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## TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY ON GUAM'S COMMERCIAL SEAPORT PREMIERES THIS FRIDAY

Hagatna, Guam -- From Marianas Media, the creator of *Manhita: Building Our Future Together, Hinasso: Remembering Who We Are, A Golden Harvest*, and other groundbreaking original TV documentaries for Guam, comes *Harbor Of Promise*, a 30-minute television special on the Port Authority of Guam, scheduled to premiere at 6:30pm on Friday, October 23 on CW-4, Guam's new Channel-4.

The premiere also will coincide with the Port Authority of Guam's Port Week celebration and will be aired simultaneously to highlight the culminating event at the Nikko Hotel on the same evening, with Port officials, employees, industry partners and island dignitaries in attendance.

An informative and insightful television special, *Harbor of Promise* comes at a very opportune time. Never has the need for modernization at Guam's only commercial port been more pressing. The Jose D. Leon Guerrero Commercial Port is the biggest deepwater U.S. port in the Western Pacific region. Located along major shipping routes in the Pacific, it is a transit point and gateway of both commercial and military importance. The Port links Micronesia and the Northern Marianas Islands to the rest of the world, strategically bridging the U.S. to the Far East as it is the nearest U.S. territory to the geo-politically, economically and socially dynamic markets of Asia.

Likewise, as the island braces for its largest U.S. military build-up and sharpest population increase since World War II, the Port Authority of Guam is long overdue for state-of-the-art facilities, as no major renovations have been undertaken since 1969. And now with an approved \$200-million, 20-year Master Plan, efforts to modernize Guam's commercial cargo terminal facilities are finally underway, positioning the island not just for the military build-up but also for economic growth and new opportunities in maritime-related industries.

Produced with the full cooperation and support of the Port Authority of Guam, the program hopes to promote a deeper appreciation of how Port operations greatly affect our day-to-day existence on the island, as well as to pay tribute to the hardworking men and women who keep it "Port Strong."

"This documentary highlights how critical the Port is to our community, our region and our nation," said Port Authority General Manager Glenn A. Leon Guerrero. "We are honored that the CW-4 is showcasing to the people of Guam the accomplishments and future plans of our Port, which truly is a Harbor of Promise."

"We feel the people of Guam deserve fresh, original television shows that honor and highlight the many ways that our community rises to meet its toughest challenges and greatest opportunities," stated Sharla Montvel-Cohen, Marianas Media Executive Producer. "In *Harbor of Promise*, the Port opens its doors and bares its frustrations and aspirations equally, so that viewers might come to understand the magnitude of its challenge to serve as a gateway, transit point and lifeline for this dynamic, rapidly changing part of the world."

*Harbor of Promise* will be aired daily until October 31. The show trailer can be viewed online now at <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPM4ZeBg\_Mw">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPM4ZeBg\_Mw</a>.

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