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INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CULTURES SEEKS PARTICIPANTS

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) is in need of more cultural demonstrators for 2nd Annual International Festival of Cultures beginning on Aug. 20, 2016.

The festival will be held Aug. 20 & 27 and September 3, 10, 17, & 24 at Paseo de Marianas in Garapan and will celebrate the cultural diversity of the Northern Mariana Islands, with special emphasis on the indigenous cultures of Micronesia.

Due to many participants having extended work hours this season, the MVA is seeking more representatives of different cultures to share their skills and talents at the event.

“Whether their demonstration is big – like a dance group, or small - like traditional artwork, we’d like every interested individual to join us at our next meeting to see how we can fit them into the schedule,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “We really need more participants to make this year’s festival a success.”

Interested individuals are invited to join the next planning meeting on Friday (July 22) at 3 p.m. at the MVA office on Beach Rd., San Jose. Individuals unable to attend the meeting are urged to contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Ryan Calvo at 670.664.3200/1 or rcalvo@mymarianas.com.

“This year we want to make the festival more interactive by having more demonstrations

in the booths. This is to make the event more enjoyable and memorable for visitors and residents, alike,” said Calvo. “Also, some of these performances may be chosen for the main stage. We encourage every individual who would like to share their traditional skills or knowledge to contact me as soon as possible.”

The festival will include cultural demonstrations, arts and crafts, and food sales from 5 p.m.-10 p.m. Admission is free.



Students perform at the inaugural International Festival of Cultures in Saipan in September 2014. Individuals and groups interested in demonstrating or performing at this year’s festival beginning Aug. 20, 2016, are invited to contact Ryan Calvo at the Marianas Visitors Authority at 670.664.3200.

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 other parts of Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served from Tokyo Narita in Japan by Delta Air Lines and Asiana. From Korea, Asiana, Jeju Air, and Jin Air provide direct flights from Seoul, and Asiana also provides service from Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong to Saipan are available. Philippine Airlines provides nonstop service from Manila to Saipan and connects with many cities in China and across Asia. 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 to Saipan via Tokyo Narita, and by United via Guam. Russian and Taiwanese visitors usually arrive via Seoul or Manila. Interisland travel is provided by United Express (Cape Air). For more

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