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**SENATOR PANGELINAN CALLING THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND THE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HEARING ON THE PROGRAMMATIC  
AGREEMENT**

**FOR IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE (November 3, 2010 – Hagåtña) –**  
Senator ben pangelinan, (D) Barrigada is calling the public to attend the Department of Defense (DoD) public hearing on the Programmatic Agreement (PA), which will guide and govern the projects for the military expansion contained in the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Marines relocation and other projects.

The hearing will be held at Okudu High School, tomorrow November 4, 2010, from 5-8pm.

Despite the signing of the ROD, federal law still requires the DoD to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, a law that requires federal agencies to consider the effects that its actions will have on historic properties. The DoD has failed to comply with this law.

Senator pangelinan says, "This will be another opportunity for our community to ensure that DoD follows the law and does not trample on our cultural heritage and erase historic sites from our island and history. With over 41,000 additional people expected to come to Guam with the military's expansion, we must determine its impacts on Guam's cultural and historical resources before we begin digging up and cementing all over Guam".

The DoD has over 180 projects planned as part of the military expansion and have admitted that several of these projects will directly and indirectly affect properties that are culturally and historically important. Many of these projects will be in areas where the historical and cultural significance is still unknown.

"DoD and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation officials will be at the hearing to answer questions. Let our voices be heard that projects such as the proposed firing range complex at Pagat village and planned restrictions of access to historic sites currently on DoD property are not acceptable", concluded Senator pangelinan.

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