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BANK OF GUAM DONATES \$3K to GOVERNOR'S TOURISM CUP

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Bank of Guam has joined the growing list of sponsors for the 1st Annual Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament with a \$3,000 donation on April 22, 2016.

Proceeds of the tournament on May 14, 2016, will go to the Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC), which was created by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) in 2002. The tournament is hosted by the Office of the Governor and the MVA and will be held at the scenic Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort – East Course with a shot-gun tee time set at 7:30 a.m.

“The Bank of Guam has always been and continues to be a stalwart corporate citizen, most especially where the development of our children are concerned,” said Tournament Director James Nelson. “We're extremely delighted and grateful to have the Bank of Guam as major sponsor for this inaugural golf tournament.”

The tournament committee has also received several prize commitments from companies such as Pacifica Insurance, donating a \$5,000.00 hole-in-one prize. Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and the Kanoa Resort have donated several hotel night stays and

meals, and Delta Air Lines has donated a roundtrip ticket to Japan, with more prizes expected as the tournament draws near.

Food and beverage sponsors include the Pacific Trading Co., Herman's Modern Bakery and MARPAC. The tournament will feature a morning snack, BBQ hotdog stands on the course, and free-flowing beverages throughout the tournament.

The tournament entry fee is \$100.00 and includes cart and green fees, morning snacks, on-course refreshments and awards banquet. Entry forms are available under the MVA Events Calendar at www.mymarianas.com or at the MVA office on Beach Rd. in San Jose, where forms may be submitted and payments may be made. Checks should be made payable to "Marianas Tourism Education Council or MTEC." Credit card payments will not be accepted. The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. on May 11, 2016.

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Joaquin P. L. G. Cook of the Bank of Guam presents a \$3,000 sponsorship check on April 22, 2016, for 1st Annual Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament scheduled for May 14, 2016. Pictured from left are Bank of Guam Vice President/CNMI Regional Manager Marcie Tomokane, Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas, Marianas Tourism Education Council Chairwoman Vicky Benavente, Cook, and MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion.



Delta Air Lines officials present a round trip ticket to Japan for one to Governor Ralph Torres on April 26, 2016, as a prize for the 1st Annual Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament on May 14, 2016. Seated left to right are James Nelson (MVA Board Member/Tournament Director), Torres, and Vicky Benavente (PIC/Marianas Tourism Education Council Chairwoman) Standing left to right are Shirley Camacho-Ogumoro (Office of the Governor), Martin Duenas (Marianas Visitors Authority), Beau Tomokane (Delta Air Lines), Gordon Marciano (PDI/MTEC Director), Chris Concepcion (MVA Managing Director), and Karl Reyes Jr. (Delta Air Lines).

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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