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## 22ND TASTE OF THE MARIANAS INT'L FOOD FESTIVAL ON AUG. 27-29, 2021

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden will be held on Aug. 27-29, 2021, on the island of Saipan, bringing some of the best island cuisine and entertainment together in what is expected to be the island's largest gathering in over a year.

The event will be held at Garapan Fishing Base from 5-10 p.m. with fourteen food and two beverage vendors confirmed. The annual signature event of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) will return following a hiatus in 2020 due to COVID-19. The evening event will again feature affordable dishes from local hotels and restaurants, live entertainment, and arts and crafts sales.

"We know the community has missed Taste of The Marianas, and with the anticipated resumption of international flights in July, we look forward to bringing back one of Saipan's most popular events in August," said MVA Managing Director Priscilla M. Iakopo. "We are excited to be celebrating Taste with the community once again."

COVID-19 protocols will be strictly followed at the event. There will be one point of entry near the Garapan Public Market, and attendees must undergo a temperature check, submit their contact information, and wear a wristband at the event. Vendors will accept both Taste of

The Marianas orange, blue, or green tokens or cash; tokens will not be sold this year. Local arts and crafts will also be available for sale.

For sponsorship details or more information, contact MVA Community Projects Specialist Ray Villagomez at <a href="mailto:rvillagomez@mymarians.com">rvillagomez@mymarians.com</a> or 1.670.664.3200.

The MVA's latest signature event was Tinian Hot Pepper Festival held in February 2021.



FILE- Thai House serves customers at the 21st Annual Taste of The Marianas International Food Festival & Beer Garden on May 25, 2019, at American Memorial Park, Saipan. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Taste of The Marianas will be held by the Marianas Visitors Authority on August 27-29, 2021, at Garapan Fishing Base.

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