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### **Judiciary Celebrates Adult Drug Court II and Reentry Court Graduates**

(Hagåtña, Guam) – The Judiciary of Guam celebrated those rebuilding their lives with 10 participants graduating from the Adult Drug Court II program and three participants graduating from the Guam Adult Reentry Court program last week.

The Adult Drug Court II, designed to help individuals overcome substance use, graduated ten participants in a ceremony held yesterday in Judge Maria T. Cenzone's courtroom. With family, friends, and treatment partners looking on, the graduates reflected on their difficult journey of recovery, showed gratitude for those who helped them along the way, and remarked on their excitement to support future program participants as peer mentors. ***"It's been a long road and there have been struggles, but we did it,"*** said one participant who later remarked that he has been proudly sober for over two years.

***"We will always be here for you,"*** said Judge Cenzone. ***"You are never alone in this journey and we're always a phone call away if you ever need help."***

The Guam Adult Reentry Court, designed to help incarcerated individuals successfully reintegrate into society, honored three graduates in a ceremony held in Judge Elyze M. Iriarte's courtroom. Judge Iriarte, who presides over the program, expressed her optimism for the future of GARC saying, ***"The Guam Adult Reentry Court is a testament to the power of second chances. As we move forward, we are dedicated to refining and growing this program to better serve participants and help them achieve lasting success in their reintegration journeys."***

Speaking before the graduates, Judge Vernon P. Perez said, ***"Today, you are proof that second chances can lead to extraordinary outcomes. Your commitment to change shows that no matter how difficult the journey, success is always possible."***

The Adult Drug Court and the Guam Reentry Court programs highlight the importance of rehabilitation, community support, and second chances, empowering justice-involved individuals with the tools to build brighter futures.

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