Yap State Office of the Public Auditor Holds Latest Fraud Awareness Workshop

COLONIA, Yap – The Office of the Public Auditor hosted its 5th annual Fraud Awareness Briefing workshop on December 9, 2016, at the Yap Small Business Development Center. Yap OPA joins hundreds of organizations around the world to raise awareness on the impacts of fraud and corruption.

The workshop was open to the public, and attracted over 60 participants from both the public and private sectors. Attendees worked with the presenters to discuss the topic of fraud and corruption, their impact on Yap State, and ways to detect and prevent them within their respective offices and organizations. Kaylona Letachiglam, a Yap High School senior and 1st prize winner of an essay contest sponsored by OPA, was also invited to read her essay during the workshop. The theme of the essay was, "How Corruption Impacts Our Island and Ways to Help Prevent Corruption". Ms. Letachiglam was awarded with a certificate and a "Keep Calm and Fight Fraud" T-shirt, along with a check for \$100.00. Ten runner-up winners were each awarded a T-shirt and certificate. The workshop concluded with a photoshoot of the participants.

Yap OPA has been at the forefront of the State's efforts to fight government waste, fraud and abuse. The office's vision is to be an agent of positive change and one that strives for continuous improvement, and encourages fiscal integrity in government program delivery and effectiveness.

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