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## **13<sup>th</sup> TINIAN HOT PEPPER FESTIVAL ON FEB. 18-19, 2017**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – The 13<sup>th</sup> Tinian Hot Pepper Festival will be held over Presidents Day weekend on Feb. 18-19, 2017, highlighting the island's famously potent "donne sali" pepper.

The event will be held at Kammer Beach within walking distance of the seaport and downtown San Jose. Available hotels on island include Fleming Hotel, Lion House, Lorilyn's and Street Motel. Air service is provided by Star Marianas. Some hotels offer airport shuttle, as well.

The event is also co-organized by the Tinian Mayor's Office and sponsored by MVA members. Activities will include the 65K Pika Bike Race on Feb. 18 at 6 a.m., cooking competitions, indigenous craft sales, and live entertainment including cultural dances, and Hapi the clown. Sample a variety of local dishes, catch the *umang* (hermit crab) races, join numerous sports activities (including beach volleyball and dragon boat races), or join the *donni sali* eating competition, itself. Festival times will be from 2-11 p.m. on Feb. 18 and from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Feb. 19.

Tinian is also accessible within minutes of Saipan via airplane or via connecting flights

from Rota and Guam. For more information, contact the MVA Tinian office at 1.670.433.9365 or e-mail at [vborja@mymarianas.com](mailto:vborja@mymarianas.com).



The Marianas Visitors Authority will hold the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Tinian Hot Pepper Festival on the picturesque island of Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands, on Feb. 18-19, 2017.

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, North and South America 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 to five from other parts of Asia and Australia. The Northern 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, Jin Air and Eastar Jet provide direct flights from Seoul-Incheon, and Asiana also provides service from Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong to Saipan are available. Philippine Airlines provides nonstop service from Manila to Saipan and connects with many cities in China and Southeast Asia. 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 is provided by United Express (Cape Air) and Star Marianas Air. For more information on the Marianas, visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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