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NEWS RELEASE

Board explores World Ports Sustainability Program

Piti, Guam, July 14, 2022: The Port Authority of Guam's Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 2022-15, authorizing the Port's General Manager to explore and pursue the benefits of becoming a member of the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) and provide such findings to the Board.

The IAPH, with the membership of over 160 ports and 120 port-related businesses in 87 countries, in May 2017, developed a World Ports Sustainability Program (WPSP) whose primary objective is to enhance and coordinate future sustainability.

From an economic, social, and environmental point of view, sustainable port development is a critical issue for Ports worldwide. It impacts international and domestic freight transportation, local and national economic and social development, and environmental protection.

"All Ports emit carbon dioxide and air pollutants through cargo handling equipment, related facilities, and berthing vessels, and the Port Authority of Guam has to be at the forefront of the Zero Waste Task Force," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "We are grateful that Governor Lou Leon Guerrero appointed Ms. Conchita Taitano to carry out the Administration and our Board's directives to develop policies towards Port sustainability and to advance the Recycling Enterprise Zone Law, which I authored as a senator 17 years ago."

Resolution No. 2022-15 passed unanimously and immediately upon its passage, Port Board Chairman Francisco Santos announced that Taitano will lead this Port sustainability initiative.

Additionally, the Port is developing a study on the benefits of installing solar panels on Port buildings, as well as reducing the Port's reliance on the island's power grids by utilizing its generators to assist Guam Power Authority in avoiding rolling power black-outs.