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## **12<sup>th</sup> Guam Education Board Named Dr. Mary Okada as Chair and Angel R. Sablan as Vice-Chair**

*Tiyan, Guam* – On January 29th, 2024, the Guam Education Board (GEB) convened for its Regular Monthly Meeting at the central office of the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) in Tiyan. The board members showed their full support and confidence in Dr. Mary Okada and Angel R. Sablan, who were elected as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the GEB, respectively. The newly elected leaders expressed their gratitude and excitement to serve the GEB in advancing the quality of education in Guam.

The members are as follows: Peter Alexis Ada, Felicitas B. Angel, Christine W. Baleto, Karlyn RCG Borja, Lourdes M. Benavente, Maria A. Gutierrez, Dr. Ron L. McNinch, Dr. Mary Okada, and Angel R. Sablan,

GDOE Superintendent Dr. Erik Swanson Ph. D. stated, *“We are eager to collaborate with the Board members to improve the quality of education for our island children. We believe that with the strong leadership and support of the board, we can create a safe and conducive environment for the students. This is our shared vision and commitment.”*

*“I am grateful for the trust and confidence that the board has placed in me,”* said Dr. Okada, GEB Chair. *“We have a clear vision and direction for our education system through the framework provided in the GDOE 5-year Strategic Plan I Chalan-ta Mona (Our Path Forward), adopted in 2022. I am eager to continuously collaborate with my fellow board members and GDOE leadership to deliver high-quality education for our students.”*

Vice-Chair Angel R. Sablan expressed his gratitude for the support and confidence of his fellow board members. He said, *“I am honored to serve in this role and to work towards our common vision and mission. I am committed to fulfilling the expectations and needs of our students. I appreciate the cooperation and leadership of the GDOE team, and I believe that we can provide high-quality education to our island community.”*

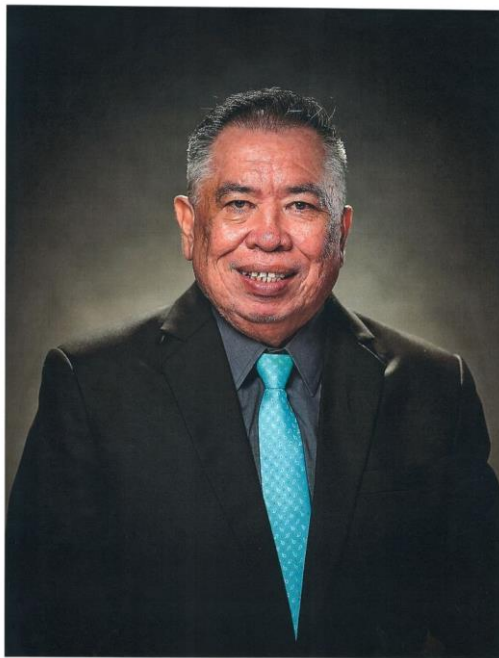
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