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NEWS RELEASE

Port unveils Challenge Coins honoring its workforce

Piti, Guam, July 18, 2024: The Port Authority of Guam unveiled its own challenge coin today in a ceremony where management presented each employee with a coin. This meaningful tradition, inspired by the military, symbolizes unity, pride, and camaraderie among Port Strong employees.

The event began with a recognition of the efforts of the Liberation Day float planning committee, headed by the CIP/Engineering, Planning, and Marketing divisions with the support of all other divisions, including Operations and Equipment Maintenance, who played a critical role in designing and building the float. This acknowledgment highlighted a significant chapter in Guam's history—Liberation Day—celebrating the resilience, courage, and unyielding spirit of the island's people.

"As we reflect on what liberation means to us, consider what it means to you as an employee of the Port Authority of Guam and the crucial role you each play in this ongoing journey," said Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio. "Each of you play a vital role in ensuring the flow of goods, services, and economic activity, as well as contributing to national security and the region's prosperity."

The coin's design, chosen by employees through a survey, reflects their input and pride. These coins serve as keepsakes and reminders of the collective effort that drives the Port Authority's success.

"Crafted with the Port Authority of Guam's Port Strong insignia, these coins are a token of appreciation for each employee's hard work and dedication. Along with the fair and quality workplace we have provided over the years, they encapsulate our values and mission, fostering a sense of belonging and unity," said Respicio.

Respicio also highlighted the critical role of port employees during the COVID pandemic and Typhoon MARWAR, emphasizing their essential status and the port's uninterrupted operations. He expressed gratitude for the support from Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, Lieutenant Governor Josh Tenorio, Board Chair Dot Harris, Vice Chair Conchita Taitano, Board Secretary Fe Ovalles, and industry partners, acknowledging their substantial and unwavering assistance to the Port Authority of Guam.

As Respicio concluded, he encouraged the Port Strong Family to continue their collective efforts, ensuring a bright and prosperous future for all. "Stay the course—the best is yet to come!"

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