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18TH ANNUAL TASTE OF THE MARIANAS IN MAY TOURISM MONTH

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) –The 18th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden will be held every Saturday evening in Saipan during May 2016 in celebration of Tourism Month.

The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) has confirmed 14 food and 3 beverage vendors for the event at American Memorial Park, which features international cuisine at affordable prices from local hotels and restaurant vendors, non-stop live entertainment on the main stage, nightly contests on the secondary stage, and arts and crafts sales. The festival will be held from 6-10 p.m. each Saturday (closing at 11 p.m. on the final night).

“As the MVA celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, we look forward to again hosting the Taste of the Marianas in May for our visitors and local community,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “It’s a proven recipe of great food and great entertainment, and we’re looking forward to welcoming visitors and residents, alike.”

Participating food vendors will be Coral Ocean Point Resort, D’Elegance, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Furusato Restaurant, Herman’s Modern Bakery, Hula Girl, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kanoa

Resort, Mariana Resort & Spa, Matty's BBQ, Sierra's Pearl Shakes, Thai House Restaurant, Tony Roma's / Capricciosa, and Tropical Chill.

Beverage vendors will be MARPAC, Northern Marianas Bartenders Association, & Pacific Trading Co.

May Tourism Month will also be marked by the semi-annual Tourism Industry Cleanup led by Japan Saipan Travel Association on April 23 before Japan's Golden Week holiday. Residents are also encouraged to show their support by observing "Hafa Adai Tirow Spirit" Islandwear Fridays and trying their luck with Tourism Trivia at participating radio stations.



File photo of the 16th Annual Taste of the Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden. The 18th Annual Taste of the Marianas will be held every Saturday during May 2016 Tourism Month beginning at 6 p.m. at American Memorial Park, 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 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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