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MVA TO WELCOME VISITING SHIPS

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Marianas Visitors Authority is preparing to welcome visitors from two ships that will be arriving in Saipan over the holidays.

The MS Asuka II will arrive Dec. 31, 2014, at 8 a.m. for a one-day visit. The ship is expected to bring 875 visitors to the island, including 488 crewmembers.

On Jan. 1, 2015, the Nippon Maru will arrive at 8 a.m., also for a one-day visit. The ship has 450 aboard, including 200 crewmembers.

“We’re looking forward to the arrival of these two passenger vessels on New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “As a community, let’s do our best to make them feel welcomed and happy for choosing to spend the holidays with us.”

As tradition with visiting large passenger vessels and military vessels, the MVA will greet the visiting ships with a local dance troupe during docking. The passengers will also take an island tour while in Saipan.

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. China is served from Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. For more information visit www.mymarianas.com.

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