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VIDEO CONTEST TO PROMOTE FOOD SAFETY IN GUAM'S HIGH SCHOOLS

The Division of Environmental Health of the Department of Public Health and Social Services, along with the Guam Food Safety Task Force and the Environmental Public Health Association, will be sponsoring a video contest for students in grades 9th through 12th to bring awareness of the Guam Food Code and promote food safety. The Guam Food Code, which will become effective later this year, will be the island's new regulations that will better govern the sanitary operation of retail food facilities to lessen the occurrence of foodborne illness.

The Division of Environmental Health will be introducing and preparing the public for the implementation of the Guam Food Code through its education and awareness campaign entitled, *Crack the CODE to Food Safety*. This campaign seeks to "break open" the barrier of unfamiliarity and confusion surrounding the enactment of Guam Food Code in the community, especially the food industry, through various events, such as the video contest but with the help of Guam's talented high school youths.

Monetary prizes will be awarded. The details of the video contest are available on the Department's website at www.dphss.guam.gov. The winning video will be showcased during this year's 9th Annual Guam Food Safety Education Month 2014 in September. Entry forms for the contest will be accepted beginning March 24, followed by the submission of the videos starting April 2nd until June 4, 2014.

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