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Guam OPA Attends the 24th Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) Congress in Koror, Palau

Hagåtña, Guam – The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) held its 24th Congress in Koror, Palau from February 28 to March 3, 2023. The Republic of Palau’s Office of the Public Auditor hosted the Congress and the theme was “Looking to the future.” This was the first PASAI Congress to be held in-person since the COVID-19 Pandemic, allowing participants to reflect on PASAI’s progress nearly nine years into its 10-year Strategic Plan and start work developing its next strategy. In addition, heads of SAIs were able to reflect on issues related to institutional independence, securing quality in a SAI’s core mandate and enabling audit impact.

Guam’s Public Auditor Benjamin J. F. Cruz and Accountability Auditor Jerrick Hernandez attended the four-day congress, along with representatives from 21 other PASAI member national, state or territory government audit offices were in attendance, including the Australian National Audit Office, Australian Capital Territory (Australia), New South Wales (Australia), Western Australia (Australia), the Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) National, FSM Pohnpei, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

Representatives from the Brazilian Federal Court of Accounts (Chair of the International Organization of Supreme Audits Institutions (INTOSAI)), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil, the Government Accountability Office USA, the INTOSAI Development Initiative (IDI), the International Journal of Government Auditing, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), the United Nations Development Programme Pacific (UNDP) Office, Graduate School USA, the Minister of Finance of Palau, and Beasley Intercultural were also in attendance.

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