

Rotary, Emon Lodge 179 team up to enhance Suicide Cliff

The Rotary Club of Saipan and Emon Masonic Lodge 179 have teamed up on a four-phased improvement plan for the historic Suicide Cliff.

The two organizations have adopted the site—known for its significance in World War II history—after signing up for the Public Private Partnership program of the Gov-

ernor's Council of Economic Advisers, as part of the CNMI government's destination enhancement initiative.

Based on the proposal, Rotary and Emon Lodge will further improve the natural features of Suicide Cliff by planting additional trees and flowers and repainting and installing signages at the site,



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Rotary Club of Saipan members and officials, led by president Sonya Dancoe, seated left, pose with Governor's Council of Economic Advisers co-chairs Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, seated center, and Jerry Tan after signing an agreement with the GCEA's Public Private Partnership program a few of months ago.

USCG to begin testing unmanned surface vehicles off Hawaii shore



At left, a concept photo of the unmanned surface vehicle that will be demonstrated by Spatial Integrated System in the maritime domain awareness technology evaluation by the Coast Guard Research and Development Center this summer. At right, the technology evaluation will also include a SailDrone, shown here during a project with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Ocean Climate Stations.

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HONOLULU—The U.S. Coast Guard Research and Development Center, in partnership with local Coast Guard units, will be conducting test and evaluation of unmanned surface vehicles off the south shore of Oahu from Oct. 7 through Nov. 5.

The tests will focus on autonomous vessel systems from Saildrone and Spatial Integration Systems, in addition to a Coast Guard-owned autonomous research vessel made by Metal Shark.

This evaluation will examine each vessels' ability to provide persistent maritime domain awareness, especially in remote areas of the oceans. While potentially applicable to many Coast Guard missions, there is potential these technologies will help enable the Coast Guard to better protect critical natural living marine resources from illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and other illicit activities. **(USCG)**

which is also called Laderan Banadero in Chamorro.

Phase 1 of the project will have the two groups planting golden shower trees along the road to the site. Phase 2 involves repairing and repainting signages and planting of bougainvillea and yellow decorative ground flowers. Both the Rotary and Emon Lodge will work on the first two phases of the project in the last two months of the year.

The two non-government organizations chose to accentuate the natural beauty of the Suicide Cliff with yellow flowers as the color symbolizes friendship and peace. "We came up with the color and design to create interest in a way that embraces the historical significance of this site and one that has purpose and meaning," said Rotary Club of Saipan president Sonya Dancoe.

For Phases 3 and 4 of the



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Emon Masonic Lodge 179 senior warden Leo Canedo, seated left, and other group representatives join Governor's Council of Economic Advisers co-chairs Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, seated center, and Jerry Tan for a group photo after committing to the GCEA's Public Private Partnership initiative.

project, the Rotary and Emon Lodge will focus on the Suicide Cliff Lookout. Once the Department of Corrections and Marianas Visitors Authority have completed the repair work at the railings of the lookout, the two NGOs will take over and plant bougainvillea and yellow decorative ground flowers at the site.

Though this will be the Rotary and Emon Lodge's first partnership for a big project, the two groups are no strangers to community work. They've either led or supported beautification drives in the CNMI, made significant donations to various organizations, backed sports programs, etc.

"Community service and

charitable work are principal Masonic teachings. It's our sworn duty as freemasons to serve the community," said Emon Masonic Lodge No. 179 worshipful master Joel Subang.

Suicide Cliff got its name as the site in World War II where Japanese civilians and soldiers jumped to their deaths in 1944. **(PR)**


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