

Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino Shut Down

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Research Questions

What caused the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino to shut down? How did it affect Tinian's economy.

Why is it important?

- Through this research proposal, information will have been gathered about what exactly happened to TDHC, what happened to Tinian's economy, and could also give newer businesses an idea of what not to do based on the mistakes the company made.

Literature Sources

- Academic Literature:
 - CNMI Business Record Guide 2013
 - 2006 senate bill, budget for TDHC
 - Study on the closure of small businesses in the US
 - Tax records for TDHC.
 - More will be found at:
 - NMC Archives, Tinian Public Library, Tinian Municipal Treasury, and Tinian Mayors Office.
- Non-Academic Literature
 - Newspaper articles from Saipan Tribune
 - TDHC's tax debt, lawsuit, plane crashes, and renovations.

Methodologies

- Surveys (2)
 - 10 questions each
 - NMC students: businesses that closed down on their island and how it affected them or their island.
 - Tinian Residents: issues they knew about & Tinian before and after the closure (what was different)
- Interviews
 - Former employees/managers
 - Marianas Visitors Authority
 - Mayors Office Staff before and after closure

Schedule

SCHEDULE:	
Week 1 - Week 4 (August 20 - September 21)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 4 academic sources● 4 non-academic sources
Week 5 - Week 7 (September 24 - October 09)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Visit NMC Archives● Tinian:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Visit Marianas Visitors Authority○ Visit Tinian Public Library
Week 7 - Week 11 (October 06 - November 04)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Create and give out surveys to NMC students & Tinian residents● Interview former TDHC employees, TMT, MVA, MOT staff
Week 12 - Week 15 (November 05 - December 02)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Writing process● Review● Peer Review● E-Portfolio