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MARIANAS BEER & BBQ FESTIVAL TO FEATURE FOURPLAY

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival is bringing back Taipei's famous Fourplay Cuisine & Bar as part of its festivities on Oct. 6, 2018, in Saipan.

. Exclusive beer cocktails for each of the main islands in The Marianas will be introduced by bar leader Moriz Wu and attendant Sion Wu. At the inaugural festival in 2017, Fourplay owners/bartenders Frankie Hung and Kenny Shih debuted the cocktails Saipan Blue, Tinian Red and Rota Green

Moriz Wu has been the bar leader of Fourplay since 2014 and is an expert in dessert cocktails. Sion Wu is champion of elit® Art of Martini Taiwan 2018 and 2018 Taichung Signature coffee Competition, specializing in coffee cocktails and creative flavor combination.

"We know there are various kinds of Saipan beer now available on island, and we would like to invent special beer cocktails based on Saipan beer, which I think will surprise everyone at the event." said Moriz.

The duo will also showcase their signature bartending skills on stage.

The festival, organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA), will pair Marianas brews with island-style barbecue and other appetizers beside the Saipan lagoon at Garapan Fishing Base.

"We're excited to have Fourplay returning to this year's Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival to add their unique flavor – literally – to our event," said MVA Community Projects Specialist and lead event coordinator Ray Villagomez. "They were a huge hit with the crowd last year, and we can't wait to see what they come up with this year."

The event is scheduled from 5-11 p.m. and will feature a new 2018 signature beer glass that patrons can use throughout the event and keep as a souvenir. The event will be open to the public but only adults age 21 and older will be allowed to consume alcohol (21 is the legal drinking age in The Marianas). Seven beer vendors are expected to participate.

Live music, an island-style barbecue, appetizers, and non-alcoholic drinks will also be a part of the evening.

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Fourplay Cuisine & Bar Bar Leader Mariz Wu will feature original creations at the Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival on Oct. 6, 2018, at Garapan Fishing Base on Saipan.



Fourplay Cuisine & Bar attendant and mixologist Sion Wu will feature original creations at the Marianas Beer & BBQ Festival on Oct. 6, 2018, at Garapan Fishing Base on Saipan.

The Marianas are a chain of idyllic islands including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the Western 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 looking for new travel discoveries will find them in The Marianas, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four to five from other parts of Asia and Australia. The Marianas are served by seasonal flights from Japan, with regular flights to begin in Winter 2018. From Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights from Seoul-Incheon, and Jeju Air also provides service from Busan. From mainland China, direct flight service is available from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hangzhou. HK Express and Hong Kong Airlines provide service from Hong Kong. United Airlines has daily flight connections from six cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made to Saipan via Seoul-Incheon, Hong Kong, or Guam. Visitors from Russia and Taiwan usually arrive via Seoul or Hong Kong. Interisland travel to Rota and Tinian is provided by Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit www.mymarianas.com.

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