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Tourism is Everybody's Business!

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MVA INSTALLS ADDITIONAL GROTTO LOOKOUT

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – To enhance visitors' experience at the Grotto, the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) has recently completed the addition of a second lookout point at the popular scenic spot.

As part of its ongoing destination enhancement, the MVA has been making a series of improvements to major tourism sites, including the Last Command Post, Banzai Cliff, Bird Island lookout. The enhancement also includes projects for the islands of Rota and Tinian.

“The addition of another lookout at Grotto not only allows more visitors to see the beauty of the site, but more importantly, it now provides a safe point for them to do so,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas.

The Grotto, a popular spot for diving and swimming, is a collapsed cavern with underwater passages leading to the open ocean. It is one of the most-visited sites in Saipan, attracting thousands of visitors each month.

This week the MVA is also overseeing the cleaning and re-painting of the World War II tank located on Beach Rd. and the re-painting of the adjacent bathroom along the Saipan Beach Pathway. Other upcoming projects include repair of the Grotto and Ladder Beach stairways and smoothing of the trail leading to the second lookout point at Mt. Tapochao.



A second lookout point has been constructed by the Marianas Visitors Authority at the Grotto as part of ongoing destination enhancement. As one of Saipan's most popular tourist sites, the Grotto received thousands of visitors each month.

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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