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7TH SAIPAN MARATHON REGISTRATION DEADLINE FEB. 9

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Organizers of the 7th Saipan Marathon on March 3, 2012, are reminding runners to register by the deadline of Feb. 9, with early registration fees applicable through Feb. 2.

The Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) has announced it will also add a 50K leg to running this year, which already includes a full marathon (26.2 mi./42.195km), a half marathon (13.1 mi./21.1km) and a 10K (6.2 miles).

“The Saipan Marathon just keeps gaining momentum every year,” said MVA Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “For 2012, we’re expecting 150 more runners than last year and are adding a 50K course to entice ‘ultra-marathoners.’ Registration this year will close on Feb. 9 to ensure all preparations are made and the race goes smoothly on race day.”

This year, the MVA expects about 950 participants in the annual signature event of the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI). The run is also supported by popular Japanese comedian and NMI Tourism Ambassador Kanpei Hazama, who attracted a large number of followers, media coverage, and sponsorship last year.

CNMI and US early bird registration by Feb. 2 is \$55 for the marathon and 50K and \$45 for the half marathon and 10K. Valid CNMI or US driver's license required. Registration after Feb. 2 will be an additional \$10. International rates are \$100 for the full marathon and 50K and \$70 for the half marathon and 10K. The last day to register is Feb. 9 at 5 p.m.

Each participant is required to pick up their race packet on March 2 at 4:30 p.m. at American Memorial Park, with no exceptions. The full marathon and 50K will begin at 4:30 a.m. on March 3, followed by the next two races. The entry fee includes the awards banquet, finisher's t-shirt, and a certificate of completion.

For a registration form or more information, visit www.mymarians.com or <http://japan.mymarianas.com/saipanmarathon/> or contact Ed Diaz of the Marianas Visitors Authority at ediaz@mymarianas.com or 1.670.664.3200/1.



A competitor in the 2011 Saipan Marathon, Northern Mariana Islands. The deadline to register is Feb. 9, 2012, for the 7th Saipan Marathon to be held on March 3, 2012.

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 and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana Airlines provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. Fly Guam/Fly Marianas provides direct flights from Hong Kong and Nagoya, Japan. For more information visit www.mymarianas.com.

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