

## French Polynesia has made the longest flower lei, Guinness World Records has confirmed.

To celebrate World Tourism Day in French Polynesia, Tahiti attempted (and succeeded) in making the world's longest flower lei using Tahiti's trademark flower-the tiare.

According to the event organizers, the flower lei was already 1,800 meters long on Monday but the goal was to make a 2,010 meters long flower lei by 7PM. More than 100,000 tiare flowers were necessary to set the new world record and the previous record was set in Hawaii with a lei of 1,626 meters or almost a mile long. The new record is an astounding 2,695 meters- or **1.67 miles long** and has been certified to be included in the Guinness Book of World Records.

The record was set in the Paofai garden in Tahiti and was achieved when Miss Polynesia 2010 Mihilani Teixeira tied the last knot.



The MONOI Institute members used some of the flowers from the lei and made 150 Collector bottles of Monoi de Tahiti. Tahiti Iti Imports is proud to have been give one of them.