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TINIAN TURQUOISE BLUE RETURNS JUNE 2

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Blue! Blue! Blue!

The 12th Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon and Reef Swim will be staged in the blue waters and under the blue skies of the Northern Mariana Islands on June 2, 2012.

Japan's Triathlon Magazine and returning champion Hidea Miyazuka, along with over 30 other competitors, are expected on the island of Tinian, renowned throughout the region for its quiet natural beauty, pre-historic latte stone monoliths, and fiery hot peppers.

The triathlon will feature two course: the A-type course is a 1.5 km swim, 40 km bike, and 10 km run; the longer B-type course is a 2 km swim, 90 km bike, and 21 km run. The reef swim will offer three courses: 1.5 km, 3 km, and 4.5 km.

“One of the real beauties of the Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon and Reef Swim is that there is no time limit, so everyone who comes can have the satisfaction of completing the race without being disqualified because of time,” said Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Community Projects Manager Martin Duenas. “We’re very excited about this year’s event.”

The event is co-sponsored by the MVA, Tinian Mayor’s Office and Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

Registration costs are: \$80 for solo triathletes, \$60/each for triathlon teams of two or three members, and \$60 for reef swim only (all distances). Registration fee includes the awards party on event day, t-shirt, and swim cap. Registration will be held at the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino poolside on June 1 from 5-7 p.m., with the mandatory pre-race briefing from 6-7 p.m. at the same venue. Cash payment only.

For more information or to register, contact Vida Borja at vborja@mymarianas.com or 1.670.433.9363 or Frank Tudela at ftudela@mymarianas.com or 1.670.664.3210 or visit the Events Calendar at www.mymarianas.com.



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Pre-historic limestone monoliths called latte stones still stand in Tinian, Northern Mariana Islands. The 12th Tinian Turquoise Blue Triathlon and Reef Swim will welcome athletes near and far on June 2, 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 Air Lines and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. For more information visit www.mymarianas.com.

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