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December 2010

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The cruise ship MV Asuka II arrived on Guam in the early morning of December 30 with 670 tourists and 460 crew members on board. Twelve hours later, the PV Nippon Maru with 400 passengers and 130 crew members docked behind the Asuka II, taking up almost all of the Port's dock space. MV Asuka II stayed for 14 hours while the PV Nippon Maru stayed for approximately 30 hours.

On port for just a short while, passengers on the MV Asuka II were greeted by Port staff and the

Irensian Taotao Tano dance group. Upon completion of clearance by U.S. Customs and Boarder Protection and Guam Customs and Quarantine agents, passengers disembarked the ship

and spent the day on tours of the island and shopping at various locations.

For calendar year 2010, eight cruise ships docked at Guam's port, carrying 10,921 passengers and crew members and staying an average of 16 hours per vessel. With these brief stopovers, much



preparation is made with the arrival of each passenger vessel. Leading these preparations is the Port Police division, which who coordinates the pre-arrival meetings with all stakeholders for the safety of all involved and to ensure that operations run

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Governor Camacho Visits PAG Employees

Earlier this month, Governor Felix Camacho paid a visit to the Port Authority and had his final meeting with GM Rick

Agustin and Management. Governor Camacho roamed the offices of the Administration building and met with employees to thank

them for their service and dedication during his term as Governor of Guam.

Under this administration, the Port was able to execute some key initiatives that will drive the future of Guam's only sea port. Some of which include the following: acquisition of new cargo handling equipment; purchase of a used mobile harbor crane;

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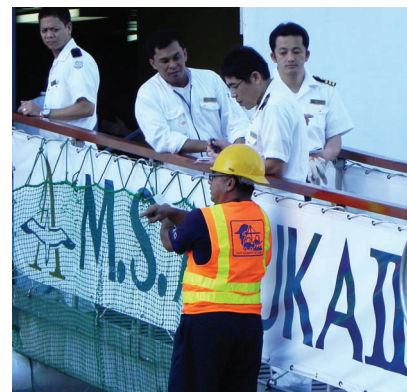
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smoothly. They include: sponsoring agent for tour coordination; government officials for immigration and customs clearance; Transportation Division for yard transformation; U.S. Coast Guard for security compliance; Harbor Master for berthing arrangements; Commercial Division for greeting coordination; Facility Maintenance for water supply; Stevedoring

Division for line handling and devanning; and Marketing for media relations. In compliance with TWIC regulations, employees from Stevedoring Division also took on the role as escorts for the dance crew during the visit of the Asuka II.

With two vessels arriving back to back, much of the Port's manpower was stretched to its maximum. In particular was the Port Police Division. With the recent separation of several officers, staff had to work extended hours making certain that Port property, employees and visitors are safe and secure. "The arrival of a passenger vessel is always a great boost to our

economy but it also demands a lot of work from our staff. I want to thank all our employees for the extra work that goes into preparing for the arrival of these vessels," said GM Rick Agustin.

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passage of the Master Plan Update & implementation of the Port Modernization Program; legislation for the Port's Performance Management Contract, Compensation and Classification Plan, and Public Utilities Commission overseeing Port tariff; crane rail lease agreement & usage of POLA Cranes; designation as U.S. Strategic Port; and millions of dollars awarded to the agency through grant funding.

As a remembrance from the Port, Governor Camacho was given souvenirs bearing the Port Strong slogan.



PAGGMA Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

This year, PAGGMA did something a little different by hosting the first Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Trees were required to be no taller than three to four feet tall and entrants had to be PAGGMA members. A total of 12 trees were entered into the competition displaying the creativity, skill, and craftsmanship of the employees. Judges Marilyn Manibusan and Anna Murphy Babauta had a difficult selecting the winners as all the trees were beautifully decorated. Trees were displayed along the first floor hallway of Admin Building which filled way with the essence and warmth of the holiday season. First place went to Transportation, Second Place to Operations Manager's Office, and Third Place to Commercial Division. Thank you to all participants, judges, merienda donors, and those who helped to make the event a success. Special thanks to the ladies who decorated the hallway: Carmen Candoleta, Carol Jenkins, Mary Guerrero, Jenni Untalan & Tina Leon Guerrero. To view more pictures, log on to the Port's Facebook page.



Harbor Master Retires

After thirty-six years of service with the Port Authority of Guam, Harbor Master Frank G. Santos is bidding farewell to his second family. Mr. Santos started his career in May 1974 as a part time Longshoreman Specialist and in July 1976 he rose up the ranks to the position Harbor Master. Throughout his career, Mr. Santos received numerous awards for his performance and dedication to the Port Authority of Guam. These include Sick Leave Awards in 1987/1991/1999/2004, Outstanding Work Center of the Quarter in October 2008, Good

Housekeeping Work Center of the Year in 2006 and 2008, and Service Award in October 2009.

A retirement party was held in honor of Mr. Santos on December 9 at the Port Board Conference room. A resolution was presented to Mr. Santos from the 31st Guam Legislature, a certificate of award from GM Rick Agustin, and a gift from the U.S. Coast Guard.

Also retiring in December was Jesse S. Mendiola, Port Police Officer II, who served the government after 30 years. Mr. Mendiola began his career in September 8, 1980 as a Security

Guard (Armed) and in August 1985 he was reclassified to the position of Security Officer. He eventually attained the position of Port Police Officer II in June 1995. Throughout his career, Mr. Mendiola received numerous awards for his performance and dedication to the Port Authority of Guam, including Outstanding Work Center of the Quarter in June 1992 and April 2007, and Service Award in October 2010.

Mr. Santos and Mr. Mendiola will be truly missed by their Port family.



Wishing all employees and their families a new year filled with hope, joy, happiness and prosperity!

2010 PAGGMA Christmas Party

