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TINIAN SAN JOSE FIESTA ON MAY 4-6, 2018

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Tinian San Jose Fiesta in The Marianas will be held on May 4-6, 2018, in celebration of Tinian's patron saint, San Jose the Worker. This annual community celebration will also include local vendor sales, entertainment, arts and crafts, and various sporting events.

This year's fiesta will feature 22 concession booths. Visitors can sample a taste of Tinian with local dishes, chaser, and cold, refreshing drinks. Local artists will have crafts, souvenirs, clothing, and accessories made on island. Youngsters will be able to enjoy a kiddie carnival featuring a large bouncy house and game booths run by student and community organizations.

Festivities will have a soft opening on May 3 with live entertainment from 6-10 p.m. at the fiesta grounds next to Kammer Beach. The official opening ceremony will be held on May 4 at 7 p.m., with live entertainment following until midnight. Live entertainment and a variety of sports and activities will be held on May 5 from 10 a.m. to 10:45 p.m.

The fiesta will feature performances ranging from solo/group singing, dancing, and on-stage exhibitions. The headline performance for this four-day event will be Tinian's very own Pacific Cool, whom have not been back on Tinian since 2005. The award winning cultural group,

TaoTao Taga, will perform at the opening ceremony. Other acts will include bands such as Mango Session featuring Tinian's Nathan Ada, the Tinian High School Music Club featuring former CNMI's Got Talent Winner Nikita Mendiola, and Uprooted CNMI. A portion of the entertainment lineup will feature a Magic Hour with performances from the reigning Queen Mariana Scarlett Dixon, 2018 CNMI's Got Talent Winner Magician Neil Fama, and comedian Chinaman/Patrick Arriola. Members of the Music of the Marianas Organization, Maggie Naputi, James Selepeo, and Marvin Deleon Guerrero, will close out the fiesta each night, opening the dance floor for everyone in attendance.

The Tinian Mayor's Office has spearheaded the organization of the 2018 San Jose Fiesta, led by Event Coordinator and Fiesta Committee Chairman Joseph Manglona Hocog. Sponsorship through monetary and in-kind donations has been received from the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA), IT&E, Marianas Pacific Incorporated and Tan Holdings Corporation. All donations received will shoulder major expenses such as event logistics, entertainment fees, and prize money for all sports and community activities.

"On behalf of the leadership and the people of Tinian, we welcome all of our friends and families throughout The Marianas and the region to help us celebrate the San Jose Fiesta," said Tinian Mayor Joey Patrick San Nicolas. "With the theme of 'Homegrown,' this year's fiesta will showcase Tinian's many well-known and newer homegrown talents. From fishing to bike racing, from live-entertainment to the many games, this San Jose Fiesta will be an event to remember. Biba San Jose!"

To maximize community involvement, a variety of sports and activities will be held throughout the four days with cash prizes. These activities include Karaoke Singing Contest, Sandcastle Building Competition, Tug-O-War: Battle of the Families, Fiesta Scavenger Hunt, San Jose Sumo Tournament and Cha Cha Dance Competition. Sporting events will include a Canoe Race, Tinian Fishing Derby, Cockfight Derby, and the annual Tour de Tinian 100K Bike Race featuring bikers from Korea, Philippines, Guam and The Marianas. For the Fiesta, Star Marianas Incorporated will extend its flight schedules from Tinian to Saipan until 10:30 p.m. for Friday and Saturday.

"Each year, the MVA supports activities coinciding with Tinian San Jose Fiesta, as this is one of the largest tourism events on island each year," said MVA Acting Managing Director Judy Torres. "With all the advanced planning and arrangements already made by the Tinian Mayor's

Office this year, we are pleased to also be able to promote the event to our inter-island and off-shore markets. It is a truly a unique and culturally rich event worth experiencing.”

On May 06, 2018, church festivities will begin with Mass at 8 a.m. at the Tinian Parish followed by a procession around San Jose Village. Following the procession, brunch will be hosted by the San Jose Parish Council on the church grounds. Raffle tickets are on sale in an effort to raise funds for the renovation of the church, and winners will be announced at the fiesta grounds at 2 p.m.

The Tinian Bikers Association lead the organization of the Tour de Tinian, which will be held at 6 a.m. on May 6 and have acquired sponsorship from DFS Galleria, TSC, the MVA, Tan Holdings Corporation, and Bikefix Guam.



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FIESTA GROUNDS

May 4th, 5th & 6th

The 2018 San Jose Fiesta will be held in May on the island of Tinian in The Marianas, featuring live entertainment, island cuisine, local arts and crafts, sports activities, and traditional cultural customs.

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 daily from Tokyo-Narita in Japan by Delta Air Lines with seasonal flights by Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights from Seoul-Incheon, and Jeju Air also provides service from Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong to Saipan are available. 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 Tokyo-Narita, Seoul-Incheon or Guam. Visitors from Russia and Taiwan usually arrive via Seoul, Tokyo or Manila. Interisland travel to Rota and Tinian is provided by United Express (Cape Air) and Star Marianas Air. For more information on The Marianas, visit www.mymarianas.com.

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