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**“WONDER AIRPORT” VISITS SAIPAN, TINIAN, ROTA**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – As part of its series on Micronesia, Japanese television program Wonder Airport visited Saipan, Tinian, and Rota last week to give its viewers details on this beach resort destination-and its airports.

The show, which airs on BS-NTV every Saturday evening, has a viewership of over 43-million and is expected to bring the Northern Mariana Islands \$5.5-millionUS in advertising exposure.

“Wonder Airport is a series of overseas destination programs, with special focus on airports and airlines,” said Marianas Visitors Authority Marketing Manager Bruce Bateman. “They have already featured 46 destinations around the world, and this is their first time featuring Micronesia. Through negotiations with the show producer, we were able to entice them to feature Tinian and Rota, in addition to Saipan. This show now draws attention to all our destination’s attractions and creates awareness for all three islands.”

The MVA assisted the FAM tour with ground transportation and film permitting during their visit.

While in the Northern Marianas, the FAM tour also filmed on Managaha, during Sunday

mass at San Francisco de Borja parish, at souvenir shops, and at other popular tourist spots on all three islands. The crew also took in a submarine tour and a turtle snorkeling tour during their visit.



The crew of Japanese television program Wonder Airport interviews airline personnel at the Saipan International Airport during their visit to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota on Sept. 4-12, 2012.



Tinian's pristine beaches were one of the destination highlights covered during the visit of Japanese television program Wonder Airports on Sept. 4-12, 2012.



Saipan resident Vicente Camacho is interviewed about World War II by Japanese television program Wonder Airport during their film visit to the Northern Mariana Islands on Sept. 4-12, 2012.

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 provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. China visitors arrive direct from Shanghai, Guangzhou and Beijing. For more information visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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