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**Date Set for SHRM Guam's Annual Conference - inspiHR 2021  
Co-Sponsored by the District Court of Guam**

September 28, 2021 – Tamuning, Guam. The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Guam Chapter has announced that its highly anticipated 2021 annual conference will take place next month on Friday, October 22. This year's conference, themed "inspiHR" will be the first of its kind for the chapter, according to SHRM Guam's President Daphne Leon Guerrero. "This is our first virtual conference, and the first time we have partnered with the District Court of Guam," Leon Guerrero explained. "While we were all looking forward to an in-person event, a virtual conference is the best way to ensure the safety of our attendees. Although the conference is virtual, our Chapter has spared no expense to bring you an engaging and dynamic experience. We have an amazing line-up of world-class speakers paired with a virtual experience that's sure to be informative, entertaining, and inspiHRing." Leon Guerrero added.

The SHRM Guam Chapter's conference, inspiHR 2021, will feature two internationally acclaimed keynote speakers – (1) Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., President and CEO of the SHRM national organization, who makes frequent appearances on CNN, and (2) Magie Cook, a well-known entrepreneur and motivational speaker often referred to as America's Success Speaker. Additionally, SHRM Guam is bringing back our favorite "edutainer," Dr. Milton J. Perkins, a leading industry expert in human resources, workforce planning, and human capital management. Dr. Perkins will facilitate two enlightening sessions on the topic of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion to local business leaders and HR professionals. Two exciting additions to this impressive line-up are Guam's Governor Lou Leon Guerrero and Lieutenant Governor Joshua Tenorio, who will give valuable insight on the state of our island and road to recovery.

In another first for SHRM Guam, the 2021 conference is being co-sponsored by the U.S. District Court of Guam. "We're very pleased to be joining forces with SHRM Guam this year," said the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood, Chief Judge of the District Court. "SHRM Guam's annual conferences always provide valuable training to professionals in our community and I'm so glad to be able to add the Court's resources and perspective to that effort this year," the Chief Judge added.

SHRM Guam President Leon Guerrero expressed her gratitude to the District Court for partnering with the Chapter to bring the "inspiHR" 2021 Conference to fruition. "We are extremely grateful to Chief Judge Tydingco-Gatewood and her team for their partnership in this Conference and for bringing their best talents to the table," Leon Guerrero said. This year's conference will have a lot to offer not only to our fellow HR and business professionals, but also to our legal professionals, whom we have leaned on heavily for guidance during this pandemic."



The list of distinguished presenters for the legal segment of the conference will include Attorney Vince Camacho of the Camacho Calvo Law Group, who will lead employers and HR professionals in dissecting the components of labor cases and what they should know to avoid them; Attorney Tom Sinclair of Calvo Fisher & Jacob, who will walk participants through a hypothetical COVID-19 Workplace Dispute case from the Plaintiff's perspective; and Attorney Yohance Edwards, Director of Workplace Relations for the U.S. Courts of the Ninth Circuit, who will provide a fascinating look at Workplace Policy Developments in the Federal Courts.

In addition to the educational and training elements designed to energize and inspiHR participants, the conference will include special segments on mindfulness, uplifting video presentations from a variety of local organizations, and the unveiling of a brand new SHRM Guam initiative geared toward emerging HR and leadership professionals.

SHRM Guam President-Elect, Yolanda Padrones, shared her perspective on this year's annual conference:

"In the midst of a worldwide event that has been so disruptive of workplace conditions, now more than ever, HR professionals and businesses management must to stay up to date on current workplace issues, regulations, and best practices. But it's also important for all of us to stay connected as colleagues and as people. We're calling it inspiHR 2021 for a reason. You'll come away from our conference with practical knowledge and useful strategies, but you'll also be refreshed and ready to take on the new challenges we all face every day."

Registration for inspiHR 2021 is now being accepted on SHRM Guam's website at [guam.shrm.org](http://guam.shrm.org). Early bird registration (prior to October 17) is \$150 for SHRM Guam members and \$175 for non-members. Starting October 17, registration fees will increase to \$175 for members and \$200 for non-members. Additionally, the first 200 registrants will receive a FREE "inspiHR" swag bag filled with exclusive giveaways, coupons, and more! As an added incentive, HR professionals will receive SHRM recertification credits while, Guam lawyers will earn valuable continuing legal education (CLE) credits for attending the conference.

SHRM is the world's largest nonprofit human resources association. It has more than 275,000 members around the world and more than 575 chapters throughout the United States. SHRM Guam Chapter was formed in 1990. To become a member, visit the SHRM Guam chapter website at [guam.shrm.org](http://guam.shrm.org) or contact SHRM Guam by email at [shrm.guam.chapter@guam.com](mailto:shrm.guam.chapter@guam.com).

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