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### **OPA Staff Attend Guam Professional Development Conference**

Hagåtña, Guam – The Association of Government Accountants Guam Chapter sponsored their 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Guam Professional Development Conference (GPDC) at the Westin Resort Guam from February 8-10, 2023. The conference theme was “Finance 3.0 Beyond Financial Management,” a wordplay on Web 3.0 as GPDC aimed to provide forward-looking sessions in financial management and other topics of interest. Participants earned up to 24 continuing professional education credits at this training event.

Guam OPA Accountability Auditor Is Thomas Eladio Battung, Kayleen Concepcion, Mariella Cruz, Ren Jalandoni, and Selina Onedera-Salas attended the in-person training along with over 100 government of Guam and private sector professionals. All expenses were paid for by OPA’s training grant from the Department of Interior Office of Insular Affairs. This was the first in-person GPDC since the global pandemic began in 2020.

*“GPDC was a wonderful, enriching experience that I recommend all Guam professionals to attend,”* said Kayleen Concepcion.

*“I greatly appreciate the variety of topics discussed at GPDC and the opportunity to become a more well-rounded professional,”* remarked Mariella Cruz.

*“Being able to learn from leaders within the community and gain insight on what could help future generations is an honor,”* said Ren Jalandoni.

*“One of the highlights of this conference was sharing space with experienced professionals from different backgrounds who presented topics that were indeed ‘beyond financial management’ but very relatable in terms of audit work and public accountability,”* concluded Selina Onedera-Salas.

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