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ETHNIC GROUPS SOUGHT FOR INT'L FESTIVAL OF CULTURES

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) is inviting all ethnic groups to participate in the International Festival of Cultures slated for this September. Ethnic group representatives are urged to contact the MVA before July 31, 2014, to sign up.

“We’ve had several organizational meetings already and are excited about what the festival is going to offer our visitors, a chance to experience the entertainment, crafts, and cuisine of our many cultures in the Northern Marianas,” said MVA Acting Managing Director Martin Duenas. “In particular, we are seeking participants from the island cultures of Micronesia to join our organizing committee.”

Duenas clarified that participating groups would not be required to engage in all activities -performance, crafts, and food sales- every week if their resources are limited, but should plan to have at least one type of activity every week. The festival will be held every Saturday evening at Paseo de Marianas in Saipan and will celebrate the cultural diversity of the Northern Mariana Islands, with special emphasis on the indigenous cultures of Micronesia.

Representative groups may contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Ryan Calvo at rcalvo@mymarianas.com or 1.670.664.3210 for more information. The last day to sign up to participate is July 31, 2014, by 5 p.m.

The festival will include food sales beginning at 5 p.m. and live cultural entertainment from 6-11 p.m. Admission is free.

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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