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**23rd Guam International Coastal Cleanup**

The Bureau of Statistics and Plans, Guam Coastal Management Program (BSP, GCMP) in coordination with the Coastal Cleanup Committee and the Ocean Conservancy is pleased to announce the upcoming *23rd Annual Guam International Coastal Cleanup (GICC) 2017* scheduled for Saturday, September 16, 2017.

This is Guam’s largest volunteer cleanup event. Last year, a record number of 4,869 participants came out in support of beautifying the island to protect Guam’s coastal environment and natural resources. Volunteers collected 20,038 pounds of waste!

“***This event is significant to our island and the rest of the world. It is reported that trash entering the oceans have been dramatically increasing each year. Guam joins over 91 countries worldwide to prevent trash from entering our oceans and we would like to invite the whole community to come out and help****,”* said BSP Acting Director Carl V. Dominguez.

The annual event will begin at 7 a.m. at the following locations (listed below by region):

**NORTHERN GUAM**

1. Tarague Beach, Yigo

2. Ukudo Pipeline, Dededo (before Ukudo High School)

3. Ukudo South Street, Dededo (Behind Dededo Flea Market & Hal’s Angels Football Field), Dededo

4. Tanguisson Beach Park, Dededo

5. Gun Beach, Tumon

**CENTRAL GUAM**

6. Paseo de Susana, Hagatna (Northside Parking Lot)

7. Adelup Shore (Governor Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex Adelup)

8. Asan Shore

9. War in the Pacific, Asan

10. Dive Site: Asan Cut

11. Piti Santos Memorial Park / Tepungan Bay

12. Eagle's Field, Mangilao

13. Marbo Cave (Sasahyan Springs), Mangilao

14. 1000 Steps, Mangilao

15. Marine Lab, UOG Mangilao

16. Hensa Beach, Pago Bay

17. Franciso Perez Beach, Pago Bay

**SOUTHERN GUAM**

18. Tagachang Beach, Yona

19. Togcha / Ylig Point, Yona

20. Ipan & Talofofo Bay

21. Agat Shore & Agat Cemetery

22. Inarajan Bay

23. Fouha Bay, Umatac

24. Merizo Shore (Merizo Pier)

**Find cleanup locations online**

Visit bsp.guam.gov to view the 2017 Guam International Coastal Cleanup Map Viewer for map locations and site leader information.

Volunteers will be given a free T-shirt while supplies last. Volunteers also may enjoy a discounted lunch for $6.00 at Sea Grill from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. or $5.00 admission to the Underwater World from 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Conditions may apply and are subject to change.

The cleanup is sponsored by BSP’s dedicated partners: Islandwide Beautification Task Force, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Underwater World, Sea Grill Restaurant, Guam Nature Alliance, Coast 360, Guam Waterworks Authority, Guam Environmental Protection Agency, National Park Service, University of Guam, UOG Center of Island Sustainability, UOG Marine Laboratory, UOG EPSCor, UOG Sea Grant, Guam Southern Soil, Electric Island Festival, Apl-Guam, IP&E, Foody’s, U.S. Airforce, U.S. Navy, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Guam Association of Realtors, Guam Community College, Eco-Warriors, Okkodo High School, George Washington High School, John F. Kennedy High School, Marine Mania, Irecycle Program, Association of Government Accountants, Guam Solid Waste Authority, Hagens Inc., Pacific Pest Control, Pacific Solar & Photovoltaic Inc., Pyramid Recycle, Guahan Waste Control Inc. dba Mr. Rubbishman, Lagu Sanitation, Trashco. Morrico Equipment, Payless Supermarket, TriStar, the Rosario Family, Isa Guam, USO Guam, MDA, Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center, Santa Barbara Catholic School, and the Mayors Council of Guam.

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