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JAPAN'S OCEANA RETURNS TO NORTHERN MARIANAS

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Japan's top diving website, Oceana, returned to the Northern Marianas last month to visit dive sites in Saipan and Tinian.

Oceana filmed in the islands for 10 days last month, covering dive sites and other tourist attractions. The website's last visit was in 2014 when they featured Rota's attractions and dive sites

Oceana has a monthly page view of 230,000 and uses social networking sites to promote the media to divers. Oceana introduces major oversea diving destinations such as Palau, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, and the Northern Mariana Islands. The website will also develop a Northern Marianas pamphlet for release in April 2015 targeting young females.

"The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) was pleased to assist Oceana with the processing of permits and some other logistics for their recent filming in Saipan and Tinian," said MVA Marketing Manager Bruce Bateman.

Sites visited included Managaha, Banzai Cliff, Japanese Last Command Post, Suicide Cliff, Bird Islands Lookout, Wing Beach, Paupau Beach, Obyan Beach, Micro Beach, Forbidden Island, Sugar King Park and a number of key dive sites. Other locations visited included Pacific Islands Club Saipan Seaside Bar & Grill, Mariana Resort & Spa, Mandi Asia Spa, Aqua Resort Sunset Dinner BBQ, Star Sands Plaza, Hafa Adai Shopping Center, Saipan Sunset Cruise, Let's Go Tour, Cha, and Winchell's. During their three days of diving on Tinian, the group also visited

Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino and toured local attractions and historic sites.



Oceana, Japan's largest diving website, filmed in Saipan and Tinian in February 2015. Pictured from left are writer and model Inou Kaoruko, crew and captain of the boat, underwater cameraman Nakamura Takuya, and Mariana Sports Club diving instructor Yamaguchi Toshi.

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 daily flights from Seoul and Busan and Jeju Air provides daily service from Seoul. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, 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. Russian and Taiwanese visitors usually arrive via Seoul. For more information, visit www.mymarianas.com.

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