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GROUPS CALL ALL TO “BEAUTIFY MY MARIANAS”

Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands (NMI) – Since its inception last year, 26 different groups have participated in the island beautification project “Beautify My Marianas” jointly coordinated by the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce (SCC).

Over \$8,000 has been distributed to groups for picking up trash in designated areas on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The program is also driving home the need for greater personal responsibility to stop littering.

The Marianas High School Chamorro Club recently cleaned Wing Beach, Paupau Beach, and Tanapag Beach.

“This project was a great eye-opening experience for us! Our group was astonished to find all sorts of trash left behind by beachgoers or by some people that choose to dump their garbage in the jungle,” said the group in their cleanup report. “As a club, the big question that troubled us was, ‘How can some of the community lack concern for the land and water by leaving their trashes behind to rot and pollute?’ It is sad to see such attitude.”

“Beautify My Marianas” is funded through the MVA with a grant from the Office of Insular Affairs obtained in cooperation with the Office of U.S. Congressional Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan. The program offers a minimum of \$100 to non-profit organizations and school-

sanctioned groups for cleaning a mile.

Last month 14 players, their parents, Team Manager Tony Rogolifoi and Head Coach Sylvio Ada of the Saipan Senior League All Stars Baseball Team cleaned the beach from Kilili Beach Park in Susupe to Pakpak Beach in San Antonio. The team was raising money for their departure on Friday (June 29) for Asia Pacific Regional Tournament in the Philippines.

“Bags of trash were removed from the sand, which were not only an eyesore but environmentally detrimental to the marine ecosystem. (We were) grateful to give back to the community by contributing to the cleanup efforts,” the team said.

“One thing everybody can do to make their community a better place is to simply pick up trash and dispose of it properly,” added the 2013 CNMI Big League All-Stars after their June 8, 2013, cleanup.

Interested groups may apply to the Saipan Chamber of Commerce or the MVA, and upon approval of their application, they will be assigned an area that requires immediate trash clean up. It will be up to the group submitting their application to decide how many people will clean the area and when the cleanup will be accomplished. Applications and further details are available at www.mymarianas.com and www.saipanchamber.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 Air Lines and Asiana Airlines. From Korea, Asiana provides direct flights from Seoul and Busan. China is served from Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. For more information visit www.mymarianas.com.

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