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Port General Manager Addresses Rotary Club of Northern Guam, Highlights 2024 Vision and Collaborative Efforts



Hilton Hotel, Guam, January 10, 2024: Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio was honored to address the Rotary Club of Northern Guam as the first speaker in their 2024 luncheon series, coinciding with Rotary International's Vocational Service Month. The focus of the address was the strategic role of the Port Authority of Guam and its collaborative efforts in shaping a more connected and prosperous future.

Respicio emphasized the Port Authority of Guam as a cornerstone of the island's economy and a strategic hub for commerce and global connectivity. He highlighted the dynamic ecosystem of the Port where professional dedication meets strategic vision, driving growth and opportunities across the island and beyond.

"A key aspect of the Port Authority's success is the robust relationship with the Port Users Group, led by Joe Cruz from Cabras Marine," said Respicio. "This partnership, built on mutual respect and shared goals, has been central in navigating challenges and leveraging opportunities for innovation and sustainability in the supply chain industry."

Special acknowledgments were given to Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio for their visionary leadership and support in modernizing the island's infrastructure. Respicio also recognized the contributions of board members Dot Harris and Conchita Taitano, former board chair Frank Santos, former board member Judi Guthertz and former Deputy General Manager Luis Baza and lobbied the group to help get them confirmed by the Guam Legislature. Respicio stressed that the Port is currently left without a governing board because there is no quorum.



Looking forward, Respicio reaffirmed the Port Authority of Guam's commitment to upholding its role as a strategic port, fostering economic growth, enhancing regional and global connectivity, and contributing to the community's well-being. Respicio adds that this vision aligns with the Governor and Lt. Governor's strategic framework in addressing the Guam Buildup.

The address concluded with a presentation on the Port's 2024 Look Ahead, outlining strategic initiatives and future plans.

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Photo 1 Cutline: Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio addresses the Rotary Club of Northern Guam as the first guest speaker in their 2024 luncheon series.

Photo 2 Cutline: Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio is presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Rotary Club of Guam Officers. Pictured left to right is Acting President of the Rotary Club of Northern Guam Joe Rios, Port General Manager Rory J. Respicio, and Club Services Director Edward Cruz.