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DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM NATURALIZATION CEREMONY
Court Celebrates Columbus Day and Filipino American Heritage Month

On Friday, October 16, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., the District Court of Guam will proudly host a special Naturalization Ceremony in celebration of Columbus Day and Filipino American Heritage Month. The Court will welcome 51 new citizens to the United States of America, as they take their oath of citizenship. This will be a momentous event for our new citizens, who hail from the countries of Japan, the Marshall Islands, Mexico, Palau, the People's Republic of China, the Philippines, South Korea, and Taiwan.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be the Honorable Alberto C. Lamorena, III, Presiding Judge for the Superior Court of Guam.

This year's celebration of Columbus Day and Filipino American Heritage Month at the District Court will also allow the newly naturalized citizens to fully exercise their rights, as the court will host a Citizenship Outreach Program for these citizens. Immediately after the naturalization ceremony, these new citizens will be able to register to vote and apply for a U.S. passport, provided they have appropriate supporting documentation for the application. Representatives from the Guam Election Commission and the Guam Passport Office will be present after the ceremony to assist these new citizens with any questions.

"This special Naturalization Ceremony is a very proud day and new beginning for our citizens as we celebrate Columbus Day and Filipino American Heritage Month. Our nation not only celebrates freedom and new beginnings, but also who we are as an American people," says Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood.