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## GCC to break ground on Building 100 renovation/expansion

Guam Community College President Dr. Mary Okada is getting restless again.

"It's time. Our last new building opened in December 2014, so we need to build another one," Okada said.

GCC will break ground on the renovation/expansion of Building 100 on Wednesday, September 14, at 10:00 am on the GCC campus. A U.S.D.A. loan and the GCC Capital Improvement Fund are the combined funding sources for construction of the \$4,516,000 project. Back in July 2013, GCC was awarded a \$277,750 grant from the U.S. Department of Interior Office of Insular Affairs' Technical Assistance Program for the architecture and engineering design for the renovation/expansion of Building 100. This newest building will connect to the recently renovated and expanded two-story Building E (the former Building 200).

"The renovation and expansion of Building 100 is part of our GCC campus physical master plan to upgrade and renovate the aging portions of our campus," said Okada. "It will primarily house our Criminal Justice program and is part of our overall plan to provide a campus environment that fosters student success," she added.

Both 100 and 200 were constructed in the mid-1960's along with "Butler" Buildings 300, 400, 500 and 600 as part of the Department of Education's former Vocational Technical High School.

"Building 100 will also become a two-story concrete structure with LEED features such as solar panels, a rainwater catchment, pervious (porous) pavement, and digital temperature controls, and will adjoin Building B," Okada added.

Next on the renovation schedule for GCC will be Building 300, which has been closed down this semester.

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