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NWS estimates winds reached 100 mph on Rota

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Just before 5 p.m. Sept. 10, National Weather Service anemometers, or wind gauges, registered a peak wind gust on Rota at 74 mph with 48 mph sustained winds. On Guam, sustained winds reached 67 mph at Andersen Air Force Base, with a peak gust of 87 mph at the Tiyán NWS office.

Minutes later, NWS wind gauges broke, preventing any further wind speeds from being recorded.

Approximately 15 minutes after that, Typhoon Mangkhut's eye wall passed over Rota, and NWS meteorologist Landon Aydlett said the worst of the winds were likely close behind.

"Winds and wind gusts were gonna be higher after the gauge broke

because it looked like it broke 10 or 15 minutes before the eye punched through Rota," Aydlett said. "We're thinking we missed the strongest winds for sure, and then the back wall of the eye wall is stronger for sure."

Aydlett said they believe the storm was a strong Category 2 typhoon as it passed over Rota, which would mean sustained winds up to 100 mph.

"We believe we were definitely

around 100 mph sustained winds ... on Rota," he said.

Winds on Guam would have been significantly lower, he said, as the strongest winds are typically within 5 miles of the eye.

Aydlett said NWS would release a report on Typhoon Mangkhut as it passed over Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands later this week.

Red Cross distributes supplies but runs short on volunteers

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One week after Typhoon Mangkhut swept over Guam, the American Red Cross Guam Chapter has distributed thousands of emergency supplies, offered services to more than 100 clients and surveyed 40 homes.

Red Cross Guam CEO Chita Blaise said they have distributed 355 comfort kits, which include basic hygiene products such as toothbrushes and combs, as well as 1,646 "disaster emergency supplies," such as coolers, tarps and cots, to people in need. She said volunteers have also completed interviews with most shelterees staying at Astumbo gym in Dededo.

"If they have completed their interview, that's the next step, is to go out there and conduct the damage assessment," Blaise said.

Red Cross has so far visited 40 homes, mostly in Dededo and Yigo, Blaise said. She said none of those homes were severely damaged or destroyed.

"Those homes that were visited were not damaged," she said. "There are a lot of leaks but to us that's not damage." Blaise said she wasn't sure if any of the homes belonged to shelter residents.

Blaise said Red Cross volunteers have also visited 154 clients, most of whom were referred to the Red Cross through the Dededo Mayor's Office. Blaise said volunteers provided clients with cleanup kits,

comfort kits and financial assistance.

'We're doing our very best'

Blaise said damage assessment and recovery efforts have been challenging: Over the weekend, the Red Cross had 18 volunteers, she said, but as of Monday that number had dwindled to six.

"But ... the work doesn't stop, regardless," she said.

Because they have so few volunteers, Blaise said they can't move as quickly as they'd like.

"We're doing our very best to be out there as fast as we can," she said. "I wish we had the right number of volunteers to go out there and cover all 19 villages and speed it up."

Most referrals have come from Dededo Mayor Melissa Savares, Blaise said, who has forwarded mayor's verification letters to the



FILLING OUT FORMS: Daisy Sablan, a volunteer with the American Red Cross Guam Chapter, helps Enrique Borja fill out emergency relief forms as part of the effort to help families displaced by Typhoon Mangkhut.



SUPPLIES: Evan Brazitis, along with volunteer Lillian Terrell, carrying the cooler, packs supplies for Florina Alian and her family as part of the American Red Cross Guam Chapter's effort to help families displaced by Typhoon Mangkhut. Workers and volunteers for the American Red Cross arrived at the Astumbo gym emergency shelter to help families fill out assistance forms and distribute food, water and other supplies Monday in Dededo. Photos by David Castro/The Guam Daily Post

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The GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY will receive sealed bids for the **UPGRADE OF NORTHERN DISTRICT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (CLEARING AND GRADING) GWA Project No. S17-003-OEA**. Bids will be accepted until **3:00 pm, Chamorro Standard Time, October 18, 2018**, at the Gloria B. Nelson Public Service Building, 688 Route 15, Mangilao, GU 96913 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. The contract time for the project is 150 calendar days for the Base Bid portion of the work. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of fifteen percent (15%) of the total bid amount. Bid security may be in the form of a bid bond, certified check or cashier check made payable to Guam Waterworks Authority.

A non-refundable amount of Twenty-Five dollars (\$25.00) is required for the purchase price of every electronic copy (CD) of the bidding documents which will be available at the Engineering Division on or after **September 18, 2018**. Amendments will be available on GWA's website to download at no cost at the following address: <http://guamwaterworks.org/bids/>. Vendors should also routinely check for updates on the website as well as for emails from GWA notifying vendors about changes in bid status or providing responses to queries. The Guam Waterworks Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid that is in the best interest of the Authority.

A Pre-Bid conference has been scheduled at **10:00 a.m., September 28, 2018**. All bidders are requested to be present. All questions or clarifications must be submitted in writing on or before **October 8, 2018**.

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DFS denies getting trade secrets from Lotte

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The DFS Group has issued a statement denying an allegation that one of its high-ranking employees met with a Lotte employee to receive confidential information about Lotte's expansion plans, including its bid to win the duty-free concession contract at Guam's A.B. Won Pat International Airport.

The allegation surfaced earlier this month in South Korea where prosecutors indicted a former Lotte Duty Free corporate manager who is accused of disclosing trade secrets to DFS.

According to the South Korean indictment, in February 2013, Seung Lee, the former managing director of Lotte's

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- DFS statement

Business Development Division, met with Andrew Ford, DFS Group global business development vice president, at a steakhouse in Hong Kong.

Lee had been working on the A.B. Won Pat Guam International Airport Authority's duty-free concessionaire bid.

According to the indictment, Lee was worried that he would not get promoted at Lotte, so he allegedly handed over Lotte trade secrets to the DFS executive, despite having signed a confidentiality agreement with Lotte.

DFS denial

A release issued Thursday from the DFS Group states, “DFS wishes to establish that no DFS employee met with any Lotte employee for any improper purpose, and at no time has DFS been in receipt of Lotte's proprietary or confidential materials through any illegal means.”

The DFS statement is critical of an earlier release from GIAA.

The GIAA release expressed “deep

concern” about the criminal charges against the former Lotte executive which “implicate DFS and certain of its high-ranking employees.”

The DFS response asserts that “South Korean authorities have made no such allegations” implicating “DFS or its former employees.”

The statement goes on to claim that the case in South Korea is actually “consistent with DFS' allegations in its lawsuits against GIAA and Lotte Duty Free Guam.”

“DFS continues to be deeply concerned,” concludes the statement, “about GIAA's unwillingness to take appropriate action” in response to what DFS calls “evidence of Lotte's wrongdoing.”

More Guam women are main breadwinners

By Louella Losinio
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A professional development forum on Thursday touched on the growing trend of women on Guam who are the primary breadwinners in their households.

The Guam Chamber of Commerce, through its committee, the Chamber Business Women's Network, hosted the event “Female Breadwinners: You are Not Alone,” at the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa.

Melanie Mendiola, executive director of the University of Guam Endowment Foundation, and Risha Aguon, a licensed professional counselor, talked about different aspects of the topic.

Mendiola, who was a financial adviser for several years, said the presentation centered on research they did together about women who earn more than their spouses.

“The objective of this presentation is to understand this emerging group of women. We are looking at a situation now where 1 out of 3 households - where the female is the primary breadwinner. This is an emerging group that has its own set of unique problems, own set of money challenges,” Mendiola said.

Mendiola said women tend to be more conservative when investing their money and making other types of financial decisions.

“You have John and Mary and you have both of them - have the same amount of money coming out of college. They are earning the same amount of money. They are both earning the same rate. But then he would be more aggressive than she is over the long term. He would likely get a higher investment return,” she said.

“She is more likely to take time off for child care, for care of the elderly. So that is going to hurt her savings. She is more likely to help friends, family, and relatives with financial issues. She is more likely to tap into her account,” Mendiola added.

Mendiola said minority women are likelier to earn less than most labor classes in the United States. On top of that, they are more likely to run single-parent households. They are also less willing to take a risk and delay their asset purchases.

“So what you are dealing with are women who are more conservative, who delay their decisions, are more likely to leave the workplace for short-term amounts of time - to take from their retirement accounts to help their friends and family, and probably earn

HELPING WOMEN: Licensed professional counselor Risha Aguon, left, and Melanie Mendiola, executive director of the UOG Endowment Foundation, lead the Chamber Business Women's Network professional development forum held Thursday at the Hilton Guam Resort and Spa. The event was called “Female Breadwinners: You are Not Alone. He is Not the Enemy.” David Castro/The Guam Daily Post



less - dollar for dollar - than a male counterpart,” she said.

Genogram

For her part, Aguon talked about the potential conflict which could arise when the female is the breadwinner in a household.


According to Aguon, the participants were asked to plot their own genogram, which visually displays the various relationship dynamics and patterns in the family.

“We had them look at their parents, what their beliefs are with money, how

they communicate or don't communicate about it all, and how that might transfer in their relationships,” Aguon said.

She also talked about addressing routines: how couples can communicate and talk about money issues and resolve conflict.

One of the participants, Patsy Rose Taitingfong, defense contractor Tiki-gaq's human resources administrator, said the speakers' topics were very beneficial whether one is the breadwinner in the family or not.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Directors of the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) will convene its Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in Terminal Conference Room No. 3. In addition to regular matters, pursuant to 5 G.C.A. §8111(c)(2), Executive Session will be held to discuss pending litigation to which GIAA is a party. Parking is available in the Public Parking Lot.

For special accommodations or agenda items, please call the Board Office at 642-4717/18.
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