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CHRISTMAS IN THE MARIANAS THROUGHOUT DECEMBER

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA), PDM Promoters, Inc. and other travel partners will celebrate “Christmas in the Marianas” on consecutive Saturdays in December, offering weekly holiday entertainment for visitors and residents, alike.

“As December is one of the busiest months for visitor arrivals, we are again going to spread out the holiday celebration throughout the month,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “We hope the community will make ‘Christmas in the Marianas’ part of their weekend plans in December, as we share the holiday spirit with our visitors.”

The celebration will kick off on Dec. 6 with the annual school-wide Christmas Tree Decoration Competition at Paseo de Marianas in downtown Garapan. The trees, decorated with recyclable material, will remain on display at the pedestrian mall in Saipan’s main tourist district throughout the month. On Dec. 13, students will sing their hearts out at the annual Christmas Caroling Competition on-stage at Paseo de Marianas. On Dec. 20, the Christmas Parade and Float and Costume Competition will be held.

Students from several public and private schools are already getting into the holiday spirit with plans to participate: Garapan Elementary School, Golden Harvest International School, Grace

Christian Academy, Green Meadow School, GTC Elementary School, Kagman Elementary School, Koblerville Elementary School, Oleai Elementary School, Northern Marianas International School, San Vicente Elementary School, WSR Elementary School, Cha Cha Ocean View Middle School, San Antonio Middle School, Tanapag Middle School, Kagman High School, and Saipan Southern High School.

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. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, Tianjin, Hangzhou and Wuhan to Saipan is available. United Airlines has daily flight connections from nine cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made by Delta Air Lines to Saipan via Tokyo Narita, and United Airlines via Guam. For more information, visit www.mymarianas.com.

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