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## Inos urges toleration of investments

By Dave Hughes

Senate President Joseph Inos told members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce Monday that he felt foreign investment was needed in the Commonwealth, and "I speak for the governor on this."

He said when people are talking about controlling foreign investment in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas that "they are not really thinking in term of legislation aimed at a stable path for foreign investment. Neither are they talking about promoting indigenous business that is sure of opportunities for local enterprise... they are really talking about the prohibition against what it appears to be the causes of their discomfort..."

Reading from a prepared speech for almost a half-hour Inos led the

**"Every race, every tribe, every society, every nation, every people has had to go through these same agonies - facing extinction or being so transformed that little of the old will remain..."**

chamber members on a brief "history" of the Commonwealth's business, citing what he termed the colonial interests of the Germans and United States during their occupation of the islands.

He said that during the pre-war years the Japanese perpetuated the colonial mentality toward the islands, mainland seeing them as areas of farming.

The war came along and the destruction caused by Japanese fortification and subsequent invasion by allied troops cause "irreversible damage to the economy," Inos said.

Following the war occupying

military forces and its successor, the Trust Territory kept the islands which would later form the CNMI in a more-or-less subsistence level of economics, based on government spending.

Because of the strategic location of the Marianas in the geopolitical world, the U.S. discouraged any kind of investment, especially from non-U.S. sources.

Once the CNMI became a self-governing entity investment started to trickle in as tourism developed. That trickle later became a flood, and now Inos

said that many of the local people are afraid of being "taken over or outnumbered" by foreigners.

He said the people of the Commonwealth fear becoming

like what happened to Hawaii, which is now largely foreign-owned.

Coupled with the increasing investment in the CNMI, Inos said that labor, cheap labor was needed to build the hotels, commercial buildings and other areas of foreign investment; they were needed to staff the tourist-

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## Saipan delegation votes to table Shimizu request: Want more data

by Ronel B. Concepcion

Members of the Saipan legislative delegation have adopted a resolution Monday to postpone any consideration by the Legislature on the lease agreement between Shimizu Corporation and the Marianas Public Land Corporation.

Resolution 7-2, entitled "A Saipan Local Delegation Resolution Recommending That Legislative Consideration of the Lease Agreement of October 13, 1989, By and Between the MPLC and S.C. properties (Saipan), Inc. Be postponed" was offered by Sen. Herman R. Guerrero.

Sen. Herman R. Guerrero, Chairman of the delegation, clarified during a late afternoon telephone interview that the adopted resolution does not mean rejection of Shimizu plan.

The resolution recommended the postponement of the agreement so that it will go back to the drawing board and that concerns made by the public and the promises made by Shimizu be incorporated and put into a binding contract, he said.

Before approval, the resolution was amended by Cong. Thomas V. Villagomez. He said that the

agreement "should go back to MPLC and they got to work on it, that will give us more information so that we can decide on what to vote on the lease agreement."

Cong. Villagomez' amendment further provided the following conditions before

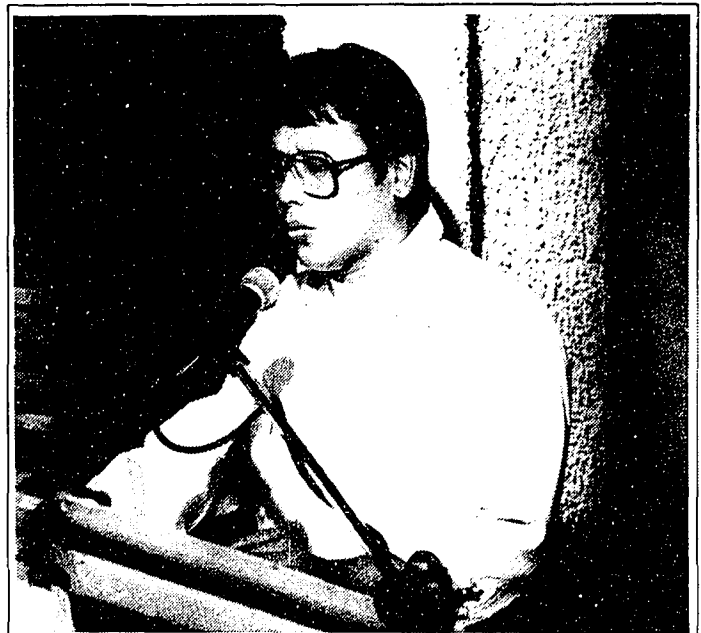
MPLC can enter "into any commercial leases of public lands in the Kagman area."

• Any environmental impact assessment submitted by a potential lessee has been independently evaluated and verified, with special attention to the effect of the proposed development on groundwater resources, including possible contamination by insecticides and pesticides.

\* Appraisals of the fair market value of lands to be leased have been provided by at least three independent appraisers and the proposed rental for the leased land is equal to or exceeds the mean fair market value as determined by such appraisers.

Cong. Diego Benavente said in an interview

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Senate President Joseph Inos discusses foreign investment with chamber members.

## Coast Guard picks up Agrigan evacuees

By Dave Hughes

Residents of Agrigan and the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas stepped right onto the first page of the United States Coast Guard's third century of history Saturday when they were rescued by the cutter "Assateague (WTB 1137)" from their island.

According to a U.S. Navy press release the Coast Guard Cutter's Saturday mission was the first of the agency's 200th anniversary. Because of the dateline difference between here and the mainland and Hawaii, the CNMI rescue will go down in the books as the first of a new century of service, according to the release.

The Assateague is based on Guam, but journeyed to Saipan Saturday to first pick up the Northern Islands mayor before shoving off for the island.

Friday, acting governor Benjamin T. Manglona issued an order to remove the people from the island because it was showing the same signs of impending volcanic eruption as Anatahan. The residents of that island were evacuated earlier this year and Gov. Larry L. De Leon Guerrero has decreed that they may not go back because of the volcanic activity.

Original plans were to use the Navy's HC-5 helicopter rescue squadron to make the evacuation - just like on Anatahan, but last

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Manglona and Sasamoto discuss evacuation of Agrigan residents.

## Drug smuggling attempt goes 'bust' at airport

Two Palauan nationals and a Chamorro were arrested on August 3 at the Saipan International Airport in connection with smuggling marijuana into the Commonwealth, according to a press release issued by the Department of Public Safety.

CNMI Customs and DPS Special Operations Division personnel arrested Junior Martin and Frank Edbol, both natives of

Palau and Victor Shai from Tinian, after marijuana was found in their possession during a routine customs border inspection.

Based on information from Crimestoppers and DPS-Tinian, a search and arrest warrant was issued on Shai who had in his possession two plastic bags containing 103 grams of dried marijuana leaves. The contraband, with an estimated value of \$400 was uncovered inside the socks of

Shai.

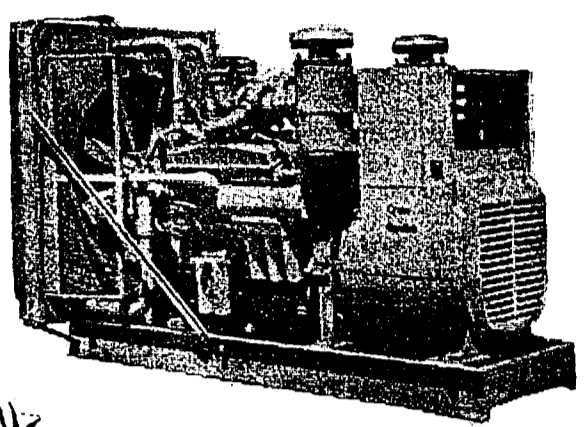
A marijuana roach estimated at .029 grams was found in the front pocket of Frank Edbol, 26. Edbol was booked and was later released.

803 marijuana cigarettes found in a handcarry bag owned by Martin were also found during the inspection. The marijuana was estimated to be 595 grams with a value of \$40,000. Continues on PAGE 4



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## Mungcal gets 6 years sentence

by Teri M. Flores  
Roberto O. Mungcal, the Filipino arrested for fraudulent use of passport, was sentenced to a period of six years of unsupervised probation on one count of forgery or false use of passport.

Mungcal was found guilty by the U.S. District Court of the Northern Mariana Island of forgery and fraud after he pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Judge Alex R. Munson ruled that while under unsupervised probation, Mungcal shall not commit any Federal, state or local crime. Mungcal was also prohibited from entering the CNMI, the United States and its territories. Custody of Mungcal was also transferred to the CNMI Department of Immigration

pending any charge the CNMI government would file against Mungcal.

Court documents show that prior to the sentence hearing, a plea agreement was filed by David Wiseman, defense attorney, which agreed to "waive indictment and plea guilty to criminal information charging Mungcal with willfully and knowingly using a falsely made passport. Penalty for the offense is 5 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000 and \$50 special assessment.

In return to the plea agreement, the U.S. agreed not to make any arguments to the court concerning the sentencing, court documents show.

According to information filed at the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands,

Roberto O. Mungcal entered the CNMI using a passport with his correct name, and used the document to open a checking account at the Susupe branch of the Bank of Guam.

Federal agents started looking for Mungcal when the bank lost \$18,000 in fraud.

Mungcal also did not show in court following the two arrests made by the Department of Public Safety on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, based on an investigation conducted by FBI Special Agent Paul G. Amoy.

Court records show that Mungcal left the Commonwealth on March 3 1989 and on June 24, 1990 re-entered the CNMI using a passport with the name Alberto O. Mungcal.

## Saipan delegation. . . Continued from page 1

"It is actually requesting to postpone any considerations or action on the lease agreement between the Shimizu and the MPLC until all the necessary information has been down on a correct piece of paper.

It should be a lease agreement that is accepted by the members, he said.

Until that time the Saipan

delegation is just requesting that everything be postponed until they have the agreement in black and white.

What they do is just send the copy of the adopted resolution to the house of Senate and the house of representatives and request the, but basically it does not have any pull as far as anything that would require the legislature to vote or

not to vote for it, legislatures c

Another resolution introduced during the session was S.L.D. Res. 7-3 entitled "A Saipan Local Resolution Approving the Rules of the Saipan Legislative Delegation" offered by Cong. Juan I. Tenorio and discussion for the rules of the Saipan Legislative delegation was deferred until the next session.

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Judge Alex Castro has set a \$25,000 bail for Martin. Castro also ordered that Martin appear for preliminary hearing on Aug. 10 at 2:30 p.m. before Judge Marty Taylor.

DPS spokesman Capt. Frank Duenas said that the three arrested individuals arrived on Continental Flight 959 which originated from Palau. No information was available as to whether or not the three were together.

## DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform all friends and relatives that Ana Ada Manglona passed away in the Grace of Our Lord on August 6, 1990. She is pre-deceased by her husband Manuel Mendiola Manglona.



Tan Ana is survived by her children: Crispin A. Manglona & Asuncion H. Manglona (Both Deceased); Manuel A. Manglona & Juana A. Manglona (Deceased); Carmen M. Sablan & Vicente A. Sablan (Deceased); Jose A. Manglona & Concepcion T. Manglona; Victorina M. Manglona and Manuel SN. Pangelinan (Deceased); Rita M. Babauta & Vicente SN. Babauta; Herman A. Manglona & Margarita A. Manglona; Dionicio A. Manglona & Ana G. Manglona; Martin A. Manglona & Florencia M. Manglona; Agnes M. McPhetres and Sam McPhetres; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Tan Ana is additionally survived by her brothers and sisters: Rudolpho A. Mundo, Cornelio A. Mundo, Isabel Mundo Cepeda and Rosa Mundo Castro.

Rosary is being said at her daughter's residence in Chalan Piao every 12 Noon and 8 P.M. daily. Your prayers is appreciated.

The date and time of the funeral will be announced at a later time this week. St Yuus Maase from all of us.

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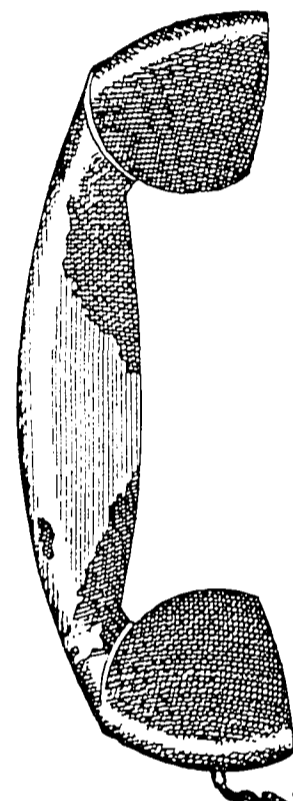


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# Contractors may benefit from Shimizu project

**By Dave Hughes**  
Representatives of the Shimizu Construction Company told a gathering of Commonwealth contractors Saturday that a newly-signed lease agreement "doesn't contain anything new..."

Shimizu's Director/project manager, Takashi Taguchi, was the scheduled speaker for the organization but he was called off-island and "pinch-hitter" speakers were drafted to fill the contractors in on the company's development plans.

Company attorney Ben Salas and one of Shimizu's consultant's, Bob Ramsey, outlined the company's plan to develop the Lualau/Kagman project and how there might be a place for the local contractors in their scheme.

Ramsey said that if the legislature approves the new lease agreement Shimizu will not be building the entire project "at once... because the dockage facilities here would be overwhelmed..."

"What I have to tell you is not very exciting," Ramsey said, "because it is old news. The deal Shimizu is offering the Commonwealth is the same deal it has offered since October of last year. There has been nothing changed..."

He said the "up front money is in the package; the other 2.2 million in assorted up front money that gets paid when the permits are issued, the money that money that goes into the retirement money..." is still the same.

"What has a number of people... ourselves included, trying to find ways to compare this," he said. "It's a very different thing to compare, such as the cost of private land."

Ramsey said critics of the proposal are using the wrong yardstick to judge the real value of the property in question. He said land leased for a relatively short-term of 25 years is "worth less overall than land leased for the full 55-year term."

He said that projects tend to "make their money toward the end of their lease term," and it would stand to reason that Shimizu's request to lease for only 25 years would make the amount of profit they would make from **Head Start sign-ups now underway**

PSS -- The Public School System has announced the re-opening of its Head Start registration that will take place at the Head Start main office located in Puerto Rico, next to FAS Moving.

Registration will be Monday through Friday, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. beginning August 6 and ending August 24.

Children born between January 1 and December 31, 1986 will be eligible for registration at this time. Parents are requested to bring with them a copy of the child's birth certificate, hospital number, and immunization certificate.

Ramsey said that in the main project - not the golf course - "is not going to be built end-to-end at one time... I think there is going to be a lot more work there than you gentlemen can do. They do intend to use local contractors."

the golf course very limited. If the lease was for a longer time, Shimizu would make more profit, he said.

According to the proposed lease signed last week by MPLC and Shimizu agrees to not attempt a lease extension, on pain of voiding the lease itself.

Ramsey and Salas answered questions about how the land's value was determined and revealed that a 1989 appraisal done by PNR, or Ponciano Rasa Real Estate was used, and it is correlated with its eventual use.

The appraisal was ordered by MPLC, Salas said, but paid for by Shimizu.

They said the appraisal bore out the fact that land being used for a golf course is worth less than the same land being used for other activities, such as a hotel.

Salas said that he wrote the new lease agreement himself, and that a not publicly-discussed clause in the lease which said "... to include language giving credit to lessee (Shimizu) for its up-front contributions should impact fees be later assessed against the project..." "was not new. It has been there since the first lease."

Shimizu's attorney said the clause was "not for all of the up-front contributions; it is only for the Kagman Watershed \$1 million contribution and the \$500,000 paving contribution."

However, the January, 1990 lease clause does not reflect Salas' statement, only "for its up-front contributions."

He said that the "impact fee credit" applied only to the golf course project, not to the entire planned Shimizu development.

One of the contractors at

Saturday's meeting asked the Shimizu representatives what the "bottom line figure" would be on how much local business the Japanese construction company would be sending their way. "What kind of impact will it have on our businesses?" he asked.

Ramsey said Shimizu had "just now hired a master planner," and no concrete development projections have been done, other than the planned expenditure is in the neighborhood of \$500 million for the entire project.

"That's the only number that's been used. That's the authority they have from the head office."

Saying that he is not familiar with the company's plans, Ramsey said that Shimizu had used local contractors in the past, and "intends to use local contractors whenever possible."

He said that in the main project - not the golf course - "is not going to be built end-to-end at one time... I think there is going to be a lot more work there than you gentlemen can do. They do intend to use local contractors."

No firm startup date had been set, he said. But the master plan will take at least 22 weeks, and couple the need for many types of permits; groundbreaking is some time off.

"It has to be at least 18 months before Lualau resort can get started," Ramsey said. Since the project will be done in pieces and "logical elements," he said the total project could take "six-to-seven years..."

Construction of the golf course will be a "lot less sensitive," he said, and Ramsey estimated that construction there could begin in

as little as four-to-six months after lease approval - if approved by the legislature.

Salas also told the contractors that contrary to popular belief and rumors there "will be no condominiums at the site." Only a country club and club house will

be constructed at the golf-course site - plus the 90-100 room hotel.

Once the lease is completed, Salas told the contractors that the golf course, its amenities and the hotel would be turned over to the CNMI government to do with as they pleased.



Ramsey (left) and Salas field contractors' questions.

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# Ada, the basketball and baseball player

by Lily O. Ramos

The youngest member of Saipan's sports organizers at 26, James Ada is also the president of the Saipan Amateur Basketball Association as well as vice-president for the CNMI Little League Baseball.

Ada, a flashy guard from 1982-88 said he is tasked with coordinating the basketball league through FIBA rules and sees to it that it is run properly by making sure that there are enough needed officials like timers, scorers, referees, coaches, trainers and other important personnel.

"Basketball is one of our very important sports that's why it has to be very well organized. The correct interpretation of rules and regulations is of prime importance to avoid disagreements between teams and players. It takes a former basketballer to understand all of that," said Ada who holds office at the Civic Center Gym in San Jose.

Somehow, basketball, which starts in September and runs seven months a year with a two-round robin format eats up a lot of his time.

But Ada is not complaining, he thinks it's fun to take responsibility especially when hundreds of people are interested in watching the sport which has at least 12 teams competing for the

championship.

"Every team pays \$500 for league membership. And whenever there's a game, we charge \$0.50 for admission which is used for the league's upkeep. We pay \$10 for referees per game and \$5 for the timers, scorers and others. We have officials who are Americans, Filipinos and locals too, so you see, provided they have the needed expertise, we ask them to help us."

To enrich the locals' technical knowledge of the game, Ada said the basketball association "imports" Australian referees and coaches to conduct clinics.

Why the particular interest on Aussies when the US is recognized as the best source of basketball technology as proven by the numerous Asian countries that subscribe to the idea?

"Oh, I'm thinking of doing that too but we belong to the Pacific region and I tell you, the Australians are very good too. They're not behind in what you call "expertise" when it comes to the sport," he replied.

Since basketball is of growing importance in the CNMI sports scene, Ada has been devising ways and means to maintain the people's interest.

"I am deeply aware that media plays a very big part in popularizing any kind of game so

I see to it that I maintain the communication line open to people like you who are in print or broadcast business. I am also aware that we cannot survive alone by ourselves so I give certificates of appreciation to firms or companies that provide sponsorship like the garments industry."

And he remains a friend to all, no matter the status of his fellowmen. "No man is an island, I have to have other human beings to turn to when the going gets rough. Even in time of peace, people need other people," he said.

Ada recalled that during the Micronesian Games last month, he was on the lookout for people to come to his aid since the Games were of great extent.



James Ada

"I'm grateful to some Filipinos who volunteered to help in basketball. Their contribution in organizing was really great. Things could have been harder if not for the wonderful Filipino guys who were with me all the way," said Ada.

A member of the Marianas Basketball team that competed in the Guam championships in 1982, Ada has had no formal training in sports management so, he goes by gut feel and experience.

"Once you know any particular sport, it is easy to feel your way. You know the vagaries, the problems and some solutions to what's bugging the organization. A good organizer can take his clue from that."

How he became the president of Saipan's basketball association is a record by itself. "I was attending a clinic somewhere in 1988 but the Association's five-man board membership elected me as president in absentia," said the 5'6", 185 lbs backcourtman. One thing is certain; he happens to be the only man in his late 20s who is in the hierarchy. Most of his co-members are nearly twice his age.

Now, Ada wants an addition of four more board members to the Association. For more effective decision-making? Yes, definitely, he may not vote on an issue unless

his decision is crucial as a tie-breaker.

Any new development in the CNMI basketball circuit? "Well, we never applied the 30-second time-clock before. It was a good lesson for the CNMI and Guam during the Micronesian Games. We have several young players, it is important that they learn about it at the earliest time possible since the rule is applied all over the world now."

While it is true that Ada is a basketball man, he cannot totally divorce himself from his other love which happens to be baseball.

His only regret is that he was never able to coach a CNMI little league all-star team baseball team. The reason is obvious, he is the vice-president of the league and he does not want people thinking or saying that he is taking advantage of his position.

The son of a former baseball player who happens to be band musician and a retired teacher, Ada also has a brother who's a member of the Islands Set band.

"He used to be interested in sports before but he decided it's not for him, that's why he became a musician instead. I guess that's what keeps him happy, the way sports does with me," said the man who works closely with CNMI sports coordinator Bill Sakovich.

## CNMI Little Baseball Leaguers place fifth

By Lily O. Ramos

It's final, the CNMI little league baseball team landed in fifth place among the eight countries that participated in the Far East Little League Baseball tournament in Fukuoka, Japan on July 27-29.

Jesus Pangelinan, the president of the Little League Baseball Association of CNMI said that the 11-12 year old boys' feat is something to be proud of, considering the fact that they came home with a 3-4 win-loss slate, a far cry from the previous team's performance in 1988 when they had only one win against six losses in Guam.

CNMI beat Jakarta by the skin of their teeth 3-2 in its first outing on back to back singles in the bottom of the sixth inning by Craig Sanchez and Glen Camacho.

The next day, the CNMI lost a decisive 5-0 against defending world champion Chinese Taipei even as Tanapag pitcher Jess Pua pitched a good game. Errors and

poor running, however, plagued the boys which caused them the game.

Taipei successfully defended its world title over China 4-0 to represent the Far East Little League Baseball in Williamsport Pennsylvania.

The Philippines captured third place, followed by Hongkong, CNMI, Japan, with Jakarta and Korea bringing in the rear.

"Before the team left for Fukuoka, we were not given encouraging remarks. People thought we would occupy the doormat. Fortunately, we proved them wrong," said team manager Lulu Sanchez.

When they faced People's Republic of China, CNMI got a heavy drubbing 8-0 for their second straight loss.

Then when they went up against the Philippines, the pitcher suffered poor muscle control which showed badly as the Filipinos battered them into 25-

11 submission, the biggest losing margin the CNMI suffered in the tournament.

The spunky Filipinos are managed by the mayor of Pasig, Mario Raymundo who is one of the moving spirits behind the Philippines creditable baseball and softball leagues.

Lady Luck smiled on the Pacific Islands champion as they scraped for a 2-1 victory over Hongkong. The CNMI's little all-star pitcher Pua struck out ten batters, hit a triple, then scored the winning run at the bottom of the sixth inning with Romeo Ordillano from Koblerville hitting a solo homerun on top of the fourth inning to win the game against Hongkong.

In their Saturday's last game versus Korea, the CNMI scored an exhilarating 10-5 through the strong pitching of Jess Tomokane, three base hits by Pua in the fourth inning as well as a triple from

Glen Camacho in the same inning.

"Actually, Korea was able to score four runs on top of the third inning and we were trailing 4-3 until we came up with blistering acts in the fourth inning," said Pangelinan.

Pangelinan attributed the much-improved performance of

CNMI to good runs, fine batting average and pitching by Pua and Tomokane.

Team manager Sanchez had a corollary explanation. "I think our one month a half training period helped a lot. Aside from that, we had financial support from several donors and sponsors as well as some parents who accompanied their kids. The trip to Japan really boosted the little boys' ambition to join the senior league."

Sanchez claimed that the CNMI team was the happiest group, and the most spirited at that.

"We all made several friends but the most important thing is the

experience taught the kids that there's more than games at home to look forward to," said Sanchez.

Sanchez said that after the CNMI-Korea match, the team went shopping and sightseeing at the Spaceworld and Disneyland before watching a major Japanese baseball league play.

"You might not believe it, but most of the boys shopped for bats, mitts and baseball gears. Toys were secondary. After all, most of them felt they are already mature to play with non-baseball toys."

By next year, 12 of the 14 boys will be moving up to the senior league and another recruitment for the major division will have to be conducted. Officials from Sanchez's rank-down are likely to step down as new election of officers will take place.

Will the next batch of little major leaguers equal or outdo this year's performers?

That remains to be seen.

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