

Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino Shut Down

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As of October 12, 2018, there are 77 results on Google Scholar for Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino (TDHC). On Google, about 23,900 results popped up after searching Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino. The first Google web page on the topic was filled with non-academic publications from local articles about TDHC, mostly concerning the hotel & casino's shut down in 2016 and the problems it faced throughout the years of its establishment. However, on Google Scholar, many academic resources were published by both local and international experts. Aside from the non-academic literature found on Google, the student researcher managed to find many academic sources from Samuel McPhetres' *The Contemporary Pacific*, which talked about TDHC's history, the problems the business faced since 1999, and the study conducted through the company. This essay will discuss about the variety of literature found on the topic which specifically focuses on how TDHC impacted the island of Tinian, the issues the business faced, and the decisions TDHC made before the 2016 shut down.

Since the opening of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino in May of 1998, Tinian's economy had drastically changed. Samuel McPhetres' *The Contemporary Pacific* collection talks greatly about the history of TDHC. McPhetres discusses about the casino hiring over 1,200 workers within the first year of its opening which primary consists of foreign workers. It opened its own charter planes from Saipan to Tinian called Taga Air and became the island's first casino (McPhetres, 1999, v.11, pg202-203). The information gathered through these academic sources will be used to help provide general information for the student researcher's topic on Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino. Tinian started gaining more through annual tax from the hotel, however, in 1999, TDHC started facing issues within the company.

As the years passed, issues continued rise within the hotel and casino. Several local articles had published about the legal and financial issues TDHC was facing (Eugenio, 2012; Zotomayor, 2014). The business has been dealing with tax debt, late fees, lawsuits, and potential buyers for the company due to their financial troubles. The information from these articles will be used to support the research topic as to why Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino shut down. In addition to these non-academic sources, the student researcher had gathered literature from international casinos in order to compare them to the situation TDHC has been facing for years.

A study has been conducted in the USA about small businesses going bankrupt and shutting down. With this study, the student researcher will use it to compare it with the findings found in Tinian government agencies. The study found will tell the student researcher exactly what components were similar to the small businesses that had shut down and the Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

The student researcher has gathered a variety of literature from non-academic to academic sources. Whether it was from Google, Google Scholar, or book publications, many resources contributed to the topic of TDHC's shutdown and how it impacted Tinian. This essay summarized all the literatures used to create the research project required. Book publications were used to gather general information on TDHC, local news articles were used to gather information as to why the business had shut down, and a study was found to compare in order to find the similarities of businesses that had shut down in the USA and in Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino.

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