



# NEWSLETTER

## PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM

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### Port wins CCR Platinum Award



The Port Authority of Guam was once again awarded the First Place Platinum Award for the Fiscal Year 2022 Citizen-Centric Report (CCR).

This is the third time the Port has received the First Place “Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting Award” from the Association of Government Accountants, Guam Chapter (AGA), as well as recognition from AGA National’s Certificate of Excellence in Citizen-Centric Reporting for FY 2022.

The award was presented at the AGA recognition ceremony and membership meeting on June 26, 2024 at the Lotte Hotel in Tumon.

“Receiving this prestigious award for a third time reaffirms our team’s commitment toward consistently elevating transparency and comprehensive reporting,” said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. “We will continue to be guided by the vision of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio, who are firm believers in a direct and transparent government.”

The Citizen-Centric Report initiative, adopted through Guam Public Law 30-127, assists in advancing accountability and transparency in our government. This report provides information about the agency’s goals, performance measures, audited financial statements, challenges and outlook of operations, and how taxpayer or ratepayer dollars are spent in a manner that is easily understandable and accessible to our citizens.

“Congratulations on this well-deserved achievement,” wrote AGA Guam Accountability Director Dr. Doreen Crisostomo to Respicio.

The Port’s Citizen-Centric Report is produced by the Financial Affairs Division under the direction of Financial Affairs Controller Jose B. Guevara, III with the assistance of the Port’s Marketing Division. The award-winning Port Authority of Guam Citizen-Centric Report may be viewed at the Port’s website at [https://www.portofguam.com/sites/default/files/fy2022\\_ccr\\_new.pdf](https://www.portofguam.com/sites/default/files/fy2022_ccr_new.pdf).

## Port receives Certificate of Adequacy



In collaboration with U.S. Coast Guard, the Port Authority of Guam received its Certificate of Adequacy for Reception Facility for a term of five years.

This certifies that the Port Authority, through the Vessel Agents, is compliant in the proper disposal, handling, and discharge of garbage, regulated garbage, oil, oil residue and oily mixture.

This certification allow the Port to realize a cost avoidance of approximately \$425,000 that would otherwise be spent on services of a third-party Reception Facility.

## Port Police attend Evidence Management training



Employees of the Port Police Division attended a one-day training on June 5, 2024 for Evidence Management at the Port Authority of Guam's training room.

The training covered a range of topics designed to educate Port Police Division personnel on the proper handling, storage, and management of evidence collected during an investigation. It also covered topics essential to evidence management, certification, and compliance with agency policies in evidence operations.

"This training session is crucial for ensuring

that evidence is preserved in a manner that maintains its integrity and admissibility for court," said Chief of Port Police Jesse Mendiola.

Sgt. Tom Alger, an 8-year veteran with the Guam Police Department's Forensic Science Bureau and Officer-in-Charge of Evidence Control, conducted the training providing foundational and best practices of evidence handling, collection, storage and chain-of-custody to strengthen the Port Police Division's evidence handling processes and procedures.

# 26<sup>TH</sup> MICRONESIAN ISLANDS FORUM

“WRITING OUR HISTORY, DETERMINING OUR FUTURE”

The Port Authority of Guam participated in the 26th Micronesian Island Forum - Writing our History, Determining Our Future, which took place from June 3 - 5, 2024 at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

The Micronesian Islands Forum (MIF) is a regional intergovernmental organization composed of island nations and territories in the Micronesia region. Members include leaders from the Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia, Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Yap, CNMI, Guam, Palau, Nauru, and the Republic of Marshall Islands.

This year's forum addressed a range of concerns to include climate change, sea level rising, workforce development, sustainability, carbon emissions reduction, air travel challenges in the region to include the rising airfare costs, workforce, education and health development, regional tourism, trade, information technology and cyber security, and recycling initiatives.

Port Authority representatives took part in detailed discussions within the Committee on Transportation which centered on air travel and maritime issues, downturn of tourists post Covid-19

for many of the member nations and the slow return to normalcy thereafter. These discussions resulted in the creation of MIF Resolution 26-01, “Relative to Ensuring the Continued Recovery, Investment and Expansion of Environmentally and Financially Sustainable Air and Maritime Transportation in the Micronesian Region for Economic and Social Needs and Priorities, and the Promotion of Safe, Secure, Clean, Resilient, and Efficient Transportation and Increased Connectivity Between the Islands and Pacific Nations of Micronesia.”

The forum culminated with the signing of the Communique that reflects the reports and recommendations from regional leaders and the actions moving forward, as well as a letter to President Joe Biden to take action and support efforts to address invasive species issues, namely the coconut rhinoceros beetle, invasive ants, and biocontrol.

This year, Guam hosted the regional intergovernmental organization, which has met annually since its establishment in 1994. The MIF 2025 will be hosted by the Marshall Islands.



## Port partners with U.S. Coast Guard for ICS training



The Port Authority of Guam partnered with the U.S. Coast Guard to conduct the ICS-300 and ICS-400 training for various local and federal agencies from June 10 – 14, 2024 at the Dusit Beach Resort. The weeklong intermediate-level course is part of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) that builds upon the ICS -100 and ICS-200 level courses.

ICS-300 focuses on the management of expanding incidents, emphasizing organizational structure, resource management, and planning considerations while ICS-400 is an advanced course that further expands on the principles and

concepts introduced in ICS-100 through ICS-300. The 300/400 courses are intended for personnel who may serve in supervisory positions or command staff roles during incidents that require a significant level of response coordination.

A total of 45 participants completed the training and received certificates for attending the week-long training course.

All Port employees are required to complete the ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-700 and ICS-800 courses. Please contact the HR Division for more information on how you can complete these courses.

TODU I TIEMPO I PÅS PARA HITA  
PEACE FOR US ALWAYS

Happy  
Liberation Day!

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS



"Todu i Tiempo i Pås Para Hita" serves not only as a theme but as a fervent prayer—a prayer for enduring peace, boundless prosperity, and unbreakable unity for all who call Guam home. It encapsulates the hopes, dreams, and aspirations of every person who calls Guam home, echoing across generations as a testament to our shared heritage and collective destiny."

- Governor Lou Leon Guerrero

## Port hosts 18 summer interns

The Port Authority of Guam is hosting a total of 18 summer interns participating in the Department of Youth Affairs', Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program.

The interns are assigned to various divisions at the Port for a little more than a month with the program beginning on June 17, 2024 and scheduled to end on July 26, 2024.

"This initiative offers a valuable opportunity for our youth to acquire essential skills and professional experience," said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. "Summer jobs not only provide financial independence, but also instill responsibility,

teamwork, and time management skills crucial for their future success."

"Having the opportunity to host 18 summer youth interns under this program and teaching them about the Port's role in Guam's access to the global supply chain and what that means for our community is why we remain committed to the Governor's Summer Youth Employment Program," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "I hope that they end the program equipped with essential workplace skills and an appreciation for the work our Port Strong Family does for our island."

## 80th Guam Liberation Parade lottery winners

Map of PORT Spots for Liberation Day Parade



This July will mark Guam's 80th year of Liberation from the Japanese Occupation with the island's annual Liberation Day Parade occurring along Marine Corps Dr.

On June 27, 2024, the Port Authority of Guam raffled off 11 coveted spots along the Liberation Day Parade route to Port employees interested in attending the parade. A total of 36 applications for the lottery drawing were received by the Port's Commercial Division.

This year's winners with their corresponding spot are:

1. Michael Barcinas, Terminal Division
2. Corey Roberto, Transportation Division
3. Mary Fejeran, Commercial Division
4. Malaina-Jashae Blas, Equipment Maintenance Division
5. Katrina Messer, Engineering Division
6. Paul McCarrel, Occupational Health and Safety Division
7. Ken Yoshida, Terminal Division
8. Jessirae Flores, Finance Division
9. Paul Santos, Occupational Health and Safety Division
10. Jeremy Camacho, Occupational Health and Safety Division
11. Frances Candoleta, Port Police Division

**Quarterly Employee Awards - 2nd Quarter of FY 2024**

**Employee of the Quarter**

Category 1:



Jessi Santos-Torres, Program Coordinator III

Category 2:



Herbert Fukuda, Equipment Operator II

**Supervisor of the Quarter**

Category 1:



Mark Cabrera, Buyer Supervisor

Category 2:



Derrick Balajadia, Transportation Supervisor

**Outstanding Work Center of the Quarter**

Category 1:



Marketing Division

Category 2:



Transportation Division

**Good Housekeeping Work Center of the Quarter**

Category 1:



General Manager's Office

Category 2:



Corrosion Control Section, EQMR

## Honoring this month's retiree



**Congratulations on your retirement Julio!  
We wish you the very best on your next journey!!**

Julio Yap, Crane Mechanic Supervisor, retired on May 31, 2024 after 33 years of government service. He started his employment with the Port Authority as a Trades Helper in January 1991 and moved up the ranks to Crane Mechanic I, then to Crane Mechanic II, and eventually to Crane Mechanic Supervisor in December 2000. Congratulations on your retirement Julio and thank you for your service to the Port Authority of Guam.

## June photo highlights



The Port Liberation Day Committee's float design team meet to discuss this year's parade float which will make it's debut at Guam's 80th Annual Liberation Day Parade. The Port has always taken pride in participating in the annual festivity as it provides the opportunity to highlight the Port's creativity, skill and craftsmanship within it's workforce which has garnered numerous awards in previous years.



Port employees celebrate Philippine Independence Day with a merienda on June 12, 2024.



Three students, accompanied by two instructors, from the Mississippi College visited the Port Authority of Guam on June 3, 2024 as part of the institution's Study Abroad Program. The Finance Division, Planning Division and CIP Division teamed up to give a presentation on the Port's operational and financial performance and outlook for the future and gave a tour of the Port thereafter.

# Happy *Birthday* to you!

JAVEN JUDE AGUON  
JOSEPH J. AGUON  
GILBERT C. AMADO  
ADAM B. AQUINO  
RONALD C. AYUYU, JR.  
ANDREW R. BABAUTA  
VINCENT C. BAMBA  
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KYLIE R. MAURER  
AIDAN M.B. MCDONALD  
DAVID F. NAPUTI, JR.  
ANDREW F. NEDEDOG

CARMELITA C. NEDEDOG  
NICHOLAS M. PALOMO  
FRANKIE S. PEREDO  
GEORGE E. PIOLO  
JESSE J.P. SALAS  
EDWIN G. SAN NICOLAS  
MATTHEW O. SANCHEZ  
GILBERT G. SANTOS  
HENRY M. SANTOS  
RYAN J. SANTOS  
JOHN E. TASS  
EDWARD K. WRIGHT  
ANTHONY J.S. YATAR  
JUAN D. YOSHIDA