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NEWS RELEASE

Flag-raising Ceremony kicks off Port Week

Annual celebration honors agency and the employees

Piti, Guam, October 18, 2010: Port employees, management, dignitaries and customers took part this morning in the annual Port Week Opening Ceremony.

This year's celebration honors the agency's history of 35 years of service to the people and our region.

The event began this morning with a flag-raising ceremony followed by the "parade of tractors" and then speeches and presentations by island dignitaries.

Speaker Judith T. Won Pat presented the Governor's proclamation declaring this week as Port Week and then Senators Tom Ada and Tina Muna-Barnes presented the Legislative Resolution commending the agency and staff for their hard work and many accomplishments.

"It was quite an honor to see so many of our senators here for this event and their presence here truly shows that they care for our employees and the Port Authority of Guam," said Port General Manager Enrique J.S. Agustin. "This Port Week celebration is very special to us as we are embarking on our Port Modernization Program which will transform our agency into a world-class port."

Following the presentations, the Port management, along with the senators, recognized the Port employees who graduated this year from the U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Program and the University of Guam American Management Association Certification Program.

The Port has other events scheduled throughout this week which will end with the Grand Final and Awards Ceremony scheduled for the evening of Friday, October 22nd at the Hotel Nikko Guam.

Although the Port was turned over by the U.S. military to the Government of Guam in 1966, Port Week honors the anniversary of the Guam law that created the Port as an autonomous agency. That law was passed 35 years ago in October of 1975.

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