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**U.S. AMBASSADOR McFAUL MEETS NMI DELEGATION**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – U.S. Ambassador Michael McFaul met briefly with the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) delegation to last month's Moscow International Travel & Tourism Exhibition (MITT), bringing attention to this U.S. aligned Commonwealth that welcomes Russian visitors without the usual U.S. visa requirements.

During his one-hour visit to the travel fair on March 22, 2012, McFaul visited the Northern Marianas destination presentation to potential travelers, media, and travel representatives. He also stopped by the NMI and Guam exhibition booth, where a gift was presented to him by Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Managing Director Perry Tenorio.

“As a U.S. Commonwealth, the Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota continue to welcome Russian visitors each year without requiring a visa, and we were very pleased to share what we have to offer potential visitors with Ambassador McFaul,” said Tenorio. “We look forward to welcoming even more Russians to our western Pacific paradise this year.”

The MVA has supported a number of FAM(iliarization) tours by Russian travel agents and media over the last few years, underscoring the growing interest in this beach resort

destination among Russians, Kazakhstani (Kazakhs) and visitors from other former Soviet States.



U.S. Ambassador Michael McFaul, right, receives a gift from Perry Tenorio, Managing Director of the Marianas Visitors Authority, at the 2012 Moscow International Travel & Tourism Exhibition on March 22, 2012. The U.S. Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the western Pacific welcome thousands of Russian visitors each year, visa-free.

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 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 Air Lines 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](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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