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The 6th Annual Marianas Coffee Trail Run on Jan. 26, 2013

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – The Marianas Coffee Trail Run has been called one of the most scenically beautiful trail running events in the world. The 15K trail run and 10K short course take participants through a variety of Saipan's island ecosystems, from the flat coastal areas of Garapan where the race begins, through the foothills of Mount Tapachao, and on up and around Tapachao peak itself, before heading back down again to the finish. Incredible vistas of the Saipan lagoon, rich tropical jungle flora and fauna, and both the wild coffee plantations of the Japanese colonial period, and the newer plantations of the Marianas Coffee Company, are just a few of the highlights to be had along this challenging course.

The run returns to the Northern Marianas for its 6th year on January 26, 2013, with the start location at the American Memorial Park in Garapan and start time at 6:30 a.m. Registration forms for the event are available at the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) office in San Jose or online at www.mymarianas.com. Late registration can be made on the day of the race at the American Memorial Park at 5:30 a.m. Registration fees are \$10.00 for children ages 12 and under, \$15.00 for athletes ages 13-18 years old, and \$25.00 for participants ages 19 and older. A late registration fee of an additional \$10.00 will apply after Thursday, January 24, 2013. Walkers are encouraged to participate in the 10K short course.

Awards will be presented for first, second, and third place in male and female divisions. All participants will receive a finisher's t-shirt, certificate of participation, Marianas Coffee, and an invitation to the awards banquet following the race at the Micro Beach Pavilion at 11:30 a.m.

The MVA also recognized and commended race co-sponsors Marianas Coffee Company, the KFC Triathlon Club Japan, TEAM PDI, and Northern Marianas Athletics for making the event possible. For more information on the Marianas Coffee Trail Run, contact Ed Diaz at the MVA at telephone 670-664-3200/1 or via 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, Nagoya, and Osaka in Japan by Delta Air Lines and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. China is served regularly from Shanghai, Guangzhou and seasonally from Beijing. For more information visit www.mymarianas.com.

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