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## **NMI JOINS 17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NIPPON DOMANNAKA FESTIVAL**

**Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI)** – Through the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and Pacific Development Inc. (PDI), the Northern Mariana Islands sent a delegation to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Nippon Domannaka Festival held on Aug. 28-30, 2015, in Nagoya, Japan. Participants returned with school supplies and mosquito coils donated by the festival organizers for needy families in Saipan recovering from Typhoon Soudelor.

“Despite light showers, this year’s festival was again well-received by the public in Japan,” said MVA Marketing Manager Bruce Bateman. “We’re grateful to have been invited again as one of only a few foreign performing groups, and we are especially grateful for the kindness of the organizers in sending to Saipan, school supplies for children affected by the typhoon.”

The donation included 750 mosquito coils, 2,000 pencils, 800 notebooks and 800 erasers, which were distributed by Team PDI and radio station KKMP to Chacha Oceanview Middle School, Kagman Elementary School, Garapan Elementary School, and at the station.

“It’s been 13 years since Chamolinian Cultural Village Inc. and Team PDI introduced this cultural exchange program, which is one of the many successful arrangements that we continue to promote through brochures, news media and television nationwide in Japan,” said Director Gordon Marciano of PDI. “Our CNMI Domatsuri team continues to foster a goodwill

relationship with and to market our destination at Nagoya Domatsuri, one of the biggest summer events in Japan.”

The NMI delegation of indigenous Carolinian dancers was one of 207 teams and 20,000 dancers that entertained over 1-million festival goers. In addition to performing every day, the group joined festival parades on Aug. 29 and 30.



Members of the Northern Mariana Islands delegation to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Nippon Domanakka Festival perform during the festival, held from Aug. 28-30, 2015, in Japan.





Members of the Northern Mariana Islands delegation to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Nippon Domannaka Festival pose with local supporters in Japan during the festival, held from Aug. 28-30, 2015, in Japan.



Members of the Northern Mariana Islands delegation to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Nippon Domanakka Festival perform during the street parade in August 2015 in Nagoya, Japan.

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 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 from Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served from Tokyo and Osaka in Japan by Delta and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct daily flights from Seoul and Busan and Jeju Air provides daily service from Seoul. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, to Saipan is available. United Airlines has daily flight connections from nine cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made by Delta Air Lines to Saipan via Tokyo Narita, and United Airlines via Guam. Russian and Taiwanese visitors usually arrive via Seoul. For more information, visit [www.mymarianas.com](http://www.mymarianas.com).

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