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ROTA COCONUT FESTIVAL SET FOR SEPT. 13-14, 2019

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Rota, renowned among the islands of The Marianas for its untouched nature beauty and warm island hospitality, is gearing up to welcome visitors for the 5th Rota Coconut Festival on Sept. 13-14, 2019.

“The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) is excited to partner again this year with the Rota Mayor’s Office on the exciting Rota Coconut Festival, which will provide visitors a truly unique and friendly experience on the beautiful island of Rota,” said MVA Managing Director Priscilla M. Iakopo. “Rota is renowned for its unspoiled natural environment, so it is a more than fitting venue for this celebratory tribute to the staple of Pacific island living – the coconut tree.”

The event will feature educational displays and demonstrations related to the coconut, entertainment, games, a Coconut Scavenger Hunt, and a variety of live cooking competitions on site such as the “manha titiyas” (tortillas made with young coconut), “ahu” (soup made with young coconut), coconut candy, and “bunelos manha” (doughnuts made with young coconut).

Additional details will be announced shortly. For more information, contact the Rota Mayor’s Office at 1.670.532.9451 or Field Supervisor Sandra Atalig of the MVA at 1.670.532.0327 or satalig@mymarianas.com.



Coconut trees line the main thoroughfare and frame a competitor in the Rota Blue Triathlon on Nov. 18, 2017, in The Marianas. The Rota Coconut Festival, highlighting the numerous uses of the tropical tree, will be held on Sept. 13-14, 2019.

The Marianas are an archipelago of 14 islands - including Saipan, Tinian, and Rota - in the Western Pacific. Latte stone limestone monoliths from the time of the pyramids, traditional nature-based ocean navigation not reliant on modern technology, and a culture seasoned by East and West influences are just a few of the experiences awaiting visitors to The Marianas, where pristine sea, sand, and skies are just three to four hours by plane from major Asian gateway cities. The Marianas are home to indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian people, as well as over 20 different ethnicities from around the world who live and work in this harmonious tropical paradise. From South Korea, Asiana Airlines, Jeju Air, and T'Way provide direct flights to Saipan from Seoul-Incheon or Busan. Direct charter flight service is available from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, and Hangzhou, while HK Express and Hong Kong Airlines fly from Hong Kong. Flights from Japan operate seasonally. United Airlines has daily flight connections from four cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop via 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, Facebook/mymarianas, or Instagram @themarianas.

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