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TASTE OF THE MARIANAS INT'L FOOD FESTIVAL RETURNS IN MAY

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden will be held in Saipan every Saturday during May Tourism Month at American Memorial Park. The 21st Taste of The Marianas is an annual signature event of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and is one of the largest celebrations in The Marianas.

The MVA has confirmed 23 food and drink beverage vendors for the event, which features international cuisine at affordable prices from local hotels and restaurant vendors, non-stop live entertainment on the main stage, nightly contests on the secondary stage, sales of arts and crafts sales, and more.

“The Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden is the place to be on Saturday nights in May, and we’ve working on another great month of festivities,” said MVA Managing Director Christopher A. Concepcion. “‘Taste’ meets an important expectation across all The Marianas’ major source markets for the opportunity to experience authentic local cuisine and has the added benefit of offering a full international menu from some of the best kitchens in The Marianas, all in one stop. It’s a must-do for visitors and locals alike during Marianas Tourism Month.”

Supporting businesses include Platinum Sponsor Hyatt Regency Saipan and Silver Sponsors Ina's Kitchen, Dave Electronics, and Hawaiian Rock Products. The festival will be held from 6-10 p.m. each Saturday (closing at 11 p.m. on the final night). For more information, visit www.mymarianas.com, www.facebook.com/mymarianas, or email communityprojects@mymarianas.com.



FILE- Kinpachi Restaurant serves “takoyaki” (octopus balls) hot at the Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 5, 2018, at American Memorial Park. The Marianas Visitors Authority will host the 21st Annual Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden every Saturday evening in May 2019 in 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 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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