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### **Guam-Korea Mock Trial Friendship Tournament Strengthens Legal Ties**

(Hagåtña, Guam) — Future lawyers took to the courts last Saturday in a high school mock trial competition between Guam and Korea.

The matches were held in the Honorable Maria T. Cenzon's courtroom. Okkodo High School and Father Duenas Memorial School challenged Korea Seoul International School.

***“The Guam-Korea Mock Trial Friendship Tournament showcased the legal talents of students in Guam and Korea,”*** says Chief Justice Robert J. Torres. ***“This important event will enhance their appreciation for cultural diversity and global citizenship while they learn about the important principles that take place in a legal environment.”***

The mock trial allows students to collaborate and role-play as attorneys and witnesses in a simulated courtroom under the guidance of legal professionals and educators. The team-building experience fosters their critical thinking skills, ability to construct persuasive arguments, and effective evidence presentation while giving them valuable legal insights. In addition to the mock trial tournament, the Judiciary held a certificate presentation for the students who participated and volunteers who served as judges.

***“The Friendship Mock Trial emphasizes the commitment of the Judiciary to nurture tomorrow's leaders while they create meaningful connections with their peers,”*** says Administrator of the Courts Danielle T. Rosete, Esq. ***“We look forward to many more partnerships that allow our students to appreciate the legal process.”***

The GHSMT Program will also host the Guam-CNMI Mock Trial Friendship Tournament on March 9, 2024. To learn more about the Guam High School Mock Trial program, please contact GHSMT State Coordinator Ms. Joleen Respicio at [jrespicio@guamcourts.gov](mailto:jrespicio@guamcourts.gov).

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