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Tourism is Everybody's Business!

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MTEC, MVA THANK MY WAVE CLUB ADVISORS

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) and Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) held an appreciation dinner yesterday (June 30) to thank advisors of school MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) Clubs.

The dinner, held at Kanoa Resort, was the third such occasion hosted by MTEC at the end of the school year.

“Tourism Is Everybody’s Business,” said MTEC Chairwoman Vicky Benavente. “When we teach our kids about the importance of tourism, we help them understand their role and how they can contribute to the success of our islands. Throughout the year, the MY WAVE Club advisors strive to motivate the students with activities such as field trips, beach cleanups, and volunteering for the MVA events. We also appreciate the businesses who contributed to the MY WAVE Club advisors gathering, making it a fun and enjoyable evening for all.”

A number of businesses contributed raffle prizes for the event, including: Aqua Resort Club, T Galleria by DFS, Grandvrio Resort, Hyatt Regency Saipan, I Love Saipan, Kanoa Resort, Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, Mariana Resort & Spa, MARPAC, Megabyte, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, and Saipan Computer Services.

The MTEC Board of Directors is comprised of tourism and education representatives,

including MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion and Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas; Naomi Nishimura and Jonas Barcinas from the CNMI Public School System; James Nelson of Sorensen Pacific Broadcasting; Gordon Marciano of PDI; Shamika Ratwatte of Ernst & Young; Larry Lee; and newly elected director Wendi Herring of Kanoa Resort.

Schools interested in starting a MY WAVE Club to promote tourism education and involvement may contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Ryan Calvo at rcalvo@mymarianas.com or 670.664.3210 for more information on support.



Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) Chair Vicky Benavente, fifth from left in 1st standing row, led MTEC and the Marianas Visitors Authority in hosting an appreciation dinner for school MY WAVE Club advisors on June 30, 2016, at Kanoa Resort.

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.