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Guam OPA to Host 30th Annual Pacific Island Auditors Conference

Conference to be held August 26 to 30, 2019 at Dusit Thani

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Hagåtña, Guam – Public Auditor Benjamin J.F. Cruz and the Guam Office of Public Accountability are pleased to announce that Guam will host the 30th Annual Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors (APIPA) Conference on August 26-30, 2019. This annual conference brings together over 300 auditors, accountants, and finance officers from throughout Micronesia to receive valuable continuing professional education that helps improve accountability and transparency and achieve good governance. The theme for this year's conference is "30 Years of Professional Development in Public Accountability".

"We are honored to host this year's APIPA conference. We have been working closely with the Graduate School to put together an exciting program that will offer four tracks – Audit, Audit Supervisory, Finance, and Advanced Finance and Management. Our keynote speaker, Colorado State Auditor Dianne Ray, will be joined by longtime APIPA instructors Frankie Crawford, Jeanne Yamamura, and Drummond Kahn," remarked Public Auditor Cruz.

This will be Guam's fifth time hosting the APIPA conference since its inception in 1989, having previously hosted in 1996, 2002, 2009, and 2015. The annual conference is rotated among its ten-member nations.

"I want to thank my fellow Public Auditors from APIPA for having the trust in our office to host this year's conference. We also wanted to express our heartfelt appreciation to the US Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs, Office of the Inspector General, and the Pacific Islands Training Initiative for their ongoing support of APIPA and our annual conferences," concluded Cruz.

Registration is now ongoing for APIPA 2019 by logging on to www.apipa2019.org. Should you require additional information, please feel free to contact the APIPA 2019 Secretariat at info@apipa2019.org.

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