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**Guam Leadership Continues Ongoing Travel
Initiatives for Taiwan Air Routes**

San Francisco, CA and Hagåtña, GU - As a Guam delegation prepares to meet with federal officials in San Francisco on the military buildup, Guam is learning of dividends from an earlier economic trade and development mission to Taiwan headed by Governor Leon Guerrero six months ago.

China Airlines says it is eyeing a return to charter service to Guam in less than a year and potential regularly scheduled service after.

From San Francisco the Governor said, "When we met with China Airlines Chairman Kao and Taiwan's Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Lin Chia-lung in Taipei earlier this year, we laid out a clear roadmap for charter service transitioning to scheduled flights."

The governor also met with executives of Starlux Airlines in March. The boutique carrier has sold out charter flights to Guam for two years running now and is also considering a possible transition to regularly scheduled service between the Taiwan capital and Guam.

With both Starlux Airlines and traditional full service carrier China Airlines looking at Guam again, the prospects for more travel between Guam and Taiwan looks more promising today than at any time in several recent years.

"Taiwan is a growing market for Guam," said Acting Governor Joshua Tenorio, "our close working relationship with the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office is paying off both the tourism space in sectors as diverse as hydroponic farming, health, education, and renewables," Tenorio added.

The March mission to Taiwan also included sit-downs with the Chief Executive Officer of Taoyuan International Airport Corporation. Taoyuan is Taiwan's largest airport and home base hub to Starlux, China Airlines and EVA Air. Those discussions centered in part on the eventual execution of a sister airport relationship with A.B. Won Pot International.