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Guam and CNMI Customs Share Similar Goals

BARRIGADA, GUAM – The Customs and Quarantine Agency (CQA) and the Customs Service of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands continue to integrate regional border management by executing a Sister Agency Agreement.

This Agreement aims to foster regional collaboration for the Marianas against transnational crime which includes the trafficking of illicit drugs and other prohibited items through borders, reinforce officer knowledge, skill and enforcement powers through continued cross-training, and ensure proper application of Customs law by preventing, investigating or repressing any violation of or attempted violation of Customs law.

Furthermore, the Agreement improves alliances by combating criminal activities through cooperation and information sharing, reviewing and advising on enabling legislation toward strengthening enforcement powers, promoting joint operation and investigation involving criminal, customs, or taxation matters, and committing to continued capacity building for its workforce.

“It is crucial that we remain proactive in combating transnational crime in our region to better protect our island, people and resources and stimulate economic prosperity for our industry,” said Acting Director Eric M. Palacios. Mr. Palacios adds, “We will continue to enter into partnerships that serve and protect our people.”

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