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Tourism is Everybody's Business!

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MTEC GEARS UP FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) is gearing up for another year of student presentations at public and private schools in Saipan, Tinian, and Rota about the Northern Mariana Islands' primary industry, tourism.

For the fourth consecutive year, MTEC will visit elementary, junior and senior high schools to keep students educated and engaged in the tourism industry. This year, MTEC will be joined by employees in the industry to share their experiences with the students about careers in tourism.

“Each year we present, we’ve seen a steady growth in students’ understanding about the industry, how it benefits them, and how they can help support it,” said MTEC Chairman Vicky Benavente. “At this stage, we want to fan the flames and get them thinking of working in the industry after graduation or higher education. These young people are our future servers, housekeepers, chefs, front desk clerks, engineers, and executives. We want to let them know what opportunities they can take advantage of when they enter the workforce.”

To further engage students and the general public, this month MTEC launched its

Facebook page and invites members of the community to “like” Marianas Tourism Education Council. In other news from the council, the 4th Annual Docomo Pacific Golf Classic on Aug. 31, 2013, will donate a portion of its proceeds to MTEC again this year. Also, the annual MTEC/MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Students Enthusiastically) Tourism Summit is slated for Oct. 30, 2013.

Schools interested in availing of the MY WAVE Club start-up seed fund, financial support through MTEC-sanctioned events, or the Advisor Incentive Program may contact Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas at mduenas@mymarianas.com or 1.670.663.33210 for more information.



Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) conducts students presentations each year to educate young people on the Northern Mariana Islands tourism industry and encourage the “Hafa Adai & Tirow Way” of island hospitality. This year, MTEC will also focus on career opportunities in the industry.

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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