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## **CANNIBIS IN THE CNMI TO BE THE TOPIC AT THIS YEARS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CUP**

**Office of the Attorney General, Saipan** – The 35th Annual Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition will be held on Friday, May 3, 9:00am at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom.

This year, seven high schools will be participating in the competition and they include: Dr. Rita Inos High School, Eucon International School, Grace Christian Academy, Marianas High School, Mount Carmel High School, Saipan Southern High School, and Kagman High School.

The 35<sup>th</sup> annual speech competition focuses on the legalization of Cannabis in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This year's topic is centered on the following: Is the passage of Public Law 20-66, also known as the Taulamwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018, a cure or a curse for the Commonwealth? Will it help or hurt the CNMI in the short term or the long term?

Judging the AG's Cup speech competition this year are current and former Attorneys General, Guam Attorney General Leevin T. Camacho, Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja, and Chief Judge for the District Court of the NMI Ramona V. Manglona.

The ceremonial Posting of the Colors will be conducted by the JROTC Dolphin Battalion of Marianas High school, and alongside performing the CNMI and National anthem are the talented Marianas High School Glee Club.

The competition will be live streamed via the CNMI Attorney General's Cup Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/2019CNMIAGCUP>. Additionally, the broadcasting group of Marianas High School will perform the video production of the speech competition.

The Attorney General welcomes the public to attend the event and support the students of the CNMI on May 3, at 9:00am at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom. For more information on the Attorney General's Cup, please contact Ms. Keola Taisacan at the Office of the Attorney General's Criminal Division at 237-7600.

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