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Guam Department of Education and Foundation For Public Education Announce the 2017 Teacher of the Year

The Foundation For Public Education and the Guam Department of Education ("GDOE") are excited to announce the 2017 Guam Teacher Of the Year, Ms. Mabel Uncango.

Mabel Uncango was recognized last night at the annual gala hosted by the Foundation for Public Education, Inc. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. She was selected by a panel of judges and will be this year's Teacher of the Year National Representative.

As a 2nd grade teacher at Tamuning Elementary School, Ms. Uncango has over 11 years of teaching experience. She earned her Bachelors of Arts degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from the University of Guam in 2006, a Masters in Educational Leadership from the University of Portland in 2010, and a Masters in Administration and Supervision in 2012.

Ms. Uncango is known as a passionate teacher who cares for her students by instilling in them that each are valued and vital. She is committed to motivating and nurturing her students to include assisting them with their basic needs so that education can be their focus. She believes in investing in each of her students by using all means possible to support them and their families by listening, respecting, and empowering them to excel. When asked what she hopes for our educational future, she stated, "As teachers we are dedicated to the profession and go with confidence to create a mindset in students that get them to look ahead, reach their goals, and believe in themselves."

Attached is a wonderful article that fully captures the essence of Ms. Mabel Uncango and her exceptional qualities that resulted in her selection as the 2017 Teacher of the Year. The Department is grateful for her contribution to the profession and her dedication to students and their families. Thank you.

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