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Bank of Guam Hosts Circular Economy Experts Meeting Launches Guam Green Growth Initiative

August 13, 2019 – Hagatna, Guam. A special presentation by two sustainability experts from Arizona State University (ASU) met with members and guests of the UOG Island Sustainability Community Advisory (ISCA) Board and Bank of Guam executives at a meeting hosted by Bank of Guam. This meeting launches the University of Guam’s Guam Green Growth Initiative, which aims to contribute to a green Guam economy.

Dr. Rajesh Buch, ASU director of sustainability practice and international development, and Amanda Jordan, program coordinator for ASU’s Resource Innovation & Solutions Network Incubator, provided examples to ISCA board members of a departure from a standard linear economy to a circular economy. They are leading the Island Circular Economy Industry Workshop on Aug. 13 at the University of Guam School of Business and Public Administration. The workshop will introduce local industry stakeholders to an economic system that designs out waste and pollution, keeps materials in use, and regenerates natural systems.

Joaquin P.L.G. Cook, Bank of Guam President and Chief Executive Officer noted, “Bank of Guam is proud to host circular economy experts and the discussion about Guam’s sustainability possibilities. We applaud the University of Guam and government officials who participated in support of our community goals for a greener Guam which aligns with the Bank of Guam’s mission, and we look forward to participating in impactful discussions and actions.”

Photo caption:

(From left) Dr. Mary Okada, president, Guam Community College; Kathy Calvo, executive vice president, Pay-Less Supermarkets Inc.; Melanie Mendiola, CEO, Guam Economic Development Authority; P. Sonny Ada, president, Ada’s Trust & Investment Inc. and board chairman, Guam Visitors Bureau; Morgan Leon Guerrero, extension assistant III, Guam EPSCoR; Laura Cepeda, clients relation executive, GTA; Joaquin Cook, CEO, Bank of Guam; Phillip Cruz, sustainability coordinator, University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability (UOG CIS); Dr. Rajesh Buch, director of sustainability practice and international development, Arizona State University (ASU); Amanda Jordan, program coordinator, ASU Resource Innovation & Solutions Network Incubator; Dr. Austin J. Shelton, executive director, UOG CIS, and director, UOG Sea Grant; Jackie Marati, senior vice president and chief communications officer, Bank of Guam, and chairwoman, ISCA Board; Jeffrey Cook, first gentleman; Myracle Mugol, associate director, UOG Endowment Foundation; Andrea Finona, executive assistant, Office of The Governor/First Gentleman’s Office; Leo Tkel, environmental compliance representative, United Airlines; Anthony Babauta, chief of staff, Office of the Governor; and Brent Wiese, principal architect, RIM Architects.