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DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM NATURALIZATION CEREMONY
Court Celebrates Presidents Day

In commemoration of Presidents Day, the District Court of Guam will host a special Naturalization Ceremony to be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. before U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr. On this day, the District Court of Guam will welcome 40 new citizens to the United States of America, as they take their oath of citizenship. These soon-to-be citizens hail from the countries of Italy, the People's Republic of China, the Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan and the United Kingdom.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Mary Ann Young Okada. She became the first female president and chief executive officer of Guam Community College in June 2007. Dr. Okada was appointed by President Barack Obama in 2014 to serve on the President's Advisory Commission on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Dr. Okada holds a B.A. of Business Administration in Accounting and Management and an M.P.A. in Public Administration from the University of Guam, and a doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Phoenix.

Presidents Day is a day to celebrate the lives and achievements of all U.S. presidents past and present. "It is a privilege to preside over this ceremony on Presidents Day, a day of patriotic celebration and remembrance. We will also celebrate our newly naturalized citizens. I am proud to be among the first to greet them as fellow Americans," stated U.S. Magistrate Judge Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Jr.

This year's celebration will also allow the 40 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 the 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.