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MHS HOSPITALITY & TOURISM CLASS WELCOMES MTEC

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Marianas High School Hospitality & Tourism Class welcomed the Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) and Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) this week for a classroom dialogue on tourism.

MTEC Chairwoman Vicky Benavente led presentations to two classes on Tuesday and Wednesday (April 3 and 4), where MTEC dialogued with the students on the industry, including why visitors travel to the Northern Marianas and what more can be done – individually and organizationally – to improve the visitor experience.

“These kids are sharp. They understand the importance of the industry,” said Benavente. “We hope our presentation will spark new awareness and new ideas for them this year, both in and outside the classroom.”

Teacher Tyce Mister thanked MTEC for approaching the class about making the



Marianas High School student Gemma Noelani Somol wins a gift certificate during a presentation of the Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) to her class on April 3, 2012. Presenting the award is MTEC Chairwoman Vicky Benavente.



Community Projects Specialist Frank Tudela of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA), left, quizzes students of the Marianas High Hospitality & Tourism Class on April 4, 2012. The MVA and MTEC dialogued with students on the importance of the tourism industry as part of on-going public education outreach.

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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