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GOLDEN WEEK DRAWS JAPAN CHARTERS

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – To support increased demand for travel to the Northern Mariana Islands, Asiana Airlines operated 12 extra flights from Narita and Osaka during the Golden Week holiday.

From April 29 to May 8, Asiana flew 10 extra flights from Narita with 171 seats per flight. On May 2 and 5, Asiana also brought in two extra flights from Osaka with 171 seats per flight, for a total of 2,052 additional air seats into Saipan.

“Golden Week is one of the top vacation periods for the Japan markets, and we are pleased to again have received charter flights during this period,” said Marianas Visitors Authority Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion. “In addition, we are working toward the launch of new airline service in the coming months.”

Jin Air will launch direct flights from Seoul on June 9, 2016. Philippine Airlines will launch twice weekly direct flights from Manila on June 15, 2016. And East Star Airlines will commence direct flights from Seoul on in July 2016.

The MVA continues its negotiations with airlines in Japan to increase flight services from that major market, and is developing an incentive program with the Office of the Governor and the Commonwealth Ports Authority for new air service from the market.

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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