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### **Public Auditor Inauguration, 2025 Annual Work Plan Released**

*8<sup>th</sup> Inauguration for Elected Public Auditor*

Hagåtña, Guam – On Monday, January 6, 2025 at 2:00 pm, Benjamin J.F. Cruz will be sworn in to a new four-year term as our island’s elected Public Auditor. Chief Justice Robert J. Torres Jr. will administer the oath of office at the Guam Judicial Center. Prior to the inauguration, Public Auditor Cruz has publicly released the Office of Public Accountability’s 2025 annual work plan.

In developing its annual work plan, OPA did various activities, including conducting risk assessments, seeking feedback from government leaders and the public, reviewing legislative mandates, and identifying hotline tips and citizens’ concerns. Through extensive deliberations and taking all factors into account, OPA prioritized performance audits relative to revenue collection, government expenditures, and cost-savings programs. In our plan, OPA allowed for flexibility in the event of emerging issues, availability of resources, or other circumstances.

*“For over 30 years, the Office of Public Accountability has served the people of Guam, ensuring effective, efficient, and equitable administration and management of public funds and programs. Guided by our core values of objectivity, professionalism, and accountability, we uphold our commitment to safeguard public trust and promote good governance,”* stated Public Auditor Benjamin J.F. Cruz.

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