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MVA PARTNERS STEP UP TO IMPROVE ARRIVAL EXPERIENCE

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Tourism partners of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) are stepping up to provide a more welcoming experience for arriving visitors at Saipan International Airport.

Yesterday (Feb. 14), Saipan Travel Inc. donated 150 chairs to the airport for use in the arrivals corridor, where hundreds of passengers que daily in the early hours of the day for immigration clearance.

“Through the (MVA) China Ad Hoc Committee meeting, we decided that the committee should be part of community efforts to improve the tourist experience when they first arrive,” said Saipan Travel Inc. President and China Ad Hoc Committee Chairman Tom Liu. “That’s why we decided to get these chairs, so that in the event they need to wait in line, there’s a place where the elderly or younger ones can sit if they want to after a long flight.”

The chairs will be added to the 68 chairs recently moved by the Commonwealth Ports Authority to the arrivals corridor. According to CPA Executive Director Chris Tenorio, CPA has also ordered another 200 chairs that are scheduled to arrive in about four weeks.

“We’re very grateful to Saipan Travel Inc and CPA for making some seating available in the arrivals corridor and making the immigration waiting time a little more comfortable for our arriving visitors,” said MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion. “More of our members are also stepping forward to assist, and we welcome any and all support on the local side, while we continue to seek assistance on the federal side to expedite processing.”

Flametree TV has also committed to donating several large-screen TVs to provide information and entertainment in the area, and the MVA is procuring water dispensers, as well.

The Marianas receives nearly 2,000 visitors daily during high peak periods.



Saipan Travel Inc. President Tom Liu, center, donates 150 chairs to the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) at the Saipan International Airport arrivals corridor on Feb. 14, 2017. Pictured from left are Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Acting Managing Director Judy Torres, CPA Deputy Executive Director Edward Mendiola, Liu, CPA Executive Director Chris Tenorio, and MVA Marketing Manager Bruce Bateman.

The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are a chain of idyllic islands in the West Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers from Asia, Australia, Europe, North and South America and elsewhere looking for new travel discoveries will find them in the Mariana Islands, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four to five from other parts of Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served daily

from Tokyo-Narita in Japan by Delta Air Lines with seasonal flights by Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, Jin Air and Eastar Jet provide direct flights from Seoul-Incheon, and Asiana also provides service from Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong to Saipan are available. Philippine Airlines provides nonstop service from Manila to Saipan and connects with many cities in China and Southeast Asia. United Airlines has daily flight connections from six cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made to Saipan via Tokyo-Narita, Seoul-Incheon or Guam. Visitors from Russia and Taiwan usually arrive via Seoul, Tokyo or Manila. Interisland travel is provided by United Express (Cape Air) and Star Marianas Air. For more information on the Marianas, visit www.mymarianas.com.

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