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Tourism is Everybody's Business!

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15TH ANNUAL TASTE OF THE MARIANAS STARTS SATURDAY

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) –May Tourism Month and the 15th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden kick off this week.

Preparations began last Saturday (April 27) for the month-long observance, when the Japan Saipan Travel Association, the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and other industry partners hosted their semi-annual Tourism Industry Cleanup in downtown Garapan, Saipan, beginning at 6:30 a.m. at American Memorial Park.

Tourism Month will be officially proclaimed by Governor Eloy Inos at a proclamation signing ceremony on Thursday (May 2) at 10:30 a.m. at the Office of the Governor.

May will be highlighted by the 15th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden every Saturday beginning May 4 at American Memorial Park from 6-10 p.m. Other activities for the month include “Hafa Adai Tirow Spirit” Islandwear Fridays and Tourism Trivia at participating radio stations.

“We’re looking forward to another great month of celebration during this year’s May Tourism Month,” said Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “Of course, the biggest part of the celebration is the annual Taste of the Marianas. We invite everyone to come down and enjoy themselves at the biggest island party on a Saturday night in May!”

The Taste of the Marianas celebrates Tourism Month with international cuisine at affordable prices by 16 hotels and restaurant vendors, non-stop live entertainment on the main stage, nightly contests on the secondary stage, and arts and crafts sales.



Food vendors serve up dinner with a smile during the Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 5, 2012, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

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 and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. United Airlines has daily flight connections from nine cities in Japan to Saipan via Guam. United States mainland connections can be made by United Airlines to Saipan via Guam, and Delta Airlines from the west coast to Saipan via Narita. For more information visit www.mymarianas.com.

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