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POLYNESIA TO HEADLINE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The spotlight turns on Polynesia this Saturday (Sept. 27) evening as the International Festival of Cultures continues at Paseo de Marianas in Saipan.

With 19 cultures represented, the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) signature event offers live performances, international cuisine, arts and crafts, and cultural demonstrations from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Live entertainment starts at 6 p.m. with Cook Is., Mariana Islands (Chamorro), and Korea. The hourly entertainment lineup will continue with: Japan, Bangladesh and Philippines beginning at 7 p.m.; Hawaii beginning at 8 p.m.; China, Tahiti, Marquese, Cook Is., Chuuk, and Mariana Is. (Carolinian) beginning at about 9 p.m.; and Fiji and Palau beginning at 10:05 p.m.

Food will be sold from the Mariana Is., Hawaii, Japan, China, Korea, Bangladesh, and the Philippines. Demonstration booths will include coconut-rope making, Chinese calligraphy, basket weaving, *mwar*-making (floral head lei), storyboard carving, origami paper folding, and more.

In addition, a parade of cultures will be held on Oct. 4 at 5:30 p.m. in Garapan from the Carolinian Affairs Office north along Beach Rd. to American Memorial Park, ending at Coral Tree Ave.



Dancers perform a Filipino number at the International Festival of Cultures on Sept. 20, 2014, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



Representatives of the Filipino community sell arts and crafts on Sept. 20, 2014, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



The Chinese community performs onstage at the International Festival of Cultures on Sept. 20, 2014, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



Members of the Samoan community don traditional attire with friends at the International Festival of Cultures on Sept. 20, 2014, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.



Representatives of the Korean community demonstrated taekwondo at the International Festival of Cultures on Sept. 20, 2014, in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

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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