every part of our tourism fabric contributes to the growing, but challenging landscape of tourism on Guam is to be commended for their tenacity and willingness to ensure that each smile, handshake and utter of ‘Håfa Adai yan Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ is felt deep within each visitor, forever instilling in them the warmth and love of our island people.

Every man, woman and child who call Guam home is called to action to ensure our home is well-preserved for those who long to experience a place flourishing with ‘guinaiya, lina’la’, yan minagof’ and for the sacred preservation of our island home for all our future generations.

The Guam Visitors Bureau has continually pushed the envelope in promoting, protecting and preserving all that is Guam...

- our history, culture, language, air, land and sea in the promotions, events and grants they sponsor throughout the year.

As we confront the many challenges the year brings, may we always remain steadfast as resilient people of Guam.

Si Yu’os Ma’åse’ to all the employees at GVB, our visitor industry partners and all our people for being the warm, loving and most hospitable people in the world!

Si Yu’os Må’ase’!

DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR.
Senator, 34th Guam Legislature
Chairman, Committee on Health, Tourism, Military Affairs and Senior Citizens
Håfa Adai!

On behalf of the Guam Visitors Bureau Board of Directors, and its management and staff, we proudly present you with the Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report.

We are proud that Fiscal Year 2017 has become the top fiscal year in Guam’s tourism history as we welcomed about 1.56 million visitors to our island paradise. Calendar Year 2017 is also something worth highlighting, as it became the best year in visitor arrivals with 1.54 million visitors. The growth and diversification of our source markets has helped us reach these new milestones, despite challenges outside of our control.

GVB has been working hard with its government and tourism industry partners to make Guam a better place to live, work and visit.

As we celebrate our 55th anniversary in 2018, we are reminded of the many ways tourism works for the people of Guam.

Millions of dollars go into keeping our local residents and visitors safe, fixing our streetlights, crosswalks and sidewalks, protecting our environment, maintaining our roadways and supporting our 4,000 year old Chamorro culture. Tourism has boosted our economy and provided over 21,000 job opportunities for the community.

I want to personally thank the hard working men and women in Guam’s tourism industry for taking our island to a whole new level and congratulate them on a job well done.

Meanwhile, our work continues to showcase our unique attractions in this safe, clean, family-friendly environment and transform Guam into a world-class destination of choice. We are determined to increase airline seats and room inventory, reinvest into our aging infrastructure and improve the overall Guam product.

Si Yu’os Ma’ase’

MILTON MORINAGA
Chairman, GVB Board of Directors
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The Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB), a non-profit membership corporation, is the official tourism agency for the U.S. Territory of Guam. Among its responsibilities, GVB is charged with setting tourism policy and direction; developing and implementing Guam’s tourism strategic and marketing plans; managing programs and activities that enhance and showcase Guam’s people, place and culture in order to deliver an incomparable visitor experience; and coordinating tourism-related research, planning, events and outreach activities. GVB serves as a critical bridge linking government, the tourism industry, visitors and the local community, and aims to contribute successfully to a good quality of life for residents through tourism.

ADMINISTRATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

In FY17, the Guam Visitors Bureau was honored to become the first tourism office to win the President’s “E” Award, the highest recognition any U.S. entity can receive for making a significant contribution to the expansion of U.S. exports. U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross presented the recognition to GVB at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., May 22, 2017.

“The Guam Visitors Bureau has demonstrated a sustained commitment to export expansion,” said Secretary Ross in his congratulatory letter to GVB announcing its selection as an award recipient. “The “E” Awards Committee was very impressed with GVB’s Tourism 2020 strategic plan development and engagement, which resulted in exceptional year-over-year growth in tourism to Guam. The organization’s innovative and broad-reaching program to capture larger segments of the Chinese tourism market was also particularly notable. GVB’s achievements have undoubtedly contributed to national export expansion efforts that support the U.S. economy and create American jobs.”

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RESEARCH

GVB conducts the Tourism Economic Impact Study in order to measure the effects of tourism on our island. This TSA (Tourism Satellite Account) report provides key value performance indicators related to visitor expenditures, government revenues and job creation. GVB used to conduct the study every five years, but the same information is so valuable that the study will now be updated annually. The latest 2016 report presents a direct correlation between tourism expenditures and overall visitor arrivals.

For FY2016, total tourism economy sales or the total impact of our visitors equated to around $1.8 billion, an 8.4% increase from FY2015. For that same time period, our visitor arrivals grew by 10.1%. The tourism industry directly contributed to 12.1% of the total island’s GDP, a 0.9% growth over 2015’s 11.2% share.

This growth in the tourism industry along with visitor spending supported around 21,100 jobs, an additional 650 jobs for our economy compared to 2015. In other words, tourism supports around 34% (in every 3 jobs) of all employment on Guam. The TSA report stated that visitor spending directly supported 100% of employment in hotel lodging, 50% of retail employment and about 42% of employment in the food and beverage industry. This equates to around $807 million in government revenue. As of 2016, those revenues grew by 5.69% to around $8200M. With the revised arrivals projections and current supply of airline seat and rooms, GVB forecasts the FY18 Tourist Attraction Fund collections to be between $40-42 million, based on current information and trends.

In FY17, GVB also completed the Survey of Tourism Attitudes of Resident (STAR) report, which is designed to ascertain how the people of Guam feel about the tourism industry. The survey was used to gain valuable insight regarding how residents view the tourism industry, and its impact on Guam’s economy, preservation of culture, environment and quality of life. The last STAR survey was conducted by GVB in 2010.

Among its highlights, the STAR survey noted increased favorability toward tourism, with 69% of residents believing that tourism has a positive impact on them and their families and Guam overall. Most residents that took the survey agreed that tourism creates many well-paying jobs. Based on information from the STAR survey, it was recommended that GVB focus more on traditions, history and food when promoting Guam’s culture to visitors, as well as arts and crafts for community sponsored events.

MARKETING HIGHLIGHTS

Japan

Japan’s total outbound travel was up approximately 4.5% in 2017 with 17.89 million Japanese overseas travelers. Top destinations for Japanese travelers included Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, and Hawaii. A significant factor contributing to Japan outbound travel is the country’s aggressive approach to inbound tourism, with over 24 million international visitors choosing to travel to Japan in 2016, accounting for a 21.8% year-on-year growth. Intense inbound Japan travel creates tremendous outbound travel opportunities for Japanese residents providing intense competition for destinations to capture the stable and valuable Japan outbound travel market.

Guam in the Japan market suffered from a severe loss in airline seat capacity beginning in 2010, where there were more than 1.3 million seats available on direct flights. Since then, Guam has experienced a steady decline of approximately -9% air seats every year. In 2016, there were 972,436 seats available to travel to Guam from Japan, but in 2017 only 880,747 seats existed in the market equating to a year-on-year -13% loss of direct access to our island destination. These figures exclude charter operations, which occur on a seasonal basis with Guam’s airline partners.

For FY17, GVB introduced a 2-year strategic plan to reverse the negative arrivals trend in the Japan market, with the primary initiative to develop additional air service. The airline charter incentive program was successful in encouraging travel agents to add extra flights, and the number of Guam charters almost doubled from 112 in CY16 to 196 in CY17. GVB also worked closely with existing carriers to support their sales and marketing efforts, while at the same time continued meeting with potential new carriers together with the Guam International Airport Authority (GIAA).

Although the main reason for Japan visitor arrivals decline is the loss of direct air service, there are other factors to be considered. This includes the depreciation of Japanese yen, geo-political issues such as terrorism, security and foreign affairs. Furthermore, the North Korea missile threats were heavily detrimental to Guam in the Japan market causing cancellations with school groups, MICE trips and general consumers. These market conditions are considered uncontrollable by GVB against the sales, public relations and marketing work completed in-market.

In FY2017, GVB focused on targeted sales efforts through education to traditional travel agents and working with online travel agents such as Expedia, Rakuten and DeNA to promote and sell Guam. The annual advertising strategy shifted to focus on online and digital channels providing a dynamic opportunity to shift targeting and messaging based on market conditions and product changes. GVB did not ignore traditional media such as TV, newspapers and magazine. Instead, the Japan marketing team identified publications that offered the opportunities to gain exposure for Guam. Successes are noted in the regional parts of Fukuoka, Osaka, Nagoya and even Tokyo where Guam was featured in television programs, and travel-related print publications. GVB participated in 12 tradeshows, conducted 57 seminars about Guam, had 16 cooperative projects and executed 8 online promotions. These efforts garnered over $18 million in exposure for Guam throughout Japan.

Korea

South Korea’s total outbound travel increased to an amazing 26.5 million (+18.4%) in CY17. Considering that the country’s total population is 51.4 million, that means more than 50% of the population traveled overseas. To put this in perspective, Japan’s CY17 total outbound was 17.89 million with a population of 126 million.

Guam’s Korea market ended Fiscal Year 2017 with record-breaking arrival numbers that dramatically increased...
the market share to 41.6% of Guam total arrivals. Korean arrivals have rapidly grown over the past year from 351,701 in CY2015 to a record 544,643 in CY2017, an overall increase of 52.6%. In December 2016, GVB conducted a “Hafa Millionth” Event, celebrating the 500,000th Korean visitor and their family.

New airlift service from Jeju Air and Jin Air contributed to additional seat capacity. On July 6, 2017, Jeju Air increased its Incheon-Guam flight by adding an additional aircraft, making a total of (3) daily flights. Jeju Air had also increased their Busan-Guan route to daily flights. On October 29, 2017, Jin Air had also increased their Busan-Guan route to daily flights. On September 12, 2017, Air Seoul launched the Incheon-Guam route with six daily flights a week and increased to daily flights on October 30, 2017, which provided additional 56,000 seats per year.

The breaking record arrival performance is attributed to focused efforts and aggressive activity development in travel trade across the country to attract Korean visitors to Guam as well as to raise awareness of the beautiful island among Koreans through targeted media campaigns, travel to trade events, customer activities, location filming, and FAM tours. In FY2017, GVB Korea had a total of 95 cooperative projects including TV home shopping, social commerce promotions, billboard advertisement, and incentive support programs.

Other Markets
Guam remains active in the Pacific Market as a member of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) and the PATA Micronesia Chapter. There has been remarkable progress for Guam and the region, participating in the ITB Asia 2016, PATA Annual Summit 2017, PATA Executive Board Meeting, PATA Micronesia Chapter Triennial Meetings, and PATA Travel Mart 2017 where GVB had won the PATA Gold Award for Shop Guam e-Festival Campaign in the Marketing Media-Mobile Travel Application category competing against 220 submissions from 77 organizations. Guam increased its presence in the North America travel trade arena through its participation in major travel trade shows like USTAV IPW, DEMA Show, Scuba Show, and also continued expanding into the MICE and LGBTIQ markets through participation in IMEX America and IGLETA Travel Show. On May 22, 2017, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Wilbur Ross, presented GVB with the “President’s E” Award, the highest recognition any U.S. entity can receive for making a significant contribution to the expansion of U.S. exports.

GVB continues to strengthen Guam’s brand position to Filipino travelers, forging new trade and media partnerships. GVB participated in the TTM 2017, a B2B travel mart catering specifically to hospitality, tourism and travel stakeholders, which provided the opportunity to engage with over 850 Travel Agents in Manila and Davao. Guam participated in the Annual PATA Travel Tour Expo, the largest travel trade show in Philippines and the Travel Madness Expo both held in Manila. The Russia market ended FY2017 with 3,151 visitors, a 28.6% increase compared to FY2016. Economic situations in Russia improved and Russian citizens started to get used to expensive currency. GVB continued to show presence in the market by working with travel trade partners and conducting workshops during travel shows. Guam participated in travel exhibitions such as MITT in Moscow and PITE in Vladiivostok, which Guam received an award for the second best booth of the expo.

China saw a reduction of charter flights in FY2017. With the limited seat capacity, arrivals decreased 11.8% from last year reaching 23,169 pax. Despite the arrivals, China market continues to be active having signed an MOU with Fliggy, China’s number one travel e-commerce platform of the Alibaba group, thus making Guam the first U.S. destination and the first island destination to build up strategic cooperation with Fliggy. In addition, GVB has partnered with movie studio Huayi Media Group and United Airlines for the movie “The Beautiful Accident”. This project included a “Ride to Guam” contest that attracted 110,000 participants and gained nearly 16 million impressions.

Hong Kong and Taiwan had also seen a reduction in seat capacity with the cessation of Hong Kong Express LLC and suspension of Eva Air in June 2017. GVB continued to support partners in Hong Kong by participating in the ITE MICE, which Guam received with the “Most Romantic Holiday Award”. GVB showed its continued commitment to the Taiwan market by participating in major consumer shows such as the Kaohsiung International Travel Fair and Taipei International Travel Fair where top level government officials, including Governor Eddie B. Calvo, took the opportunity to also meet with the travel trade and airline partners in the market. This resulted in China Airlines announcement in December 2017 to increase its flight frequency effective March 25, 2018.

DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS
Destination Development’s mission is to support the possible development and enhancement of tourism attractions and experiences that build on our competitive product strengths, ensuring that Guam delivers on its brand promise. The importance of this department has been growing in need as the government lacks the resources to maintain infrastructure that is critical to tourism. Guam must improve its quality in order to attract a higher spending visitor and thereby improve yield. GVB’s Destination Development Department is comprised of four committees: Destination Management, Finance and Heritage Committee, Visitor Safety and Satisfaction and Sports and Events.

The Destination Management Committee (DMC) focuses on improving tourism infrastructure, safety and satisfaction. Over the years, GVB has taken on additional responsibilities originally tasked to other Government of Guam agencies. In FY2017, GVB continued its commitment to complete maintenance projects that include the San Vitores landscaping, garbage collection along major highways, and Hågatna and Tumon Bay beach cleaning.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM DEBT
The Bureau is not capital intensive and therefore, significant capital asset activity did not occur in 2017, 2016 and 2015. Additionally, the Bureau has no long-term borrowings. However, for additional information, please see GVB’s full audit report at www.opgauam.org.

LOOKOUT
Before the North Korea news event in August, total arrivals for Guam were 5% higher than 2016, with August ending at -0.5%, still making it the second best arrivals month in Guam’s history. However, the months following August showed decreases of -12.4% (Sept.), -7.4% (Oct.), -2.7% (Nov.), and -2.3% (Dec.) All our major source markets except Korea experienced serious declines in the months following August, with Japan -30% for the 1st Quarter of FY18. Despite this, the +23.1% increase in Korea arrivals offset some of these decreases, and 1st quarter FY18 finished at +3.9% YOY. For FY18, based on current capacity and trends, the GVB Research Department forecasts visitor arrivals of 1.44 million (+7.6% YOY).

Two major considerations in arrival forecasts are seat capacity and hotel room inventory, as these are the main supply factors. There have been both positive and negative developments in regards to flights to Guam. For Japan, Delta suspended its twice-
daily service from Nara and Hong Kong Express postponed its Nagoya flight planned for October. Moreover, United canceled direct service from Sapporo and Sendai, and decreased some capacity from Nara, Osaka and Nagoya. On a positive note, GVB, together with OIAA, was able to attract a second Nara departure with Japan Airlines, which will start in March 2018. Moreover, GVB continues to incentivize travel agents to fly charters, and are expecting 30,000 - 40,000 charter flight seats in FY18.

For the Korea market, Guam welcomed Air Seoul in September, the sixth Korean carrier to fly to the island. China Airlines announced that it will add a 5th frequency in March 2018 after Governor Calvo’s Taiwan trade mission. This should offset some of the seats lost with the suspension of the Eva Air flights last June. United recently announced the suspension of the 2x a week Shanghai route, but a majority of mainland China visitors travel to Guam via incheon airport.

While Guam has added many new airlines in the last 7 years, the island has not developed the additional room inventory needed to reach the Tourism 2020 goal of 1.75 million visitors. GVB thanks GEDA and the Legislature for enabling management and sustainable growth for our island.

JON NATHAN DENIGHT
President & CEO

ANTONIO NUNO, JR.
Vice President

program, which helped incentivize the groundbreaking of Guam’s first new hotel in nearly a decade. Yet, the 350 rooms provided by the Tuschak Tower will still leave Guam short of the 1,600 rooms needed, and the recent issues with H-2 labor have been a roadblock to attracting new hotel development. With occupancy and room rates at all time highs, the island is close to its limit in accommodations for Guam’s visitor industry.

GVB anticipates FY18’s decline in arrivals can still be mitigated with increased efforts in promoting Guam as a world-class resort destination of choice. The volatile nature of the travel industry only strengthens our belief that we need to continue to invest into our main economic driver, in order to ensure manageable and sustainable growth for our island.

Vice President
Tourism 2020

A world-class, first-tier resort destination of choice, offering a U.S. island paradise with stunning ocean vistas, for two million businesses and leisure visitors from across the region with accommodations and activities ranging from value to five-star luxury—all in a safe, clean, family-friendly environment set amidst a unique 4,000-year-old culture.

1. IMPROVE Quality and Yield
2. GROW Arrivals and Diversity
3. ADD High-End Hotel Rooms, INCENTIVIZE Reinvestment
4. FOCUS on MICE
5. PROMOTE the Chamorro Culture
6. EXTEND Average Length of Stay
7. PROMOTE our Unique Attractions
8. EXTEND Tourism Beyond Tumon
OCTOBER 2016

Guam welcomed its best October in visitor arrivals – 122,534 visitors
GVB launches Visit Guam 2017 campaign – The Year of Love
10th Guam Ko’ko’ Kids Fun Run celebrated October 29th
11th Guam Ko’ko’ Road Races celebrated October 30th

NOVEMBER 2016

Best November in visitor arrivals recorded – 125,748
Guam won best booth design at 2016 Taipei International Travel Fair Nov. 4-7

DECEMBER 2016

5th Shop Guam e-Festival held December 1 – February 4
Holiday Illumination Light Park returned to Tumon December 10 – January 15
Calendar Year 2016 visitor arrivals reached new record – 1.53 million
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The Cultural and Heritage Committee (CHC) is the division that ensures that Guam’s culture is represented in GVB’s local and overseas promotions. The CHC provides support to marketing efforts by ensuring that the Guam cultural representation is accurate and that the cultural experience our visitors receive is consistent with the philosophies of our community.

Aside from overseas marketing representation, the Cultural and Heritage division offers opportunities for on island projects that are coordinated by other organizations or government agencies. It awards qualified individuals, companies, or organizations with grant/sponsorship money related to promoting and perpetuating the Chamorro Culture.

U.S. & Guam Chamorro Dance Academy and Events:
The Guam Chamorro Dance Academy was first piloted in FY2010 in the Tokyo area targeting Hula Dance Clubs. Five two-day dance workshops were conducted with up to 70 pax attending each workshop conducted by Master of Chamorro Dance Frank Rabon. The program was successful in enticing people to learn more about Guam’s unique heritage and people. As a result of growing interest, the program expanded to include other regions of Japan. A third Guma (cultural house) was also established in Tokyo by one of the participants of the academy. The dance academy also expanded in Taiwan to help foster not only cultural exchange between Taiwanese and Chamorro people, but promoting travel between our two countries.

Meanwhile, the Bureau continues to work closely with various active stateside Chamorro dance group with the US-Guam Chamorro Dance Academy, which launched in California and Washington.

Tourism Works Campaign:
The Tourism Works campaign continues to play a key role in educating our local community on the importance of tourism and how it affects their everyday lives. In 2017, the Guam Visitors Bureau shaped an extensive marketing campaign ranging from a weekly newspaper column, weekly tourism profile television feature, television and radio commercials engaging contests and community outreach program through a “tourism talk tour.”

Håfa Adai Pledge Program:
The Håfa Adai Pledge program continues to be the cornerstone of the Guam Visitors Bureau’s local branding efforts. For 2017, Håfa Adai Pledge welcomed 114 new members from various local business, organizations and individuals with a total of 752 members; representing over 34,000 individuals. Ceremony signings were amplified with interactive and engaging activities such as an underwater signing with Guam Seawalker and a live magical ceremony with Red Door Productions – Encore. The program continues to be at the forefront of the community.
Tourism Industry Relations

Tasked with ensuring visitor safety and satisfaction, Tourism Industry Relations bridges the gap between the private sector and local residents.

The Tourism Industry Relations division is responsible for overseeing:

Airport Ambassador Program
GBV provides funding for the Ambassador Program at the A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport, which offers assistance to arriving visitors by providing guidance on all forms and directions through the airport.

Community Outreach Programs
As we market our island, GBV recognizes the need to build up the product quality. GBV continues to sponsor village festivals that strengthen the community’s identity such as the Agat’s Mango Festival, Merizo’s Fiesta Tasi & Guqot Chamorro, Mangilao’s Donne Festival and Tamuning’s Latte Peace Festival.

HERO Awards
GBV in partnership with the Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association recognizes the outstanding contributions of front line hospitality employees of the tourism industry.

Tour Guide Certification
GBV monitors tour guides and tour sites throughout Guam. GBV, in partnership with the Guam Community College has updated the certification program and offers the certification course quarterly and can support a larger number of applicants. The curriculum is now equipped with links and other resources that will ensure tour guides are disseminating accurate information on their tours.

Visitor Industry Professional (VIP)
GBV recognizes the need to strengthen Guam’s hospitality workforce with the training needed to deliver consistent, high-quality service. The VIP program is in the process of developing an online education website featuring a broad library of custom made tutorial videos and training for tourism front line employees that can be accessed from a computer, tablet or smartphone. The VIP program is now in its second phase with the video production. GBV’s target date to launch this product is by September 2018.

Visitor Safety Officer Program
GBV has a vested interest in protecting and ensuring the safety and security of all visitors. Crimes against tourists threaten Guam’s image as a safe, family friendly destination. The VSOs serve multi-purpose roles as a concierges, tour guides, security officers, and beach safety officers that will be able to respond to safety and security incidents and provide basic visitor information.

Welcome Service
GBV provides welcome services for incentive groups, charter flights, and cruise ship greetings, as well as VIP guests upon their arrival to the island or at an event they are hosting on Guam.

Destination Management
During FY17, GBV contributed to the efforts of island beautification, capital improvement and visitor attraction. GBV attained its goals through maintenance and beautification projects that included:

Annual Holiday Illumination
GBV successfully featured a Christmas Village across GVB in Tumon in FY17 attracting thousands during the holiday season.

Beach Cleaning Maintenance covers Hagatna Bay (from Onward to Shell Gas Station across) and Tumon Bay (from Hilton to Gun Beach). Scope of work includes mechanical & manual beach raking, trash collection, tree trimming of trees and ground cover.

Bus Shelters State-of-the-art bus shelters were designed for the following locations: GVB, PIC, PIC across, Fountain Plaza, Holiday Resort, Pacific Bay Churrascos, Kracked Egg, Hyatt across, Pacific Place, Westin Hotel, Lotope Hotel, and Sandcastle. The features at each bus stop include solar-powered lights, GVB Event Board, Map Pylons and trash receptacles.

Island Road Maintenance covers Rt. 1 (from Andersen Air Force Base Gate to Naval Station Gate), Rt. 4 (from Rt. 1-Chalan Laman, Inarajan) and Rt. 34 (Two Lovers Point). It also included Rt. 2 Agat junction to Cetti Bay. Scope of work includes trash collection, grass cutting, scraping, edging and trimming.

Streetlight Repairs A total of 325 streetlights are now fully operational with more energy efficient LED light fixtures, including the replacement of panel boxes, conduits, and missing poles.

Tumon Landscaping Maintenance covers Tumon from Bishop Flores Rotunda to Lotope Hotel, including JFK & Westin Hills. Scope of work includes tree & shrub trimming, grass cutting, sweeping/blowing of sidewalks, and trash collection along sidewalks, including bus shelters.
FAIR EXPO

January 2017

FEBRUARY 2017

New Year’s Eve fireworks
GVB & TripAdvisor team up to host industry seminar
New members elected to serve in GVB Board of Directors
Best January in visitor arrivals recorded – 136,029

MARCH 2017

Second best February in visitor arrivals recorded – 133,440
700th Håfa Adai Pledge signing held at Amot Farm Inc.
Best March in visitor arrivals recorded – 140,662

2017 AWARDS

- Korean Professional Baseball Players and Women Golfers December 11, 2017
  Appreciation Plaque
- 2017 Taipei International Travel Fair October 27-30, 2017
  Best ITF Theme Award
- The 31st International Travel Fair New Travel Routes Contest 2017
  Most Romantic Holiday
- 24th PTAA Travel Tour Expo (Manila, Philippines) February 2017
  Best Booth Performance
- Quezon City Travel Agencies Association Inc. (QCTAA)
  Appreciation Plaque
- PATA Micronesia Chapter September 2017
  Award of Excellence
- 2017 Shop Guam e-Festival (Macao, China) October 3, 2017
  PATA Gold Award
- XXI Pacific International Tourism Expo May 19-21, 2017
  2nd Place Best Booth Award
- Washington D.C. May 22, 2017
  President’s “E” Award for Export Service
- 2017 Sanya Global Wedding & Honeymoon Island Forum July 2017
  Best Wedding & Honeymoon Destination

2017 MILESTONES - SECOND QUARTER
SMART GOALS
1. Aggressive online advertising to reach online travel agents (OTAs) and free independent travelers (FITs)
2. MICE/Group incentive plan
3. Achieve 120,000 group/MICE arrivals
4. Increase SNS presence
5. Improve communications with the Guam International Airport Authority for better airline marketing program
6. Achieve 135 charter flights in FY2017
7. Introduce Guam repeater campaign
8. Work closely with Destination Management to improve Guam image

HIGHLIGHTS
- In July 2017, the overall number of Japanese overseas travelers was 1,482,000 which is a 3.2% increase on a year-on-year basis (preliminary figures). The total for the first seven months of 2017 was 9,004,700 (+6%).
- The average of total overseas travel expenditures per person per trip is estimated at JPY238,000, which is JPY20,000 lower than that for the previous year. This is attributed to the large number of travelers who chose short-haul and lower-priced destinations such as China and South Korea.
- The Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) is promoting the expansion of bilateral international exchange with the goal of increasing the number of outbound Japanese travelers to 20 million by the year 2020. To achieve this goal, the Japan Association of Travel Agents (JATA) is working to generate and promote demand for overseas travel with the Visit World campaign in cooperation with various tourism partners and government agencies.
- According to the AB-road survey, taking a longer vacation, appreciation of the yen and friends' stories have become stronger motivation factors than last year for overseas travel. Travel purposes such as walking in a town/city and escaping from daily life increased from last year and there were fewer responses of shopping, visiting tourist and historic spots, spa/massage and cultural experiences.
- The number of international visitors to Japan was up 21.8% on a year-on-year basis to record-high 24,039,000 in 2016, marking the first year of inbound tourists over 20 million. There is now a goal of increasing the number of international visitors to Japan to 40 million by the year 2020. Due to this surge in the inbound travel market, when airlines with two-way routings have vacant seats when returning to their home countries (e.g., Taiwan, Korean, HK), they can sell the available seats at much lower fares.
- Arrival numbers have decreased since 2012. This reduction can be attributed to the decline in air seat capacity which has also decreased by 9-10% each year. Other notable contributing factors to the decline in arrivals include the depreciation of Japanese yen, uncertainty for overseas travel stemming from terrorism, security and foreign affairs, and the increase of Guam tour prices by about 20% due to increased air fare and hotel rates.

Air Service Development
To meet market demands, GVB developed a charter flight incentive program in partnership with the Guam International Airport Authority. This program resulted in the achievement of nearly 200 charter flights equating to more than 33,000 air seats minimizing the loss of direct air service.

Advertisements
This year, GVB Japan market shifted to online digital advertisement instead of television and newspaper ads. The number of page views, clicks and the click-through-rate (CTR) surpassed market expectations.

PR
New challenges in the PR field this year were tie-ins with local media for the cities/prefectures with direct service to Guam. Two local TV programs covered Guam for the United Airlines 30th anniversary of the Fukuoka-Guam flight just after airing “Dosanko Wide,” the most popular local TV program in Hokkaido. Immediately after airing, about sixty bookings to Guam were made.

Ownmedia
GVB Japan (GVBJ) launched its social networking sites with profiles on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. Online promotions for campaigns such as the 50th anniversary of the first flight between Japan and Guam helped boost following and engagement.

Sales
During FY2017, GVBJ limited the number of presentations and seminars and devoted more time to sales calls to hear travel agencies’ opinions, needs and requests in order to invest their budget more efficiently into each client based on current market conditions. For FY2018, more strategic support is needed from travel agencies and regional areas.

GVBJ started working more closely with online travel agents (OTAs) such as Expedia, Rakuten and DeNA.
Taiwan Market

HIGHLIGHTS

In December 2016, GVB welcomed HaFa Millionth 500,000 Korean visitors. The number of Korean arrivals is rapidly increasing as a record for fiscal year of Korean arrivals for FY2017 is 649,428. The market share during the calendar year was dramatically increased by 25% from 519,430 (Jan-Oct) in 2016 to 649,428 (Jan-Oct) in 2017.

The increased airline seat capacities and new airlift service allowed to bring more Korean visitors. Jeju Air started offering Busan-Guam flights on a daily basis from November 2016 and they increased Incheon-Guam flights to three (3) daily bases from July 4, 2017. In addition, Jin Air changed the aircraft from B738 (189 seats) to B772 (300 seats) from April that contributed to the increased arrivals. Also, Jin Air will increase Busan-Guam flights on a daily basis from October 28, 2017. Air Seoul is newly launching Incheon-Guam flights with a frequency of six (6) times per week from September 12 with additional seats of approximately 36,000 per year. GVB supported Air Seoul inaugural ceremony at the Guam International Airport on September 13, and hosted major travel agencies’ CEO & team leader fam tour by providing in transportation and dinner reception.

The breaking record arrival and succeed performance is attributed to focused efforts and aggressive activity development in travel trade across the country to attract Korean visitors to Guam as well as to raise awareness of the beautiful island among Koreans through targeted media campaigns, travel trade co-op, consumer activities, location filming, and FAM tours. In FY2017, GVB Korea had total 90 cooperative projects including TV home shopping, social commerce promotions, billboard advertisement, and incentive support programs, etc.

Moreover, GVB Korea sponsored famous Korean TV programs, ‘Flaming Youth’ which is a reality variety show pairs up the celebrities to feature their daily life story. The film location was Guam to introduce the island as a prime destination for couples, honeymooners, and friends. It was broadcasted through one of the major public broadcasting stations, SBS on December 6, 13, and 20, 2016 with $59,997,316.00 return on investment. Also, a MBC drama ‘A man who sets a table’ was filmed on Guam to expose the island of Guam with $62,788,800.00 PR value.

Specially, this year, GVB Korea appointed a very popular and recognized celebrity Song, Seung Heon as an honorary ambassador for Guam’s tourism to maximize investment to Guam and Korean market.

For consumer activity, GVB Korea co-op with Sony Korea invited 10 best photographers to Guam to take the best photos and video. GVB Korea held an exhibition at Time Square Mall to present the beautiful outputs and promotional collateral. Moreover, GVB Korea held Guam Food Festival at Grand Hyatt Seoul for 5 days to increase awareness of Guam’s food & culture among Korean potential consumers. It was a great opportunity to expose the culture of Guam and the event has exposed through various media outlets. The cultural performances were also provided with Miss Guam. In relation to this, GVB Korea, co-op with Hana Tour, invited a celebrity chef to Guam, to show food-themed tour product for potential customers who want different travel. This was able to promote and attract more Korean visitors in time for one of the signature events, Guam BBQ Block Party.

GVB Korea continued promotion of Guam through participation in some of Korea’s top consumer and trade shows, including the Mode Travel Fair (1,804 Guam packages sold), the Hana Tour International Travel Show (257 Guam packages sold) and Korea World Travel Fair (KOTFA).

For smart goals, GVB Korea increased Korean Arrivals by 15.7% from 475,000 to 550,000.

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Russia Market

SMART GOALS
1. Strengthen Awareness of Guam among the Travel Trades: In 2017 GVB China Sales Mission, with participation of 19 Guam local industry partners, 480 travel agents and 45 media.
2. Increase Identification of Guam among the consumer market: Three (3) Travel Bloggers, 1 print media, 1 filming team of Guangzhou TV, as well as 1 agent specializing on overseas marathon. Organized media interviews and media gathering to promote the theme “Year of Love”.
3. Help Stakeholders Facilitate Business by Conducting Stakeholder Engagement: During online campaign with Fliggy, the exposure of United Airlines and 9 Guam Local Industry partners reached 610,000,000 impressions.

HIGHLIGHTS
In FY2017, Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) China office has worked closely with airlines, travel trade partners as well as media, to encourage the China visitor arrivals to reach 23,189 pax.
GVB China office hosted the 2017 GVB China Sales Mission, which attracted 19 Guam Local Industry partners to attend. The Sales Mission provided a good platform for Guam stakeholders in developing their business and network in four China major markets: Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, and Hangzhou. A total of 450 travel agents and 45 media participated in the Sales Mission, harvesting more knowledge and business opportunities in the tourism of Guam.

GVB head office signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the number one e-commerce travel platform Fliggy of Alibaba group, making Guam the first U. S. destination to build up strategic cooperation with Fliggy. United Airlines, 5 key travel agents, 9 Guam Local Industry Partners, reaching a total impression of 712,000,000 and the sales of Guam products increased by 180% on Fliggy.
In FY2017, Guam Great Office initiated the “Mysterious Destination” online campaign, with participation of United Airlines, 5 key travel agents, 9 Guam Local Industry Partners, reaching a total impression of 712,000,000 and the sales of Guam products increased by 180% on Fliggy.
GVB China office invited 15 agents to attend the Guam booth at the PITE. The Guam booth at the PITE took 2nd place for Best Booth award showcasing Guam’s Year of Love campaign.
GVB continued promotions in the European part of Russia as well as the Far East of Russia as a primary market. The main reason of active promotion of Guam in the European part of Russia is still the amount of high income travelers and their desire to find new destinations for vacation. Advertising campaigns were developed to promote Guam in the European part of Russia. The focus on online and digital promotion was strengthened.

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1. Achieve at least 3,500 Russian visitors to Guam in FY2017 through engagement with TAs, airlines, corporate partners, and key media.
2. Participate in at least three (3) exhibitions: Moscow International Travel Tourism Exhibition (MITT), Pacific International Tourism Expo (PITE) and another travel expo.
3. Conduct at least three (3) Guam Product Update Workshops for TAs: Far East of Russia, Siberia and Moscow.
4. Increase Guam awareness in the Far East of Russia, Siberia and Moscow through continued advertising and through GVB Russia’s social media outlets.
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In FY2017, GVB tried a new format of communication with media - a press brunch workshop which was held in Moscow prior to MITT on March 12. The event gathered representatives of the biggest media in Russia as well as the most popular bloggers. Additionally, GVB Russia actively participated in Workshops for travel professionals in April 2017 for the Siberian market in Novosibirsk, Irkutsk and Yakutsk. It was the first time when Yakutsk was added to the list of Siberian cities for conducting workshops. For the first time participation in the workshop was indirect.

In relation to social media, GVB was tasked to monitor and maintain the GVB Russia Facebook fan page, vk.com fan page, ok.ru fan page as well as the GVB Russia website. In FY2017 accounts in Instagram and Youtube were created. Social media campaigns on Facebook and Instagram were conducted on a regular basis. For FY2018 it is recommended to continue to actively promote Guam in Instagram.

The Bureau conducted several co-op activities including a co-op campaign with Vladivostok Ice Marathon, 9 channel, and Korean Air. It was very important to conduct co-op activities in period of economic instability because it enabled to support relationships with existing partners (like Korean Air) and establish new relationships which will be important for future campaigns and activities. These activities offer the possibility to cover specific target audience which might be interested in particular events on Guam and continue networking and make courtesy visits to potential trade partners, relative corporates, and organizations to stimulate future MSE tours and Guam charter flights.

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SMART GOALS

1. Increase arrivals to 80,000, a 4.2% increase over FY2016 arrival goal of 76,727.
2. Develop the following: (a) Guam’s reputation as a prominent tourist destination with reliable local tour operators - market them on U.S. based online travel agent platforms; (b) solid working relationships with at least 5 new travel wholesalers, dive wholesalers, and MICE buyers to sell Guam products; and (c) trade relationships via PATA Chapters within North America.
3. Develop engagement with traditional and new media to feature Guam, enhance media exposure to high-end travel publications targeting affluent travelers, and engage local-level news agencies, cultural tourism and special travel interest media.
4. Generate $300,000 media value, increase Guam’s presence on Facebook - reach 25,000 fans on ‘GVB Visit USA’, and reach 500 travel trade followers on GVB USA LinkedIn page by year-end.

HIGHLIGHTS

Fiscal Year 2017 was a standout year that saw arrivals from North America increasing slightly compared to FY2016 figures.

The Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) increased its presence in the travel trade arena through its participation in major travel trade shows like USTA’s IPW, DEMA Show, Scuba Show, and also continued expanding into the MICE and LGBT markets through participation in IMEX America and IGLOA Travel Show.

As a result of its participation in these major travel shows, GVB has developed great relations with wholesalers and reputable media representatives.

Topping the highlights for FY2017 was GVB receiving the President’s “E” Award in Washington, D.C., in May 22, 2017. U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Wilbur Ross, presented the award to GVB for demonstrating a sustained commitment to export expansion. The President’s “E” Award is the highest recognition any U.S. entity can receive for making a significant contribution to the expansion of U.S. exports.

GVB continued to promote Guam through trade product updates, regular sales calls, airline partnerships, travel and media familiarization tours, collaboration with media and influencers, and participation in the biggest travel shows in the country. GVB also utilized the Key Platinum Services of the US Commercial Services to reach the right market for each promotion. Additionally, we will continue to position Guam as the newest US destination to the Philippines and capitalize on tax-free shopping as the most popular activity for Filipino visitors to Guam. We will continue to support MICE planners who offer Guam to their corporate clients, create marketing activities that will target the existing US visa holders as well as the more affluent Filipino travelers, and continue to engage with our stakeholders to offer very attractive deals.

SMART GOALS

1. Achieve at least 28,000 Filipino visitors to Guam through engagement with Travel Agents (TA), airlines, corporate partners, and key players in Philippine media.
2. Participate in at least two exhibitions throughout the year: Philippines Travel Agents Association (PTAA), Travel Tour Expo (TTU) & Travel Madness Expo (TME).
3. Conduct at least three (3) Guam Product Update Workshops for TAs: Metro Manila, Cebu and another in a province.
4. Establish close working relationship with United Airlines, Philippine Airlines, Cebu Pacific and travel agents to promote Guam through co-op activities, both online and offline.
5. Increase GVB Philippines’ social networking reach and develop independent online campaigns to promote on island annual signature events and engage followers.

HIGHLIGHTS

Overall, visitor arrival from the Philippines exceeded FY2016, ending the year with 19,818, 6% increase compared to FY2016. GVB Philippines continued to strengthen Guam’s brand position to Filipino travelers, forged new trade and media partnerships, increased awareness of GVB signature events and engaged trade partners in promoting Guam.

On Cebu Pacific Air’s (CEB) first year, visitor arrivals from the Philippines increased tremendously partially due to the increase of their five-month lead time for promotion prior to launch. CEB adjusted the frequency of their flights to Guam from four times a week to three times a week. In support to CEB’s current situation, GVB partnered with the airlines in launching a digital co-op campaign that would attract travelers to go to Guam. Alongside, we also reached out to United Airlines and Philippine Airlines (PAL) to work collectively to support promotions such as the PAL product updates in March as well as support for United Airlines’ 35th Anniversary route of Manila-Guam in July. In terms of trade shows, Guam participated in the Annual PTAA Travel Tour Expo, the largest travel trade show in February and the Travel Madness Expo in July 2017 both held in Manila. GVB Philippines also participated in TTM 2017, a B2B travel mart catering specifically to hospitality, tourism and travel stakeholders. Two separate events took place in March to a total of over 650 Travel Agents in Manila and Davao.

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Hong Kong Market

AT A GLANCE

SMART GOALS
1. Increase arrivals to 10,000 pax over FY2017, via joint promotion with travel agents and airlines especially during Guam’s low season.
2. Increase Guam’s general awareness and market visibility both online and off-line by 20% over FY2017.
3. Increase Guam Wedding traveler by 15% and increase Wedding promoters who are promoting Guam wedding market by 40% over FY2017.
4. Increase Guam adventure (surf, dive, hike) traveler by 15%, and have 5 adventure travel media promoters actively promoting Guam as an adventure travel destination over FY2017.

HIGHLIGHTS
FY2017 has seen several exciting and complex challenges throughout the year. The most exciting then most disappointing was the introduction (December 15, 2016) then cessation (June 27, 2017) of the Hong Kong Express LCC carrier that provided direct flights to Guam. While this opportunity was short-lived, GVBHK learned a great deal about the FIT traveler and saw there was a large portion of young families and young couples that traveled to Guam for their first taste of America and that there was a distinct price point at which these travelers were attracted. This information has and will be valuable in formulating future marketing campaigns and strategies for both brand awareness and direct sales of Guam holidays.

GVB Hong Kong ran several joint promotions with leading travel agencies in the city. Each of these joint promotions was well run and achieved good market acceptance. GVBHK also participated in ITB 2017 that was a major focus promotional event and this year was awarded the most romantic destination award from Umagazine. Social media has been a cornerstone for the marketing efforts in FY2017. GVBHK now has 4 platforms via Facebook, Youtube, LinkedIn and Instagram.

Overall, the team has worked well on delivering the difficult job of cutting through the crowded Hong Kong media storm to deliver the marketing message for Guam, that can improve and will do so over the next year.

Pacific Market

AT A GLANCE

SMART GOALS
1. Increase arrivals to 10% via enhanced travel and awareness to and within Guam and the Micronesia region to include Australia and Europe.
2. Expand and diversify market segments (to include Australia and Europe) via efforts to market Guam as a world-class diving destination and align our activities/programs with Guam’s 2020 Tourism Plan.
3. Continue PATA Micronesia Chapter’s involvement within the Micronesia region and with PATA International as well as promote GVB’s signature events throughout the year.
4. Continue relationships with industry members, leverage potential business networking opportunities, and maintain travel trade relations in marketing Guam, Micronesia, Australia and Europe.
5. Promote and actively engage Guam and the Micronesia region via Social Media Marketing platforms.
6. Develop and integrate campaigns to brand Guam and Micronesia via MicronesiaTour.com and GVB’s website.

HIGHLIGHTS
GVB participated in major events throughout FY2017 attributing to remarkable progress for Guam and the region - ITB Asia 2016, PATA Annual Summit 2017, PATA Travel Mart 2017 & PATA Executive Board Meeting, and PATA Micronesia Chapter Tri-Annual Meetings.

During the course of ITB Asia’s 3-day period, GVB engaged in more than 40 pre-scheduled business appointments with travel trade representatives from Guam’s tourism source markets of Japan, Korea, China, Russia and the Philippines, and also from markets like Singapore and Malaysia. ITB attendees showed great interest and the Guam booth received more than 30 walk-in appointments from travel trade in our tourism source markets as well as further interest from countries of Singapore, Malaysia, India and Europe. The travel trade represented all aspects of the visitor industry including FIT, group travel, and MICE.

GVB remained active in the Pacific Market and as a member of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) and the PATA Micronesia Chapter, GVB attended several key events in the Asia Pacific region, such as the PATA Executive Board Meetings in Bangkok, the PATA Annual Summit and PATA Travel Mart, GVB currently has two (2) seats on the PATA Executive Board occupied by GVB President & CEO, Jon Nathan Denight and Director of Global Marketing, Pilar Laguña.

Major highlights in the Pacific Market include GVB winning the PATA Gold Award for the Shop Guam e-Festival Campaign in the Marketing Media-Mobile Travel Application category. There were a total of 220 submissions from 77 organizations and individuals around the world. The award was presented at the 2017 PATA Travel Mart in Macao during the PATA Gold Awards Luncheon.

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2017 was a year of change in Guam tourism, from the geopolitical turmoil to the emergence of new source markets. Guam Visitors Bureau continues to invest in smarter digital strategy and more programmatic advertising technology. GVB developed a new Digital 360 benchmark, combined essential digital metrics of social, web, mobile, paid ads and online user sentiments. The improved analytic system gives GVB management more profound insights into global digital marketing performance across platforms. It also provides a scientific measurement to quantify the online visitor reviews about Guam with a net promoter score.

The Digital 360 system allows us to keep track of online exposures across markets. In 2017, GVB team generated a total of 1.24 billion digital impressions via paid digital advertising, 41 million key opinion leader post impressions, 1.62 million digital clicks and 1.24 million campaign page views. More importantly, the advertising effort resulted in more than 12,121 online travel booking and 87,000 conversions. GVB also continues to grow its organic digital reach.

In 2017, GVB initiated two innovative digital media partnerships with TripAdvisor and Google. The TripAdvisor program started with a series of destination training. GVB invited TripAdvisor experts to Guam and conducted three different workshops to teach Guam businesses how to leverage the world’s largest travel review sites for managing the online reputation, responding to traveler feedback, complaints and upselling products and offerings. GVB also started a pilot project with TripAdvisor to develop a premium destination page for Guam. Later in 2017, GVB also began a partnership discussion with Google’s Brand Accelerator Program from New York City. The Google team worked with GVB on a year-round strategy by leveraging all of its advertising technologies to help GVB promote InstaGuam campaign in 2018.

SOCIAL MEDIA IN REVIEW
In 2017, GVB increased its total social media following to 566,887, a 30% increase from 2016. There were also a total of 1.38 million website visitors to GVB’s global website and together, with over 2.49 million web page views. From our social media monitoring, GVB identified more than 25,700 international visitors who passionately promote Guam, and recommend the destination to their online peers.

SHOP GUAM E-FESTIVAL
Shop Guam e-Festival is another significant program in the year. The total mobile APP screen views in 2017 reached 2.2 million, up by 186% from 2016. The average user engagement on the APP also went up by 34% to 28.6 average screen per session. Finally, the average time spent on the APP also went up by 114% to 7.69 average session duration. The success of Shop Guam e-Festival mobile APP also won the 2017 PATA Gold Award for Marketing Media – Mobile Travel Application category.

Like the year before, mobile APPs played an important role for the 2017 Guam Micronesia Island Fair and the Shop Guam e-Festival 2017, two of the bureau’s signature events. Responsive ‘mini-sites’ and targeted event ‘landing pages’ was also a part of the various digital tools the bureau used for the year’s events and campaigns. April’s SMS Cormoran II event featured a responsive micro-site that served the event schedules, participants, photos and related information. The microsite remains online as an archive of the historic event and can still be viewed today.

The end of 2017 set the stage for the strategy and initial planning of the highly anticipated global websites redesign. Each source market will be managing new responsive websites as part of a FY2018 digital initiative. With a ‘mobile first’ approach, the new sites will include fully responsive designs served via secure HTTPS Domains that will render seamlessly on desktops, tablets and smartphones alike. Some of the benefits of advancing to responsive design include faster load times, better focus on relevant and desired content as well as unlocking new capabilities like location detection (Geo Trigger). Responsive design will also bring higher ranking among the search engines.

Other key components in the site redesigns involve User Generated Content (UGC) and richer blog sections. The new responsive sites will be built and managed with the latest CMS (Content Management System), a more dynamic and robust upgrade from the prior release. The new CMS will allow for ‘real-time feedback’ page-editing, making page-creating and editing faster and more efficient then ever before. Another improvement features the Responsive Compatibility Module, an intuitive toggle allowing the editors the ability to view their pages as they’ll appear at all the major breakpoints (desktop, tablet and mobile) while editing.

A new, powerful and responsive Member/ Partner EXTRANET will also be available in the middle of the year. This new online tool will provide real-time industry updates and reports to authorized members, member- to-member their communication and the integration of the bureau’s CRM (Customer Relationship Management) Lead and Sales generation capability. Members and partners will be kept updated on numerous industry events, as well as have immediate access to many tourism-related resources and materials. The most powerful feature allows members to manage their own listings on all the bureau’s global (multi-lingual) websites. This includes the ability to add or update contact information, descriptions and photographs of their properties, restaurants or services - in all the respective languages.

2018 is already showcasing major advancements in the bureau’s digital presence. One breakthrough that promises to set the pace for the rest of the industry comes from the bureau’s Research Division in the form of an on-line interactive dashboard. Fully responsive, this on-line tool will revolutionize how the bureau delivers its data and statistics, from visitor arrivals to numerous visitor demographics. A bright digital mobile future — import events will be fully responsive and take full advantage of the latest mobile trends.

With a ‘mobile-first’ philosophy, the bureau will take full advantage of how current and future travelers research destinations, make decisions and ultimately book their trips.

Fully responsive online tools will be made readily available for the industry’s stakeholders, partners and the bureau’s membership-at-large.

Recently forged partnerships with Google and TripAdvisor will further solidify our efforts in improving and promoting our beautiful destination.
The Guam Visitors Bureau proudly announced the launch of its new Visit Guam 2018 campaign. With powder sand beaches, striking sunsets, and stunning vistas, Guam is the perfect instant vacation destination to make moments and memories that can be shared on social media. This is all part of the exciting Visit Guam 2018 theme of "#InstaGuam."

“The momentum of this new campaign follows the success of our ‘Only on Guam’ and ‘Year of Love’ campaigns and really takes elements that worked well to propel us forward in promoting our island paradise,” said GVB President and CEO Nathan Denight.

The new #InstaGuam theme promotes Guam as an instant destination from major cities in this region while encouraging local residents and visitors to create their own story-driven content through the power of social media. We want to see even more photos and videos of people experiencing our island home that can be shared with the world.”

What’s ahead
Unique one-of-a-kind experiences that can be found only on Guam will still continue to be pushed to generate new content, with GVB creating incentives and highlighting points of interest for local residents and visitors alike.

Rise of social media influencers
Additionally, GVB expanded its social media circle this year by seeking out brand ambassadors, who will be called “InstaGuammers.” These social media influencers will create their own unique content about Guam and have all-access media passes to GVB signature events. They will also connect with their international counterparts at these events, bringing together a community of island ambassadors that are ready to share what they love about Guam.
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**Fiscal Year Arrivals by Origin**

**Visitor Mix**

- **JAPAN**: 43.2%
- **KOREA**: 19.4%
- **US**: 14.6%
- **HAWAII**: 10.5%
- **TAIWAN**: 8.2%
- **CHINA**: 6.4%
- **OTHER**: 2.3%

**Seasonality**

- **2017**: 80%
- **2016**: 82%
- **2015**: 73%

**Visitor Arrivals from Top Five Markets (by Air)**

- **Japan**: 779,405
- **Korea**: 384,112
- **Taiwan**: 42,315
- **China**: 12,278
- **Australia**: 2,987

**Total Arrivals**

- 2015: 100,000
- 2016: 125,000
- 2017: 150,000

**Total Civilian Sea**

- 2015: 4,892
- 2016: 5,551
- 2017: 5,833

**Total Armed Forces Sea**

- 2015: 6,551
- 2016: 15,558
- 2017: 8,836

**Total Arrivals**

- 2015: 1,172,831
- 2016: 1,510,065
- 2017: 1,559,395

Source: Guam Customs Declaration Forms. Processed by the Guam Visitors Bureau

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**Hotel Statistics**

**Hotel Occupancy Rate**

Source: Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association to STR Global Report

**Hotel Room Rate**

Source: Guam Hotel & Restaurant Association to STR Global Report

**Hotel Inventory**

- **2017**: 9,883 Rooms
- **2016**: 9,241 Rooms
- **2015**: 9,241 Rooms

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**Tourism Economy**

**2017**

- Jobs: 21,091
- Visitor Spending: $260 million
- Research: $1,140 million
- Average On-Island Spend: $1,140

**2016**

- Jobs: 20,091
- Visitor Spending: $260 million
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### Financials

- **2017**
  - **Total Appropriations:** $58,762,164
  - **Total Revenue:** $44,011,958
  - **Net Surplus:** $7,464,910
- **2016 (As restated)**
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- **2015 (As restated)**
  - **Total Appropriations:** $53,500,195
  - **Total Revenue:** $44,011,958
  - **Net Surplus:** $7,464,910

### Liabilities

- **Direct appropriations from the Tourist Attraction Fund**
  - **2017:** $17,049,183
  - **2016:** $16,218,172
- **Other Appropriations From the Tourist Attraction Fund**
  - **2017:** $17,849,983
  - **2016:** $17,849,983

### Federal Revenues

- **2017:** $17,849,983
- **2016:** $17,849,983

### Additional Information

- **Attraction Fund**
  - **2017:** $41,502,455
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- **Tourist Attraction Fund (TAF)**
  - **2017:** $22,367,472
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### High Points

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### Operations

- **Marketing (TAF):**
  - **2017:** $2,667,901
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- **Attraction (TAF):**
  - **2017:** $2,667,901
  - **2016:** $2,667,901

### Projects

- **Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility (GCEF):**
  - **2017:** $3,517,571
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- **Mayors Council Operations (GCC):**
  - **2017:** $80,000
  - **2016:** $80,000

### Other Appropriations

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### Tourism Attractions

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### Critical Points

- **Guam Liberation Day Fishing & Sporting Events**
  - **2017:** $17,849,983
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- **Guam International Film Festival**
  - **2017:** $17,849,983
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### Off-Payroll Projects

- **Guam and Chamorro Educational Facility (GCEF):**
  - **2017:** $3,517,571
  - **2016:** $3,517,571

### Tourism Improvement Projects

- **Parece Villa beautification:**
  - **2017:** $50,000
  - **2016:** $50,000
- **San Vitores Flooding - Design and CM:**
  - **2017:** $50,000
  - **2016:** $50,000

### Other Information

- **PL 33-185 Appropriations:**
  - **2017:** $1,085,000
  - **2016:** $1,085,000

### Summary

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### Additional Notes

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### Conclusion

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
(Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017)

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES
Current assets:
- Cash - unrestricted: $14,390,076
- Cash - restricted: 2,504,198
- Investments: 2,537,450
- Accounts receivable - Government of Guam: 140,000
- Accounts receivable - others: 421,414
- Due from Special TAF Projects Fund: -
- Prepaid expenses: 17,589

Total current assets: $20,010,727

Security deposit: 133,230

Capital assets:
- Nondepreciable capital assets: 5,992,415
- Depreciable capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation: 569,445

Total assets: $26,705,817

Deferred outflow of resources:
- Deferred outflow from pension: 740,012

Total: $27,445,829

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES
AND NET POSITION
Current liabilities:
- Accounts payable: 4,559,222
- Accrued annual leave: 142,976
- Due to FESTPAC: -
- Unearned income: 18,700

Total current liabilities: 4,720,898

Net pension liability: 5,445,987

Accrued sick leave: 166,006

Total liabilities: 10,332,981

Deferred inflows of resources:
- Deferred inflows from pension: 53,500

Total: $27,445,829

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
(Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2017)

REVENUES:
- Other income: $551,303
- Consumption tax refund: 411,083
- In-kind contributions from members and others: 120,424
- Memberships: 94,411

Total operating revenues: 1,176,221

EXPENSES:
- Professional services: 16,850,942
- Personnel: 3,148,675
- Miscellaneous: 1,119,485
- Travel: 809,853
- Utilities: 226,463
- Rent/lease: 225,449
- Material and supplies: 224,414
- Promotional in-kind contributions: 120,424
- Gifts: 111,619
- Printing: 107,554
- Repairs and maintenance: 90,083
- Depreciation: 87,532
- Consumption Tax: 43,681
- Equipment: 37,231
- Advertising: 31,044

Total operating expenses: 25,284,449

Operating revenues net of operating expenses: (22,078,228)

Nonoperating revenues (expenses):
- Grants-in-aid from Government of Guam:
  - Operations: 22,767,472
  - Pass through: 1,085,000
- FESTPAC: 0
- Pass through appropriations: 108,500
- Other collections - FESTPAC: 150
- Donation expense - FESTPAC: 1,085,000
- Federal revenues: 35,000
- Interest income: 35,549
- Other nonoperating expense: 1,069,439

Total nonoperating revenues (expenses), net: 21,756,902

Change in net position: (321,326)

Net position at beginning of year: 17,380,764

Net position at end of year: 17,059,438
Best July in visitor arrivals recorded – 144,758

FY2017 MILESTONES - FOURTH QUARTER

JULY 2017

Fifth Guam BBQ Block Party held July 1
130 travel trade professionals attend Hafa Adai Study Tour
GVB and TripAdvisor team up to host training camp
Korean TV drama series "Man Who Sets the Table" films four episodes on island
Best July in visitor arrivals recorded – 132,952

AUGUST 2017

STAR survey findings released to show tourism has positive impact on Guam
Second best August in visitor arrivals recorded – 144,758
Marketing Officer II Gina Kono retired after serving over 33 years at GVB

SEPTEMBER 2017

Guam welcomes Air Seoul’s inaugural flight
Guam attended Tourism Expo Japan Sept. 21-24
Best Fiscal Year in visitor arrivals recorded – 1.56 million
Shop Guam e-Festival
November 2018 - February 2019 | Islandwide

The Shop Guam Festival began in 2012 as a global social media campaign by Guam Visitors Bureau (GVB) that aimed to create an interactive shopping experience highlighting Guam as a modern, fashionable and diverse destination to shop. Now in its sixth year, Shop Guam has transformed into an e-Festival that fully embraces the vision of “Smart Tourism.” Expect a revolutionary mobile shopping experience as the new Shop Guam app generates on-location sensor mobile marketing as a fresh way to discover Guam’s shopping and activities. The app will additionally be available in six different languages.

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New Year’s Eve Fireworks
December 31 | Tumon Bay

As the New Year’s Eve celebrations kick off and the countdown begins, local residents and visitors alike look to the skies to enjoy a New Year’s Eve Fireworks display over beautiful Tumon Bay. Each year, witness America’s first fireworks celebration!

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Guam Micronesia Island Fair
May 2-6, 2018 | Festival Huts Paseo De Susana Hagatña

The Guam Micronesia Island Fair is the annual signature cultural event of the Guam Visitors Bureau, showcasing the vibrant cultures of Micronesia for 30 years. Experience the best of Micronesia in one exciting weekend featuring master carvers, blacksmiths, traditional sailing experts, jewelers, weavers, dancers, musicians and chefs and see first hand customs that have been in place and perpetuated for the millennia.

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12th Annual Agat Mango Festival
May 25-27 | Agat Community Center

An enjoyable event for both participants and visitors with a platter of mango activities, contest, displays, entertainment, food and fun. Must notably see Agat’s southern hospitality and the island’s talent that will be there to entertain. Pursue through the various booths and demonstrations.

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Guam BBQ Block Party
July 1 | Pleasure Island, Tumon

The Guam BBQ Block Party is the ultimate celebration of Guam’s authentic culinary traditions and Håfa Adai Spirit. Join thousands in line for this event that boasts delicious BBQ from the island’s top grill masters, live performances from local musicians, culinary tasting made-in-Guam goods and other activities. GVB is closing down the street in Pleasure Island for this fun-filled, family event!

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8th Annual Guam International Film Festival
October 3-7, 2018 | Guam Museum

The Guam International Film Festival (GIFF) is an annual event showcasing independent films from across the world. The mission of GIFF is to foster the growth of cultural identity and understanding through the art of filmmaking. GIFF aims to unify, celebrate and showcase to the region and the world, the collective experience through the universal medium of film.

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Electric Island Festival
March 24, 2018 | Guam Globe Nightclub
June 16, 2018 | Guam International Raceway
August 25, 2018 | TBD
December 1, 2018 | Pacific Star

EIF is fueled by individuals who share the concept of having an open-heart and open-mind realizing that Art, Music, Culture, and fashion is what pushes society forward. We offer more creative and innovative citizens. We are inspired by the people of Guam and Saipan who want nothing more than to be represented and hold a stance at a global level. In the past five years, EIF has grown by leaps and bounds thanks to your support, welcoming international artists and guests from all over the world and drawing audiences from other countries in the Asia Pacific region, as well as countless of Guam and Saipan residents that find in EIF the perfect escape and energy to refuel your soul and positive vibes.

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Guam Art Exhibit (GAX)
TBD | The Plaza

GAX is a bi-annual art exhibit displayed in the heart of Tumon and featuring Guam’s most talented up-and-coming artists.

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16th Annual Guam Governor’s Cup Ladies Golf Tournament

February 15-16 | LeoPalace Resort

A tournament comprised of all players for tournament with 100 JLPGA members and a Pro-Amateur and JTBA Koezuka golf tournament.

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40th Annual Smokin’ Wheels Racing Weekend
April 13-15 | Guam International Raceway Park

The Legendary Smokin’ Wheels Racing kicks off Friday night at the drag strip and continues the next day with motor sports competitions including a Funny car show and Drag Racing Finals. Sunday caps off with the Smokin’ Wheels Off-Road Boggy Endurance, Smokin’ Grills BBQ competition and Mud Drags. With non-stop action, awesome food and racing, you won’t want to miss this once a year motorsport festival!

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6th Annual United Guam Marathon
April 8 | Governor Joseph Flores Memorial Park

The Guam Visitors Bureau along with the Pacific Hotels Club and United Airlines, will host the 6th Annual Guam United Marathon to include a half marathon, 10k and 5k. Get geared up and share with your family and friends. All races start and finish on Pale San Vitores Road in front of Governor Joseph Flores Memorial Park (Ypao Beach), Tumon.

3:00 am MARATHON START
4:30 am HALF MARATHON START
5:30 am 10K START | 5:15 am 5K START

Contact: Ben Ferguson
T: 646-9171 | W: unitedguammarathon.com

2018 Cocos Crossing
May 27 | Merizo Pier

Experience the beauty of Cocos Lagoon and the exhilaration of an open ocean swim wrapped in the warmth of Guam’s legendary hospitality. The Guam Cocos Crossing is an annual ocean swim that takes place between Merizo and Cocos Island, deep hundreds of kilometers from across the island and the Pacific, and share lasting memories. Choose from 3 distance options: 3k, 5k and 10k.

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W: guamcocoscrossing.com

2018 King’s Guam Futures Tennis Tournament
May 25 - June 1 | Hilton Guam Resort & Spa

The Guam Futures is an annual International Tennis Federation (ITF) Pro Circuit tournament, realized with tremendous support from the Japan Tennis Association. The summer tournament attracts touring professional tennis players worldwide to Guam to compete for coveted world-ranking points. The majority of professional players come from Japan and other East Asian countries, as well as Australia and the United States. The tournament's main draw features both singles and doubles plus a qualifying round held prior to the start of main draw events.

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