



# The Port Report

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## Queen Mary 2 Comes to Guam

The largest passenger cruise ship to ever sail into Apra Harbor arrived January 22nd bringing 3,750 passengers and crew to Guam and the Port has identified two public areas where residents can go to view the ship.

The Queen Mary 2 is billed as the grandest, most luxurious ocean liner ever built. It is the flagship of the Cunard Cruise Lines and is as tall as a 21-story building, 147 feet longer than the Eiffel Tower is tall and more than four city blocks in length.

The cruise ship arrived dockside at 6 a.m. and departed at 6 p.m. the same day. Port Authority of Guam staff



worked to decorate the docks to reflect our island style and to showcase our culture.”

The 2,500 passengers and 1,250 crew were met by Miss Guam Earth 2009 Maria Louisa Santos along

with the other winners of that pageant. They also were welcomed by local dancers and entertainers from *Irensian Taotao Tano*. The same group performed a farewell dance as the ship left our docks at 6pm.

The Port launched Operation Starboard and had 30 vendors set up dockside to sell their products to the tourists. All spent the last few weeks prior to the arrival painting more murals inside the dock area where the passengers disembarked. “The arrival of the Queen Mary 2 shows the interest in our island by those in the cruise industry and we are proud to welcome such a magnificent cruise ship to our docks,” said Port General Manager Rick Agustin. “Port employees

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## Port Denied TIGER funding for Modernization

Our TIGER application of \$49.7 Million to fund our Modernization Program was denied. DOT announced the areas that were given funding and the Port Authority of Guam was not included.

Our GM and Board Chair are working

diligently on this matter to find answers to the rejection and plan our course of action moving forward.

Rest assured that your Port GM and Board Chair along with other managers and our local leaders will come together with a new plan

of action to ensure our Modernization efforts move forward.

Don't forget, we make miracles happen here at the Port and no matter the circumstances placed before us we always remain PORT STRONG.

## Agustin and Leon take top Port positions

The Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors has selected Enrique J.S. Agustin as the new General Manager for the government's commercial sea port.

Agustin has combined more than 35 years of civilian



and military experience in the industry. He most recently worked as the deputy general manager at the Port and before that at Horizon Lines of Guam as the Terminal Service Manager. At Horizon he was responsible for marine cargo and seaport terminal operations and handled 850 vessels with an annual operating budget of more than \$8 Million. Agustin worked for Horizon from 1991 until earlier last year.

"Our new General Manager brings a wealth of experience in this industry,

which will help us in our modernization efforts to transform the Port Authority of Guam into a world-class sea port," said Port Board Chairman Monte Mesa. "I look forward to working with Enrique Agustin on our goal to prepare the Port for significant growth and to ensure that our agency, which is the lifeline to our community, continues to move our island forward in these exciting times."

Meanwhile the Port Authority of Guam Board of Directors on February 25th named Vivian Castro Leon as the Interim Deputy General Manager.

Leon has worked at the Port for 33 years and is the first woman in the history of the Port to serve as a Deputy General Manager or General Manager.

"I want to congratulate Vivian Castro Leon on her appointment as Deputy General Manager," said Acting

Governor Michael W. Cruz, M.D. "She has served the Port and our people for many years and has been a true representative of the phrase, 'Port Strong, Port Family.' Her years of experience coupled with institutional knowledge will greatly benefit the mission of our seaport. I look forward to her leadership and her efforts to help identify funding for the Port Modernization Program."



Leon has spent the last several years as the Corporate Services Manager overseeing many critical divisions and also spearheading the Port's Master Plan update and Modernization Program. She has been given numerous awards during her career at the Port including the Manager of the Year and Employee of the Year. "I am honored by the appointment and will continue to always do what is in the best interest of the Port Authority and the people of Guam," Leon said.

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vendors who were registered with the Guam Council on the Arts and Humanities (CAHA) along with the Guam Product Seal Program and non-profit agencies were not charged any fee to sell their products on the docks.

According to Cunard Lines website, this voyage began on January 4 out of New York, New York and will end on March 8<sup>th</sup> in Sydney, Australia where the passengers will disembark. The itinerary for the 63-day cruise is below along with some facts and

figures about the Queen Mary 2. According to the website, the cost for a standard room on this cruise is \$13,000 while prices for other rooms go higher including the Grand Deluxe Stateroom which costs \$149,000.

# EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE AWARDS

Incentive award winners for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (October to December 2009):

## EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

David B. Esplana, Jr., Port Police II – Category I

Shaun R. Gumataotao, Maintenance Worker I – Category II

## SUPERVISOR OF THE QUARTER

Frances C. Aguon, Administrative Officer – Category I

Anthony J. Aguon, Building Maintenance Leader Category II

## OUTSTANDING WORKCENTER OF THE QUARTER

Building Maintenance Section – Facility Maintenance Division – Category II

## GOOD HOUSEKEEPING WORKCENTER OF THE QUARTER

Procurement Office – Category I

Payroll Office – Category I

Human Resources Office – Category I

Welder's Section – Equipment Maintenance Division – Category II



# THE QUEEN MARY 2 ARRIVES AT THE PORT

