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TINIAN SAN JOSE FIESTA ON MAY 2-5, 2019

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Tinian San Jose Fiesta in The Marianas will be held on May 2-5, 2019, in celebration of Tinian’s patron saint, San Jose the Worker. This year’s fiesta theme is, “Rebuilding, Reviving, Restoring San Jose!”, and the annual community celebration will again include live entertainment, food sales, arts and crafts, and much more.

Festivities will have a soft opening on May 2 with live entertainment from 6-11 p.m. at the fiesta grounds next to Kammer Beach. The official opening ceremony will be held on May 3 at 7 p.m., with live entertainment following until midnight. Live entertainment and a variety of sports and activities will be held on May 4 from 10 a.m. to midnight and on May 5 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The fiesta will feature performances ranging from solo/group singing, dancing, and on-stage exhibitions. The John Dank Show from Guam is set to wow the crowd, along with Uprooted CNMI, the Marianas Project, and other performers. James Selepeo will close out each night. Local talent will be featured during the soft opening with an Open Mic Night. Smarty Swag and Soul Sisters will slay the stage with their dance moves and Neil Fama, Magician Extraordinaire, will showcase mind blowing tricks.

Visitors can sample a taste of Tinian at 18 concession booths that will offer a wide variety of with local dishes, chasers, and cold, refreshing drinks. Local artists will have crafts, souvenirs,

clothing, and accessories made on island. Youngsters will be able to enjoy the Kiddie Korner with kid-friendly games.

The Tinian Mayor's Office has spearheaded the organization of the 2019 San Jose Fiesta, led by Event Coordinator and Fiesta Committee Chairman Joseph M. Hocog.

"This fiesta marks the 63rd anniversary of this special community celebration," said Tinian Mayor Edwin Aldan. "We would like to extend an appreciation to all those whom have supported our people through various recovery efforts and for our San Jose Parish, which was tremendously damaged by Super Typhoon Yutu. This year's celebration will place an emphasis on the importance of community, resilience and vigilance that we, the people of Tinian, have proven to be. We gladly invite all our neighboring islands to come and enjoy a weekend of fun, live music, and celebration for our Patron Saint, San Jose!"

To maximize community involvement, a variety of activities will be held throughout the four days. In the Fiesta Cookoff, Tinian's top chefs will start up the fire and compete to cook the best fiesta plate for judges. The ever-popular tug-o-war will showcase Tinian's strongest in the hopes of winning a cash prize. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the annual ChaCha Dance Competition, where Selepeo will again perform.

The 2019 Tinian San Jose Fiesta is sponsored by IT&E, Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA), Mobil Oil Mariana Islands, Bridge Investment Group, LLC., and MARPAC.

"Each year, the MVA supports the 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. "This is an excellent opportunity to show our support for Tinian by making a daytrip or weekend trip for a taste of real island living and this week's festivities."

On May 5, 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.

Star Marianas Air, Inc. will provide extended flights on Friday through Sunday. The last flight from Saipan to Tinian will be at 9 p.m., and the last flight leaving Tinian to Saipan will be at 9:30 p.m. MV Super Emerald ferry will depart Charles Dock in Saipan on Friday (May 3) at 9 a.m. and return the same day at 9 p.m. For more information on the ferry or a full schedule of events, contact the Tinian Mayor's Office at 1.670.433.1800/2.

Available hotel rooms on Tinian are Oceanview Hotel, Fleming's Hotel, LoriLynn's Hotel, Lion Garden, and Main Street Motel. Campers may utilize Tachogna Beach or Kammer Beach (the latter provides restrooms, outdoor showers, and barbeque pits for cooking). Car rentals are available at Avis, Islander, or Tinian Good Tour.

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 Korea, China and other parts of Asia and Australia. The Marianas are served 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 four 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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