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GPA's P.O.W.E.R. Symposium Drives Dialogue on Guam's Energy Future

(Fadian, Mangilao) – The Guam Power Authority (GPA) successfully concluded its 3rd year, two-day P.O.W.E.R. Symposium—Promoting Optimal Ways to Energy Resilience—held at the Hyatt Regency Guam on April 7-8, 2025. For the past three years, GPA has sponsored and led this information exchange platform, as a pre-conference event to the University of Guam's Conference on Island Sustainability (CIS). This year's event brought together a diverse group of experts and stakeholders to discuss the evolving energy landscape, GPA's innovative solutions, and the future of Guam's energy infrastructure.

With approximately 200 attendees, the event featured presentations and discussions led by both local and off-island experts from national laboratories, Guam Energy office, University of Guam, energy consulting firms, and leading technology companies, including S&C Electric Company, Siemens Industry, Triple J Technologies, Sheffield Scientific, Mana Pacific, and Utility Financial Solutions. GPA's own engineers and key personnel also shared insights into the Authority's ongoing projects and initiatives.

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, in her welcoming remarks, emphasized the critical role of a resilient and sustainable power system in Guam's economic future. "A strong economy is built on a reliable and resilient power system. The discussions at this symposium go beyond clean energy and sustainability—they focus on creating a power grid that is strong, flexible, and adaptable. Despite our geographical isolation and the challenges of operating a standalone power grid, we are a resourceful people, committed to innovation and collaboration with experts to advance Guam's energy future."

The symposium explored a range of critical topics, including:

- GPA's Clean Energy Master Plan/Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)
- The Ukudu Power Plant Project
- Guam's broader energy strategies
- The integration of Electric Vehicles (EVs) in transportation and fleet operations
- Cybersecurity, Smart Grid, and Operations Technology
- Renewable Energy Integration and Grid Transformation
- Demand Response and Energy Efficiency

A key focus was the rapid advancement of energy technologies and how GPA is leveraging these innovations to ensure a resilient, reliable, and affordable energy future for Guam. **Discussions emphasized the importance of:**

- Reliability – Maintaining a stable and consistent power supply amidst evolving challenges.
- Affordability – Ensuring that energy costs remain manageable for residents and businesses.
- Resilience – Strengthening Guam's energy infrastructure to withstand disruptions.

John M. Benavente, P.E., General Manager of GPA, underscored the significance of the symposium in shaping Guam's future energy policies and investments. "This symposium served as a vital platform for knowledge-sharing and strategic planning as GPA navigates the complexities of Guam's energy transition. The insights shared by our expert speakers, combined with the engagement of our participants, will be instrumental in guiding Guam's energy future. GPA remains committed to leveraging the latest technologies and best practices to deliver a sustainable, reliable, and affordable power system for our island."

The success of the P.O.W.E.R. Symposium reaffirms GPA's commitment to proactive planning, innovation, and collaboration in addressing Guam's evolving energy needs.

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