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**ACROSS THE AGENCIES** 

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### **LIBERATION DAY 2025:** WEAVING HERITAGE & EMBRACING PEACE

The Administration proudly wishes the people of the Commonwealth a happy and safe 79th Liberation Day as we honor the courage, history, and unity that define our islands. This year's theme, "Weaving Heritage & Embracing Peace," reminds us of the strength found in our shared history and the importance of moving forward together in harmony.

To mark this special occasion, the Mayor's Office is hosting a vibrant line-up of entertainment and events over the next two days, continuing through Saturday, July 5th. Don't miss the spectacular fireworks display at 9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 4th-just one of many highlights planned for this celebratory weekend.

### COTA ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY DETOUR FOR **BLUE LINE 1B ON JULY 4TH**

On July 4th, 2025, the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA) would like to inform the general public of a detour route on the Fixed Route Blue Line 1B buses.

- Southbound buses will detour through Bank of Guam and DFS to Middle Road to the Northern Marianas College.
- Northbound buses will detour from Northern Marianas College through As Terlaje to Garapan.

The original route along Blue Line 1B will resume as soon as the road opens.





**CULTURAL IMMERSION CAMP LAUNCHES JULY 7** WITH A FULL FIRST SESSION

We are proud to announce the overwhelming success of the inaugural Cultural Immersion Summer Youth Camp, which has reached full capacity for Session 1.

Kicking off on Monday, July 7th, this exciting new program offers young participants a chance to dive into our rich heritage through a hands-on, adventure-filled schedule. Campers will experience swimming lessons, leklek rides, talaya casting, slingstone atupak practice, and traditional cultural dances, all designed to foster pride in our Chamorro and Carolinian roots.



GOVERNOR PALACIOS MEETS WITH UNITED AIRLINES **EXECUTIVES TO STRENGTHEN CNMI TOURISM** 

Governor Arnold I. Palacios recently met with Mr. Ken Kiriyama, Director of Sales for Japan, Micronesia, the Philippines, and Taiwan at United Airlines, along with Ms. Paula Monk, Senior Manager for Guam and Micronesia Sales. The meeting centered on enhancing air service from Japan, exploring opportunities for additional flights, reviewing current market trends and providing key updates on destination developments in the Marianas. The discussion also reaffirmed the strong and ongoing partnership between United Airlines and the CNMI.



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### CNMI DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO HOST 2025 JOB FAIR AT MARIANAS BEACH RESORT

The CNMI Department of Labor is excited to announce its 2025 Job Fair, happening on Friday, July 25, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Marianas Beach Resort (formerly Hyatt). This free, in-person event will feature a wide range of employers from key industries including construction, manpower services, retail, and hospitality.

With the theme "Fueling CNMI's Future - One Job at a Time," the department is committed to connecting job seekers with real opportunities for career growth and economic impact. Attendees can expect on-site interviews, networking opportunities, and immediate hiring prospects. All job seekers are welcome.

For details, visit labor.cnmi.gov or contact the Department of Labor at 664-3196 or info@dol.gov.mp.

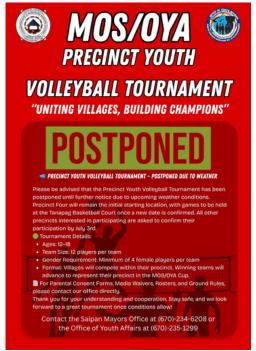
#### 2024 TAX REFUND DISBURSEMENTS UPDATE

The Department of Finance has disbursed an additional 15,245 tax refund checks for Tax Year 2024, totaling \$23.10 million. Many taxpayers have already received their refunds, and disbursements are still ongoing.

If you haven't gotten yours yet—don't worry! Refunds are issued in batches as individual reviews are completed. Common reasons for delays include:

- Errors or Incomplete Info Typos, missing forms (like W-2s), or calculation mistakes.
- Additional Review Claims like the Earned Income Tax Credit or mismatched income reports may trigger extra verification.











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