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Guam Power Authority (GPA) Makes Headway with its Guam Clean Energy Transition Track

With the 2023 University of Guam (UOG) Conference on Island Sustainability (CIS) kicking off, the Guam Power Authority (GPA) showcased its commitment to providing people of Guam with clean energy. GPA held a two-day pre-conference at the Hyatt Regency entitled, “Guam Clean Energy Transition Track.”

On April 10 & 11, 2023, GPA presented on a wide array of topics focusing on laying out the issues for a Clean Energy transition such as Transportation Electrification, GPA’s Balanced Approach to Guam’s Green Energy, Digital Transformation and Energy Security, as well as deep dive sessions between the island’s leadership, industry experts and DOD partners.

GPA brought in Industry experts from the *Argonne National Laboratory (ANL)*, *Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)*, *the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)*, Energy Consultants, and its local Engineering and key personnel to discuss a wide array of topics from GPA’s Clean Energy Master Plan to Battery Energy Storage System Technology to Renewable Energy Integration.

“The track sessions were a success, bringing together our local and military counterparts and industry experts, creating a discussion of what to expect in our future and what’s involved in making Guam a clean energy island,” said GPA General Manager John Benavente, P.E.

Benavente Middle School (BMS) Librarian, Mrs. Alicia Whitaker presented on how BMS students used science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) kits as part of their program curriculum. These STEM kits provided by GPA, highlights the working relationship with the school and GPA's outreach efforts in schools to create a balanced approach in its Clean Energy buildup.

"This is a marathon, not a sprint, and we need all our counterparts and stakeholders to collaborate together in supporting GPA's Clean Energy plan," said GPA Assistant General Manager of Engineering & Technical Services John J. Cruz, Jr., P.E.

"We at the Guam Power Authority view a Clean Energy transition as a vital component to our island's ability to survive and thrive in the future," added Benavente.

"Presenting our track at the UOG's CIS demonstrates GPA's unwavering commitment to a Clean Energy Guam," added Cruz.

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