

## Press Release

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### The Long Awaited Guam Museum to Open the Fall 2016

(June 2016; Tumon, Guam USA) The opening of the Guam Museum has been a long awaited project for many years, since the plans were first unveiled nearly a decade ago. Now, after a brief peek during the 2016 Festival of the Pacific Arts in May, the Guam Museum is set to officially open in the fall.

The uniquely designed building is in itself a work of art and located in Skinner Plaza in Guam's capital of Hagåtña. The grounds are lightly landscaped as the magnificence of the building's architecture doesn't require much additional ornamentation, however, the plants are all indigenous to Guam. The sides of the building look as if they've been decorated with a giant woven palm frond motif that is very reminiscent of Guam's Chamorro culture. The front of the building is embossed with the words of the Guam Hymn and Inifrisi.

The design has changed from its original concept, but still retains the huge arch that covers the entrance. The first floor of the Guam Museum will be for the gift shop, a governmental office, and a conference room that will be available for conferences, seminars, and special events. Artifacts and historical displays will be featured on the second floor, which will be split in to two sections with an outdoor breezeway in the middle. There will also be a stand-alone theater on the grounds and an outdoor amphitheater.

For decades, Guam's collections of cultural and historical artifacts have been kept in different locations. Due to natural disasters like typhoons, power outages, and other unforeseen circumstances, the collection of Guam's history has been damaged through the years. The island is delighted to finally have a safe and permanent location for the collection to be housed and to be able to share it with the world.

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Attached: Photo of Guam Museum

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