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ATTN: Administrative Offices  
Guam-Based Public and Private Middle Schools

SUBJECT: 2024 National Preparedness Month – Middle School Poster Contest

Dear Partners in Preparedness:

Throughout September, Guam will join the nation in celebrating 2024 National Preparedness Month (NPM) by promoting the importance of planning and preparing for natural disasters such as typhoons, earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, and pandemics and human-caused disasters such as terrorist and cyber attacks. This year's NPM theme is:

**Empowering Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Communities to Prepare for Risks and Disasters**

**WHO MAY JOIN:** Any middle school student enrolled in a Guam-based school.

**POSTER SPECIFICATIONS:**

- Overall dimensions shall be letter size, 8.5"x11", card stock or illustration board. The poster must be no thicker than 1/2 an inch.
- Stenciled, traced, computer generated, or commercially manufactured stick-on lettering or graphics are prohibited.
- Posters must incorporate the theme of "Empowering Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities to Prepare for Risks and Disasters."
  - Posters should emphasize how you and your family can prepare for a disaster (i.e., What do you do before a disaster, how do you communicate before and during a disaster, etc.)
  - Parents/guardians are encouraged to visit [ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) (<http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan>) for some contributing ideas.
  - Parents/guardians should not complete the poster board for the children; instead, they should help them formulate ideas.
  - Posters will be judged on originality, the focus on the emergency preparedness theme, and the creativity of the poster.

**IDENTIFICATION:** All entries must include the following information on the back of the poster:

- Name
- Age
- Grade
- School
- Contact Information for Teacher
- Title of Poster (correctly label entries upon email submission).

**DEADLINE:** Entries are to be dropped off at the Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense at 221-B Chalan Palasyo, Agana Heights, or emailed to [stephen.cahill@ghs.guam.gov](mailto:stephen.cahill@ghs.guam.gov) no later than:

**5 pm, Friday, September 13, 2024**

Any entry submitted after this day will not be considered eligible.

**WINNERS**—The 1st and 2nd place winners will be recognized and presented with prizes at the end of National Preparedness Month. The winners' schools and teachers will be contacted.

*All entries will become the property of Guam Homeland Security/Office of Civil Defense and may appear in future public outreach publications.*

For more information, contact Stephen Cahill at (671) 475-9600 or via email at [stephen.cahill@ghs.guam.gov](mailto:stephen.cahill@ghs.guam.gov).

Sincerely,

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