



## MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY News Release

*Tourism is Everybody's Business!*

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### **MTEC ENGAGES HOPWOOD JR. HIGH, KAGMAN HIGH**



Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects Specialist Frank Tudela tests Hopwood Junior High MY WAVE Club President Joanna Garcia student on her knowledge of the Northern Marianas visitor industry during the educational presentation of the Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) on Oct. 12, 2012. MTEC launched its annual round

of school presentations this month and will hold the MTEC/MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) Tourism Summit on Oct. 30, 2012, at Pacific Islands Club Saipan.



Hopwood Jr. High student Timothy Villanueva received a Saipan-da bag for assisting with the educational presentation of the Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) at his school on Oct. 10, 2012. The 7<sup>th</sup> grader shared his knowledge of the industry with fellow students during the presentation. Pictured from left are MTEC Chairperson Vicky Benavente, Villanueva, and MTEC Member Catherine Perry.



Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) Chairwoman Vicky Benavente engages Hopwood Jr. High students during a presentation on Oct. 10, 2012. Hopwood Jr. High has the largest MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) club in the Northern Marianas. MTEC will hold the MTEC/MY WAVE Tourism Summit for all MY WAVE clubs on Oct. 30, 2012, at Pacific Islands Club Saipan.



Math students at Kagman High School had the opportunity to win prizes during the Oct. 18, 2012, presentation of the Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC). MTEC shared about the importance of the visitor industry, as well as most recent visitor arrival statistics; comparative on-island expenditures and length of stay for Japanese, Koreans, Chinese, and Russian; and the impact of foreign exchange rates for those visitors. Pictured Allan Aguon, teacher William "Bill" Sizemore, MTEC Chairperson Vicky Benavente, Tracy Crisostomo, Tracy Pelep, and Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects Specialist III Frank Tudela, and other students.

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 and Osaka in Japan by Delta Air Lines and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. China is served from Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. For more information visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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