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Tourism is Everybody's Business!

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**DOCOMO PACIFIC GOLF CLASSIC BENEFITS MARIANAS TOURISM
EDUCATION COUNCIL**

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The proceeds from the 5th Annual DOCOMO PACIFIC Golf Classic will provide more opportunities for the Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) to educate the community, especially the youth about the importance of tourism.

DOCOMO PACIFIC General Manager James Nelson, who organizes the annual golf tournament, handed over a check for \$14,627.32 today (Oct. 23) to be used for MTEC programs.

Nelson also recognized the numerous businesses who contributed to the golf classic, saying, “Every year, the DOCOMO PACIFIC Golf Classic garners sponsorship from NMI businesses, because we know it is vital that we invest in tourism, in order to achieve positive changes in our community.”

MTEC Chairwoman Vicky Benavente expressed appreciation to the volunteers and participants of the annual event.

“MTEC continues to repeat the slogan ‘Tourism Is Everybody’s Business’ because without community involvement, the islands’ tourism industry will not thrive, or we wouldn’t be able to compete as a travel destination,” Benavente said.

MTEC Treasurer Christopher Lubi added, “It really feels great that there are private businesses like DOCOMO PACIFIC whose support makes a great deal of difference in the service of our community. These contributions give MTEC bigger opportunities to expand its reach and make our youth more involved in promoting the Marianas.”

MTEC Board member Larry Lee said that the donation will assist with the MY WAVE Clubs, off-island field trips, island tours, essay contests, and the annual MTEC/MY WAVE Tourism Summit.

“Despite economic challenges, MTEC will continue to reach out to the community, bringing together all stakeholders, whether in the public or private sector,” Lee said.



DOCOMO PACIFIC General Manager Jamese Nelson, second from right, presents the proceeds of the 5th Annual DOCOMO PACIFIC Golf Classic to the Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) on Oct. 23, 2014, at the DOCOMO PACIFIC office in Gualo Rai, Saipan. Pictured from left are MTEC Board Member Larry Lee, MTEC Chairwoman Vicky Benavente, Nelson, and MTEC Treasurer Chris Lubi.

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. 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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