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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

- Highest Position held at present in region:** **April 1, 2009 – present Secretary General, Oceania National Olympic Committee**
- Position held at present in NOC **1991 - present President, GUAM National Olympic Committee**
- Present or past activities in sport at national level (NF/NOC) **1977 - present President, Guam Judo Federation**  
Head Instructor – 7<sup>th</sup> Degree Black Belt (Red & White)  
Chief Dan Grading (promotion)  
Instructs Judo classes six days a week.  
Head Coach – Guam National Judo Team
- Judo Expert – Olympic Solidarity Course Training in the Solomon Islands and the Republic of Nauru**
- Olymp/Oceania Program (2006)** - With support from the Olymp/Oceania program and a local financial institution, the NOC purchased its office. Within a few weeks after the purchase, an offer was made on the property and the NOC was able to resell the building and purchase its current office, along with an adjacent four-unit apartment, which provides an additional revenue source for the NOC.
- 2009 - present Executive Member, Guam University Sports Federation**
- 2007 - present Executive Member, Guam Sport Shooting Federation**
- 1992 Guam NOC** reincorporated, successor to the Guam Amateur Sports Federation (GASF)
- 1991 - present Private Funding for Team Guam (TG)**  
The Guam NOC made a historical stand to become a privately funded entity and succeeded in sending Team Guam, to Papua New Guinea for the 1991 South Pacific Games, without government assistance, for the first in time Guam sports history. The Guam NOC continues to be privately funded in various international competitions, such as the Micronesian Games, East Asian Games, Mini Pacific Games and Pacific Games.
- 1991 - present Elected President GNOC/GASF**
- 1991 - 1994 A member of the University of Guam Athletic Council** and was part of a steering committee to establish a regional university sports program with Japan, Korea, Philippines, Hong Kong, and Taipei.
- 1989 - 1994 A member of the Parks and Recreation**

Present or past activities in sport at international level (Continental/International Federation, ANOC, IOC, Other)

**Commission.** Governor appointed member to the Parks and Recreation Commission and was confirmed by the Guam Legislature. Duties encompassed the authority and direction to manage the Guam's Park & Recreation properties. Promulgated rules and regulations governing recreational sports under the umbrella of "sports for all" concept.

**1989 - 1991 Elected Secretary General of GNOC/GASF**

**Community Advisory Board Member to Admiral Jim Perkins,** U.S. Commanding Officer Naval Forces Marianas on matters relating to community interaction on social affairs and sporting relationships.

**Advisory Member, Mayor's Council Tamuning District, Sports**

**2004 – present Elected Vice President, ONOC**

**1992 - 2008 Head of Delegation, Olympic Games**

1992 Barcelona, Spain, 1996 Atlanta, Georgia, 2000 Sydney, Australia, 2004 Athens, Greece, 2008 Beijing, China

**2005** As ONOC Vice President, I officially visited the Marshall Islands to assist and address questions raised pertaining to their recognition as a member of the Olympic family.

**2007** As ONOC Vice President, I met with the Solomon Island NOC President and executive members, in a fact finding mission to determine their ability to function in the absence of its president, who at the time was under duress.

**2001 - 2004 Elected Executive Member, ONOC**

**1997 - 2001 Elected Vice President, ONOC**

**1988 OLYMPIAN, Current member, World Olympian Association**

**1991 - 2007 Head of Delegation, South Pacific Games**

1991 Port Moresby, PNG, 1995 Papeete, Tahiti, 1999 Guam, 2003 Suva, Fiji, 2007 Apia, Samoa

**1999 - 2003 President South Pacific Games Council**

**2003 – present Immediate past President, Pacific Games Council**

**1999 President and Host, South Pacific Games, Guam**

**1997 - 2001 Elected President, Oceania Judo Union**

**1997 – 2001 forced for constitutional changes to the Oceania Judo Union that was adopted at a special meeting on Guam and monitored by IJF Vice President Asia Takeuchi Sensei.**

**1997 – 2001 forced to have the first financially audited accounts**

**of the Oceania Judo Union in 25 years with fierce opposition from standing members and officially forced for the transparency of OJU.**

**1997 - 2001 Vice President, International Judo Federation**

**1993 – present Exec. Member, East Asian Games Council**

**1990 Gold Medallist, +95kg Oceania Judo Championship, Papeete, Tahiti**

**1990 Gold Medallist, +95kg South Pacific Championship, Tahiti**

**1988 Competitor, Seoul Olympic Games, Seoul, Korea**  
Guam's historical delegation to the first Summer Olympic Games.

**1988 Gold Medallist, Oceania Judo Championships, Homebush, Australia**

**1988 Gold Medallist +95kg and Open Weight category, South Pacific Judo Champs, Homebush, Australia**

**1987 Gold Medallist (Guam's only one), South Pacific Games, New Caledonia**

**1987 Silver Medallist Team, South Pacific Games, New Caledonia**

**1987 Competitor, World Judo Championships, Essen, Germany**

**1979 Gold Medallist +95kg, South Pacific Games, Fiji**

**1979 Gold Medallist Open category, South Pacific Games, Fiji**

**1979 Silver Medallist Team, South Pacific Games, Fiji**

**1979 Silver Medallist, U.S. Desert National Championships, Las Vegas, Nevada**

**1974 Attended national training program, Tokai University, Hiratsuka, Japan through the invitation and sponsorship of the late Isao Inoukuma, 1964 Olympic Gold Medalist, Tokyo Olympic Games.**

**1974 Gold Medallist, West Coast Invitational (Judo), San Diego, CA. USA**

**1973 Gold Medallist, U. S. Collegiate Nationals, St. Louis, MO. USA**

**1972 Gold Medallist, Mid-Western Collegiate Championships, Lincoln, NE, USA**

**1971 Gold Medallist Open Category, South Pacific Games, Tahiti**

**1971 Silver Medallist -80kg, South Pacific Games, Tahiti**

**1971 Silver Medallist Team, South Pacific Games, Tahiti**

**1970 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, All Southern Japan Judo Championships – Hiroshima, Japan** (First foreigner to have achieved such a high level).

**1969 Competitor, South Pacific Games, Papua New Guinea,** Youngest athlete to represent Guam and in the sport of judo.

**1968** Accepted by the Mitsubishi Rayon Company, Judo Club to initiate Japanese training program.

Professional or other qualifications

**2007 Retired, Major General (Director), Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency,** with thirty-four (34) years of service (1974 – 2007)

**2003- 2007 Governor appointed Director of Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency and Cabinet Member,** Senior Executive Management

**1994 – 2003 Chief , Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency, Executive Management**

**1982 – 1994 Lieutenant, Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency,** Senior Management Level

In my career at the Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency, I have had many milestones that have raised the bar of officer conduct and the public's expectations of the Agency. I have chosen only a few as an example.

In 2006, I implemented the Merit Promotion program, promoting 47 customs agents throughout the ranks of the Agency.

In 2005, I coordinated a sting operation with U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency from Boston, MA. (USA) to apprehend arms dealers who thought they were purchasing high-tech military devices to launch missiles. This operation was consummated on Guam Customs Borders.

In 2004, I established the first canine (K9) training program with support from the Australian Customs Service.

In 2001, I sought funding to fully arm the entire Agency of 174 agents who protect Guam's borders and succeeded. During that time, I established a weapons qualification standard to train officers on the use of weapons and deadly force.

In 1995, I was credited with the largest methamphetamine (ice) seizure, a street value of USD\$11 million, at the Guam International

Airport.

In 1994, I challenged the incoming Governor regarding the merit promotion system, after being removed from my position as Chief of Customs. I won my case and it is now considered a landmark case, because it has overturned many cases locally and in the mainland USA, preventing political harassment after a change in government leadership.

I also reorganized the customs inspection procedures at the Guam International Airport making the Agency passenger friendly.

In 1986 - I established the "Container, Freight, Satellite Stations" to ease the seaport traffic burden, as well as, the "En-route Inspection Program" allowing passengers and tour companies to disembark upon clearance.

In 1982 - considering the political implication of the island, I was not deterred when a prominent political family member was arrested under my watch for trafficking the drug Heroin with a street value of USD\$80,000.

In 1975 - I dealt with the Vietnamese exodus and the heroin wars that followed.