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## **Judiciary Celebrates Graduates of Juvenile Drug Treatment Court**

(Hagåtña, Guam) Reinforcing its mission to reduce recidivism and substance use, the Judiciary's Juvenile Drug Treatment Court celebrated ten graduates yesterday afternoon at its Silver Dollar Graduation Ceremony.

The Silver Dollar Ceremony marks the completion of a comprehensive and judicially monitored program of drug treatment and rehabilitation services. Successful completion of the program results in the dismissal and expungement of the graduate's case.

"Thanks to your commitment, the careful attention of Judge Barcinas, and our dedicated team of community partners—you are well on your way to long-term recovery, a life free of substance use, and a future full of possibility," stated Chief Justice Robert J. Torres, addressing the young cohort of graduates.

"Drug Courts are built upon a unique partnership between the criminal justice system and the drug treatment community," said Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Judge Arthur R. Barcinas. "We thank the Chamber of Commerce and the Drug Court National Guard for investing critical resources in the JDTC program. Their support tells our graduates that they are valuable--and that makes all the difference in the world."

For more information on the court's mission as well as JDTC eligibility, please contact Chief Probation Officer, Ms. Rossanna Villagomez-Aguon at <a href="mailto:rvaguon@guamcourts.org">rvaguon@guamcourts.org</a>.

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