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Port Breaks Ground on Waterline Project



The Port Authority of Guam held a groundbreaking ceremony on March 9, 2023 for the Waterline Replacement and Relocation Project which is a part of the agency's Modernization program.

"I cannot express in words how important it is to strengthen the Port and how important it is to protect our ports of entry through this water line replacement project, port modernization programs and how we continue to stress how the Department of Defense needs to help fund the replacement of the three gantry cranes," Governor Lou Leon Guerrero said today during her keynote address at the ceremony.

The relocation of the main 16-inch diameter feeder line will run from Route 11 along the perimeter of the terminal yard and will minimize any impact to on-going terminal operations when repairs are required. Redundant feed lines for each major area within the terminal yard will

ensure the availability of fire water service in the event of a break to any main or secondary feed waterline and the shutoff and isolation valves will allow for proper system testing, servicing, and maintenance.

"Replacing the existing waterlines will relocate the main service feed line and address the 15 major leaks that were identified in the past three years," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "The new waterlines will provide redundancy and are intended to improve water pressure to meet local building codes, National Fire Protection Association requirements and US Coast Guard requirements for firefighting operations."

This project will have minimal impact to on-going terminal operations. The \$4.8 million project, fully funded through the Port's 2018 Revenue Bonds, was awarded to BME & Sons, Inc. and will take approximately one year to complete.

Diamond Princess Makes A Call to Guam

The M/V Diamond Princess is the second cruise ship to come to Guam since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. She arrived at 5:30 a.m. and parked along the F5 dockside.

The M/V Diamond Princess brought 1,545 passengers and 1,097 crew members who disembarked by 8 a.m. and returned to the ship later in the afternoon for a 6 p.m. departure.

“The arrival of the Diamond Princess will be the second passenger vessel to call on Guam this year with the last vessel having visited our island just on February 25, 2023,” said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. “Thanks to Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio’s leadership in marketing Guam as a world-class destination, three more luxury cruise liners are on schedule to arrive within the calendar year.”

Passengers were greeted dockside by cultural dancers and were able to experience a taste of Guam straight off the ship at various local food trucks staged at the Port for the day. The cultural performance was coordinated with the assistance of Guam Visitors Bureau President and CEO former Governor Carl T.C. Gutierrez.

Passengers disembarked and spent the day experiencing Guam’s hospitality as they went on sightseeing tours, shopped at local stores, and ate at various restaurants. The arrival of this cruise ship helped boost our economy and highlighted our island’s culture, history, food and natural beauty.

The M/V Diamond Princess, sailing under the United Kingdom flag, is a 951.44 foot-long vessel that began this 26 day cruise on January 12 from San Diego to Yokohama, Japan with stops in Hawaii, Guam and Saipan.



Port General Manager Addresses Zero Waste Conference



Port Authority of Guam General Manager Rory J. Respicio spoke during the Zero Waste Forum about the successes the Port has had implementing transformative sustainability programs that will have a positive impact on our island for generations to come.

“Sustainable operations and emerging sustainability solutions have been at the forefront of our Administration’s short and long-term goals and vision at the Port,” said General Manager Rory J. Respicio. “This is because of the Leon Guerrero-Tenorio Administration’s commitment to implementing zero-waste initiatives. Ports sit at the epicenter of energy transformation worldwide and our Port is embracing the emerging green infrastructure policies and sustainability initiatives expected to come in the next decade.”

The Zero Waste Guam Forum for Mobilization and Implementation was held at the Hyatt Regency Guam in Tumon. This event was for key stakeholders in Guam’s sustainable solid waste management community to discuss the recent completion of the Guam Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan update and the Zero Waste Master Plan update. Respicio, a member of Guam’s Zero Waste Working Group, spoke to

the crowd about his history as a senator authoring visionary laws nearly 20 years ago that are now being implemented at the commercial sea port, such as the Recycling Revolving Fund and the Recycling Enterprise Zone. These laws support the establishment of the Zero Waste Master Plan, providing a sustainable long-term approach toward establishing a green circular economy and developing a more sustainable, robust, and resilient economy for Guam and our region.

Respicio said that sustainable port development is a critical issue worldwide and has a direct impact on international and domestic freight transportation as well as local and national economic and social development and environmental protection. “The Port has been working diligently to establish policies that foster progress toward developing quality, reliable, sustainable and resilient infrastructure, upgrading infrastructure and retrofitting industries to make them sustainable with increased resource-use efficiency and greater adoption of clean and environmental sound technology and industrial processes,” he said.

The Port has been working on sustainable projects to address air pollution, dust, noise and water pollution; re-use and recycling initiatives; protecting freshwater resources, targeted marine litter initiatives; addressing soil and sediment contamination and protecting habitats and enhancing biodiversity. Also, as a component of the Port’s 2023 Master Plan update the agency 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 generator to assist the Guam Power Authority, whenever we have to go off-grid.

General Manager Respicio also pointed out many sustainable initiatives already ongoing at the Port such as the replacement of four terminal tractors with 16 Tier-3 ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD) terminal tractors as well as adding eight top lifters at the tier-4 ULSD levels to our fleet. These tier-4 engines are required to run off of ultra-low sulfur diesel which contains only 15 parts per million of sulfur. The switch to the ultra-low sulfur diesel terminal tractors has resulted in a drastic

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reduction in sulfur emissions without a perceptible difference in energy output. Zero Waste was the focus of the ongoing \$2.5 Million demolition project to dismantle and properly dispose of massive inoperable assets at the Port Authority of Guam. Every piece of equipment is being cut up and transported off island for recycling. Not a single piece of metal taken from these cranes or any debris from the barges will remain on Guam.

Respicio also spoke to the crowd about the Port's project that removed the abandoned derelict

vessels at the Guam Harbor of Refuge. The physical presence of these abandoned derelict vessels was detrimental to sensitive marine and coastal habitats as they can sink or move during storms, disperse oil and toxic chemicals still on board, and become a source of marine debris. Their removal helped to protect the environment and facilitated renewed use of the harbor. Guam EPA, GPA, the Port as well as the Navy's Salvage team, worked collaboratively on this very successful project.

Active Shooter Workshop



A 2-hour workshop was conducted on March 13, 2023 by U.S. Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) Protective Security Advisor James Cruz, along with Chemical Sector Security Awareness (CISA) staff Gen Tamura and Ashley Lerner. This training is important for Port employees to be actively vigilant and be aware of a potential active shooter incident at the workplace.

“An active shooter incident in our community is not something we like to talk about or think about but we have seen an increase in the number of active shooter and workplace violence incidents across the United States,” said General Manager Rory J. Respicio. “It is important that the Port is aware and prepared to keep our employees safe.”

CISA aims to enhance incident preparedness through a “whole community” approach by providing a variety of no-cost products, tools, training, and resources to a broad range of

stakeholders to help prepare for and respond to an active shooter incident.

Preparing employees for a potential active shooter incident is an integral component of an organization's incident response planning. Because active shooter incidents are unpredictable and evolve quickly, preparing for and knowing what to do in an active shooter situation can be the difference between life and death. Every second counts.

Objectives of the training were to:

1. Discuss the elements of active shooter incident.
2. Describe common behaviors, conditions, and situations associated with active shooter events.
3. Discuss how to recognize potential workplace violence indicators.
4. Determine to Run, Hide or Fight.

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5. Provide information about best practices, communications protocols, and resources that will assist stakeholders to develop or enhance their emergency planning, preparedness, and response to active shooter incidents.
6. Describe how to incorporate key elements of successful incident management into planning efforts including:
 - Communication and Incident Planning for employees

- Emergency Action Plan Development
- Recognizing Behavioral Indicators
- Coordinating with First Responders

The last time this training was offered to Port employees was more than five years ago and will be made available whenever possible. Employees who could not be at the workshop are highly encouraged to attend the online webinar by visiting the CISA website at <https://www.cisa.gov/resources-tools/training/active-shooter-preparedness-webinar>.

AGA Recognizes Port CGFM

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Guam Chapter is celebrating 29 years of their Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) certification program and the Port Authority recognizes members from our Port Family - Financial Affairs Controller Jose B. Guevara III, CGFM,



MBA, PMP; Accountant II Amacris V. Legaspi, CGFM; and Accountant II Michelle Brillante, CGFM.

The CGFM is a professional certification awarded by AGA, demonstrating competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls and budgeting at the federal, state and local levels. It recognizes the unique skills and special knowledge required of today's government financial managers. The CGFM is the mark of excellence in its profession. It is the first certification broad enough to cover the whole field of government financial management - federal, state and local. Currently, there are over 14,000 and in 90 chapters in the United States and around the world, representing state, federal, and local governments, and private accountability professionals.

The AGA Guam Chapter has over 280 members who work to uphold the AGA's mission

of "Advancing Government Accountability" through educational efforts, while emphasizing high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics; and who serve the residents of Guam by mastering increasingly technical and complex accounting requirements. Members who received this designation and is recognized as a professional standard by some states. The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Board of Regents has also recognized the CGFM certification and has been accepted as a waiver for Part IV of the CIA examination.

On March 13, 2023 a virtual Proclamation Signing was held with Lt. Governor Joshua Tenorio proclaiming March 2023 In Recognition and Celebration of Guam Certified Government Financial Manager Month. On the same day, members of the association accepted a resolution presented by members of the 37th Guam Legislature.

Annual U.S. Coast Guard Inspection

The Annual Coast Guard Inspection was conducted on March 8, 2023 by USCG inspectors, LT Gaylord Amores, MST II Greg Blom, MST III Robert Gonzales and were accompanied by Port Authority of Guam personnel from the Safety and Port Police Divisions. The areas inspected were the EQMR Building, Warehouse I, Welding Shop, CFS Building, Upper Tower, Lower Tower, Drum Lot, Check Point, Container Yard and all LC Generator Stations. Once again, there were no discrepancies found.

Since July 2004 federal regulations have required cargo and other maritime facilities to have security plans in place to help secure the nation's ports against a terrorist attack. The annual inspections are conducted to ensure that the plans are being followed.

Areas of concern during inspection includes general housekeeping, personal protective clothing, training records, employee's hazmat certifications, certifications for sprinkler system,

certificate of adequacy, environmental certifications and other discrepancies such as electrical, hazmat storage lockers, yearly certifications for fire extinguishers, stormwater pollution plan, inspection of spill kits, eye wash stations, oil water separator, emergency lightings, regulated garbage container, inspection for international shore connection for facility water, cigarette butts on non-designated smoking location and test on all hazards alarm system.

The Port Authority has not failed an inspection however, there have been spot discrepancies which were addressed and rectified immediately. Two to three months prior to the actual inspection, employees from Safety Division perform a walkthrough of the different divisions to identify potential discrepancies and make necessary corrections in preparation of the actual inspection date. For the last five years the Port has had an excellent track record.

Kudos to the Port on the inspection.

Gantry Crane Annual Certification

On March 27-31, 2023, an annual inspection of the Port's three Gantry Cranes was conducted in accordance with OSHA Title 29 CFR, Part 1919. The scope of work included gantries 4, 5 & 6 and spreaders on each crane, plus two (2) spare spreaders.

"I am proud to announce that the cranes have successfully received re-certification and passed inspection," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "Congratulations on a job well done to all sections of the Equipment Maintenance division and Mr. Joaquin Pangelinan, Manager of Equipment Support Services."



Mes Chamoru

Buñelos Uhang (Shrimp Patties) by Janice Flores



Ingredients:

2 - 12 oz. Raw peeled and deveined shrimp
 2 - 24 oz. Bagged corn (Frozen)
 1 - 12 oz. Bagged mixed peas and carrots (frozen)
 3 - Extra large eggs
 1 - 12 oz. Carnation milk
 1/4 cup - Onion powder

1/3 cup - Garlic powder
 1/2 tsp. - Black Pepper
 1/2 tbs. - Salt
 1 tsp. - Heaping baking powder

Instructions:

1. Combine in one bowl the shrimp, corn, and peas and carrots.
2. In a separate bowl, combine the eggs, carnation milk, onion powder, garlic, black pepper, salt and baking powder.
3. Mix both bowls together, then fry.

Rosette (CHamoru Pretzel Cookie) by Janice Flores



Ingredients for Batter Mixture:

16 oz. Corn Starch
 16 oz. All purpose flour
 3 - Extra large eggs
 12 fl. oz. Evaporated Milk
 18 fl. oz. Water

Ingredients for Cinnamon Mixture:

5 cups Sugar
 1/2 cup Cinnamon

Instructions:

1. Preheat canola oil to fry and place mold in hot oil.
2. Combine all ingredients together until it becomes smooth (no lumps).
3. Add more water gradually until the mixture is slightly thinner than pancake batter.
4. Fry. Then toss rosette around in cinnamon sugar mixture.

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Buñelos Månglo' (Air Doughnuts) by Kevin Sanchez



Rosketti (CHamoru Cookies) by Kevin Sanchez



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March Highlights



General Manager Rory J. Respicio receives a courtesy visit from the Consul and Head of Consulate Mr. Kim In Kook of the Consulate of the Republic of Korea. The Consulate strives to promote economic and cultural exchanges with the Government of Guam as well as provide the Korean residents and visitors with consular services.



General Manager Rory Respicio oversees the installation of the FloWater water cooler dispensers that utilizes medical-grade filtration technology with stainless steel to provide virus-free and bacteria-free safe drinking water. Thank you GM Respicio!



Fiber Optics Training March 20-27, 2023



Port employees took part in Fiber Optics training from March 20, 2023 through March 27, 2023. Congratulations!

