SAIPAN DESIGNATED AS ADDITIONAL SITE FOR U.S. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT (CPA) EXAMINATION

The Philippine Overseas Labor Office in Saipan reported that Saipan, Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI) has been designated as the latest site for the administration of US Certified Public Accountancy (CPA) licensure examination. The present testing sites are Guam, Hawaii and the US mainland.

The CNMI Board of Accountancy has already issued a request for submission of proposals for the establishment of computer based testing centers for US CPA examination. It is projected that these centers would be able to conduct the CPA licensure examination in Saipan by the summer of 2007.

According to Mr. Christopher Lubi of the Marianas Institute of Filipino CPAs and Accountants (MIFICPA), Filipino accountants interested to take the US CPA examinations, need to have their educational credentials evaluated by the US-based Foreign Academic Credentials Service, Inc. (FACS). Once the FACS assessments indicate that the applicant is eligible, she/he then can apply for a test schedule at the appropriate state board of accountancy jurisdiction.

Interested persons may access the following reference websites related to US CPA examinations:

1. www.cpa-exam.org
2. www.aicpa.org
3. www.guamboa.org
4. www.nasba.org
5. www.facsusa.org

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