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*Tourism is Everybody's Business!*

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**TINIAN VISITORS MARK TOURISM MONTH**

**Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – Tinian marked May Tourism Month with activities engaging both visitors and community members, alike.

On May 25, 2013, approximately 70 visitors from China volunteered to plant coconut seedlings along the main thoroughfare of Broadway.

“We wanted to provide awareness to the tourists of their involvement in lessening the tourism impact on the environment and give them pride as a participant in this island beautification activity,” said Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Actg. Grounds & Maintenance Manager Vida Borja. “Hopefully, this will inspire them to come back.”

The MVA also organized a FAM(iliarization) tour for students from the Tinian Elementary School, treating them as tourist for a day as they visited the islands’ major tourist sites, including Blow Hole, Runway Able, Atomic Bomb Pits, Air Raid Shelters and the House of Taga. While on the tour, they were briefed on the significance of the sites, the importance of preserving the sites, and the importance of attracting tourists to the island.

The MVA also donated craft tools to the Outreach Program Division of the Tinian Mayor’s Office to assist with the crafting of local necklaces.

“These staff members do lei greetings and decorate the venue during special events,” said

Borja. “We donated the tools as a token of gratitude, and it will also make their work easier and faster.”

Tourism Month is celebrated every May in the Northern Mariana Islands.



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Students of Tinian Elementary visited old Japanese ruins of a fish market on May 29, 2013, as part of their FAM(iliarization) tour of the island during Tourism Month. The tour gave the students to opportunity to learn about tourist sites and the importance of the industry.



Marianas Visitors Authority Actg. Grounds & Maintenance Manager Vida Borja, in red, presents crafting tools to staff of the Office of the Mayor of Tinian on May 9, 2013, as part of Tourism Month. Standing from left are Lovelina Saralu, Mayor's Outreach Program Supervisor Mina Cepeda, Terri Kiyoshi, Borja, Jessica Iba, and Janice Barcinas. Seated is Michael Mapeso.

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](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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