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Public Auditor Congratulates Certified Government Financial Manager's on 25 Years *Three OPA Staff Recognized for Obtaining, Retaining Certification*

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Hagåtña, Guam – During the month of March, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) Guam Chapter has been celebrating a milestone year of 25 years of the Certified Government Financial Managers (CGFM) program. The certification program began in 1994 as a demonstration of competency in governmental accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal controls, and budgeting at the federal, state, and local levels. Public Auditor Benjamin J.F. Cruz joins other government leaders in commending and congratulating the AGA Guam Chapter and the 28 CGFM's working in the Government of Guam and private sector.

"I commend and congratulate the AGA Guam Chapter and the Certified Government Financial Manager's on the silver anniversary of this professional certification. I would like to recognize three of my staff that have obtained and retained this prestigious certification-- Auditor III Maria Thyrza Bagana, Auditor II Amacris Legaspi, and most recently our Administrative Services Officer Marisol Andrade. As an employer, I am in full support of giving my staff every opportunity to advance their knowledge, skills, and abilities," said Public Auditor Benjamin J.F. Cruz.



Maria Thyrza Bagana has been employed with the OPA since 2013. She began as an Auditor I and worked her way up to her current position as Auditor III. Prior to joining the OPA, she was in the banking industry as an Auditor I to Audit Senior Manager for 20 years and as Operations Head/Accountant for eight years. She is a Certified Public Accountant in the Philippines.



Amacris Legaspi has been employed with the OPA since 2015. She began as an Auditor I and is now an Accountability Auditor II. She was previously working in the oil industry as an accountant for ten years and an auditor in the hotel industry for over a year before joining the OPA. She is also a Certified Public Accountant in the Philippines.



Marisol Andrade has been employed with the OPA since 2015. She began as an Administrative Officer and is now an Administrative Services Officer. She has been in public administration for almost 19 years working with various Government of Guam departments and agencies.

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