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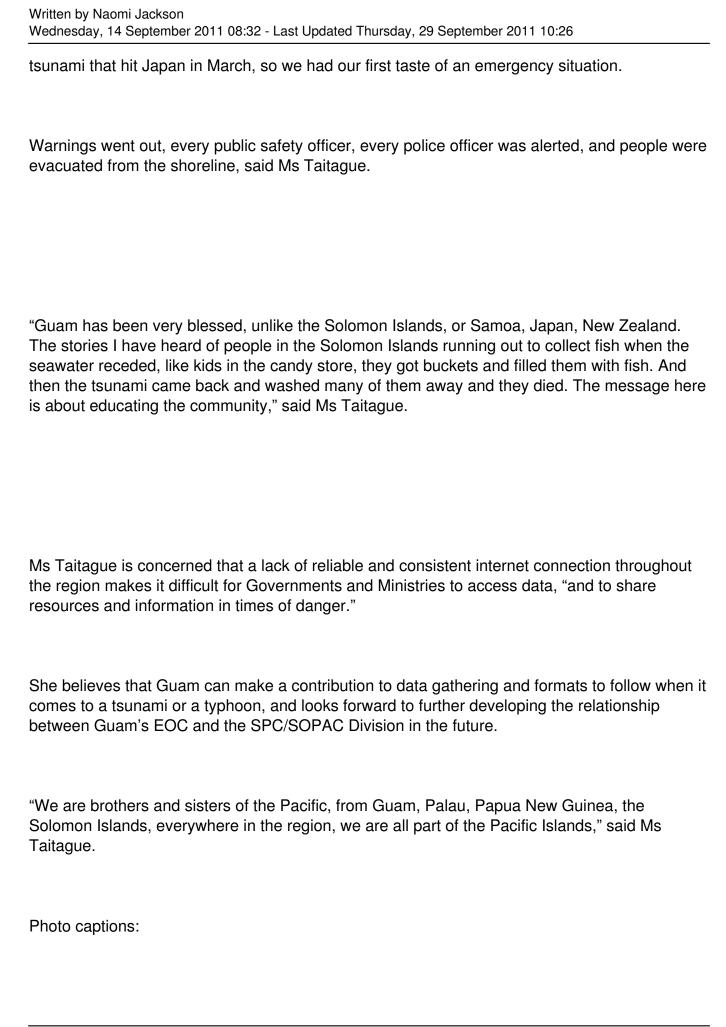
Special Assistant External Affairs, Ms Telo Taitague, said that she looked forward to stronger links between Guam and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community/Applied Geoscience and Technology (SPC/SOPAC) Division.

Ms Taitague, who represented Guam at the 3rd Session of the Pacific Platform for Disaster Risk Management, said that communication, education and the need to gather data are the key lessons she would take home from the high-level conference held in Auckland New Zealand in early August.

"It is enlightening that a group like the SPC/SOPAC Division organises Platform meetings with experts from around the world and representatives from 22 Pacific Island nations and territories to discuss the ways to mitigate the impact of natural disasters and climate change adaptation. I have learnt that we need to measure if we wish to mitigate impacts."

Ms Taitague's role as advisor to the Governor of Guam includes the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), and the current Administration was newly installed when, "We were alerted to the

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