

JAPAN MARKETING UPDATE MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, April 8, 2025 | 2:00 pm GoToMeeting | ID: 196-870-885 Page 1 of 9

**EXHIBIT A** 

### GVB Board Director, Management, Staff Present:

- Ken Yanagisawa, JMC Chairman, Board Director
- Nadine Leon Guerrero, Director of Global Marketing
- 3. Regina Nedlic, Senior Marketing Manager Japan
- 4. Elaine Pangelinan, Senior Marketing Manager
- 5. Mai Perez, Marketing Manager Japan
- 6. Brian Cha, Web & IT Coordinator Assistant
- 7. Mike Arroyo, Web & IT Coordinator Assistant
- 8. Nicole Benavente, Senior Marketing Manager Korea (Online)

## **GVB Japan Online:**

- 9. Nobuyoshi Shoji Japan Account Director
- 10. Masato Wakasugi Japan Trade Sales Director
- 11. Yoshimasa Yanagihara Japan Sales Trade Executive
- 12. Yoshika Matsumoto Japan Digital Planner
- 13. Taiichi Higuchi Japan Marketing Executive
- 14. Kiyomi Kawasaki Japan Sales Trade Assistant

### Observers Attendance In Person

- 1. Stroll James Rosenburg II
- 2. Baldyga Group Mari Oshima
- 3. GPO Monte Mesa
- 4. Spa Ayualam Yuta Hasegawa Observers Attendance Online:
- 5. Hotel Nikko Guam Lyka Cress
- 6. Micronesia Mall Anna Tenorio
- 7. PIC Koji Nagano
- 8. Guam Plaza Osamu Takahashi
- 9. GPO Estella
- 10. TPM Junichiro Takahashi
- 11. Lotte Hiroko Tajima
- 12. Reef Akihiko Gondo
- 13. Leo Palace Keiko Takano
- 14. Yoko Niimura
- 15. Westin Yoshi Otani
- 16. GPO Suzanne Perez
- 17. The Tsubaki Tower Hiromi Matsuura
- 18. Micornesia Mall Francis Lira
- 19. Donki Jason Respicio
- 20. Rakuten Yuriko Yokosawa
- 21. GPO Nicole Carriaga
- 22. Rakuten Yoshiaki Kanemitsu
- 23. Rakuten Kazumi Ikeno
- 24. Sky Dive Ayaka Yamaguchi
- 25. Hilton Kimi Passauer
- 26. Nissan Mickael Tamayo
- 27. Hyatt Chizuru Wakabayashi

## **CALL TO ORDER**

- Japan Marketing Chairman Ken Yanagisawa, GVB Board director, called the Meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
  - Welcomed new president and CEO Régine Biscoe Lee.
- Ms. Régine Biscoe Lee, GVB President and CEO
  - Expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to join the JMC meeting and emphasized her commitment to focusing on the Japan market.



# REPORT OF MANAGEMENT

Ms. Regina Nedlic presented the arrival number ALENDAR YEAR TO SAFE 2025 February 1-28, 2025 Total: 60,514 (-18.4%) January - February 28, 2025 Total: 126,519 (-19.3%) 49.4% Gorea 59,429 41,813 29,891 Ja de 30.5% Korea 126,724 88,593 63,850 27.9% 9.3% 6,822 5,639 7,258 17.9% 8.5% US/Hawait 35,794 15,329 12,039 31.5 W 1.4% 1,281 968 115% 2,55B 1,901 1,761 4,996 1,801 123.0% 0.1% 2.535 993 90 44.00 3,910 0.7% China 2,649 639 415 40.0% 0.1% 5 Japan Actual Spend versus Bodget YED SCAL YEAR TO DATE 2023 Total: 301.370 (-12.8%) October 2024 - February 28, 2025 227,578 67,126 96.189 31.93 49.3% Korea 310,791 191,713 141,621 32.4% JOHN I JOHN I FINED I 10.0% 38,392 35,351 US/Navoni 30,270 414% 1.9% 8,961 5,551 5,718 10% 1.0% 11,284 1,811 1,005 129.2% 1500 W. B. STANKE STEEL B. 2,127 1,227

# Discussion/Question:

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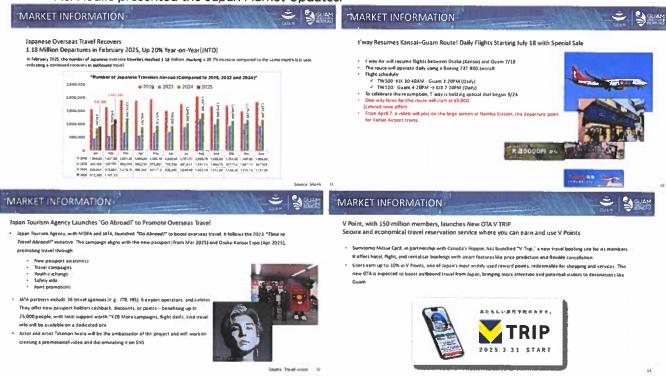
- Ms. Nedlic
  - Noted that the current account could come up for discussion at an upcoming board meeting.
  - Reported that the FY2025 budget was set at \$4.4 million, and as the fiscal year enters the third quarter, most of the funds have already been committed.
  - Explained that the expenditures align with the overall FY2025 marketing plan, which was proposed by the GVB Japan team and approved by management at the beginning of the fiscal year.
  - Provided the following budget breakdown by GL codes:
    - Marketing Representatives: \$630,000
    - PR Tie-ins: \$278,000
    - Advertising: \$722,000
    - Co-op Advertising (with airlines, travel trade, and travel agencies): \$887,000
    - Sales and Market Development: \$1.8 million
  - Proposed maintaining a status quo budget of \$4.4 million for the next fiscal year.
- Chairman Yanagisawa
  - It was noted that securing at least the same budget amount as the previous year is essential as a starting point.
  - The anticipated occupancy tax revenue will serve as a key indicator, and based on those projections, there may be an opportunity to increase the Japan Market budget.
  - This matter is expected to be part of the discussion and negotiation at the upcoming board meeting.
- Mr. Monte Mesa
  - Emphasized the importance of reinstating the ANA flight.
- Chairman Yanagisawa
  - Noted that the high load factor on the Narita flight is driven by both tourism demand and U.S. national traffic.
  - Highlighted the complexities involved in negotiations within the Star Alliance group.



Clarified that the core issue is not seat availability but rather market demand.

### MARKET UPDATE

Ms. Nedlic presented the Japan Market Updates.



# Discussion/Question:

#### Comment

- Mr. Monte Mesa
  - Suggested implementing a Japanese electronic payment system in Guam.
- Mr. Bill Nault
  - Explained that such systems function similarly to debit cards, where consumers are charged in yen while merchants receive payments in U.S. dollars.
  - He pointed out that this raises the issue of who would bear the cost of currency exchange fees and fluctuations in exchange rates.
- Mr. James Rosenburg II
  - Shared that his company has initiated discussions with one of the major electronic payment providers in Japan. However, several challenges remain, with the initial installation cost being the primary concern.
  - He invited any companies that may be interested in collaborating to reach out to him.







### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Nedlic presented the Old Business



# Discussion/Question:

#### Comment

- Mr. Mesa
  - Inquired whether the SNS activities are linked to visitor arrival numbers.
- Ms. Nedlic
  - Due to the cost-effectiveness of digital promotions, GVB has been able to generate a high volume of content and achieve wide market reach.
  - o Cited the Koyakki Media FAN project held last year, which generated positive feedback online.
  - As a result of the strong response, a Guam tour was later created and promoted for May, resulting in over 50 confirmed bookings driven directly by the influencer's audience, with another influencer joining the group, further amplifying reach and engagement.
- Mr. Mesa
  - Suggested to have a survey through SNS
- Chairman Yanagisawa
  - Suggested to include three questions
    - Have you been to Guam
    - 2. Are you considering visit to Guam
    - 3. Do you love Guam

# Discussion/Question:

#### Question

- Online inquiry
  - Inquired what contributed to the significant increase in digital reach in March compared to February.
- Ms. Mai Perez, Marketing Manager
  - Explained that the increase was driven by several tactical campaigns launched since January, including the Graduation Trip promotion, GoGo Guam Håfa Adai Campaign, Ko'ko' Road Race, and wedding related initiatives.
- Ms. Nedine Leon Guerrero, Director of Global Marketing
  - Added that a social media post by Peko, ambassador for the GoGo Guam Håfa Adai Campaign, also contributed to the spike in reach.





BONUS

Group support performed steady growth
 Increased 10 applications and 719 page

Accumulated subsidy is \$74,840 remaining \$25,160

- roadcasted in Mar 10, 17 & 24th Length: 20mm x 3 episodes x 60min Media Value: more than \$1M (under calculated )
- Tver # of view: 1.6M as of Mar 25, 2025 Missed distribution will be available until April 10, further increasing the number of views.





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Total Number of Groups Applying (accumulated) 87 **Total Number of Groups Canceled (accumulated)** Total Subsidy (remarking \$25,940) ROI Total Number of Pax. (accumulated) 4,722

# V-TUBER PROGRAM



Project Durpotes: V-tubers Manha and Niyok will serve as soons representatives, highlighting Govern's unique attractions and creating an engaged fambase on social media.

- Episode 4 has been released and has received positive feedback. This episode primarily features the GOGO! Guam Hafa Adai
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#4 Result (as of Apr 1, 2025)		
Views	2615	
Watch time (hours)	23.1	
Subscribers Increased	19	
Total # of Likes	19	
Total # of comments	15	



# **FOOD TRUCK PROGRAM**

<u>Project Overview.</u>
Food trucks serving Chamoru cuisine have Jaunched in Tok and Osaka to promote Guam's culture and attract potential

February Result Total unit sold: 544

## Undate (Future Schedule)

\*April 12: Event @ Namba Hatch \*April 26 – May 6: Maishima Marche

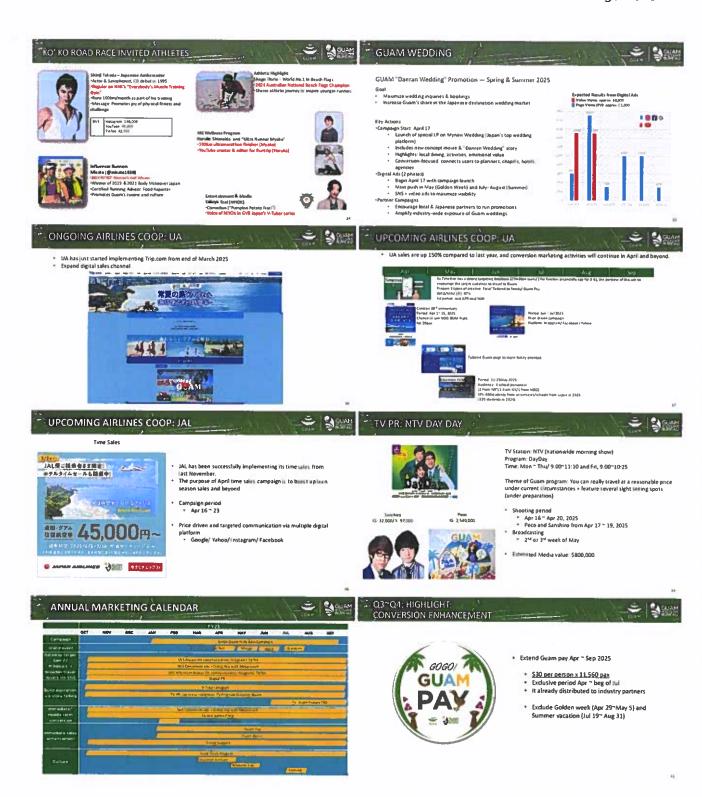
"April 19-20: Cycle Mode 2025 "April 24-25: Tokyo Kotu Kaikan



# **NEW BUSINESS**











# Discussion/Question:

#### Comment

- Chairman Yanagisawa
  - Requested to that the event flyer be shared so that hotels and other businesses can distribute the information to their customers.
- Ms. Leon Guerrero
  - Responded that the Membership department will distribute the flyer to members.
- Chairman Yanagisawa
  - Noted that developing products tied to local events requires a lead time of six months. Therefore, it
    is essential to set event dates well in advance.



# Discussion/Question:

# Comment

- Mr. Mesa
  - Inquired about the status of the Fiesta Tour and whether it is being developed as a future event attraction.
- Ms. Lee
  - Responded that the Fiesta Tour is on the to-do list. GVB has reached out to the Mayor's Council to
    encourage their participation in GVB membership, which is considered the first step in promoting
    individual villages in a coordinated manner.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Mesa
  - Inquired about the authenticity of the Chamorro Food Truck.
- Ms. Nedlic
  - Responded that the chef has undergone training, and the taste is regularly checked whenever possible.



- Added that the chef will visit Guam during the Ko'ko' Road Race and receive additional culinary training while on island.
- Chairman Yanagisawa
  - Announced upcoming mission to Japan focused on aviation strategy, which will involve gathering
    insights on current trends, conducting situational analysis, and exploring potential solutions to
    ongoing issues.
  - Noted that a specialist has been engaged specifically for this project.
- The next JMC meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

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<ul> <li>The meeting wa</li> </ul>	s adjourned at 3;]8 P.M
Minutes prepared by:	
	Mai Perez, Marketing Manager - Japan
Minutes reviewed/	
approved by:	Regina Nedlic, Senior Marketing Manager - Japan
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	Elaine Pangelinan, Acting Director of Global Marketing

