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*Tourism is Everybody's Business!*

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**TOYOTA YARIS UP FOR GRABS AT TOURISM GOLF CUP**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – Atkins Kroll, Bridge Capital and Pacific Islands Club (PIC) Saipan are the latest sponsors to join the 1st Annual Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament slated for May 14, 2016, at Lao Lao Bay Golf & Resort – East Course.

Atkins Kroll has donated a 2016 Toyota Yaris as a hole-in-one prize at the event, while Bridge Capital has donated \$3,000 and PIC Saipan has donated \$2,000 toward the fundraising event benefiting the Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC).

“The private industry understands the importance of our tourism industry, and this tournament is just one way to ensure that future generations learn and understand as well,” said Tournament Director James Nelson. “It is vital that businesses, both large and small, support MTEC in its mission of developing tourism related programs for our children.”

The tournament is hosted by the Office of the Governor and the Marianas Visitor Authority (MVA), which was a founding member of MTEC in 2002.

“Thank you to Doug Brennan and Atkins Kroll Saipan for joining as sponsors of the Governor's Tourism Cup! We're also grateful to Bridge Capital's Jody Jordahl, and my boss Hiro Sugie of the Pacific Islands Club Saipan! Tourism is indeed all our business and we're

extremely grateful for the support we're receiving from the business community," said MTEC Chairwoman Vicky Benavente.

Other hole-in-one prizes include \$5,000 sponsored by Pacifica Insurance. The Hyatt Regency Resort & Spa, Pacific Islands Club and the Kanoa Resort have donated several hotel night stays and meals and Delta Air Lines 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, free flowing on-course refreshments and awards banquet. Tee-time will be at 7 a.m.

Entry forms are available under the MVA Events Calendar at [www.mymarianas.com](http://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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Atkins Kroll President Doug Brennan, third from right, donates a 2016 Toyota Yaris on May 4, 2016, at the AK showroom as a hole-in-one prize for the 1st Annual Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament slated for May 14, 2016. Also pictured are AK Director of Operation Alex Hammett, (third from left), Tournament Director James Nelson (fifth from left), Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas (sixth from left), MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion (seventh from left), Marianas Tourism Education Council Chairwoman (MTEC) Vicky Benavente (seventh from right), MTEC Treasurer Shamika Ratwatte (sixth from right), CNMI Office of the Governor Special Assistant for Administration Shirley Camacho-Ogumoro (fourth from right), AK Sales Manager Glen Perez (far left), and other AK staff.



Bridge Capital Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Jody Jordahl donates \$3,000 on May 4, 2016, to the 1st Annual Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament slated for May 14, 2016. Pictured from left are Bridge Capital Business Development Manager Joe Guerrero, Marianas Tourism Education Council Chairwoman Vicky Benavente, Jordahl, Tournament Director James Nelson, and Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas.



Pacific Islands Club (PIC) Saipan General Manager Hiro Sugie (second from left) presents a \$2,000 check on April 29, 2016, to the Governor's Tourism Cup Golf Tournament Director James Nelson. Pictured left to right are PIC Rooms Executive Director David Duenas, Sugie, Nelson, PIC Executive Administrative Assistant and Marianas Tourism Education Council (MTEC) Chairwoman Vicky Benavente, PIC Food & Beverage Executive Director Steve Balakrishna, and MTEC Treasurer Shamika Ratwatte.

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](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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