



FROM CAPITOL HILL ACROSS THE AGENCIES

“TO ADVANCE OUR PEOPLE’S QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH STABLE, COMPASSIONATE GOVERNANCE”



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE EXPLORING PUERTO RICO & ITS BEST PRACTICES FOR TERRITORY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

The Economic Recovery Corps Retreat, hosted by IEDC in Puerto Rico on January 27, provided ABTC Director David R. Maratita and CNMI ERC Fellow Carina Pinales (representing the CNMI Department of Commerce) a key opportunity to engage with top economic development leaders. Thanks to Invest PR for the sponsored trip, they explored best practices in sustainable tourism, renewable energy, exports, active industries, community-driven development, and disaster resilience—insights that will strengthen the CNMI’s economic strategies. Their participation fostered valuable connections and discussions that will help drive future initiatives for economic growth in the region.

EPA RECOGNIZES ACHUGAO WATERSHED FOR EXCELLENCE IN CONSERVATION AND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Thanks to the efforts of the CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality’s (BECQ) Division of Environmental Quality’s Water Quality Surveillance and Nonpoint Source branch, the Achugao Watershed in the CNMI has undergone significant restoration to reduce nonpoint source pollution and improve water quality. This initiative has led to measurable recovery, earning national recognition from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The EPA’s success story highlights the collaborative strategies behind the restoration, emphasizing the role of partnerships and community involvement. Achugao’s recovery serves as a model for effective watershed management, offering insights applicable to similar environmental projects.

For details, refer to the EPA’s in-depth success story on the Achugao Watershed.



PRESERVING PARADISE: DPL FRESHENS UP MANAGAHA

Since Mariana Global Inc.’s early departure as the Master Concession Operator on Managaha Island in late October 2024, the Department of Public Lands (DPL) has taken on the island’s upkeep. DPL has maintained infrastructure, upgrade restroom and shower facilities, painted buildings and fences, and restored or built picnic tables and benches. As Managaha is one of the Commonwealth’s most cherished treasures, DPL remains committed to preserving its pristine beauty for all visitors to enjoy.



WELCOME BACK TO THE MARIANAS, MS ASUKA II

On Friday, January 24th, 2025, the CNMI welcomed the MS ASUKA II, bringing 1,147 individuals, including 637 passengers, mostly from Japan, and 510 crew members. The Marianas Visitors Authority greeted them with local dancers at the docks, offering a warm island welcome. The ship’s return marks a steady flow of cruise arrivals, contributing to the local economy and showcasing the CNMI’s rich culture to visitors.





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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
21st Session January 06 - January 17, 2025



CNMI DPS POLICE SERGEANT DAVID M. HOSONO COMPLETES PRESTIGIOUS DHS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Department of Public Safety (DPS) proudly announces that Police Sergeant David M. Hosono has successfully completed the 21st session of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Leadership Academy (DHSLA). Held from January 6-16, 2025, at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia, this prestigious program brings together senior law enforcement executives and command-level staff from across the nation for an intensive two-week curriculum focused on crisis leadership and resilience. Sergeant Hosono's participation in the DHSLA reflects CNMI DPS's commitment to strengthening leadership capabilities and enhancing public safety strategies.

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (ICS) & EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) TRAINING

From January 14 to 17, 2025, the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management hosted the G-191 and G-2300 training courses with 36 participants in the G-191 and 32 participants in the G-2300 course. Attendees included representatives from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC), the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services (DFEMS), the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ), and the Department of Defense (DoD).

G-191 focused on improving the interface between Incident Command and Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) using National Incident Management System (NIMS) principles. G-2300 emphasized understanding the managerial roles and functions of modern EOCs within a Multi-Agency Coordination Group (MACG).



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 3rd, 2025**
Teen Dating Violence Awareness Proclamation
Francisco M. Sablan Middle School
- Feb. 26th, 2025**
Women's Month Proclamation
Garapan Central Park
- Feb. 28th, 2025**
Developmental Disabilities Awareness Proclamation
World Resort Taga Hall



DOC ENHANCES JAIL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WITH ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS

The Department of Corrections (DOC), in partnership with the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, is modernizing operations by procuring a state-of-the-art Jail Management System (JMS) through the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) to streamline inmate tracking, enhance data accuracy, and improve efficiency. The JMS enables real-time information sharing, strengthens interagency coordination, and ensures secure access to critical records, advancing public safety and resource optimization for the CNMI community.