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**JTB TRAVEL AGENTS VISIT TO SUPPORT OSAKA FLIGHTS**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – Nine travel agents of JTB made a FAM(iliarization) tour of Saipan last week to gain information that will help them attract visitors to fill direct flights from Osaka.

During their visit, the group toured award-winning Managaha, enjoyed a cultural dinner show at Fiesta Resort & Spa and the Las Vegas-style Saipan SandCastle Cocktail show, took a sightseeing tour, visit Coconut Beach Bar at Kanoa Resort, and met with the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA).

“With the re-launch of direct flights from Osaka to Saipan on Dec. 21, 2012, and running through the end of this month, FAM tours are an important tool for educating travel agents and media on what the Northern Marianas has to offer individuals looking to make an overseas trip,” said MVA Marketing Manager Bruce Bateman. “It would be ideal to have year-round flights from Osaka, but in order for airlines to do that, there must be a demand.”

The group also conducted hotel inspections of Fiesta Resort & Spa and Hyatt Regency Saipan, where they lodged during their visit.

The agents, representing JTB West, JTB West Kansai, and JTB World Vacations West

Japan, arrived on March 4 and departed March 7.



Travel agents of JTB and Marianas Visitors Authority Marketing Manager Bruce Bateman, right, have dinner at the Hyatt Regency Saipan on March 6, 2013, as part of the group's FAM tour of Saipan.

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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