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**SINOUNOU RECOGNIZED AS NMI HERO**



**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – Saipan resident Kanis Sinounou was awarded a plaque of heroism on Sept. 19, 2012, at the CNMI Office of the Governor for stopping an attempted robbery of visitors to the island on Sept. 10. Lt. Governor Eloy Inos, third from right, led government and tourism officials in making the presentation. Also pictured from right are Pacific Islands Club Saipan General Manager Hiroki Sugie,

Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Director KJ Kim, MVA Vice Chairman James Nelson, Saipanrai's Ekaterina Markova, MVA Chairwoman Marian Aldan-Pierce, Sinounou, Inos, Rep. Edmund Villagomez, and MVA Managing Director Perry Tenorio.

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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