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## NEWS RELEASE

### Torres addresses APP conference on Guam project

*Port officials from across the Pacific hear from GM regarding ongoing Modernization Program*



**Piti, Guam, July 20, 2012:** The Modernization Program of the Port Authority of Guam became the highlight of today's APP conference as Port General Manager Mary C. Torres addressed the crowd on the progress being made at our island's only commercial sea port.

Torres gave a presentation called "Port Projects and Priorities in Guam" and spoke in detail about the efforts to transform the Port into a world-class facility.

"Our focus is to bring the port to the level that will meet the service needs of Guam and the islands," Torres said this afternoon. "We are clearly cognizant of our priorities and we are evolving at this time in our history."

The Port Authority of Guam is co-host to port experts from all over the Pacific this week during the annual Association of Pacific Ports Conference which ends tomorrow, July 21.

The theme of this year's conference is **Pacific Blue Continent Connections** and the event is being held at the Marriott Guam Resort from July 18-21. This 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference is co-hosted by the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) Ports Authority and the Port Authority of Guam. The APP President this year is RMI Board Member James Matayoshi.

Expert speakers have addressed attendees on such timely topics as:

- **Port Security throughout the Pacific**
- **Modernizing Stevedore Operations**
- **Expanding Trade with a Changing China**
- **Investing in Port Infrastructure**
- **Managing Military Partnerships with Ports**
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- **Restructuring Taiwan Ports**
- **Adequate Port Insurance Coverage**
- **Deploying Successful Port Leadership**

The Association of Pacific Ports is a trade and information association founded in 1913 as the Association of Pacific and Far East Ports, for the purpose of promoting increased efficiency and effectiveness of the ports of the Pacific. The name, but not the objectives, was changed in 1934.

Programs of the Association of Pacific Ports are aimed at enhancing the technical and governance expertise of commissioners and other port officials through meetings, educational seminars and the exchange of appropriate communications. These programs are also pertinent to the needs of ports' management and technical staff.

All ports located in areas tributary to the Pacific Ocean are eligible to join the Association of Pacific Ports. The Association of Pacific Ports includes ports in American Samoa, British Columbia, California, Guam, Hawaii, Mexico, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Oregon, Saipan, Taiwan, and Washington.

The collective goal of the APP is increased efficiency, effectiveness, and prosperity for Pacific ports.

***Editor's Note: A copy of her presentation and the conference agenda are attached.***

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