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Tourism is Everybody's Business!

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GOOGLE PHOTOGRAPHING SAIPAN, TINIAN, ROTA

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Google Maps, the desktop and mobile web mapping service application of Google, is in Saipan, Tinian and Rota through June 3, 2014, to conduct mapping and “Street Views” photography.

One mapper photographed Tinian on May 15-18 and will be in Rota on May 18-22, 2014. The other mapper has been working on Saipan. Both will be photographing 360 degree views of Saipan beginning on May 23. The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) is urging all residents and businesses to spruce up their neighborhoods.

“Google Maps has finally made it to the Northern Mariana Islands for Street View mapping, and this is our opportunity to put our best foot forward,” said Marianas Visitors Authority Marketing Manager Bruce Bateman. “It may be years before these street scenes are filmed again, so we need to make every effort *now* to clean up and present our best. Everyone from building owners to students at bus stops can help by painting, picking up trash, and taking pride in our neighborhoods.”

Google Maps offers satellite imagery, street maps, and Street View perspectives, among other services. The mapping team will be on Saipan’s west side on May 27-28, the east side on May 29-30, the south side on June 1, and the north side on June 3.

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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