

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
105-38 (LS)	Frank F. Blas, Jr.	Relative to recognizing and commending the Consulate-General of Japan in Hagåtña on the celebration of its Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary, and expressing sincere appreciation for its enduring contributions to the promotion of friendship, diplomacy, and cooperation between Japan and Guam.	10/3/25 8:44 a.m.	10/22/25 6:00 p.m.	10/3/25 8:44 a.m.					

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Relative to recognizing the Consulate-General of Japan in Hagåtña, Guam, for its dedicated service in strengthening the bonds of friendship, economic partnership, and mutual understanding between Japan, Guam, and the United States; and commemorating the celebration of its Fiftieth (50th) anniversary.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, the Consulate-General of Japan in Hagåtña, Guam, was officially established on July 18, 1975, by the Government of Japan as a consular mission to represent Japan's interests, promote bilateral relations, and protect the welfare of Japanese nationals residing in or traveling to Guam; and

WHEREAS, prior to its establishment, Japanese interests on Guam were represented by Honorary Consul Mr. James M. Shintaku, under the supervision of the Consulate-General of Japan in Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Suekazu Hamanaka served as the first Consul-General of Japan in Hagåtña, and over the past 50 years, twenty-one (21) other Consuls-General have served in this important role, with Mr. Susumu Ueda currently holding the position; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate-General began operations with three Ministry of Foreign Affairs officers and five local staff, and today includes six Ministry officials, one administrative staff from Japan, and twelve local employees, reflecting the growth in scope and responsibility of the mission; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate-General currently serves a registered population of approximately 2,700 Japanese residents and provides consular services to more than 3,000 individuals annually, fostering the protection and well-being of Japanese nationals; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, the significant increase in Japanese tourism – with 163,000 visitors that year – and expanding Japanese investments led to the establishment of the Consulate-General to facilitate stronger support and representation; and

WHEREAS, Guam is now home to over (100) Japanese-owned businesses, spanning sectors such as hospitality, retail, telecommunications, construction, and most recently including the opening of Village of Donki in 2024, demonstrating Japan's lasting economic investment in Guam; and

WHEREAS, Japan has also demonstrated its commitment to regional security and shared interests with the United States by providing up to \$2.8 billion USD in support of the U.S. Marine Corps realignment from Okinawa to Guam – a major endeavor that has supported Guam's economy, workforce, and strategic importance in the Indo-Pacific; and

WHEREAS, Japanese Self-Defense Forces personnel regularly participate in joint and multilateral military exercises on Guam, further strengthening the Japan-U.S. alliance and contributing to a free and open Indo-Pacific, while simultaneously supporting local businesses during their time on the island; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate-General has also promoted educational and cultural exchange programs, including the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT) Scholarship, and the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program, providing life-changing opportunities for Guam students and young professionals to study and work in Japan; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate-General has actively supported local government collaboration in areas including tourism recovery, public safety, and emergency assistance for Japanese visitors and residents; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of reconciliation and peace, the Consuls-General have participated in annual Guam Liberation Day memorial events, offering floral tributes and messages of remembrance and peace, and fostering historical healing and goodwill between Guam and Japan; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate-General has continued to support cultural diplomacy through events like the Guam Japan Festival – Haru Matsuri, formerly Akimatsuri, which draws tens of thousands of attendees annually and showcases traditional Japanese culture and cuisine; and

WHEREAS, between 1975 and 1995, under the 1947 Japan–U.S. Agreement concerning the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Consulate-General was designated as the Japanese foreign mission to safeguard the welfare of Japanese nationals across Micronesia, supporting development assistance, managing regional diplomatic matters, and promoting cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate-General of Japan in Hagåtña, in its 50 years of operation, has played a vital role in fostering people-to-people connections, economic cooperation, cultural understanding, and geopolitical partnership between Japan, Guam, and the United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the Consulate-General of Japan in Hagåtña, Guam, for its dedicated service in strengthening the bonds of friendship, economic partnership, and mutual understanding between Japan, Guam, and the United States; and commemorate the celebration of its fiftieth (50th) anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to His Excellency Susumu Ueda, Consul-General of Japan in Hagåtña, Guam; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.

Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker

Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



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I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

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15 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 3RD DAY OF OCTOBER 2025.



Frank F. Blas, Jr.
Speaker



Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



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MEMORANDUM

October 6, 2025

To: All Senators, Stakeholders, Media
I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

Fr: Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr.

Subject: Notice of Presentation for **Resolution No. 105-38 (LS)**.

Håfa Adai! Join me in presenting:

- **Resolution No. 105-38 (LS)**, “relative to recognizing and commending the Consulate-General of Japan in Hagåtña on the celebration of its Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary, and expressing sincere appreciation for its enduring contributions to the promotion of friendship, diplomacy, and cooperation between Japan and Guam.

The presentation will take place on **Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hotel Nikko Guam Ballroom.**

I look forward to your attendance and participation.

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