

Special Feature

Editor's Note: The Governor's Council of Economic Advisers' Public Private Partnership initiative has drawn widespread support from the community. Various activities have been conducted and projects have been launched to rally behind the destination transformation campaign. This section will provide insights on how PPP supporters are committed to the program.



Together, We Can
Public Private Partnership

The transformation of Tinian's Broadway Estates Basketball Court and baseball field last weekend couldn't have come at a better time for the island's youngest residents.

The basketball court received a long-overdue facelift from the Tinian Mayor's Office, Typhoon Sports Association, and FitBeat Anti-Tobacco Wellness, the newest partners of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers' (GCEA) Public Private Partnership program. The partners teamed up with Tinian's very own Senate President Jude Hofschneider, Sen. Francisco Cruz, Sen. Karl King-Nabors, the Office of House Minority—CNMI House of Representatives—22nd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature—their staff, and family members, Team KOKA, and Voices of the CNMI. The June 25-26 Tinian PPP event also marked the second Tinian site adopted into the GCEA's transformation campaign. The Jones Beach, adopted by Triple J Enterprises, Inc. in February this year, was the first one.

"We definitely welcome the PPP project on Tinian. We have students and kids who want to participate in sports programs, especially now that school is on break, and we need a platform and venue for them to showcase their talents and skills," said Sen. King-Nabors, who is also involved with the Typhoon Sports Association's basketball teams.

The senator added that since the COVID-19 pandemic struck, the island experienced a drastic drop in sports activities, and the situation was made even more challenging by the unsafe conditions at the Tinian Gymnasium, which sustained damage from Super Typhoon Yutu. Now that the basketball court and baseball field have undergone improvements, residents—particularly the youth—will now be encouraged to go outside more and be active by playing or joining sports competitions.

Tinian resident Joseph Estrada said he and his two sons can now walk to the court and play instead of driving to the Tinian Elementary School to play at the court there.

"It's summertime and I am sure a lot of children will come here and play. This is one of the most utilized sports facilities on Tinian since the gym was damaged by the typhoon," Estrada said.

Typhoon player Colleen Cing also said they used the court often even though the nets are worn out and the rims are rusty and old.



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The aerial shot of the Broadway Estates Basketball Court on Tinian after getting a long-overdue facelift through the Public Private Partnership initiative of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers last weekend.

Tinian sports facilities get makeover, set for summer activities



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Supporters of the Public Private Partnership initiative of the GCEA last weekend and volunteers from Tinian and Saipan pose for a group photo after completing the transformation project at the Broadway Estates Basketball Court last June 26.



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Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider joins the House Minority Block and other volunteers in painting the flooring of the Broadway Estates Basketball Court.



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A young volunteer paints one of the dugouts at the Tinian Baseball Field.



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This combo photos shows the Broadway Estates Basketball Court and its features before undergoing transformation.

"I am glad they were able to make the basketball court look better and our leaders decided to work on something that the youth on Tinian uses frequently. I just hope that the improvement project will continue like putting shade or covering on the benches," said Cing.

The basketball court, which sits at the heart of the Broadway Estates Housing, was painted along with the bleachers and the backboards. Its rims and nets were replaced.

The dugouts of the baseball field, meanwhile, received a fresh coat of paint, courtesy of the House minority bloc.

Senate President Hofschneider said the transformation of the village facilities is a great start to the renewed partnership among Tinian's leaders, the business community, residents, various organizations, and the GCEA, as the island gives its full support to the PPP campaign.

Tinian Mayor Edwin Aldan,

on the other hand, hopes that the people of Tinian will be inspired by the second PPP project on the island and they will step forward to adopt more sites and facilities that both tourists and residents will enjoy to visit and utilize.

Meanwhile, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is pleased that another village facility has been added to the list of adopted sites under the PPP initiative. Sixty sites and villages facilities have been adopted so far, less than

a year after the campaign was launched. The program has welcomed 56 partners, who have committed to caring for the sites for five years.

"To all our PPP partners on Tinian, Rota, and Saipan, thank you for your tireless efforts in transforming our destination sites and villages facilities. In due time, the entire Marianas will see the product of your hard work and commitment to this campaign as we move forward with



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Tinian residents take a look at the newly-painted Broadway Estates Basketball Court.

our efforts in promoting The Marianas as a 'Multi-Island Integrated Destination' and providing our residents with safe and pleasing facilities and sites we can all be proud of," said Gov. Torres during the launch ceremony and the second leg of the GCEA's anniversary celebration. (PR)