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High School Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp Drill Competition **February 17, 2024**

Tiyan, Guam – The Guam Department of Education (GDOE), High School Junior Reserve Officers Corps (JROTC) program invites all JROTC cadets to participate in the drill competition on **Saturday, February 17, 2024, from 8:00am to 2:30pm at Okkodo High School**. The competition will be hosted by the Okkodo High School's Marine Corps JROTC and will feature various drill categories and awards. The drill competition is a great opportunity for JROTC cadets to showcase their skills, discipline and teamwork.

The competition will feature two divisions: armed and unarmed. Each JROTC school will send a team of 10 cadets for Drill, a team of four cadets for Color Guard, a team of 10 cadets for Inspection, and a team for Exhibition Drill. The judges are volunteers from various military units in Guam. The trophy will go to the JROTC school with the highest overall score, and individual awards will be given for each division.

In a statement, Superintendent Dr. Erik Swanson praised the JROTC drill competition as a valuable learning opportunity for the students and thank Okkodo High School in hosting the event. He said, *"The JROTC drill competition teaches our students the value of working together as a team to achieve a common goal. It also helps them develop skills such as discipline, leadership, and self-confidence that will serve them well in their future endeavors. I am proud of our JROTC cadets and instructors for their dedication and excellence."*

The JROTC competition this year aims to foster a positive spirit of competition among cadets from different JROTC units. This event is also important as it celebrates the return of the Guam JROTC Drill Competition, which was last held in 2011. The island community is invited to watch the drill competition.

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