

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
COUNTY:	Mariana Island
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	DEC 19 1974

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Japanese Hospital

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Saipan Byoin

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Route #3

CITY OR TOWN:  
Garapan Village, Saipan

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:  
N/A

STATE: TTPI CODE: 075 COUNTY: Mariana Islands CODE: 7000

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress 	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No 
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment 	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific 	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) 

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:  
Saipan, Mariana Islands

STATE:  
TTPI

CODE:  
075

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Attorney General, Office of the High Commissioner

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands

CITY OR TOWN:  
Saipan, Mariana Islands

STATE:  
TTPI

CODE:  
075

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Micronesia Parks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
U. S. Department of the Interior, Hawaii National Park Service

STREET AND NUMBER:  
667 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 512

CITY OR TOWN:  
Honolulu

STATE:  
Hawaii

CODE:  
075

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STATE: TTPI

COUNTY: District

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Presently, there are three main structures.

The hospital is shaped like an "L" with domed entrance at the elbow. The inner arms of the "L" is an arched hallway opening out onto a grassy courtyard. The present condition is poor with cement crumbling from the walls exposing pipes and reinforcing bars. The hallways, entrance, and several rooms are floored, but the remaining rooms have only dirt floors covered with litter and debris. The entire construction is reinforced concrete with plastered walls and ceilings, and stone door sills. The original louvered windows and doors are no longer present. None of the plumbing or electricity currently operates.

A second building, also of reinforced concrete with plastered walls, originally served as the pharmacy. It, like the main hospital has no remaining. Inside the pharmacy, above the doorway is a colorful oil mural depicting Palauan sailors in a boat and above the exterior entrance there use to be a wooden story board.

The third structure is underground, like a storm cellar. Two curved stairways lead down about 5 feet to a circular room of about 12 feet diameter. Also constructed of cement, the room is well ventilated and in surprisingly good condition.

Originally, the site consisted of several other wood framed buildings serving as wards and special out patient building. There are no visible remains of these buildings and it is believed that they were semi permanent additions to the hospital after it was completed.

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**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The hospital is an important example of Japanese colonial architecture and the only building on Saipan of its size and design to have survived World War II. Its major significance lies in the fact that it is one of only a few non military remenants of the Japanese occupations of the islands.

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Only items which are significant to the community should be listed. Do not list items which are of local interest only. Do not list items which are of historical interest only.

**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		15° 12' 06"	145° 43' 14"	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
NONE	075		
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Thomas B. Sheehan, District Planner

ORGANIZATION: Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands DATE: December 3, 1974

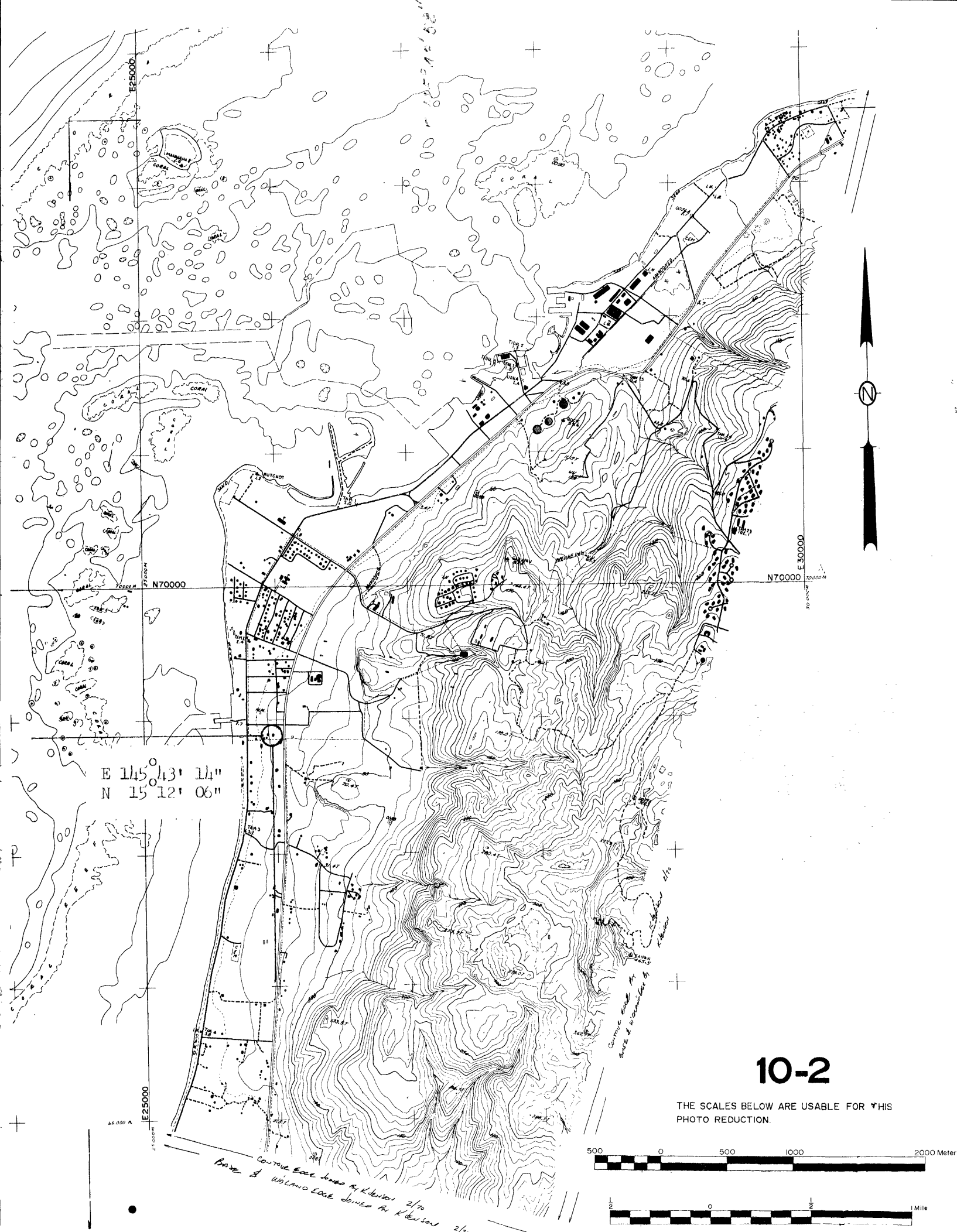
STREET AND NUMBER: Office of the District Administrator

CITY OR TOWN: Saipan, Mariana Is. STATE: TTPT CODE: 075

**12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION**

<p>As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Neil K. Chase</u></p> <p>Title <u>Chief, Resources &amp; Land Use</u></p> <p>Date <u>December 3, 1974</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>AR Weartner</u> Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>12/19/74</u></p> <p>ATTEST:</p> <p><u>Wm J. Muntz</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>12-18-74</u></p>
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E 145° 43' 14"  
 N 15° 12' 06"

**10-2**

THE SCALES BELOW ARE USABLE FOR THIS PHOTO REDUCTION.



*Contour base level as shown 2/70  
 base of volcano last shown as shown 2/70*