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Registration Deadline for Saipan Marathon on March 14

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Organizers remind all runners that this Friday (March 14) at 5 p.m. is the deadline to register for the 9th Saipan Marathon slated for April 19, 2014.

Registration for the 50K and marathon is \$65.00 for US and NMI participants, and \$55.00 for half-marathon and 10K participants. Registration will include the awards banquet, a finishers t-shirt, and a certificate of completion.

“Saipan Marathon has grown to become the largest annual race in the Northern Marianas, and we continue to work to ensure the professionalism of the event,” said Marianas Visitors Authority Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “We have hundreds of racers from off-island already registered, and we remind our local racers to also get their registrations in before Friday. We are all looking forward to another great race this year.”

In 2013, over 600 runners joined the event, which includes a marathon, half-marathon, 10K, and 50K courses. The Marianas Visitors Authority has been actively promoting the event in Japan and other countries for several months, and several tour companies have produced special tour packages for the race.

The race start will take place at Micro Beach at American Memorial Park (AMP) at 4:30 a.m. for the 50k and the Marathon, at 5:45 a.m. for the half-marathon, and at 6:00 a.m. for the

10K. This year the marathon will implement a cut-off time for both the full marathon and 50K. The cut-off time will be 9 a.m. at the halfway point.

All competitors are required to pick up their race packets the AMP Amphitheatre on April 18, 2014, from 4-6 p.m. without exception.

Entry forms are available at the MVA office located in on Beach Rd. in San Jose or on the MVA official website Event Calendar at www.mymarianas.com. For more information contact Ed Diaz at the MVA at 664-3210 or through email at ediaz@mymarianas.com.

The Northern Mariana Islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota are a chain of idyllic islands in the West Pacific, offering a friendly, fun and exciting vacation in paradise. They are an excellent destination for families, adventure and sports-minded travelers, as well as business people looking for a tropical haven. Adventurous travelers from Asia, Australia, Europe and elsewhere looking for new travel discoveries will find them in the Mariana Islands, just three hours travel from most cities in Japan, and four from Asia and Australia. The Northern Marianas are served from Tokyo and Osaka in Japan by Delta and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. From China, direct flight service from Shanghai, Beijing, Guangzhou, Tianjin, Hangzhou and Wuhan to Saipan is available. United Airlines has daily flight connections from nine cities in Japan to Saipan with one stop. United States mainland connections can be made by Delta Air Lines to Saipan via Tokyo Narita, and United Airlines via Guam. For more information visit www.mymarianas.com.

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