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Palau sweeps awards at Japan Marine Diving Fair

Once again, Palau topped the awards list at the Marine Diving Fair (MDF) in Tokyo, Japan. The Marine Diving Fair (MDF) 2019 in Tokyo, Japan was held from April 5-April 7, 2019 and the awarding ceremony was on April 5th.

MDF is an event for ocean and beach enthusiasts to seek the latest information on diving and beach resorts in Japan and abroad. This 2019 will mark MDF's 27th year. Ms Yumie Morishita (Palau Visitors Authority Board of Directors) attended the MDF Awarding ceremony to receive the awards on behalf of Palau.

For 8 consecutive years, Palau once again was recognized and received 1st place for Best Diving Area, followed by the Philippines and the Maldives. Palau Pacific Resort (PPR) was ranked 1st place for Best Hotel for Divers. For Best Liveboards, Palau Sport won 2nd place and Ryoma Palau took 4th place. For Favorite Diving Operators, Palau took 3rd, 4th, and 5th place with DayDream, Aqua Magic Palau, and Blue Marlin.

Participants of the Marine Diving Fair were IMPAC Tour, Belau Tour, Palau Sport, DayDream, Cove Resort Palau, Palasia Hotel Palau, Dolphins Pacific, CoCo Divers, and the Palau Visitors Authority Board of Directors Ms. Yumie Morishita and Mr. Olkeriil Kazuo.

Based on PVA Japan representative Mr. Tsuyoshi Shibamura's observation during MDF 2019, Palau is becoming more popular for Japanese divers and Palau has gained a certain position and continues to maintain its standing in the Japanese Diving Market.