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Democrats Take the Oath of Office

On Monday, January 13, 2025, Democrats returned to Capitol Hill to take their oaths of office and to formally commence the work the voters in their respective precincts and municipalities entrusted to them. In their maiden speeches, they thanked their family, friends, and supporters and vowed to work with their colleagues to provide solutions for the challenges facing the CNMI.

Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai was elected to a third term representing the people of Precinct 3. She delivered her remarks in Refaluwasch and English. Speaking directly to her constituents, she said, "It is your belief in my ability to serve that motivates me to work tirelessly for our community. I remain committed to listening to your concerns, advocating for our shared values, and serving everyone with dedication and compassion."

Representative Diego Vincent Fejeran Camacho, who is serving the people of Precinct 1 in a second term, was elected by his colleagues to serve as Vice Speaker of the House of Representatives in the 24th Legislature. It has been eighteen years since a Democrat was Vice Speaker, and the Party is delighted that Rep. Camacho has been accorded this honor and looks forward to his leadership in the House. Speaking to his colleagues and reflecting on his first term in the House, he said, "We must maintain the momentum by controlling government expenditures and introducing sensible legislation to make way for new industries and for private sector stability and expansion."

In the senate, freshman Senator Manny Gregory Tenorio Castro reflected on his faith and how his faith has armored him for the challenge of running for the senate and for doing the important work that he has committed to do. Previously, Senator Castro represented the people of Precinct 1, and now he is one of three senators serving the third senatorial district, which encompasses Saipan and the Northern Islands. In his remarks, he expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve his community and commended the importance of public service.

Senator Castro joins another Democrat in the senate, Senator Celina Roberto Babauta. Senator Babauta delivered her maiden speech in Chamorro, and her delivery and the care with which she composed her remarks emphasize the value of teaching our children to speak and think with their indigenous languages. Senator Babauta thanked her supporters for allowing her to serve the third senatorial district. Their support compels her to use her voice to speak to the challenges facing the CNMI and to work with her colleagues to provide solutions for our community. These solutions, girded by the Covenant, the CNMI Constitution, and the applicable provisions in the US Constitution, will ensure that our children and future generations can achieve their goals and dreams and do so at home in the CNMI.

Vice Chair of the Democratic Party of the CNMI Luella Marciano attended the inauguration and expressed great pride in these leaders: "I thank them for their continued service and am eager not only to see them build on their previous work but also to watch them innovate as they begin working on legislation and collaborating with their colleagues."

The Democratic Party of the Northern Mariana Islands congratulates its elected officials and wishes them godspeed as they begin their work in the 24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

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