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**JAPAN'S "MUSIC BIRD" RADIO SINGS PRAISES OF NMI**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** –Japan's popular radio production company "Music Bird" is singing the praises of the Northern Mariana Islands, following a recent visit by producer Yoshimi Masuki. Masuki, whose show name is Arakeda, was in Saipan and Tinian on June 1-4, a trip she describes as "one of the most impressive travels of my life."

The program is promoting the Northern Marianas during several shows throughout June. On Sunday's (June 8) "JP TOP 20" J-Pop show airing on 125 radio stations, Masuki mentioned Saipan in the show opening and conducted a promotion for Managaha throughout the show. Today's (June 12) "Music & More" show will include music from the Northern Marianas and will air on 90 radio stations.

"We are fortunate to have developed an informal partnership with Music Bird over the last couple of years. They have come to love Saipan, Tinian, and Rota and their many listeners get to feel the special flavor of our destination because of it. Much of the praise for this success is due to KKMP Radio's Gordon Marciano and Gary Sword who have continued to work closely with the Music Bird group," said Marianas Visitors Authority Marketing Manager Bruce Bateman.

In addition, show host Miyako Hamana will be in Saipan to cover the 1<sup>st</sup> Swimming Festival in Managaha (formerly the Saipan International Open Water Flipper Race Tournament)

on June 28, 2014. Hamana has provided live broadcast coverage of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota over the last two years and has a sizable audience who follow her travels to the Northern Marianas.

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

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