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**INT'L FESTIVAL OF CULTURES SPANS ASIA-PACIFIC**



**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – Members of planning committee for the International Festival of Cultures met on Sept. 3, 2014, at the Marianas Visitors Authority office to finalize plans for the event, which kicks off Sept. 13, 2014, at Paseo de Marianas in Saipan. Seated from left are Celia Mercado, Tokie Mojica, Hideaki Sawada, Flowerpot Salas, Fe McMahan, Melia Johnson, and Inos Kenio. Standing from left are Yoshiku Song, Marie Borlongan, Sonia Siwa, Hiroki Tenorio, Misako Kamata, Gordon Marciano, Nancy Ong, Mario Mayuga, Rakibul Islam and Ryan Calvo. Not pictured are Carol Hosono, Melrosa Rebuenog, Ho Joon Joo, Park Jun Soo, Gloriana

## Teaira, Olive Yana, and Ta Bun Kuy.

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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