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Tourism is Everybody's Business!

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MTEC/MY WAVE TOURISM SUMMIT RALLYS YOUTH

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Approximately 250 students joined the MTEC/MY WAVE Tourism Summit yesterday (Oct. 27) at Fiesta Resort & Spa in Saipan. The tourism summit aimed to educate students on the importance of the Northern Mariana Islands tourism industry and provide working sessions for schools to develop plans to support tourism this school year. The summit was sponsored by Marianas Tourism Education Council, Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically school clubs, Marianas Visitors Authority, and the Public School System.



INATUAS cultural dance group perform a Chamorro dance.



Marianas Tourism Education Council Chairwoman Vicky Benavente welcomes participants.



Hopwood Jr. High School MY WAVE Club leads the MY WAVE cheer.



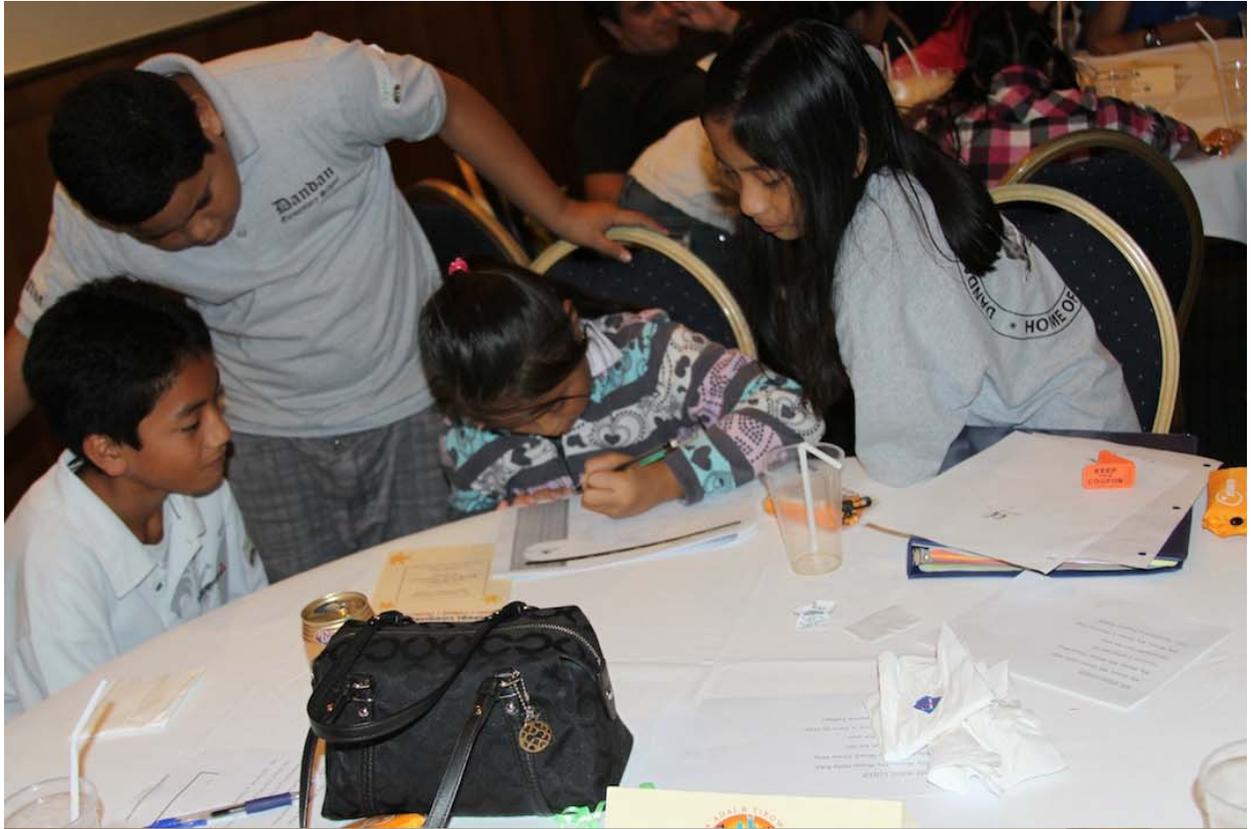
MVA Chairwoman Marian Aldan-Pierce shares details of the NMI tourism industry.













Tourism industry leaders joined students in learning the MY WAVE cheer. From

left, Marianas Visitors Authority Managing Director Perry Tenorio, MVA Board Chairwoman Marian Aldan-Pierce (hidden), Guam Tourism Education Council Chairman, Heidi Ballendorf, MVA Board Vice-Chairman Yoichi Matsumura, and Rep. Edmund Villagomez. Not pictured is Dr. Fred Schumann, professor of the University of Guam School of Business and Public Administration.



Kagman High School senior Vanity Borja won a roundtrip to the Guam Youth Summit in January 2012. From left to right are Dr. Fred Schumann, Heidi Ballendorf, Borja, and Vicky Benavente.



Koblerville Elementary Glee Club and MY WAVE Club members take a commemorative photo with tourism summit organizers and special guests.

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 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 from Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served from Tokyo, Nagoya, and Osaka in Japan by Delta and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana Airlines provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. Fly Guam/Fly Marianas provides direct flights from Hong Kong and Nagoya, Japan. For more information visit www.mymarianas.com.

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