



# FROM CAPITOL HILL ACROSS THE AGENCIES

"TO ADVANCE OUR PEOPLE'S QUALITY OF LIFE THROUGH STABLE, COMPASSIONATE GOVERNANCE"



## THE MARIANAS MAKES WAVES AT SELECTUSA 2025: A BOLD SHOWCASE OF OPPORTUNITY

The Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA), in collaboration with the CNMI Department of Commerce, made a powerful impression at this year's SelectUSA Investment Summit 2025, drawing attention to the Northern Mariana Islands as one of the most strategic and business-ready locations in the United States. Stationed at Booth #840, the Marianas delegation engaged with international investors, business leaders, and U.S. government stakeholders, delivering a strong and unified message: **The Marianas is open for business—and the possibilities are endless.** Picture to the left features US Commerce Deputy Under Secretary for International Trade, **Honorable Diane Farrell**, with the CEDA team.

The delegation also highlighted exciting developments across various sectors—from a projected \$5 billion military infrastructure investment on Tinian to new aquaculture and seaweed farming ventures aimed at high-demand markets like Japan. With enhanced digital connectivity through Google's Proa undersea cable project and growing interest in tech, logistics, and data centers, The Marianas is emerging as a hub for 21st-century industries.

As CNMI continues to recover and evolve following economic and environmental challenges, this year's presence at SelectUSA marked a turning point—signaling not just recovery, but resurgence.



## GARAPAN STREET MARKET RETURNS: A WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF CULTURE

The Garapan Street Market (GSM) made its long-awaited return on May 1, 2025, bringing new life to Thursday nights at the Garapan Fishing Base. Relunched by the Office of the Governor and Lt. Governor, CCAC, and the Office of Grants Management, GSM is once again a hub for cultural pride and community connection. Every Thursday, locals and visitors alike gather to enjoy a dynamic showcase of island flavors, refreshing drinks, handcrafted arts and crafts, and live performances by talented local artists.



## GLOBAL BITES & LOCAL DELIGHTS: TASTE OF THE MARIANAS 2025 KICKS OFF!

The Marianas Visitors Authority presents the 26th Annual Taste of the Marianas, held Saturday evenings in May at American Memorial Park. Highlights so far include the Subway Sandwich Challenge and Ina's Kitchen International Food Challenge, featuring food fighters from Japan and Korea with nearly 3 million combined YouTube followers - bringing international flair and online buzz to the festival! Even more fun, food, and performances are on the way in the upcoming Saturdays of May.





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## GOVERNOR'S BROADBAND BOOTCAMP CONCLUDES FIRST-EVER COHORT

Today marks the successful completion of the Governor's Broadband Bootcamp, the first cohort of its kind in the Commonwealth. This groundbreaking initiative brought together local talent to build critical skills in broadband infrastructure, digital equity, and network development.

Over the course of the program, participants received hands-on training, engaged with industry experts, and gained certifications that position them at the forefront of the CNMI's growing broadband landscape.

The completion of this inaugural cohort is a major step forward in preparing our communities for the jobs of tomorrow—ensuring that no island, village, or family is left behind.



## A STELLAR STEM CELEBRATION LIGHTS UP THE LIBRARY

On May 10th, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library buzzed with excitement during STEM Day, offering families a day full of learning and fun. The event kicked off with a special Law Week read-aloud by Chief Judge Ramona Manglona, following Magistrate Judge Heather Kennedy's reading on May 3rd. Dr. Anne Holland, Director of the Education and Learning Research Group at the Space Science Institute, made a special visit to delight young readers with an engaging storytime, followed by hands-on solar science activities. Children marveled as they explored the sun using sun spotters, solar binoculars, and a solar telescope—many for the very first time!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Memorial Day Ceremony  
Veterans Cemetery, Marpi | 9AM

May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
State of the Commonwealth Address  
Multi-Purpose Center | 10AM

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Fishermen's Week Proclamation  
Garapan Fishing Base | 3PM



## ADMINISTRATION PROUDLY SPONSORS TEAM MARIANAS FOR 2025 PACIFIC MINI GAMES

As part of our ongoing commitment to community development and regional representation, the Administration is proud to sponsor Team Marianas with a \$50,000 contribution toward their participation in the upcoming Pacific Mini Games in Palau. This investment reflects our shared belief in the potential of our people and the importance of showcasing the Marianas on the international stage. We extend our full support to our athletes and wish them success as they compete with pride and determination.

